

“IF WE CAN’T HIDE, THEN WE HAVE TO FIGHT.”

This was the answer of an Asian worker in a discussion about the imminence of a Third World War. He had said that he would build a cave to protect his family. When someone told him that the bosses had built a bomb that weighs 30,000 pounds to destroy any hiding place, he said, “If we can’t hide, then we have to fight.”

Then a black worker commented, “We workers are the ones who pay for these bombs and later we’ll be the ones to pay with our lives. We have to change the scenario to one in which, yes, we fight, but for a new society under the control of the working class, a communist society.”

“Yes, I believe that we must, but many people don’t know about that,” said a woman worker.

“You’re very right,” said an organizer of ICWP. “We need to spread the ideas, to reach more people through our newspaper. We should pledge to distribute *Red Flag* .”

Another woman asked to speak and said, “It’s

really terrible that they spend millions on bombs, but it’s always been like that.”

“That doesn’t mean that it has to continue like that,” intervened another *Red Flag* distributor. “We can change history.”

“Maybe, this group and a few others who join us, but the majority won’t join,” the woman came back saying.

“Listen, sister,” commented someone else, “during difficult and hard times, when the people confront not only hunger but also death, their ideologies change when there’s an organization of workers, soldiers, etc sufficiently bold and convinced of the final victory.”

“Good,” concluded the friend, “We have to start somewhere.”

“And you, what do you think?” someone asked J.

He said, “I’m sure that there will be a war. The USA has many enemies outside and inside the

country because, while they spend money on weapons, we lose benefits and money every year. It will be horrible.”

“But even though it will horrible, we can change the rules, as *Red Flag* says. The soldiers can pass over to our side. And we know how to use weapons.”

“About the soldiers, I’m not so sure,” commented J. “Because the other day I was talking with a soldier who came back from Iraq and he thinks the US is invincible. We had a very heated discussion. I’m not sure whether that soldier can be won.”

“Is he still your friend?”

“Yes.”

“Then you have to be patient and consistent and with time he can understand your ideas.”

Of the workers who participated in this discussion, ten have tickets for the second anniversary dinner of ICWP and *Red Flag* .