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United States: Trade unionists in solidarity with the resistance of the Ukrainian people!

Sunday 8 May 2022, by Communication Workers of America - CWA 7250 (Date first published: 13 April 2022).

We publish the motion passed by CWA Local 7250 - a local of Communications Workers of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota - one of the largest unions in the AFL-CIO - which primarily organizes telecommunications workers in North America.



WHEREAS Ukraine has long been under the domination of Russian Czars, the Soviet Union, and now Putin;

WHEREAS this has meant the suppression of Ukrainian culture, the exploitation of workers, and the abuse of the land and resources:

WHEREAS Ukrainian people have continually fought for freedom and self-determination, including the 2014 Revolution of Dignity that overthrew an oppressive Russian puppet government;

WHEREAS the ongoing bloody 2022 invasion and occupation of Ukraine by Russia's military is an unprovoked unjust, and immoral attempt to crush independent Ukraine – reminiscent of the U.S. government's own ongoing attempts to dominate smaller and poorer countries around the globe;

WHEREAS this invasion has already killed thousands of civilians, destroyed cities and infrastructure, and created millions of refugees;

WHEREAS the heroic popular resistance of the Ukrainian people has frustrated Russia's plans and inspired working-class people world-wide;

And WHEREAS a courageous and bold anti-war movement has emerged in Russia that shows the Russian people are not our enemies but important allies

BE IT RESOLVED that CWA 7250 calls on the Labor Movement and workers everywhere to give our full solidarity to the resistance of the Ukrainian people and demand Russian Troops Out Now!

Further Resolved, that we will look to offer material support (modest as it may be) to Ukrainian unions and workers organizations involved in the fight.

Further Resolved that we call on all countries to open their borders to war refugees from Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan and others.

Further Resolved that we call on the United States and the IMF to cancel all of Ukraine's foreign debt of some \$125 billion – these resources should be used to fight the invasion and rebuild from the devastation not to pay interest to the big banks.

Further Resolved that we will support the local Ukrainian community, unions, and activists who organize solidarity rallies here.

And finally, be it Resolved that since we are not hypocrites we must speak up and stand against all imperialism – including that of the United States – because all peoples deserve to be free and determine their own destiny.

This motion was adopted by CWA 7250 – a Local of the Communications Workers of America – one of the large industrial unions in the AFL-CIO -mainly organizing telecom workers in North America.

CWA 7250, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Resolution pased by the CWA Local 7250 Executive Board, April 13th 2022. Communications Workers of America Local 7250 is based in Minneapolis MN and organizes workers at AT&T and DirecTV.

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