

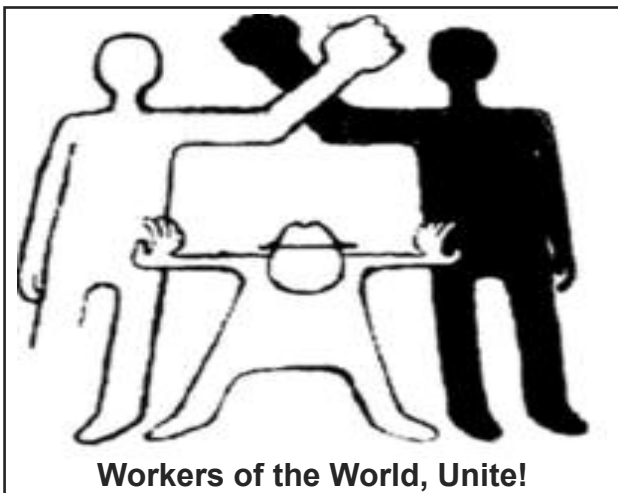
### **Crisis of Tarahumara Indians is the Crisis of the Whole Worldwide Working Class**

A few days ago, seeing the local news, I saw a news item in which the journalist who gave it was deeply moved by the images he saw. This caused him to weep and he said that this should make all Mexicans feel ashamed for the situation in which the indigenous of Chihuahua live, especially the Tarahumaras.

The crisis of hunger and cold is due to the drought that the ethnic groups who live in this state are living through. They showed some really disturbing images, but this is the sad everyday reality for them, even when there's no drought. It made me furious when I heard that the President of Mexico, Felipe Calderon, said that its not about a philanthropic situation nor was it a question of fad, that we must support the ethnic groups due to the drought in Chihuahua.

There can't be such cynicism on his part to make the whole Mexican population feel guilty for the lack of responsibility of the rulers in general. It filled me with anger, fury, and impotence to see these images on television. But this is the cruel reality and as this pig said, it's not a question of fad but of consciousness, and that's why we must fight for a society in which there's no lack of basic elements, especially the most important, WATER.

I'll keep fighting for a system in which everyone has food, clothing, and medical services. We have to work day by day to raise the consciousness of the workers of a real change and not a society of donations or gifts, where we won't only satisfy thirst for a week, but always.



**Workers of the World, Unite!**

That's why I think that we're not some crazy dreamers. We're not wrong to work for a party like ICWP.

Fight for communism and these images that we see every day will disappear forever. This fills me with energy to continue fighting tenaciously day by day.

--Comrade Worker

### **Fight Against Racism: Key to Struggle for Communism**

In a letter in the 2/9/12 *Red Flag*, "Young Comrade" wrote, "I also believe that racism, sexism and homophobia all have equal importance..." in the struggle against capitalism. These isms are not equally important in capitalist ideology (the body of thought that guides a social movement or institution). Racism is the primary (first in importance) ideological tool of capitalists. Homophobia is not equal to racism in the capitalists' scheme. I write specifically about racism from a historical standpoint and my life experience and those of millions more.

Let's look at racism.

It was written into the US Constitution when the "Founding Fathers" counted slaves as 3/5 of a person and didn't count Native Americans at all.

It formed the basis of slavery in the US and the laws, institutions, social structure, and brutality that sustained and enforced slavery.

It was codified in the Jim Crow (segregation, apartheid) laws of the South after emancipation and Reconstruction.

It is the political underpinning of the mass incarceration (the "New Jim Crow") of Blacks now that segregation and apartheid in public accommodations no longer exist (due to massive workers' class struggle).

It is the political underpinning of attacks against immigrants and Muslims in the US and imperialist ventures abroad.

I was born and grew up in the South in the pre-civil rights days.

I went to schools segregated by law and was denied admission to the state-supported (paid for by taxpayers) university in my home town after I graduated high school, again because of segregation laws. During that time, hospitals,

public water fountains and bathrooms, seating on buses, eating in restaurants in shopping areas, seating in railroad cars were segregated by law. There were "colored" and "white" signs to remind people of segregation.

Today, we see college football and basketball games on TV with SEC teams (Tennessee, Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Mississippi, etc.) consisting largely of Black athletes, for example, Carn Newton, from Auburn, now in the NFL. When I was a teenager, these schools and teams were all white because Blacks were legally barred from admission.

Capitalist racism has been a major influence in US history and my life experience. In other words, slavery, Jim Crow, mass incarceration, etc. have been produced and maintained through capitalist racism, not sexual orientation.

The fight against racism is key to the struggle against capitalism and for communism. We workers must fight in our class interests against racism, regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation.

--An Elder Comrade in the Bay Area

### **Capitalism is the Material Basis of Racism**

We liked the January 19th article "These Times Demand Communist Struggle... There should be explanation about the "material basis of racism and sexism." To clarify for readers we should explain that material basis means capitalist exploitation, money and profit.

There are no biological "races." All humans belong to the same species and have the same remote ancestry, to which all conclusive evidence from comparative anatomy, paleontology, serology and genetics points. In other words "race" is a political term, not something that exists in the natural world.

Since there is no race, the liberal tendency that celebrates "multiculturalism" and diversity is also heading in the wrong direction, because the subtext is still race. We need to smash the material basis for racism which is capitalism and then the international working class will be the human race!

--Northern California comrades