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Students in Mexico City supporting the Normal School students in Guerrero



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**Mexico: Seizing radio stations, blocking entrances to banks, burning the city hall and the government palace in Chilpancingo, students and teachers protested militantly and massively. We invite them and the whole international working class to join us in building a revolutionary communist movement that burns down all of capitalism so that on its ashes we can build a communist world.**

## WE WANT THE STUDENTS ALIVE AND CAPITALISM DEAD!

CHILPANCINGO, GUERRERO, Oct. 15—"They took them away alive and that's how we want them back!" shout the parents and relatives of the 46 students arrested and now disappeared in Guerrero, Mexico.

So far, they have found 28 charred bodies. However, they have not yet even made any statements indicating that they belong to the missing students. This has not been an isolated attack. In 2011 two students were killed in the same place.

Similar events have occurred in other states. In 2003 students mobilized against the closure of the Rural Normal School in Chiapas; in 2008 at the Rural Normal School of Mexe, Hidalgo; in 2012 students from 8 rural schools in Michoacán, as well as in Oaxaca and Aguascalientes were repressed and beaten.

The State Attorney General, and Mexican President Peña Nieto, like previous repressive rulers, repeat with crocodile tears, "We will not rest until we have punished and imprisoned all those who have any responsibility for these events."

But we know that capitalism, and its repressive State apparatus—its army, police, bureaucracy, and its sexist, racist, and nationalist ideology—is really responsible for these murderous acts.

In Mexico the students from the rural areas and the urban poor migrate to where they can receive an education. They believe that more academic preparation will improve their quality of life. This is an illusion.

These rural teaching colleges were founded by the Mexican bourgeoisie after taking state power from the land-owning oligarchy in the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1921. The normal schools would train teachers for the rural schools who in turn would train community leaders, who must learn agricultural techniques, skills, finish their curricular plan, be trained in self discipline, self government and democracy.

All of this was to advance the industrialization of Mexico and guarantee ideological control by the

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## GARMENT WORKERS ANSWER REPRESSION WITH COMMUNIST STRUGGLE

EL SALVADOR, Oct. 10—"The bosses fear Communism and workers organizing," said our leaflet, and that is how it was. Carrying out our commitment to take communist ideas to the workers in a more consistent way, we went again to the factories on the outskirts of the capital. This time the leaflet was stronger, more militant and more communist.

We wrote a new leaflet with facts, situations and the bosses' plans. Our goal was to distribute 1000 leaflets; we passed out more than 800 and 50 *Red Flag* newspapers. It was a leaflet against the capitalist mode of production, mistreatment by the supervisors and the plans that the bosses and the union scum agreed to. Our previous leaflet caught the attention of many workers who saw themselves reflected in it. This leaflet showed the reality that few dare to say. We showed the workers that the only way to put an end to the evils of the system is to fight for communism.

We mobilized to distribute our

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literature to all the outgoing shifts. Each group that left received our leaflet and *Red Flag*. In the surrounding areas, we could see the masses of workers again reading our leaflet attentively. The facts, information, and the call for a political strike against capitalism caught the attention of the majority. This is not just any movement.

We carried out the action in a secure way. All of those who distributed the leaflet had the protection of other comrades deployed in the area.

On reading the leaflet and seeing the large number of workers reading it, a servant of the bosses quickly informed the bosses inside the factory about our leaflet. In the third shift of workers, we noticed the presence of a man who, even from far away, clearly wasn't a worker or a supervisor. The comrades who work in these factories confirmed afterwards that, indeed, he was not a worker or a supervisor. He was the son of the owner of the whole plant.

He took a leaflet and started to

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# TENS OF MILLIONS IN STRUGGLE OPENED DOOR TO COMMUNIST HEALTHCARE

The Ebola epidemic has caused many to question long-held assumptions about capitalist medical care. The massive struggles after the Chinese revolution give us a glimpse of what communist healthcare could accomplish.

However, the Chinese Communist Party had socialism, not communism, as its immediate goal. Socialism is incompatible with mobilizing the masses for communist health care. During the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s, health was a battleground between communist and capitalist ideas and practices. We have much to learn from this.

When the Chinese Communist Party took power in 1949, masses were suffering and dying from starvation and preventable and treatable diseases like syphilis, typhoid, and dysentery.

The government quickly began developing the tiny western-style medical establishment that existed for the wealthy urban elite. It built new hospitals and medical schools, and trained thousands of doctors and nurses to serve urban workers, professionals and cadres.

Party members in the countryside (where 80% of the population lived) did not wait for this bourgeois medical system to trickle down to rural workers. They mobilized the masses to wipe out the diseases that had plagued them for centuries.

The elimination of schistosomiasis is a prime example. This terrible disease, transmitted by a snail-borne parasite, devastated entire villages. The Party mobilized millions to systematically drain waterways and exterminate the snails. When the snails were gone, so was schistosomiasis.

“To mobilize the masses does not mean to issue them shovels [to dig up and kill the snails] and instructions; it means to fire them up with enthusiasm, to release their initiative and tap their wisdom,” explained the British communist surgeon Joshua Horn, who worked in China from 1954-1969.

**But the Party did not mobilize the masses for communism, then or ever.**

Meanwhile the Chinese bourgeois medical establishment continued to grow. In its capitalist-style institutions, work was divided into a hierarchy of strictly defined jobs. Only doctors and nurses had any medical training. Doctors earned more than nurses, administrators more than cleaners.

The wage system and capitalist division of

labor undermined attempts to act on communist ideals. Political meetings were held where all participated as equals. But then everyone went back to their assigned duties and collected their unequal paychecks. Administrators were supposed to do manual labor one day a week but according to Horn they usually weaseled out of this.

## Barefoot Doctors and the Cultural Revolution

In 1965, Party members strongly committed to communism started the “barefoot doctors” campaign to bring medical care to the countryside.

Barefoot doctors were nothing like bourgeois doctors. They came from the rural working class and never left it. They did farm-work at least half the year.

They started with only few months training, concentrated on basic anatomy and the most common diseases and conditions. What they lacked in training they made up for in devotion to the working class. Furthermore, they rapidly gained experience and every winter received more training.

But they never earned the same “work points” as formally-trained physicians. Again, socialism revealed itself as a form of capitalism that thwarted communist health care.

More than a million became barefoot doctors, and some reached the skill level of formally-trained doctors, for example performing operations. However, the defeat of the Cultural Revolution ended this process.

Barefoot doctors were officially abolished in 1981. The healthcare system in the countryside collapsed.

## Healthy Principles

We can derive some principles of communist healthcare from the Chinese experience.

(1) Mobilize the masses for communist revolution. Abolish money and wage labor. Without communist social relations of production, communist health care can't survive.

(2) Mobilize the masses for prevention. The Chinese experience shows that even people without medical knowledge can make big contributions to prevention. That's how they wiped out major diseases and brought healthcare to the countryside. Prevention includes the nutritious food, clean water, and sewage systems that could



have prevented the Ebola epidemic in west Africa.

(3) Bring medical knowledge to the masses. A big part of the campaigns against disease was public education--speeches, rallies, marches, films, street theater. Barefoot doctors brought medical knowledge--at higher level--to masses of people.

(4) Abolish the division between “mental” and “manual” labor in healthcare. Socialist China never questioned this model explicitly. Implicitly the barefoot doctor program questioned it, but it never got far enough to replace it.

(5) Health providers should work alongside their fellow workers in the factories, mills, fields, etc. to maintain their dedication to the working class, instead of working full-time in health care.

## Not a Temporary Tactic, But Superior Healthcare

Conservative Chinese socialist leaders embraced aspects of these principles as a temporary, emergency tactic required because they lacked other resources.

Those with a more communist outlook, like Horn, saw something different. The barefoot doctor approach “hold[s] the key to future advances,” he declared. Millions came to similar conclusions, particularly during the Cultural Revolution.

Their struggle calls on us to take their work to a higher level. Mobilizing the masses for communism--before during and after the revolution, in every aspect of society--is our guiding principle.

Read more in *Peking Review* 1964-1972; Joshua Horn, *Away With All Pests*, and William Hinton, *Shenfan*.

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## Sailors Share Medical Horror Stories, part 2

### SYMPTOMS OF A NAVY UNDER CAPITALISM

You have herpes.

Actually, that's just a fungus.

A sailor spotted a growth on his scrotum and after some time went to see a Navy doctor. The doctor diagnosed it as herpes and prescribed a medication. The medication didn't solve the problem so he returned to medical. Another doctor diagnosed the problem as herpes and prescribed the same medication that didn't help previously.

This sailor, believing the doctors that he contracted herpes, decided to adjust his lifestyle to accommodate his new difficulty. So he registered onto a dating website for people who have STD's. He began chatting with a woman who also had herpes and was working on setting up a date.

Since the second regime of medication was as ineffective as the first, this sailor was seen by a civilian doctor. He explained how he had been through two courses of medication for herpes and the growth still remained. At this point the growth had lingered for months. This doctor took one look and said that the growth was not herpes at all, but a fungus.

The doctor prescribed an anti-fungal cream and the fungus went away in days. Luckily, the sailor did not sexually interact with anyone who actually did have herpes. The multiple mistaken diagnoses of Navy doctors led this sailor to change his life in a way that almost gave him herpes.

#### Sailors receive more privacy and better treatment at Planned Parenthood

A ship's tight-knit community sometimes leads to problems with privacy. Especially when coworkers, such as corpsmen, have access to and are in charge of filing medical records of their shipmates. There is a general lack of trust that private medical information on ships will remain confidential. So, many female sailors who work on ships use Planned Parenthood for any of their STD tests, pap smears, day-after pills, birth control, etc.

One top of the lack of privacy, there is a lack of trust in the qualification of the ship's doctor. Whereas in hospitals there are specialists in par-



From the Potemkin uprising in the Russian Navy in 1905 to the mutiny on the USS Kitty Hawk during the Vietnam War, sailors have played an important role in the struggle of the working class.



ticular fields, the ship has one doctor who is expected to be an expert in all fields.

In one case, the ship's doctor was actually a nurse who specialized in a field remotely related to gynecology. Apparently, this doctor took a short seminar in gynecological issues, which is supposed to qualify him to make important decisions about women's health. This ship is moored to a pier in the US. It's not going anywhere. So why not refer sailors to medical facilities on shore that have doctors who can offer better examinations and advice?

#### The bigger picture

There seems to be a lot of advertising about how the military provides full-coverage health insurance. But what they don't tell you is that there is constant pressure not to go see the doctor and also a justified worry that Navy medicine will do more harm than good. The "macho culture" in the military also contributes to the pressure not to see the doctor when a sailor actually should.

The truth of the matter is, despite whether or not a military policymaker cares about the health of sailors, national interests (read as American capitalist interests) always come first in deciding policy. If the bosses have to sacrifice the well-being and even the lives of sailors to preserve the

domination of American capitalism over competing capitalists, then, no questions asked, sailors will be collateral damage.

A sailor might respond that it's better that we fight for American capitalism than for the Chinese capitalists (note: China is only communist in its title). But we don't have to fight for any of the capitalists. They don't fight for us, and we shouldn't fight for them, regardless of their nationality.

We are workers and our families and friends are workers. We need to protect ourselves from the threats of capitalists, foreign and domestic. That means we unite with Chinese sailors to fight together against capitalism and its exploitation of our class. We fight to replace it with a communist system that meets the needs of all workers, soldiers and sailors everywhere in the world.

Civilian workers receive similar treatment. Their employment and health insurance is only justified when the bosses find ways to turn a profit from it. Our problems in the navy and the problems civilian workers face share a common descent from capitalism. We need to recognize our common interests and organize to gain our collective strength. Build ICWP and fight for communism.

## DUMP CHINESE & U.S. IMPERIALISTS WITH COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

**SOUTH AFRICA**--The African National Congress (ANC) led by Nelson Mandela came to power in 1994 promising prosperity to the 90% black population that lived under brutal apartheid. In reality, years of negotiations prior to 1994 were meant to mislead the South African working class that was leading armed and potentially revolutionary class struggle. The 20-year-rule of the ANC has brought new attacks on the working class while it created a small section of ultra-rich black elites who form the backbone of the new government, financial and business sectors.

Two dramatic changes have recently happened in South Africa. One is the growth of the International Communist Workers' Party among industrial workers. The other is the decline of the European and US financial presence at the same time as the astonishing rise of Chinese capitalism in South Africa.

China is South Africa's largest trading partner. China has invested heavily in platinum and iron mines. China has extended a \$5 billion loan to the government-owned Transnet and is modernizing the rail system. The Chinese state-owned media giant CCTV has purchased one of the oldest South African newspapers. With the opening

of Chinese truck maker FAW in Port Elizabeth, China is gearing to capture the roaring auto market. With Chinese investments in shale oil, satellite communications and the building of a huge financial hub in Johannesburg, South Africa is changing rapidly.

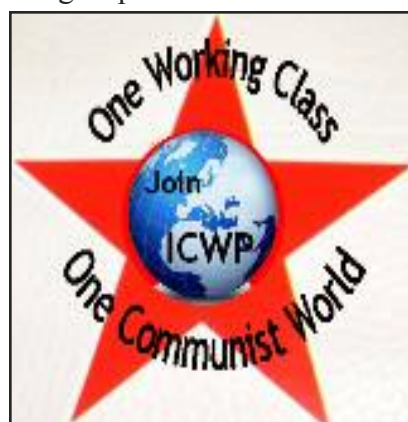
The Chinese penetration in South Africa has also created a section of South African capitalists who prefer to do business with China. African Rainbow Mining (ARM), led by the richest black South African, Patrice Potsepe, has exclusive agreements with China Mining Corporation. Platinum and manganese mines, the key metals for the auto industry, are now jointly owned by South African and Chinese firms.

The ANC is backed by a powerful group of capitalists with business ties to China. Using black nationalism, the ANC has intensified its attacks on the working class. But the workers in South Africa have a long history of fight-back. From the mines of Marikana to the Transnet workers in Port Elizabeth, millions of workers are fighting the brutal capitalist system.

Mass dissatisfaction with the

ANC and ANC-led trade unions has given rise to the independent National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) that wants to offer a more attractive alternative to the openly pro-business ANC. NUMSA plans to launch a political party on the basis of what it calls a "United Front against Neoliberalism." NUMSA has no plans to attack capitalism and replace it with communism. Its reformist plan calls for coming to power by elections to replace the ANC.

While ANC and NUMSA might look different in appearance, dialectical materialism shows us that in essence, they are both rooted in defending the capitalist class. The real alternative for the working class is to join ICWP. We are building the international revolutionary movement that will end capitalism and its wage slavery. Any reform struggle, no matter how big and heroic, will keep the capitalist bosses in power. The working class in South Africa inspired hundreds of millions of workers around the world. Armed with the revolutionary communist ideas of ICWP, we will win a communist world.



## CAPITALISTS MURDER STUDENTS IN GUERRERO IN CAPITALIST FIGHT OVER PROFITS

MEXICO--In mid-September, the Mexican government announced with great fanfare the opening of the highway from Mexico to Tuxpan, a port in the Gulf of Mexico. They said that the travel time would be reduced from 6 to 3 hours.

Also announced on radio and television was the modernization on the Pacific coast of the ports of Manzanillo, moving 3000 containers a day, and Lázaro Cárdenas, which is one of the 20 most important ports in the world and the main one in all of Latin America. Half the population of Mexico lives within a radius of 300 kilometers (186 miles) from this port.

The city of Lázaro Cárdenas accounts for half the population of the whole coast of Michoacán. It connects through a multimodal transportation network to a set of states that generate 60% of the national GDP. It is also one of the most important commercial points that link the east coast of the US with Asia, mainly through the railroad network controlled by Kansas City Southern, of Mexico, linking with the worldwide corridor known as Singapore-Kansas City. Thanks to the ongoing expansion they will achieve the linkage of 44 countries with those with which Mexico has free trade agreements and will combine with the Transpacific Partnership Agreement and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

Arcelor Mittal, the largest and most important

iron ore company in the world, has one of its main plants in the port of Lázaro Cárdenas. It is also the company that consumes the most gas and energy in the whole country. Its plant in Michoacán is one of the biggest in the world and the biggest in Mexico. Recently it was linked commercially to organized crime (the Templars).

BMW is starting its assembly plant in San Luis Potosí and in Guanajuato the US and Japanese auto makers are expanding their operations. Mexico is already bragging that it is the No. 1 exporter to the US. In Puebla, VW is opening its Audi plant; and a big gas pipeline is being developed between Tlaxcala and Morelos, which will be home to a Nissan plant.

In moving toward a confrontation with China, the US-Europe-Japan bloc is industrializing Mexico, and advancing the subjugation of

the working class. The labor law reform pushed by the US and passed in 2012 is driving the wages and conditions of Mexican workers, who have a minimum wage even lower than China, even lower.

The violence unleashed between drug gangs, and the supposed fight of the state against the drug gangs, in reality terrorizes the working class, killing Central American migrants, supposed delinquents (in Tlatlaya, State of Mexico), students (in Ayotzinapa, Guerrero). Making us live in fear is necessary for their domination. We workers need to build our organization, ICWP, to get rid of wage slavery.

The revisionists or followers of the old socialist movement, even those who advocate the “armed path” pursue the goal of a “democratic republic” which is “anti-imperialist.” They lament the theft that “savage capitalism” carries out against the farmworkers as it industrializes, but they do not believe that wage slavery needs to be abolished now! We in ICWP see the growth of the working class and the proletarianization of the farmworkers as inevitable and as an opportunity to fight for the emancipation of humanity. Join us!



ICWP in Mexico City  
May Day 2013

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Mexican industrialists over the farmworkers.

Their poverty and the influence of the worldwide communist movement led these students to show solidarity and become involved in the class struggle. They were convinced that social change was possible. In 1935 they formed the Socialist Student Farmworkers in Mexico.

However, after 1940 the modernization policy of education was developed, which tried to purge the teachers and students who they called “Communists.” In the 1970’s, persecution was unleashed against the political leaders in these schools, who they linked with guerrilla movements like that of Lucio Cabañas in Guerrero. In 1960 there were 29 normal schools in Mexico. Today there are 14.

As in the past, the capitalist bosses fear that the masses of workers will become politically conscious and organized. The Normal school students who have been killed and disappeared today and the workers taking part in the mobilizations against this, as well as other workers demonstrating solidarity worldwide, are showing that the masses are in motion. The only solution that the working class has to stop these massacres

of our class brothers and sisters, not only in Mexico, but in any part of the world, is to organize in the International Communist Workers’ Party.

We must learn from the mistakes of the old communist movement which believed in change through stages, thinking that socialism would prepare the workers for Communism. The Normal schools with socialist training fought for social change and defended public education. However the great lesson of the Russian and Chinese revolutions is that we workers should not fight for change through stages. This only makes the capitalists stronger. The slogan of ICWP is to fight directly for Communism. Local or national struggles, struggles for reforms, for democracy, for public capitalist education will not solve the problem. We need to fight for revolution, not reforms.

The international working class and ICWP today show our solidarity and outrage against the capitalist bosses’ attacks on our class. In Communist society there won’t be people who defend the interests of a small group; there won’t be police or bosses. Education will take place from the mother’s

womb to old age. Theory and practice will be combined, fundamental to develop the capacities of our class, from the fields to the cities and from the cities to the fields. There won’t be titles. We will all be responsible to build a society in which each one will receive according to their need and contribute according to their capacities and commitment.

Today we know that this can be a reality and, in fact, we workers shouldn’t rest until the real culprits for these crimes are punished here or in anywhere in the world. Today more than ever we must fight for an International Communist revolution. Workers, students, farmworkers, soldiers, let’s unite for Communist Revolution!



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read it. We watched him and saw fear and surprise in his face after he read each paragraph. Like a dog, he began to walk out of the factory and stand near our comrades. Those in charge of the security of the action told those who were distributing outside the factory to move across the street, away from the many street vendors and private security that respond to these scum.

We continued our work. We didn’t miss one shift of workers, since they all cross the street to take the bus. Meanwhile, everybody was staring at the scummy boss. Seeing our comrades come together and show an aggressive attitude against him, he looked surprised and returned to where his watchdogs were. We fanned out on the whole sidewalk to continue our work. A few minutes later, a police patrol car came to the area, which

is very common in this area. However, the scum went to where they were. At this moment, the servile vendors got together and a comrade noticed that the scum showed the flier to the police.

The comrades who were distributing the literature went into the market in the area and disappeared in the crowd. They later went to the agreed-upon meeting point, and met up with the comrades in charge of security. Being a communist is illegal in capitalism. We can’t trust the bosses’ laws and their pigs.

The next day, things were really buzzing inside the plant. Supervisors were running from one side to the other. There were meetings of the bosses and their servants.

“If you want, you can stay to work later, and I can speak to you if you want,” ironically said the supervisor mentioned in the leaflet for her con-

stant mistreatment. But she could not contain her fury and continued referring to the organized workers as “these s.o.b.’s.” Men and women workers were elated, happy and at the same time fearful of the bosses’ reaction. “Today they got it where it hurts them the most,” pointed out a comrade organized in the International Communist Workers’ Party.

The reaction of some workers is logical. “It is something very different from the unions,” said a worker leader incisively. Many workers could not contain their satisfaction on seeing the sellout union leaders and the capitalist bosses exposed.

The revolutionary struggle is full of episodes of struggle, action, reaction and we must be prepared in whatever part of the world to attack and counterattack the capitalists and their servants. As a worker leader concluded, “To more repression, we answer with more struggle.”

## India: Wanna-Be Imperialists Count on Fascist Modi

### WORKERS NEED COMMUNISM TO GET RID OF ALL BOSSES!

The Modi government in India came to power by building a mass movement based around Hindutva, a fascist movement based around the Hindu religion. The ideology of this brand of fascism was spread by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) or National Patriotic Organization. RSS was formed in 1925 by ultra conservative Hindu intellectuals to fight British colonialism and the influence of Muslims in India. One of the founders of RSS, Moonje, met Mussolini in 1931 and came back to India to form a paramilitary organization based on what he learned from the Fascist youth in Italy. Another founding member, Golwalkar, was a great admirer of Hitler and wanted to build a Hindu Nation (Great India) based on Hitler's fascist organization. The prime minister of India, Modi, joined RSS at the age of 15 and became their ideologue.

The nationalist struggle against British rule in India was led by the Indian National Congress (INC). The Congress Party organized the masses of workers who were suffering from oppressive British rule to support the nationalist independence aspirations of big Indian capitalists like Tata, Goenka, and Birla. To overthrow British rule in India, the Indian capitalists needed the support of the masses – Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs etc. The ideology of RSS was too divisive for the Indian capitalist class. In spite of its stated goal to fight British rule and having a paramilitary wing, they never fought the British. Instead they terrorized Muslims, Christians and poor Hindus.

The Congress Party ruled India for nearly 60 years backed by the dominant section of the Indian capitalist class. By 1980, some of the

largest Indian capitalists started challenging US capitalists outside India, especially in the Middle East and in parts of east Africa. As new generations of them amassed their wealth very quickly, they began to see the US as a declining power. The multi-billionaire Ambani brothers of Reliance Industries, and the Adani-led port and power company expanded their businesses in Australia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. These capitalists had big hopes of capturing oil fields in Iraq when Saddam Hussein was in power.

With the rapid growth of capitalism came increased misery for the working class. Tens of millions of small farmers lost their land and flocked to the cities in search of jobs. Slums with no sanitation mushroomed in big cities while billionaires like the Ambanis built their luxurious palace-like homes. The workers organized in unions were defying their reformist leadership; major strikes and several general strikes became frequent and violent. It was to counter this revolutionary potential of the working class that the Indian capitalists started funding both the RSS-led BJP and the Congress Party.

In 1992 the RSS/BJP led tens of thousands of fanatic Hindu members to demolish a Muslim mosque they claimed was built where once a Hindu temple stood some 500 years ago. Violent attacks on Muslims followed all around the country, but they were systematically organized in Mumbai, the financial and industrial hub of the country.

The Modi government came to power in the industrial state of Gujarat by similar pogroms carried out against the local Muslim population.

Just like in Mumbai, the fascists led by Modi carried out their terror campaigns against Muslim workers in the industrial cities. The reward for carrying out fascist pogroms came when the largest industrialists proclaimed Modi as the CEO of India. By 2005 the Indian capitalists had selected Modi to lead India but they wanted BJP/RSS to build fascist ideology all over India based on his home state of Gujarat.

During his time as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Modi visited China four times. He encouraged massive investments by the Chinese in Gujarat. The Adani Corporation is the biggest beneficiary of the Chinese collaboration. Anil Ambani of Reliance Communication and Power has received loans from the Chinese banks.

The dominant section of the Indian capitalists believe that the US is weak and in decline but militarily dangerous. The dreams of the Indian companies to build oil refineries in Iraq, Libya and Syria were crushed by the US. These capitalists also believe that while China is a formidable power, they can outpace them by collaborating with them in the short term. They believe that over 300 million farm workers in India who make less than dollar a day can become industrial workers to propel India to take on both the US and China.

As Modi and his party build Hindutva-based fascism, they create millions of angry workers and students who are not organized. Masses of these workers are open to our ideas of communist revolution. We are expanding our network of *Red Flag* readers in India. Regular readers should join ICWP now and fight for communism.

## MASS INCARCERATION AND POLICE REPRESSION PERSIST IN THE U.S.

In recent years, optimistic illusions have developed about mass incarceration. The basis for this appeared sound. From 2009-2012, total prisoner numbers were down in the U.S. for the first time since the late 1970s, with figures for African Americans behind bars declining. Attorney General Eric Holder publicly supported employment access for felons and lighter sentences for those with drug offenses. The *New York Times* proclaimed, "The experiment in mass incarceration has been a moral, legal, social and economic disaster. It cannot end soon enough." Some popular advocacy against mass incarceration appeared to make inroads into the criminal justice system. However, this anti-mass incarceration optimism does not stand up to harsh reality.

The United States Bureau of Justice's annual statistical report (9/16/14) on national prison population revealed that incarceration numbers were up for the first time since 2009. The rise was 0.3%, but this miniscule upswing highlights the deep contradictions that were there all along. Fourteen states hit new record high prison populations in 2013; 31 states recorded an increase in prison admissions. The overall racial disproportionality remained with Black males of all ages six times more likely to be incarcerated than their white counterparts and two and a half times more likely than Latinos.

In May 2013, months before the violence in Ferguson, the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement (MXGM), an activist organization with chapters in seven states and Washington DC, released a report into "extrajudicial killings" of black people in the US. The report found that an African-American male is killed every 28 hours by US police or vigilantes with little or no accountability. In 2012, a total of 313 blacks were killed in this way.

The MXGM report concluded that police forces are brought into black communities "with marching orders, equipment and the mentality of an occupying army."

In an article in *Counterpunch*, "The Racial Crisis in American Society," Nafeez Ahmed interviewed Terron Sims, a West Point graduate, company commander during the 2003 Iraq war, Democratic Party activist and member of the establishment. Sims told Ahmed, "The shooting of Michael Brown ... came about through a deepening culture of unaccountable racism...in Ferguson we're looking at years of police repression targeted largely at black people ... Shootings of innocent black people in the US by cops is at an epidemic level."

Sims, and the establishment in general, don't want to account for the increase in racist police terror, but communists know that racism doesn't just happen. It's pushed by the capitalists to maximize profits and to keep the working class divided. The rulers' fear of workers, particularly black workers, means that while they try to grant a few concessions to win the loyalty of black workers, their main strategy is terrorizing the masses to prevent fightback. As the capitalist crisis deepens, they have less maneuvering room, and resort more and more to open terror.

Mass incarceration and police repression are elements of racist terror that capitalism needs to exist. Reform attempts such as relaxing drug laws and community policing will not change this. To end these horrors, we must mobilize the masses, particularly the young people in cities and neighborhoods under siege, into the International Communist Workers' Party to fight for Communist Revolution that will end the capitalist system and its racism.

Communist society will depend on the unity of



all workers, regardless of ethnicity or "race," working together to serve the needs of all. By eliminating exploitation, class divisions and the wage system, we will create a world that eliminates racist practices and encourages sharp struggle against the remnants of racist ideas and behavior.

## HONG KONG PROTESTORS NEED TO FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM, NOT FOR DEMOCRACY

Tens of thousands of Hong Kong students have been demonstrating since late September, boycotting classes and occupying an area of downtown.

Attacked by tear gas and pro-government thugs, many protestors carry umbrellas to protect against the rain and tear gas, inspiring the name "Umbrella Revolution." The students' demands are focused on the rules handed down from Beijing for the next Hong Kong election in 2017, which require that candidates be approved by a nominating committee of 1200, controlled by Beijing.

Students have also demanded the resignation of current Hong Kong Chief Executive C. Y. Leung. He is greatly resented for his attacks on students and for the huge payments he received from an Australian company. Although the protestors are mainly students, they have support from Hong Kong businesses and professionals, and billionaire Jimmy Lai.

### Economics Behind the Protests

These protests are driven by serious economic issues. Housing in Hong Kong is some of the most expensive in the world, with prices doubling since 2007. Many workers live in unsafe illegal shacks built on the tops of buildings. Hong Kong housing prices are being driven up by rich buyers from mainland China, and mainlanders take up many of the spots in Hong Kong's elite schools. Hong Kong businesses are anxious to hire people from powerful mainland families with valuable connections, putting Hong Kong graduates at a



disadvantage.

As usual the inter-imperialist rivalry between the US and Chinese capitalist classes is involved in the Hong Kong movement. The US Agency for International Development (i.e., the CIA) has funded several "pro-democracy" projects in Hong Kong, and Secretary of State John Kerry urged Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi to make concessions to the protesters. The US wants to use this issue to attack China, as it has done before with protests by Tibetans and Uighurs. Beijing responded by denouncing "foreign interference in Hong Kong affairs," and some journalists have hinted at dark conspiracies behind the student movement.

### Democracy is the Bosses' Rule

The fact is that the Hong Kong movement is a real mass movement with real grievances that is unfortunately trying to implement the capitalist illusion of "real democracy." Democracy, with its trappings of elections, campaigns and media ads, is a strategy of the capitalist class for legit-

imizing its rule, promoting the lie that the masses have some say in what the government does. Beijing's insistence that a committee rule on who can run for office is just an unsubtle form of what capitalists everywhere do to make sure of their complete control over the process.

In the US and all other democracies, candidates have no chance to win elections unless they are approved by a combination of party leaders, the media and rich contributors. Candidates

that aren't approved this way will either be ignored or attacked in the press or in big dollar TV ads. For now, US capitalists can rely on this to maintain their rule. In general, capitalists resort to mass violence whenever elections might not give the results the most powerful capitalists want, as they have done recently in Kenya and Ukraine.

### Capitalists Always Rule in Capitalist Society

Hong Kong capitalists have their conflicts with the big capitalists in Beijing, but capitalists have ruled everywhere in China since the Cultural Revolution, a mass movement that tried but failed to prevent the victory of capitalism in China. Now the capitalists who rule everywhere in China and will never give up that rule without a communist revolution. The masses of Hong Kong are not going to be better off if some different politicians get elected there. We hope that they will redirect their energy and courage to fight for communism, not to support one group of capitalists against another.

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## Only a Communist Health Care System Can Wipe Out Deadly Epidemics & Infections

I have been a health care worker for more than 35 years. In 1979, I started working at Harborview Medical Center. Harborview is the county hospital of Seattle, but it is part of the University of Washington system of teaching hospitals. It is very highly rated for its Trauma Center and Burn Unit.

I worked with many patients who had severe burns and open wounds. Our department (physical therapy) was very careful to use strict universal precautions.

However, often during rounds, the attending physician, residents, interns and students would enter the isolation hydrotherapy room to observe a patient's treatment. There were a few who would not gown up or sometimes even not use gloves. I reminded them nicely, as we were instructed. But they just brushed me off.

It turns out that this was just a part of a much bigger problem.

Starting in June of 1980, a burn patient known to have MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, an infection which is resistant to known antibiotics) was transferred to Harborview. He died 12 days later. But MRSA swept through the hospital uncontrolled for the next 15 months. Only after 5 months did the hospital start systematically isolating MRSA patients, and a whole year passed before they started testing the staff for MRSA.

One nurse was a carrier, and she was removed and treated. In the end, 35 patients had become infected, and 17 died.

The public knew nothing about it. Years

later, it was revealed by families of these patients that many were never told their loved ones had MRSA, and it was never listed on the death certificate to be a cause of death.

Meanwhile, other US hospitals were experiencing MRSA outbreaks also. One, the University of Virginia Hospital, opted to actively find patients with MRSA or who were susceptible to infection, and isolate them. This is called Active Detection and Isolation, or, ADI. Almost immediately the infection rate dropped dramatically, and was totally gone within 6 or 7 months. Even then, they continued to use ADI. Other hospitals that adopted ADI had similar results.

Despite this success, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) did not make ADI mandatory. They only issued confusing recommendations and let hospitals pick and choose what they wanted.

In 2005, MRSA killed 19,000 people in the US. In 2007, the CDC issued a statement that rocked the nation. MRSA was now killing more people than AIDS.

Clearly, just as with Ebola, capitalist healthcare bosses know how to prevent and contain these outbreaks and epidemics. They choose instead to let people die while they spend billions on preparations for the next war.

The people served by Harborview are mostly poor, often homeless, disabled, or mentally ill. The people in West Africa are impoverished, starving, and have no

health care.

As the article about Ebola says, nothing less than a communist revolution will do. Only then will we have the power to establish a real collective worldwide health care system.

I invite you to contribute to this dialog, especially health care workers. We need to publish more on this very important topic.

—Red Healthcare Worker



**Healthcare workers in Madrid, Spain, furious at cutbacks and inadequate protection, throw surgical gloves at the prime minister after a nurse caring for an Ebola patient contracted the virus.**

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**Everyone Should Contribute His or Her Grain of Sand**

Hollywood movies show the life that exists for the ruling class and for their cronies. But the reality is quite different for the working class. In a class society the prosperity of the few comes at the expense and misery of the masses.

Many people who live in Africa think that everybody born in America owns a machine that prints money. I was born in Africa, and I have lived in the US for 35 years, in Texas, California and Oklahoma.

Regardless of the color of the skin there are many Americans who live in dire poverty, especially in small towns. This is a racist country that hits black-skinned people and immigrants the most and throws white-skinned workers out on the street. You can see white-skinned people pushing grocery carts on the streets and fishing for soda cans in the trash bins. This is the real life for those thrown out on the street by the system.

Only a society without wage slavery fulfills the needs and desires of the masses. That society is a classless communist society of collectivity and cooperation.

In order to help the activity of the party, every one of us should contribute what we can afford. We don't have to think that the party will be funded only by workers and comrades in the US. It is our responsibility collectively to sustain the life of the party and its activities to organize and build the society we envision. So it requires everybody's commitment to continue the struggle. Everyone must put in his or her little grain of sand.

—Internationalist comrade

**"Vote No" or "No Vote"**

Years ago, before I was communist, I didn't vote because Democrats and Republicans were all racist war-makers. Then came a vote on denying the racist Philadelphia mayor a third term. It seemed like a chance to vote "no" against him without voting for another disgusting politician.

That was wrong. Voting builds illusions in the bosses' system.

My co-workers may soon vote on a contract with a health give-back that erases small wage gains. There won't be a strike: the union changed its strike fund into a political fund years ago. I need to explain to co-workers that this contract, like all contracts, ties us to capitalism. Does "VOTE NO" or "NO VOTE" make this clearer?

As *Red Flag* reported, Los Angeles bus operators approved a contract by a narrow margin, with many not voting. Many workers influenced by our paper's analysis voted NO. Some bosses openly expressed fear of this!

I think that some non-voters were also influenced by our politics. Maybe they correctly

figured that voting down this contract would leave them with another set of chains. Is this why we didn't openly advise workers to vote "NO"? Seems it's why Boeing workers massively boycotted their last contract vote.

We called instead for a communist political strike against capitalism. Such a strike would be illegal and wouldn't necessarily be tied to a contract vote. It could respond to racist police murders, or a fired co-worker, or in solidarity with African workers. It would give voice to workers' anger at wage slavery, their disgust with management and the union, and their growing confidence in communism.

LA bosses feared a transit strike because it would hurt their profits and because they knew we'd take advantage of a strike to raise communist ideas amidst sharp class struggle. To the workers who voted "no" because they welcomed this opportunity, we throw open the doors of our Party. We extend the same invitation to those who boycotted the vote and even those who voted "yes."

Opportunities to advance communism surround us. They don't depend on reform issues like contract votes. The ICWP is your Party! Help develop and carry out tactics that further the strategy of mobilizing the masses for communism!

—LA comrade

**Which do you want?**

The Boeing bosses are at it again: handing out corrective action memos (CAMs) en masse. CAMs are the first step in a series of moves, which eventually threaten our jobs. Our initial response was to protect the new guys first.

Almost every veteran employee has got one or more of these things because mistakes are bound to happen. We all refused to discuss or speculate who made the initial error because the bosses would only use such information to dish out more severe punishment. Better to refuse to talk to the enemy.

The workers who got these CAMs represent hundreds of years of labor. They have already literally made millions for the company. Are we supposed to be ashamed because Boeing will have to remake some parts?

Under communism, errors would be used as opportunities for everyone to learn. We would be producing for our class, not the bosses' profit. There would be no shame in making an honest mistake. Indeed, you can often learn more from your mistakes than your successes.

We did learn something from our discussions during this episode. Some veterans told the new guys that they were at a disadvantage because of how they were trained. Old-timers learned on the job from the get-go. We were able to learn from other workers' mistakes. New workers are forced to go through a system of classroom work and expected to be able to pro-

duce error-free from day one.

But even old-timers' training is very limited. Under communism machinists, for example, would learn metallurgy and structural mechanics. They could then not only make parts to prints, but would know why. They would then be able to tell what deviations are important and which are not.

"Take the CEO for example," said one veteran. "If you asked him how jets fly he'd say first you get a bank loan and then the cheapest possible labor, etc. He really doesn't know how it's done."

"Yeah, the CEO doesn't know anything and he sure can't use it," commented another, "but he went to school for many years to learn finance so he thinks his exorbitant salary is justified."

Fear and punishment are the watchwords of the capitalists. Collectivity and comradeship help are our watchwords. Which do you want?

—Boeing Red

**"Communism is in my blood"**

On October 3rd, I received news that many workers of Johnson Controls in the Uitenhage plant in South Africa lost their jobs. I asked an former Johnson Controls worker, "How did these workers lose their jobs and in such large numbers?"

She said it's because Johnson Controls is forcing all of its workers to accept an employment agency rate which is half the normal rate that permanent workers were getting. Those who didn't want to accept the new terms have lost their jobs. It is reported that many workers have lost their jobs.

The life of these workers was financially hard because they were getting the minimum wage before these new terms of the employment agency rate were introduced. Now it's even worse: it is cut in half. So there is no way that workers can accept these new terms and as far as the union is concerned, they either didn't fight for workers or they have lost the battle once again.

The capitalist system is making sure that workers are exploited beyond measure and have no say to these unfair labour practices. The situation for the working class is getting worse and worse by the day and workers don't have a solution to this problem. These are dictatorial practices by the heartless and cold capitalist system.

This is the time for the working class to join ICWP (International Communist Workers' Party). Together we will destroy the capitalist system once and for all. I have many friends who work for Johnson Controls and I am telling them all about communism and ICWP. They see that what we are saying makes sense. We have no other option but to build for communism. Communism is in my blood, I always think about it and I am very motivated to build our party.

—A South African Comrade

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**CAPITALIST CULTURE FROM A COMMUNIST PERSPECTIVE:**

Please send in drawings, photos, or written contributions (no more than 300 words).

**MOVIE REVIEW:****Fruitvale Station**

"I cried," said Marcus. "Watching Fruitvale Station at the movie theater was hard. People were crying openly and some people walked out. You really felt the fear and panic, especially of Oscar's mother and girlfriend."

Our club was talking about the movie that showed the last day in the life of Oscar Grant, shot in the back on New Year's Eve, 2008, at the Fruitvale Bay Area Rapid Transit station by the BART police. With so many police murders of black and latino workers recently, including Michael Brown in Ferguson and Ezell Ford and Omar Abrego in Los Angeles, we wanted to see how the movie explained this.

"Fruitvale Station showed Oscar Grant as a loving partner, son and father, a real friend, a young black worker trying to figure out what to do with his life," said Lucy. "The point of the movie is that his death is a personal tragedy, but it's really a racist murder. Portraying it this way covers up the systematic racism of capitalism."

"The movie had one foot in and one foot out," said Pablo. "The key incident was a fight on the train between Oscar and his friends and some white racists. The BART cops arrested the black men, ignoring the white racists who started the fight. So it did show how racist the BART cops were. But when Oscar Grant was

**CAPITALIST EDUCATION****The Giver: Selling Anti-communist Propaganda to the Masses**

Is swapping freedom and choice for safety and security our only choice? Can we have it all? This article exposes the anti-communism of Lois Lowry's book *The Giver* and the recent film – and presents the truth about communism. Students read this book worldwide as part of a discussion about society's function. The film will reach millions more with false ideas about the system we mobilize the masses to create. One young comrade read this book in class and remembers a teacher saying, "This is what communism is like."

Main character Jonas's society seems perfect, until he realizes what he's been missing. The leaders enacted "sameness" to eliminate most problems capitalism causes today: war, racism, unemployment, etc. They re-engineered society so as to capture the worst lies and stereotypes about communism. For example, the Chief Elder oversees a vast surveillance system to "manage" a colorless, emotionless, and docile population, which has swapped freedom and choice for safety and security. Capitalists spread this lie about communism. We don't have to choose. Under communism, we reach decisions through comradely debate and our

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(310) 487-7674**ICWP at Mehserle's trial in Los Angeles, July 2010**

handcuffed, lying face down on the BART platform and shot in the back, the movie made it look like Mehserle, the cop who shot him, did it by accident, like he claimed in his trial. I don't believe that."

Mehserle got off with only two years in prison, but Pablo isn't the only one who didn't believe it was an accident. Multiracial protests nationwide after Oscar Grant's murder and at Mehserle's trial, like the protests over the murders of young black and latino men this summer, accused the police of racist murder.

"They only showed about two minutes of the protests," said Pablo. "They should have showed more—it was an important part of the story."



commitment to work collectively for society's good ensures our security. It is capitalism that strips the masses of freedom, choice, safety, and security!

All pre-"sameness" memories are gone; only the aging Receiver of Memory has them and he advises the elders in their decisions. He becomes The Giver after Jonas is chosen as the new Receiver. Jonas quickly realizes that a freer, sometimes painful world, is much better than his own. As a solitary hero, he acts to end sameness. Destroying capitalism and building communism really takes the commitment of millions – of billions! – worldwide.

Just as capitalism does, *The Giver* negatively depicts human nature and human value. It says people are unreliable to act in our own best interest. Daily injections control emotions and Jonas sees his world more clearly when he stops taking them. When the Chief Elder discovers Jonas's plan to destroy sameness, The Giver tells her "Now we can choose differently [decide how society *should* function]!" and she replies with "When people have the freedom to choose, they choose wrong." As communists,

"Since the slave rebellions in colonial times to the rebellions of the 1960s in Watts, Detroit, and Newark, the police have singled out young black men as public enemy number one because they fear our potential to fight back," said Marcus. "The police make examples of people like Oscar Grant and Michael Brown to keep blacks in line. But they also want to keep blacks loyal to the capitalist system, so they use the illusion that capitalist education will help us to raise our social class so we can escape and not end up like Michael Brown or Ezell Ford."

People who rose up in the Watts rebellion of 1965 and the multiracial L.A. rebellion of 1992 are part of the militant history of working class struggle in the US. Today, the capitalist crisis around the world, mixed with the struggles of workers of all ethnicities, have reached a boiling point. The ruling class has to work harder to keep blacks and all workers fearful and/or loyal, and open fascist police terror is part of that. As protests from Guerrero to Ferguson show, the working class can respond to police terror with more anger and determination. We invite workers around the world to join ICWP in one struggle, a workers' struggle for a communist revolution.



Have questions about Communism?

**Dear Comrade Column  
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Can we live without money?  
How will we run society?  
What will our families be like?  
What will motivate us to work?  
Is it possible to live in a world without war, homelessness, starvation, racism, etc.?  
What questions do you have?  
Send them in!

we believe in criticism, self-criticism, and scientific analysis. We apply these to decide whether something is right or wrong for society. We don't give up all choice if we fail; we use our setbacks to bring us closer to the right path!

In *The Giver*, birth weight and a development schedule determine if a baby lives. The diminished productivity of old age determines adult deaths. They're killed by lethal injections, which they call a "Release to Elsewhere." When capitalism no longer needs us, we're thrown into the streets to depend on the state, or the kindness of strangers, for survival. Under communism, a person's value comes with birth and everyone is always needed to help provide for society's needs according to their ability and commitment.

Young comrades aren't always sure how to respond to anti-communism, such as *The Giver*. Write in to share your experiences in defending communism! We must always lead the way in exposing anti-communism and helping our peers understand what communism really means. We look forward to hearing from you!