



## INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR IN BOLÍVIA: CAPITALISM CRISIS, RECOLONIZATION AND POPULAR ALTERNATIVES

Between 1th and 3rd of July was held in La Paz, Bolívia, at the Communications Palace Center Auditorium, the International Seminar “Capitalism Crisis, Recolonization and Popular Alternatives”. The Seminar counted on the participation of an important bolivian delegation, which was part the leading peasant Sérgio Loayza, vice-president of MAS, bolivian president in exercise – who was in charge of opening the sessions. There were also from Bolivia César Navarro, MAS leader on the parliament, and a numerous representation from social and peasant movements and organizations.

Beyond PSOL, there were in brazilian delegation Cedenir de Oliveira, MST leader, and Marco Antônio Trierweiler, representing MAB (Movimento dos Atingidos Por Barragens). There was also important delegations from Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Peru and Venezuela. From this country was present the Peasant Movement Ezequiel Zamora and a representant of Amílcar Figueiroa, a Venezuelan parliament member of PSUV who is the temporary president of Latin American parliament. From Peru was present one leading peasant of the last Amazonian indigenous fights, and also representants of others southern organizations of the country. (The expositions will be posted on the internet soon)



In a brief synthesis, it is important to tell that the Seminar was fulfilled by the dynamism of the political and social movements from the bolivarianism height and its expansion through the continent. One can tell it just from the fact that the Seminar took place in Bolivia, where it has been consolidated and strengthened what it is called a “democratic, indigenous and popular revolution” embodied by Evo Morales Government. It is a country where the white bourgeoisie lost control of the government, that now it is in the hands of indigenous and peasant movements. At the departments of the so-called “half moon” (the four richer departments of Bolivia, who have this name because of their geographic positioning), the white bourgeoisie has installed itself and prepares its counter-attack, although it is now having a defensive attitude after their stroke was defeated. However, its strategical policy remains to take back the central power, or the country division.

Thus, the Seminar’s participants had manifested their willingness to advance the agreements to unite and coordinate the fights, as they increasingly assume a continental character. There lays the importance of building an international strategy to face the counter-insurgent and to block the strokes, the interventions and impositions. In fact, the seminar was influenced by two new facts in our continent: the indian insurgence in Peru and the right-wing’s coupe d’état in Honduras (see the Seminar’s declaration about the coupe d’état). This situation create the conditions to build agreements between the organization that fight in the field of bolivarianism – as the ones that were present at the seminar – under the perspective of collaboration and common work to build the concrete solidarity with Bolivarian fight against the right’s reaction, for the support the indigenous fight in Peru and against the coupe d’état in Honduras.

By the International Relations Secretariat, PSOL was present reaffirming its solidarity to the government and the bolivian movements against the stroke movement and supporting the government’s acts that face the right’s resistance. We point out the importance of solidarity with Bolivia, a country which we share a great border, and at the same time we denounce the role that is being played by Lula government, defending the interests of São Paulo’s gas monopolies and of the soy planters at Bolivia.

It was the role of PSOL, as of the MST, to explain on the Seminar the differences between Evo’s and Lula’s government. From our position, we insisted that in Latin America, with the defensive position of United States imperialism after the ALCA defeat and the economic crisis, Brasil has increased its role of a sub-potency or sub-imperialism with its own interests. That is why there is in Latin America two policies that confront themselves: on the one hand, integration provided by ALBA, and on the other hand, the interests of the Brazilian bourgeoisie, defended by Lula, who expanded its economic power to many latin countries.

It was given attention to the strategical character, that is common to our countries, of the Amazonia defense. Indigenous fight in Peru have been showing that this defese is being led by organizations of the people, the Indians and peasants. Furthermore, it was given attention to the political importance that holds Peru for a change on the power correlation at the continent, and the possibility of consolidation of this political scene where PNP wins the fight with neoliberalism at the

next elections and the necessity of the Latin-american to be part of this process, supporting its candidates. The MAB presented the politics of brazilian expansion by the IIRSA and, particularly, of the dam that is being built at Madeira River.

There is no doubt that the Seminar was one step to strengthen the PSOL's internationalists relations, particularly in our Latin America. As a part of this politics it is the realization of our Internationa Seminar "Crisis, answers and iniciatives in Latin America and the World", that is going to happen on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, PSOL II National Congress eve, which has the confirmed presence of many organizations that were present in La Paz.

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