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## MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM

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## INDIA: FIGHT NATIONALISM AND FASCISM BY MOBILIZING FOR COMMUNISM

*Students in India are running with the ideas in **Red Flag**. The call of mobilizing the masses for communism to smash exploitation, racism and the caste system is what inspired a **Red Flag** reader to mobilize over 100 students to discuss communism. The student promised to build a huge chapter of ICWP by intensifying ideological struggle and taking the ideas to the industrial working class.*

INDIA, Feb. 16—Tens of thousands of students at eighteen major universities in India are holding demonstrations. At Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in New Delhi, the students were joined by a large number of professors. As we have reported in **Red Flag**, the student demonstrations started in Hyderabad where a Dalit (formerly called “untouchables”) student facing severe racism committed suicide. This student was accused by the ruling BJP of carrying out “anti-national” activities because he organized a protest against the racist treatment of Muslim workers and students by the fascist BJP government.

Today’s huge demonstrations are taking place because the student president of JNU was again accused of being “anti-national” by the student wing of the BJP. The Delhi police, in an unprecedented move, entered the JNU campus and arrested the student president Kumar and seven others charging them under the colonial era law of “sedition” – being anti-national.

Since coming to power the BJP has systematically started major purges in Universities to install administrations that support pro-Hindu fascist ideology against Dalit and Muslim workers and students. Muslims are considered anti-nationals, supporting Pakistan. The BJP use the Hindu religion of the Dalits themselves to divide them from Muslim workers.

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## COMMUNIST CONSCIOUSNESS MUST UNITE THE WORKING CLASS

LOS ANGELES, CA—“I’m glad I was fired. Being in that factory was unbearable. The harassment on the job had become a hell for me. Being outside I feel liberated from this stress,” said an ex-worker from New Fashion, a garment factory.

This worker told, with a lot of anger at the bosses and supervisors and sometimes sobbing, how she worked there for more than twenty years. She said that in every recent year there have been waves of layoffs, supposedly to get rid of those who produce less and the “problem workers.”

But one of the things that most affected this worker was that many of the same workers isolated her. Some supported the supervisors in their personal and work-related attacks. The nature of capitalist exploitation and the pressure to pay rent, food and other expenses, frequently make workers themselves turn on each other for miserable

wages.

Because of competition among bosses in their system of commodity production and wage slavery, factories become battlefields. Workers become soldiers who are pushed to produce more to defeat other bosses.

The lack of communist consciousness makes us easy prey to capitalist ideology. It leads us to believe that, individually or by allying with the bosses, we can survive the exploitation. But we must see that we workers, united, are an unstoppable force. There are many examples of garment factories where workers have united and faced the bosses’ attacks more effectively.

Another worker in this factory commented, “Recently the bosses gathered the ‘best’ workers and told us that there would be a lot of work; that we have to get out a lot of production. But that they had to get rid of the “bad” workers who do not

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**DON'T VOTE! MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM!**

"Are you guys for Sanders?" asked an MTA bus operator of a *Red Flag* distributor.

"No. Some of his supporters want things that we want, but they won't get them by supporting him. We don't support any politician. We need a different system."

"I agree," he said thoughtfully.

Facing deepening economic crisis, masses of workers and youth everywhere are angry at capitalism. They are looking for radical alternatives. Many are attracted to the socialist electoral alternative of Sanders in the US, Podemos in Spain, Malema in South Africa, etc. Neither socialism nor elections, however, are the solution. Communism, with production only for need is the only solution.

Many want change. The idea of "socialism" interests them. They hate capitalist inequality. But, socialism is capitalism in a different wrapping. It keeps money, the wage system and production for the market. It will not end capitalism's need for racism or the competition that leads to wars.

The change these candidates promise ranges from the open racism and fascism of Trump in the US or Le Pen in France to the vague socialism of Bernie Sanders or Malema in South Africa. Their "Change" will leave intact capitalism's exploitation, racism and wage slavery. Elections even with "socialists" like Sanders are no threat to capitalism.

Elections are capitalism's lifesavers. They allow the capitalists to work out their differences without having to resort to civil war. Most importantly they cover the brutal, violent nature of the capitalist class dictatorship over the working class (see page 13). The rulers want us to think that voting gives us a "say" in administering their system and that we can reform it to meet our needs.

However, this is impossible. Let's not be fooled by the smoke and mirrors of the bosses' electoral deception. It will take armed revolutionary violence to take power from the hand full of capitalists who own the means of production in every country. This and building communism will require an ICWP and Red Army of millions of industrial workers, soldiers and youth.

**Sanders says, "Tax the Rich." We say "Ax the rich. Abolish money and classes."**

Capitalist inequality is built into its wage slavery – to survive we must sell our labor power to the capitalists for a wage. They are the masters; we are the slaves. Taxing the rich can never end this inequality nor the anti-communism, racism, sexism and other anti-working class ideologies it thrives on.

The dominant wing of US rulers needs to force some US capitalists to contribute more to prepare for war against rising China, Russia and Iran. During World War II, the wealthy paid 92% of their income in taxes to support the war effort. Today the wealthy only pay between 17% and 22% of their income in taxes.

For workers they have cut backs and higher taxes. "Tax the rich" is also to fool us into believing that we are "all in this together" to win us to sacrifice blood and treasure to defend their empire.

The single-payer healthcare system is another of Sanders' proposals to win us to passively accept their growing attacks on our class and fight and die for their profits. It exists in many European countries and sounds "fairer" but would still be minimal, rationed racist care.

Capitalism cannot provide us the healthcare and healthy productive lives we need. US capitalists want to win our loyalty pretending they care for the 50 million people without healthcare here. But, we can win many to see that only communism can provide the healthcare we need.

**The vital mass mobilization for communism stands in sharp contrast to the bosses' election charade**

In communism, with no bosses or banks, masses of workers will collectively run the world. Our main task will be to produce more communists by deepening and expanding our communist production and social relations. We will discuss, plan, produce and distribute the fruits of our labor according to need while treating each other with respect, dignity, appreciation and love.

We do not and will not choose communist leaders through periodic elections. Fighting for and building communism will require millions of communist leaders. These will voluntarily and energetically surge from those activists most committed to the working class. They will do and encourage others to do what needs to be done to build a mass ICWP which mobilizes the masses for communism now, during and after revolution.

We must constantly add more comrades to leadership collectives to develop more communist leaders and collectives that will continuously do the same. Our goal is to make everyone a communist leader. This will guarantee communism's



Occupy Long Beach, California, 2011

Like Hillary Clinton, Sanders supported Bill Clinton's bombing in Kosovo in 1999, which killed hundreds and displaced hundreds of thousands. He voted for authorizing funds for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and for a \$1 billion aid package for the coup government in the Ukraine. He supported Israel's assault on Gaza.

Sanders voted for the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act (1994) and the Omnibus Crime Bill of 1994, a hallmark of Bill Clinton's "tough on crime" agenda. It called for expanding the application of the death penalty on many more crimes, including large-scale drug trafficking. It also included a federal version of the "three strikes law," requiring a mandatory life sentence for anyone convicted of a third "serious" crime.

Now both Sanders and Clinton say they are against such mass racist incarceration because the rulers need to win workers and youths' loyalty for war. They need to build a bigger, patriotic military.

Communism will eliminate police and jails. Eliminating money, we will eliminate the material basis for crime. Communism will eliminate competition and wars for profit. The masses will mobilize to deal with anti-social behavior collectively.

triumph worldwide and make it irreversible.

ICWP invites all workers, soldiers and youth who want a world without capitalist inequality and greed to join us to mobilize for a communist world where the communist masses determine our future and guarantee our needs collectively.

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## BOEING LAYS OFF, COMMUNIST PRODUCTION PROVIDES ANSWERS

SEATTLE, WA--In a company-wide webcast, commercial airplane head Ray Conner announced Boeing would begin to lay us off. It's been the topic of discussion everywhere on the shop floor and at union meetings.

"The question is whether this is a God-given cycle like the bosses' economists say or whether communism can eliminate these attacks," asked a comrade in one of the many discussions the Party participated in.

"Yeah, you're right!" said a *Red Flag* distributor, waving his finger to emphasize the point.

Factories organized under communist principles will never lay off. If we decide we need less of something, we'll shift production without worrying about profits.

Capitalist "efficiency" demands cutbacks. Communism's great strength lies in mobilizing masses to solve society's problems.

"The company is in big trouble," commented another friend. Conner "forgot" to mention that the US government Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is investigating Boeing for cooking the books.

"The crime of cooking the books pales before the crime of having them," added our comrade.

"If those books drive company policy, we always get the shaft," added another veteran employee to younger workers gathered around.

Communist factories will be driven by the needs of our class. No financial ledgers, only real products produced for real needs!

The bosses' media tells us the SEC will ride to the rescue. In fact, the SEC is part of the problem, not the solution. The problem is that finance dictates what can and can not be produced.

Under communism, we won't have regulatory agencies like the SEC. There will be no financial

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In an ideology that the BJP learned from Nazi Germany, they are writing history books that glorify the ancient Hindu religion. These books are required reading in all schools.

The student demonstrations are giving us an opportunity to advance the line of communist revolution by uniting workers and students around the world. At the same time, we face danger. These demonstrations are led by thousands of angry students, angry at the blatant murders and fascism of BJP. However, the leadership is in the hands of various political forces like CPM, CPI, Congress, AAP. They want to channel the anger of workers and students into "true" nationalism that would include Hindus, Muslims, Dalits and others.

In reality, there is no difference between the BJP and other political parties that are trying to counter the BJP brand of fascism. They all want Indian workers and students to be won to patriotism. Since coming to power, the BJP has accelerated the purchase of advanced weapons from Russia, US, France and Israel. They make a case for a patriotic "Made in India" policy to produce weapons in India. Boeing, Lockheed, Rafale of France, Sukhoi of Russia and many others are partnering with Indian multinationals like Reliance and Tata to produce state-of-the-art weapons.

The Indian rulers are preparing for a major world war as the worldwide crisis of overproduction intensifies. There are about 600 million Indians earning less than dollar a day. Most of them are Dalits and Muslims in rural areas. Due to racist attacks on this population, the cities are flooded with millions of workers looking for em-

superstructure to regulate. Instead, the party will mobilize masses of workers to guarantee that our society produces what we need when we need it.

### Communism Unleashes Our Potential, Builds Anti-Racist Unity

Conner started his dog-and-pony show by celebrating 100 years of aerospace innovation. To continue to innovate, the company needed to (you guessed it!) lay us off to get more cash.

The cliché that capitalist competition spurs innovation is garbage. The first thing Boeing decided to do was to shut down the composite manufacturing centers. These areas develop new composite manufacturing processes. The cost won't allow the bosses to innovate anymore.

"Actually," another joked, "They've been quite innovative with the books. That's the kind of innovation they're talking about!"

Communism will build collectivity. Collectivity will consistently spur innovation by unleashing the creative potential of the working class. If it's good for the masses, we'll find a way to do it.

"The company had great success with the "partnering for success" initiative," Conner bragged. Boeing drove subcontractors to create "efficiencies." Now it's the heritage plants' turn (read: layoffs in Boeing's own factories).

"Partnering for success" is a racist program that intensifies super-exploitation. Larger percentages of black and latino/a employees work in subcontractors. They often pay little more than minimum wage. Working conditions are shockingly unsafe. And like all racist attacks, it has ended up hurting all workers.

ployment for extremely low wages and no benefits. There are already 150 million industrial workers in the cities who are considered "migrants" working in horrific conditions. Almost all of them are Dalits and Muslims.

International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) is building a communist movement to end horrific racism and exploitation once and for all. Communist society will be organized to meet the needs of the working class. This will be achieved by mobilizing millions of workers for communism and against the pro-capitalist ideologies of racism, religion, nationalism and sexism. Centuries-old segregation based on caste, race, and religion will be eliminated as the system of profit which created it will end.

Education and learning will be a lifelong activity integrated with work. A new system of communist education will emerge as hundreds of millions of super exploited workers will take leadership in building communist society. Communist culture, art, literature will combat selfish capitalist ideas and replace them with building a new culture of egalitarian communist society.

Building this society is not a task of a few individuals. It is not an easy task as we face a blood-thirsty enemy with a viciously racist and selfish culture and ideology. The bosses' dogfight for profit will inevitably lead to world war and

Under communism, it won't matter where you work. There will be no need to divide subcontractor workers from those in heritage plants; black and latino/a from white. No super-exploitation because we'll eliminate the exploitative wage system. Everyone will be provided what they need. In return, we will ask all to contribute, both physically and mentally.

Indeed, we will no longer have companies. Work will be done collectively wherever we deem necessary. Company will not compete with company. Worker will not compete with worker. No legal or illegal; no foreign or domestic. More workers will only mean more helping hands, not competition.

### Concrete Communist Answers

These discussions showed that many workers aren't fooled by the bosses' lies, particularly when we share experiences. Illusions about capitalism don't hold most back from joining the party; it is hesitancy about communism.

Our *Red Flag* seller is right. The party's main job is to show how communism will eliminate attacks like these and how it will succeed. More will join us when we do.

Many workers have good bullshit meters. They want real solutions to concrete problems. Communist production and organization give us an opportunity to provide those answers. Immediately we have to circulate this article in *Red Flag* far and wide to develop the fight for these ideas.



India – Sixty thousand sanitation workers in East and North Delhi went on strike for 16 days in 2015 over wage and benefit demands. In communism lots of us will help dispose of garbage and nobody will have to do it all day, every day. And there won't be wages to argue over: we'll all receive the goods and services we need.

the intensification of racism. This desperation of the bosses reflects their inability to control the masses. As they resort to open fascism and war, it also opens the opportunity for workers, students and soldiers to build for communist revolution.

Fighting for communism is the only goal worth fighting for. It means that readers and distributors of *Red Flag* should join ICWP today. Joining ICWP is a commitment to struggle for communist ideas among the masses. It means being in a collective of the party and also contributing financially according to ability. At various universities in India we are distributing ICWP's pamphlet, *Communist Education for Classless Society*

(<http://icwpredflag.org/EDU/EdPamE.pdf>) and *Mobilize the Masses for Communism* (<http://icwpredflag.org/MMC/MMCE.pdf>) pamphlets along with *Red Flag*.



## MTA WORKERS REPUDIATE RACIST ATTACKS AND EMBRACE COMMUNIST IDEAS

LOS ANGELES — “This is unacceptable and I am so angry that I might not be able to sleep. I myself have been the victim of racist attacks,” said a black worker when he found out about the recent attack on a Sikh driver by a racist or politically alienated person.

The response of many mechanics, maintenance workers and drivers was anger against the attacker and a lot of solidarity with our class brother.

A black woman mechanic said, “I always give a friendly greetig to driver in my division who also wears a turban. I want to make him feel that he is not alone.”

A latino worker said, “I would have liked to have been there at that moment to be able to defend him. It makes me angry to hear about these attacks and that the people around stay quiet.”

Another latino worker said, “These attacks are the product of the unbridled hate campaigns let loose by the bosses. They learned from the Romans to ‘divide and conquer.’”

We have to do more political work. Many workers are victims of all the capitalist lies. Due to fear, illusions or not knowing communist ideas, sometimes they fall into spreading the poison that has been injected into them. This poison will later attack them also.

Another mechanic said, “I think that it is good for us to fight against these attacks. But the best answer is to accelerate the process of recruitment of more workers to ICWP. The capitalist system is rotten. Racism,

nationalism, opportunism, prostitution, unemployment, drugs, and crime are all products of capitalism.”

A party member said, “We should put out a call to action, from members and **Red Flag** readers of MTA, inviting other workers to oppose these attacks and join the ranks of our revolutionary communist army.”

We need a real change.

We need to prepare to struggle and destroy this calamity of a system and with our own hands build the new communist society. It is possible and achievable if we unite our forces and abilities! We can go forward to a communist society, under the new political line of ICWP and **Red Flag**, the communist newspaper of the working class.

The call for action at the right was circulated among MTA workers and received support from many. Several workers at different divisions said, “Thank you for doing this.” Three black workers at one division were furious when they heard about the attack. One said that he too had been the victim of a racist attack by a passenger. Another said that a Sikh driver from another division was attacked after 9-11.



We workers at MTA condemn the racist attack on our co-worker for 17 years and class brother, Balwinder Jit Singh. He was attacked on Nov. 6, 2015 by a racist who called him a “terrorist, a “Suicide bomber,” and accused him of hijacking the bus he was driving.

Although our brother is a Sikh – an Indian religion – he was attacked for “being” a Muslim because he wears a turban. Thus, he is another victim of the racist hysteria the US rulers are instigating against Syrian refugees and Muslims workers in general.

We view this racist attack as an attack on all MTA workers, and all workers here and everywhere. This virulent racism and all forms of racism, sexism and anti-working class phobia cannot be tolerated.

These poisonous capitalist ideologies are lethal to our class. They were created by the rulers to weaken and divide us to prevent us from uniting to make the communist revolution we need to end them and their system forever.

However, to organize that revolution, two things are indispensable: a Party to lead it, and millions of workers, soldiers, and youth to support it and fight for it.

The tools to win these masses on our side are **Red Flag** and mass political actions. Thus, the mass distribution of **Red Flag** and political actions like strikes against racist capitalism are crucial.

The best way to respond to this and all racist attacks is to organize the communist revolutionary movement we need. We therefore call on all MTA workers to read and distribute **Red Flag**. We encourage you to write for it and contribute to it economically with whatever you can.

We also urge you to join ICWP and recruit to it your coworkers, friends and family to whom you distribute **Red Flag**.

With more **Red Flag** readers and more ICWP members at MTA we will be able to respond to this racist attack and all of capitalism’s attacks with political actions from meetings to discuss our response, to acts of solidarity to strikes that point to communism as the only solution. This will inspire masses of workers, soldiers and youth to join the fight for communism.

Communism is our future and that of humanity. Without money, wage slavery and capitalism’s poisonous ideologies we will build a world based on cooperation, collectivity and comradeship – a world based on human needs, not money. Join us!

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help the factory.”

The bosses use personal competition and piecework (by the piece or by work group) to divide the workers. They create an environment in which to survive we must eliminate the other. This is the basis of capitalism: competition to the death between the bosses for maximum profit. And it’s the basis of exploitation in the factories. This ideology is transmitted to the workers through capitalist education.

#### Collective Communist Consciousness

Hundreds of garment workers, women and men, receive **Red Flag**. They must help to build communist consciousness by discussing communist ideas and practices and distributing the newspaper. They need to organize in the centers of production and reject the capitalist ideas that divide us. An attack on any worker is an attack on our whole class. The future of our class is to build a communist society.

In communist production centers, there won’t be speed-up for the production of commodities and the bosses’ profits. There will not be harassment, or lackeys using the whip to get out more production.

We will produce based on the needs of humanity. In cases of emergency and natural disasters

the workers in other areas will have to produce faster or for a longer time to help their class brothers and sisters. In these centers there will be mass discussions about production and social behavior to improve the relations among the workers. Obviously there won’t be layoffs, nor will the threat exist that some will eat and some will die of hunger.

The new communist production relations will make us feel and be humans, because they will benefit our whole class, who in turn will all be producing other aspects that will help our own lives.

Only communist consciousness can fight and defeat capitalism and its harmful ideologies like individualism, nationalism, racism and sexism.

This consciousness will build strength and courage among the working class to make a revolution, take power and build a new world without exploitation or divisions.

Communist consciousness defines the bosses as one class and the women and men workers as a different class. But the bosses don’t want us to see ourselves as class brothers and sisters. They use a thousand and one tricks to divide us. Our liberation is in uniting as one single force. We must create the confidence that we can build a communist society in which we will produce for the wellbeing of our class and not for the bosses’ class.

Communist consciousness teaches us to respect ourselves and to see ourselves as class brothers and sisters, and not as enemies. We should develop a sharp struggle to change these relations among workers, starting today. Unfortunately the old communist movement and its socialism failed to change these conditions. To win our struggle for a communist world, we must win these workers in these factories and soldiers to become communist leaders. Join our struggle for a communist world.





## A CLASSLESS WORLD – WORLDWIDE COMMUNISM – WILL ELIMINATE ALL WEAPONS!

With all the carnage in the world, many people are clamoring for gun control and nuclear disarmament. Many aspire for a world without weapons of any kind – where human life will be cherished as society’s most valuable asset. Is such a world possible?

Yes! Communism and only communism can and will build it because weapons and their use – as we know them today – are products of class society.

In pre-class communism humans had two basic needs: procuring food needed for survival, and protecting their lives from predators.

They developed many tools to satisfy these needs. These tools were seldom, if ever, used against other human beings, especially within the same social grouping.

As humans spread over the world, their hunter-gatherer societies sometimes clashed violently over territory they perceived as crucial for survival.

Thus, these tools, notably the spear and bow and arrow, had dual use. They were primarily means to procure food, and secondarily used sometimes against other human beings.

The development of agriculture and the domestication of animals changed this. Hunter-gatherer societies evolved into sedentary societies as their food supplies became more secure and stable.

This also gave humans the ability to produce a consistent surplus. This created the material basis for the division of society into classes. Now some humans, the majority, could be enslaved and the surplus produced by their labor appropriated by a tiny minority of exploiters as their private property.

This transition, however, was not peaceful. It required violence, depriving the masses of laborers of their instruments to defend themselves and creating a permanent small armed group to enforce and perpetuate this exploitation of the toiling masses.

In the transition to agriculture and stock rearing, the hunters-gatherers lost their defensive instruments because the new mode of production did not require them. Class society coined a new word for them: weapons, whose sole purpose was to enslave and slaughter human beings in the exploiters’ wars of conquest.

The instruments that helped humans survive the vagaries of nature became weapons to impose on the majority of society the demands of a tiny minority of exploiters.

However, violence was not enough. The new rulers had to win the masses to passively accept their exploitation and to see it as natural. This ideological control was provided by the development of a priest caste and organized religion.

This was the birth of the state. Through it the rulers exert their dictatorship – ideologically and violently – over the toiling masses. Its core is that permanent armed group that violently suppresses the masses to guarantee their exploitation and prevent them from rebelling.

In ancient slavery and feudalism, the armed groups’ officers were composed of the slave masters and the nobility. Only they had weapons and military training on a permanent basis. They would recruit peasants as temporary foot soldiers to fight and die in their wars.

This changed under capitalism. The capitalists are the smallest ruling class ever. Yet they have to rule over the largest, most organized, rebel-

lious working masses in history.

They can’t alone – like previous ruling classes – form the bulk of the officer corps that commands the armed forces needed to control these huge working masses, or to fight their ever-wider imperialist wars. They are forced to recruit millions of workers and youth into their military – their historical gravediggers.

What prevents our class from turning these weapons on these capitalist parasites and fighting for communism? Capitalist ideology!

We are bombarded with it from cradle to grave. The capitalists’ educational system, mass media, political parties, trade unions, community and religious organizations – all flood us with anti-communism and other poisonous capitalist ideologies. Wage slavery, the conditions of capitalist life, reinforce those ideologies and provide their material basis.

Class society required both violence and ideology. Its destruction will also require both armed struggle and ideological struggle. A massive international ICWP must mobilize the masses for communism, including the organization of a Red Army of millions of industrial workers and soldiers.

When communism has triumphed worldwide and capitalist ideology has been uprooted from the masses, there will no longer be a state to impose the dictatorship of a class. There will be no classes – no rulers with weapons to exploit and terrorize the masses of workers. There won’t be weapons of any kind. They were developed by class society and will end with it.

### SAILORS SHOULD PATROL AGAINST CAPITALISM, NOT THE SPRATLYS

Chinese and US imperialists are playing on the edge of conflict near the Spratly Islands. China is building small islands by piling up sand on reefs in the Spratly Island region, islands which are claimed by a number of other Southeast Asian countries. China is constructing airstrips and seaports on these islands to take control of the region by possibly declaring it an air defense identification zone (*South China Morning Post*, June 7, 2014). The Spratlys are a crucial location for maritime trade and a valuable economic zone for natural resources.

The US Navy has been deliberately antagonizing the Chinese by not respecting the 12-mile buffer zone and bringing its warships within the zone (*NY Times* Oct. 26, 2015). The US justifies its actions by claiming that the region is in international waters, which allows them to patrol the area.

Another sailor who is a friend of mine was deployed on one of the warships that was supposed to hover around the 12-mile buffer zone off the Spratlys. For weeks the only objective was to patrol the South China Sea, which meant to pester the Chinese and project US naval power by lurking in the area.

The Chinese warships in return shadowed US ships constantly. At one point they were being shadowed by a Chinese warship and another US ship arrived and shadowed the Chinese ship. It wasn’t long until another Chinese warship was shadowing the new US ship. So a US ship was trailed by a Chinese ship that was trailed by another US ship that, in turn, again trailed by another Chinese ship. It was an uneasy situation.

Between US and Chinese warships there were short, tense and awkward conversations, where

nothing important was carefully said. The US sailors would ask them about the weather and they would respond. The Chinese sailors would ask the US sailors how long they planned on being in the area and they would say they were just patrolling.

Most of the sailors had good reasons to not want to patrol the South China Sea. For one, they didn’t want to deploy away from their families and put themselves into harm’s way just to start trouble in the Spratlys. They were aware that patrolling the Spratlys was a potentially volatile situation, where a wrong move could lead to serious problems. The general feeling was to head back to port and avoid needless trouble and danger.

Recently China has started playing a similar game with the US. For the first time, China began patrolling international waters off the Alaskan coast, coincidentally or not, during an unusual three-day visit from President Obama (*NY Times*, Sept. 2, 2015).

Sailors realize that going out looking for trouble in the Spratlys has nothing to do with keeping their friends and families safe. This isn’t our fight; this is the fight between the two most powerful capitalist powers, and workers, as always, will be used to fight it. This is the politics of imperialism, not of working-class sailors and their families.

Sailors are willing to fight for the real things that matter — our families and friends and real freedom. This is not capitalist “human rights” that don’t prevent capitalism from beating us down in the ever-recurring economic crises, or phony freedom through voting republican or democrat. We aren’t going to put our lives on the

line so some admiral in Norfolk can use us to start a fight with the People’s Liberation Army Navy.

Capitalism’s history has shown that it inevitably leads to wars. These wars destroy massive amounts of society, environment and people. The decision of every sailor is summed up in an earlier *Red Flag* article (Vol. 6 #20) on the Spratlys: “Will the working class die to perpetuate the power of our masters? Or will we fight for communism?” Our fight needs to be directed against the system that corners us into fights that aren’t worth fighting. The real fight is against capitalism and for communism. In this important fight sailors and soldiers are essential for our success.

*“We know that to achieve a communist society we must organize a mass international Party. It is crucial to organize soldiers, sailors, marines and air force men and women into a Red Army made up of working-class men and women who deeply grasp the meaning and need of communism.*

*In a revolutionary situation, the bosses will call out the military to try to crush any uprising. Soldiers will either obey orders to attack their class brothers and sisters, or join with workers and students in an insurrection and turn their guns on the bosses.”*

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## CRITICISM AND SUGGESTIONS

**Red Youth Recruits New Members**

*This young student F.A. from Chicago is a friend of a high school student from Houston who recently joined ICWP.*

*He started reading Red Flag online and then he requested printed literature. He then said, "I have made up my mind, I want to join ICWP. I do want to change the world around me with communism as I personally think it's a better form of government than fascism and capitalism."*

*Since F.A. was new and there were no other members, he sent this letter to us:*

Fellow comrades of the International Communist Workers Party (ICWP), I'm in need of assistance, a "small favor" as you will. Before I explain my issue, I'd like to give some background on that situation. I'm a 15 year old that has been Communist for over a year now and I'm in the Chicago area. Now this is where I delve into my issue: My issue is that, as you may have known I've joined the ICWP on February 3rd, 2016 and I've wanted to see if there were meetings in my area. Sadly, there aren't (mostly because we have mostly undecided people near me who don't realize the struggle of the proletariat) and because of that, I won't be able to start a Chicago division of the ICWP and we can't spread the idea of a proletarian revolution. This is where you come into the mix: I'll just need to spread the idea through pamphlet and recruiting people to the party. I need help and advice from others on how to recruit members to ICWP.

*A week later F.A. wrote:*

Dear fellow comrades, I am of course, a new member of the International Communist Workers Party and a passionate follower of Marx's teachings. I've learned however, that we don't have a division of ICWP in Chicago. So, I planned to create it and recruit the way one member taught me: by spreading the ideals of the party through **Red Flag** and teaching the ideals of the party through word of mouth as well. So, after receiving some literature from a comrade with good connections, I've decided to distribute it to the school I go to. After receiving it, they've read it and liked the teachings and were interested in joining. I've recruited about 3 people to the party, which isn't much, but it's a start. Soon, we can make the party big enough as to where we can overthrow our capitalist oppressors and create a true communist society with the ICWP.

--Enthusiastic Young Comrade

**Comments About the Military Pamphlet by a Soldier in Mexico**

In a previous edition of the **Red Flag**, it was mentioned about having some discussions and giving the paper and the military pamphlet to some soldiers in Mexico. This is the response of one of them who has been reading the military pamphlet:

*I have read the document in parts and it is a very interesting topic, given the situations that people are living through in this country, and with the government wanting to make a war that it will not win.*

*The wars between the drug dealers and the military will not have an end until the government takes on its proper role and better serves its country which had hopes in it and stops living the life of luxury.*

*In the country, people like free Mexican brothers and sisters shouldn't suffer because of a war that the same government carries out to cover up its corruption. That's it for now. Let me*

*read more and I will keep commenting.*

Obviously the reader soldier has strong nationalist views and believes in reforms. However, it has been a great advance that now he has read or is reading the military pamphlet and has written the previous comments. In previous discussions, his anger at the capitalist system was noted and his shock at the death of his fellow soldiers in the fight against drug trafficking in Mexico. However, we need to have more political discussions with him to clarify his ideas and to be able to advance his political consciousness and identify who are our main enemies, the capitalist bosses, and what is our proposal to liberate our class from this system of oppression and death, that is, our direct struggle for Communist Revolution.

Soldiers and workers of the world, let's unite for Communist Revolution.

--Young Comrade from Mexico

**College Student Gets Behind ICWP**

I loved the **Red Flag** you shared with me! How do I join? I can get behind that! I'll ask if anyone would be interested in reading **Red Flag** in the Socialist Collective, the major radical organization on campus that I am a member of. Red salute to you! Please send me 20 RF, should be good for the moment, and I will donate to you guys ASAP.

There is a very large Arab student body here. And I will call you when I am free. I am determined to do all I can with my comrades to mobilize people against capitalist imperialism and for communism.

--College Student in Ohio

**I Want to Join ICWP**

I like them (issues of **Red Flag**) very much. I'm reading them now. Excellent. Keep up the good work! I want to join. I want to discuss and distribute **Red Flag** to my neighbors. I will do that! We must grow and destroy capitalism! I'm unemployed. I live in Mississippi, USA. I'm really poor now but I've got food stamps. I'm 53 years old, but I'm happy to know the cause will live on after me. I worked as a janitor all my life. Most of my life I lived in Mississippi, West Virginia, New Jersey. I visited the Soviet Union when I was young.

--Worker in Mississippi

**"Not Feeling the Bern"**

Those of us who have endured many election cycles in the United States are not "feeling the Bern." We are not being hoodwinked by Senator Bernie Sanders in his efforts to become the Democratic Party's presidential nominee with liberal calls for what he claims is socialism and revolution. We have seen "bait and switch" candidates like Sanders before, and we can spot them when they reappear with the same, reworked message.

When we look at Senator Sanders, we see many previous left-liberal candidates who appeared to challenge US militarism or inequality. The most recent one is Barack Obama, but before him was John Edwards, Howard Dean, George McGovern, Robert Kennedy, and Eugene McCarthy. They all stood on the left edge of the Democratic Party. But, their main achievement was to resurrect a belief in electoral politics by claiming they could create a less militaristic or less unequal version of capitalism through the Democratic Party.

Bernie Sanders is not fundamentally different, even though he calls himself a democratic

socialist who wants a political revolution. These words might appeal to disaffected people in their 20s and 30s who grew up after the Cold War. But, despite these slogans, Sanders has no problem with capitalism and a giant Pentagon budget, just the extreme inequality it has produced, as well as the losing wars his party supported.

For him, the solution is less inequality in an inherently unequal system. As for US militarism and imperialism, he is mum. He doesn't even call for slashing the military budget to pay for universal health care and free higher education. Instead, he wants more taxes on the super-rich, what the Occupy movement called the 1 percent.

So, if Hillary Clinton is the nominee, which is likely, Sanders has already announced he will support her. Presumably he will make that message clear to his supporters, arguing that she is a lesser evil. When this happens, what he purports to be socialism and revolution will easily morph into support for the banksters and militarists who can't wait for her to become President.

--Experienced comrade

**Self-Criticism from Los Angeles Party Leaders**

The city committee held a criticism and self-criticism session of the last planning meeting for the May Day March. We had discussed and planned an opening speech, a presentation of the video from South Africa, communist songs and three discussion groups about reading MMC and preparations for the march.

A day before the meeting the news came that there would be no songs. The day of the meeting after the opening speech it was suggested by a veteran comrade to not divide the audience into three groups of mixed young people and workers but rather have two groups; one of workers and other young people.

In addition, another veteran comrade suggested giving the opportunity to a new comrade to present a short speech. However, the new comrade talked about points that did not reflect our Party line. He mentioned that it was necessary to accumulate food and start weapons training and protect our families, for example.

However this comrade is very committed to the party and helped a lot in matters of organizing the meeting. It would have been better that collectively we had planned his speech.

Our line, encapsulated in MMC, is to mobilize the industrial workers and soldiers in the capitalist armies, in particular and in general, the working masses to communist ideas and thus set the material basis for the victory of communist revolution. Although the planning meeting itself was helpful, the city committee agreed that the collective had not functioned, that on the issue of discipline we had failed and, that more importantly, it was not only necessary but essential to fight against liberalism and individualism.

One of the main organizers of this meeting and committee member of the city self-critically saw himself as responsible for failing to ensure that collective plans were executed. We must not allow liberalism and individualism to tarnish and hold back our communist collective efforts. If so we cannot mobilize the masses for communism. Onward comrades.

--Los Angeles ICWP City Committee



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## CRITICISM: LAST EDITORIAL DID NOT ADVOCATE FOR COMMUNISM

The editorial in the last *Red Flag* should not have been published as it stands. Though informative, it was not a communist article. It didn't put forward communism (and our party) except as an afterthought.

The editorial starts well, reporting on the demonstrations in India against anti-Dalit racism. After three paragraphs, however, it's time to take up the title of the article and explain how communism will abolish castes and all kinds of discrimination. But the editorial takes a different turn.

We get instead seventeenth century history: the conquest of India, textile mills in Manchester, poor weavers getting their thumbs cut off. Then we get critiques of the BJP, the CPI, the CPI(M). Finally, in the third column the article refers to communism; but says nothing about what communism actually is. Only in the very last sentence does the article raise joining the ICWP.

History is important but not at the expense of advocating for communism. Perhaps a regular column on history would be a better idea (and it should feature history of communism).

Does this editorial help recruit communists to the ICWP? No. In my experience, lots of workers and even middle class people have already given up on capitalism. For many, the 2008 crisis was the last straw. What's holding them back is not, for the most part, illusions about capitalism. Instead, it's reservations about communism and the ICWP. They have a lot of questions that articles like the edi-

torial don't answer.

For a start, many don't understand what's involved in joining the ICWP. Do you have to know a lot of Marx? Do you have to be a mass leader? (No and no). The editorial is of no help.

Many are sceptical that communism really will end racism, caste discrimination, xenophobia and sexism. The editorial could have reassured them, for example by describing our plans to dissolve all forms of segregation.

Others fear that communism will degenerate into bureaucracy and end up like Russia or China. We need to explain how the abolition of money, wages, and all kinds of privilege will make this unlikely.

Finally, for some people, the main obstacle is that communism seems an unachievable dream. We need to explain over and over that that our approach is based on the lessons of a century of struggle, and that we can make the dream come true.

For these people the problem with the editorial is that it makes it look like we don't take communism seriously. It reinforces the idea that we, like every other 'left' group on the planet, are satisfied to criticize capitalism and fight for reforms.

We can't afford to make mistakes like this editorial. If we want workers to join the ICWP as communists, we have to advocate for the ICWP and communism.

--Communist Industrial Worker

## COMRADE IN INDIA: EDITORIAL HELPED SPREAD COMMUNISM

I am a student of economics at the University of Hyderabad where a Dalit student committed suicide. It was this incident that has triggered massive student demonstrations not only on my campus but across India. I have been reading *Red Flag* for the past six months. I am very active in the demonstrations. The article in *Red Flag* helped me a lot to understand why ICWP calls for communist revolution. All different political parties and student groups here are against the fascist policies of BJP. They want to reform the system by giving more opportunities to Dalit students in education, employment etc.

The article in *Red Flag* gave me an opportunity for the first time to talk about communism as the only solution among many of my friends. Students are very angry and are eager to learn, as well as open about communism. In India the communist parties are fighting for reform. We have big meetings of students regularly as the University is shut down. At the recent meetings I participated in I introduced *Red Flag* article by using social media. Many students liked it. At the same time there were others who said that the condition of the Dalits is so oppressive that fight to give them education, housing and

healthcare now is the right thing to do. They argued that although communism will eradicate the evil caste system we can make some change in the life of Dalits by putting pressure on the government.

I know that this reformist idea sounds appealing but it is dangerous. Since the independence of India, the Congress government in India has continued caste-based policies of the Colonial era, BJP is continuing the same policy. Reading the *Red Flag*, I came to know that the modern caste system is the creation of capitalism and therefore replacing it with communism is the only solution.

I have been asked by a friend many times to join ICWP. Today I declare I am a member of ICWP. Not only me, four of my friends have also decided to join ICWP as well. We have a group of friends who are avid readers of *Red Flag*. It is a matter of time that they too will do the same thing. I know students at JNU in Delhi who are also getting the *Red Flag*. We made a copy of the *Red Flag* article to send it to other universities with a link to ICWP website. I request that you write more articles on India to combat fascist BJP. They are distorting history to brainwash the masses.

--New member in India

## South Africa: Let's End the Money System

Today I was chatting with a colored couple. The guy was very very clear about politics. I loved the words he said to me. He said, "The only way to save with working class is with revolution and its heading toward a revolution because capitalism now is exploiting people more and more. We were talking about politics actually, then I explained that my party is ICWP. We fight for a communist revolution. We mobilize the masses for communism and our main goal is to end the money system because we don't need it. The capitalists depend on it. They can't do anything—we make the production happen. They create overproduction crises.

So I was talking with this guy. I think he works in a firm, as a team leader or supervisor or something. We talked about many things. He's a good guy. He was very excited about politics. I also gave *Red Flag* to him and his wife. They were very happy when we talked

about politics. He is very clear about politics and he works in a firm and knows what's going on. I keep meeting people like this. I like to meet people who actually work in a firm so I can learn from their experiences.

This couple has a son who is maybe ten or twelve years old who is a rugby player at school. He says he's a good rugby player. He goes to practice every day of the week. And apparently he was told by his coach last weekend that it was his last match because he doesn't qualify to be on the team.

Actually the last match that he and his wife went to, they watched their son playing and the coach couldn't help admitting, "Yes, your son is going to be a good rugby player, but he was taken out of the team." Guess who replaced him? He was replaced by the son of a capitalist. Apparently his father sponsors the team's T-shirts for the school. He's got money so his son's position on the rugby team was guaranteed because his father sponsors the school

rugby team with T-shirts. He's a rich person apparently.

So I found that attitude very interesting because the guy was very angry, saying that the system is wrong, and that the cause is money. Then I explained to him that we don't need money and he just agreed. He simply understood it. He said that we're getting to the point where the working class is going to revolt against the system. But they need to combine as one because the system tries to separate the working class.

Blacks sit on one side in the firm. Coloreds sit on another side in the firm, white on another. They never sit together. So there's racism. He even said we have to break that racism. The system is very clever. It separates the working class. We talked about everything, comrades. It was very nice. I gave him and his wife *Red Flag* to read at home. They are my friends.

--Comrade in South Africa

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## Against the Dalai Lama, the Nazis and the CIA

### HOW COMMUNISM MOBILIZED TIBETAN MASSES TO DESTROY FEUDALISM

A Los Angeles bus operator was talking to a comrade about the reactionary role of religion in the US presidential campaign.

He mentioned the collaboration of Rev. Norman Vincent Peale with the Nazis before World War II and his close association with Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon and Reagan afterward.

Then he suggested, "You should write about the Dalai Lama's connection to the Nazis. All the liberals think he's so great."

"Okay," the comrade responded. "But let's also write about the class struggle of the Tibetan serfs who overthrew the feudal system he led."

This article is the first in a two-part series. The second article will explain the strengths and weaknesses of the communist-led struggle for socialism and against religion in Tibet.

The 14th Dalai Lama (now 80 years old) was tutored in his youth by Heinrich Harrer, a Nazi Party member and a former SS sergeant. He has openly described his fascination with Nazis and their weaponry.

The Dalai Lama was friends with Bruno Beger, jailed for his so-called "research" on Jewish prisoners at Auschwitz. He buddied up with Miguel Serrano, head of the Chilean Nazi Party. He personally intervened for Pinochet, the Butcher of Chile, when he was about to be tried



for crimes against humanity in Spain in 1998. In 2006-2007, he publicly blessed the pro-Nazi Austrian politician Jorge Haider.

Anti-communist academics try to minimize the significance of Nazi-Tibetan Buddhist connections. But the historian George André Morin has disproved them.

Harrer joined a Nazi expedition to Tibet to research the origins of the so-called "Aryan race." The Nazis based their swastika on swastikas of Tibetan monasteries. The 13th Dalai Lama started translating Hitler's *Mein Kampf* into Tibetan.

The Nazis hoped to use Tibet to attack China and British-ruled India. Europe's fascist dictatorships and the Vatican were the only governments to recognize a Tibetan "state" in the 1930s.

**But the history of class struggle in Tibet best exposes the reactionary hypocrisy of the 14th Dalai Lama.**

Sixty years ago the Tibetan masses lived under brutal serfdom and sometimes slavery. The ruling class — manorial lords and a handful of wealthy monks — exploited them relentlessly. They tortured serfs and slaves horribly and routinely.

Even most monks — those from serf families — were often physically and sexually abused, half-starved and prevented from reading holy texts.

The god-king of this hell on earth was the Dalai Lama. He embodied the Tibetan Buddhist doctrine that told serfs they deserved their suffering because of their "karma."

In 1951 the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) forged a deal with the Dalai Lama and other "progressive" lords and high lamas. Five years later it organized these forces to sit down with serf representatives to

begin forming a new "democratic" Tibetan government that would abolish serfdom.

By then the CCP and its People's Liberation Army (PLA) had begun organizing work-teams to mobilize the Tibetan masses to destroy the old system. But they didn't mobilize them for communism. Instead they organized for "democratic reform" (abolition of serfdom).

The old feudal rulers then staged an armed uprising with CIA help. The PLA mobilized Tibetan serfs who quickly put it down. In the process the masses confronted their former masters. With their own hands they destroyed the instruments of torture. They burned the papers that had documented feudal debts and legally defined them as property. (see photo) Many poor lamas exercised their new freedom of religion by leaving the monasteries in which they had been "slaves in a monk's robe."

**"We smashed the old system with our own hands," ex-serfs said proudly, "and will build a new world with them too!"**

Meanwhile the Dalai Lama fled to India with the unsuccessful feudal rebels — and tens of millions of dollars' worth of treasure, wrested from the serfs' sweat and blood.

From 1958-1974 he personally received US\$186,000/year for the use of his government-in-exile. He repaid the favor by backing Washington's anti-communist "holy war" against China.

Today the Dalai Lama's defenders continue this tradition. Their "Free Tibet" movement serves US imperialism in its escalating rivalry with rising Chinese imperialism.

#### Further reading:

Anna Louise Strong, "When Serfs Stood up in Tibet" (1959) available at Marxists Internet Archive

Michael Parenti, "Friendly Feudalism: The Tibet Myth" (updated January 2007) [michaelparenti.org/Tibet.html](http://michaelparenti.org/Tibet.html)

## COMMUNISM WILL AVENGE MARIKANA MURDERS

SOUTH AFRICA--In August of 2012, thousands of platinum miners in the Marikana area went on a wildcat strike. The miners defied the leadership of National Union of Miners, the security of Lonmin (Owners of the mine) and South African police. In fiercely violent clashes the South African police gunned down 41 miners and seriously injured 87 others. Millions of workers around the world were inspired by the miners arming themselves to take on the entire capitalist class backed by ruthless police. To pacify the working class, the government announced a commission of inquiry to punish the guilty in the massacre.

As we predicted earlier, it was just announced that the suspended national police commissioner, Riah Piyega will soon be criminally charged for her role in the killings of the Marikana mineworkers on 16 August 2012. She will be charged together with other two provincial commissioners. They are being sacrificed to cover up and protect the real killers: the capitalist class represented by those higher up in the political hierarchy of ANC.

These trade union misleaders continue to push workers down the precipice. The state president has signed into law the new retirement fund act, which prohibits anyone who goes into retirement from getting a lump sum. These misleaders have

been found wanting. All the president of Cosatu could say was that they were wrong in backing Zuma for presidency.

These misleaders are deeply entrenched with the bourgeois nationalist ANC, which represents the interests of the bosses. When workers form alliances with the capitalists, the capitalists always win. History is littered with these betrayals which have resulted in the horrific killings of workers in countries like China in its 1925-27 aborted revolution. In Chile in 1973, Augusto Pinochet led a military coup that overthrew the coalition government of Salvador Allende which resulted in the deaths of thousands of workers.

#### All Workers Need Communism

Only a thoroughgoing communist revolution will avenge the barbaric murder of the Marikana miners and create a society based on the needs of the international working class. We will create safe working conditions, and the difficult tasks will be shared.

By ideologically fighting against racism, the barbaric dormitories where the miners live separated from their families will be a thing of the past. Since the society will be run without money and based on need, everyone will be encouraged to contribute to the society in any way they can. Nobody will be left to die a miserable death when they can no longer work.

But to achieve this communist society we have to ideologically win the industrial working class to the idea of organizing political strikes. Our strikes will be for communism and state power, not for the crumbs the bosses and their sell out unions throw at us. We are vigorously building our party in and around the industrial areas. We have identified two areas where we distribute about 400 *Red Flag* newspapers. Workers eagerly take our literature. We are training young comrades to be part of this distribution. With more resources we can easily expand our distribution to 1000 or more. We will consolidate our forces on May 1 under our banner of communist revolution worldwide.

It is encouraging to see vibrant young lions joining our party ICWP from all over the world. We are the future!!!!

