

Appel internationaliste et progressiste à la résistance linguistique et culturelle

Appel en langue anglaise

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A pseudo modern imperialistic onslaught of extreme danger is aiming at imposing on peoples a single global language. American imperialism, together with neo-liberal institutions, capitalist supranational Europe, national governments and big business funnel huge financial resources supported by media, institutions and military structures. Their goal is to ban and ostracise national and local cultures so as to impose on peoples all over the world a single way of life and a single language. Languages, century-old cultures belonging to Man's heritage are threatened to death or dismissed into oblivion. Behind an appealing global language shared by everybody, a project of domination and discrimination is looming up.

Dramatic cultural damage can already be noticed in many countries and it risks worsening quickly with no hope of returning to normalcy if the peoples and their progressist organisations do not intensify and band up their resistance: this linguistic oppression is translated into an unbearable hierarchy among peoples in relation with their degree of acceptance to the masters' language. We can see an effort at destructuring and doing away with the nations for the sake of capitalist trusts under American banner. The humiliation and marginalisation of the working class as well as the appearance of a global pseudo elite priding itself on despising its mother tongue to obey capitalist supranational institutions. Here is what the current victorious attack leads to. More and more countries in the world are verging on a single language imposed by American imperialism.

Of course, English language cannot be blamed for this fierce "globalitarianism": the proponents of "business English", with its poor code and its ideological packaging, has nothing to do with the English spoken and written by Shelley or Hemingway. "Business English" is estranged from peoples' history, from their needs and their struggles. It is a means of communication conveying the insidious domineering ideology of high finance. A single language goes on a par with a market, a thought, a policy, an economic management which ban any other political and intellectual approach vital for life and development. This mono-cultural and linguistic project is all the more dangerous as it is presented to the peoples as being the way to the future and freedom. Confronted to this global attempt for oppression and cultural annihilation, the militants from the popular movement, the intellectual progressists must shed light on the necessity of the international unity of nations which working forces have been fighting for. This has no connection whatsoever with the alignment of the peoples on ONE domineering group, not to mention the so-called right of global capitalism to impose on everybody its regressive, anti cultural and mercantile standards. As far advanced thinkers have taught us, the workers' internationalism does not contradict popular patriotism, far from it: popular patriotism, supporting the rights of the peoples to be independent, opposes colonialism, capitalist cosmopolitanism, imperialist supranationalism as well as their ideological tenets: racism and xenophobia. The shortest way to head toward international unity is not that of the domination of a country or of a group of chosen nations over a world ruled by the language and the way of life of a dominant nation. It is the effective right for all the peoples to develop their economy, their culture, their language their social conquests within balanced exchanges. So are doing the free nations which are members of ALBA: they speak international languages, namely Spanish, but they show respect for the native languages which had been scorned by the settlers for such a long time.

To resist and fight back, the peoples have a powerful weapon: international solidarity. Obviously, it must fully develop in political and social fields to face the capitalist onslaught, deeply crippled by inner crisis, and willing to profit by the dismantlement of the socialist nations on a linguistic and cultural domain. Yet, should we not spread everywhere, and on a concerted way, the cultural and linguistic resistances? Should we not also promote real balanced cultural exchanges between nations to shun and bring down the monopoly of imperialistic media and their mercantile cultural industry. We ought to encourage a real multilateral linguistic exchange so as to fight the domination of English and openly favour native languages. We could object to the domination of British-American and develop a plurality of languages within the frame of exchanges in the democratic working movements. Why not think about an untainted international language? Resisting everywhere could be an essential element of the progressist popular movement. It would be a matter of honour for all the militants, organisations and intellectuals who bring to the fore their union with the people they live with, a union on a par with all the nations and an objection to collaborating to the implementation of a new global linguistic and cultural order in exchange for a cushy status which is humiliating for themselves and their political, philosophical, scientific and literary doctrines.

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