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MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM

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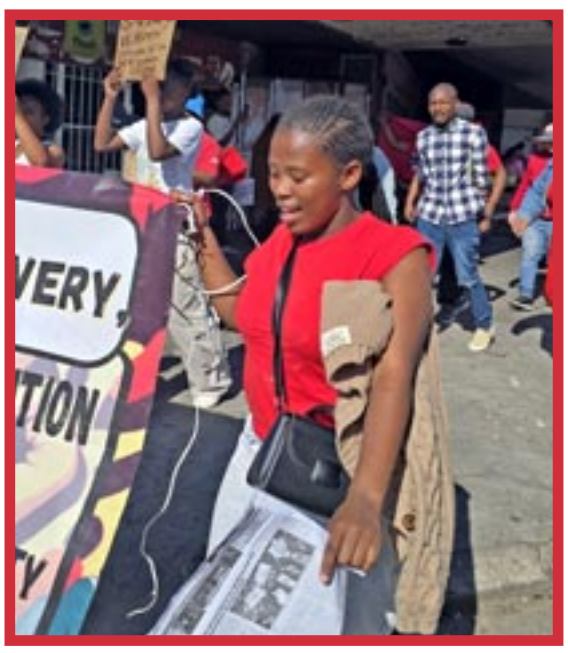
KORSTEN (South Africa), May 2025: ICWP comrades hold a "toyi-toyi" demonstration and distribute *Red Flag* in this Gqeberha suburb, home to many immigrant workers.





MANILA (Philippines), November 10: Masses protest Trump's visit and the US State Department's "Pax Silica." This US-dominated supply chain for AI technologies includes a massive semiconductor production hub. It would displace hundreds of Indigenous and other Filipino farmers. Once again US imperialism uses the Philippines as a colony in preparation for war with its imperialist rival China.

SOUTH AFRICA: FIGHT XENOPHOBIA WITH COMMUNIST CLASS LINE

GQEBERHA and KARIEGA (South Africa), November 15— As the comrades of South Africa, we are planning a workshop over the last weekend this month to gather for a comradely discussion about the impact of xenophobia on our fellow comrades.

South Africa came to a standstill several times in recent months over marches all around the country where greedy capitalists have used xenophobia to separate comrades using borders to classify who belongs where.

The South African government is overhauling its immigration policy. Thousands of immigrants have been deported. More restrictions are in place. Xenophobia has been whipped up among native-born South Africans to distract them from capitalism, the real source of poverty and mass unemployment.

As comrades we refuse to be separated by borders. We refuse to fall under the bracket of 'South Africans', ' Zimbabweans', 'Nigerians'. We reject nationalist labels. Instead, we want to strive to fall under one bracket and that is of 'communists'.

Moving people back to the country they 'belong' in is not the solution. Our fellow comrades from different countries are all part of the same working class that we all belong to. We all suffer from the same disease, which is capitalism. Only communism can free us from capitalism.

The solution is creating awareness that the problem we are facing is capitalism and the solution is communism. Our workshop is designed to raise this issue around our comrades so that we can spread the word and recruit more comrades to join us in this struggle. We aim to struggle with them until we move in the direction of communism.

In our workshop we will discuss

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WHAT DO THE 2026 US MIDTERM ELECTION RESULTS MEAN FOR WORKERS?

USA, November 14— "Hey, how do you feel about Abdul El-Sayed's win?" I asked my colleagues during our lunch break.

One responded, "I think he's a good speaker and looks polished. Like, he could run for president in the future. But I think Senator is probably as far as he'll go."

Another colleague jumped in and said, "I think he's a great, no-bullshit kind of guy."

Our conversation opened up a larger discussion among the three of us about the recent US midterm elections, the Democratic Party, and what its historic victories might actually mean for working people.

Abdul El-Sayed's victory has given many people renewed hope that the Democratic Party can deliver meaningful change. Like Keisha Lance Bottoms in Georgia making history as the first Black woman elected governor of any state, El-Sayed's election as the first Muslim in the United States Senate represents another milestone in US political representation.

There is no question that seeing people from historically marginalized communities enter positions of political power inspires many. However, as communists, we must be careful not to confuse representation with liberation.

This is where identity politics are dangerous. It can encourage workers to place their hopes in the identity of an elected official rather than examining their politics.

We have seen this before with Barack Obama. He was celebrated as the first Black president, a historic accomplishment that inspired millions of people. He was likable, intelligent, handsome, and ran on bringing "Change We Can Believe In." Yet his administration conducted more deportations than

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MOBILIZE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM TO END CAPITALIST GENOCIDE IN GAZA

November 10— Four people died today in Gaza when a sand dune collapsed on their tent. Thousands more have lost their meager shelter and possessions. "When we stay and protest in the rain," said a *Red Flag* reader in the USA, "it reminds us of the millions in Gaza who have to stay in the flood for days."

Winter rains are yet another disaster falling on our class siblings in Gaza. But it is not a natural disaster. It was intentionally engineered by the fascist Israeli ruling class, backed by US imperialism. It is yet another genocidal onslaught. Another reason we need to organize for communist revolution now.

The Zionist military has destroyed over 92% of Gaza's housing. Two thirds of its people struggle to survive in tents. Almost all of Gaza's sewer systems were destroyed. So rainwater backs up in streets and floods tents. And, with it, raw sewage.

Israeli authorities won't let Gazans rebuild. It's hard even to get new tents. Their military has penned Palestinians behind its "yellow line" into about one third of Gaza's territory. Mostly low-lying land experiencing the worst of the flooding.

"The tent torture is one more means of trying to get all Gazans to leave," reported an Israeli journalist.

Zionist Finance Minister Smotrich said it shamelessly in September: "If Gaza remains tiny, crowded, and destroyed, they'll look for places to go."

Ethnic cleansing. Genocide.

Angry millions worldwide see that. We march, massively. We send whatever help we can. On October 30, thousands of dockworkers went on strike at 113 ports across five continents, temporarily halting arms transfers to Israel. But we know it's not enough.

Elections aren't the answer. "Will an Eisenkot government care, or even care to know, about this?" asked the Israeli journalist. Will a US Congress led by Zionists like Schumer and Jeffries care either?

The real question is whether communist revolution is possible. Whether communism is possible. Because, if it is, nobody will need to huddle in flooded tents. Or flee murderous "settlers" in the West Bank. Or go hungry. Or live in fear.

If communist revolution is possible, we can rip up the capitalist roots of exploitation, war, genocide, and more. We can create social relations of production based on cooperation, sharing, and mutual aid – in place of money.



GQEBERHA (South Africa), November 10, 2023: Comrades of the International Communist Workers' Party protest genocide in Gaza with a "toyi-toyi" march in New Brighton township.

We can abolish capitalist nation-states and build liberated zones where masses collectively make the decisions that impact our lives. We can escalate the process of ending divisions, discrimination, and distrust based on racism, sexism, xenophobia, religion, and more.

And communism is possible! Not Soviet-style state-capitalism. Rather, communism resembling the way most human societies lived for a hundred thousand years. And some even until the last century when capitalism spread its greedy tentacles worldwide.

Communist revolution is possible today because we have the tools to better understand the communism that predated class society. And the experiences of those who have fought, for over two centuries, to build communism in the modern world. Their great successes, their errors, and their tragic failures.

Communist revolution can't come soon enough.

How do we move from mass outrage over Gaza to building a communist force that can transform society?

The answer lies in our relationships among the masses. Our participation in their struggles. How we talk with workers and young people about them. How we learn to show, concretely and convincingly, why capitalism can never solve our problems – and communism can.

A tremendous change can come from many small changes adding up. We continue to march and protest the Gaza genocide because we know that. But the things we do, trying to reform this horrible system, can't add up to a change in its basic nature.

Things our International Communist Workers' Party is doing now to advance communism will add up to the revolutionary change we need. From India to El Salvador, South Africa to the USA.

Every conversation about communism. Every copy of *Red Flag* shared. Everyone who has joined an ICWP collective and is helping recruit others to our international party. Every article that expands our collective understanding of communism based on this practice.

That's "mobilizing masses for communism." Putting ourselves and others into action for communism now, rain or shine. Turning our outrage and horror at the genocide in Gaza into the struggle for a communist world.



ATHENS (Greece), October 30, 2026 – Longshore workers shut down port of Piraeus as part of one-day strike in twenty-two countries against genocide in Gaza.

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the party's line. We think that is really imperative because without revolutionary theory there can be no revolution. So that is the motive. We have noticed that some new comrades have not fully grasped the line of ICWP. "So, I think this initiative will go a long way in terms of bridging that gap," remarked an experienced comrade.

The weekend will focus not only on theory but also on practice. That is what has been brought out. We have taken the decision of planning the weekend away, so we will have sufficient time to struggle around immigration and about racism. About how we will be able to establish a communist society without racism.

Racism and sexism are symptoms of capitalism. They rose with capitalism and they will fall with it. We need to make the point that our main focus, our main objective, is the eradication of capitalism. So as to end the symptoms it has manifested in racism, in unemployment, war, and more.

The upcoming discussion will go a long way in terms of expanding on the Party's communist line. The newer comrades will be able to deal with the different issues involved in how communism can end racism, sexism, and borders.

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WE PAY FOR IMPERIALIST WAR WITH HUNGER, COLD, AND EXPLOITATION

EL SALVADOR, November 16— "In my family we can no longer cover all the expenses," said E, a bank worker. "While the capitalists defend their profits and their military interests, we workers face layoffs, insufficient wages, and an increasingly difficult cost of living to sustain."

"We workers have no side to defend in the capitalists' wars. Our struggle must be international and communist," said C, who works in a plastic factory.

Six workers gathered at a comrade's house for a dinner meeting. It was going to be a barbecue, but meat cost too much. So they ate chicken. Someone else couldn't come because he couldn't afford gas.

The war against Iran, launched by the United States and Israel, doesn't stop with killing our class siblings far away. Its consequences reach ports, factories, transports, and workers' homes in many countries. Restrictions and disruptions to maritime transit through the Strait of Hormuz, a critical route for the global transport of oil and natural gas, affect the movement of goods and increase economic uncertainty worldwide.

D also works at the plastic factory. He said, "The consequences of these wars cross borders. I used to have enough to buy food but it's no longer enough to survive. We are living in difficult times, increasingly in debt. We fear not knowing how to continue. Those who make the decisions to fight and kill are not the ones who suffer the consequences. Workers pay the costs and face shortages. We are used as cannon fodder and to kill our class siblings."

War hits workplaces

At Iran's Shahid Rajaee port, the reduction in ship traffic affects workers at contractor companies. Port workers have reported cutbacks and layoffs. An employee of a cargo dispatch company stated that he hadn't been called to work or paid for four months.

Behind the trade and oil figures are workers who lose their incomes and families who struggle to survive. We don't decide wars or control trade routes, but our lives and jobs are trapped in the decisions of governments and companies that defend their economic and military interests.

Who protects our needs?

When oil and transportation become more expensive, production costs and prices of food and other essentials also rise. Wages, in contrast, don't rise. Working families end up adjusting their spending, while companies seek to protect their profits.

"We, the working class, are already living on wages that don't cover our basic needs," said J, another bank worker. "Every price increase deepens that reality. For those who live paycheck to paycheck, losing hours of work or becoming unemployed can mean not having enough to feed their families."



Governments talk about national security, stability, and negotiations. But none of them centers workers' needs. They are starving us to kill our class siblings.

No power represents our interests. We don't have to choose between the US, Israel, Iran, China, or Russia. Their rivalries respond to their own state, economic and military interests.

Our response must be international and communist

"As the working class, we share a reality: we produce the wealth of society, but we do not decide how it is used or for whom it is produced," said comrade A. "From factories, fields, offices, homes, shops, and services, we have the capacity to organize and fight collectively."

She continued: "Our strength is not in supporting one government against another, nor in relying on reforms that keep capitalism intact. It is in building an international communist struggle of the entire working class against all imperialists and against the system of exploitation."

What can our collectives do?

Take this discussion to co-workers, family members, and neighbors. Share our experiences, organize conversations. Distribute and discuss *Red Flag* and invite other workers to participate in ICWP collectives. In these ways we can turn indignation into consciousness, organization and collective struggle. We can strengthen our ties with workers in other countries.

We fight for a communist society without classes, money, or exploitation. Where production and distribution are organized collectively to meet human needs, not to enrich a minority or strengthen their armies.

We must end imperialism and build communism! We have a world to win!

DON'T FIGHT FOR THE BOSSES' PROFITS! FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM TO MEET HUMAN NEEDS

EL SALVADOR, November 15—"Why do the profits of a minority take precedence over our needs? As workers, we need to understand not only who appropriates the fruits of our work, but also how capitalism organizes production to accumulate capital," said A.

"Let's think about a shirt. When someone makes a shirt to wear or share with another person, they produce an object with use value. It serves to clothe and satisfy a need. But when a factory produces thousands of shirts to sell them, they become commodities. The shirt still has use value, but it also has exchange value within commercial relations. Under capitalism, its production is organized to generate profits and accumulate capital, not to ensure that we all have clothes."

As wage workers, we create new value through our labor. The value of our labor power is expressed in our wages. The additional value we produce beyond that equivalent constitutes surplus value, which the capitalists appropriate. Profits are one of the ways in which this surplus value manifests itself. Employers do not create that value simply by virtue of being owners. They appropriate the results of wage labor.

"So, these differences raise questions that we must discuss in our collectives. Do we produce material wealth or value? What is the difference between making products to meet needs and producing commodities to make a profit? How will we organize work when it is no longer subordinate to capital? Understanding these issues is essential to developing our vision of a communist society," added C.

Communism does not mean stopping the production of clothing, food, housing, or technology. It means transforming the social relations of production. We will continue to collectively create and share useful products, but without organizing labor to sell commodities, accumulate capital, or enrich a minority.

"In communism, we will continue to produce material wealth to meet human needs, but production will no longer be organized through commodities, value, and capitalist accumulation," said O.



As communists of the ICWP, we do not fight to obtain a larger share of capitalist profits or to become better beneficiaries of this system. We are fighting to root out exploitative relations and transform the relations of production to meet human needs.

We need to collectively discuss and understand how to build that society without wages, money, or social classes. We do not want to produce for the profits of a few. We want to produce for the lives of all!

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Give Communism a Try

A high school student wrote that they believed "the solution to the problems of imperialism, racism, inequality and such will be… a blend of anarchist principles, mutual aid and non-coercion, communist organization and planning, as well as the communal ownership of goods like water, food, electricity, farming equipment, factories, and so on, Indigenous principles of living in reciprocity with the land and respecting the sacredness of living things as well as a healthy dose of pluralism and democracy."

First and foremost, as an educator, it is awesome to see young adults reading and engaging with *Red Flag*!

My question regarding your vision of an ideal solution for the problems we are faced with is: Who or what political group that is active within the US do you see yourself organizing with to make this idea come to fruition?

I, a communist, have nothing that I disagree with as a hard line in the sand. But I would also like to know what anarchist principles appeal to you as you did not really elaborate on anything anarchist. I mostly heard from you what I hear from other communists when they are speaking of their ideal for the future.

I am also curious about your experiences with evangelicalized communists. People can develop cult mindsets anywhere across the political spectrum. But as you stated yourself, it is not all of us. Most people I organize with are communist because they know swapping politicians in the current state of affairs is not a real solution.

But being a communist is not a baseline for organizing with most communists that I have met in California. In fact, many of us spend time attempting to appeal to our more liberal-minded neighbors, relatives, friends, and co-workers. I invite you to continue to write to *Red Flag* and engage in discussion with us. I think you may enjoy our company more than you think.

– High school teacher comrade

The time is now!

When we were distributing *Red Flag* at Boeing, a group of high school students who were heading to the mall stopped and looked at the paper. Without hesitation I jumped in and asked them if they wanted to know what young workers and students were doing to fight fascism and exploitation all over the world. They immediately said "Yes!" And I saw excitement in their eyes. Earlier I got a similar reaction from a young Boeing worker who was hurrying into work.

I think this is a very exciting time. Young workers and students here in the US, Europe, India, South Africa, and El Salvador are realizing that they are facing a future of constant wars, destruction of the environment, low-wage jobs, police brutality and more. In a way, it reminds me of the 1970's!

Baby boomers who were coming of age then faced similar conditions. The war on Vietnam went on and on, and we started to realize that the US was not going to win. The President (Nixon) was a crook and was going to have to resign. The cities were falling apart, and thousands of workers were unemployed or on strike.

In May of 1970, students at Kent State (Ohio) who were protesting the expansion of the war to Cambodia were shot by the National Guard and four died. Eleven days later police shot and killed two students and injured twelve others at Jackson State College in Mississippi. Black students were protesting racist harassment by the cops and racist white residents. These events led to a nationwide student strike involving over four million students, and a temporary closure of hundreds of colleges and universities.

In 1971, Attica Prison, in New York state, was the site of a major rebellion of prisoners, most Black, who were protesting severe overcrowding, racism, and poor living conditions. Prisoners seized control of the prison and took hostages. Governor Nelson Rockefeller ordered the State Police and National Guard to take back the prison, killing thirty-three inmates and ten hostages.

Do young people know any of this history? Probably not very much, is my guess. The Soweto rebellion? It was led by young schoolchildren. May 1968, France…students started it and millions of workers joined them in a general strike that shook all of France. The 1919 General Strike in Seattle, the fight for the 8-hour day, the Paris Commune, and more.

Young people need to know that making a change doesn't mean voting for the lesser of 2 evils. Of course, it's all reform. But if workers and their families are capable of making important changes at the reform level, why can't we make the really big change from capitalism to communism?

Fight for a Red Future!

—Seattle (USA) comrade

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COMMUNIST EDUCATION FOR A CLASSLESS SOCIETY

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Trump's first presidential administration. His drone strikes on Pakistan and Yemen killed hundreds of civilians. He authorized $38 billion in military aid to Israel in 2016, the largest package in history.

This is not an argument in defense of Trump, but to show both political parties upholding the capitalist system.

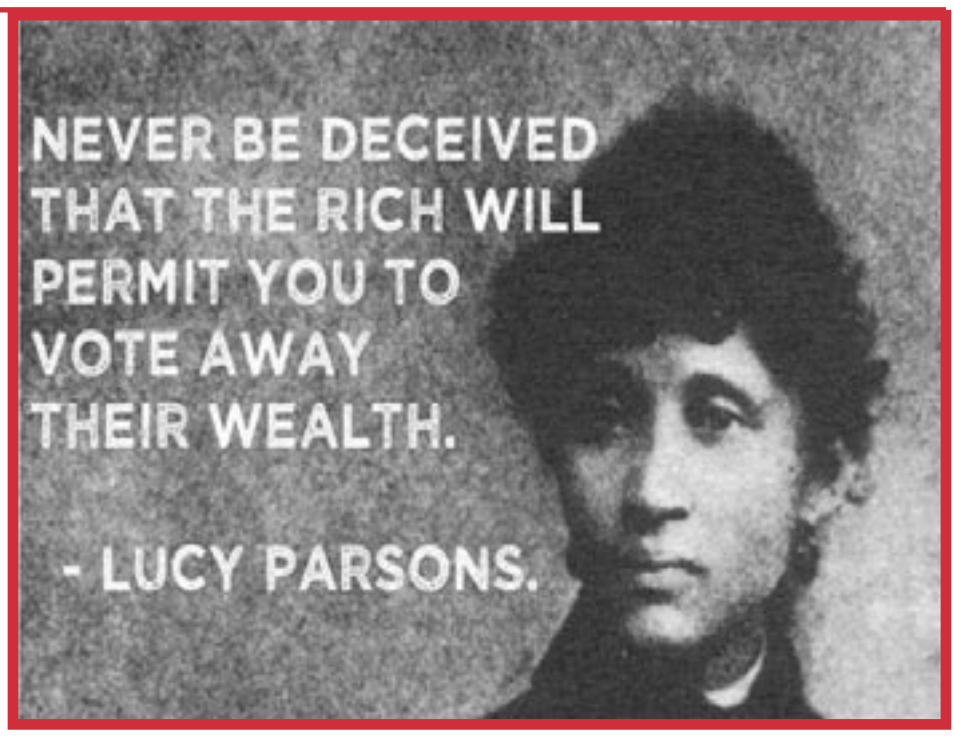
"I'm neither Democrat or Republican, I'm a communist. We've seen this already with Kamala Harris, Keisha Lance Bottoms (Cop City) and others," I said to my coworkers as we ate our food and continued discussing.

"Abdul el-Sayed is a doctor so maybe since he's not a regular politician, that might help. His different background gives him insight on healthcare. So I hope that does," my colleague replied before the bell rang for us to go back to class.

We have a responsibility to expose both sides of the political aisle. Democrats and Republicans may disagree over their language, campaign promises, and approaches to governing. But both operate within the same capitalist system. They may not share the same values, but they work to maintain capitalism.

That is what we mean when we say we cannot be fooled into believing that visibility within a system can ever be enough to change that system. Having a Black president, a Muslim senator, or a Black woman governor is historically significant. But it does not automatically mean that workers have gained greater control over their workplaces. Or that immigrants are free from deportation and racist terror. Or that students and teachers are receiving the resources they deserve.

The question we should be asking is not simply whether someone looks like us, speaks like us, or shares aspects of our identity. We must ask whose interests they serve. Are they challenging the capitalist exploitation of the working class, or are they simply managing it under a different political banner?



Our lunch break conversation reminded me how easily election victories can revive people's faith in a political system that has repeatedly failed our class.

Our liberation will not come from waiting for the right Democrat or Republican to occupy the White House or the Senate. It will come from working class solidarity across "racial," national, and religious divisions for communist revolution.

Our liberation will come from building the International Communist Workers' Party into a force ready, willing, and able to fight for communism. Hundreds of students and many school workers already read *Red Flag*. We invite them, and other readers, to join ICWP and build that force.

NVIDIA: WHY SHOULD WORKERS CARE?

November 15— Why does the Nvidia crisis matter for a regular working class person?

All users of technology are impacted by the hurtling AI race. It scrapes our data, spies on us, and steals to train its models. Whether or not you are a heavy tech user, you cannot hope to escape the environmental impact of data centers. These are popping up globally to meet the growing demand of tech billionaires and governments seeking to be on the cutting edge and reap profits.

Nvidia's advanced chips are central to the AI race. Its founder, Jensen Huang, singlehandedly controlled Nvidia. His sudden downfall reflects sharp contradictions. Between the ruling classes of the US and China. Among US imperialists over China policy. Between Nvidia and US AI giants like Anthropic. And more.

We must not get seduced into taking sides in a fight between technocrat billionaires and capitalist governments. Whether US or Chinese capitalist interests, they are enemies of the international working class, the people to whom information and technology should belong.

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Capitalism Can't Deliver What the Masses Need

COMMUNIST REVOLUTION, NOT ELECTIONS, WILL END RACISM, GENOCIDE AND WAR

November 14— The US midterm elections were a victory for the Democratic Party. Masses repudiated Trump's fascist policies. They hope for change. They hope the Democrats will end inflation, the US-Iran war, ICE raids, the Gaza genocide, and racist firings and layoffs.

But voting won't end the racist, imperialist capitalist system. It's this declining system that is building fascism to squeeze more profits from workers. And, meanwhile, heading to world war trying to regain its lost empire.

"We have to keep the pressure on the Democrats," a friend told a comrade.

"That's the reformist point of view," another comrade replied. "We don't need to pressure them. We need to overthrow the capitalist state."

By patiently and persistently building ties among the angry masses, we can win many to see that we don't need to rebuke or reform racist capitalism-imperialism. We need to end it with communist revolution.

There have been massive demonstrations across the US against racist ICE attacks on immigrant workers. And against the racist genocide in Gaza. There is mass anger at the unaffordable prices resulting directly from tariffs and the war against Iran.

The Trump administration's targeted racist and sexist layoffs and firings in the workplace and the military energized many to oppose open racism.



Los Angeles, USA, 2016

The US rulers fear the masses. That's why Democrats and liberal media worked night and day to push the lie that electing them is the way to fix all the problems caused by capitalist crisis and expanding imperialist war. They desperately need youth, workers, and soldiers to believe that "good politicians" will guarantee peace and end fascism, racism, sexism, and corruption.

The Democrats promise reform but won't be able to deliver real changes. Their role is to divert angry masses from fighting to end capitalism with communist revolution. The rulers need both fascism and illusions in reform to control the angry masses.

Trump, Hegseth, and their supporters are open racist white supremacists. The Democrats support multi-cultural capitalist diversity. But both Parties support capitalism's wage slavery, the basis for racism and sexism. The capitalist wage system requires paying some less than others, dividing workers by "race" and gender.

Those who are excited about electing multi-racial Democrats will be disappointed when these politicians don't deliver. Black, Latino/a, and Muslim politicians can't end capitalism's racism. Changing the Democratic Congressional leadership won't change capitalism or end imperialist war.

Growing anger at capitalism will create more opportunities for us to win workers and youth to communist revolution. That's how to end capitalism's wage slavery, imperialist wars, genocide, racism, sexism, and corruption.

Democrats have supported the Zionist government as much as Republicans. Both parties fund weapons to Israel. Both defend capitalism, oppose revolutionary change, and push anti-communism. Both have waged and supported all US imperialist wars.

Both have supported the dual policy of exploiting immigrant workers' labor and terrorizing them—to terrorize all workers. Obama and Biden conducted mass deportations, only less openly than Trump.

Democrats decry the billionaires, but they won't end wage slavery, racism, or inflation. They can't stop the rivalry between the US and China leading to full-blown world war.

Capitalism's competition for maximum profit makes war, exploitation, and racism inevitable. We will only end them by ending capitalism with revolution and building the communist world we need. A communist society based on collectivity and producing for the masses' needs instead of profit.

The rulers' biggest fear is a united multi-racial international working class fighting to get rid of capitalism and imperialism with the clear goal of communist revolution. Let's turn their biggest fear into reality.

ALL IMPERIALISTS ARE OUR ENEMY!

November 14— US imperialists disagree over strategy and tactics, but they are all hell bent on wider imperialist war.

Liberal imperialists campaigned relentlessly against Trump. They think he jumped the gun on attacking Iran. This attack, and Iran's response, has left US imperialism in a bind. They can retreat and accept humiliation or escalate. Escalation would dramatically intensify a world war already in progress.

In 1979, the Ayatollahs replaced Shah Pahlavi, a US puppet. Ever since, the US strategy has been regime change. They aim to prevent Chinese access to Iranian vast oil reserves, especially in war times. Now, as world war expands, US rulers have become more determined and desperate.

The liberals' disagreement with Trump is not the goal concerning Iran or World War III. It is timing and strategy. They want to leave the Middle East and have European imperialists more directly fight Russia. They want to face China in the South China Sea.

Trump underestimated the strength of the China-Russia-Iran alliance. He made a disastrous mistake thinking that regime change in Iran would be like capturing Maduro in Venezuela. The result strengthened China, Russia, and Iran. It weakened US imperialism.

Some US rulers are furious at Trump's deals with Putin at Ukraine's expense. For throwing Ukraine and the European Union (EU) under the bus. For agreeing to buy diesel from Russia, a slap in the EU's face.

Trump and his crew think they can divide Russia from China by making separate deals with Russia. Liberal US imperialist rulers disagree. They want an alliance with the EU against Russia. So the EU will fight Russia for them. That's why their mouthpiece the New York Times attacks Trump as a corrupt traitor.

The imperialists' race to dominate the world's workers, resources, markets, and weapons is the main determinant of the US response to its Iran dilemma. More attacks on the Iranian masses seem inevitable and imminent. A land invasion of Iran remains possible.

There is no peaceful side among these imperialist rulers! The masses need to turn their wars for profits into revolutions for communism to end capitalism and its murderous wars.

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SOLDIERS, SAILORS, MARINES: CRUCIAL TO A COMMUNIST WORKERS' REVOLUTION
available at
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BANGLADESH: GARMENT WORKERS STRIKE AGAINST CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION

November 5: Striking garment workers in Bangladesh shut down scores of factories in a fight for higher wages. Bangladesh is the world's second-largest garment exporter. Over four million workers produce over $38 billion annually in profits for the garment bosses (after expenses). That is, a worker who gets $1200/year produces $9500/year in profits for the garment industry.

The government has promised an unspecified wage increase. But even if the workers' demands were met, they would get only $2880/year. A pittance compared with the profit the bosses steal from their labor!

Instead, four million Bangladeshi garment workers should be mobilizing the masses to destroy the capitalist wage system with communist revolution.



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Capitalism Kills Workers in War and in the Factories

Workers lose limbs: not only genocide survivors in the besieged Gaza Strip, Palestine, but also in Panipat, India. In Gaza, it's because of ongoing air strikes, shelling, and gunfire. In Panipat it's because of the ongoing severe exploitation and faulty machinery.

Panipat is a giant industrial textile complex located in the northern Indian state of Haryana.

19-year-old Suraj Kumar traveled almost 1,530 km (950 miles) from West Bengal to Panipat to find a job. As an only son, he hoped to be able to support his family back home. After three months on the job, he lost both of his arms. "I wish I had died rather than lost my arms," he said.

Ramashankar Singh, a man in his fifties from Chapra in Bihar, spent eighteen years in Panipat's factories. Last year, he had to have a leg amputated. He said, "I have almost forgotten how to live without work. Much of my day now passes lying on my bed, staring at the ceiling fan."

Ramesh Chaudhary, an environmental activist who worked in Panipat's labor department, has tracked reports of injuries and amputations across the city for the past five years. He estimates that at least one worker a day loses a limb. On some days, as many as five.

Close to 300,000 workers in 20,000 factories in Panipat process over one million tons of used clothing from across the world every year. Most of the workers are internal migrants and informal workers. They have no contracts or job security and are paid piece-rate. They shred the clothes and turn them into yarn to make finished products like home furnishings for brands like H&M Home, Ikea, Primark, Tesco, and Walmart. On the average, they get paid between ₹275 and ₹460 per day (roughly $3.25 to $5.45 USD or 50 to 83 rands).

The imperialist-capitalists' war machine, as well as their production relationships, wreak havoc on the masses everywhere. Their militaries cannot function without the consent of the combatants. Their factories cannot operate without the consent of the workers. Combatants can turn the guns around everywhere and workers can take the factories. Students can join them.

The International Communist Workers' Party's goal is to end imperialist wars and capitalist relations of production with communist revolution. All of us together, soldiers, workers, and students, cannot continue living like this. We can mobilize the masses around the world for this revolution for a different world right now. Join us!

—Angry but hopeful comrade

Electoral Politics: Graveyard of Revolutionary Change

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's political evolution is not a sign that the socialist movement is "growing up." It shows again how electoral politics absorbs, weakens, and neutralizes movements that challenge capitalism.

The New York Times (Nov. 1) celebrated AOC's transformation from an insurgent into a politician embracing the Democratic Party establishment.

But this is not a transformation from revolutionary politics to reformism. AOC never advocated abolishing capitalism. Her politics have always been about reforming it, not organizing a revolution to replace it.

Her increasingly open accommodation with the Democratic establishment exposes what was there all along. She is a capitalist politician wrapped in socialist rhetoric.

This is not simply about AOC. Nor even about her organization, Democratic Socialists of America. It is about the fundamental limitations of capitalism's electoral politics.

Capitalism is not merely a collection of bad policies that better politicians can correct. It is an economic system built on the exploitation of workers. On private ownership of production. On the accumulation of profits. On deadly wars and genocide for profit. Capitalist political institutions exist within and help maintain these relationships.

Elections offer workers the illusion of political power, They actually leave power firmly with the capitalist class. Workers may choose between politicians loyal to capitalism. But we do not democratically control the factories, corporations, banks, or resources upon which society depends.

Even politicians who enter office promising fundamental change must operate within capitalist institutions. These are dependent on capitalist investment, tax revenues, and economic growth. Their choices become compromises that preserve and defend the system.

Bernie Sanders promised a political revolution. AOC promised to challenge the establishment. Yet both ultimately rallied behind Democratic Party leaders committed to maintaining capitalism, imperialism, and genocide. They directed supporters back into the same electoral machinery they were supposedly challenging.

The Times presents AOC's increasing willingness to compromise as evidence of political sophistication. But why must the working class continually compromise its interests while capitalist ownership and power remain untouched?

AOC reassures voters that good schools and funded hospitals are not communism. She's right.

Capitalism can provide some public services while preserving wage exploitation, class inequality, and imperialist competition. Such reforms do not abolish the economic relationships that continually undermine those gains. In this period of increased war spending, even small gains are illusions.

The alternative is not political isolation or staying away from every immediate struggle. It is building a mass communist movement rooted in workplaces, schools, and communities. Of being where workers organize collectively to challenge capitalist power rather than place their hopes in elected representatives.

Real revolutionary politics doesn't demand a "fairer share" of capitalism's profits. It fights to abolish the wage system, deadly competition, and wars for profit. To end private ownership of production. And production for profit itself.

The working class does not need politicians who become better at managing capitalism. We need a communist movement capable of ending it.

The measure of working-class political maturity is not how successfully revolutionaries adapt to capitalist institutions. It is how effectively they organize the masses to replace them with real communism.

—A Friend

THE WORLD YOUTH REBELLION HAS SPREAD TO CANADA.



"We brought them into the world, now maybe we should listen to them."
"My two passions, band music and revolution."
"Anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist students: the beginning."

CANADA, November 17-This month thousands of post secondary students in Quebec went on strike for a week. They then held a major march in downtown Montreal on Friday November 13th. Their movement was inspired by the rebellions in France and were protesting government austerity measures, deteriorating campus infrastructure, and the rising cost of tuition, housing, and groceries. The police attacked the march with tear gas and arrested some of the protesters.

Earlier, in October, thousands of Quebec high schools students had staged walkouts and blockades in solidarity with the French lycee students.

Canada has a long history of student activism. Two years ago university students at institutions like McGill University, the University of Toronto, and the University of British Columbia set up encampments to protest the Gaza genocide.

And back in 2012 we saw one of the largest youth movements in Canadian history as hundreds of thousands of university and CEGEP (college) students struck for months against a massive 75% tuition increase.

We can trace these movements back to the 60s and 70s and opposition to the Vietnam war and the inevitable tuition increases.

Some of these movement were successful in the short term but none had a lasting impact – tuition still rises and wars are still being fought. The problem is that capitalism is very resilient and cannot be reformed.

Rebellions are good news but only if they result in advancing communism. Only communism can end wars and genocide and provide free education for all.We urge friends of ICWP in Canada to take part in these uprisings, to distribute *Red Flag* at demonstrations and make contacts.

We recently translated our manifesto, Mobilizing the Masses for Communism, into French – this ought to help organising in Quebec.

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Capitalism can't meet masses' needs— Communism Will!

We need real Communism without bosses, exploitation or borders.

Masses of youth and workers are showing they are fed up with the attacks of capitalism and fascism. The working class is the vast majority. Masses are acting with solidarity, courage, and collectivity in the face of the rulers' attacks.

We are capable of much more! Of getting rid of capitalism and running society to meet our needs, without capitalist bosses. Industrial workers, working-class soldiers and youth are key to ending capitalism and building communism.

Official unemployment among youth in France stands at 20.6% Using more machines, including AI, has meant layoffs. Competition with China, where wages are even lower, also adds to soaring unemployment. To pay bank loans and to wage war, capitalists are cutting workers' benefits. The French government is planning to send troops to Ukraine.

These rebellions are the product of capitalism and imperialism in crisis and preparing for wider war.

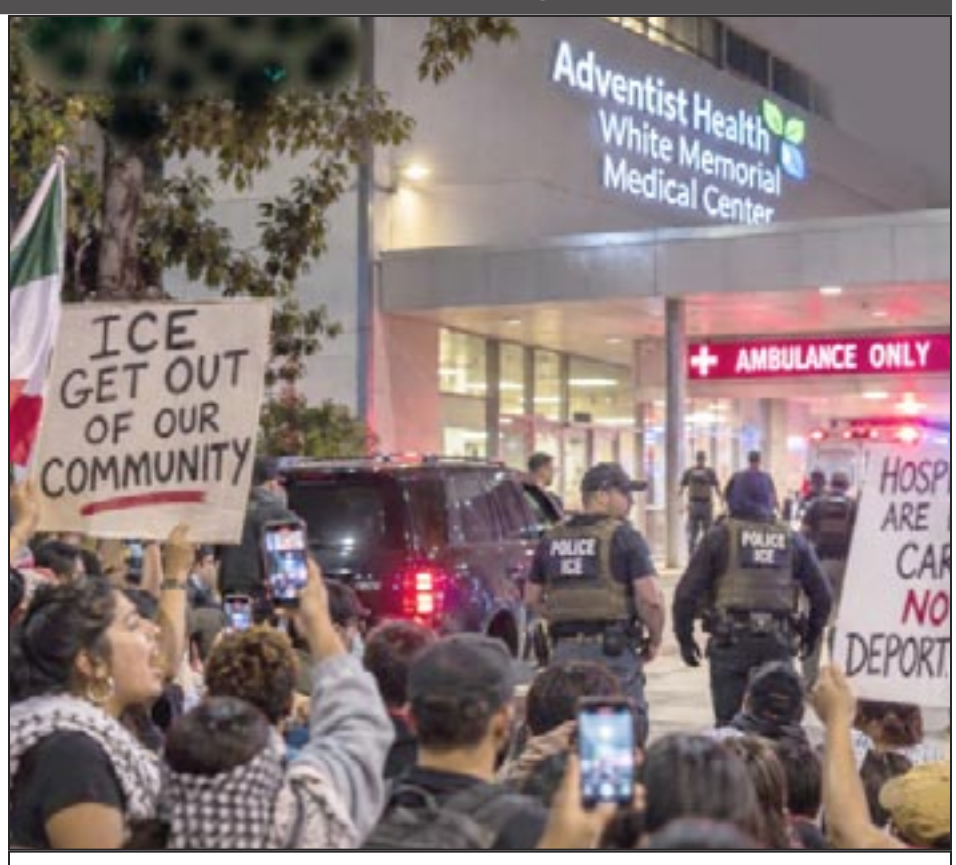
Capitalism is based on exploitation of workers for profit. Workers create everything of value. The capitalists steal most of that value as profit and pay us barely subsistence wages. Capitalists always pay workers less than the value they produced. Wages conceal this fundamental relationship of exploitation with the lie that we are being paid for our work.

Capitalism is wage slavery and deadly competition among the capitalists-imperialists for maximum profit. The imperialists today are building their armies for wider war to get working class soldiers to fight for the capitalists' profits and empires.

This capitalist system only works for the capitalist blood suckers. In this period of crisis, capitalism is only capable of death and destruction. To fight for our future, the masses everywhere—from France, Spain, Italy to Albania to Argentina, India, El Salvador to USA and beyond—need to fight for communist revolution. To defeat capitalism and build a system where we collectively plan and produce only to meet the needs of the international working class, not for the profits of any capitalist or imperialist.

The imperialists are heading towards a full World War III over which of them will become the world's number one exploiter. They don't care how many of us they kill for their empires! We can and must unite across borders and continents to end their deadly system before they murder more millions of our class. Only communist workers' power will end imperialist wars by ending the capitalist system that inevitably produces them.





LOS ANGELES (USA), November 6: Workers in Boyle Heights rallied in the small hours of the morning when fascist ICE agents blockaded the ambulance entrance to White Memorial Hospital. Car alarms and fireworks roused neighbors, who poured into the streets. The ICE fascists pepper-sprayed protesters and detained two US citizens before retreating.

Politicians rallied the next day, trying to pacify the community. Masses of workers and youth are ready and willing to go beyond these politicians and legalistic "observer" tactics.

ICWP comrades know people in Boyle Heights and surrounding areas. We are making plans to reach out more energetically with our communist politics. No borders! No nations! Communist revolution will smash racist deportations!

Let's not fight for failed socialism as the revolutions in Russia and China did. By keeping the wage system, money and the market for buying and selling, socialism was state capitalism. It has led to Russia and China becoming leading capitalist-imperialist exploiters today, competing with the US and EU.

ICWP fights directly for communism where education and all work will be solely to meet the needs of the masses, not for profits or to justify and train the masses for wage slavery and imperialist war.

The International Communist Workers' Party is fighting to become a mass party among workers, youth, and soldiers everywhere. The working class needs thousands, millions of communist leaders. Join us. Read, write for and spread *Red Flag*. Organize collectives of ICWP.

—A Comrade

WORKERS IN EL SALVADOR DISCUSS BRAZIL ELECTIONS

EL SALVADOR, November 15— "Do the elections in Brazil help the working class?" This question was posed to workers during a meeting. Their answers were unequivocal.

"Many short-sighted supporters applaud Lula's government, thinking their lives will improve," said P. "As workers, we cannot place our trust in capitalist parties. I believe the working class doesn't need a change in leaders, but a change in the system. We need a classless society, without money, organized into a working-class party, the ICWP."

Elections in Brazil are significant due to the country's geopolitical, economic, and environmental weight. It is the largest economy and most populous country in Latin America. The election results determine the region's political landscape and its alignment with powers: the United States or China.

Inter-imperialist rivalry is clearly playing out in these elections. Flavio Bolsonaro represented US imperialism. After losing the election, he received immediate political asylum from the US, helped by Argentine President Milei.

In El Salvador, Chinese investment has increased. But the US, which has significant investments here, still manages to remain the Salvadoran government's primary economic partner.

M., a working-class leader of ICWP, explained: "What has happened in Brazil is the same as what is happening in El Salvador. The capitalists always try to keep the workers oppressed through rigged elections favoring one capitalist representative or another. The working class never wins. So we must continue fighting to organize the International Communist Workers' Party, speaking with our coworkers, friends, and family members so that the masses unite as one, in a single Party."

She continued: "If we arm ourselves with strength and courage, building a Red Army, I know we will succeed. In Europe, young people have risen up with tremendous force. That is a great example of struggle.

"The bosses' elections are of no use to our class," she concluded. "Comrades here and wherever we are must grow stronger in ideological and political struggles. Let's defeat the bosses, whatever their changes in government, and finally achieve communism."

Young people all over the world are marching and fighting against the racist police in France, Germany, Argentina, Congo, and elsewhere. They are the ones who will serve in the capitalists' armies. They will be able to help build the Red Army.

Brazil: Strategic Resources and Imperialist War

Brazil has the world's second-largest reserves of rare earth elements, behind only China. They are estimated at about 21 million metric tons (around 20–23% of the global total). Brazil mainly exports unprocessed raw materials. The separation, refining, and production of permanent magnets remain overwhelmingly dominated by China, which controls over 90% of refining.

Rare earth elements are indispensable for modern technology, clean energy, and the military. They enable the manufacture of smaller, lighter, and more efficient devices. They are used in missile guidance systems, advanced radar, satellites, lasers, and night-vision equipment. Their possessors have an enormous military and economic advantage over competing capitalists.

That is why a digital and physical war has broken out between the ruling classes of the US and China. The elections in Brazil have become another battlefield in this war.

Lula's government appears to be "progressive." But Brazil is yet another country that supports the genocide in Gaza by selling oil to Israel's murderous regime through Italian refineries. Just like Russia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Italy, and the US.

Within that economic giant, Brazil, the favelas remain the same or worse than they were decades ago. People continue to struggle with unemployment, healthcare, and education. Only a communist system organized through the International Workers' Communist Party will destroy the bosses' rotten system.



SÃO PAOLO (Brasil), May 2026: Students and workers of the Universidade de Sao Paolo protest cuts to health and education

Workers Need Communist Revolution, Not Elections

"Elections under the capitalist system are always based on physical and digital fraud," stated D, a maquila worker and ICWP member. "The bosses always seek to increase their profits at the expense of our lives as workers."

Our working-class comrades are convinced that elections orchestrated by the bosses lead to nothing good for the working class worldwide. These governments may appear progressive. They try to make people believe that they are fighting for the working class. But daily reality shows otherwise.

The workers of El Salvador, through our communist newspaper *Red Flag*, invite readers, friends, workers, and soldiers in Brazil and around the world to join us. Organize and build the International Communist Workers' Party!

COMMUNIST REVOLUTION, NOT ELECTIONS, WILL DEFEAT FASCISM

October 28— Election results from Serbia, Brazil, and the Zionist state ("Israel") surprised many and have led to much speculation.

The "Student List" in Serbia ousted the party of long-time dictator Vucic in a landslide upset . In Brazil, incumbent president Lula da Silva defeated the openly fascist Flavio Bolsonaro after losing to him in the first round of the election.

The final outcome of the Israeli election won't be known for some time. The butcher Netanyahu seems to have lost to General Gadi Eisenkot who also has plenty of Palestinian blood on his hands.

The surprise was the huge voter turnout among Arab Israelis. Will Arab politicians form a bloc with Eisenkot? Will he allow that in order to dump Netanyahu? Would any of that stop the genocide in Gaza? The expulsions of Palestinians in the West Bank? Or end Israeli apartheid?

In truth, these "anti-fascist" victories are no such thing. Take Serbia. Massive youth protests began two years ago after government negligence and corruption led to the deaths of sixteen people in the collapse of a railway station canopy.

Now the US imperialist mouthpiece Foreign Policy claims that "Gen Zers in Serbia have proved that youth can achieve transformative change through nonviolent political engagement." But the Student List denies even wanting closer integration with the European Union, Serbia's main trading partner. Its nationalist program includes maintaining control over Bosnia. And maintaining ties with fascist Israel.

Former central bank governor Dejan Soskic is a key leader in the 'Student List." The new government may shift away from state-subsidized low-wage industries, but it will certainly be solidly capitalist. It's counting on tax reform and anti-corruption measures to pacify the masses. It won't attack the corruption at the heart of capitalism: the theft of workers' surplus labor in the form of bosses' profits.



Los Angeles (USA), May Day, 2016

In Brazil, this will be Lula's fourth term as president of one of the world's largest and most unequal economies. Once a working-class radical, he is now a political insider reporting a net worth of nearly $1 million. Bankers and businessmen may not like him, but they have prospered under his policies.

Masses of youths and workers worldwide rally under the banner of anti-fascism. But the global crisis of capitalism, not politicians' personalities, is what's pushing the world deeper into fascism.

Elections give the capitalist state a chance to adjust itself to be a more effective instrument of class rule and oppression. The working class can't "capture" it for our own purposes. We must smash it. Only communist revolution can bring the changes we need.