

Teachers March in Mexico:

LEARN AND TEACH THE ART OF REVOLUTION



Feb. 4—Thousands of teachers led by the CNTE (National Coordinating Body of Education Workers) marched to demand national negotiations to eliminate the Alliance for the Quality of Education (ACE). This “quality” represents plans to privatize education through labor and education policies pushed by the government and the union leadership since May 2008.

Other demands are: to cancel to universal teacher evaluations and reforms to the program of teaching careers; to guarantee the rank and file’s positions; and to fire Esther Gordillo, leader of the SNTE (National Union of Education Workers).

The leaders of the teachers in Michoacán, Oaxaca, and Mexico City affirmed that at least 45,000 education facilities in 24 states stopped work. The largest contingents were led by Sections 9 and 10 of Mexico City. According to organizers, 100,000 teachers and other education workers demonstrated.

asking drivers to donate 50 pesos. The protests are also in solidarity with the Rural Normal School of Ayotzinapa and to demand a political trial of the governor of Guerrero, Angel Aguirre Rivero, for the deaths of two students last December 12th during the police eviction of the sit-in on the Freeway of the Sun. Teachers occupying another toll booth in the state of Oaxaca allowed the cars to pass freely.

The International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP) distributed *MMC (Mobilize the Masses for Communism)* in the big teachers’ march, even though there was resistance to reading communist literature. We asked that they read the document even when they didn’t give a donation. Fifty teachers took it and gave donations (more than we expected). These small steps have led us to distribute almost 1000 *MMC* pamphlets in the last few months. It’s our task to resume anew the formation of communist class consciousness. In order to destroy capitalism, the teachers, students,

and workers need to change their way of thinking.

In spite of all the good intentions, these marches won’t end the education dictators without fighting for communist slogans like: An end to capitalist education that teaches that studying is worth more than being a worker! An end to ruling-class education! We don’t need to be educated to blindly obey he who pays. The teachers who are the creators of consciousness in this selfish society must take the responsibility to educate themselves and others with communist ideas and practices to be able to form the bases of a new society.

We need workers’ power, not the idea of “democracy from below.” Not one job will be secure while the work is valued in a market where it is bought or sold to make profit for some boss. Let’s eliminate the social strata and not just change one union leader for another with the same outlook. Nor will smaller class size guarantee a better education if the basis of the functioning of society is exploitation. Let’s fight for a communist world without all the garbage of this capitalist society. Let’s organize ICWP. Join the Party!

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tional working class. They sold 170 manifestos and collected 310 pesos (about \$30).

Another comrade was very pleased that we came to talk and listen, to show that there’s hope of a better world. He commented that every time he goes into the street he sees so much injustice that when he comes back home he shuts himself up inside his home and cries with shame that his wife and children will see this. He promised to read, write for, and organize around *Red Flag*.

We all pledged to read and analyze our manifesto and distribute our newspaper. We emphasized that it was very important to meet consistently and we’ll do so every two weeks. In the next meeting, a comrade will talk about how religion is a mortal trap for our class, and we’ll analyze our literature as a group. We ended the meeting with a delicious dinner and with the joy of continuing on the revolutionary road of ICWP.

Workers around the world, from Greece, to Israel, from Romania to Honduras, from France to Canada, are in motion against the crisis of a capitalist system which can never provide a decent live for the working class.

