

## **Working-Class shall Pledge to Fight Relentlessly against Colonial Exploitation, Hegemony, Bullying and Expansionism!**

The eight hours working-day struggle of Chicago workers in 1886 inspired the workers of all countries. This May Day struggle inspired the workers of all countries to organise themselves into a class and fight not only for their economic demands but also to fight against the capitalist exploitation till its end, overthrowing the capitalist system and establishing socialist system under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The First International under the guidance and leadership of Marx and Engels recognised the political importance of May Day struggle. Engels during the period of Second International guided different sections in coordinated activities of May Day celebrations. May Day has become a day review of its activities and to take pledges to the international working-class to further its struggles for emancipation and establishing socialism.

With the inspiration of May Day guided by working-class political ideology of scientific socialism, workers were able to organise into a class, form its own political party based on its class political ideas of conquest of political power, the political rule of the working-class and fought against capitalism and imperialism and established socialism, firstly in Soviet Union under the leadership of Lenin and subsequently in China under the leadership of Mao-Tse-Tung. After the establishment of Soviet Union, many East European countries became socialist states. Under the leadership of Stalin the Soviet people valiantly fought against German fascist invaders of Hitler and defeated the fascist menace.

The socialist states established by the working-class have been progressing with unprecedented speed in all fields of human endeavour, erasing hunger, poverty, exploitation and inequality. The socialist world proved to be the best system of living for the entire humanity.

After the Second World War, US emerged as a highly developed capitalist state. It took up the leadership of capitalist world. Under the guidance of USA imperialism continued its attacks on socialist world, particularly against Soviet Union and people's republic of China. During the course of time America became not only a super power, but also the leader of imperialist countries. Imperialism in its pursuit to grab the world markets became more and more aggressive; causing wars and instability throughout the globe by charging the rulers of various countries to suit the imperialist interests. As

the leader of world imperialism, American imperialism took up the task of destroying the socialist world and establish its hegemony throughout the world. With all sorts of machinations in all spheres, the US imperialism spread the anti-socialist and anti-communist venom, successfully dislodging the socialist world in East European countries and cause the collapse of Soviet Union. From 1981, US became the sole global super-power and the US imperialist triumphalism held many.

The world capitalism imposed neo-liberalism of globalisation on the entire world, in the pursuit of the international capital and financial capital to gain super profits proclaiming that there is no alternative to capitalism! However the economic great recession of 2008-09 and its continuance, proved and exposed the failure of neo-liberal capitalism, that it cannot and will not be the ideal system for the prosperity and well-being of humanity. During the epoch of neo-liberalisation, global hunger, poverty levels have grown, inequality abnormally increased, global unemployment raised to abnormal levels. The health and educational deprivation has increased considerably. Global destruction and misery of people had increased to devastating proportions. Neo-liberalism instead of saving the people from the devastation of Covid-19 to its latest version of Omicron, has facilitated the giant pharma corporations and international capital to loot super-profits and to amass and accumulate their wealth at the cost of the death of more than 55,00,000 lives. Neo-liberalism proved to be a total failure.

Neo-liberalism, to come out of its repeated economic crises, has thrown its burden on the entire working-class of the world. It attacked the rights of workers. It attacked the wages of workers. It attacked the Trade union rights of workers. It attacked the pensions (savings) and pension rights of workers. It attacked the labour laws and made them multified or ineffective, removing the law protections achieved by the working-class, through their long, sustained struggles and sacrifices. And particularly the neo-liberalism and its adherent regimes attacked and betrayed the working-class on its very right of '8hrs working day' achieved by the workers of the world, with the inspiration of May Day and relentless struggles. Now the workers and employees are made to work for more than 10 hrs up to 13 hrs a day including in the highly projected affluent IT industry. Workers and employees are reduced in to 'modern slaves' and are being exploited of their labour power ruthlessly and inhumanly by the neo-liberal capitalism of imperialism of 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The living and working conditions of the workers of our country too is reduced in the same way as described in the above para. More than 93% of the work force in India is in informal and unorganized sector without any legal protections, rights and social welfare benefits. The labour laws are codified in to labour codes removing the workers' rights and protections. The workers movement once during the British rule and during the period of national independence movement, has reached to the level of conducting political struggles and conducting militant struggles, today it is weakened due to various reasons and is unable to protect at least the legal rights and economic benefits of the workers. No doubt the present day workers movement claims to have been conducting national wide strikes-bandhs every year from 1991 till today. But these strikes became ritualistic exercises than strikes with vigor and determination to resist and protect the attacks more against the working-class by the big-capital and neo-liberalism.

Infact even in various European countries like Greece, France and Germany and in US, the workers have been protesting against wage cuts, pension cuts, liberalisation of labour laws curtailing the workers rights, benefits cuts, in African and Asian countries like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Vietnam workers have been agitating for their economic demands and betterment of living and working conditions. But those protests, agitations, strikes, etc. are mostly of sectoral, regional and of local interests but are not concerted struggles against capitalism, neo-liberalism and imperialism. There activities are not being coordinated on international scale with the orientation of international working-class solidarity with the aim and purpose of fighting against imperialism and fascism. Indian Working Class should fight against feudal and capital exploitation and religious fanaticism and culture.

This weakness of not concerted struggles in the working-class movement internationally and in various countries is one of the causes to the resurgence and revitalization of fascist and reactionary groups and

forces in USA, Europe, France, Germany, Italy, India and other Asian countries. Day by day they are becoming a menace to the existence of working class and other toiling people. Hindutva groups are the manifestation of fascist and reactionary groups in India who are playing havoc with the lives and property of people of India. Particularly against minority Muslims and other vulnerable groups of the people.

So it has become immanent to the working-class of all countries to resist, fight and defeat these fascist and reactionary forces, resurged through the world.

Added to these circumstances imposed by imperialism and neo-liberal capitalism, now the US imperialism by continuation of its hegemonic designs and capitalist Russia for the control of the markets, raw materials and transport networks of Ukraine, and in their France competition have imposed the Ukraine war, causing unprecedented human disaster and crises. This war has nothing to do with 'democracy' or 'defasciation' as being proclaimed by both the parties. This is a hegemonic imperialist war.

The working-class of all the countries have to oppose this war without any reservations, demanding to end the war at once.

The present day world conditions imposed by the imperialism can be resisted only by the working-class. The working-class under its leadership, through relentless struggles against imperialism and fascism can defeat and overthrow imperialism and capitalism, fascism to the end.

On this May Day of ever-lasting inspiration to the working-class, the workers and working-class of our country as its task of internationalism, shall pledge to oppose and fight against imperialism and fascism relentlessly!

**Workers of All Countries – Unite! Unite!**  
**You Have Nothing to Loose but the Chains of Bondage!!**  
**Ultimate Victory to the Working Class!!**