

## **Charleston Massacres In 1822 And Now Show: To End Racism We Must Destroy Capitalism With Communist Revolution**

Dylann Roof's hideous racist massacre at the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston shows that racism can't be willed, prayed or legislated away: It must be destroyed.

Today's racism, however, was born with capitalism. To destroy it we must destroy capitalism. Communism, and only communism, can destroy capitalism, abolishing forever the worst curse capitalism has inflicted on the working class.

Only the International Communist Workers Party (ICWP) is fighting to establish communism. This task requires the participation of millions. You, reading this, should think seriously of joining ICWP in this life and death struggle.

### **City of Charleston Committed First Massacre Against the Emanuel AME Church**

The church where Dylann Roof committed his racist massacre was founded in 1818. It served about 1,800 mostly slave members.

Among its founders was Denmark Vesey, a 55 year old ex-slave, accused in 1822 of planning "the rising," a revolt that would have involved thousands of slaves. The plan was to kill the slaveholders, free the slaves and sail to Haiti, where the masses abolished slavery in 1803 after their successful 13-year war against France.

The plan was betrayed before it could be executed. The city officials then carried out a massacre against the church,

burning it down, and hanging 35 of its members, including Vesey.

White supremacist Roof was following the tradition of these slave masters, the original white supremacists. We, however, follow in the proud tradition of Denmark Vesey and the Haitian masses.

### **Birth of Capitalism Engendered Chattel Slavery and Wage Slavery**

At its dawn, capitalism's main aspect in the Americas was chattel slavery. It enslaved and worked the indigenous population to death in the silver and gold mines. When they were exterminated, like in the Caribbean islands, the capitalists brought African slaves to work their plantations. This became the dominant mode of production in the Americas.

This horrific institution enabled the capitalists to accumulate the capital to industrialize. Once industrialized, capitalism's main form of exploitation became wage slavery. Wages -money - became our new chains.

The demise of chattel slavery, however, did not end racism. On the contrary, capitalism needed it now more than ever. Industrialized capitalism produced its grave diggers: we the industrial working class. We are the heart of their industrial and military might – if we stop working, nothing moves; if we turn the guns around they would be history. And, most important we have the historical understanding that communism will destroy capitalism. (OVER)

They must therefore divide us at any cost. Racism's main function is to prevent us from uniting to make the communist revolution that will end capitalism, its exploitation, wage slavery, racism, sexism, and wars for profits and empire.

A blatant example of this is the US bosses' "condemnation" of this horrible crime. They are using it to build a pacifist "anti-racist" patriotic movement. They have and need a multi-racial workforce and army to keep exploiting us and to wage their wars for profits and empire.

### **Communism will create a different world**

Once in power, the masses led by ICWP will immediately abolish money and the wage system. This will strike a fatal blow to some aspects of racism. There won't be wage differentials which make some sectors of the working class live better and feel "superior" to others.

Everyone will do both mental and manual labor. No privileges for any one – everyone, including the leaders, will take their turn performing difficult and unpleasant. Everyone will be encouraged to develop to their full potential.

Decisions affecting our lives will be taken collectively. We will share scarcity and abundance based on need—regardless of work, study, or family situation, and,

most importantly, regardless of "race," national origin or ethnic background. We will, however, mobilize the masses to provide food, housing and healthcare to everyone as soon as possible.

Collectively we will deal with anti-social behavior – with no need for police of any kind. Collectively we will deal with die-hard racists too, and we will mobilize the masses to root out all residues of racist and sexist ideologies. Communist education will develop the new generations to be anti-racists, anti-sexists and internationalists.

The ICWP already puts some of these principles into action: we are resolutely multi-racial and international.

Only by fighting racism can we establish communism and only by establishing communism can we end racism for good. The fight against racism and the fight for communism are inseparable.

**We call on you to mobilize your friends and family to march with ICWP this coming May Day, Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 against racism and for communism. Join us!**

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