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**Communism:
We will
collectively
produce for
human need,
not for profits**

**For a world
without
borders, wage
slavery, racism,
sexism and
imperialist
wars**

EL SALVADOR: FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE CITIES ORGANIZING FOR A WORKERS' WORLD

*"This year, friend, we're going to march and write articles for **Red Flag**," a worker in a textile factory declared passionately. The worker is developing excellent communist work in his workplace along with a group of workers.*

"We youth are excited and that's why we started several months ago to plan this great May Day celebration," said a young comrade enthusiastically.

*"The young farmworkers and others less young—as the comrades always say—are willing to go to the capital to march for the workers and to distribute our newspaper **Red Flag**," announced an excited comrade from the fields.*

As the International Communist Workers' Party, we salute May Day 2013, this immense international workers' day, an unforgettable day for the worldwide working class here in El Salvador and around the world. Farmworkers, students, housewives, unemployed, we see ourselves represented and we say "present" from the four corners of

the country. Every time we celebrate this day of the working class, we put another nail in the coffin of capitalism. Every time we show ourselves to be so strong in the streets we assume a leading role for our working class.

There was a group of men and women workers looking at the news. Someone said, "Today is Earth Day, and blah blah blah." Suddenly a worker said, "Why fight only to change the climate if we can change the capitalist system for a communist one and thereby we could save the plant once and for all." This profound idea was immensely appreciated by all the others present.

For several months now, the clubs of the International Communist Workers' Party were visited throughout the whole country, from the mountains to the cities. Communist work was at its peak level. It has been a very encouraging effort, since on all sides everyone breathed an atmosphere of joy and camaraderie. The comrades have put all of their experience and spirit into

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SEATTLE MAY DAY DINNER: "YOU CAN'T STOP THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS"

SEATTLE, WA, April 19 — "You can't take May Day away from the working class!" declared a comrade at the ICWP dinner to prepare for the May Day march.

Younger comrades perked up when she told how she first came around the communist movement and her first May Day marches. As a young worker at the telephone company, she was attracted to multi-racial groups the communists had built: "Kind of like this dinner."

"I was very naïve. I thought all we had to do to make a revolution was fight racism, be militant and not make the same mistakes the old communist party did."

She and her family struggled against capitalism for years. She gradually learned that communist ideas were indispensable. "May Day is the only holiday that represents and acknowledges our struggles throughout history and throughout the world. It is especially critical that we continue to expose the reform movements. Capitalism will never be fair. It's more corrupt

than ever."

The comrade described life under communism: no borders, no money, no cops, no bosses. She asked everyone to join us and bring their families and friends on May Day to fight for communism, for a world without chains.

Overcoming Obstacles

Then the real struggle began among these two dozen or so comrades and friends, to get students to skip school and their parents to encourage this. After all, our aim is communist education for our class, not more capitalist educational competition for individual advancement.

Some teachers plan to bring students to the march.

Young workers face a particularly hard time getting off work. The capitalist crisis of overproduction has forced them into super-exploitive jobs where time off is an almost-impossible luxury. A new Boeing worker complained that he is forced to work 70-hour weeks, while the company laid off hundreds.

All vowed to make it to at least

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Our Cry This May Day:

FOR WORKERS' COMMUNIST POWER!

“The brilliant basic idea of May Day,” wrote Rosa Luxemburg in 1913, “is the independent, immediate stepping forward of the proletarian masses, who usually can give expression to their own will only through the ballot.”

This May Day 2013, we salute the workers who have stepped forward from the mines of South Africa, the factories of Egypt's Nile Delta, the fields of Honduras, the schools of Mexico, and more.

These militant fighters have broken out of the ballot box. They have rejected parties like the African National Congress and the FMLN in El Salvador that rode to power on their backs. They have unmasked those who “raised the red flag to hide the red flag.”

But breaking is not enough. We must also build.

We must build one International Communist Workers' Party to mobilize the masses for communism.

Only communism can tear down the walls that divide our international working class into the bosses' “nations.” Working people have no nation! In communist society we will travel widely and be welcomed home everywhere.

Only communism can end wage slavery, mass unemployment, hunger and homelessness. Communism will unleash the vast creative potential of the masses to plan, produce, and distribute everything we need so that nobody, anywhere, will live better or worse than others.

Only communism will unite life-long education and work to serve the masses instead of the great capitalist god of profits. All, from childhood to old age, will contribute to our common well-being and enjoy life to the fullest.

Communism will have no class distinctions. Everyone will work in industry and agriculture. Everyone will nurture the young and share the work of daily life. Everyone together will make the decisions that shape our collective future.

May Day: For Communist Revolution, Not Reform

May Day is the holiday of the masses of toilers, born in Chicago in 1886 in the struggle for the shorter workday and embraced by the first communist International in 1891. May Day reflects the profound contradiction between revolution and reform wherever the masses are in motion.

May Day has been celebrated openly in Egypt since the fall of the Mubarak regime. In 2012, reformers calling themselves “communists” and “revolutionary socialists” marched for a new trade-union law and higher wages.

Now the masses are rising up against the new government of Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood in strikes and militant rebellions, mainly of industrial workers. Close to 100 have been killed, but the protests still grow. In Mansoura last May Day, some chanted against military rule and capitalism. Their cry must become: for communist workers' power and abolition of the wage system!

In South Africa, as the ANC prepares to “honor trade unions” on May Day, its police commissioner Riah Phiyega refuses to admit that cops massacred 34 Marikana Lonmin platinum miners last August.

This March the Lonmin miners struck against the official trade unions. Hundreds of Limpopo coal miners walked. Their May Day cry must become: for communist workers' power and abolition of the wage system!

In Chicago, Los Angeles, and other US cities, Democratic Party-controlled unions and community groups march on May Day for “comprehensive immigration reform.” Leading US imperialists need this to guarantee a large, loyal, and cheap workforce as they prepare for wider wars, eventually world war.

In these May Day marches, our cry will be: smash all borders, for communist workers' power and abolition of the wage system!

Raise the Red Flag for Communism, Nothing Less

On May Day 1913, leaflets secretly written and distributed by a few hundred communist workers mobilized strikes of 250,000 in St. Petersburg, Russia. But, wrote Lenin, “much more impressive were the revolutionary street demonstrations:

“Everywhere, crowds of workers singing revolutionary songs, calling loudly for revolution and carrying red flags fought for several hours against police and security forces.”

“This year's May Day strike,” wrote Lenin, “was revolutionary in character as distinguished not only from the usual economic strikes but from demonstration strikes and from political strikes demanding constitutional reforms.”

But raising revolutionary red flags wasn't enough.

Russian communists called for a “republic.” They – like many today — thought the masses “weren't ready” for communism.

So the heroic mass struggle that seized power in Russia four short years later built “socialism.” Tragically, communists in power kept money, wages, banks, and markets: key elements of capitalist social relations. It wasn't long before they became the new capitalist class.

This May Day, grasping the lessons of that monumental tragedy, we raise the red flag to mobilize the masses for communism.

Workers, Soldiers and Youth: Communism Is in Your Hands

The 1913 St. Petersburg Party Committee consisted “entirely of workers, and we write the leaflets ourselves,” said the railway worker A. Badayev. His comrade S.V. Malyshev described how difficult it was for unschooled workers to “organize and manage a working-class newspaper.” Many became literate only when imprisoned for revolutionary activities.

Comrades, grasp the International Communist Workers' Party as your own! Write for **Red Flag!** Don't wait for instructions, don't ask for permission. Gather your friends, family, co-workers and begin to put communist ideas into practice wherever you are!

As in the past, hundreds will mobilize thousands, and thousands will become millions. As we see today, in Europe and Africa and Asia and the Americas, the masses cannot be stopped by repression or diverted forever by reform. We truly have nothing to lose but our chains. We have a communist world to win.

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U.S. Immigration Reform: More Exploitation, More War

COMMUNISM MEANS NO NATIONS AND NO BORDERS

“Our nation’s immigration system is broken. Fixing it is an economic and national security imperative.” – www.WhiteHouse.gov

This - not “humanitarianism” - is behind the US bosses’ determination to pass their Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR).

“Economic security” is the code they use to hide their need to halt their imperial decline by trying to remain economically competitive in the world’s markets.

“National security” is a euphemism that hides the US bosses’ efforts to shore up their eroding world empire by launching wider wars, and preparing for the eventual but inevitable world war with rising powers like China and Russia. Working people have no nations. Our security lies in uniting with the workers of the world to do away with exploitation and borders.

US bosses’ immediate economic needs

US bosses need to rebuild their industrial base on the cheap to produce more competitive goods, but most importantly for their future war production. For this, they must drastically lower wages, benefits and working conditions for all US workers.

The CIR will help the bosses accomplish this by forcing millions of undocumented workers to labor under conditions resembling indentured servitude. The bosses will then use this as a battering ram to force similar conditions on all US workers.

That’s why the “path to citizenship” is so long and uncertain. (See box)

US imperialists’ short term military needs

CIR includes the DREAM Act, supported by the Pentagon. Of the 2 million undocumented youth brought here before the age of 16, about 700 thousand will be eligible for a shorter path to citizenship. They must complete two years towards a bachelor’s degree or 4 years of military service (actually, the army requires 8 years).

The majority, because of financial problems, racist conditions, and cuts in public education,

will end up in the military. This will keep alive the bosses’ “all-volunteer” army until the draft is instituted for wider wars and the eventual inter-imperialist conflagration.

US bosses’ long term economic and military needs

In January 2011, the first of 78 million workers born after 1946 began retiring at the rate of 4 million a year. The 11 million undocumented workers and their 4.6 million US born children are needed to fill some of those jobs being vacated and to be care givers for the retirees.

But, the US bosses hope that, as capitalism’s worldwide economic crisis deepens and world war becomes inevitable, the younger immigrants and their children will fight patriotically to defend their profits and empire. They also hope millions of these CIR immigrants will loyally slave in their war industries to produce weapons for their insatiable war machine.

We need the life and collective creativity of communism, not the death and destruction of capitalism

Our need is for a communist world: a world where society’s primary concern is for workers’ lives and the environment needed to sustain and help us flourish to our fullest potential.

We need and we must have a world without wage slavery, borders, racism, and war. We need a world where all production is to meet human needs, not to make anyone rich.

We need a world where no one will be called “illegal” or “immigrant” because everyone will always be welcomed everywhere, as brothers and sisters, to contribute and share the product of our collective labor.

Communism won’t fall from the sky. We must mobilize the masses for it.

The racist US bosses hope to mobilize millions of immigrant workers, their children, relatives, friends and supporters to patriotically serve US imperialism’s needs. They think these workers will be forever grateful for allowing them to have drivers’ licenses, social security numbers, to travel internally and maybe abroad to visit their family, and to work and live without the threat of deportation.

However, the horrendous living and working conditions that capitalism in crisis must impose on all workers will turn these workers’ sighs of reliefs into cries of anger and hatred. Patriotism will ring hollow to those killing and dying on the bosses’ battlefields.

“Legal” immigrants and US-born workers and soldiers suffering under the same fascist conditions will have the objective need to unite with these workers

IMMIGRATION REFORM= SUPER-EXPLOITATION FOR DECADES?

Six months after the Immigration Reform Bill is approved, undocumented workers can apply to be “registered provisional immigrants.” After ten years of continuous work, these workers can apply for a green card. If they are unemployed for more than 60 days, they can be deported. The US Congress can extend the ten year period, if it determines that the southern border is not sufficiently secure.

Besides, no new green cards are supposed to be given out until the backlog of 4.6 million waiting worldwide in line is cleared. This could take decades. Mexico presently has 1.3 million approved applicants, but only 47,250 are currently admitted annually to the US. At that rate, 23 years must pass to clear that backlog.

The bosses “promise” to clear all backlogs to speed up the processing of the CIR applicants. But, even if done, it will still take several years to process these 11 million and the new applicants from the whole world.

During this time, the applicants can travel outside the country with some restrictions. After their wait has ended, before receiving their green cards, they must pay a fine and back taxes, submit to background checks, learn English and prove they are working. Three to five years after getting a green card, they can become citizens. The bosses can therefore turn the ten year-period into decades of waiting.



and soldiers - regardless of immigration status, “race” or creed.

Revolution will then grip the workers’ imagination from factories to barracks, from schools to neighborhoods. But, it won’t happen unless we mobilize the masses for communism now. That is our historic challenge and responsibility.



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preparing articles for *Red Flag*, making banners and shirts and producing all the communist literature needed for May Day.

The ideal of building ICWP in the vital and strategic areas of the factories and the army is being strengthened with the commemoration of this International Workers’ Day. On this day, thousands of men and women workers will receive the communist newspaper *Red Flag*. Thousands of pamphlets with our ideological-political line, MMC (*Mobilize the Masses for Communism*) will be distributed among the workers hungry and thirsty for good news.

We know that on this May Day, 2013, we will see faces we know of people who are always waiting for the communist news from our party.

We’ll also see other, new faces of those who we hope will receive this news through *Red Flag* and will appreciate that it is their class brothers and sisters who are developing and building the approach of a communist society.

We will bring them news of a system that benefits the workers and won’t see them die only for the capitalist bosses’ profits. We will say that we need workers to join



our International Communist Workers’ Party and develop their revolutionary potential organizing for communist revolution.

Fight to Victory: Workers to power.

From Boston to Pakistan to Texas

U.S. BOSSES ARE THE BIGGEST TERRORISTS

Imagine the horror: your child is killed by a bomb while watching a marathon in Boston; your niece is killed by a US drone attack on her wedding day in Pakistan; your aged parent is killed in his sleep by a huge explosion at the fertilizer factory next door to his nursing home in Texas.

Capitalist crisis is making the world a much more dangerous place. While the media has saturated online coverage with details about the angry sociopaths in Boston, capitalist terror is killing thousands around the world every day. The US ruling class, faced with a world they can't control and a military they can't trust, has made drones the weapon of choice, killing thousands of civilians in the process.

Capitalism's insatiable appetite for profit claims thousands of workers' lives every year in industrial murder in the US alone. That's compounded by the destruction that industrial poison brings to communities from Bhopal, India, to Fukushima, Japan.

As all of these contradictions intensify, the US ruling class, more and more aware that its empire is in trouble at home and abroad, is moving ahead with plans to use these disasters to institute fascism and preparation for war. The 1999 Hart-Rudman Report detailed these plans.

As the US ruling class tries to get itself out of the Middle East, and streamline the military to a pivot towards Asia and a strategy of confronting China, drones have become Obama's signature weapon. US drone attacks killed 176 children last year in Pakistan alone. They increase the hatred of the world's masses for US imperialism, and help make the world more dangerous.

Industrial "Accidents" are Capitalist Terror

The US ruling class's disdain for the lives of civilians in Pakistan is matched by its wanton disregard for the safety of workers and neighbors of the West, Texas fertilizer plant. This factory stockpiled ammonium nitrate, the highly explosive fertilizer used by Timothy McVeigh in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Ammonium nitrate caused the 1947 Port of Texas City explosion

where 546 people were killed in the worst industrial accident in US history.

The fertilizer plant was situated a block from two schools and a retirement home without a safety plan. The federal regulators fined the factory a measly \$5,250 for not having a safety plan, and allowed it to keep functioning. This shows how the government, while paying lip service to safety, functions to sacrifice workers and the community to capitalist profits.

While federal regulators seemingly can't clean up a fertilizer factory in Texas, they can certainly put a major American city on lockdown.

The bi-partisan Hart-Rudman Report said in 1999 that terrorist attacks on American soil were increasingly likely and would make Americans more willing to "sacrifice blood and treasure," to die for imperialism and accept fascist control of US cities. The fact that this report was followed by the 9/11 bombing, and an increasing number of "near misses" and captured bombing suspects has led some to speculate that the Boston bombing was an FBI sting operation gone bad. Whether that's true, or it was the work of individual sociopaths, it's for sure that since 9/11 the US government has learned how to take advantage of these situations to institute fascist coordination and martial law.

The response to the bombing illustrated the coordination of all levels of intelligence operations, from local to federal, and the imposition of a total curfew on Boston. The coordination of police operations with the mass media won thousands of Americans to patriotic support of a police state.

But there is a saying in Spanish that you can't cover the sun with your finger.

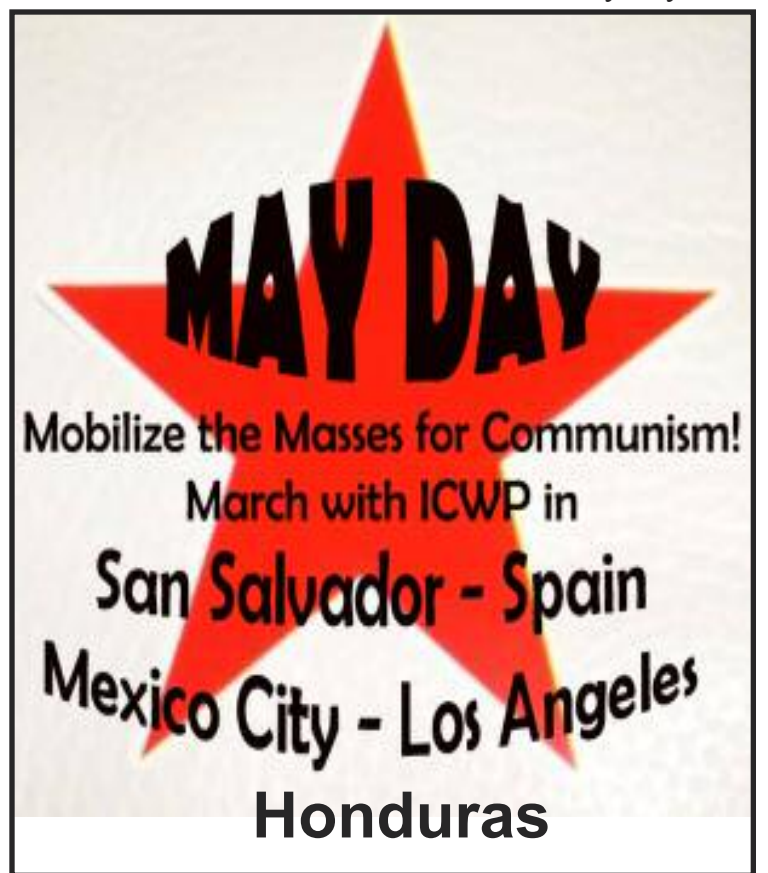
The people in Boston who chanted "USA" on Friday night woke up Monday morning facing the increased crisis of capitalism: mass unemployment, rising foreclosures and racist police terror

in Boston and every city in the US, industrial murder for profits around the world, imperialist attacks throughout the Middle East. The sharpening capitalist crisis has made the world an increasingly unsafe place for the masses of working people.

While liberals call for increased industrial regulation and debate the "rights" of the surviving Boston bomber, the ruling class is going forward with its campaigns of racist hatred of Muslims and support for a US police state, while it formalizes long-term plans for World War III.

Capitalist terror—drones, explosions and a police state—make our work of mobilizing the masses for communism more urgent than ever. We'll turn their world war into a fight for communism, a society where workers are mobilized to run society and organize production for need, not profit. In a communist society, we'll fight to make sure that the safety, health and wellbeing of all is the primary concern.

Join ICWP! March with us on May Day!



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part of our activities.

A neighbor thought she could drop out of the struggle for ten years and come back to exactly the same situation. "Here and in Mexico, we're always fighting to reform this system. Things will never change as long as there's money," she complained.

"Aha!" answered a comrade. "Then let's eliminate money and change the material basis of our lives."

The neighbor was skeptical because past revolutions kept money. We acknowledged that was a fatal mistake. Socialism kept capitalist relations, enshrined in monetary exchange. We fight directly for communism, where we'll produce for our collective needs, not for profits and sale.

Last year we overcame many obstacles like these. Four thousand people marched last May

Day. Our group distributed *Red Flag* and Mobilize the Masses for Communism to thousands among them. We saw the potential to build a new kind of communist movement.

Bosses' Media, Cops Declare War on May Day

We weren't the only ones who saw that potential. Seattle newspapers have been running front-page articles and blistering editorials demanding the cops crack down on May Day demonstrations. The TV and other media are goose-stepping right in line.

The old police chief resigned. The new chief vows he won't let the May Day "mayhem" happen on his watch. The media aren't talking about the epidemic of racist beatings and murders of Seattle workers by cops, or the false assault charges the cops had to drop last May Day after it was determined that they did the assaulting.

The cops wanted to crush May Day last year.

But they were surrounded by thousands of marchers and had to beat a hasty retreat. This year they are trying to scare people away from participating.

Reformist leaders are using this fascism as an excuse to take the revolutionary heart out of May Day. One tactic of these treacherous pro-capitalist liberals was waiting until the last minute to publicize the rally and march route.

In contrast, our dinner speaker declared:

"I wasn't sure there would be a mass May Day this year. I was ready to gather my friends together and go downtown and celebrate it anyway."

Where did this confidence come from?

Our conviction that "you can't take May Day away from the working class and you can't stop the working class from mobilizing the masses for communism."

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MTA WORKERS DISCUSS NORTH KOREA, NUCLEAR WAR, CAPITALISM AND COMMUNISM

Recently, military tensions between the United States and North Korea reached a very dangerous level, at least in appearance. This is what the press and the US government wanted to present. But what is interesting was the reaction of some workers in MTA, especially mechanics.

In my opinion, I saw that one group thinks that North Korea is a society with a crazy dictator, who is young and anxious about keeping power. Others realize that these provocations are one more link in the chain leading to World War III.

Another group that thought that this was only about making threats in order to get economic aid. However, all of us who were present agreed that the beginning of a big nuclear war can break out at any time and that without any doubt it would be a human carnage never before seen.

The concern was evident on many faces, and the questions were flying one after the other. "Who is North Korea? What is your system like? Why are there wars? Is it true that the rich in the US have tunnels to escape from war? What can we do?" And other questions.

Two members of ICWP tried to answer as best we could. That is why we decided to write this article to make things clearer.

Workers' Communist Power Will Defeat Bosses' Nuclear War

The publicity about North Korea's threats to use its nuclear arsenal against the US and South Korea was for several weeks a main news item worldwide. This media barrage has many people worried that this could lead to a nuclear war involving the US, China and other imperialist powers.

Although accidents could happen, nuclear war is not on any bosses' agenda — yet. This is more of the same game that the western imperialists, led by the US, have been playing with supposedly communist North Korea for the last two decades: the UN sanctions capitalist North Korea's nuclear weapons program, and the North Korean "Supreme Leader" throws a temper tantrum, threatening nuclear war.

Both sides end up "winning." North Korea gets some aid to stop it from imploding and the US

uses it to push anti-communism. But North Korea is a capitalist dictatorship, not a communist country. It never was one. North Korea is run by the rich who live in luxury by enslaving the workers there. Like Russia and China, the North Koreans never built an egalitarian communist society, or eliminated money, the essence of capitalism.

The working class of all three countries genuinely gave their lives for a better world. Unfortunately, the leadership didn't believe workers could be won directly to communism, so it never eliminated the old capitalist system.

US Bosses Want Japan to Re-Arm to Face China

The US bosses also use this "Korean crisis" to move their nuclear-armed planes and ships closer to China. It is a sign that in case of world war, the US will be determined to win and won't hesitate to use such weapons. They used them against Japan in 1945 during World War II, the only bosses ever to use nuclear weapons. To defend their empire, they will use them again, killing millions of workers — until we stop them.

Ironically, US imperialists are using North Korea's threats to pressure Japan to re-arm to confront China militarily. A sector of Japanese bosses seems willing to ally with the US imperialists, who murdered over 200,000 Japanese people by dropping two atom bombs in 1945. Naturally they face a huge contradiction trying to win Japanese workers to fight alongside US imperialism.

North Korea's threats prod Southeast Asia bosses closer to the US

Many countries close to North Korea, like South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, the Philippines and Australia have forged closer military ties with the US because of China and North Korea.

The US bosses know that in order to go to war against China in the future they will need their weaponry, including nuclear weapons, closer to the enemy. They need to build large military bases as close as possible. They hope these alliances will provide such bases.

It's true that China has a large military and new technology, but an all-out nuclear war right now

would interfere with China's long range plans. They want stability in the region to continue expanding their economic and military might. Therefore China pretends to support the UN sanctions against North Korea.



Workers and Soldiers of the World: Communism Will Destroy Bosses' War

To answer the bosses' anti-communist lies, we need to mobilize for real communism. No worker in any capitalist country can gain from imperialist wars. The only war that the workers of the world need is a war to exterminate the imperialists from the face of the earth once and for all.

Workers around the world have more power in determining our own future than we may realize.

We need to build a communist revolution. We need to tell soldiers that dying for the capitalist bosses is against our interests. Our future is alongside the working class in the struggle to destroy capitalism, imperialism, and its nuclear weapons. Only then will we build a communist world that meets all workers' needs.

History is on our side. We've seen that when workers organize, we are capable of accomplishing great things. Armed with the goal of a communist society without bosses, exploitation or money, we can begin to determine our future starting today. We must build our communist party, ICWP, by reading, discussing, writing for and distributing our newspaper, *Red Flag*.

SPAIN: WORKERS REJECT UNIONS, NEED COMMUNISM

Environmental and anarchist movements, or other interests, have gotten the people to go into the streets. Yet many people still hope that the situation will improve sooner or later. This is because the working class no longer trusts in "the revolts" invented by the unions or the occupy movements.

The working class no longer wants to get screwed up for a handful of sellouts. True, the "Occupy" movements which positioned themselves in several plazas in Spain marked an historic moment. But they didn't achieve any kind of change to improve workers' lives. The unions are no longer seen as an agency that can protect the jobs or working conditions. They are now seen as a way to make money at the expense of the rest of the workers.

We can only carry out communist revolution by making the political ideas of the International Communist Workers' Party mass ideas. The task now is bigger, because we have to encourage people to move to communism. We must develop leaders who represent true revolutionary communism, getting rid of the wrong ideas that communism

is something old and done with.

One day, we were talking with a comrade from the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) about why some workers with advanced political ideas, who had endured hardships to survive and get professional training, now claim loudly that capitalism is an option (or even the best).

Thinking about it, I have seen how workers



Reading Red Flag in Spain

can make choices that slow down the process of getting to communism. We have to put our main emphasis on the ways in which we can bring communist ideas to the masses.

We know that by distributing *Red Flag* we can achieve great advances to Mobilize the Masses for Communism. But we must also be clear that, not only do we need to spread the ideas, but also to recruit workers who are politically in agreement to work on building communism. This is the true struggle that we have to face in our lifetime.

Communist revolution led by ICWP is the only way to improve the quality of life for the whole working class. ICWP is all of us. We will achieve our goal through the struggle to destroy capitalism.

This May Day we will again take to the streets to proclaim these ideas. We will take to the streets to find our brother and sister workers. We will bring them *Red Flag* and discuss the politics that will help us to understand what communism is and how it will function.

LONG LIVE THE WORKING CLASS! LONG LIVE ICWP!

Comrades in Spain

Mass Strike of Teachers in Mexico

SHOWS NEED FOR COMMUNIST EDUCATION

MEXICO— Since the beginning of the year, tens of thousands of teachers from Chiapas, Oaxaca, Guerrero and throughout Mexico have marched and struck against the government's education reform. In Guerrero, 22,000 teachers are continuing a 55-day strike. They have militantly and massively blocked roads, broken into the state legislature, shut down schools and taken over radio stations.

The teachers are valiantly fighting against the government's imposition of standardized tests on all students. The government will use the students' test results and the teachers' professional training to determine teachers' salaries, promotions or firing.

Reforms are at Best Dangerous Illusions

Like millions of workers worldwide, these teachers are rebelling against the brutal onslaught of racist capitalism-imperialism. Unfortunately, these struggles, no matter how militant, can never make capitalism meet our class' needs. Furthermore, in times like these of deepening capitalist economic crisis, rising fascism and looming world war, reform struggles are at best a dangerous illusion, and at worst a gross betrayal of our class.

Reformism will never stop capitalism-imperialism from continuing its relentless drive to reduce workers worldwide to exploited, profitable beasts of burden and patriotic robots to fight and die for its profits and empire. Only communist revolution can stop this murderous drive! Communism is the only hope of the international

working class and humanity. (See editorial page 2.)

Two camps are increasingly confronting each other worldwide

Today the working class worldwide is rising against the capitalist camp. The class war between exploiters and exploited that has been raging for thousands of years and is reaching a climax in our time. Today we are better prepared than ever, ideologically, to take this monumental historical struggle to its final conclusion: to destroy forever class society and its evils.

Capitalist Ideology or Communist Ideology: That is the Question!

We live in times of unprecedented dangers but also of potential and opportunities that we can barely imagine. The future of the humanity depends on which ideology captures the imagination of the masses.

For thousands of years the masses have made history according to which ideology they grasped. Unfortunately, it has mainly been the ideology of our oppressors. Since 1848, however, with the birth of scientific communism we have begun to act on the ideology that serves our class. Since then, through the enormous failures and triumphs of our class's past revolutions, we have garnered the wisdom that only by mobilizing the masses for communism can we destroy capitalism's physical and ideological chains.

Today, we are better positioned to take the reins of history in our hands to create a world where the guiding principle will be, "From each according to their ability and commitment, to each according to their need,"

Education Reform: Ideological Control of Workers and Youth

The US imperialists and Mexican capitalists are using education reform to advance their class interests. The recently-passed Labor Reform will further increase the super-exploitation of Mexican workers, mainly for US imperialism's economic and military needs. To better accomplish this, the most militant and class-conscious workers must first be beaten



into submission. This explains the attack on over 1.5 million Mexican public school teachers.

These bosses need even more: they demand the complete ideological control of the working class, especially of future generations. They need submissive slaves in their factories to better compete in the world market now, and later for their war machine. They need patriotic anti-communist youth by the millions to eventually fight against China. They hope many of these will come from Mexico.

We must understand our needs and act on them

We don't need capitalist education. It creates and perpetuates the ideological chains which enslave us to the capitalists. We need to destroy it.

We need communist education. Our communist ideology must prevail over capitalist ideology. This and only this will decide the future in our favor.

We will educate our class mainly in the fields, factories and barracks: inside a massive International Communist Workers' Party which mobilizes the masses for communism. In every class struggle we workers, soldiers, teachers and students, we must wage a relentless struggle to defeat capitalist ideology by putting forward our communist analysis and ideology.

We call on all these sectors of the working class in Mexico and throughout the world to join our Party and build it massively to make the communist vision the reality of this and future centuries.



The teacher who is fighting is also teaching!

THE WORKING CLASS OF HONDURAS IS PREPARING FOR THE MASS MOBILIZATION THIS MAY DAY

Tired of all the poverty, exploitation, discrimination, repression, criminality, and marginalization by the capitalist system, represented by the oligarchy and the state apparatus in its service, the working class of Honduras is getting ready for an unprecedented mass mobilization this May Day.

No wonder, when more than half the population able to work has no job, when the corruption of the state apparatus is growing every day, when criminality increases to the level that today Hon-

duras has the highest crime rate in the world, among other calamities that the capitalist system creates.

This can be seen as the organized sectors like the unions, teachers' associations, farmworker organizations, students, housewives, residents and others prepare to march, united. They will tell the government and the ruling class: "Enough of such poverty and exploitation! We are ready to shake off this inhuman yoke to which we have been subjected for centuries"

The rulers can no longer hide that the capitalist system is struggling for survival in the midst of the deepest crisis, which seems to have no way out. Its main example, US imperialism, each day loses more control of the world. Now the people of the Americas, Asia and Africa are rising up against the domination of capital. There appear on the world stage new economic and military powers, willing to struggle for political power and control of the world economy.

We understand that the majority of the slo-

gans in the march will be reformist. However, in these types of mobilizations we see many workers, teachers, farmworkers and other residents ready for a quantitative and qualitative change to transform the capitalist society to a just and collective society in favor of the majority.

At this juncture, communism appears as the only possible option to successfully confront all the problems of humanity. This definitely means taking political power, thus enabling the working class to pass from exploitation to freedom in a communist society. This is the work that all the comrades of the world must undertake and carry out.

The comrades of ICWP will participate in this great event. We will be there in solidarity with the popular struggles, distributing some pamphlets, the newspaper *Red Flag*, bringing our own slogans aimed at the struggle for communism, and seeking closer relationships with future comrades.

Workers of the World, Unite!
Long Live May Day!



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May Day: Building Our Communist Future Together

EL SALVADOR, May 1st—Even the sun doesn't shine yet in this country called "the small thumb of America," but millions of lights are moving forward to flood the streets, the sidewalks, the plazas. The voices of the workers now fill the silence of the bourgeoisie. It is not an ordinary day.

The masses are already advancing, without retreats, to our true and unalterable destiny: communism.

Our Red Flags dancing in the open sky with messages of justice are carried by you and me, by our dreams. There is no greater reality than our dreams. The sun and the road demand the sweat of joy for the proletarian celebration.

It's our time as communists organized in the International Communist Workers' Party, today more than ever: without respect for those who demand respect with bank accounts with a string of zeros lined up at the cost of the deaths of workers, without respect for those who seek to forget what disturbs their conscience.

Our struggle is to destroy the accumulation of private wealth that only intensifies the poverty of the worker.

When we install our proletarian system through the International Communist Workers' Party, the homes will no longer be sidewalks, the roofs and sheets will no longer be damp cardboard. Hunger and poverty won't be our daily food.

Our communist work must have as an objective the equal distribution of the wealth of this world to our class, "to each according to need, from each according to commitment." As Marx said, "We have nothing to lose but our chains."

We will get to that. We will come not to ask, not to demand. We will come to announce that we will take what is ours, what they have taken from us.

We'll do our duty, with the responsibility to inform through our communist literature the hidden realities that are in plain sight, organizing and mobilizing ourselves in ICWP.

It will be a meeting of our class, the working class, of the workers, of the masses, no matter where we are. Neither borders nor distance divide our ideals. We will be together, you and I: you from there and I from here, but together.

Together we'll build this communist future which, even today, is already inevitable.

--Young Comrade in El Salvador



"Live Each Day as May Day"

On the morning of May 1st, the members, friends, readers and sympathizers of the International Communist Workers' Party will wake up very early, but this day it won't be to go to the factory to leave our sweat as exploited workers. We will wake up early to pass out our newspaper **Red Flag** and our magazine **Mobilize the Masses for Communism**; to shout to the four winds that we are exploited and at the same time to denounce the injustices of this system.

I would like to say that the bosses tremble on May Day, but it's not yet the case. The day they will tremble will be the day that we take May Day to the factories, to the ministries, to the fields to carry out a revolution. For that to happen, all of those who want a just system have to live each day as May Day, because the struggle doesn't end when the march ends.

The struggle for the establishment of a communist system is constant, daily, in the factories, in the army, in our workplaces. We demonstrate our anger at those who squeeze our sweat, at those who exploit us daily. Our struggle doesn't end when the march ends as if we had forgotten that we are exploited.

It's not about who can handle the most walking, who runs more, who knows more slogans, or who carries the best-designed banners. It's about feeling the need to denounce the injustices, the exploitation.

Let's not go into the streets to ask, but to demand what is ours. The land belongs to those who work on it, and in the factories we must work to meet the needs of the working class, not the bosses' profits.

The working class has to understand that the struggle against the system must be in the streets where we demonstrate, shouting at the bosses that here, in the streets, there is a class that has decided to fight for a just system, without social classes that oppress and exploit the worker.

The struggle of May Day is historic and we have to continue writing this history and traveling the road to communism. Let's organize the only party of the working class: **LONG LIVE ICWP!**

--Young Comrade in El Salvador

Good Friends, Good Food, Good Political Struggle

I have a friend whose family members are undocumented, except for her oldest daughter. They, like many other families here in the US, are hit hard by the capitalist system.

During our years of friendship, the relationship has been good and we've always had political conversations. My husband is very good friends with her husband, who is a **Red Flag** reader. But in these conversations, I could see that, with her, we could never agree.

Despite all the problems she faced, she always expressed her gratitude to be in this country and always had the illusion that one day things will change and her family will progress.



April, 2013—Students in Togo marching and striking in solidarity with their teachers. Health workers and government workers have joined the strike of teachers against the austerity and "Education Reform" of the International Monetary Fund in this mineral-rich African land. As elsewhere, students and teachers are mainly fighting for broader access to capitalist education. One day they will join the struggle to smash it.

Although we are good friends, I thought that I would never have the confidence to tell her openly that I am a communist. That's because politically I felt that a great gulf separated us. There was even a time when we became a little distant from each other.

One day she invited me to her house to have coffee with delicious cookies. Suddenly she said to me, "Comadre (we aren't comadres, but she still calls me that), I want to ask you a question. I am confused. Is Hugo Chavez good or bad? Because the people in this country say that Hugo Chavez is bad, but I also saw a report on television and many people were crying for him. I imagine that these are poor people who he must have helped."

I thought, "This is the moment I've been waiting for," and I answered, "Comadre, Hugo Chavez wasn't good. He was only one more President like those who have come before and who continue ruling in all the countries around the world."

She said, "But wasn't Chavez a communist like the President of Ecuador and Fidel Castro?" I answered that they aren't communists. They don't practice true communism. They only serve their own interests and the interests of the capitalists. It's true that Hugo Chavez could have helped a sector of workers a little, but not all. Some people lived in poverty while he fattened his pockets with profits.

I told her, "You know that I am a communist and I would like to give you our newspaper **Red Flag** so that you can learn a little more about communism. We need to unite more forces and fight for a world without borders that divide us or capitalists who exploit us. I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to invite you to our May Day dinner to celebrate international workers' day. We'll have a lot of food."

"And will you also have pupusas?"

"We will do everything possible if you promise me that you will come to the dinner."

"Then yes, I will come to the dinner."

Days later, she and her husband were present in the communist May Day dinner. They said they liked it a lot.

This shows how important it is to keep a good relationship with people but also how persistent we are.

--Communist Organizer

THE ONLY SOLUTION IS COMMUNIST REVOLUTION:

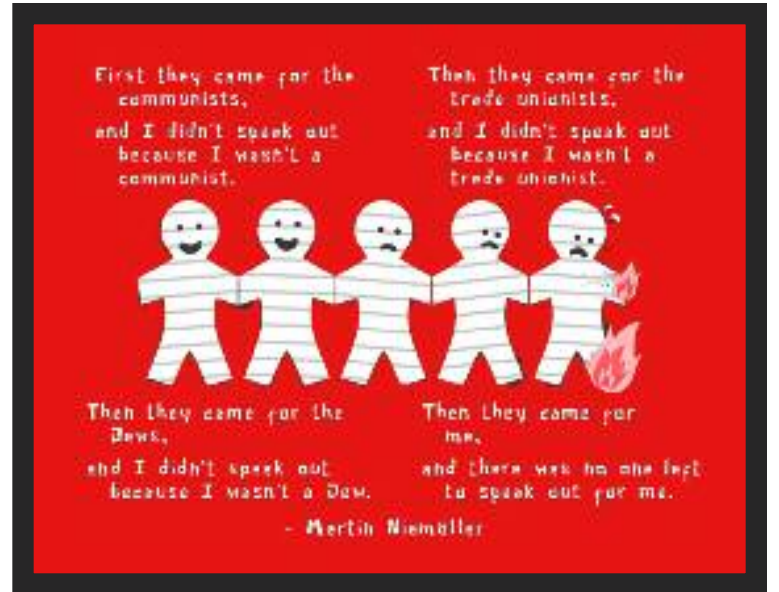
The time to organize is NOW! A different world IS possible!

Salute to ICWP-from sailors in the U.S.Navy:

So many things are going on in the world today that show how the capitalist system fails workers everywhere. Being sailors in the U.S. Navy, we can see the developments of imperialism as we shift our focus to the Pacific. We wanted to take a moment to salute the ICWP for all it does for sailors.

The Party keeps us in touch with all other workers' struggles around the world. It helps us to understand military strategies, and offers the sharpest analysis on interimperialist rivalry. It helps us stay focused on how we sailors can best contribute to the class struggle. The Party keeps us organized and pushes us to develop our work, and in turn our work helps develop us.

It offers us guidance and confidence to keep struggling. We sailors proudly salute ICWP. We will continue our work until the seas are dominated by one massive international workers' fleet, sailing under the red flag.



Capitalism means WAR, WAR, and WAR.

CAPITALISM means greed, selfishness, pride, gluttony, competition

Capitalist imperialist wars mean CUTS to social services, worker benefits, schools, increased poverty, etc. Police repression of dissent continues to grow, but so does our class consciousness and willingness to fight back. However, fight back alone will not give us the right ideas for creating a communist world free from the cycles of capitalism.

Initially, we saw millions of workers in every corner of the world hating U.S. imperialism; today it seems that millions around the world are identifying their true enemy as capitalism. It now becomes our task to turn this angry fervor into a revolution for communism. There is urgency in this as the ruling class continues to make even wider wars (from Iraq and Afghanistan to possibly Iran and North Korea). This will inevitably lead us to World War III involving wars against China and/or Russia.

WWI produced the Russian Revolution. WWII

brought the Chinese Revolution. Although there were huge setbacks with their failed two stage theory of achieving communism (socialism that was in reality state capitalism); we have learned invaluable lessons for achieving a communist system that will smash capitalism once and for all.

Capitalist worldwide will not go down without a fight and they have the military force to kill millions. Their downfall will be that they require thinking human beings to run their military. Even in our age of drones—the ruling class will still need workers to build drones, mechanics to repair drones, and thinking humans to drive drones. In spite of patriotic hype and dehumanization of “our enemy,” military men and women have historically turned their guns around when they realize they are killing their working class brothers and sisters.

Another advantage we have is that despite rulers' constant attempts to kill communist ideas, the international working class has held strong to the vision of a system built on equality, camaraderie, selflessness, human worth, and true freedom. **LONG LIVE COMMUNISM!**

COMMUNISM means selflessness, humility, collective struggle for common good



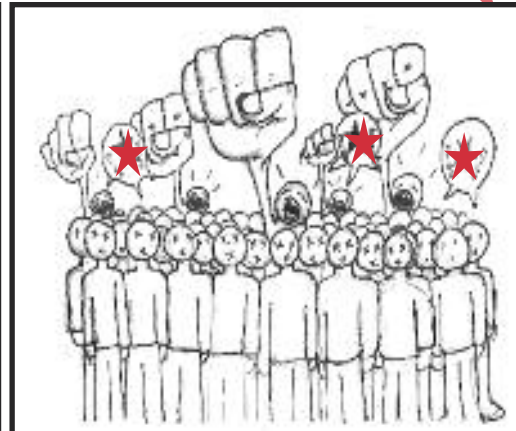
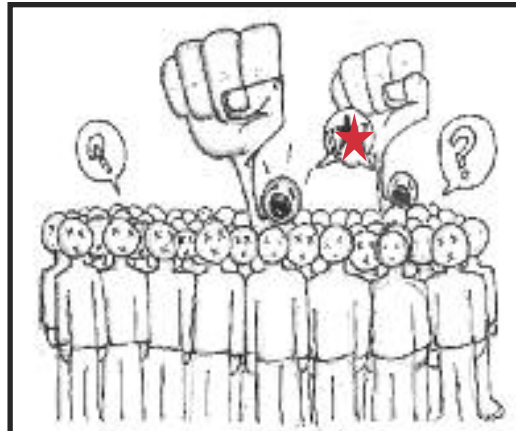
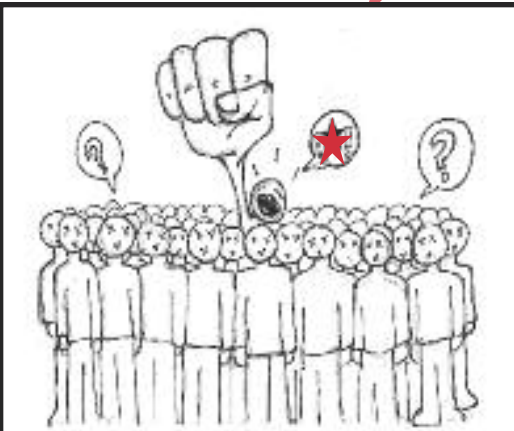
A Message to Young People on May Day

We need your help to mobilize the masses for communism! Let's develop and widely exchange revolutionary communist ideas in schools, industry, and the military, and put them directly into practice. Join the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) this May Day and commit to fighting for the working class!

Today, you join the history of workers fighting for a better world. On May 1, 1886, 350,000 workers and their supporters launched a general strike for an 8-hour workday and better working conditions. In Chicago (USA), police attacked unarmed strikers in Haymarket Square; killing 6 and injuring countless more. On May 1, 1890, workers across the U.S. and Europe answered the Chicago crack-down with mass strikes and demonstrations. They raised the red flag as a symbol for the blood spilled in the workers' struggle. Workers won the 8-hour day, yet our misery continues. **The 8-hour day struggle confirmed that workers WILL fight for their interests and that reforms STIFLE their potential.** We must fight directly for communism!

In ICWP, we learn about our world to change it! Some argue that without money or rewards there's no motivation to work, but communism motivates workers more than ever because we'll produce directly for our needs! Share these ideas with others, distribute **Red Flag**, or donate money to help cover printing costs and postage. Consider contributing by writing articles and joining a study/action collective. **Visit our website (www.icwpredflag.org) or follow us on Twitter (@ICWPredflag).**

Think about working at one of our sectors of focus: **industrial workers** can leave machines idle, flood the streets, and take up arms when necessary. In times of war industrial workers become war production sites and we have the power to shut down their war machine. **Transit workers** move everything – people included –



and can shut whole cities and industries down as well. We will end the bosses' profits and bury capitalism for good! Lastly, join the long history of revolutionary **military** mobilization and turn the bosses' guns around to make world war into communist revolution!