

## **Ecuador: An Exploding Powder Keg**

### **Only Mobilizing for Communism Will End the Contradiction of Capitalism**

In Ecuador, the mass rebellions – that triggered the sharp class struggle between the working class and the capitalists - are over. The spark that lit the fuse was the increase in fuel prices and other austerity measures dictated by the International Monetary Fund and implemented by the capitalists.

The agreement between the government and the traitorous leaders of the indigenous movement has temporarily put an end to the mass demonstrations and pitched street battles between protesters and the repressive police bodies, which paralyzed the country for almost two weeks.

The agreement will end the general strike –called by the indigenous movement - that launched hundreds of thousands of city workers, indigenous rural workers, teachers and students into the streets, closing factories and schools--all in defiance of their pro-capitalist leaders.

The indigenous population gave indispensable leadership at critical moments of the struggle. The indigenous rural workers have great political influence among the masses because of their militant, constant and tireless struggle against centuries of racist capitalist oppression.

The agreement between the government and the indigenous leaders allows the capitalists to stop the rebellion and implement an austerity package very

similar to the one that was repealed, but “acceptable” to the masses because of the indigenous leaders’ participation in elaborating it. In appearance, the masses have been appeased.

But this is simply the calm before the next storm. The masses in Ecuador and worldwide were inspired seeing the government flee the capital when the masses surrounded the National Assembly building. They were motivated by seeing military units refuse to attack the masses, and instead attack the police and march with the masses.

They saw the revolutionary possibilities of the situation. If the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP) were there with a massive base among the industrial workers, the indigenous population, .soldiers and . youth, we would be leading the masses in an armed insurrection for communist workers power. Then, this rebellion would not end like others: changing one capitalist executioner for another.

However, there will be other opportunities, products of the sharpening contradiction of capitalism. A contradiction is the unity and struggle of opposites. Capitalism is the unity and struggle between the working class and the capitalist class. We are united - not by our own will - but because we cannot survive without selling them our labor power for a miserable salary.

It is a unity between slave and master, the product of the wage system. Wages are chains that bind us to them. That unity, however, is temporary. The struggle, as Ecuador shows, is ceaseless and absolute.

To break those chains, we need to resolve the contradiction of capitalism through a communist revolution that ends the capitalists and their wage system (including money, banks, markets, and their poisonous ideologies).

Only communist revolution and building a communist society can create the world we long for and need: A world without borders or nations, without racism, sexism, xenophobia or homophobia. A world where we collectively produce and share what we produce according to the needs of each one. A world where our destiny is in our hands - without anyone being above anyone else.

The capitalist contradiction - like any contradiction - is resolved by sharpening it. The capitalists sharpen it (but they can't and don't want to solve it) because they have to compete for the markets. Those who do not compete successfully sink. That is why they intensify our exploitation: demanding more work for less wages and benefits.

Eventually the social powder keg explodes in great rebellions because we cannot live under those conditions. If we take advantage of them, we can solve the contradiction of capitalism forever through communist revolution.

The current mass insurrection in Haiti also began as a rebellion against rising fuel prices. The recent mass rebellion in

France of the yellow vests began for the same reasons. All of these uprisings and more to come are a great opportunity to recruit massively for communism.

To achieve this, we must sharpen the class struggle by building ICWP where we are. We invite all who are reading this article to join ICWP and organize Party collectives to read, discuss, distribute and write for our *Red Flag* newspaper.

By massifying communist ideas and ICWP, we will sharpen the class struggle so that the coming social explosions – inherent in the bowels of world capitalism - resolve the contradiction between workers and capitalists in favor of communist revolution.

It is crucial to organize within all the capitalist-imperialist armed forces. The old communist movement - with the exception of Russia's - put little effort into doing so. Ecuador shows the great potential of communist soldiers and workers joining together to lead the revolution.

**Forward comrades! The future belongs to our class!**

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