

Martin Luther King Day Parade:

CAPITALIST PROPAGANDA SPECTACLE

LOS ANGELES, January 16— Thousands of enthusiastic onlookers watched the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade. High school bands with great musical energy led it off. The middle of the parade showcased fancy convertible sports cars with politicians, news anchors, etc. waving to the crowd, attempting to rally votes and enthusiasm for the 2012 elections. Floats advertised things like new cars, and charities for services that capitalism cannot and will not provide.

The Tuskegee Airmen attended. These brave black World War II veterans – featured in the new movie *Red Tails* – faced down segregation and vicious racism. Now they are used to convince black and latin youth to join the bosses' military

to get “respect,” “equality” or “citizenship.”

Uniformed youths marched for nationalist groups, recruited to unwittingly build up patriotic sentiment to counteract mass anger and disgust with the entire capitalist system.

The most glaring outrage was a gigantic police presence. How can anyone enjoy a parade featuring the LAPD, one of the world's largest groups of fascist terrorists!

Capitalism singled out Dr. King as a civil rights hero because the bosses feared a violent backlash if they didn't “honor” this dead black leader “properly.” Capitalism uses Dr. King to preach pacifism, to advertise, and to ensnare us into voting and joining the military to fight the bosses' wars.

This MLK parade sent the message that we, the working class, only matter to make profits for the bosses. They herded us like cattle into sitting passively on sidewalks cheering politicians, keeping us passive by the fascist show of police force.

Many thousands worked for civil rights reforms, but “civil rights” are only small concessions given to us by the bosses (and later taken back) in order to placate our anger and convince us to

submit to their corrupt dysfunctional capitalist system. Under communism, we the workers, as brothers, sisters, and neighbors, will end racism and take our lives into our own hands.

WE are the leaders, all of us.

We lead each other through life's struggles. Imagine if ALL workers in banks, industries, restaurants and stores, garbage collectors, life-guards, homemakers, students, teachers, construction workers, homeless, and military organized together to say, “DEATH TO CAPITALISM.” The bosses are the 1% and we are the 99%. Who would win? WE WOULD!

Under communism, parades will be free of advertising. Parades will mobilize workers to display talent, art, innovation, and feelings. Everyone will be able to join the festivities because there will be no police to push us behind the lines. Instead of being stuck thinking we have to compete against each other as individuals, we'll work harmoniously together to share in all defeats and triumphs.

Today's most important message is that energy, anger, questions, analysis, communication, determination, and organization must lead us to COMMUNIST REVOLUTION—THE answer to ALL our problems under Capitalism.

Many parade-watchers were open to this message. They took thousands of leaflets, 700 copies of *Red Flag*, over 100 copies of *Mobilize the Masses for Communism*, and some gave us their names to join the struggle.

