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Shattering the Horizontal Mirror: The Campaign for Economic Rights and the Architecture of Proletarian Independence

Once again, a manufactured crisis atmosphere is whipped up across North America as a means to guard executive state power against the people and guarantee the political domination of the monopoly capitalist class. At counter-summits and public forums, progressive energy confronts a world in turmoil, yet it is immediately met by a calculated ideological trap: the false choice between explicit, high-tech reaction on one side, and a sanitized social-democratic liberalism on the other.

This liberalism is nothing but a synthetic, plasticized façade—a "globalization with a human face," a smooth, castrated Ken-doll mask snapped onto the decaying body of state-monopoly capital. In progressive circles, this manifests as a chauvinistic demand to celebrate local "banker daddies" and middle-class "consultative forums" as humane refuges, while treating the systemic crisis of U.S. imperialism as a distant spectacle or a series of unfortunate executive blunders.

This top down pressure presents the working class with a closed-loop conflict, reducing mass struggle to passive spectator moralizing and unprincipled splits and divisions.

To break this impasse, we must execute a vertical crossing. When political commentary and anniversary manifestos reduce twenty-five years of imperialist aggression to a tragic background narrative of "state terrorism"—as if the War on Terror belonged exclusively to one party or the War on Drugs to another—they strike the working class precisely at a shock-induced point of perceptual blackout.

In that disoriented state, where both parties appropriate hundreds of billions daily to introduce new crises and disrupt independent working-class political organization at the base, the mind is tricked into mistaking the passive arithmetic of adding votes in bourgeois elections for the dialectical necessity of dividing from the enemy. They treat the systemic extraction of state-monopoly capital as mere subjective "refusals" by bad politicians, ignoring the fundamental material fact: domestic economic degradation at home and military plunder abroad are two ends of the exact same extraction pipeline.

A moralizing critique that deplores foreign war while leaving the domestic dictatorship of capital untouched serves merely as a safety valve for the bourgeoisie. The U.S. working class cannot emancipate itself by tailing "lesser evil" managers; it requires its own independent program and mass public authority.

This is the foundational mandate of the Campaign for Economic Rights (CER), anchored directly to the Workers Party's bedrock principle: an injury to one is an injury to all—an attack on the rights of one is an attack on the rights of all. The CER begins from the uncompromising materialist premise that every human being possesses inviolable economic rights simply by virtue of existence. In an era where modern productive forces are fully capable of guaranteeing universal abundance, millions are subjected to artificial poverty, soaring costs, and somatic exhaustion because the means of production remain monopolized by a financial oligarchy.

The CER demands an immediate halt to the looting of the public treasury.

Government must be forced to cease bankrolling monopoly privileges, military-industrial contractors, and speculative bailouts, redirecting society's wealth directly into guaranteed social investments: free healthcare, secure pensions, quality education, housing, and safe working conditions for all.

Yet, economic rights cannot be secured through legalistic pleading or by operating within a rigged parliamentary sandbox. The ruling class constantly spreads the absurd trick that the state can "violate the rights of some to protect the rights of others," using "emergencies" to strip civil liberties and set worker against worker. The CER exposes this as a trap: democratic rights are not conditional permissions granted by executive decree, but weapons forged in class struggle to

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guard the people against the arbitrary usurpation of state power. Therefore, the Campaign for Economic Rights is indivisible from the program for Democratic Renewal.

The CER demands the complete abolition of political privileges held by capitalist parties, stripping them of their monopoly over candidate nominations. Power must be vested directly in the hands of the people through Constituency Committees organized directly in workplaces, neighborhoods, and educational centers. These committees reclaim the right to select candidates, establish the binding social agenda for public officials, and exercise the absolute right of instant recall over any representative who strays from the popular mandate.

Crucially, the CER demonstrates the complete indivisibility of domestic economic rights and a democratic foreign policy. The ruling class uses militarism and the "war on terror" as a domestic cudgel to slash social investments, justify police usurpation, and divide the international working class through chauvinism, xenophobia, and scapegoating.

The CER firmly reasserts that because an injury to one is an injury to all, the working class cannot defend its rights at home while consenting to the plunder and bombardment of workers abroad. To secure economic well-being at home, the working class must demand an immediate end to gargantuan war budgets, the complete demilitarization of social life, the withdrawal of all foreign troops, an end to aggressive military pacts like NATO, and the unconditional recognition of national self-determination for all oppressed nations—including Native peoples and Puerto Rico.

For our international comrades, the task is clear. We must reject all class-collaborationist coalitions, "popular sector" illusions, and liberal-chauvinist postures that seek to accommodate chronic capitalist crisis behind a hollow, human-faced aesthetic.

The real alternative to the imperialist war machine is not a "humane" manager of state-monopoly capital, but the organized, vertical ascent of the working class. Standing firmly on the principle that an injury to one is an injury to all, we unite across borders around the Campaign for Economic Rights. We must aim to establish direct mass authority at the base, severing the siphons of capital and forging the invincible international front necessary to dismantle imperialism once and for all.

Tehran-Baghdad Solidarity and the Collapse of U.S. Unipolar Hegemony

To understand the significance of recent West Asian developments, we must look at the historical backstory of U.S. imperialist intervention in the region. Since the 1970s, Washington has systematically relied on a strategy of "keeping the pot boiling" to justify its military presence. Under the Carter and Reagan administrations, U.S. imperialism actively instigated and fueled the 1980 Iran-Iraq War to weaken both nations, expand permanent Pentagon bases across the Persian Gulf, and secure foreign monopoly control over regional oil wealth.

This doctrine of aggressive military intervention culminated in decades of sanctions, occupation, and the January 2020 U.S. drone strike at Baghdad airport that martyred Iranian General Qassem Soleimani and Iraqi commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis.

Providing a crucial update to these historical records, Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf visited that exact assassination site at Baghdad airport on August 19, 2026, asserting that Washington's terror calculations have completely backfired. Qalibaf emphasized that rather than halting the resistance, the sacrifice of Soleimani and al-Muhandis solidified an "unbreakable" Tehran-Baghdad brotherhood and expanded anti-imperialist resistance into a global movement.

In this newly emerging regional order, U.S. forces are being forced into an accelerating withdrawal, while the Zionist expansionist project ("from the river to the sea") has collapsed into mere fragments of dreams.

For the international anti-war movement, this shift offers a decisive conclusion: U.S. unipolar hegemony relies entirely on keeping sovereign nations divided through artificial conflicts to justify military-colonial occupation. By forging endogenous, cross-border solidarity and driving out foreign military bases, the unified resistance in West Asia is severing the Pentagon's operational tentacles and proving that organized mass struggle can shatter the imperialist blueprint for world domination.