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The largest mobilization and concentration of troops in Eastern Europe in the last 30 years, involving different imperialist superpowers and powers with their respective coalitions, reaffirm the historical period of great storms and cataclysms that world history is entering.

Yankee imperialism, as the sole hegemonic superpower, manoeuvres to overtake the atomic superpower Russia, as the only condition to ensure and maintain its sole hegemony in the world, which is not only challenged but threatened amidst the advanced state of decomposition of monopoly capital. Although economically weak, Russia remains a military superpower and is ahead of other imperialist powers, such as China, and the countries subject to the sphere of influence of both.

The Yankees can no longer maintain their global domain without neutralising the responsive capabilities of atomic warfare of Russian imperialism. They use everything in their power to achieve this aim: their enormous military power which is built

on a great industrial base (increasingly at the center of the crisis of overproduction) cutting-edge technology achieved through the exploitation of its own proletariat and the working masses of the world, and taking advantage of the most oppressed nations; From the colossal indebtedness it imposes on the rest of the world, being the owner of the machine that prints the dollars and by other forms and means characteristic of the imperialist system, in which it has hegemony.

This is the background of all the latest points of contention, which seriously threaten to turn into a war in which two imperialist superpowers act, more or less directly and openly, to dominate certain countries, especially those which were part of the former social-imperialist USSR. The main point of contention today is Ukraine, although the provocations against Belarus and Kazakhstan has increased.

Yankee imperialism forces Ukraine, already torn by a civil war, to join NATO as it has already imposed on other Eastern European countries. And, in fact, through the pro-Yankee lackey regime in the country, it provokes Russia, forcing it to carry out certain actions in response, which in turn is used to alter public opinion in Ukraine in favor of the "need" of the Western coalition. This is the key element of the Yankee strategy, since having Ukraine as part of NATO gives an extraordinary position to wrest from Russia a vast territorial strip indispensable for its military defence and, above all, to install its most advanced anti-missile defence systems there.

At this time, the troops of the Yankees and its imperialist coalition is stationed in various Eastern European countries, while Russian imperialism is carrying out a gigantic mobilization of its army on the border. In the negotiations, the Yankees demand that Russia stops mobilising troops on the border, and the Russians demand that NATO guarantees, in writing, that it will not integrate new member countries in Eastern Europe, not maintain a military presence there. Given

the objective conditions and the objective conditions operating behind the pronouncements, it is clear that both demands are, at present, an impossibility. Tension will increase further, but neither side is interested in war. This will force both to compromise on their respective goals.

The plan of Yankee imperialism, which has been in operation for the last 20 years, besides stationing troops in certain positions in the East, is to encircle Russia with its antimissile defence system, capable of neutralising Russia's atomic power. Since the mid-2000s, the Yankees together with the European Union, in collusion and struggle, has been moving eastwards in its installation of their systems of defence on the continent.

Here is a brief summary. In 2008, the US and the EU, breaking the agreement signed with the Russians at the time of the dissolution of the social-imperialist USSR, openly advocated the immediate incorporation of Georgia and Ukraine into NATO. In 2003, Russia installed a missile launch system near Poland and Lithuania, in response to the deployment of Yankee anti-missile shields in Europe. Three years later, Yankee imperialism, through NATO, installed a new system of anti-missile shields in Romania and other Eastern countries, but using the "defense" against Iran as the justification. It imposed imperialist sanctions against North Korea, it used Kim Jong-Un's rhetoric to justify the installation of new missile shields, this time in the Pacific, making extraordinary progress in the encirclement of Russia; The same year it carried out the largest war drill since the "Cold War", crossing the whole of Europe and stationing itself in Poland, used several times as a gateway to war against Russia in the last century.

Some say there is a risk of a third world war in a short time. Although these incidents may precipitate it, this is not the principal trend in this period. As Chairman Mao analysed in the 1960s, a new world war, though inevitable, will only occur

when there is no other way to continue the division of the world. For now, the disputes between the imperialists will necessarily be expressed as the invasions and wars of the imperialists against the oppressed nations, sharpening this, which is the principal contradiction of this epoch and of today.

This proves what the Great Helmsman said in those days: a new period, from the next 50 to 100 years, in which the fundamental contradictions of our time are exacerbated as never before. The world is shaken by the general crisis of imperialism which is in an advanced state of decomposition, and the necessary "settling of scores" among the imperialists. The world is still shaken by the ensuing and inevitable explosive revolts of the masses. Instability and acute crisis are a law in this period, and it is precisely the instability and the agonising crisis of the old order that are the conditions which permit great transformations, provided that there is a proletarian force in the different countries which know how to exploit such contradictions and instability in favour of the proletariat and the popular masses, thus strengthening the world revolution.