

## Sharpening US-Iran Conflict Shows:

### URGENT NEED TO BUILD ICWP WORLDWIDE

The Iran situation shows that the world is on the brink of a major war, while Obama's 'Pivot to Asia-Pacific' shows that the US bosses are accelerating their preparations to confront the rising imperialist power China.

The International Communist Workers' Party's answer to the bosses' impending bloodbath is to mobilize the masses for communism now. We can't stop the rulers from going to war, but we can turn their world war into a revolutionary war for communism.

This requires winning millions of workers, soldiers, students and their allies to embrace communist ideas to organize the class war we need. Every *Red Flag* reader and all ICWP members must see the urgent need to spread our communist ideas massively.

This means putting *Red Flag* and our manifesto *Mobilize the Masses for Communism* into the hands of all our co-workers, friends and families, and winning them to do the same.

It means responding to the bosses' attacks by organizing class struggle on the job around revolutionary communist

principles which targets capitalism and organizes to destroy it. It means organizing political strikes against capitalism that show workers the need and the potential for workers' power.

But most important of all, it means joining ICWP and recruiting others. Every MTA and Boeing worker, every soldier, student and others who read *Red Flag* and agree with communism should join ICWP and help build it into a massive international Party capable of leading the international working class to power.

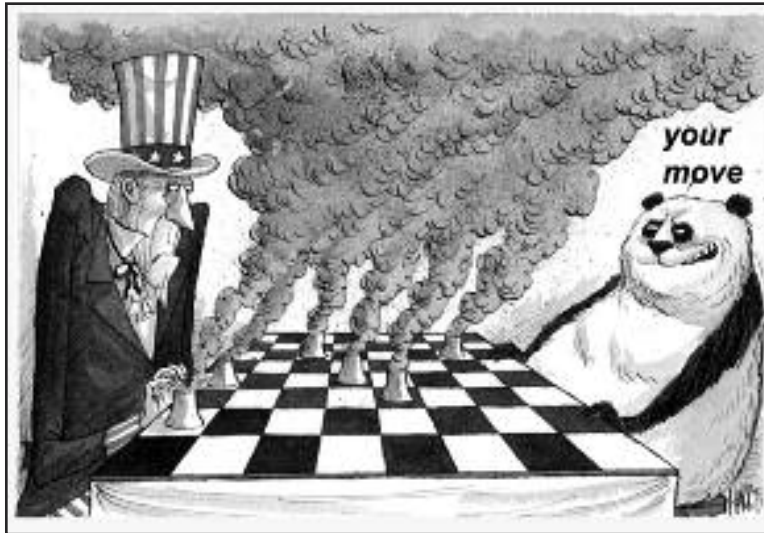
#### The stakes couldn't be higher:

It is either capitalism's massive destruction and death, or communism, a world without the rule of money-capital. Communism will cherish workers' lives, not profits. Without exploitation and wage slavery, all workers will flourish and develop to their fullest potential.

#### The imperialists' dance of death becomes ever more dangerous

On Thursday (1/4/12) Obama unveiled US imperialism's new military strategy. He said the military will be leaner, but the US would maintain its military superiority. Pentagon officials made it clear that they focus on Asia-Pacific because the fronts for potential conflicts are shifting toward China.

The Chinese imperialists, however, are not sleeping. They acknowledge that the main pur-



pose of the new US strategy is to form an alliance in the region to stop China's rise. An editorial in their mouthpiece *Global Times* states in no uncertain terms that as long as the US abides by international rules, it will never contain China's rise.

It further adds that budget constraints will undermine US military capability: "In this case, the US would witness not only the end of its economic hegemony but also its global military dominance."

Such future scenarios can only embolden China and make US imperialism more desperate and dangerous.

#### Chinese bosses getting more confrontational

"China should take fight to US over Iran," screams a *Global Times* editorial (1/14/12), responding to sanctions imposed Thursday on a Chinese energy company dealing with Iran. It

states: "China should not bend to US pressure. It needs to come up with deliberate countermeasures, and show deterrence to an arrogant US."

It stresses that "Iran's oil resources and geopolitical value are crucial to China." Continuing doing business with Iran is worth "China taking some troubles and even paying a certain price."

They know that their anti-sanction position will anger the US, but are confident that US reaction will be limited by a potential trade war it can't afford and by China being the "largest holder of US treasury bonds."

Sounding a more confrontational note, they add that worries about antagonizing the US "should not dominate our thinking... China should... protect its own interests."

#### As world war looms closer, two questions rest heavy on workers' minds.

##### One: what can we do?

Thoughts of nuclear war paralyze many today. The bosses will, however, put tens of millions into motion. They will try to use patriotism to get us to slave in their war industries and kill and die on their battlefields for their profits. But, we have no nation or empire to defend.

We can mobilize the masses to reject the bosses' patriotism and embrace our internationalist revolutionary communist ideas to overthrow the bosses and their system. The workers and soldiers in Russia did it during WWI, and in China in WWII. They proved that the bosses are not invincible.

##### The other: Can we build and run a better world?

The answer is a resounding: Yes! We can build a better world! Are we going to end up like Russia and China? No! They fought for socialism, which was state capitalism. Learning from their triumphs and mistakes, we fight for communism, a world without bosses, their exploitation and money: the root of all our problems! Our strategy, *mobilize the masses for communism now and always*, will guarantee our victory. Join us to help put it into practice!

## THIS MAY DAY

### INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY,

**IN LOS ANGELES AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, ICWP URGES WORKERS, STUDENTS, SOLDIERS AND THEIR ALLIES TO:**

**TO MOBILIZE THEIR FRIENDS TO STRIKE ON MAY DAY FOR COMMUNISM**

**TO MARCH WITH ICWP AND TO HELP SPREAD RED FLAG AND OUR MANIFESTO MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM TO TENS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS.**



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