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WORKERS AND
STUDENTS
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IN
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Trade Unionism is a Dead-End Street **WISCONSIN WORKERS NEED COMMUNIST REVOLUTION**

Tens of thousands of public employees' union members and supporters have swarmed to the state capitol building in Madison, Wisconsin, in response to a measure proposed by Republican Governor Scott Walker taking away collective bargaining rights from public sector unions. On Friday, Feb, 25th the measure passed in the Assembly but the Senate has not voted. Hundreds of labor rights' demonstrators have occupied the state capitol for nearly two weeks.

Republicans said collective bargaining rules must be changed due to a short term budget gap of 137 million and a two-year budget hole estimated by Walker at 3.6 billion. He claims that the alternative is to lay off more than 10,000 public employees.

In response to the possibility of taking away collective bargaining agreements (when unions negotiate a labor and benefit agreement with employers), the union labor lieutenants, the Democratic Party and liberals alike have mobilized thousands of workers.

The politicians appear to divide into pro-and anti-union camps. But these are minor disagreements over whe-

ther to count on union leaders to control workers, by convincing or forcing us to accept the cuts, or whether it's best to get rid of the unions and collective bargaining and force workers to accept the cuts.

The liberals, union hacks and Democrats are defending collective bargaining rights, unions and workers' legal rights in the capitalist system. Such a legal fight does not begin to address the source of the attack on workers.

The layoffs, reduction of wages, cut-backs in schools and social services, higher taxes that hit workers hardest and the current preparations for an upcoming war are results of the current worldwide capitalist crisis. This crisis has led to the acceleration of the falling rate of profit and overproduction; as a result the world's bosses need to engage in war; destroy rival productive capacity and capture new markets. The fall of the value of the dollar, spurred on by "quantitative easing," (printing money not based on value), the declining position of US imperialism in the world, the huge US debt, the huge military budget and current wars in Iraq and

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Union's Arbitration Strategy For MTA Driver: One Year of Torture

**AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY
TO ALL!
DESTROY CAPITALISM, FIGHT
FOR COMMUNISM!**

Los Angeles - In a front page article, "Capitalism Murders Workers; MTA Bosses Blame and Fire Drivers" (*Red Flag* Vol. 2 #1), we reported that in the last two years three people had tried to commit suicide by throwing themselves in front of moving MTA busses. Two were successful and the drivers were fired. The case of the third driver was pending, even though the survivor admitted it was a suicide attempt.

On February 11, a little over a year after the incident, the judge hearing the case ruled in favor of the driver. He is to be reinstated to his job with all of his back pay, pending a 30 day suspension with no pay.

Union officials are trumpeting this as a major victory. Is that really the case?

We don't think so. Why submit the case to arbitration in the first place, when the driver was innocent? By doing this, the union officials subjected this worker to the MTA bosses' year and three days of torture. How else can you characterize being traumatized by the accident, then living the nightmare

of losing one's job while being forced to survive all that time with no pay? What about the psychological damage to one's family, one's relationships, self-esteem and material losses like credit and personal belongings?

(See letters about similar attacks.)

The union officials— just like the MTA bosses—could care less about workers' lives. They are firm believers and defenders of capitalism. For a cozy job, a fat salary and perks they are willing betrayers of their class.

They do everything to divide, weaken and render the workers defenseless against capitalism's unrelenting attacks. They support the capitalists' political agenda, donating money and time to the bosses' politicians. They support and abide by capitalism's laws; that is why they meekly submit to the MTA bosses' arbitration process

ICWP believes in workers' power and mobilizing our class for communism

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Bosses: in Disarray but Lethal

COMMUNIST WORKERS & SOLDIERS OF THE WORLD WILL BURY THEM

Unable to control world events or even predict their outcome the US bosses are in complete disarray: “With Libya’s regime crumbling and protests spreading across the Middle East, neither Obama nor the experts really know whether America should now cheer or cringe,” wrote Leslie H Gelb, president emeritus of the CFR, US imperialism’s top think tank.

Obama, who you are going to call? “With few direct contacts in Libya, US officials have queried those with business and other non-governmental ties for names, phone numbers, and assessments of those who appear to be in charge.” (*Washington Post*, 3/2/11)

An *LA Times*’ front page article (2/26/11), “Obama seeks a new policy on the Mideast,” says Obama has instructed his staff to elevate democracy and the expansion of political rights “as core interests of ours [US] in the region.” Does this signal a “dramatic change” from the decades-old US policy of supporting to the hilt autocratic regimes in the region?

Defense Secretary Robert Gates told the House Armed Services Committee that he cannot imagine sending U.S. ground forces as a response to civil unrest in Egypt or elsewhere in the Mideast. He said they were largely diplomatic challenges. (2/16/2011). Yet, the USS Kearsarge, an amphibious assault ship accompanied by two other naval vessels, and 400 Marines have been ordered to Libyan waters.

An Op-Ed article in the *NY Times* (2/28/11) argues that the UN Security Council should authorize a NATO-supported no-flight zone over Libya. Admiral Mike Mullen (chairman of the joint chief of staff), General James Mattis (commander of the US central command), and Defense Secretary Gates question the wisdom of this. Yet, Hilary Clinton claims “nothing

is off the table.”

Gelb states this disarray more clearly, “To be blunt, I don’t know anyone who has the foggiest idea where these revolutions from Algeria to the borders of Saudi Arabia are going or whether future leaders there will be true democrats or new dictators.”

Furthermore, he argues that no matter what governments come to power, US imperialism’s geopolitical interests in the region will suffer. “The effects of even modest adjustments in Arab foreign policies could be quite serious: less secure oil supplies at higher costs, degradation of anti-terrorist operations based in the region, an Israel on hair-trigger military alert, and a stronger Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and Iran generally.”

More and More, US Bosses’ Only Option is War

The US bosses’ media, experts, military and civilian “leaders” are portraying a US imperialism incapable of imposing its geopolitical interests by political persuasion or economic bribes on the rest of the world. This only leaves them the military option which they must recur to more frequently in order to defend their tottering empire against their imperial rivals China, Russia and the European Union. This will inevitably lead to wider oil wars and eventually World War III.

This scenario is ever more imminent as the events in the Arab World continue to hammer at US imperialism’s control of Middle Eastern oil. This vast oil wealth, which can only be sold in dollars, imposes the dollar as the “official” reserve currency of the world – the basis of US imperialism’s trade and military dominance. Maintaining this control, especially with its

industrial base and economy in shambles, is crucial to US imperialism’s survival as the dominant world power.

That’s why Libya is on fire, unlike Tunisia or Egypt. It has 46 billion barrels of oil reserves, the largest in Africa. It also holds 55 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. All the imperialists are salivating over this wealth. The civil war in Libya – no matter how long its duration or the military involvement of the world imperial powers – portends wider wars in the Middle East and Africa. These will be proxy wars mainly between the US and the China-Russia-Iran-axis which will flare up into a global confrontation.

Communist Revolution Must Be Our Goal

We live in historic times, an epoch of world war and workers’ revolution. The working class can’t live in the old way, and the rulers can’t rule in the old way. This has been brought to life by the masses of workers in the Middle East mobilizing to overthrow their hated fascist rulers. They show the tremendous opportunity for communist revolution in spite of capitalism’s pervading cynicism and in the face of the dangerous gathering storm of wider oil wars and world war.

Workers and soldiers will turn the imperialists’ wars into a class war for communism. We can and must mobilize our class for our own interests. We have learned from experience and ideological struggle that only communism – not democracy or socialism, - will meet our aspirations for a world without exploitation, oppression, imperialist war, racism and sexism. History is on our side – mobilizing the masses for communism will guarantee our victory!

REBELLIONS SPEED UP US DECLINE, WIDER WAR, REVOLUTIONARY POTENTIAL

While the dollar is still officially the world’s reserve currency, we’re seeing the effects of its real demise as such. The US bosses are attempting to prop it up by printing money (\$860 billion) not based on value, which makes the dollar lose more value. This has spurred China, a major holder of US reserves and funder of the US defense budget, to buy goods and

resources around the world.

The Russian rulers joke that the US rulers should print the next round of money on softer paper so that it can be used as toilet paper, because that’s all it will be worth. Not having where to invest the money, US rulers are speculating in commodities, driving up the price of food worldwide. This deepens the current crisis —from Egypt to Wisconsin.

“We’re printing worthless currency and you better take it,” is their message as their printing press runs continuously. They’re telling the Chinese capitalists, “We know we owe you money but we’re not going to pay you back.” To bail out the banks, they claimed they printed \$8 trillion, but really it was \$18 trillion leveraged against a debt of \$100 trillion. US military

power alone keeps the dollar the “official” world reserve currency.

The Chinese and many other capitalists are fleeing the dollar. China is making trade deals with Russia, India, Brazil and even Colombia which avoid using the dollar.

The unrest in the Middle East and Africa will sharpen the rivalry between the US and Russia, China and Europe over energy resources. It will also sharpen the contradiction between workers and bosses and set the stage to turn world’s workers potential for communist revolution into the actual: building a communist world without money, wage slavery, or exploitation.

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Afghanistan have all contributed to the current crisis and cuts in pensions, wages, benefits and jobs. It will only get worse as declining US imperialists fight for their empire and prepare for WWII to re-divide the world.

In the face of this capitalist crisis that will ultimately ravage the worlds’ workers from Wisconsin to Cairo, the entire international working class must look to the fight for communism. Workers need to be mobilized not for collective bargaining rights or for the removal of a regime that ties us to capitalist exploitation but to fight for communism.

With communism there will be no money, no

wages and no “collective bargaining.” The party will represent the needs of all workers, and there will be no need for organizations defending special interests. Contracts and wages are only the terms of exploitation between bosses and workers. There will be no government agencies or bosses to work for. We will all contribute in the development of a collective society where communist principles like “from each according to commitment to each according to need” will be a guiding principle.

We don’t need union hacks that tell us that capitalism is the best of all possible worlds. We do need to build the ICWP and organize for a communist revolution. Every student, soldier and worker must see themselves as a communist organizer. We must take

Red Flag to the working masses. We must build an international mass communist party and prepare the important groundwork in military and industrial concentrations. Let’s fight for a communist world!



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From North Africa to Oaxaca, Mexico

WORKERS NEED TO ABOLISH THE WAGE SYSTEM

The employment of some one else's labor power, that is, "exploitation of man by man" is the cause of poverty, oppression, unemployment and the wars that humanity suffers. However, when the workers aren't conscious of this, they rebel only against the effects, believing the bosses' fantasy of "democracy." It's up to the communists of ICWP to raise their class consciousness.

With barely two months in office, the new government that the Education workers helped vote into power attacked them. Teachers and other workers of Section 22 of the SNTE (Union of Education Workers), when protesting the presence of Mexican President Calderon, were repressed together with APPO (a community organization) by the state apparatus of Oaxaca.

Capitalist ideology predominates as much among the workers in Oaxaca as in the north of Africa in the face of the lack of an International Communist Party like we're building in ICWP. The workers become overwhelmed by ideas like "the impulse for democracy," the "building of citizenship," or "civil society," "State of Law", "self-management" and other

nonsense of capitalist political maneuvering.

Those who promote this don't only repudiate the need for the Party of the Working Class, but also declare it obsolete, claiming its failure as the "Party of the State" in the "authoritarian" socialist governments. They ignore the fact that those governments were finally state capitalist and that their capitalist character determined their outcome of being against the workers. Contradictorily some of them welcome the support of the Chinese government (and that of Russia) to the Latin American "democracies." Basically they've decided that liberal "democratic" capitalism, not communism, is the alternative for the exploited.

They've led workers to coalitions or electoral alliances with sectors of the bourgeoisie, which only continue the wage system, giving them illusions in democratic change, the "transition to democracy" say the less optimistic.

They encouraged supporting the ex-PRI politician Gabino Cue, in alliance with the PAN, to "end the authoritarian regime" of the PRI. They barely see the complicity of assorted people (including leaders of

the social organizations and unions) who are looking for their petty interests, prolonging the "authoritarian culture" and the corporate spirit to reach their goals.

Even after the repression, some leaders talked about "keeping the democratic bonus" granted to G. Cue, building a social movement that follows him, which accompanies, supports and defends the actions of his government. Others assume (finally!) that this is a pretense and that they've been disillusioned, even more so when they believed in the capitalist institutions and in democracy. In truth we'll only have cosmetic changes to capitalism.

The media moaned once more against the teachers' one day political strike in protest against the repression, alleging that more than a million children were left without classes. But the political strike didn't advocate the abolition of wage slavery, but instead a "state of law", democracy.

Only pushing for a "social movement" instead of a movement of the working class disarms the working class which, to win, needs to organize into a PARTY that fights the capitalists for power. This is the task to which we're committed. Join us!

US Anti-Muslim Hearings Build Racism, Fascism

THE ENEMY OF YOUR ENEMY ISN'T ALWAYS YOUR FRIEND.

Liberal organizations are mobilizing to oppose the upcoming hearing of the US House of Representatives "Committee on National Security" on the "radicalization" of US Muslims. In Los Angeles and elsewhere they are holding "People's Hearings to Defend Religious Freedom."

But the issue here isn't "religious freedom." It's how we fight fascism. And the liberal strategy is a deadly trap.

Rep. Pete King, committee chair, is openly racist against Arab and Muslim people. He plans to call as witnesses a parade of Muslim individuals who support his views. The main purpose of this "hearing" is to build racism that the US rulers can use to justify increasing fascism and to prepare US workers for wider war.

The liberals' unlikely "champion" is LA Sheriff Lee Baca. He has done great service to the US rulers by building ties with Muslim leaders willing to collaborate with the bosses' fascist "anti-terrorism" campaign. Meanwhile, the FBI and other agencies infiltrated and spied on mosques.

Baca opposes Pete King because he thinks that Islamophobia (anti-Muslim racism) will hurt US capitalism-imperialism. So do Obama and others in the US ruling class. For example, Richard Haass of the powerful Council on Foreign Relations said last August that "anti-Americanism [is] a possible response to increasingly strident statements by Americans that

appear to be anti-Muslim."

Haass fears that this Islamophobia could lead to "support for radicalism and terrorism, and ... opposition to American policies [and] local leaders in Arab and Muslim-majority countries" who are US allies, endangering US policies in the Middle East. (www.cfr.org)

The US imperialist nightmare Haass described is unfolding right now amidst the rebellions in the Arab world. King's hearing can only undermine the US position still further.

So Baca is against King, but is Baca a friend of the working class? No!

Besides building illusions that the bosses' government cares about our "security," Baca is also responsible for the horrible conditions at the LA County jail. His deputies have been caught beating, pepper-spraying, and abusing inmates. And Baca pioneered the "Secure Communities" program now being enforced across the US. This means that everyone taken prisoner is automatically checked against immigration files and subject to possible deportation, even before being charged.

Some liberal activists defend their opportunist alliance with Baca and the like by claiming that "a lot of people trust law enforcement." Well, a lot of us – especially black and latin workers – don't!

This confidence in "good cops" reflects a belief in protecting the US capitalist society against any

change. The coalition opposing Pete King's hearing has called for changing its focus to "violence motivated by extremist beliefs in all its forms" broadening its mandate into an attack on revolutionaries and communists.

Are communist beliefs "extreme"? Yes and no. Yes, because they guide us to build a world radically different from the capitalist status quo. No, because they represent the only way to meet the needs and aspirations of the vast majority of people on the planet.

Mobilizing the masses for communism means that we rely on the working class, having learned the lessons of history that reliance on "good cops" and "good capitalists" has always been a disaster for our class. It drives us into the arms of one or another section of the ruling class that exploits us, oppresses us, and drags us into ever-deadlier imperialist wars. From Indonesia to Iran and beyond, the world is drenched in the blood of workers who trusted leaders who tied them to their class enemies.

This same attitude – distrust of the masses of workers coupled with reliance on "good" capitalists—led to the disaster of socialism in the former Soviet Union and China. We can only defeat racism and fascism by mobilizing the masses for communism, now and in the future. Help us do this by sharing *Red Flag* with everyone you can.

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We need to depend on our power to stop production –in our case, to stop the buses from rolling. ICWP will be organizing MTA drivers, mechanics and service attendants to respond to the bosses' racist attacks against us by shutting down LA transit and getting other workers, including passengers, to support us. We need a communist way of thinking that mobilizes the workers.

This stands in contrast to a trade union mentality that assumes the bosses can meet our needs. Trade unionism hog ties us to their system—a dead-end street.

Our slogan should be, "An injury to one is an injury to all! Smash capitalism, fight for communism!" Fired or suspended bus drivers, mechanics or service attendant should report to work and we should serve notice on the MTA bosses that nothing moves – we all work or nobody works.

Arab workers' rebellions show we need communist

leadership

The heroism of Arab workers and youth has captured the imagination of millions worldwide, especially the youth, and shown the potential for a communist revolution in our time and age. Unfortunately, many people will be disappointed because, without a Party that mobilizes the working class for communism, while creating untold numbers of leaders that see the need to fight for communism and to mobilize more workers for that goal, we will end up prisoners of one form or another of capitalism

Can we develop the leadership we need? Yes! US workers – in strategic industries and services like Boeing and MTA – can give leadership in the fight for communism to workers worldwide. We need to respond to all attacks by Boeing-MTA bosses and capitalism in general by organizing work actions and political strikes that target capitalism and put forward the fight for communism.

Historic times demand historic decisions: organize strikes against capitalism and for communism

These strikes can inspire workers here and everywhere to build a mass International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) capable of mobilizing masses of workers, soldiers, students and youth to fight for communism. We are living historical times. Economic crises, wider wars and world war are inevitable outcomes of capitalism. Just as inevitable, however, are the workers' uprisings against this murderous system. US workers won't be an exception. Wisconsin is just the beginning.

Let us not fail the working class. Read, distribute, write for and donate to *Red Flag*, join our study-action groups and help us organize work actions and political strikes to put our class firmer on the communist road.

Years Of Class Struggle Shaped Egyptian Workers Uprising:

NEED COMMUNIST MOBILIZATION TO REACH OUR REVOLUTIONARY POTENTIAL

Look to the workers first! A useful motto when trying to understand what's happening in the world.

In Egypt, for example, workers "forgot to be afraid." The thin line of the Egyptian Officer Corp stood between millions of pissed-off workers--and potential allies among rank-and-file soldiers and youth--and power.

Cairo's transit workers, Suez Canal workers, subway, postal, Egypt Airlines workers hit the bricks. Defense and aerospace workers wildcatted in defiance of the government-controlled Egyptian Trade Union Federation.

The heart of the workers' mobilization was in the Nile Valley textile plants, the birthplace of the Egyptian workers' communist movement. The Misr textile workers, 28,000 strong, once again set the tone.

What started in Tahrir Square reached its decisive moment in the factories and mills. The bosses, both domestic and imperialist, threw Mubarak overboard in a last ditch effort to save their system. As always, the working class sealed the fate of the uprising.

This massive illegal wildcat strike-wave was not primarily a spontaneous affair. The workers moved based on their conscious, albeit limited, understanding of their historical role.

Class-consciousness comes from more than the unique position of workers in capitalist society. Political experience during years of class struggle hones--or blunts--our class's revolutionary potential.

Democracy and Nationalism: Deadly Illusions

The Egyptian workers' history of mobilizing for democracy and national liberation short-circuited their revolutionary communist potential. Capitalism survived for the moment.

Regrettably, the old international communist movement promoted this misguided mobilization. The working class was supposed to be the only group with the backbone to carry through the anti-imperialist national struggle.

The mistaken theory of advancing to communism in stages -- first anti-imperialist democratic nationalism, then socialism and finally communism--failed our class. We will not repeat this fatal blunder.

Our class would have slowly, but surely, gained the practical experience and theoretical foundation to fulfill its revolutionary role if it had been mobilizing the masses for communism all these years. Our Party exists to give leadership to this kind of struggle in the here and now.

Post-War Communist Organizing Key

The most significant Egyptian communist parties were born during WWII. They became the leading force among workers in the Nile Valley, Alexandria and the Cairo metropolitan area in the post-war period.

Their founding membership looked like a mini-United Nations. Most interesting, Egyptian Jews were among the first and most staunch supporters. The crippling nationalism that infected the communist organizations defied their own history.

Communists were particularly strong in the Nile Valley textile plants: the very same factories that led the illegal wildcat strike-wave in defiance of Army orders these past few weeks.

Intellectuals and students gravitated to the New Dawn communist cell. New Dawn sent up a Workers' Committee for National Liberation --The Political Organization of the Working Class (NCWL) to expand its membership to the working class.

The other party called itself the Democratic Movement for National Liberation. More of its original members came from the working class. More importantly, they won new working class recruits to replace the original leaders arrested by the government.

The DMNL replaced the liberal-bourgeois Wafd party as the most influential force among workers after leading two key strikes during the post-war period of unrest. Unfortunately,

they trained an increasingly militant working class in the same old dead-end politics of national liberation (from the British) and democracy. In essence, the communists were better at building Egyptian capitalist power than were the capitalists themselves.

On May 12, 1946, Nasr Textile

Company workers struck against a threat to close the mill. The strike wave quickly spread to 19 other textile plants shutting down production in the whole of Shubra al-Khayma (a Cairo suburb).

The issue of mass unemployment sparked not only a wave of strikes, but also political protests (mostly calls for British troops to leave). Secret workers' committees organized two strikes at the Nile Valley Misr Spinning and Weaving Company during the month of June. Tens of thousands fought layoffs and firings.

Newspaper: Workers' Key Weapon

By Mid-July, the government passed an anticommunist law, shutting down all leftist newspapers, magazines and organizations. "The memorandum of explanation accompanying the anti-communist law noted the rapid growth of communism in Egypt, 'especially among our quiet and gentle working classes.'" (*Workers On the Nile*)

In defiance of the new law, the DMNL began publishing a weekly newspaper in 1947, al-Jamahir (The Masses). Its circulation of 12,000 was centered in large industrial enterprises. Twelve thousand was a substantial number in a country where most were illiterate.

Al-Jamahir was an effective organizing tool. Detailed articles and photographs were published in centerfolds on the Shubra al-Khayma textile industry, the Misr Spinning and Weaving Company, other Cairo area textile industries, the textile subsidiary of the Filature Nationale in Alexandria, sugar, tobacco, tramway companies and the Suez Canal Company. The history of labor struggles was combined with exposés of current conditions. The DMNL got many contacts and won the workers' support throughout these enterprises during 1947 and early 1948.

Al-Jamahir was particularly effective at the Misr Spinning and Weaving Company. A centerfold in the June 2, 1947 issue told the history of the 1938 strike and the company's ties to the government. The next issue announced that "a group of Mahalla workers" (location of the Misr factory) made a financial contribution to al-Jamahir.

Textile worker Muhammad Hamza set up a DMNL branch in the city. He led a secret strike committee, organizing the massive September Misr uprising. On September 2, management posted new disciplinary regulations with accompanying fines. It was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Laid-off workers read the regulations aloud to a large

crowd of workers about to begin a new shift, sparking a demonstration. Security fired. Workers rebelled.

Laborers set fire to the cafeteria and other company property. Four workers were killed, nineteen wounded and fifty-seven arrested.

The Misr rebellion set off another strike wave that lasted through 1948. The most significant strike lasted seventeen days at the Filature Nationale textile subsidiary in Alexandria: another focus of al-Jamahir organized networks.

On January 20, 1948, over eighty Misr Weaving and Spinning workers were arrested, charged with possession of illegal literature. Not coincidentally, the arrests occurred days before a new union election.

"The Misr Company's image as a national institution was severely damaged, and the formally widespread assumption that workers should not strike against Egyptian-owned companies was, in practice, discredited."

Wage Slavery Must Be Abolished

Nonetheless, DMNL politics held the workers back from drawing the logical conclusions from their experience. "The communists refused to make the political distinction between class and national demands." According to the DMNL, "the immediate task of communists was to organize broad national front of workers and other 'patriotic forces' (including national bosses)." Mao's Chinese revolution was the model.

In the end, the Free Officers outflanked a working class weakened by this flawed stages theory of revolution. Martial law, justified by the entry of Egyptian troops into Palestine, ended the workers' uprising. Nasser, Sadat and ultimately Mubarak were the result.

This brief political history and the last few weeks reaffirm that the working class is not a passive element in history. The working class's interests demand the abolishment of wage slavery and nothing short of that will do. A working class steeped in the struggle to mobilize the masses for communism can sweep the capitalists into the trashcan of history.



Militant Garment workers from the Mansour-España Garments Company in the Nile Delta in the Daqahliya Province staged a sit in strike for 2 months in May and June of 2007 over wages and conditions and another one in 2008.

This is what "democracy" means: on Friday night, Feb. 25, the army attacked demonstrators in Tahrir Square in Egypt who were demanding the resignation of the Prime Minister appointed by Mubarak before he resigned. One demonstrator complained "The Army is high jacking our revolution." Democracy is a myth: the Officers of the Egyptian Army are part of the capitalist class which has maintained power in Egypt. Communism will meet the aspirations of the courageous Egyptian workers.

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BOEING WORKERS ON ARMY, DEMOCRACY & COMMUNIST POTENTIAL

SEATTLE, WA — A day never passes without Boeing workers debating the meaning of the Mid-East uprisings. I consciously started a number of these discussions, but, by now, my friends bring it up on their own.

Workers have a genius for expressing key political questions in sharp, riveting ways. We kept revisiting questions on the army, democracy and the possibility of communist revolution.

Veterans Discuss Armies

"I can't believe the Bahrain army beat those demonstrators as they slept in the parking lot," said a veteran friend at shift start. No hello, how was your weekend!

"Remember how the sergeants used to yell at us to never let our rifles out of our sight, even when we were sleeping," I joked.

"No shit!" he agreed adding that we may need those guns in Wisconsin.

"Has anybody started a petition to recall that governor?" he asked.

"Come on!" I answered. "Do you really think we get rid of one guy and it's going to change capitalism?"

"You're right, he can't be doing this on his own. Some big money-men must be behind it."

"You'll never see the U.S. Army breaking into that Governor's, beating him up, telling him he can't destroy those workers lives."

"No shit!" again.

Capitalist Democracy = Dictatorship

Another mill hand wandered over with Egypt and democracy on his mind. I tried to explain that democracy was, in reality, just another form of the bosses' dictatorship.

"We live under a dictatorship," I insisted.

Before I could continue he interjected, "Yeah, and the name of the dictator is John (our boss)!"

"You see," I said. "You come to work and you understand the real nature of capitalist dictatorship. Our boss is the capitalist's agent."

He took a *Red Flag*.

Communism Will Change How We All Think

A third discussion took place in

a co-worker's living room with his wife. He read *Red Flag*'s lead article, "Capitalism Fails Egyptian Workers." It showed how the bosses are not invincible and how the working class can be a vehicle for revolutionary change.

He was not so sure. "There have always been these ideas around," he theorized. "Sometimes the capitalist ideas win out; sometimes the communist ideas. Sometimes the unions are in retreat and sometimes they advance."

"Well, ideas don't exist in a milk bottle," I retorted. "There's a material basis to think the working class can lead a communist revolution. Mobilizing the masses for communism in the here and now will allow the workers to reach their potential."

We discussed how different relations of production led to different ideas dominating a society. The exploited in slavery were property; the exploited in feudalism were serfs tied to the land and nobles. Capitalism, wage slavery, gave birth to a new class of exploited, the working class, and with it the potential for communism. Human nature is defined differently in each of these societies.

We then discussed the material basis of racism under capitalism. The bosses have huge economic and political incentives to promote racist ideology and practice. Communist production organized around need, not profit opens up the possibility of eliminating racism. His wife lit up.

He hemmed and hawed even as he saw the logic. Because of our long friendship, I knew I could put him on the spot (and me too).

"Is it possible you're clinging to this theory that ideas have no basis in reality because it takes you off the hook?" I said. "If ideas and movements just come and go with no rhyme or reason then you don't have to grapple with these important questions of reform or revolution."

"Look," he interrupted, not liking where this was going, "I think these communist ideas are great and I'll contribute in any way I can."

We arrived at a dollar amount he would contribute to *Red Flag*.



ARAB WORKERS' REBELLIONS INSPIRE DISCUSSION, ACTION AROUND COMMUNIST IDEAS

"The US is in a huge global power struggle," is how a student leader summed up the presentation at a campus forum on the rebellions in the Arab world.

"They keep us complacent here," an older student added, "but things are not okay."

The forum began with a very clear and detailed explanation of how the global crisis of capitalism is increasing the misery of desperately poor workers in the Arab world, fueling the revolts there.

This same crisis is heightening tensions between the US and its rivals, especially China. A map helped to show the pivotal role of energy and gas resources in this conflict. As critical as oil is to modern industry and warfare, the issue is much deeper. US capitalists, forced to abandon the gold standard in 1971, turned instead to "petrodollars" based on military alliances that allowed them to control Mideast oil. This allowed them to create print and electronic money, dominating world trade.

The present rebellions are changing that balance of power. Iran's influence is rising, especially in Iraq, Bahrain, and other places with large Shi'a Muslim populations. That of the US is declining (see RF v. 2 #2). The only possible outcome is world war.

And, unlike previous world wars, this one will profoundly affect the lives of workers and others within the US.

Students followed the talk intently and took it very seriously.

"Workers have solutions," one said. "We can use science and technology to replace oil and improve our lives. The dang big old fat cats are keeping us in oil to make profits."

An ICWP comrade spoke of the heroic part played by Egyptian workers in the uprisings. Strikers have demanded the mass firing of bosses and a 300% increase in workers' bonuses. But illusions that reform can make capitalism meet workers' needs hold back the struggle for communist revolution. It's an illusion to think that democracy or capitalism can ever meet their aspirations. "People have to be conscious of what we're replacing capitalism with," she said, explaining why communism is the answer.

"I'm huge fan of tearing down democracy as it exists in America," a student

said. "The capitalists don't really care how they govern. It's the pursuit of money." He said that "communism is the solution to capitalism, but not to democracy" and wanted to know what kind of leadership we would need.

"Why does it have to be capitalism or communism?" one student complained, "And what's wrong with capitalism?" "What's the difference between socialism and capitalism?" Others explained that socialism was another form of capitalism. The mistake of earlier communists, who thought socialism would lead to capitalism, has contributed to widespread anti-communism. We need to confront this head-on. This sharp, frank and wide-ranging discussion was a good step.

On the day before the meeting, county sheriffs and school officials threatened to arrest comrades distributing *Red Flag* on this campus. Ironically, they were at a "Black History Month" outdoor meeting where the main speaker was describing his participation in the anti-racist 1961 Freedom Rides.

Then the sheriffs stopped student club members from passing out flyers advertising their forum about the Arab uprisings. An angry group immediately confronted several college administrators. It quickly became clear that the sheriffs' orders had come from college officials.

With major cutbacks looming, these mini-Mubaraks fear that working-class students, mostly black and latino/a, will mobilize themselves to fight back. Like US-inspired pro-democracy leaders, they only want to mobilize students for their own aims — in this case, passing Gov. Brown's tax hikes.

In the words of a Neville Brothers' song: "There's freedom of speech, as long as you don't say too much. But you can't stop running water. You can't hide the fire that burns inside."

Now students and faculty are mobilizing to make the center of campus an official "free speech area." More are planning to protest the racist budget cuts, instead of being "part of the process" to decide what gets cut.

Red Flag readers are supporting this effort, but we are telling our friends that "free speech" is not the issue. An important lesson of the Arab uprisings is that repression can't stop the working class. The main obstacles are within ourselves and our movement, and these can be overcome.

Students have agreed to develop networks to get out *Red Flag* and other information through friends and in our classrooms. The huge positive response that comrades have already gotten to *Red Flag* should encourage them to boldly mobilize for a communist May Day and beyond.

**ONE CLASS, ONE PARTY, ONE FLAG!
JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST WORKERS' PARTY**

PRACTICE OF PARTY LIFE

For the last few editions, I haven't written. I had plenty of reasons to write but today I want to tell the other comrades and readers of *Red Flag* about my life. I start with the verse of a beautiful song, which is an inspiration to continue in the struggle. Now as I write I listen and I want to share it with you. It goes like this, "What a thing to say and make ourselves good...with what shot will we run gardens full of the humble sensations of wonders, with how many oil lamps will we illuminate the birth of this great unknown; the future is coming, like the great discovery of the city that protects dreams and inhabitants, we'll have children in our eyes and, in perceiving life, we'll have blood under our fingernails, it's how to be happy without leaving an imprint."

I've given this meaning. For me, the city is Communism and the rest is what we live in order to reach this great city, or Communism. In our road sometimes there are tears or tremendous happiness. Our life is composed of both all the time, every time someone accepts the newspaper, every time someone joins the Party, when someone goes away or when we fall into passivity. There are times when our vision gets cloudy and the tears run down our cheeks and without thinking about it we keep on fighting.

We've changed the ways we live to be closer to our friends. I remember that before I hated to be in the sun. Simply having an activity in the sun put me in a bad mood. Now many of the activities that I carry out that bring me closer to my friends are under the sun and I work with the earth, with nature, with people from rural areas. Sincerely, even though it's hard for me to be in the sun, it's necessary because it means I get closer to my friends. Due to these activities, we've organized a study group in which my friends participate. It's good. Sometimes we discuss many important topics without having to have a formal meeting because our activities bring us together and give us a lot of time for discussion.

At work, my co-workers know that I'm a communist. Sometimes I can feel harassed by them. Two of them have told me that won't join our Party because they've known comrades who in words say many things but in actions do the opposite. That's

why I always have internal struggles so that my own practice is closer to what we look for: SCIENTIFIC COMMUNISM. Some other friends know that I'm a communist. They know me and, in part, I know them. But many times I don't feel comfortable in being able to talk to them and show them many of their liberal or revisionist actions, because, like us, they should be changing their attitudes in a consistent way.

At home, I've made certain advances. I consider that the family is a great center of development of qualities in all aspects. My parents are very Catholic. One day my mother told me that she wouldn't join the Party because we don't believe in God, even if our ideas were good. My brothers and sisters help me in many ways, from trips to meetings to my own development, because when they see a negative action they tell me about it and I have the same confidence to make comments about their actions. We've discussed and they've advanced politically, which they've seen in the place where they work and study. Clearly, this had meant a lot of time, commitment, patience and more than anything consistency, but it hasn't been easy. It has cost tears also.

We're unfinished processes, but every day is an opportunity to continue developing ourselves. I know that our practice will drive away or attract people to the Party, and in this practice we don't only learn ourselves. The people who live with us see and change their attitudes also. A while ago in a discussion with someone I knew, I said that our practice talks about us. It's not simple, but it's our essence, our life. Some friends tell me that I'm very demanding. They say that I should value peoples' friendship and affection more than political questions. They comment that the personal and the political are two different things. I've answered them that both things complement each other. The political line will determine many of our actions. We can't be just one or the other. The political advance determines the level of understanding and struggle with our friends and with each one of us. Our practice talks about us, about the PARTY and about COMMUNISM. Join the struggle.

Fight Racist Cop Terror

I was driving to one of our meetings in a black and latino neighborhood, and I passed the house because I couldn't remember the address, and I turned left to a local neighborhood, in front of a park. I pulled over to use my cell phone, to get the address, and four undercover police officers (3 white, one Latino) in an all black Crown Victoria saw me. They passed me, looked at my license plate, and one cop said, "Hi" to me, but I thought he was talking to the four black men on the front porch, but he was talking to me. I hung up the phone, and started to move on, realizing that there could be a problem between the cops and the people on the front porch. Instead, and the cop backed up and blocked my car. Then I realized I was in trouble. He asked me, "where are you going, do you live over here." "I'm going to a friend's house" "Get out of the car. Give me your license," He searched me, asked me if I had drugs or sharp objects, and they took turns asking me if there was something wrong, because I seemed sort of shocked. They asked me if the car I was driving is registered in my name. (It's a twenty year old bucket.) They checked my license and registration, they searched me, and my car, asking me over and over again where I was going, did I have any drugs, and why was I so nervous.

I'm a young black man being searched by four cops, why wouldn't I be nervous?

They told me to get back in the car, and then a comrade drove up, going the opposite direction. This comrade, an older white woman, saw me in the car and stopped. The cops turned to her and asked, "Do you know this guy?" She said, "Yes." The cop said, "Oh. He's OK, then. Are you going where he's going? Please pull over so he can follow you to where you're going."

This is "post-racial America." I'm a suspect because I'm driving while black in broad daylight, but if a white lady says I'm OK, then I guess I'm an "acceptable black man." We told the other people at the meeting about this, and some people were more surprised than others, but everybody was furious. Racism is still alive and well in America and will be—until we put an end to the capitalist system that keeps us separated as a class. Until we get rid of money, we'll still have the racism that keeps us apart. --A comrade

**March 2
Protest Against
Racist Cutbacks in
Education and
Social
Services**



Questions for Red Flag Study-Action Groups:

1. What are the consequences of the bosses' confusion in the Middle East?
2. Is democracy the dictatorship of the bosses? Why do people fight for it?
3. How can the masses fight for what they need?

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Workers Need A Workers' State

In the March 2nd issued of *Red Flag*, there was an article called "Under Communism Will There Be A State?" This article argued that there will be no state under communism, and in particular, no laws, police or soldiers. The article discussed the crimes that the bosses' state commits against workers, but missed the critical issue. That issue is how the working class will be able to defend its victory over the bosses in the first period after the revolution.

Experience of previous revolutions shows that defeated bosses won't give up trying to get back into power. Counter-revolutionaries will engage in assassination, sabotage, conspiracies, racist or nationalist propaganda, etc. Criminal gangs will be a serious threat to workers, and may ally with the counter-revolution.

We may not be lucky enough to win in all countries at the same time, in which case there will be spies, conspiracies and eventual military attacks organized by the remaining capitalist countries. Until communist relationships have been established for a while, we should expect some of the corrupting effects of capitalism to continue in the form of murders, rapes, thefts, drug dealing, etc.

Dealing with all these threats to workers' power or harm to individual workers will require an organization of people whose job (or one of whose jobs) is to find and punish people who do these things. Like all the institutions of communist society, we must make sure that such police organizations are controlled by the working class through their mass communist party. The problem of making sure that all social institutions are controlled by and serve the working is not inherently more difficult for police than it is for other institutions that we need, like the schools or the media.

As communism becomes well established, we should expect police functions to be needed only rarely, but certainly some kind of laws will always be needed. If workers form a sports league, for example, they usually find that some rules make things work better. These rules lay down what players and coaches expect of each other. Can you play in the game if you didn't show up for practice? Are you still on the team if you have missed three games without a good excuse? Rules that people agree to and impose on themselves are part of living collectively, not just something that an oppressive power forces on them. As the ICWP grows, it will need some explicit rules and some way to deal with members who don't follow them. This is part of proletarian self-discipline. Whether rules are called "laws" or something else, we need to win and to live together.

--Red Reader

MTA BUS DRIVER WRITES

I'm a regular reader and distributor of *Red Flag*. I'm a latino MTA driver with over ten years of seniority. I would like to share with *Red Flag's* readers an incident that happened to me about two weeks ago.

A passenger boarded the bus I was driving. While fidgeting with his wallet to take out his monthly pass to show me, he sneezed right into my face. "Please cover your mouth when you sneeze. You just sneezed into my face and that could be detrimental to my health," I said.

"I sneeze when I have to, I can't control that," replied the passenger, "and, I couldn't cover my mouth because my hands were occupied." His breath reeked of alcohol.

"But you can turn your head", I suggested.

The passenger response was to purposely sneeze into my face again. He showed me his bus pass and sat down. When the bus came to his stop, on his way out, while I was distracted doing something else, he spat into my face.

MTA drivers experience humiliating acts like this all the time, including verbal abuse, much of it racist. I don't think there is an MTA bus driver that has not been spit on by some racist of one stripe or another, or subjected to some other kind of physical or verbal abuse.

What's worse, there is nothing we can do but swallow our pride, our frustrations and anger and live with this humiliation. Doing anything else will mean immediate suspension or termination of employment because the MTA bosses deny us any possibility of responding to these attacks, including defending ourselves against even more aggressive or dangerous attack because we are not suppose to leave our driver's seat under almost no circumstances.

What about the union, you might ask? The union officials are not only useless but side with the company. When workers get suspended or fired because of getting up from their seat to investigate incidents inside or outside the bus or to better defend themselves from attacks – the union officials usually make deals with the company that sell these workers out. When the workers don't accept their deals, the cases are "lost" because the union "forgets" to appeal until the time to appeal has lapsed.

I and other drivers have suggested that the company build drivers' cabins – like the Greyhound buses have – to protect us at least from physical attacks. It has fallen on deaf ears of both the union officials and MTA's management. They don't want to solve these problems. They want them to continue and used them to fire drivers.

I think *Red Flag* is right. We need to take things into our hands, stop the busses from rolling and strike against the system. However, it seems almost impossible to get all MTA workers to act as one. Nevertheless I'll continue to do what I can to make this happen.

--A reader

MTA SCHEME

Our society has an obsession with the unborn. It must be born but once you are born, you are on your own. Before it turns 18, it has been bombarded with so much propaganda: buy this, buy that, be in debt till you die. Die you must with the biggest and baddest toys. Ha, are we no more and no less than lab rats, farm animals? Is that why we were born?

You survived till 21 and end up at MTA lab and service industry. Where rule number one is you must become a professional mind reader.

A driver's case is about over but it has taken more than a year even though the survivor (pedestrian) said it was a suicide attempt. Why did the Union allow it to take so long? Union officials and MTA management with their cozy jobs, fat salaries and perks; give a hoot about drivers' lives. If there is an incident where a bus and pedestrian are involved regardless of the circumstances, if a driver gets off the seat and it becomes an altercation (with bodily contact), the driver gets fired. Self-defense to the MTA means "be abused and shut up, take a beating in the seat."

Why should drivers be fired for incidents completely out of their control?

Management may end up hiring back some of the drivers, but what about the financial, mental harm to families and how about the damage to all drivers?



CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNATIONAL WORKING WOMEN'S DAY!

This year marks the 100th anniversary of International Working Women's Day, first celebrated in March, 1911. Although this day has been distorted by feminists into a struggle for the vote and institutionalized by the United Nations in 1975 as International Women's Day, its history is one of struggles of women workers around the world against capitalism and the special oppression of women workers which capitalism requires. Although the participation and leadership of women workers in the struggles of our class are often invisible, *Red Flag* has shown women workers in struggle, from Bangladesh to Boron, from Oaxaca to Tunisia, from Bolivia to Cairo. The photograph above shows striking Russian women textile workers and workers at the Putilov weapons factory, joined with soldiers' wives on International Working Women's Day in 1917, demanding "Bread for our Children" and "Bring our Husbands Home from the Front." This strike marked the beginning of the Russian Revolution.



How do you get that back? An injury to one is an injury to all! What kind of service is MTA advocating? But with every attack, the anger and hatred are building among the workers. It is too obvious that the current management is in a self appointed duty to fire and harm as many lives as possible.

Contract negotiation will be over soon. Do not allow their typical sell out:

"be glad that you have a job in this economy"

"we worked hard and got you the best deal"

Ask about the tiers, shoulder straps, cameras, running time, why are drivers guilty even before that facts are reviewed? MTA violates the contract and the Union does nothing! Wisconsin ideology is already working in MTA! As long as the buses and trains roll, MTA is not going to listen...you know it!! MTA wants a strike to help them balance the books off our backs and does not have the guts to initiate it and they are abusing us so we can initiate it! For how long are we going to take these abuses? Do you want to do something about it?

WE NEED TO REALLY ORGANIZE

MATERIALIST IDEAS WILL PREVAIL OVER IDEALISM

In previous columns we have talked about the interaction between that thinking and the rest of reality. Reality influences thinking whenever people learn, and thinking influences reality as part of the goals and planning of human labor. The basic idea of materialism is that reality is the dominant side of this relationship. When people learn, they get their ideas from interacting with the material reality that those ideas are about. We can call this reality the material basis of the ideas that are learned. Ideas, at least those that last for a while and are accepted by many people, must have a material basis. A material basis for a certain kind of thinking means something real that influences people to accept it. But ideas can reflect reality in more than one way. This column discusses the concept of ideology, that it, thinking that reflects the outlook of a specific social class.

What Ideology Is

An ideology is a system of ideas that express the outlook or the interests of some class or social group, in a way that can be completely false. Capitalist ideology contains false ideas that seem to make capitalism more acceptable to its victims. These ideas include that selfishness and greed are natural and healthy, that people of some races are stupid or lazy, that women are less able or less important than men, that capitalism can eliminate poverty and war, that capitalists are generous and kind, that there is a God who rewards those who work hard and don't revolt, etc.

The Ruling Ideas are the Rulers' Ideas

Capitalists put all the institutions of capitalist society to work propagating these lies and others like them. The newspapers, the TV, the Internet, movies, popular music, schools, universities, government agencies, the military, churches, capitalist political parties, think tanks, etc., have enormous resources dedicated to mislead workers and their allies and dampen resistance to capitalist exploitation. The result of the capitalist monopoly over propaganda is that most people accept at least some capitalist ideology. As Marx and Engels wrote: "The ideas of the ruling class are in every epoch the ruling ideas, i.e. the class which is the ruling material force of society, is at the same time its ruling intellectual force."

Capitalists themselves believe at least some capitalist ideology. They think that a system that is so wonderful for them has to be the best. But their ideology works for them whether or not they believe all of it themselves, since it is essential to keep them in power. They can promote religion, for example, or "shared sacrifice" for imperialist wars even if they don't believe these things themselves.

Capitalist ideology can get in the way of capitalists' understanding of their own system, especially in economics or international conflicts. The myths that capitalist markets regulate themselves or that resistance to imperialism is just a "clash of cultures," which are promoted at elite universities, make it harder for ca-

pitalist theorists to figure out policies to try to fix capitalism.

The Material Basis of Racism

Some capitalist ideology has a material basis beyond their propaganda machinery. The tremendous racial and ethnic inequalities that capitalism creates and maintains in many countries provides a material basis for racist ideology. In the U. S., for example, capitalist propaganda blames the victims for the lower wages, worse schools, police terror and mass imprisonment that capitalism imposes on black and Latin workers. It promotes the lie that racial inequality is the result of low intelligence or "inferior" culture, while the real cause is capitalism itself. Capitalists in other countries push similar lies about the most oppressed and exploited workers there.

This continuing unequal situation is a material basis for racist ideas. This is also true of the wage system, which promotes the idea that skilled workers or mental workers are smarter or deserve more than unskilled labor. As long as these inequalities exist, they provide a material basis for racist, sexist and other elitist ideas, and continue to generate these ideas. Thus the struggle for the idea of human equality cannot be completely won under capitalism, but only under communism, which ends social classes and racial and gender divisions for ever.

Next week: Working class ideology.

NOTES FROM A COMMUNIST FARMWORKER

The way people think under capitalism should be in synch with the position they occupy in the society. A boss thinks like a rich person, because he's rich and he belongs to the ruling class, the capitalists. And a worker should think like a worker, because he belongs to the working class. But, there are workers who think like the rich. But this is an incorrect way to think, since workers who think like this can even get to the point of becoming enemies of their own class.

And, what about a politician? What's his place in society? Whom does he serve? And, how does he think? If a bourgeois politician has a place in the bureaucracy of a capitalist government, his mission is to support and strengthen the capitalist system, a system based on the exploitation of the workers. Even when the politician comes from a working class family, the fact of occupying a place in the state means that his way of thinking won't be that of a worker but of the privileged. So this politician lives well, dresses well, and makes a lot of money, and is friends with other people who live well. And he was educated in a university whose job it is to ideologically win students to support the capitalist system.

So then, this supposed politician, due to the fact that he serves the capitalists, will never think like a worker.

WORKERS WHO THINK LIKE THE RICH

Why are there workers who think like the rich without being rich, and even act as enemies of the working class? We can see that the State, as maximum repre-

sentative of the capitalist system, strengthens and reinforces the power of the bosses, imposing on society the way of thinking that most serves their interests, using all the means at their disposal to mold the thinking even of first graders in school.

If the capitalist system is based on exploitation, racism, deceit, etc. it's logical that the rulers teach children in school to always compete in everything but never to share. If sharing were promoted as the main social value, the ruling class would have to be the first to share their wealth with the workers. That's why in the schools they always have to push the bosses' ideas of: "me first", "mine" "what can't be for me shouldn't be for anyone," etc, etc. They teach the children in school to think like bosses. And so when the children become adults, even when they are simple wage slaves, they'll have ideas of the rich bosses.

Another way the State pushes the bosses' ideas is through the media and the politicians, who repeat like parrots about the American Dream, land of opportunity, democracy, etc., But its enough to know that millions of old people, after years of work, raising children for the wars and paying taxes, don't have adequate medical insurance; that millions of workers and their families who don't have health insurance, who are unemployed, and without a place to live, to understand that the American dream, democracy for all, and about the "opportunities" are a pure lie.

If we workers don't learn to know what interests are hidden behind every one of these pretty phrases, we'll only continue being stubborn victims of capitalism.

Because the essence of capitalism, in which we live, is the exploitation of workers, and all the rest is appearance.

HOW WILL PEOPLE THINK UNDER COMMUNISM?

Understanding that nothing is eternal in the world and everything is in constant change and movement, nature changes, social systems change, and with this also peoples' way of thinking changes.

So the capitalist system also will change and will be substituted by a communist system. This change won't happen through elections, but through an abrupt, violent change, that is, through a workers' revolution, with which the working class will wrest power from the capitalist class.

Once this has occurred, the key institutions where we'll ideologically educate the people from their infancy, like the factories and schools and our party itself, will no longer be fertile ground for the sewers of the bosses' ideas. These institutions will only serve the workers and our communist society. Because capitalism will pass into history.

With this radical change, society's way of thinking will be different. The workers won't think like the rich, nor will they think like exploited wage slaves. Instead they'll think like people with dignity, committed to work for the wellbeing of a society of communist social equality.

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