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REBELS ROUT RACIST KILLER COPS, SHOW BRIGHT FUTURE FOR COMMUNISM



Angry workers and youth march to Ramparts Police Station



Red Flag and Communist Leaflets from ICWP in Westlake



Los Angeles, Sept. 7— “Cops! Pigs! Racist Murderers!” shouted hundreds of workers and youth who had taken the street and marched toward the police station. This demonstration of working class fury was the culmination of three days of workers venting their anger, with stones and everything at hand, against the racist police, their cars and their station, for having murdered Manuel Jamines Xum, a Guatemalan day laborer.

According to the police, they were called because Jamines Xum was drunk and supposedly seen wielding a three-inch knife at Six Street and Union Ave. near downtown LA. An eye witness declared to the press and on TV that when the cops arrived, he had no knife. Forty seconds after their arrival, Jamines Xum lay dead with two bullets in his head.

The workers’ anger that exploded dramatically on these nights showed their hatred of capitalism. In this mostly Central American immigrant community, many know that Manuel Jamines, just like them and untold millions worldwide, leave loved ones behind, crossing oceans, mountains and deserts in search of a job.

They know, from personal experience, that he must have suffered hardships on his trip, like the many who are assaulted and raped, harassed by police and immigration agents, robbed and abandoned by “coyotes” or kidnapped and killed by drug-traffickers.

They know he suffered so many sacrifices just to end up here without that decent permanent “good” job he so desired. They know that Manuel’s dream of a better life, just like many of theirs, had become an unending nightmare. They know that Manuel didn’t deserve to be murdered in cold blood, like a criminal or a dog, by a racist cop.

Workers Need Communist Ideas

The workers know so many things. But what they need to know is that only communism

can ever fulfill their dreams, desires and needs. It is the duty of ICWP members to direct that increasing anger into a massive organizing force for communist revolution. That’s exactly what we did on the second day of mass protests.

To the angry workers’ cries of “justice” and “murderers” that filled the air at the murder site, we added “Police, government, capitalism...filthy, racist fascist pigs!” We indicted capitalism for Jamines’ murder and said, “Capitalism not only kills with racist cops but also with hunger, poverty and wars. It must be destroyed with a communist revolution.” We called on those present to join us in the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP) and become a part of the international communist movement to free the working class from capitalist exploitation.

We distributed hundreds of *Red Flag* newspapers and leaflets. We also linked this racist murder to the murder of Oscar Grant, a young black worker killed in January, 2009, in cold blood, shot in the back by a transit cop while lying face down handcuffed. We called for a strike on November 5th - the day that the Johannes Mehserle, the cop who killed Grant, will be sentenced - against the racist system that murdered both Jamines Xum and Grant.

We later joined a march to the police station. As it started, a police official followed by various other lackeys walked up saying “I need to talk with a representative.” Nobody wanted to listen to him. As the official ran back and hid in the squad car, followed by a hail of rocks and stones, the crowd chanted even louder, “Cops, Pigs, Racist Murderers!” Then the crowd marched to the police station, chanting, “See this fist? It means workers’ power!” When some people started to chant, “What do we want? Justice!” comrades in ICWP shouted, “We want more than justice! We want a communist revolution!” We explained that capitalist law is the bosses’ law

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Communist Ideas Expose Insanity of Capitalisms' Racist Unemployment

"The world productive capacity is simply too big."

— *Newsweek*, 2/4/09

How can this be? Ten million workers die from malnutrition each year. Hundreds of millions can't find jobs. Billions subsist on a dollar a day.

What kind of insane system must cut production while the world's workers need so much? Capitalism is such a system and it must be smashed with communist revolution!

US workers had nothing to celebrate this Labor Day. More than 70 percent have either lost a job or had a relative or close friend who lost a job, according to the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University. Racist unemployment wreaks havoc first and foremost on black and latin workers. Like all racist attacks, unemployment has spread its tentacles to every section of the working class.

Nearly two out of three expect the US to still be in recession next year. Nearly a quarter worry that a depression is over the horizon, despite the media drumbeat that such calamity is impossible in this day and age.

Meanwhile, the bosses' mouthpieces try to sell us snake oil remedies. Krugman of the *New York Times* calls for more stimulus. In his distorted view of history, WWII was "a burst of deficit-financed government spending" that ended the Great Depression. He conveniently forgets that WWII destroyed the productive capacity of every industrial country except the US.

Clinton's former Labor Secretary Robert Reich promises capitalism will right itself if we "reduce economic inequality." He too suffers from selective memory.

Capitalism must always pay workers less than the value of the goods they produce. Otherwise there is no surplus value and no profit. In fact, more rapid labor impoverishment is the rule of thumb during capitalist crises. The working class will never be able to buy the value of the goods it produces.

On top of all that, each capitalist must expand production to get the necessary return on ever-increasing investment. The boss can't get the capital needed to stay afloat without showing such increased rates of profit. A crisis of overproduction follows as

night follows day.

Crisis Election Throws Smoke in Our Face

Ironically, Labor Day also marks the beginning of the bosses' election circus. Democrats talk of more stimulus, tax breaks for business exploiters and, of course, trillion-dollar gifts from our pockets to banking and industrial parasites. Republicans repackage the same, only emphasizing the evil of government deficit spending.

Steven Pearlstein of the *Washington Post* repeats what many workers have already come to suspect: "...This stubborn reality: the loss of 8 million jobs reflects problems that are largely structural, not cyclical, which means they won't be brought back by fiddling with the magic dial in Washington that controls how much the government spends."

Then he steps into a fantasyland. He calls for revitalized industry. Ron Bloom, Obama's manufacturing czar, repeats the pipedream. Neither explains how this can be done while capitalism already suffers a worldwide glut of factories (see box).

More than a year ago *Newsweek* (2/4/2009) let the cat out of the bag. "Price[s] need to fall further, or factories need to close in the US and abroad, or some combination of the two." The bosses' need to destroy productive capacity is even greater today as their crisis lingers on.

The bosses are razing what they call "the real economy" in many ways. Layoffs turn factories into rust piles. The bosses' government dictated the shrinking of the auto industry. These tactical retreats are financed on the backs of the working class.

Unfortunately for US imperialism, these "emergency" measures won't preserve the empire. As in WWII, the US ruling class will ultimately have to try to demolish the productive capacity of its foreign rivals. Expanded MidEast energy wars are pushed to the front of the agenda, while the bosses' logic demands preparations for world war.

Crisis Can Open Door to Revolution

The potential political repercussions of this prolonged economic crisis weigh heavy on the bosses' minds. Bank of America strategist Joe Quinian warns, "There are many questions hanging over the global financial markets, but none more pertinent

than the following: will the global economy rebound in time to quell rising discontent among millions of workers who have turned—violently, in some cases—against capitalism."

But vague uneasiness—even hatred of—capitalism is not enough. We need a singular clarity on the causes of this capitalist crisis to reject the politicians and pundits' snake oil.

Every struggle must be fueled with communist analysis. Political strikes should target the system that can't provide decent jobs in its crosshairs.

The working class doesn't need more reformers peddling schemes to save an insane system. We need leaders in every class struggle who fulfill their responsibility to our class by fighting for revolutionary communist politics at every turn. There's not a moment to lose.

Crisis Of Overproduction Limits Bosses' Options

The ability of the US to re-emerge as a significant player—let alone a leading force—in basic industries like steel and shipbuilding has become a cruel joke. The US isn't even on the radar screen in these crowded fields. But even high-technology manufacturing is fading from the US bosses' grasp as worldwide overproduction sets in.

- The world's auto factories can produce in excess of 90 million vehicles a year according to both *Business Week* and *Newsweek*. They sell a little more than 60 million. A hundred factories have to be shuttered including at least a dozen of the 53 in the US
- The semi-conductor wafer industry uses only 52% of its capacity.
- The US's leading exporter, aerospace, faces the emergence of 3-5 new commercial producers. China alone is spending \$30 billion developing a more efficient 737-class jet, the mainstay of Boeing's (and Airbus's) commercial line. Canadian Bombardier is already flight-testing its version, which should be ready for delivery in 2013. Two to three other competitors have similar models on the drawing boards.
- Obama's much vaunted Green Industry initiative faces an already-mature capacity in China and Germany. China's Green Industry Expo in November will showcase its lead in wind turbines, high-speed rail, electric cars and solar panels—to name a few. GE closed down its last US incandescent light bulb factory, while China moves on to manufacturing the next generation of energy-saving fluorescent bulbs. National Public Radio reports that China already employs nearly a million in so-called "green jobs."

War is being pushed to the front of the bosses' agenda as "business as usual" fails. The working class must answer by putting communist revolution on the front of its agenda.



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Blood Profits and Inter-imperialist Rivalry: Communist Revolution Will Destroy this Murderous System

EL SALVADOR, Sept 9— For the third consecutive day, El Salvador woke up to a national work stoppage of transportation decreed by the 18th Street and Mara Salvatrucha (MS) gangs, who, through calls and leaflets, threatened to burn buses and kill drivers who did not obey the 72-hour stoppage.

According to Genaro Ramirez, president of the Salvadoran Association of Buses (AEAS), last year 140 bus drivers were murdered and this year, so far, it's been more than 100. These murders are related to extortion and drugs, and according to Ramirez it's not only the gangs that are involved, but also the police and the military. In an interview with the internet news service *elfaro.net* from September 13, he even suspects that his rival Catalino Miranda, president of the other association of buses might have something to do with this stoppage. At the same time he mentions that this situation is a great business opportunity for some, since according to the Salvadoran Chamber of Commerce, last year more than \$3 billion dollars were spent on "security" guards.

Some communication media offered space for a priest to read a communication sent from the 18th Street and MS gangs. To this atmosphere of capitalist terror are added the rumors that the criminal group Zetas is active in El Salvador (see previous edition of *Red Flag*, V.I #15). In addition, barrels full of dollars and Euros, adding up to more than \$20 million dollars in cash were found in farms near the capital. "I was hoping to see President Mauricio Funes give a message of confidence to the population, or at least a non all the TV channels," said the evangelical pastor Carlos Rivas, one of those closest to the president. Later Funes said, "We need the help of the US, we need a 'Plan Merida'. If Hillary Clinton says we're in bad shape, it's true."

During the stoppage, Mauricio Funes was in Los

Angeles, receiving a decoration from the mayor of that city. This is very clear evidence of the huge difference that exists between him and the fmln. A lot of people are wondering why the president has taken this trip and why he seems indifferent to this stoppage. The rivalry that exists between Funes and the fmln leadership is marked. Funes defends US imperialism tooth and nail and the fmln is working for a political-commercial opening with Cuba and Venezuela, unconditional allies of Russia and China. The bosses' media of communication have blamed the fmln as the government party for this crisis which has paralyzed the whole country. As a response, the fmln has continued shouting that they support the president. "When Mauricio...the president and the central government understand that they have to support our programs, then we will move forward," said Vice President Salvador Sanchez Ceren, ex-member of the General Staff of the fmln.

"A woman who sells tomatoes in the market commented to me that here it's not simple gang members, that in this stoppage, the criminals come from the top, and I agree with her," said a member of ICWP. Even so, many leaders of the fmln and workers in general, following what the media says, only attack the gang members, without seeing that behind them are those that really govern and make profits however they can.

In a meeting of members of ICWP we evaluated this fascistic situation and this type of analysis and a teacher said, "Those are superficial statements that don't go to the root of the problem." To this, another comrade asked, "Do you think that killing all those gang members would put an end to crime?" "No," responded various members of ICWP present in this meeting, who explained that capitalism is the root of the problem.

Capitalism on a worldwide level is in an enormous



economic crisis and even small countries become battlefields for capitalist war and the thirst for profits, although this means open and massive murder of workers.

Putting an end to the capitalist system is the only solution that can put an end to these murders, kidnapping, extortions, unemployment and all the evils of the bosses system. As long as inter-imperialist rivalry exists and society does not define human cooperation as a priority, we will keep living through this terror. The historical duty of the working class is to join our Party and continue the organized struggle to destroy this capitalist system that only brings death and misery to our class.

Let's dedicate ourselves to the struggle inside the factories and army to organize communist revolution! There is no easy way!

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and it will never bring us justice, that we will only have justice when we seize state power.

US Rulers Bemoan Not Having Lackey to Control Westlake Residents

"They are heroes and I stand behind them," said LA Mayor Villaraigosa of the cops involved in the shooting. Not surprisingly his pleas for calm fell on deaf ears.

Thus the bosses are worried that they don't have a "community representative" here to do their dirty work of calming, controlling and channeling these workers' anger into endless useless police "investigations" and the dead end street of electoral politics.

The LA Times callously claims that, "Several dozen people a year are shot by the police in Los Angeles, and these incidents don't create such disturbances." It claims that many people were asking themselves, "Why such an unexpected response?" The answer is simple: Faced with the combination of the devastating racist unemployment, the constant police harassment, especially of day laborers and sidewalk vendors, and the long history of struggle that these recent immigrants bring with them, the murder of Manuel Jamines Xum was the straw that broke the camel's back.

This event turned quantity into quality and exploded the powder keg that was the Westlake community. It bared the racist murderous nature of capitalism. The bosses were left frantically looking for some "community representative" – like they have in some black, latino and asian communities – not only to calm things down but to hide the vicious racist nature of their cops and their system's unre-

lenting attacks against all workers. A demonstrator shouted, running away from the police batons and rubber bullets, "We don't believe in them anymore!" This bodes well for the future of our revolutionary communist movement.

The Bosses and Their Cops are the Outsiders: Outside Our Class

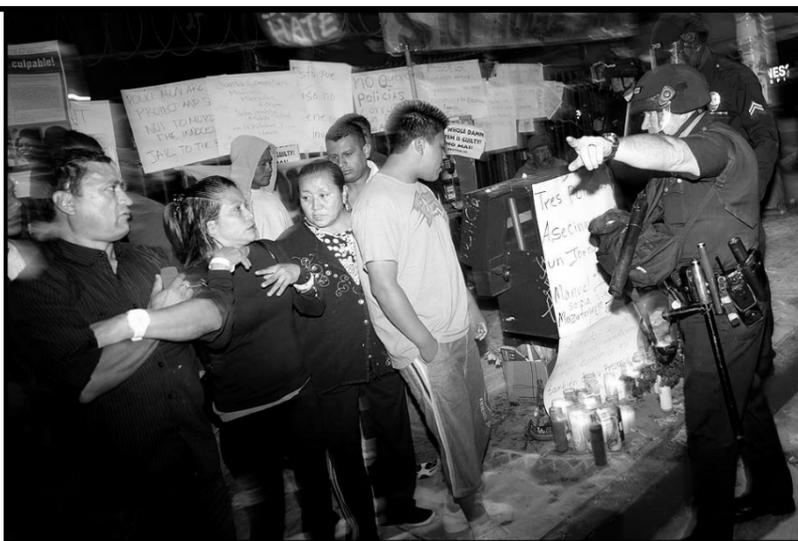
The LA Times has tried to blame the protest on "outside agitators," as if all working people shouldn't be angry when a fellow worker is murdered in cold blood. The outsiders, however, are the bosses, their politicians and cops. They don't belong to the working class.

They belong to the capitalist class. This class line is the *only* dividing line workers should respect.

Workers instinctively understand this. When one of the bosses' flunkies tried to attack a comrade who was distributing *Red Flag* by asking her if she was Guatemalan, people in the crowd responded positively when she said that we are all one class, and that the murder of one brother worker is an injury to us all. The anti-communist was isolated.

Immigrant and All Workers: Centuries of Heroic Anti-Racist Struggles Cry Out For Communist Revolution

The US ruling class is the most racist murderous ruling class in history. Yet they have been unable to break the anti-racist fighting spirit of US workers. Black workers in particular, who have born the brunt of these attacks, have for centuries waged a consistent militant struggle against the US bosses' racism. Hundreds of massive militant black working-class rebellions have rocked the major US urban centers.



Although these rebellions have instilled fear in the bosses, they have, however, been unable to halt the bosses' racist terror against the working class, nationally and internationally. This can only be done by destroying capitalism that breeds and needs racism.

The heroic anti-racist struggles of black workers support this conclusion. We live in an historic moment. Capitalism's world-wide crisis is proving on an unprecedented scale that it can't meet the needs of the international working class. Millions of workers are questioning capitalism and are more and more open to a new revolutionary way of thinking. ICWP's experience is that students, workers and soldiers are open to our communist analysis and ideas

The Westlake rebels proved it once more. We invite all readers to spread *Red Flag* newspaper to all your friends, to join an ICWP study-action group and to join and build ICWP into a force capable of eliminating racist capitalism once and for all.

Reality Check:

US Liberals, "Tea Party" Defend Capitalism

The AFL-CIO, the NAACP and other US liberal organizations are organizing a "One Nation" March on Washington on October 2. It's the Democratic Party's last-minute effort to rally support for the November elections. And it's the Democrats' answer to the populist "Tea Party" movement.

The March is supposed to be for "Jobs, Justice and Peace" but the Democratic Party can't and won't deliver on any of that.

Unemployment is sky-high and rising. Any jobs that are created will be low-wage ones in war industry and the military. Obama's call for \$50 billion to repair US infrastructure is a drop in the bucket of the \$2 trillion actually needed.

The Obama administration and Democrats in Congress have refused to prosecute torturers and those who created torture policies. They have fought in court to hold detainees without trial, counsel, or recourse. They continue federal domestic spying and have expanded the racist Border Patrol and local "anti-terrorist" units (for example in the Los Angeles Police Department).

Obama's version of Bush's "Mission Accomplished" was his announcement that the war in Iraq is over – even though 50,000 US troops are still there and slated to stay. The Afghanistan war has expanded into Pakistan, and the US rulers are preparing to attack Iran.

Democrats fear that Tea Party candidates will win Republican nominations for state and local offices and go on to win enough seats in the Congress to take control. Some people who consider themselves to the left of the Democratic Party worry that the Tea Party will grow enough to stage a putsch (coup) and institute fascism in the US.

These liberals have understood part of what is go-

ing on. The Tea Party could easily be part of the current process of the US becoming a fascist state. But the Tea Party is the junior member of a tag team. The senior members of that bipartisan team are the leaders of both major parties who shape the domestic policies and imperialist foreign policy of the US ruling class.

The Tea Party and related conservative and libertarian movements are heavily funded and guided by the multi-billionaire brothers David and Charles Koch. (See article by Jean Mayer, *The New Yorker*, 8/30/10)

Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, even richer than the Koch brothers, funnel huge amounts of money through the Gates Foundation to causes supported by the Democratic Party, such as the Obama administration's racist "Race to the Top" school reform. Other billionaires (including George Soros, Eli Broad, Teresa Heinz Kerry, Peggy Pritzker, Peter Lewis, and Ron Burkle) fund the Democratic Party directly.

No matter how viciously the Tea Party leaders attack Obama as a "socialist," they are fully on board for almost everything that he and the US ruling class stands for. Whether conservative or liberal, all the think tanks and their spin-off organizations fully agree on maintaining the capitalist mode of production, further shredding the social safety net, removing barriers to capitalist profit-making, and trying to restore the US empire to its post-World War II dominant position. They differ mainly on tactics.

We need to understand the contradictions within the Democratic Party and also within the Tea Party. Both have isolationist members in Congress, notably Dennis Kucinich and Ron Paul, who are opposed to specific wars (such as Iraq) and will sometimes com-

plain about the vast number of foreign US military bases. Both parties are mainly led by conscious imperialists.

The Tea Party movement is hardly a spontaneous, grass roots movement. Neither are the anti-globalization movement, the immigrant rights movement, peace movement and such. But they all have the potential to attract angry workers, students and others who are feeling the effects of the global crisis of capitalism and its inevitable drive to war. That is, there is a potential mass base for fascism in the US as elsewhere, whether its populist flavor is liberal or libertarian. We must not underestimate this danger.

Those of us who are already beginning to understand the need to smash capitalism with communist revolution need to get these ideas out in a mass way. As the choice narrows between fascism and communism, we must win masses to raise the *Red Flag* of communist revolution.



UN statistics hide exploitation

SMASH CAPITALIST INEQUALITY

The bosses, through their "public" institutions, try to hide the true face of capitalism. Supposedly, among the main policies of the UN is to guarantee human development, for which they've invented terms like the index of human development (IHD). The IHD classifies countries on 4 levels: very high human development, high, medium, and low.

According to this classification, the UN focuses their policies of "humanitarian aid" to raise the level in the countries with low development and bring them to a higher level of development. Among their goals is to raise the threshold of poverty; in other words that people who live on \$1.25 a day can now live better on \$2 or \$3. All this deceit of vocabulary masks the true concepts of exploitation, calling the poor countries "countries on the road to development."



According to the UN figures, in the majority of countries there's been an "improvement:" some cases have stayed the same, and the minority have gone backwards. But this is opposed to our reality. The social conditions of all workers of the world have worsened. Fascism has taken different forms of greater repression and exploitation.

Those who create all the wealth in the world are the workers, but the capitalists have masked this with the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and their "per capita" distribution. That is to say, all the wealth generated by the workers of a country is apparently divided among the total inhabitants of that country and that's how the level of development of each country is calculated. But it has never happened like that. The wealth is stolen from its creators and accumulated by a handful of bandits, the bosses.

The workers' exploitation is generalized the world over, but where is it the sharpest?

The UN Program for Development reports, with figures from 2007, that Mexico had a GDP of \$1,022.8 billion (US) with a GDP per capita of \$9,715 (US), and is classified as having a high IHD. But the poorest 10% of the population only receives 1.8% of the generated wealth, and 10% of the population takes 38% of the wealth, just as in the majority of Latin American countries.

The most horrific inequality is in Namibia, where the poorest 10% of the population receives only 0.6% of the wealth, and the richest 10% of the population gets 65%.

The GDP of the USA is \$13,751.4 billion (US) with a per capita GDP of \$45,600 (US). It is classified as having a very high IHD, even though it's *supposedly*

since the poorest 10% of the population gets only 1.9% of the wealth and the richest 10% gets 30%. Since the US has three times the number of people as Mexico (including undocumented workers) you would expect a GDP three times as big, but the GDP of the US is thirteen times that of Mexico. From that, we conclude that US workers are exploited much more sharply.

In 2009, the richest man in the world lived in Mexico, with a fortune of \$53½ billion (US) and with the 80 next richest Mexicans they had a collective fortune of \$90.3 billion (US). In other words, 0.00007% of the population had almost 10% of the GDP of the country.

In the midst of the economic crisis of 2009, the multi-billionaire Carlos Slim increased his wealth by \$18 billion (US), while the number of poor people in Mexico increased by about five or six percent, bringing the total to more than sixty million Mexicans in poverty.

The working class doesn't need an increase in GDP.

Neither does it need reform in the forms of exploitation or an increase in the minimum wage. What it needs is for all the capitalists and their exploitation of the working class to disappear from the face of the earth. Workers with our own hands will create a society that satisfies the needs of all our brothers and sisters, where there will never again be wage slavery, money, sexism, racism, wars, or borders. Only fighting for an international revolutionary communist movement will achieve this. We stand on the shoulders of giants. This is the main goal of the ICWP: join us!

Inter-imperialist Rivalry Over Latin America Reflects

Bosses' Inevitable March Toward World War

As the worldwide capitalist crisis of overproduction deepens, inter-imperialist rivalry – especially between the US and China, Russia and the European Union – has moved to a new stage. Their fight over markets, natural resources and cheap labor is no longer just for maximum profits. Their struggle is more and more centered on world domination and empire building.

On the one hand, US imperialism, a rapidly declining power, is struggling desperately to cling on to, and expand, its 112-year-old world empire. On the other, the Chinese, Russian and European bosses' imperial dreams can only be fulfilled by the re-division of the world at the US bosses' expense. This can only be done by war, world war.

Unlike the previous world wars, World War Three will be a total global confrontation. In WWI and WWII, Australia, much of Africa and all of the Americas were unscathed. That will no longer be the case. Modern military technology has shrunk the globe, making its remotest corner an inescapable bull's-eye. Geostrategic location, crucial raw materials and industries capable of war production guarantee that most countries will be, or will house, strategic targets to be taken over or destroyed. World War III will rage on all six continents and inflame many countries.

Latin America Strategic Bone of Contention in Bosses' Dogfight

When the Spanish Empire in the Americas was disintegrating in the early 19th century, the US rulers issued the Monroe Doctrine in 1823. It was a warning to the European powers not to encroach on the newly "freed" Spanish colonies. It proclaimed "America for the Americans," asserting US primacy over the region. Ever since, US imperialism has

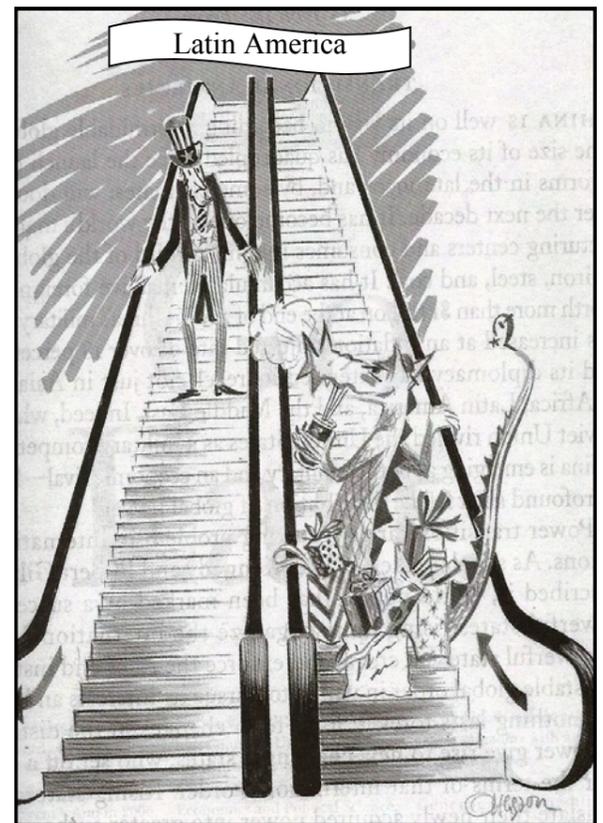
arrogantly considered Latin America its backyard, to be robbed, raped, exploited and invaded to depose and impose governments at will.

This, however, has changed radically. A Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) task force report on Latin America soberly puts it, "US. policy can no longer be based on the assumption that the United States is the most important outside actor in Latin America. If there was an era of US hegemony in Latin America, it is over." (www.cfr.org, 5/14/08)

Many new "outside actors" – most important China, Russia and the EU – have been making inroads in the region. Thus the economic and political terrain of Latin America has changed quickly and radically. When China supplanted the US as Brazil's biggest trading partner, *The Economist* magazine from England wrote: "The Monroe Doctrine is Dead." (7/9/09)

As US imperialism loses in the Middle East in spite of launching wider, more destructive wars - while preparing for global war against some formation or other of its imperialist rivals – regaining absolute control of Latin America will be ever more crucial for its survival. In the 1970s, at the forefront of the US bosses' strategy for fighting the ex-Soviet Union was "Fortress America." At that time, most of the hemisphere marched to the beat of the US war drums. Today, US bosses speak of the "North American Community": US, Canada and Mexico, only.

The struggle over Latin America won't be peaceful and it won't be pretty. It will, however, give us the opportunity to win millions of US and Latin American workers, soldiers and students to see the need to destroy all these imperialist butchers and their local capitalist partners with a communist revolution. Mil-



lions of the best and most dedicated Latin American workers and students have died fighting mistakenly for "national liberation" and socialism. They won't have died in vain, if we build a massive International Communist Workers' Party and make the fight for communism the 21st Century rallying cry of Latin American and all workers.

Future issues will discuss in more detail this imperialist rivalry, regarding each imperialist and each country.

RACISM: US AND EUROPEAN BOSSES' STIMULUS PACKAGE

US bosses learned a long time ago that racism is one of their most reliable investments, and they haven't neglected that sector.

First, there was the Arizona immigration law, which gives the cops a blank check to harass anyone who looks vaguely latino.

Then Glenn Beck, with the cooperation of the media (and not just Fox News) managed to get tens of thousands of Tea Party crazies to Washington to "reclaim the honor" of the USA. Blinded by racism, they can see only the color of Obama's skin, and ignore the fact that the President is a sock puppet of Wall Street. Apparently, the Tea Partiers would be happier if Wall Street ruled through a white sock puppet. Meanwhile in Congress, a bipartisan committee considers cutting Social Security, the only thing keeping many of the Partiers from starving.

Now the heat is being turned up on Muslims in general. A plan to build an Islamic community center in lower Manhattan (open to all) was suddenly turned into a plot by Islamic extremists to humiliate the USA. The media faithfully reported the vicious and preposterous lies spouted by Beck, Palin, Gingrich and company. Then they gave this racist crowd an opportunity to look "moderate" by objecting to the media-hyped proposed Koran burning.

The European rivals, however, have not been wasting time. In France it is already the law that people have to carry ID. In many parts of the country a young person of immigrant origin may easily be stopped several times a day by police demanding to see papers.

In July in a "sensitive" suburb of Grenoble (*i.e.* a ghetto) youth rebelled, burned cars, stoned police,

and even fired a few shots at them. The French bosses were furious that the cops were attacked with "real bullets," and ordered several (futile) raids.

However, like typical cowardly bullies, the bosses decided to attack people not in such a good position to fight back - the Roms (roughly, Gypsies). In France there are few hundred thousand Roms (also called "travelers") who roam around in trailers and RVs doing odd jobs.

The European prejudice against Roms is hard for non-Europeans to understand. The best comparison is with Native Peoples in North America. Yet the worst the Roms are accused of is littering and some petty crime.

Nevertheless, Nicolas Sarkozy, France's President, declared them to be a serious problem and vowed to dismantle hundreds of their camps. Within days the TV and newspapers showed armed police chasing families out of campgrounds, in one instance forcing men, women and children into separate groups. This reminded millions of French people of the disgraceful roundups of Jews under the Vichy (pro-German) wartime government.

Within Europe, France's main rival is Germany, and the German bosses soon launched their own stimulus. The point man was the notorious Thilo Sarrazin, a Socialist Party politician and currently a director of Germany's equivalent of the US Federal Reserve bank.

Sarrazin has a history of ultra-conservative views, including advocating the abolition of Germany's equivalent of the Social Security pension scheme. His specialty, however, is anti-immigrant racism, and he recently published a book, *Deutschland schafft*

sich ab (Germany Does Away with Itself). Hardly original, the book repeats the usual crazy anti-immigrant delusions (for example, a Muslim takeover) with the four million or so Turkish-Germans as the bad guys. The most alarming development is that Sarrazin openly declares his belief in a master race theory. He says that Turks have bad genes, but that they are breeding faster than "real" Germans and therefore if nothing is done, Germany is doomed. This is of course the classical eugenicist theory (born in the USA but taken over by the Nazis) of "racial suicide" without even a tiny fig leaf of liberalism.

As in the US, most politicians claim to disagree, but politely, and welcome this opportunity to "debate" the issue of Muslim immigration. Sarrazin's portrait appeared on the cover of *Der Spiegel* (the German *Time*). His book is a best seller.

One lesson we must draw from these developments is that capitalism will never give up racism, up to and including its most vicious genocidal form. Germany was presented as a model for the enlightened capitalist world, having supposedly renounced its Nazi past.

Yet sixty-five years after Hitler's death, the best selling book in Germany is a worthy successor to *Mein Kampf*. As the Soviet Red Army smashed the Nazis, we will smash the fascists of today!



Good Morning Red Flag,

It's about 5:30 in the morning. The night fog still envelops the atmosphere and the morning breeze raises the spirits and optimism for a new day of struggle.

I'm in my work place when, covered in his work jacket, "J" appears. Like so many other mornings as he comes over, he starts calling out, "*Red Flag*." In all these encounters we discuss different topics, always ending with politics. Today he came in and asked, "What's new?" The answer was, "Always the same."

Then "J" said, "You know, I was talking to 'M' and he believes a lot in extra-terrestrial beings and things like that. I asked him if he believes that God exists. He answered that he thinks God is natural 'energy,' not the God that others 'imagine.'"

I answered, "Look, 'J,' 'M' is a worker who has very advanced communist ideas and he himself says he's a communist. But there still exists in him an internal struggle between idealism and dialectical materialism. But I can assure you that with his participation in ICWP, his internal struggle will

sharpen and will be resolved advancing his political understanding and his objective vision of the world."

Then "J" added, "Sometimes I ask myself why people believe so much in God, even though they are screwed economically, sick, or their children have to sleep on the floor and eat dirt. Even like this, they pray and have faith that God will help them. For example, my mother, since I was a child and did without many things, prayed and prayed. Today she and my father are old, and even though they own their house, they don't have the money to fix it up."

I answered, "Listen, 'J,' religion, no matter which one, is an ideological imposition to keep us tied to the illusion that we came to this world to suffer, because up in heaven we'll enjoy ourselves eternally. This belief makes many workers distance themselves from the class struggle and passively accept so many injustices. Religion throughout history has played the role of the enemy of scientific development, like in the period of the Inquisition, when they burnt any man or woman of science who contradicted their reactionary concepts of the uni-

verse.

"During this current stage of social development, the Catholic Church makes many corrections to the biblical writings to adapt them to social advances. Including in massive social rebellions like in El Salvador, part of the church joined the popular movement, to assure the continuity of their privileges in case these opportunist groups, who call themselves revolutionary, won.

"The church isn't interested in getting rid of wage slavery. It's not interested in ending hunger, the diseases and suffering of millions of workers. That's why it's immoral to just continue observing without doing anything to change this situation. Only with a communist society can we teach and educate humanity to see things from a scientific point of view, to observe, investigate, and study the phenomena in their process of movement and development."

"J," looking at his watch, concluded, "This whole discussion is very good. But we have to start work. We'll continue tomorrow."

An ICWP Comrade at MTA in L.A

ICWP SCHOOL WORKERS CALL FOR POLITICAL STRIKE

This summer, as the union (Seattle Education Association) and the school district administration met in negotiations, most of us prepared ourselves for the usual no-fight, sellout contract. However, that's not what the bosses had in mind at all.

Sometime in August we became aware that what was on the table was actually a merit-based teacher evaluation system that relied heavily on scores from standardized tests. Our superintendent, Maria Goodloe-Johnson, the school board and the right-wing organizations that support them, were seriously organizing a campaign among parents and the general public to put all the blame for lousy, failing schools on us.

Some of us who read *Red Flag* have been discussing this situation for months, so we were not really surprised. After all, teachers in many other cities, like Wash. DC, Los Angeles, and Chicago, were being viciously attacked by the Obama administration already, and hundreds have lost their jobs.

Even though many folks were still away on summer

vacation, the word got out and people started calling for a strike. The union and the district, wanting labor peace, quickly reached an agreement.

We talked to our friends and wrote an ICWP leaflet recommending rejection of the tentative agreement. We called for a political strike, not a strictly an economic strike with a list of reform demands. We passed out 500 copies outside and inside the contract vote meeting.

The response to the flyer was encouraging. One young teacher read it as he was waiting with a group for the light to change. As he stepped off the curb he wheeled around and started waving the leaflet. "This is exactly what we need...a strike in the public interest!" he called back.

The idea of having a political strike against labor peace, racism and capitalisms' anti-working class mis-education piqued his interest. Others have also expressed their interest in political strikes. The times seem to call out for communist political ideas. We invited a number to our next study group on education under capitalism vs. communism Sunday, September 19th at 3:00 PM.

Self-critically, we could have been clearer on how a political strike differs from an economic strike. We could have explained that a political strike still has a reformist character. Such a strike can point to our revolutionary political solution, but it can't take the place of revolution.

Inside the meeting the debate was long and often heated. However, the contract was finally accepted. The actual evaluation process that passed was the one that the state had mandated, and was developed by a district/union task force. It is basically merit-based, but test scores are only one factor. Class size was increased, with the ELL program taking the biggest hit. Plus, whole schools can opt out of the contract. Any money items are dependent on the passage of a levy in November.

Nonetheless, the working class registered a number of small victories. A comrade that we have known for a long time came with us and handed the leaflet out in public for the first time. She'll be bringing relatives to our study group. Together with her and our other interested friends we can build a small, but sharp collective in the schools.

It's just the simple thing that is difficult, so difficult to do.

Berthold Brecht, *Elegy for a Communist*

We're starting over again and we don't know with certainty how far we will go. Our goal is the abolition of the wage system with all its evils: racism, wars, oppression, poverty, etc.

The most dangerous revisionism is always that which is within ourselves. We live in an exploitative society and the predominant ideas are those of the capitalist class. Many things affect and deform us, which is why we must be alert. In addition, in spite of warnings, our practice has fallen into revisionism;

laziness, taking things with calm, in other cases irresponsibility, covering up, lack of criticism of others and of ourselves.

Some prefer to only call it reformism; economism is what Lenin called it, including trade unionism, none of which can free us from exploitation. When this developed sharply within us, various people did not recognize it as revisionism; they didn't want to be aware of how bad attitudes were around us. Sooner than later they will be hit in the face by them.

"There is no human being who doesn't make mistakes, the important thing is to be wrong as little as possible and to correct errors quickly," said Lenin. So that's the process we're engaged in. We are a minority; all big projects have been begun by mi-

norities, although our goal is to involve the majority of humanity.

A hundred years ago the Bolsheviks separated from the majority of the parties in the Second International; the majority of the members of those parties did not understand the importance of such a break, some (still a minority) finally understood it when the Bolsheviks took power; they united with them and tried to make revolutions which did not succeed. It's the simple practice of taking the communist IDEA to the struggles of the workers which ends up being difficult, so difficult, to do. We will fight to achieve this; and all advanced workers should add their strength to this effort, joining ICWP. A comrade from Mexico

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Racist Murder: "Another Reason to Strike Against This System"

Workers and youth throughout LA are angry at the racist murder of Manuel Jamines by the LAPD (see p. 1). They are inspired by the rebellion against the cops and many have gladly received *Red Flag* and ICWP's leaflets showing that racist capitalism is to blame, and that our answer must be to build a communist movement to destroy it.

Drivers at several bus divisions saluted *Red Flag* sellers with clenched fists and thumbs-up after taking leaflets saying, "Strike against Racist Capitalism that murdered Manuel Jamines; Let's Build Communist Revolution to Destroy this Murderous System."

Other MTA workers heard the call to "strike against a system that murders our class brothers and sisters and shoots them down like dogs" and responded with "Right on!" and "You got that right!"

A worker stopped his car to tell us, "I really like reading this paper," and to give us money for it. Another worker said, "Oh, you want us to organize another strike against this murder? Oh, I see—it's another reason to strike against this system!"

A garment worker came back after getting a leaflet and *Red Flag* to ask for more copies. He said he was very interested in *Red Flag*.

A soldier in the National Guard said that he would refuse to go if called on to attack workers like the ones who rebelled against the racist murder of Manuel Jamines. He thanked us for *Red Flag*.

A group of college students, mostly young black men, connected Manuel's murder with their own experiences with racist police harassment on and off campus. A white student related similar experiences and said, "It's not mainly about race, it's about class." Another explained how racism arose historically, and remains today, as a class question. "Oh, that makes sense," a black student said.

There have been many discussions about the racist capitalist-caused unemployment which forces workers to be day laborers and street vendors, and about the openness of the workers to communist ideas and leadership. Hundreds of workers and youth rebelled against this racist murder, racist unemployment, and the system that causes them. This shows the need and opportunity to spread *Red Flag* among our friends and masses of workers and youth, to build political actions and strikes against racist capitalism, and to recruit to ICWP and the life and death struggle for communist revolution.

Several Comrades

Reform Not the Goal of Political Strikes

"Seattle Teachers" (*Red Flag* 9/15) does a really nice job of explaining why the fight against "school reform" must be a fight for communist revolution. There's one point, though, that might confuse some readers.

It says that "we will not win any reforms, and probably won't even be able to stop from losing what we have...if we go along with a strictly reform strike." That's true, but some might mistakenly conclude that we could win reforms and stop give-backs... if we organize a political strike.

A really massive political strike might temporarily stop some give-backs, but we call for political strikes to build the revolutionary communist movement, not to try to win reforms. As the article states very clearly, we need communist revolution to make education and all of society serve the working class.

So this letter is also in response to the letter in the same issue of *Red Flag* that worries whether calling for strikes – even ones that "put smashing capitalism front and center" -- might be "building the illusion that strikes can truly benefit us." I think that "Seattle Teachers" explains in convincing detail how we can

benefit from political strikes by making communist education a mass issue.

The MTA transit article takes a complementary approach by suggesting how we could mobilize workers to spread a political strike to other sections of our class and help prepare for the seizure of state power.

A friend and I recently joined a picket line of hotel workers on a one-day strike. I raised with several workers the idea that the attacks they're facing are part of an onslaught on the working class. I said these attacks should be answered with political strikes that could prepare us to take on the whole system. They definitely "got it."

In short, the point of a political strike is exactly to reap political benefits for the working class.

Reader

Imperialist Terror Bombing

September 7th marked the 70th anniversary of the Nazi blitzkrieg of London in World War II. September 11th was the 9th anniversary of the aerial attack on the World Trade Center in New York. So much has been written about bombing and terrorism that it is important to present the actual history of terror bombing.

"The (Iraqi) Arab and Kurd now know," said squadron leader Harris after several such raids, "what real bombing means. Within 45 minutes a full-sized village can be practically wiped out."

This was in the 1920s when British imperialism was full of pride about its use of terror bombing – a tactic that had cut the cost of its occupation of Iraq by 80%. By then it had already used such bombing in Afghanistan and was to use it shortly afterwards against an uprising in Somalia. "Thus," wrote the British communist Palme Dutt, "strategic bombing (of civilians) developed as a typical colonial method of British imperialism."

It was so important that, at a world disarmament convention in Geneva in the 1930s, they went to great lengths to prevent the terror bombing of civilians from being outlawed. It may well be said that the first fruits of their diplomatic success in Geneva came to the British working class less than 10 years later when the Nazis started the blanket bombing of British cities – wiping out 1/3 of all the housing in Britain.

The Blitzkrieg was a tactic the US and British imperialists not only learned from but also improved upon with their fire bombings of Dresden and Tokyo before unleashing the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Within 25 years, capitalist technology had 'advanced' from destroying a full-sized village in 45 minutes to obliterating a quarter of a million civilians in less than 5! As Dutt pointed out, under capitalism the greater the productive power is developed, the greater its destructive power. In capitalism we have developed the most barbaric, murderous system in the history of mankind. The time for communist revolution is long past.

A reader.

Unions Can't Defend Workers

Never mind a University education, within our own ranks there is a wealth of political knowledge.

Talking with a transit driver the other day about the

urgency to start building political strikes against capitalism itself, he offered his own experience on the limits of trade unionism.

The driver, a Chilean, had found himself working in a very militant plant during the early days of Allende's presidency. The shop stewards jealously guarded the rights of the workers and exercised some real power in the plant. The workers respected them, the bosses felt constrained.

Within a week of the overthrow of Allende by the fascist general, Pinochet, conditions changed radically. Management broke work agreements at will. Grievances piled up and eventually the Chief Steward armed with a long list of violations marched off to the bosses office.

Before he could step inside he was told "You're welcome here as an employee, but you have to leave your 'condition' – your trade unionism – outside."

It was a sharp lesson. Ultimately, trade unions are powerless to defend workers. We have to build our revolutionary communist Party – the ICWP

Revolutionary Agitator

On the Dictatorship of the Proletariat

We still keep the Dictatorship of the Proletariat as a key concept on our road to Communism. However, we need a fundamental discussion of this in our ICWP.

Exchanging ideas with a comrade, he expressed that he didn't agree with the concept of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. This quickly alerted me to defend this concept which is considered fundamental.

He explained that "proletariat" means wage worker and our goal is to end wage slavery. The taking of power means also the suppression of the proletariat as proletariat. He said that he prefers the Dictatorship of the Workers (or something similar, which he can specify).

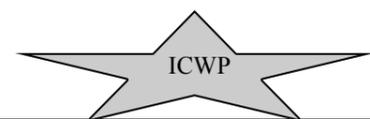
And in effect, the proletariat will not take power to reaffirm itself as a class, in the way the bourgeoisie needed to do, but it will take power in order to disappear as a class of wage slaves. That's how *the Communist Manifesto* of 1848 put it forward.

From our understanding of the need to eliminate the wage system, which neither the Russian nor the Chinese revolutionaries did, it can be understood that there won't be any more "proletariat," but there will be workers free of this slavery. They will need Power to smash the resistance of the capitalists and their allies.

The old Communist movement conceived it to be inevitable that the distribution of what was produced according to its value will persist, which means that wages and wage differences will persist. "Skilled" work was paid more than "unskilled." Consequently, and in spite of denying it, the wage system lived on, paid by the government.

It was thought that such shortcomings, to put it like that, would be administered by the "proletariat" through its party. To the extent that the proletariat continued to exist, the result was disastrous.

A worker of the world!



Questions for Red Flag Readers

The whole working class is under attack, but some attacks are much sharper than others. The execution of 72 Central American workers by the Zeta gang in Mexico (see p. 3) and the murder of Manuel Jamines Xum by the Los Angeles Police Department, and the murder of Oscar Grant by the Oakland transit cops (see p. 1) demand a response from all of us, whether we live in the US, Mexico, El Salvador or elsewhere.

What have we done to organize and mobilize our friends and co-workers against these fascist attacks? How are we raising our whole line in this fight? And what more could we do? We look forward to receiving responses from many of our readers on this issue!

Dialectical Philosophy

Revisionism and the Negation of the Negation

In previous columns, we have seen that processes develop through a series of qualitative changes called “dialectical negations.” These transitions are called negations because they involve the end of one quality and its replacement by an opposite quality. This happens, for example, when a child becomes an adult, or a tire goes flat. These transitions negate the childhood of a person or the inflation of a tire.

Dialectical negations follow each other, one after the other, as long as a process lasts. If a negation happens and a second one follows, the result can be similar to the starting situation, but it will never be exactly the same. If you melt an ice cube and re-freeze it, or drop a bowl of Jello and pick it up again, it won’t turn out the same. This principle is called the “Law of the Negation of the Negation.” It says that there are no complete reversals or circles in the history of a process, but there can be partial reversals. You might get the Jello back in the bowl, but it won’t look like it did at the beginning.

The negation of the negation principle applies to processes of all kinds, but it is particularly important in the process of fighting for communism. A crucial part of building up the movement to wipe out capitalism is the struggle against revisionism, capitalist ideas and practices inside the movement itself. Revisionism constantly recurs because of intense capitalist propaganda for patriotism and

reformism, as well as fear of defeat and of capitalist repression.

Fighting revisionism is crucial because it can reverse previous gains in the fight for communism. Before World War I, revisionism turned the socialist parties in most countries into supporters of imperialist war. In the 1950s in Russia and the 1970s in China, the victory of revisionism turned the dictatorship of the working class back into the dictatorship of the capitalist class.

In Russia and in China, the working class negated capitalist rule by revolution. Later, the victory of revisionism negated workers’ power by turning the communists in power into a “Red Bourgeoisie,” but with significant differences from before the revolution. Those countries now have new capitalist classes that rely on a lot of economic development and education that was the result of the socialist period, and a huge working class to exploit.

The working class of all countries also got something new from this negation, however. The experience of the unsuccessful anti-revisionist struggle in Russia and China has become the basis of a more advanced line in the battle against revisionism and capitalism.

That experience made it possible to understand that socialism, by keeping the wage system and the market, where exchange value dominated over use value, were huge concessions to capitalism that guaranteed

revisionism’s triumph. The idea that the working class must refuse socialism’s fatal compromises and fight directly for communism was developed in the 1980s in Progressive Labor Party. This vital step forward negated the mistaken socialist line of the old communist movement. Unfortunately revisionism eventually won out in PLP, turning it into a reformist movement and negating its major advance. Now we have to negate this revisionist victory by building the ICWP and developing anti-revisionist communist work much further.

To do this, we have to analyze the successes and failures of the past and figure out how to move the workers’ movement forward, including the fight against revisionism. ICWP has already made important steps in this process. As *Red Flag* shows, ICWP makes communist revolution primary in its work in schools, trade unions, and the military. We have also developed “communist centralism” further inside the Party, so that all members understand disputed issues and the whole Party is involved in the struggle to develop the line and fight revisionism in theory and practice. The communist philosophy of dialectics, including the law of the negation of the negation, gives us a powerful tool for understanding this process. Despite partial and temporary reverses, the weaknesses of capitalism and the strengths of the working class will allow us to win the final victory.



To strengthen couples and the working class:

Smash Sexism with Communist Revolution

Thanks to “Red Couple” for their frank and thoughtful discussion of the contradictions in marriage (*Red Flag*, 9/15). Particularly helpful is their emphasis on the role of the collective in sharpening contradictions to resolve them in favor of our class. This applies to much more than marriage, and we need to get better at it.

I think we should add a little about the role of sexism in creating and aggravating problems within marriages and other relationships. Capitalism puts forward theories about couples but it also institutionalizes gender inequality and the gendered division of labor.

Sexism arose with private property, class society, and the accumulation of wealth by a small ruling class. When the masses of women and men became “property” of the ruling class, women also became “property” of men.

This reality – justified by religion and enforced by the state – fostered divisive sexist ways of thinking that perpetuated the exploitation of both women and men in the laboring classes.

In agricultural societies, men and women often shared labor in the fields. But under capitalism, workers became wage-slaves who must sell our labor power to the capitalists in order to survive. This labor-power is itself produced and reproduced mainly within the family. This is the work of cooking, cleaning, making and fixing clothes, nursing the sick, raising the children, and so forth.

Ruling-class families paid (or enslaved) women to do this work. Within working-class families it was traditionally done mostly by women who were not paid for it. Although this work helps to create the commodity “labor-power” that workers sell in the job market, capitalist thinking considered that unpaid work was not “real work.”

Women and men were taught to think that women were dependent on men (because the men were the only ones allowed to earn wages) and that men should therefore dominate a marriage. This created a major contradiction because, of course, a couple mutually depends on each other.

Industrial capitalism demanded the low-paid labor of women and even children outside the home, but even women working outside the home were (and often still are) expected to do most of the work at home as well. This “double shift” puts an additional stress on relationships while the sexist division of labor reaps super-profits for the bosses.

In the present crisis of capitalism we see that every attack on the working class creates more “couples problems.” When workers are forced to leave families behind to find a job elsewhere... when black men in the US are trapped in the racist Prison-Industrial Complex... when boss-led armies engage in mass rape and executions, forcing thousands to become refugees... when workers are laid off or forced to work two or three jobs to make ends meet... All these things strain, damage or destroy family relationships.

As the “Red Couple” say, “couples’ problems are recurrent under this system.” While we must struggle over them now, we must also understand how communism can change the picture and the need to fight sexism in order to build our communist movement.

Communism Will End the Material Basis of Sexism

Of course communism won’t solve every “couples problem.” But some causes of these problems will disappear, and we will be qualitatively better able to deal with the ones that inevitably remain.

- Communist ideas (collectivity, principled struggle, egalitarianism) will have the force of the whole social organization to back them up. We will finally have the tools to defeat capitalist ideas in ourselves and our class.
- Young people will learn as they first become conscious to see and treat each other as comrades and equals. They will be educated to fight racism and sexism and to analyze everything around them using dialectical materialism.
- Couples will not suffer economic hardship in a society that has abolished money and the wage

system. Where there is scarcity, we will all share in it and work to produce more of whatever is most needed.

- They will not have to solve childrearing problems alone because we will all help to raise and educate the children.
- We will be far more collective in organizing the work of reproducing our labor power to continue to produce the goods and services our class needs.
- We will eliminate the gendered division of labor with a conscious struggle against sexism.

We have much to learn (both positive and negative) about fighting sexism and strengthening relationships from the 20th-century revolutionary experiments (Soviet Union, China, Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution). And – as “Red Couple” show – we have much to learn from our own experiences as well.



A woman (fist in the air), leaving prison in Guanajuato after a long legal struggle. She and six other women were imprisoned for six years on charges of murder after they experienced miscarriages. When offered a ride home by the government, she refused, saying that she didn’t want anything from the government and that she refused to be silenced. Repressive laws such as this lead to unsafe abortions and more maternal deaths. In a communist society, collective responsibility for child-rearing and free available health care for all will be part of the fight against sexism.