

AZERBAIJANI AGGRESION TOWARDS ARMENIA, OR, BEING THE MERCENARY OF THE MERCENARY

To anyone thinking what is happening these last 30 years, what is the purpose of these wars (Afghanistan, Iraq, Venezuela, Myanmar, Yugoslavia, Caucasus, Libya, Nagorno-Karabakh, e.t.c), there is one word they need to keep in their mind; Interbellum.

This is what we are seeing in Armenia, in Afghanistan, e.t.c. These smaller wars are the prelude of a bigger war coming. One key factor to this bigger war, aside from the contradiction between the imperialist bourgeoisie and the resisting national bourgeoisie, is *the division* of the imperialist bourgeoisie themselves.

The imperialist camp starts showing cracks inside of it. The low echelons, the compradors of it, who dont benefit much from the imperialist plunder pie, want to start benefiting more. Such a country is Turkey, which by its natural position, threatens *France's turf*, north Africa. But if Turkey right now becomes stronger and stronger, even if this new strength stems from outside of north Africa, it will severely weaken the future power of France, since with this new strength, Turkey will be able to compete with France for the Sahel/Maghreb.

This is the sole reason suddenly France cares about 'The Armenian people' or the 'Kurdish people' or whatever people are in war with Turkey. The war of Libya, where France (and its ally in the Balkans, Greece) threw its support not behind the compradorist Tripoli based government, but behind the Tobruk based government, which was generally backed by the anti-imperialist forces of Russia and Iran, is a perfect demonstration of that fact.

Non the less, it is obvious that the animosity between France and Turkey grows deeper day by day; for, if Turkey eats France's turf, Turkey will manage to become *an actual imperialist nation*; it will manage to destroy the revolutionary movement internally by buying up the proletariat, by pushing parasitism more up and up, and by essentially, creating a bourgeoisie proletariat, similar to the one which is the majority in France right now. But if Turkey does that, France will take at best the position of Turkey, where wages are about 1/3 i not less than the ones of France today. At worst, the proletarianized working class of France may finish up the job it started 150 years ago, and finish off the bourgeoisie the same way the Jacobins finished off the Aristocracy.

The imperialist bourgeoisie of France, and *its spouse*, the Labour aristocracy, wont allow such a fate; they will fight tooth and nail to preserve their share of the pie.

One would ask, why we wrote about France.

It was mostly to bring to the light what Turkey tries to do with its involvement in Afghanistan, Syria, Nagorno-Karabakh e.t.c. If one understands the nature of Turkish involvement in these wars, but understanding not in a crude manner, but in a dialectical, living manner, he will see that Turkey's participation may have, most times, the blessing of the "Master of the house" (the German-Americans), but it also sees *opposition from within the camp*. From countries mostly threatened by Turkey, and by threat, we mean that they are threatened to switch place within the imperialist camp. Turkey wants a promotion to middle manager, but the current middle manager will do everything in his power to stop this promotion, especially if the position of high manager is off limits. But where we want to arrive, is that Turkey sees opposition from some powers of the imperialist camp, and this is because the Turkish bourgeoisie have starting showing "a will of their own" in an explicit manner. The first nation (and, that needs to be said,

official state) to become the right-hand man of Turkey alone, *and not* the general imperialist camp (but, one needs to remember that these right hand man, are by extension within the imperialist camp) is Azerbaijan. So far, Turkey relied on secondary actors, of various warlords and militia leaders and movements, which at various times were "shared" with the rest of the imperialists, such as the FSA. (which FSA in the latest years has broken up, and many warlords within it are now loyal only to Turkey without any loyalty to the big imperialist powers whatsoever. Such is the Syrian National Army)

But, a second question, this 'one' will ask; why the title of this article like that? "mercenary of the mercenary".

To explain the title, one needs to understand the *presuppositions* for Turkey's struggle to elevate the ranks. Turkey, together with Israel, plays the main role in the Levant in keeping the imperialist order in place. But contrary to Israel, which is a parasitic, imperialist nation, *Turkey is not*. At least, not yet. One could say, that Turkey, all these years, acted as a mercenary for the imperialist powers. Not just a comprador (as, the writer's nation, Albania for example), but a direct mercenary in the most literate meaning of the word. The growing influence of Turkey, and the starting of its path as an imperialist nation, (a path which has dialectically started, but not to the point that one can call Turkey an imperialist nation, in the same manner one can't call China a capitalist nation), cannot but mean that Turkey will seek to create *a separate* cosmopolitan bourgeoisie camp, a separate empire if you will. Thus, Turkey will need its own state mercenary. Who other than Azerbaijan, who, like Turkey, belong to the Turkic race, and share many similarities could fill the place? Azerbaijan is offered with something "great"; the position of an imperialist nation in the future Turkish empire; instead of being just another imperialized nation, robbed from its labour, they will be the ones robbing alongside

Turkey. They will be promoted from compradors to 'allies'.

Of course, the Azeri bourgeoisie are not so short sighted, and this is why they are still within the imperialist camp. But it is obvious that Turkey has started internally, within the camp, to recruit people to its own side to split with the NATO-EU camp in the future.

So, we established that Turkey, right now, still plays the role of the mercenary. But not just a mindless mercenary, but a mercenary who has spoken his ambition to break up *and make mercenaries of its own*; Azerbaijan, is thus the new mercenary of Turkey. The recent re-start of the war, now, not in Nagorno-Karabakh, but inside the borders of Armenia as well, cannot but be a way to put even more pressure to Armenia, and in sequence, Russia. Russia now has the right to intervene militarily and start a war with Azerbaijan, even even if they want to keep somewhat warm relations with the Azeris. Thus, Turkey tries to play the same card they played some months ago, i.e signing a deal that will benefit it due to its pressure.

But, as one might expect, being a mercenary for so long has dulled the sharpness of mind for the Turkish bourgeoisie. What they do, can be proven something which will bring a death to its project, not only to become imperialist on its own, but to exist as it exists today. Turkey *bets on NATO* to come save its skin if Russia attacks, but one big part of NATO, would be glad to *eat up Turkey itself*. What better than destroying Turkey? Yes, they will lose one mercenary, but they will get 4 loyal ones. Greece will move to a chauvinistic war, and try to take Turkish lands (one can see the reactions of the Greek media over the the Istanbul Mosque to see what the Greek fascist government pushes to the Greek average philistine, some sort of 'ancient Greek lands' in western Turkey) and colonize them. This would solve a

huge problem for the EU-NATO camp, which is the growing Greek anti-imperialist and revolutionary sentiment, since it would elevate Greece back to the status of its PASOK days, rekindling the lifeline of the currently dying Greek labour aristocracy. The imperialists would further secure the allegiance of the Kurds since they would "give national liberation" to them (one can see the writer's nation, Albania, and its relation to US to see what the writer means) and try to make up a labour aristocracy for them, and they would switch Armenia to their side as well. (This was one thing Russia won with the Nagorno-Karabakh war, we will speak about it a little later) They will offer to the Armenians to settle the northern Turkish lands, thus giving a chance for Armenia to become an imperialist nation too. The fourth player is Azerbaijan. For sure, in such a scenario, the bourgeoisie of Azerbaijan will have two choices:

A) Drop any imperialist delusions, and join the anti-imperialist camp. The question will surely go to Nagorno-Karabakh, where the parts that were taken by Azerbaijan after the 2020 war, are, nationally speaking, part of Armenia.

B) Join the plunder, the side eating up Turkey and joining hands with the NATO-EU cosmopolitan bourgeoisie camp. For sure, NATO-EU will offer them the Azeri populated territories in eastern Turkey, and the imperialists will try to use the Azeris then as their mercenaries over the Azeri part of Iran. To the Azerbaijani bourgeoisie, as long as they can achieve an imperialist nation status, it makes no difference if it is Turkey or the west the partner in crime. But, they would have a better position if the dream of Turkish imperialism comes true.

Therefore, the chances of Turkey being saved by its supervisors are short in a scenario of Russo-Turkish war.

They will "back" Turkey phenomenally, while at the same time backing the anti-Turkish side in a war on its southern regions by keep backing the Kurds. Once Turkey falls, they will do what they did in WW2, and seek to expand their camp on the bodies of the dead Russian and Turkish soldiers.

We also mentioned about the win of Russia from Nagorno-Karabakh war. As we wrote in previous articles, indeed, Russia managed to put *an end* to the dancing of the Armenian bourgeoisie between the camp of imperialists and anti-imperialists. What started in Armenia as a reactionary, pro-imperialist movement, ended up abandoning this reactionary position (but, nonetheless, if the situation allows it they will switch again probably) toward integration with EU. Pashinyan may be re-elected again, but this time with a new program which, at least officially, rules out the chance of Armenia breaking up with Russia. The two other coalitions (Armenian alliance and i have honor alliance) are also, Pro-Russian. Therefore, due to this war, and due to Russia's help on ending it, the parliament is completely dominated by the pro-Russian parties, reversing in essence most effects of the so called velvet "revolution".

To conclude, the war of Armenia and Azerbaijan opens a huge can of worms. So far, the situation is stable, but the can of worms has already opened, and the doors for escalation are wide open.

Already, the Armenian government has called on Russian troops in the borders. What is to be seen, is how the Turks and Azeris will react.

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