

TRAYVON'S MURDER AND ZIMMERMAN'S ACQUITTAL SHOW NEED TO SMASH RACIST CAPITALISM WITH COMMUNIST REVOLUTION!

In 1955, two white men brutally murdered Emmet Till, a 14 year old African American youth, in the southern American state of Mississippi, for allegedly whistling at a white woman. An all- white jury found the men not guilty. The ruling was followed by mass protests.

In 2012, Trayvon Martin, a 17-year-old African American youth, was killed in Florida, again in the American south. Neighborhood Watch volunteer, racist, and wanna-be cop, George Zimmerman profiled Trayvon and followed him, as he walked through a gated community on his way home from the store. It was dark and raining and all Trayvon knew was that an unidentified man was clearly following him. When Zimmerman exited is vehicle and engaged Trayvon on foot, the 16 year-old instinctively defended himself. In the course of the ensuing fight, Zimmerman shot Trayvon and killed, who was screaming for help.

Workers can't depend on the bosses' racist so-called "justice" system, which has locked away millions of our working-class brothers and sisters. The courts are controlled by the same racist ruling class that attacks us at every turn by killing us in the streets, sending us to war, and taking away our housing, our healthcare, etc. Many workers hoped for a guilty verdict of course. But the racist bosses want their cops and wanna be cops to terrorize the masses of workers and youth who are fed up with the bosses' attacks. They want racist terror to continue.

History shows that, because racism is a product of capitalism itself, we can't destroy it until we destroy the entire capitalist system that relies on it to keep workers artificially separated. The Americas were built by enslaved indigenous people, Africans, who were enslaved by racist European colonialism and imperialism This laid the foundations for industrial capitalism. Though slavery was ended in the 1800's, the industrial revolution ushered in the era of wage slavery, forcing people to work for a wage to survive, while the rich get richer, here and throughout the world.

History also shows that, although workers have fought bravely and militantly, our class has experienced many setbacks because we have not made the fight against capitalism primary. We successfully fought US slavery, but we ended up with racist wage slavery and Jim Crow laws. We saw great successes in the fight against segregation but we ended up with the "new Jim Crow" of mass incarceration. Through all this, capitalism-with its racist exploitation-was allowed to continue.

So we need to see that racism and capitalism go hand in hand and that we need to destroy capitalism. We need to build a society in which human life of all workers is valued, that encourages our development to our highest potential. We're all sick of this system, which devalues our lives through wage slavery and strips us of all means for growth and betterment. We need to replace it with a communist society, built on the principles of share-and-share alike and "from each according to commitment and ability, to each according to need."

Under communism, we will work to directly meet society's needs, not for the profits and power of a few. Communism will end racism by abolishing money, wages and profit, the material basis

of capitalism. The bosses need the maximum profit that racism provides to compete against other bosses. We are easier to exploit when our class is divided by “race.” Playing one group against another also increases the bosses' profits and keeps them in power. When we eliminate profit, we eliminate the need for racism. However, we think racism won't suddenly disappear.

How will we deal with the legacy of racism? Once the material basis for racism is gone, we will deal with its legacy through the struggle to physically prevent racist acts and ideologically fight racist ideas through the mass mobilization of the whole of society. We have to rip racism out of society by its roots! This is much more meaningful and proactive than any law or court could ever be. A fully-mobilized society won't need laws. But we will adhere to key principles, which stress interdependence and mutual respect in a society where everyone contributes to their full potential.

Organized together in a mass communist party, society will share in decision-making and in difficulty and success. We can't build this overnight and without the contributions and sacrifices of masses of workers, but the International Communist Workers' Party is taking on the historic task of mobilizing the masses for communism and your help is needed! Join us! Read, Distribute, write for, and contribute to *Red Flag*, the communist newspaper of the international working class!

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