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Los Angeles: One million marchers protest attacks on immigrants, 2006



TURN COMING WORLD WAR INTO CLASS WAR FOR COMMUNISM

PENTAGON/BOEING ATTACK YOUNG WORKERS

As US imperialism prepares for war against the China-Russia-Iran axis, it wants to build its military machine as cheaply as possible. The “tankers” or airplanes that refuel their combat aircrafts in flight are an example.

The Pentagon wants “more tankers for less.” Boeing is already \$500 million over budget. The Defense Department has publicly called for a low-cost Southern aerospace corridor and sub-contracting to keep costs down.

In the new IAM contract, the Joint Union/Boeing Council will be in charge of guaranteeing the company “gets more with less” in the older “heritage” plants. The company wants this council to help train a new generation of lower-paid, more passive workers.

But they have a problem. Every poll shows the millennials (age 18-29) in the U.S. have lost faith in capitalism. Although the polls only offer socialism as an alternative, it's clear young workers are more favorably disposed to communist alternatives.

As this new generation enters the factories, we ask you to help us expand our *Red Flag* networks and distribution of our manifesto, *Mobilize the Masses for Communism*. These networks will form the backbone of the movement to take back the means of production: that which should be ours.

BOEING TO WICHITA: DROP DEAD

WICHITA, KANSAS-- Boeing promised 7500 new jobs if they won the Air Force tanker contract last year. They won and then promptly closed the Wichita facility eliminating 2,160 jobs instead.

Every Kansas politician and Boeing union official joined a relentless, decade-long campaign to secure the contract. “We expect Boeing to honor their commitment [to add jobs],” said Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback when the company signed the tanker contract 10 months ago.

Now the bosses' politicians are singing a different tune. “[We] can't compel a private company to make a certain decision,” said Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts.

International Association of Machinists (IAM) international vice-president Mark Blondin said much the same thing. The IAM tried to lie about job guarantees in order to sell the union contract last month. “We can't stop Boeing from placing work wherever it wants,” he admitted after being confronted by dubious members.

We asked then and we ask now, “Why not?”

After all, we built these planes. The working class's labor paid for all the plants and machinery, the fancy corporate offices and outsized executive bonuses. Whose factory is this anyway?

It's illogical--not to mention immoral--that the bosses, the top 1/2 of 1%, own the product of our

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FIGHT TO DESTROY BORDERS AND WAGE SLAVERY!

As crisis in the world continues to sharpen, the bosses push hatred or discrimination of immigrant workers. Capitalism divides working class people and pits workers against each other. Some people have been won to a racist attack against immigrant workers. On the other hand, a lot of immigrants and citizens are angrier and want to fight this racism.

One recent racist example is a video that went viral on YouTube and received over a million hits in one day and countless responses—some against and some for. The video by “Racist Arizona White Ladies” is five minutes of discrimination and hatred towards immigrants and Latinos.

Besides a lot of disgusting slander, it argues, falsely, that it's easy to get a green card, that it wouldn't be a problem if immigrants came here legally, and that immigrants are stealing jobs from “Americans.”

It's capitalism that forces workers to emigrate in search of work to survive. It's the capitalists who lay off and fire workers to increase their profits. It's capitalism's drive for maximum profits, speed-up and mechanization, producing more with fewer workers, that causes mass unemployment.

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Immigration laws punish those who must cross the boss-created borders to survive. Like the laws keeping people slaves, the bosses' laws protect their profits, never the workers. All immigration laws are racist. All nations belong to the bosses. We workers have no country, only our class. In a communist society, based on producing and sharing collectively, workers will be welcomed everywhere.

In a communist society all workers will be needed everywhere to build houses, hospitals, produce food, clothes, and whatever we all need. There won't be any unemployment because there won't be any buyers of sellers of labor.

Comprehensive Immigration Reform For War

The top imperialist bosses pretend to be anti-racist, opposing the open racism in the YouTube video, and also laws attacking immigrants in Arizona and elsewhere. But the immigration laws that they support for war are just as racist as the Arizona law!

Comprehensive Immigration Reform, supported by Obama, would put undocumented immigrants on a twelve-year controlled "path to legalization" during which they could be deported if unemployed for 60 days or if fired for rebelling. It would make millions of immigrants slaves in the rulers' war industries. The Dream Act would force millions of undocumented US high school graduates into the military to have a chance for a green card.

The rulers' disagreements about immigration

need. That's why they want immigration reform.

Those bosses who oppose these reforms only want to keep immigrants terrorized, fearing deportation. These bosses have no interests outside the US and are putting up obstacles to paying for war.

Because of these disagreements, Congress hasn't passed the comprehensive immigration reform laws the imperialists want. So the Obama Administration is going around Congress, decreeing that undocumented immigrants with no criminal record should be a "low priority" for deportation. They issued new training guidelines for ICE agents not to prioritize deporting immigrants with young US-born children without a criminal record. Some ICE agents refused this training, claiming it's against the law.

Neither group of exploiters is a friend of workers. Both use the law to keep immigrant workers chained to wage slavery. Both divide immigrants from US-born and blame immigrants for capitalism's crisis.

laws only reflect their own different needs and interests. The top US imperialist rulers are planning for wider war (see page 2). So they need disciplined, low-paid workers for their war industries and patriotic soldiers for their military. These imperialists plan to use immigrants, black and white workers and youth to fill this

One side wants to prepare for world war; the other only wants terror and exploitation for today's profits.

Some California politicians are collecting signatures for a ballot measure asking the federal government to make California a "safe harbor" for some undocumented workers in the state by formally exempting them from deportation and immunizing the employers who hire them. Their goal is to force the Federal government to pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform.

We workers should neither support the liberal imperialist exploiters nor the openly anti-immigrant forces. We need to confront the current crisis by fighting to get rid of capitalist borders, wage slavery and exploitation with communist revolution. Uniting citizen, especially black, and immigrant workers to destroy racist capitalism, we'll build a society where all workers are welcome everywhere and no one is forced to leave home to survive. Communist workers will eliminate borders and share all that we produce to meet all workers' needs. Racism, immigration laws, and exploitation will be eliminated once and for all. The bosses fear that black and immigrant workers will unite in the factories, fields and military to mobilize masses of all "races" for communism. Let's make it happen.



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collective labor. But that's capitalism for you! The bosses' government and laws all ensure this thievery is legal.

The only answer is to take back what is ours. We must take the industry out of the hands of the profiteers and produce according to what our class needs. That means building a new society based on mobilizing the masses for communism.

Pitting Worker Against Worker

The skepticism of those questioning the union leadership proved valid. The union led us to believe that the new contract guaranteed that Wichita jobs would move to union facilities in Washington State.

Only 100 jobs will move to Washington State. Fifteen hundred will move to non-union San Antonio and Oklahoma. The rest will be eliminated.

The Texas facility has 70% lower costs than Wichita. It will duplicate much of the airplane-modification work done at union factories in the Seattle area, as the low-cost South Carolina plant duplicates the 787 work in Everett, WA.

The future that the pro-capitalist union leaders have bought into has become crystal clear. As in the auto industry, Boeing bosses will build parallel non-union, low-cost facilities in the southern US aerospace corridor. Unions in the heritage plants will be allowed to continue to function as long as they maintain a no-strike regime and sing the virtues of capitalism.

These parallel low-cost facilities will help the

union traitors defend capitalism in crisis. Job one for these traitors is to make us feel powerless in the face of the bosses' attacks. "We have to stay competitive," said Tom McCarty, president of the white-collar union at Boeing.

Communism Welcomes Helping Hands

Production for profit not only pits company against company, but also worker against worker. Unlike dog-eat-dog capitalism, communist production for need gathers its strength from helping hands.

We can use the extra time helping hands give us to decide where, what and for whom we produce. Military hardware will serve the interests of the world's workers, not the empire of the corporate bosses.

Communism means Wichita workers will no longer compete against workers in San Antonio, Oklahoma, Washington State or anywhere in the world. Divide and conquer: that is the logic of the capitalism. Rely on the strength of a united working class and the mobilized masses: that is the logic of communism.



THE BOEING WAY: SECRETS AND LIES

Boeing has been in Wichita since it bought the Stearman Aircraft Co. in 1929. During WWII, employment peaked at 40,000. For decades, Boeing was the city's largest employer. Over 12,000 worked for the company as recently as 2004.

The next year Boeing sold off its commercial division leaving 3,800 mostly union workers on the military side. Six years later, the workforce had shrunk to 2,160.

Even as the company promised to add an additional 7,500 tanker jobs, it began to study how to close the Wichita plant altogether. The secret plan was completed in November. At the same time the company worked out another secret deal with the union leadership to sabotage any fight-back.

The union railroaded the deal through in early December. The final decision to close the plant was made on December 30th. Wichita workers were notified the following Wednesday that they would no longer have jobs.