

MOBILIZING THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM GETS ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION

“You already gave me that last time,” said a driver to an ICWP comrade who offered him a copy of our manifesto, *Mobilizing the Masses for Communism (MMC)* along with *Red Flag*.

“Good, did you get a chance to read it?”

“Yes.”

“What did you think of it?”

“It was awesome!” he said.

She asked him to take an extra one to give to someone else and he did, donating a couple of dollars.

When we asked another driver who read *MMC* what he thought of it, he answered, “We have to get bigger!”

The ICWP comrade agreed. “You’re right. Take an extra manifesto for a friend. “ He did and he’s since taken several more copies. The comrade said, “More workers need to become organizers, like you. Do you want extra papers too?” He did. Every time we see him, he takes extra papers and contributes financially to ICWP.

We’ve distributed hundreds of manifestos to transit workers. We’ve gotten an excellent response. This has helped more transit workers read and distribute *Red Flag* and the manifesto.

Not all workers agree. One very religious driver read the whole pamphlet. He told us we would fail like the Russians and Chinese. We disagreed, saying that workers learn from history. The next time we saw him, he said that everything we wanted in a communist society would be done by God, through his son Jesus, so we didn’t have to worry about it. The *Red Flag* seller asked that since he thinks we’re God’s children, then what role do we have in making this happen? He said that Jesus would take care of it, but he took the paper to read, which he hadn’t done before reading *MMC*.

Another driver, when asked what he thought of the manifesto, said, “We have to talk.” We replied, “Absolutely.” But the driver of the car behind him was honking his horn to get into the parking lot. So we’ll see him next time to have that talk.

Another comrade found that giving *MMC* to his professor opened the door to a fruitful conversation:

“In a follow-up discussion with my professor, I asked his thoughts of our manifesto and he answered that he thought that it was a solid piece of literature which explained clearly our point of view. This was encouraging to me because this critique was coming from an individual who had a great understanding of communist ideas and showed a great disgust for this capitalist system of government that we live in today. I respect him because he openly expresses his ideas to his students and shows how the government is involved in every aspect of the working-class community.

“After this conversation, my professor said he would still be interested in taking and reading the paper. I believe feedback from those we dis-

tribute to is important in our decision on whether to distribute our manifesto massively or just to a chosen few. I believe that mass distribution will lead to further understanding of our politics which will lead to more constructive criticism from fellow students, teachers and workers who will be interested in sharing their views.”

More workers, students and others are taking *Red Flag* and *MMC* to distribute to other workers and family members. Reading the manifesto has led to many discussions among workers about whether communism is possible and how it will work. We encourage transit workers and all other readers to write their impressions, disagreements, criticisms, suggestions, and questions they have about *MMC* to *Red Flag* and to move from support to active membership in ICWP. We urge you to help distribute our literature to thousands of workers, students and soldiers.

**ICWP CALLS ON RED FLAG
READERS TO SEND
COPIES OF MOBILIZE
THE MASSES FOR
COMMUNISM TO
FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN
OTHER PARTS OF THE
WORLD.**

**WE ALSO NEED HELP IN
TRANSLATING MMC AND
RED FLAG INTO THE
MANY LANGUAGES OF
OUR CLASS SISTERS AND
BROTHERS.**

