Let us penetrate again into times that await neither an explanation nor a transformation of the world from the philosopher, but the construction of shelters against the inclemency of time. Nicolás Gómez Dávila

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## NOTHING IS RESOLVED



This is to conclude the study on the risk of extinction.<sup>1</sup>



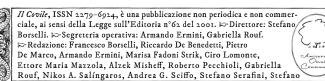
othing has been resolved and, globally, objectively, humanity lives either in dereliction — the dominated — or in an escape for-

ward - the dominators, who effectively believe they are averting or manipulating the threat of extinction.

Thanks to the exit from nature, humanity thought it could escape the risk of extinction, especially with the development of capital, which was supposed to provide security, but its [capital's] death<sup>2</sup> and the persistence of the risk are plenary proof that nothing has been resolved. Various phenomena bear witness to this:

- I Cf. the trilogy: Instauration du risque d'extinction (transl. Instauration of the Risk of Extinction), Précisions sur le risque d'extinction (Clarifications on the Risk of Extinction), C'est ici qu'est la mort, c'est ici qu'il faut sauter (transl. Here is where death is, here is where we have to jump).
- 2 Let us remember that capital is a social relationship between the holder of value, in the form of money, and the proletarian who possesses only his labour-power. As a result of the enormous growth of fixed capital (the machines), the share of labour, and therefore of man, becomes infinitesimal, and thus the social relation tends to disappear, and thus capital in its materiality, while its form, which is that of growth, autonomises.

- Covid 19 periodically manifests itself with great virulence, while other diseases, such as monkeypox, are emerging.
- Dependency and deracination increase the loss of natural immunity and thus the increment in welfarism.
- Drought, which extends each year in intensity and duration, accompanied by a cohort of increasingly destructive fires. One might say that, in parallel, we are witnessing more and more shootings as if the fire also concerned the species itself.
- Hunger is affecting ever more people around the world.
- Uprisings and riots related to persistent and even growing malcontent in various countries.
- Maintenance of a strong income disparity in order to perpetuate the dominant/dominated division, even after the measures taken to improve the fate of the disadvantaged.
- Despite the end of patriarchy in the West,<sup>3</sup>
  male-female opposition, misogyny and femicides persist. The non-resolution of malefemale relations increases with the artificialisation of life: homosexuality, which should
  better be called homoeroticism, the transgen-
- 3 For other countries where the subjugation of women is the norm, this failure must appear obvious and confirm their own dynamics.



der phenomenon and the dynamics of changing sex, up to the augmented man, the augmented woman. There is a trend towards eliminating sexuality, which begins with medically assisted procreation and will be imposed with the artificial uterus.

All of this, let us remember, originated in the Neolithic with the break in continuity with nature, which founded the dynamics of the possibles, as well as their combinatory, and which nowadays finds its completion with the autonomisation of the capital form, which propels the constant search for innovation and the periodic obsolescence of innovations so that the accumulation of these does not inhibit the movement.

The persistence of enmity, also originating in the Neolithic, appears more and more as a means, an operator, of life outside nature, a mediation to surmount any discontinuity. As a result, the risk of extinction remains and, at the same time, there is an increase in its actualisation.

More concretely, let us give an example of an ongoing phenomenon. The war between Russia and the USA through the intermediary of Ukraine is the result of some unresolved phenomena and the illustration that the more one opposes, the more there is a reinforcement of what is opposed.

The encirclement of Russia in its European part has increased due to the entry of the Eastern European countries into NATO, i.e. into the US fold, prolonging what happened in 1945: Europe becoming a colony of the USA, as indicated by A. Bordiga, who, in 1949, in Aggressione all Europa (Aggression against Europe), specifies what has happened since 1917 (first aggression against Europe).

This does not take away the right to analyse this war and define it as the most clamorous enterprise of aggression, invasion, oppression and enslavement in all of history. It is not just an eventual

and hypothetical war, because it is already underway, since this enterprise is closely linked to the interventions in the European wars of 1917 and 1942, and since after all it is the crowning achievement of the concentration of immense military and destructive force in a top centre of dominion and defence of the current class regime, the capitalistic one, the construction of the optimum of conditions apt to suffocate the workers' revolution in any country. Such a process could develop even without a war in the full sense between the USA and Russia, if the latter's vassalage could be secured, instead of by military means and a straightforward campaign of destruction and occupation, by the pressure of the preponderant economic forces of the greatest capitalist organisation in the world — perhaps tomorrow the united Anglo-American state that is already being talked about — by a compromise through which the Russian ruling organisation would allow itself to be bought off on high terms; Stalin would already have specified the figure at two billion dollars. (...)

The living space of the US conquerors is a belt that goes all around the earth.

Having become a US colony, Europe lost its culture and civilisation through the mediation of Hollywood's<sup>4</sup> hegemony, which made it possible to achieve ideological mastery and the dynamic of "cure to dominate". It was, as many have experienced, "Americanised".

Thanks to the war in Ukraine, the European colony grew. In the last part of the 20th century and at the beginning of the 21st century, Europe tried to emancipate itself from American tutelage through the creation of an economic and political union. The necessity to form a block against Russia and the need to solve the problem of the supply of raw materi-

4 Cf. the Blum-Byrnes agreements on cinema.

als no longer coming from this country, due to the embargo, have reinstated a significant dependency.

Furthermore, another weakening of the EU is imposed by the entry into its bosom of countries with different economic developments, leading to the need for mediation, which cannot but be American.

The will of the USA to enlarge its colony is linked to the dynamic of rule and care. In fact, to ensure their domination, the colonised population must be cured of all the conceptions incompatible with that of American democracy. In other words, it is still the "it's for your own good" dynamic which operates and represses. But this implies at the basis an economic power that is actually powerfully eroded because of an insufficiency of energetic resources that the intervention in Ukraine aimed to alleviate, and therefore nothing is resolved.

What is Russia replaying? The effective non-instauration of the capitalist mode of production. Let's remember that Marx and the populists had insisted on the necessity not of the development of capitalism in Russia but of its leap, thanks to a graft of the technical acquisitions of the West on the Obtchina, which was not applied by the Bolsheviks, who, to facilitate the development of the capital, advocated the destruction of the communities engendering a great disaster with the incapacity which followed to produce enough wheat to feed the population. The same economic policy was applied in Ukraine, provoking the vast uprising of Makhno supporters wishing to save the communities. They had to fight against both the white, the tsarists, supporters of the old order, and the red, the Bolsheviks. Thus for the Russians and the Ukrainians the failure of the revolution, and especially the non-realization of what Marx and the populists advocated, is the cause of the evils they suffered and still suffer.

So the failure of the revolution was not accompanied by the development of capitalism and democracy. Also, to the supporters of State capitalism as a theory to characterise the situation in Russia at the end of the 1950s, Bordiga opposed, both in Proprietà e Capitale (Property and Capital) and in Struttura economica e sociale della Russia di oggi (Economic and Social Structure of Today's Russia), the explanation of the development of gangs, rackets, effectively dominating the state, mafias as they are called today, a kind of despotic communities, avatars of the old communities and whose existence is guaranteed by the central power, as it was historically the case with the tsars.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Russians could not enter full capitalism and democracy as Gorbachev demanded, because of the refusal of the USA,5 while the threat of encirclement of Russia only increased and led us to the present situation, that is the conflict between Russia and the USA through the intermediary of Ukraine. The most serious and dangerous aspect of this conflict is the destruction of nature and the growth of the risk of extinction. In order to counter the US sanctions depriving Europe of Russian gas, Europeans are resorting to oil and gas from US oil shales, which is a disaster for nature, not to mention the pollution caused by their trans-oceanic transport. Moreover, this leads to increased extraction in countries such as Venezuela and Israel, accentuating the trend towards the depletion of energy resources.

At the level of geopolitical rivalries, we can observe that, in the end, the struggle led by each side strengthens the other. Thus, the pressure exerted by the USA on Russia has led the leaders of this country to impose the rouble in monetary transactions — a rouble guaranteed by gold and raw materials — which leads to a de-dollarisation of the world economy, which is also reinforced by other causes.

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<sup>5</sup> We reported on this in Mort et Extinction (transl. Death and Extinction).

Thus, we are heading towards the edification of another world order more compatible with the autonomisation of the capital form — particularly wanted by China — and nothing will be resolved.<sup>6</sup>

People fight and kill each other, but it is nature that suffers the most: its destruction aggravates the risk of extinction, which is also increasing due to the continuous erosion of the naturality of the species.

Our world is affected by an immense energy crisis, which is manifested through an enormous deficit in the energy necessary to accomplish the process of production, and we can ask ourselves the question: will the species have the energy necessary to break with the current becoming?

Humanity perceives the threat but needs it: and we find the State dynamics of ruling and caring.

In 1987, R. Reagan declared at the UN:

Perhaps we need some outside, universal threat to make us recognize this common bound. I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world. And yet, I ask you, is not an alien force already among us? What could be more alien to the universal aspirations of our peoples than war and the threat of war?

Thanks to Hollywood, UFOs, Star Wars, have averted the threat because what it is, is what is represented. However, the representation does nothing but maintain a reality and therefore nothing is resolved.

Before concluding, let us once again precise the relationship between the psyche of the species and the movement of capital, which is the ultimate stage of the phenomenon of substitution of human relations by the economic

6 This is attested to by numerous documents accessible to any reader, as well as all the economic data we have pointed out. We only insist on their significance in order to affirm that nothing is resolved.

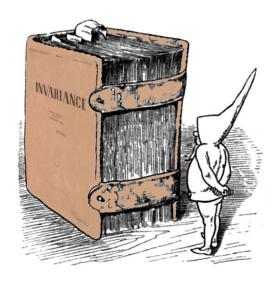
movement. It represents the state of the artificialized species, autonomised in relation to nature, as it [the capital] has itself become autonomised in relation to it, and its movement, having its goal in itself, expresses at its best the shutting-in of the species, its madness and even the loss of a stable substance, being constantly submitted to innovation and then to obsolescence. The creation of metaverses on the Internet allows the realisation of this dynamic.

The exit from nature has resolved nothing and nothing will be resolved as long as the dynamics of enmity will determine the behaviour of men and women. Only tenderness, the manifestation of the naturality of the species, can generate an inversion by dissolving the imprint of the threat from which this dynamic is constantly set in motion.

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