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4. Strategy and tactics of the workers' struggle

ABSTRACT: The strategy of the working class has as reference the political tasks of our time; these must be materialized through appropriate tactics.

1. Introduction

The workers' struggle against capital as a need arises as an attempt to mitigate the shortages of workers. But capitalism, in several times, has imposed inside the movement the bourgeois ideology, therefore many workers are been taken away from their duties of class.

During the struggle, the proletariat organized trade unions and, in some cases the evolution of these has allowed better able to resist in the best conditions.

In our era, empiricism, improvisation and spontaneity are the factors of backwardness. To overcome them, we need basic references, common flags to hoist all over the world.

2- Political tasks

The political tasks of the working class are related to the pressing problems of our movement, from a strategic point of view. The FTE of Mexico considers that these are the following:

- 1- To Formulate and to develop the program of the working class.
- 2- To build organization in all places and at all levels.
- 3- To structure and articulate the social struggle into all countries.
- 4- To develop working culture for the raising of class consciousness.
- 5- To practice international proletarian solidarity.

The program of the working class is necessary, even indispensable, is the reference for action, they are the flags, the λ Why we fight? The program is for today's conditions, it is not once and forever. This is a program for the transitions that must be constantly evaluated and reformulated according to the circumstances.

To build organization means to create an organizational structure as a means to carry out the program. Existing organizations should be strengthened, evolving consistently and becoming into appropriate and consistent ways in line with the needs of the movement. It is also important to incorporate to unions the non-

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union workers and incorporate them into united struggle.

In all countries there are social sectors at fight. The working class has the duty to hoist the flags of the present, such as the defense of natural resources, especially the water and the environment. It is also relevant to support the struggle for social and political rights of peoples and communities.

The soul of our movement is his conscience. It is therefore necessary to develop the concept of working culture, referring to the culture of the labor movement. The purpose is to develop the consciousness of the workers to raise the trade union awareness to the level of class consciousness.

To practice international proletarian solidarity is an important means to achieve class identity that allows us to assume unified actions.

In the class struggle, any struggle is political. Characteristically, the capital and the state always opposite to the labor movement and repress it. It is necessary therefore to proceed tactically assessing with the best accuracy the relative strengths, bearing in mind that the most important thing is to preserve, within the movement, the future of it.

This means that the fight is won in the preparations and the workers' struggle is an ongoing battle that doesn't win in a single act or immediately. The future of the movement has in the organization of workers their main stronghold. Therefore, under any circumstances is relevant to keep the organization to be able to continue class struggle.

The speech shows but the example drags. It means it is not enough the appeals, conscious workers must be an example of work, study, honesty and ethics, with a political practice unitary, inclusive and democratic.

The mobilization is not only marches and rallies. It is convenient to design action plans that allow incorporate the whole of workers. Nowhere exists a working democracy without the participation of the workers. This involves collective and majority decisionmaking to assume action of far-reaching magnitude. The working class' press and the strike are two basic weapons of the working class to be used consciously. The working press is an important mean of organizing and educating workers. The strike is a mean, never a fetish, for achieving some victories. But the use of this medium requires a high level of political responsibility, both to do it successfully possible as to avoid losing effect.

The movement's political leadership needs to incorporate the best workers, to avoid bureaucratization. At all times, the representatives should be accountable having the workers the right to revoke the mandate.

3- Conclusions

For workers in the world is essential to avoid improvisation of our movement. Spontaneity is against our class interests. It is therefore important to proceed with precise definitions, framed in the political tasks of our time. That is, in basic references that unity the will and strength of the proletariat.

PROPOSALS

The FTE Mexico presents to the 16th World Trade Union Congress the following proposal:

- 1- The WFTU calls the workers of the world to a unitary fight based on a class' project where political tasks are the following:
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 - c) To structure and articulate the social struggle into all countries.
 - d) To develop working culture for the raising of class consciousness.
 - e) To practice international proletarian solidarity.

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