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Madrid to Gaza:

MASSES FIGHT FOR HOUSING AND AGAINST CAPITALISM

SPAIN, October 5— Thousands are camped out in Madrid's Plaza del Sol protesting the housing crisis that is plaguing Spain. Since September 26, hundreds of thousands have marched in Madrid and other cities across the country.

The housing crisis is international: from townships in Gqeberha (South Africa) to the unlivable slums in New Delhi (India). It is most acute in Gaza, where the genocidal Zionist regime has destroyed or damaged over 90% of Palestinian homes. Trump-connected Zionist tycoons like Witkoff and Kushner are eagerly waiting for the entire population to be killed or evicted so they can rebuild the area with luxury hotels and residences.

Spanish workers and youth have been in the forefront of the international fight against the Gaza genocide. Posters and banners at the Madrid encampment reflect this.

"I'm from Gaza," a worker told a Turkish newspaper last year during protests in Barcelona (Spain)

against skyrocketing rents and evictions. "Every word I write feels like it's soaked in the pain we endure each day. Thank you for using your voice. When we see a soul kicked out in Barcelona, we feel the pain, because we too are kicked out by the Zionists. Thank you for standing with us. Maybe your words will echo where hope still breathes from Madrid to Gaza."

The recent spark that ignited the fury of Spanish workers and youth was the eviction of Maricarmen Abascal, 87 and disabled, from the Madrid apartment she had lived in for seventy years. Urbages-tion, which bought her building, had tripled her rent.

This company owns over a million homes. It and other vulture companies control over half of all rental homes. Vulture funds are large investment funds that buy homes or housing complexes at low prices and then rent or sell them at ridiculously high prices.

Capitalists use all forms of propaganda and lies on the web and in

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Masses Protest Violence against Women

COMMUNISM WILL TEAR UP CAPITALIST ROOTS OF SEXISM

NEW DELHI (India), October 5— "I cannot believe how I was demeaned as a female all my life. I am never going to accept that life," said Sitha. She had come to a march protesting violence against women. It was triggered by a woman Delhi University (DU) student who was raped and police refused to take her report. Then a police officer raped her again.

When this exploded on social media, women's groups at DU led a march of millions.

"I was silently angry. Today's march gave me the space to express my disgust. And to spend valuable time with ICWP comrades. They showed me that the root of sexism and sexist behaviour is private property and capitalist class society. I am hopeful that so many women and men have joined hands. We can win many of them to a communist vision because communism will eliminate the material basis of sexism."

Sitha did not come to the march alone. She brought dozens of women, mostly young, many of them in high school and college. We have never seen such enthusiasm about a march!

We read the ICWP Sexism pamphlet for days and discussed our strategy. We distributed *Red Flag* every day and talked to our friends and neighbours. It immediately gave us the powerful ideological weapon to channel the anger of the masses into the possibility of a communist future.

All our collectives brought more young comrades than ever before. The presence of the masses electrified our contingent. We danced, cried, sang songs, and raised communist slogans. The march started early in the morning. From the Metro stations to the march, we distributed our QR code to almost everybody. And in the next few days, we got amazing responses.

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DEFEAT FASCIST KIDNAPPINGS AND SURVEILLANCE WITH COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

USA, October 2— Fascist immigration officers (ICE) shot Wilber Rafael Garces Perez, 28, in the back while kidnapping him in Austin (Texas) twelve days ago. Wilber suffered terribly from the bullet lodged near his spine, which was only removed today. Now he is charged with “assaulting” an ICE agent with his car’s sideview mirror.

ICE has killed at least thirty-one people so far this year. Four were shot. Twenty-five died in detention. At least two died while fleeing kidnappers. Arrests are at a record high since a summer enforcement surge across the USA.

Most of those arrested have no criminal history. Some are people going in to fill out required paperwork. Some are small children forced to appear alone before immigration judges. Some are US citizens. A few US citizens and many others have been deported. Some to countries they never knew and that the US State Department says are too dangerous to visit.

But protests are surging, too. Seventy people in the small mainly-white town of Oswego (NY) quickly rallied to defend two immigrant workers sheltering on a roof. They confronted local police and firefighters who were helping ICE try to kidnap the workers. After six hours, the crowd was able to help the workers escape. Now



February 2026: Lake Oswego High School Students protest fascist ICE raids

they are angry with the city, not just with ICE.

“Too much of the ICE patrolling is legalistic. It betrays fatal illusions in capitalist democracy,” said a comrade involved in this work.

Resistance is good but it’s not enough. We need revolution. Many are ready to hear that.

“Give me the new *Red Flag*,” said a dedicated anti-ICE patroller in Pasadena (CA). “It always upsets me. In a good way.”

“If they take you in the morning, they will be coming for us that night,” James Baldwin wrote in 1970 to the imprisoned Angela Davis. Fascist ICE is turning into a Gestapo coming for us all.

Since February, federal officials have demanded that tech companies send them identifying data behind anti-ICE social media accounts. Anti-ICE protesters are tracked and identified with facial-recognition technology, FLOCK cameras, and national databases. Much of this technology comes from Israeli companies and was first deployed against Palestinians.

FLOCK is an automated license plate reader (ALPR) system with 100,000 devices. They con-

duct over 20 billion scans per month for over 5,000 cop agencies. ALPRs have sparked protests across the USA, most recently in Dallas (Texas). Many cameras have been vandalized.

But attacking the symptoms of growing fascism does not address its root cause. That is capitalism itself. It’s imperialism.

The class of capitalist exploiters has always maintained its power to exploit the masses through state violence. And through lies spread to divide us. Racist lies. Lies about “democracy.” To make some of us think the system serves us and exempts us from that violence.

Global capitalism is in a crisis caused by its own internal contradictions. Increasing mechanization (and now AI) lower profit rates since profit comes only from exploiting workers’ labor. Competition sharpens into trade wars. Then into shooting wars.

Class lines harden. Class inequality soars. Racism intensifies. Nationalism becomes more virulent. Corruption festers and grows. Climate disasters and genocides multiply. The violently repressive nature of the capitalist state is exposed. Masses recognize it as fascist.

We’re seeing all that today.

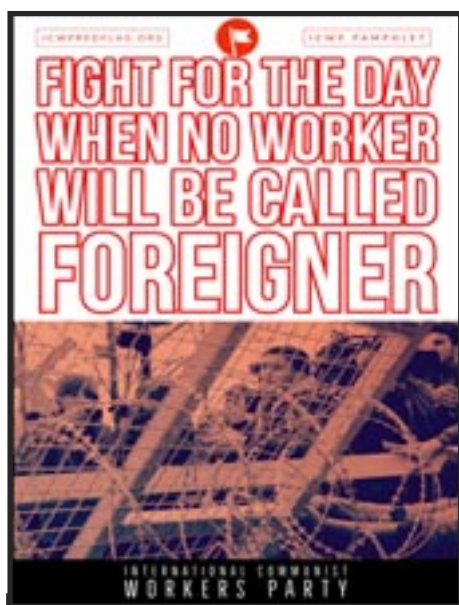
To destroy fascism at its capitalist-imperialist roots, masses must embrace communist revolution.

Revolution, because reform is at most a band-aid. At worst, a blindfold keeping us from seeing the truth. Only armed revolution – led by communist workers, soldiers, and sailors – can defeat the capitalists and their fascist tools.

Communism, because only communism can replace capitalism’s “cash nexus” with a society based on cooperation and sharing. A global communist classless society will have no nations and no borders. It will need no repressive state or wars.

In communist liberated zones, wherever established, the working masses will plan and produce only to meet our needs. We will organize and defend ourselves through a mass international communist workers’ party. As now, our party will extend an invitation to membership to all willing to struggle collectively to realize communism everywhere.

This is the message we must take to our family, friends, co-workers, and classmates. And to the anti-fascist masses who are rising up in small ways and large. **Let’s build communist collectives now.**



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ON THE WEB:

As usual, we have more than we can print. The website: www.icwpredflag.org has the following additional article this issue: Who Profits When the Working Class Gets Sick?

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Pictured below: French High School Students (from left to right) “No Fascists in Our House!” “Faced with Repression: Class Unity!” “We will be the Youth of the Revolution!”



GEN Z WORLDWIDE LOOKS TO A REVOLUTIONARY FUTURE

I was recently watching videos of the high school student mobilizations in France. I was truly inspired. Especially when I saw a sign that read, “We will be the youth of the revolution.”

Their actions came right after public service workers (like teachers and health care workers) went on strike. Students embraced and upped teachers’ demands. Police forces unleashed vicious fascist repression, especially in working-class immigrant neighborhoods.

In South Africa, high school students have mobilized around the

fight to bring back their peers. More than 11,000 high school students were left out at the start of the year. In the 1980s, South African high school students played a key role in the “Liberation before Education” movement.

In Chile, after the 2027 budget was released, thousands of high school students took to the streets. Some carried a banner that read “From the classroom to the class struggle” (“De la sala de clases a la lucha de clases”). Others carried posters with “My education is not your business” (“Mi educación no

es tu negocio”)

India has 100,843 schools that have only a single teacher. About 2.9 million children are enrolled in those schools. And the public education infrastructure has been crumbling. These conditions have helped ignite waves of high school student mobilization across the country.

These are just four examples of high school student mobilizations that have taken place this year. While the spark that has ignited this explosion may vary, all these mobilizations point to the failure of capitalism and to the rising attacks on the entire working class.

struggle of resistance, but by an offensive revolutionary struggle.

When this generation embraces the struggle to mobilize the masses for communism, it will mark the end of capitalist domination and the birth of a new world. A world in which every human being lives a life of dignity in every respect.

The International Communist Workers’ Party invites all students to fight for this world. To fight for communism. To join and build ICWP collectives everywhere!

—Retired teacher in Los Angeles (USA)



Chile, October 1 Student Protests

The wars between the big imperialists, like China and the US, in Iran, Palestine, Congo, the Ukraine and countless of other places, are part of the cause of this situation.

As the capitalist crisis deepens, attacks will increase. And fascism will intensify to maintain and sustain capitalist dominance. The working class is not and will never be passive.

Student mobilizations have taken place in almost every part of the world. This generation (“Gen Z”) is looking towards the future. A future defined not merely by a

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COMMUNIST EDUCATION FOR A CLASSLESS SOCIETY



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mass media trying to discredit protests against the housing crisis. And any struggle to benefit the working class. But the protests continue to swell. The crisis has brought down the social democratic government of Pedro Sánchez and his Spanish Socialist Workers’ Party (PSOE).

The masses need to bring down capitalism!

Because of the protests, Mari-carmen will be able to return to her home at her old rent. But the legislature vetoed emergency measures put in place by terrified politicians. The nature of capitalism shows us that there is no reform through which the needs of workers can be met.

The PSOE and the Catalanian

party JUNTS propose ridiculously limited measures. They want to give tax relief to “lesser evil” capitalists who don’t raise rents and who build more homes for sale. These homes would end up in few hands. They propose this to calm the workers’ anger and because they fear a general strike.

Their right-wing counterparts VOX and PP blame immigrants for the problem. They aim to divert attention from the structural housing crisis and to divide the working class.

Comrades of the International Communist Workers’ Party traveled from another Spanish city to Madrid to express support and solidarity with protesting workers, retirees, and students. And with those

who are struggling to make ends meet and pay their rent. They distributed leaflets saying:

The enraged masses can and must become a Red Army to fight for a Communist revolution that will end the capitalist dictatorship and abolish private property once and for all, building a society without landowners, without rent, and without money—a society where all workers ensure the well-being of our class. That is why we invite workers to join us and help build the International Workers’ Communist Party, because communism will be the grave of fascism!

Comrades invited everyone to



“to read and discuss *Red Flag* and enlist in the communist cells of the ICWP.” The work of the communists of the ICWP can transform the political consciousness of thousands in Spain and the world

The fight is just beginning. There’s a world to win!

INDUSTRIAL WORKER: “WE WANT TO LEARN AND EMBRACE COMMUNISM”

NEW DELHI (India), October 4— “I would like to be part of your struggle. But if I miss a day, my wife and four children will not eat tonight,” said Ramesh, a regular *Red Flag* reader. Ramesh makes Rs 500 (US\$5, R87) for his workday. There are four million workers like him. His work is not guaranteed. He works in a factory producing plastic casings and outer cables. But the internal circuit boards and other electronics are imported from China.

Ramesh waited for our visit after his 12-hour shift. Over a cup of tea, we asked what he thought of the BRICS meeting in New Delhi. He showed us a power bank he produced. All the parts come from China, then get exported to the US. The US has placed tariffs on China and India. Companies are moving from India to cheaper areas like Vietnam. Workers in China, India, and Vietnam compete to produce products very cheaply.

The US-Iran war has directly affected Ramesh. Food prices have increased dramatically. Gas cylinders are so expensive that people burn discarded garbage as fuel. His factory laid off 800 out of 2,000 workers like him. There are thousands of factories like that.

“I was so happy to see these massive student demonstrations. I read it in the *Red Flag* and showed it to all my neighbours. They are so desperate that when we talk about communist change, they immediately want to know how we are going to change the society that is so corrupt and greedy.”

What did the BRICS conference mean for the masses?

Ramesh asked us to follow him on narrow lanes we had never visited. The street gets narrower. The

surrounding shacks are visibly overcrowded.

Then we see an open sewer some thirty meters below. A steady stream of young girls precariously lower themselves into the drainage creek. They collect buckets of water to take back to their shacks for bathing, cooking, and cleaning.

Less than 500 meters from here, one can see million-dollar high-rise apartments and penthouses costing upwards of \$200 million.

The BRICS dignitaries, diplomats, presidents, and their entourages will not see the masses’ unliveable conditions. They will marvel at the ultra-lux apartments as a sign of India becoming the third-largest \$5 trillion economy by 2030. They will ignore that India ranks 102nd out of 123 countries in the Global Hunger Index. Approximately 350 million people live on \$5 a day. They create enormous wealth for super-rich billionaires.

Many friends and neighbours joined us in Ramesh’s small room. They had all been reading *Red*

Flag. Our comrades explained that BRICS is a group of countries where China plays a dominant role. Chinese capitalists are creating a digital and maritime ‘silk road’ and amassing wealth at the cost of working people. They are fast displacing the US as a dominant power.

The rise of China and decline of the US cannot continue indefinitely. It will lead to major wars for profit. We see signs of this in the Iran war. The working class has nothing to gain from any capitalists dominating. The workers in the shanty towns of New Delhi have everything in common with the workers in China who produce products at a breathless speed, making less money every day, just like workers in India, Vietnam, or anywhere else.

We have to destroy this system of capitalism and replace it with a communist society where the workers will not compete with each other but complement each other and provide for need.

A friend of Ramesh, who had

been listening, said, “Comrades, I am a very poor man. I grew up in a village in Bihar and went to school for four years. At the age of twelve, I started working. I love reading the *Red Flag* with Ramesh and other friends. But I am not very educated. Many people around here are the same. We want to learn and embrace communism. Because it talks about getting rid of the system that makes you like a slave all our lives. But I am at a loss when you talk to me about these complicated things like BRICS, imperialist rivalry. Can you explain to me in simple words?”

Later, we had a bigger meeting of our collective. Ramesh’s friend has a valid concern. We are not explaining some articles in a way that people like him can understand. We decided to meet with them regularly and produce literature that everyone can read. This is the only way to mobilize the masses for communism. And the only way to destroy this corrupt and greedy capitalist society.



New Delhi (India), October 2026

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Zionist Army’s Violence against Women in Gaza

What distinguished our contingent and attracted people to us was our leaflet about the genocide in Gaza. It singled out attacks on women and children by the Zionist army. We suggested that the sharpest attacks on women are in Palestine.

We decided to print this leaflet after much internal discussion. Some comrades believed that in a protest march, the masses are too busy agitating to look at our literature. We were correct, as many people came to us and grabbed our leaflet.

Some women climbed onto a giant statue denouncing racism and the rape and patriarchal culture promoted by the fascist BJP, India’s ruling party. Some women blamed ‘men’ for all the problems in society. After giving speeches, it was time to climb down. This was difficult for many because of the height. As the women struggled to get down, men formed a human pyramid to make it easier. We immediately went into the crowd and got the contact numbers of

many men and women.

“Communism Forever!”

The masses’ creativity was on full display. We tried to give a communist twist to many catchy slogans. One of the most popular slogans we improvised with a creative change of words was: “Aurat ho ya mard ho, samyavad hammesh ho” (women or men, communism forever). Now all our comrades are spending hours trying to change popular slogans into ones with communist meaning.

In our meetings before the march, we discussed how to understand the contradiction between the anti-sexist movement and the broader masses. We recognized that the fascist BJP has lost its popular support. This means they will become more violent.

At the same time, the Congress Party will try to fill the vacuum. They will organize mass leaders among Cockroach Janta Party and other reformist organizations. But neither the undirected mass anger we saw today, nor reformist solutions, will satisfy the masses.

This is an unprecedented opportunity to convert these rebellious youth into dedicated communist leaders.

Read our pamphlet:

THE COMMUNIST FIGHT AGAINST SEXISM

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BUILDING COMMUNIST COLLECTIVES TO END CAPITALISM’S INTENSIFYING WAGE SLAVERY

EL SALVADOR, October 1— “All you do is work and sleep. I get up very early in the morning because I take two buses to get to the factory on time,” said D. “And when I come back in the afternoon, it’s already dark, and I fall asleep on the bus. I wake up and realize I haven’t arrived yet. I get off and still have to walk another 20 minutes,” he concluded.

“My body is tired. My body can’t take it anymore,” said K. “When the team of workers doesn’t meet the quota set by the bosses, they won’t let us leave. With that increase in hours, I don’t think I’ll be able to handle it,” she added.

This was part of a discussion at a workers’ collective meeting about the government’s proposed reform: an eleven-hour workday, four days a week and three days off. It ignores the time it takes workers to get to the factories.

This proposal to condense the workweek into four days is not new. Thirty years ago, it was proposed by FUSADES (Salvadoran Foundation for Economic Development).

The current eight-hour workday is not a gift from exploitative employers. Rather, it was the result of intense struggles by workers to put an end to abuses when workdays lasted up to sixteen hours. The 1886

Chicago martyrs gave their lives to achieve these changes. The eleven-hour workday does not improve productivity in the sense of reducing the time needed to produce a certain amount of goods. It does not raise wages, since that issue is not up for discussion.

The ones who benefit are the capitalist employers, who will no longer have to pay overtime. They will keep more of the value workers produce, and workers will get less of it. That means greater exploitation of the working class in order to reap more profits. The goal of capitalist production is to produce profits, not goods.

“We have consulted with all sectors, and they agree,” stated the labor minister, a sellout leader and a former union member.

“I’m a mother, and when I leave the factory, I go home to make dinner for my children and help them with their homework. With this reform, I won’t be able to do that. This is why I’m a member of the ICWP, fighting for communism,” emphasized M, a young worker.

She continued, “Under communism, we’ll work only as many hours as necessary. So we can spend more time with our families,



Historically, the fight for a shorter work day has been the unifying reform demand of the labor movement. We now know that a shorter work day does not end exploitation. We have to fight to end wage slavery and for a communist world.

comrades, and friends without worries, addressing any problems that arise collectively. It will undoubtedly be a better world,” M concluded.

The worker D contradicted her. “I’m more realistic. And I think that if it were necessary right now—without waiting any longer—I would take up arms to defeat the bosses once and for all.”

But aspiring to communism doesn’t contradict armed struggle. “We must not lose faith in the

masses. That moment will come,” said P, a worker leader. “We at the factory continue to recruit so that these changes toward communism can be achieved.

“We have met with three new workers this week,” he continued, “a couple and another woman. We gave them the *Red Flag* newspaper and discussed it with them. They’re very eager to keep reading it. We’re working to get them to participate with the factory collectives in our big end-of-year event.”

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Eleven-Hour Workday: Bad for Workers, Good for Bosses

As a factory worker, I’ve been analyzing these new schedules: an eleven-hour workday, four days a week. Overtime—a way to earn a little extra—is no longer an option, while production quotas are set to rise even further.

Working eleven hours or more—plus the bus commute to the factories—means I am keenly aware that these new schedules impact not just our finances but our home lives. When we look for work, it isn’t just about earning money. We need schedules that align with

our daily household needs and family care responsibilities.

I’ve discussed this with ICWP comrades. We are all furious and more determined than ever to defeat the bosses. We have to keep a close watch on our children, so they don’t go astray. They are influenced by a capitalist system that permeates the social media they access.

Then there is the issue of rest time. These new schedules would force the entire factory workforce to start work around 6:00 AM and finish at 8:00 PM.

We’ll have to get up even earlier and will ar-

rive home late at night. If there are young children, they need help with homework or school supplies. And what about picking up food in town to get through the next day? How are we supposed to manage that?

There is no doubt that these new schedules benefit the boss, boosting daily quotas and profits, while never benefiting the working class. We must continue organizing the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP) in every workplace. We must defeat the bosses’ rotten system once and for all. And this must happen on a global scale.

—Red Worker in El Salvador

USA: STUDENTS PROTEST CAPITALISM’S SEXIST AND RACIST VIOLENCE



Cornell University (USA), October 2026: Students protest university officials’ failure to act against the gang rape of a student at a fraternity party.



Atlanta (USA) Youth protest the racist cover-up of the Mississippi murder of eighteen-year-old Nolan Wells.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: PROGRESS FOR WHOM?

EL SALVADOR, October 4— The inter-imperialist rivalry between the US and China turns technology into a battlefield. Meanwhile, workers face unemployment, exploitation, and environmental destruction.

Journalist Brian Merchant has questioned the obsession with apocalyptic scenarios. He highlights problems related to labor, surveillance, and technological infrastructure. His perspective opens up a necessary discussion: Are we focusing on the real dangers of AI, or are we failing to see who controls this technology?

“For us communists, this distinction is fundamental,” said A. “AI does not exist outside of society. It is the product of knowledge accumulated over generations by workers, scientists, and engineers. But under capitalism, its advances are controlled by imperialist corporations and states competing for profits, markets, and power.”

“The question shouldn’t be whether we’re ‘for’ or ‘against’ AI,” said L. “A machine can greatly increase productive capacity. But under capitalism, its benefits aren’t distributed according to the needs of workers. The central issue is who owns, controls, and

decides how to use that technology.”

“If a company uses AI to produce more with fewer workers, the increase in productivity can lead to layoffs and greater exploitation. If it’s used to monitor us, it becomes a tool of control. And if massive data centers are built, their environmental costs fall on communities and workers,” said D.

“If technology allows us to produce more,” he added, “why does that have to mean that some lose their jobs while others accumulate more profits?”

The US and China: AI as an Inter-Imperialist Battleground

Washington and Beijing view AI as strategic to their economic and military power. Both compete for advanced chips, AI models, infrastructure, investments, and markets. The United States restricts advanced technologies destined for China, while China develops its own technological capabilities.

The mainstream media portray this as a race that one side must “win.” But win for whom? The US defends the interests of its ruling class. China pursues its expansion based on its own economic and state interests.

For workers in both countries,

this competition can mean labor pressure, surveillance, militarization, and the subordination of technology to their ruling classes. “Why do we have to choose between the US and China if neither of them puts workers’ needs first?” asked C.

“That is precisely the discussion we must promote. We must not support any imperialist struggle. We need a communist revolution that ends the exploitation, environmental destruction, and unemployment we face,” answered A.

Questions Workers Should Discuss about AI

Here is the discussion that we should take to all ICWP collectives and to factories, schools, and neighborhoods:

What happens when companies use AI to produce more with fewer workers?

What happens when data centers require enormous amounts of energy and resources?

What happens when governments and companies use algorithms to monitor and control our workforce?

“AI could increase productivity, but under capitalism that can mean mass layoffs and greater exploitation. The environmental cost ulti-

mately affects communities and workers,” we concluded. The problem isn’t just the machine. It’s who controls it and what they use it for.

We must not conclude that every risk cited regarding AI is false. Technological risks exist and must be studied. But we reject the idea that major powers and corporations should define how to address them and for what purposes technology should be used. Studying AI also means studying who owns the technology, who reaps its benefits, and who bears its costs.

Technology demonstrates that humanity has an enormous capacity to transform the world. But today it remains subordinate to competition among capitalists and imperialist powers. Technology must serve human needs, not imperialist competition or the accumulation of profits.

We workers do not need to choose among imperialists. We need to organize our class strength. The question is not which power will dominate AI, but whether the working class will allow our knowledge and productive capacity to continue to be used against us.

Let’s discuss *Red Flag*, study, and organize the communist struggle through the ICWP!

WORKERS IN WAR INDUSTRIES CAN WIELD GREAT POWER AGAINST CAPITALISM

SEATTLE (USA), October 4— “Of course this is part of preparing for more war,” said a friend. She had just learned that JetZero, a California-based startup company, is building a blended wing-body jet. The company has broken ground on a huge plant in North Carolina. Its first flight is planned for some time in 2027.

JetZero emphasizes all the money that can be saved on fuel from this new jet because of its shape. However, aeronautic and economic analyst Bjorn Fehrm says the promised fuel savings have yet to be proven. He sees the aircraft as a better fit for the US Air Force, which awarded JetZero a \$235 million dollar contract in 2023.

Our friend is right. War is what they are really planning for. All technology being designed and manufactured these days is for war. Billions of dollars are being slashed from the budgets of important medical research, education, and culture in the US and diverted to prepare for world war.

Friends who work at Boeing were angry when they heard this. One said, “I am glad you are writing about this. We need to know about these war preparations.”

Workers produce everything sold by the capitalists. Workers build the factories and workers are

forced to fight their wars. And those workers and soldiers have always fought back and rebelled.

The US had to get out of Vietnam because its soldiers and sailors organized rebellions and killed their own officers while the Vietnamese masses continued to fight US imperialism fiercely.

Mass rebellion by sailors on the Russian battleship Potemkin in 1905 sparked a revolution. That revolution was defeated. But only twelve years later, soldiers, sailors, and workers in war industry led the 1917 revolution that ended the tsar’s rule.

Irish workers came to the US in the 1800s to escape famine and persecution from the English. When they arrived, many were immediately inducted into the US army and sent to fight in the Mexican-American War. Recognizing that Mexican workers were fighting against the same persecution and exploitation, hundreds deserted and joined them. These soldiers are considered heroes in Mexico and Ireland.

The unions at Boeing continue to be concerned only with bread-and-butter issues such as pay and retirement benefits. But industrial workers can wield great power because of their importance to the war industry.

Internationally, many indus-



Red Guards from the Putilov Steel Works during the Russian Revolution, 1917

trial workers are angry about the ties to war. Dockworkers’ unions in France, Greece, Basque Country, Turkey, Morocco, and Italy are calling an international day of action on October 30 against war and militarization. They are demanding an end to the genocide of the Palestinian people and the US-Israeli wars of aggression in the Middle East, including Iran. Together, these unions represent workers at forty ports.

We should seek ways to reach these militant anti-imperialists with our call to mobilize masses for communism. The capitalist ruling class will inevitably turn to war to

increase their domination of the world’s resources and our labor. These wars will never end until capitalism and all of class society is wiped off the face of the earth.

Red Flag is full of stories of the working class fighting battles all over the world. We support them and we must organize more rebellions in the US.

We must prepare now to eventually destroy capitalism and replace it with a communist world where there will be no nations, no exploitation, no wage slavery, no bosses! We invite you to join us.

From New Delhi to Gaza: They Are All Our Babies

I was doing my weekly *Red Flag* distribution with my friend. We went to a mostly Muslim working-class area. The largest mosque in New Delhi is nearby. Walking home, we saw a group of young men collecting money at the mosque gate. People were emptying their pockets. They formed lines, eager to donate.

As we got closer, we saw that the young men wore T-shirts with a picture of a young woman holding her baby. We found out that the woman had gone to a public hospital. The doctor told her that the baby had a rare autoimmune disease. The cost to treat her would be \$100,000. The baby had six months to live if she did not get the

treatment. The mother turned out to be a very poor Hindu woman. When she asked for help in a Hindu temple, they kicked her out.

In desperation, she approached the people entering the mosque. The worshipers started donating money. Some young men took the lead, created a T-shirt, and publicized the cause. The word spread like wildfire. Everyone said, “Baby Jaishvi is our daughter.” The same day, the masses had donated \$800,000. The woman was in tears at the Muslims’ generosity.

The next day, we went back to the mosque to make contact and donate money. We asked people why they were emptying their pockets so generously.

“The BJP administration bulldozed our houses and shops,” one said. “We were homeless. Our kids were hungry and homeless. So, it is our duty to help Jaishvi. She is our daughter.” We showed him the *Red Flag*. He was very interested in the article about Palestine. He introduced us to many men who had come to pray there.

“I know Gaza. That is why I am donating what I have for Jaishvi,” another said. “In Gaza, they are bombing hospitals after they bomb babies.” He was very agitated by the genocide in Gaza. He was even more disgusted because the Modi government has banned donating any money to Gaza relief.

“Modi and Netanyahu are the

same animals. Modi bulldozes us here, and Netanyahu does it on a large scale in Palestine,” he said. We showed him *Red Flag* and our Palestine pamphlet. We talked about how only communism can get rid of the capitalist system that thrives on genocides, racism, and sexism. He took all the copies of our pamphlet for the mosque and also kept *Red Flag*.

We will visit these fine men. Their generosity and concern for Gaza show that we need to reach out to many people like him. Now we have a base in the mosque for communism.

—Comrade in New Delhi (India)

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WHY IS US IMPERIALISM FIGHTING TO CONTROL IRAN?

October 4—In the unfolding third world war between the US and China, Iran’s plentiful oil is key for Chinese imperialism. Both for its economic growth and as a secure oil supply during war.

Iranian oil can get to China by sea and by land, including by the newly built “Steel Silk Road” rail connection between Iran and China. It is up and running despite US bombing.

US imperialism’s goal is to deny Iran’s oil to China, its main rival, by taking over Iran. This would halt China’s economic rise and, in war, would paralyze China’s military.

Even though some US ruling factions criticize Trump for not getting other NATO members to support the attack on Iran, they are all committed to controlling Iran’s oil and the currency in which it is sold.

Petrodollar versus Petro Yuan

A crucial part of the fight between the US and Chinese imperialists is that Iran’s oil is sold in Chinese yuan and other currencies instead of the US dollar. More oil sold in yuan threatens the existence of the petrodollar.

In 1973 the Saudi rulers agreed to sell oil only in US dollars in exchange for US military protection. The Saudis used their influence in OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) to guarantee that all oil-producing nations would sell oil only in US dollars. Since 1973, oil was sold only in \$US worldwide.

The petrodollar gave the US tremendous financial advantage. The US government could print money, backed up by the petrodollar. All other governments had to buy dollars and invest in the US economy.

US sanctions (on Iran and others) have backfired as more transactions worldwide are now carried

out in currencies other than the \$US. This threatens the US capitalists’ global position.

The US imperialists, desperate to regain their lost financial and military dominance, urgently need regime change in Iran. If the petrodollar falls, the US economy will go into a deep depression.

The Gulf countries can no longer fully cooperate with the US sanctions against Iran because they fear Iranian attacks. That’s why the new US sanctions could mean the end of the US sanction regime.

The Iranian rulers’ strikes on Gulf states have shown that US imperialists can no longer provide military protection.

The US government debt stands at \$40 trillion. The annual interest payment alone is \$1 trillion, even more than the defense budget. If the petrodollar collapses, this debt burden will mean huge attacks on the masses.

A ground invasion of Iran and the collapse of the petrodollar would cause a worldwide depression as the prices of oil and fertilizer soar. Those prices are already rising.

Twenty-two countries participated in the recent Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit (led by Russia and China). They condemned the sanctions and US bombing of Iran. They pledged support for Iran and for Eurasian economic integration. They are building a financial system outside US and NATO control. **This will make US imperialism even more desperate.**

Expanding War and Our Communist Future

The recent advance of the Iranian-backed Ansar Allah (Houthis) in Yemen against Saudi interests, and their attack on a key pipeline, put the world’s supply of oil at greater risk and expanded the war. Ansar Allah has gained control of



ATHENS (Greece), October 6: Thousands protest visit of US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Banners and slogans oppose NATO, the genocide in Gaza, and the US war on Iran.

the crucial Bab al-Mandeb Strait and has threatened the Saudi capital Riyadh.

The US government is increasing punitive sanctions on Iran. These attack Iranian workers, not the government. The Iranian masses are already suffering from low wages, high inflation, and scarcity. Meanwhile, Chinese and Russian imperialism are supporting the capitalist Iranian government with intelligence and weapons to fight US imperialism.

Oil workers in Iran were key in overthrowing the hated Shah in 1979. Workers and soldiers everywhere are key today in the fight to turn the imperialists’ exploitation and war for oil profits into revolution for communist workers’ power.

The contradictions between the workers and the capitalists are sharpening everywhere. The workers don’t have “national interests.” We have international class interests! To fight for and build a communist world where we produce

only to meet the needs of the working masses.

The wars are increasing attacks on workers everywhere. They are exposing capitalism as a system only capable of death, destruction, and fascism. Communism is our future! It means life and health for the international working class. Let’s build ties and solidarity among workers, youth and soldiers worldwide and a mass International Communist Workers’ Party.

Read our pamphlet:

**SOLDIERS, SAILORS,
MARINES: CRUCIAL FOR A
COMMUNIST WORKERS’
REVOLUTION**

Available at
icwpredflag.org/mpe.pdf

PALESTINE: NEVER FORGET THE WORKING CLASS (PART II)

October 7— Three years ago, thousands of Gazans working in Israel had their work permits abruptly revoked. The Zionist state secretly arrested them as illegal. They were imprisoned under vile conditions, tortured, and humiliated. Several were killed.

Including the West Bank, over 140,000 Palestinians' permits were cancelled. After October 7, 2023, residential construction in Israel fell by 95 percent. Farm production declined by 80 percent.

The contradiction between super-exploitation and genocide has shaped Zionist policy toward Palestinian workers since June 1967. That year, Israel occupied the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Defense minister Moshe Dayan called the occupied territories “a supplementary market for Israeli goods and services ... and a source of factors of production, especially unskilled labor, for the Israeli economy.”

Masses of angry, unemployed, expropriated, and displaced Palestinian workers threatened the Zionist rulers. It would be prudent and profitable to superexploit them as cheap labor within “Israel.” While excluding them from the Histadrut labor organization.

Palestinian workers were, and are, limited to jobs that Jewish workers don't want. At wages that Jewish workers wouldn't accept. Over one third of employed Palestinians worked inside “Israel.” Two-thirds of those with legal permits have been construction workers. Then and now, profit-hungry contractors arrange for many more to work illegally at great hardship and risk.

Border-crossers who lived in the

West Bank and worked inside Israel saw and resented their second-class treatment.

In 1967 the Zionists also began building “settlements” in the West Bank. They needed skilled masons to quarry and dress the stone. And construction workers to build homes, public buildings, and even the walls that fenced them in.

The settlements are illegal under Israeli and international law. But they grow daily. About 11% of Palestinians employed there work on land stolen from their families.

But the Zionist plan was to drive out Palestinians altogether.

In 1987, a general strike helped to spark the first Intifada (uprising). Israeli labor policy shifted to workers from eastern Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Many migrants overstayed their visas. Their numbers peaked at one-eighth (17%) of the Israeli workforce. Refugees from Eritrea, Darfur, and Sudan joined them. The Zionist ethnonationalists saw this as a new threat. “Migrants are invited to Israel only as workers, not as human beings,” observed an Israeli sociologist. By 2005, many non-Jewish migrants had been forced out.

Employers again saw Palestinian workers as “human gold.” Politicians hoped that employment would “pacify them.”

Until October 7, 2023. The number of Palestinian workers in Israel was close to an all-time high. Since then, the Zionists favoring genocide have overtaken those for super-exploitation.

Imported labor is rising. Finance Minister Smotrich boasted in 2024 of bringing “over 20,000 foreign

workers into the country since the beginning of the Gaza war.” He announced plans to recruit 65,000-80,000 more from India, Sri Lanka, and Uzbekistan. Around 270,000 migrants currently work in “Israel.”

Palestinian workers continue to resist, individually and collectively. They resist under fascist conditions that include violent Jewish settlers alongside official government repression. They resist genocide. They resist exploitation—mostly outside of formal trade unionism.

“The Only Solution: Intifada, Revolution”

A recent survey of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza found massive dissatisfaction with the Palestinian political system. Most feel unsafe. Few expect to see a Palestinian state anytime soon. Fatah remains extremely unpopular. Hamas is losing support.

But almost three-quarters opposed disarming Hamas while Israel occupies Gaza. Among regional actors, Ansar Allah (the Houthis) had the most support even before their September revolution. Half the respondents said that armed resistance has been effective.

Only communist revolution has the potential to end both genocide and exploitation in Occupied



Gaza, January 12, 2026. Medical staff march outside Red Cross headquarters to support call of Palestinian Prisoners Committee for release of captives in Israeli prisons

Palestine. That would require Palestinian workers fighting for their class interest instead of “national interest.” And building bridges to international workers superexploited by the same Zionist bosses.

Organizing Jewish workers, soldiers, and youth for communism can create the conditions for some of them to join this struggle. Like how armed resistance groups formed inside Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany. Only communist struggle will win those raised to commit genocide to turn their weapons on the Zionist state and join Palestinians to fight for liberation.

None of this will happen automatically. Or overnight. Nothing is guaranteed.

But the increasingly bold communist work of Jewish and Arab ICWP comrades in Tel Aviv shines a light in the darkness. We ask all readers of *Red Flag* to share it everywhere. Especially in Palestine. The whole world is watching.

COMRADES DEFY FASCISM, SPREAD COMMUNISM AMID WAR AND GENOCIDE

TEL AVIV (Occupied Palestine), October 7— Hundreds of anti-war protesters defied the Zionist government's bloodthirsty propaganda today with mass demonstrations on the anniversary of the Gaza genocide. Four groups of ICWP comrades participated with our communist message.

One group of seven comrades took part in a liberal rally in front of Israeli fascist Prime Minister Netanyahu's Tel Aviv residence. We clandestinely distributed *Red Flag*. Many people blamed Netanyahu for failing to anticipate the October 7 attack.

Our leaflet explained that the problem was not just one person. It is the role of Israel in policing the Middle East to protect the imperialist interests of the United States. We got many positive responses that we will report on later.

One comrade in the group ex-

plained, “I am proud to be a member of ICWP. I was heavily influenced by Zionist propaganda three years ago. In my apartment building, I saw a copy of the *Red Flag*. I looked at the headline on Palestine. I almost put it in the trash bin when a man tapped me from behind. That started our friendship.

“Day after day, this neighbor explained to me why only communism can liberate humanity from capitalist genocides,” the comrade continued. “I thought he was out of his mind. But two years of friendship, debates, and meetings have changed me.”

Many people at the protest who wanted to talk more with us are just like this comrade. The most promising were some ex-IOF soldiers who detested what they had done. We have planned a meeting with them.

Another protest was in front of

the home of fascist “security” minister Ben-Gvir, also in Tel Aviv. Four ICWP members and friends distributed two hundred copies of *Red Flag* and leaflets. It was a boisterous rally that burnt Ben-Gvir's effigy. We already knew some of the active participants. We plan to meet with two of them.

The most significant part of our day's work was conducted by some of our members and their neighbors who were in Jerusalem as part of a B'Tselem anti-war protest.

Our next report will share more details about these actions, the week's meetings, and addi-

tional demonstrations.

A recently-leaked CIA assessment warns that Israel is at risk of civil war or state collapse. The need and the potential for communist revolution are growing daily in Occupied Palestine. This potential can only be realized by rapid growth of ICWP among Palestinians and non-Palestinians, especially workers, soldiers, and youth.



Tel Aviv (Occupied Palestine), July 25, 2026