SUDAN. THIS IS HOW A WORLD WAR RIPENS. IT BEGINS BY FIRST ESCALATING ON THE PERIPHERY.

The populations in Europe, the United Kingdom, and North America, made gullible by their media, are once again being fed the children's fable that the war in the Sudan has been provoked by two power hungry generals who hate each other. In fact this is a war provoked by US and British imperialism, following last year's failed revolt, to evict Russia from the Sudan.

Very little happens in the affairs of the dominated and poorer nations unless it has been fostered by or sanctioned by US imperialism. This is the lesson workers around the world need to assimilate. And when they do, what was formerly inexplicable becomes explicable. I refer the reader to the following article which has a powerful, penetrative and comprehensive analysis of the causes and forces leading up to the war in the Sudan. It is well worth circulating. (I do not necessarily agree with the politics of the group.)

Africa has been prioritized by the US State Department, and therefore the CIA, to be a continent of concern, given the deep inroads China has made there with its investments and loans, not to mention that China is now the continent's main trading partner. Over the last few years, statements from the State Department speak of needing to reverse the benign neglect of Africa in order not to cede it to China, and that includes most importantly South Africa, though this is seldom spelt out.

The previous ruler Al-Bashir signed a protocol with Russia granting port facilities on the shores of Sudan in 2017. When he was overthrown in 2019, having been targeted by US imperialism, the US believed they had scuppered the Russian deal. However, when the Sudanese Armed Forces seized control in 2021, they re-opened negotiations with Russia. It was this political act which triggered the *Colour Revolution* in later in 2021, sponsored by the West using their NGO and CSO proxies, but which failed, unlike in the Ukraine. This failure led directly to the events now tearing Sudan apart.

The events in Sudan strengthens the argument that it was the US which provoked the war in the Ukraine just as they have provoked it in the Sudan. *Stop the War* take note.

If we take Syria as another example of US imperialism seeking to expel Russia, then the wars provoked by US imperialism and or escalated by imperialism now cover three continents. By degrees it is becoming a World War, but to qualify as a fully-fledged World War, China has to be sucked in. In turn, China's room to maneuver is slowly being closed down by Western Imperialism.

Whether the US and British sponsored war in the Sudan will meet the same fate as in the Ukraine cannot be determined at this early stage. But what can be determined is that should the US fail in Sudan, it will have to intensify its efforts elsewhere particularly in the Pacific. But already, whatever the outcome in the Sudan, it will not prevent the deaths of thousands of civilians and the displacement of hundreds of thousands. This kind of misery is of course of no concern to the politicians and senior civil servants located in London and Washington.

But it is of concern to the workers in these imperialist countries. The capitalist there can only run riot if workers remain passive. The imperialists have only been able to police the world due to the obedience of their own workers which has rested on rule by consent underpinned by concessions granted, all flavoured with the sauce of patriotism. However this is ending abruptly. We have entered the era where

instead of concessions being granted they are being clawed back out of necessity, requiring the promulgation of increasingly repressive and restrictive regulations and laws. The gloves are being taken off, and workers should know, the same cruel treatment dished out to workers and peasants abroad, will be dished out to them should they begin to revolt against their own private propertied masters.

The Ukraine, now Sudan, makes urgent the building of a revolutionary anti-war movement organised around the slogan: "the only way to end the wars between nations is class war at home". The current peace movements are useless; hypnotized therefore immobilized by imperialist propaganda and prejudice, they cannot identify the real enemy, their own capitalist bosses including their own government. They are part of the problem though they may see themselves as the solution to war.

NO WARS BETWEEN NATIONS! NO PEACE BETWEEN CLASSES!

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