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## SRI LANKA CRISIS: ONLY COMMUNISM CAN END STARVATION AND MEET WORKERS' NEEDS

CHENNAI (India), July 11— “I want to join the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) but tell me: How is it going to immediately affect millions of workers who are on the verge of starvation?” Masses in the industrial areas of Chennai have asked this question and many more.

When more workers join ICWP, they can organize to seize and share food from stores and warehouses. As we saw with the massive Langars during the farmers' protests in India, communist relationships with farmers will lead them to provide food for the masses.

Cross-border communist relationships with longshore and maritime workers will liberate the grain that imperialist conflicts hold back. Whenever and whenever the ICWP leads masses to seize power, communist production will immediately mean sharing food and everything else based on need.

The sooner we make communist revolution,

the more workers and their children we will save from starvation.

News and social media messages have touched the workers here. Every day we witness the struggle to get fuel, food, and transport in Sri Lanka. At the same time, there are ferocious rebellions. Some in the military are refusing orders to suppress the workers and many more look the other way.

ICWP comrades are working to channel the angry workers into a struggle for communism, to recruit them into collectives. Our collectives must organize the masses to show that only the working class with a communist vision can put an end to greedy capitalism.

In communism, we will organize a mass ICWP without nations or borders that will rely on the workers to provide food and other necessities. Only the workers create the food we need, not the bosses. The bosses give us wages to make more

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## SOUTH AFRICA: YOUTH BRING COMMUNISM TO MINE WORKERS

July 11—“Workers in Sibanye-Stillwater mines face many hardships,” a worker told us. “The mines are unhealthy, capitalists harass workers daily and force them to live in unpleasant, poor conditions. Miners are forced to live on land belonging to their bosses to stay close to their work due to unacceptable working hours. They lack water and sanitation.”

The mine is near Sondela township, between Rustenburg and Marikana. It is populated by workers who migrated from Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, and Mozambique. Transportation costs are too high.

A worker told a comrade that the unions don't consult the workers they are supposed to help. “They are deducting money from workers' small salaries that were agreed upon by bosses and unions without a collective decision with the workers,” said a worker we met at Sibanye-Stillwater mineshaft 8.

“Do you have a better solution for what to do with this horror?” the comrade asked.

“Yes, if I was the leader I would fight for a better salary,” the worker responded.

“Reforming capitalism is embracing horror without end,” answered the comrade. “You are falling into their trap. Adapting to their domination to make a living is not a solution for the workers. Bosses' profit is more important to them than workers.

“We need a mass party of international workers to unite against the bosses and overthrow them and abolish their system that is driven by money completely to ashes. And to build a communist world where workers control the means of production. Everyone will live in harmony because without money there will be no profit,” the comrade proceeded.

“Combining our theory and practice, we will have the ability to determine what happens.

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SRI LANKA UPRISING CALLS MASSES WORLDWIDE TO MOBILIZE FOR COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

July 10—“What we have seen in Sri Lanka will look like a Sunday picnic compared to what will happen in this country,” commented a comrade in South Africa.

Masses stormed the Presidential Palace in Colombo on July 9. They forced President Rajapaksa to flee and resign. They burned the private home of Prime Minister Wickremesinghe (in office only since May) and stormed his official residence. He, too, had to resign.

Police and soldiers are defecting. People from across the island are descending on the capital to join the insurrection. They are traveling on foot or in whatever vehicles they can find.

Many are garment workers. Sri Lanka’s export garment industry employs 400,000 workers directly and another two million indirectly, mostly women.

Skyrocketing prices and dire shortages of food and fuel are driving Sri Lankan workers to absolute disaster. They realize that they have nothing to lose but their chains. And they have a communist world to win.

Workers Need Revolutionary Communism, Not the Revisionist Electoral Left

Rajapaksa and his long-ruling family have outraged the masses by shamelessly stealing public funds to increase their already obscene wealth.

Rajapaksa’s party, Sri Lanka Podujana Perumna (Sri Lanka People’s Freedom Alliance) is a coalition of seventeen social-democrat, socialist, so-called communist, nationalist, and anti-imperialist groups. The current uprising exposes the bankruptcy of the electoral left in all its forms. We call this revisionism.

The whole international working class should celebrate and support this revolt. But the Sri Lankan masses desperately need the revolutionary communist vision and organization of the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP). And we need them.

With a mass revolutionary communist party

having a mass base of support, the working-class insurrection in Sri Lanka could go beyond toppling a particular capitalist government.

It could take power. It could solve the capitalists’ economic crisis by building a new society from the ground up based on communist principles: From each according to ability and commitment, to each according to need.

But that requires a revolutionary communist party of a new kind. One open to all willing to work collectively to build communist relationships to replace money and markets as the foundation of society. To destroy the wage system that nurtures the competition, racism, sexism, religious hatred, and nationalism that divide and weaken our international working class.

Hundreds in Sri Lanka read *Red Flag*, thanks to comrades in India. We invite those readers – and all readers! – to organize themselves into ICWP collectives (cells) and help recruit hundreds more.

Inter-Imperialist Conflict Creates More Misery and More Opportunities for Communist Revolution

Sri Lanka, like Pakistan, is a major part of China’s Belt and Road Initiative. Over half of Sri Lanka’s foreign revenue comes from the garment industry. Garment workers will be forced to bail out its crushing imperialist debt. Argentina, Lebanon, and Turkey are on the brink of a similar collapse.

Communist revolution is the only way for the masses in Sri Lanka and everywhere to escape the clutches of Chinese debt and the rapacious IMF. To end the inter-imperialist competition and wars that increasingly destroy our lives.

Global trade disruptions stemming largely from the US-Russia war in Ukraine have led to mounting unemployment and increasing costs of living. These make survival very difficult for workers around the world. This global crisis opens huge possibilities for us to build an inter-

national party.

Unrest has materialized in Pakistan, where ongoing disruptions of electric power have ignited demonstrations and highway blockages in Karachi and elsewhere since June 27. Protests spread in the wake of government suppression. Workers face unprecedented heat waves (temperatures up to 49.5 °C or 121.1 °F) and drought, consequences of capitalist-caused climate change.

And in Nepal, where police violently broke up a June 20 student demonstration against the state-owned monopoly’s double-digit fuel price hikes.

And in Ecuador, where Indigenous workers are fighting cops and blocking streets in the capital. After suffering two years of the pandemic-related crisis, they can no longer bear the burden of rising inflation and unemployment. Leaders of Indigenous organizations are channeling this anger into negotiations with the government over a list of reform demands.

And in Europe. “I have a decent job,” said a worker marching in Ireland. But “halfway through the month and I find my wages are gone. It’s just really tough to survive.” Over 80,000 marched in Brussels against a law that blocks their ability to negotiate wage hikes. Tens of thousands marched in London on June 19 against austerity and in solidarity with striking transportation workers.

European trade unions have corralled mass anger at the cost-of-living crisis into demands for wage increases. But we have seen repeatedly how easy it is for capitalists to erode any gains. Workers need communist revolution to abolish wage slavery!

If not now, when? If not us, who? Join and build the International Communist Workers’ Party to mobilize masses for communism – nothing less will do!

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money by selling the products of our labor. We will put an end to this cycle of money. That will free the working class from exploitation.

The masses in Sri Lanka have shown their power. Despite crushing poverty and a shortage of fuel, they rose in every corner of the country to demand the ouster of the corrupt President and his Prime Minister. However, our job is to eradicate the capitalist class that owns all the means of production while workers toil day and night to make them richer. The twenty richest men in Sri Lanka control 86% of the wealth.

The largest conglomerate in Sri Lanka is LOLC group with interests in banking, shipping, consumer credit, and supermarket chains. Last month LOLC signed a deal with China Harbor Engineering to promote the Chinese imperialists’ Belt and Road Initiative. India and Japan lost their bids.

Another very powerful group of millionaire capitalists is in the garment industry. The entire garment industry in Sri Lanka is for export only, earning over \$18 billion a year from the toiling masses of mostly women workers. This segment

of the garment economy is controlled mostly by British, US, and European companies.

This crisis in Sri Lanka makes it clear that there is no room for reform. We cannot beg the rich capitalists to provide us with food, housing, or health care. They are trying everything possible to rob us of our necessities. The ongoing ‘bailout’ worked out by IMF, the Chinese rulers, and Indian banks is to deprive the working class of our future.

The local capitalists in Sri Lanka, in alliance with imperialist countries like the US, China, and India, are on a collision course to capture markets. Their conflicting interests are limiting their ability to expand. As the war between Ukraine and Russia has shown, capitalists must find markets for their commodities. If they are restricted, wars become inevitable.

Sri Lanka, like Ukraine, is crucial in global shipping. Strategically located Colombo, one of the most efficient ports

in the world, is the largest port in South Asia.

ICWP comrades in Chennai, with garment worker comrades in Bengaluru, are making serious efforts to organize our party in Sri Lanka. We are in contact with scores of workers in Colombo and Kandy. We are trying to contact shipping workers.

But we must also organize a larger base among workers in India. The crisis in Sri Lanka is going to affect the workers here. The doors for the communist revolution are open. We must seize the moment.



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## ORGANIZING INDUSTRIAL WORKERS: KEY TO COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

EL SALVADOR— “I’ve been working in this maquila for 15 years. Sometimes I feel like giving up because the bosses treat us like garbage every day. But I need the job. They know it and that’s why they don’t mind paying us a pittance. They don’t pay us overtime. The boss complains that there are no orders and that he must get loans to pay us,” said a worker.

She continued: “I asked a person in the export area, and he told me that the trucks are going out quite normally. They are transporting the same quantities of goods. I knew it, but I wanted to make sure.

“Organizing in the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP) for several years has helped me to better understand this situation. It’s not about bad or good bosses. It’s about how the capitalist system works. But everything will change. In Communism, everything will be produced based on what is needed and not for profit,” she concluded.

For things to change and for us to be able to end the bosses’ exploitation, we must be part of ICWP and mobilize the masses for Communism. We need *Red Flag* to reach more workers. We must expand the networks of our newspaper.

Our guiding principle is *Mobilize the Masses for Communism*. One of our party’s concentrations are the industrial workers. Here there are thousands of workers who are part of the production process. Selling their labor power for a miserable wage, they increase the bosses’ profits.

The workers who read *Red Flag* go through a process of understanding that it is not thanks to the boss that they can earn what they need to support their families. Instead, the bosses appropriate the workers’ labor for their profit.

That place of exploitation, as the worker says, also becomes the opportunity to organize for Communism. There the men and women workers can understand their exploited condition. And that there is an antagonistic relationship between

the owners of the means of production and the workers who produce everything, which becomes the main contradiction.

Most importantly, those workers organized in ICWP can lead a communist revolution to abolish wage slavery. They, along with soldiers, can be the spearhead to mobilize the masses for communism. They will produce everything based on need. Nothing will be bought or sold, it will be a classless and moneyless society.

The characteristics of the specialized work performed by each factory worker, such as assembly line work, make them a link in production. But at the same time this work can create habits of discipline, solidarity and organization that can then forge the conditions to fulfill revolutionary communist work of organizing more workers.

“The working class has nothing to lose but our chains; on the contrary, we have a world to win.”

## GARMENT SWEATSHOP WORKERS DEFY REPRESSION, ORGANIZE FOR COMMUNISM

EL SALVADOR— “We had the capacity to go out on May 1, overcoming all obstacles, since the streets were blocked by repressive police and military groups that provide security to the capitalist system. We march, but we must also fight to carry out this activity with more workers,” said a comrade at a meeting held after working eight hours in the maquilas.

The collectives of the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP) met to plan the organizational political work and to read some articles in our *Red Flag* newspaper.

These meetings, the last of the month, discussed the current conditions for holding extended meetings. We conclude that it is necessary to decide to break the capitalist political fence of fear that they want to instill with these measures. While we are under capitalism we will be permanently under attack.

Three cell meetings have clandestinely counteracted the enemy of the working class. “We have two new comrades who want to know about *Red Flag*,” said a comrade. Our progress is modest, but we do not stop.

We have concentrated on recruiting more workers for ICWP, to fight directly for Communism.

“I also have two comrades who asked me for Party t-shirts and want to meet with us. I will take the opportunity to invite them to these meetings,”

said a third comrade,

After lunch, a worker asked, “When is everyone going to meet? My son and I will go with you.”

Communist ideas interest the workers. We are building the party with the strong principles of solidarity and struggle that we are carrying out in our political practice.

No worker will feel alone in our organization,

and comrades around the world have demonstrated this. The lives of our comrades matter to us, and that is why we share our political line of mobilizing the masses for Communism.

As we can see, ICWP is organizing the working class silently before the bosses but raising our voice before the workers.

—Comrade in the trenches of the Maquilas in El Salvador



San Salvador, May Day 2022

### El Salvador: *Red Flag* Readers Discuss Communist Revolution to Defeat Imperialism

We continue with political meetings with the main objective of mobilizing the masses for our communist struggle to end the capitalism that we face every day. In our workers’ collective we discuss what is happening worldwide and read our communist newspaper *Red Flag*.

Ricardo said, “I have always been outraged by social injustice and what we live through permanently. It breaks my heart as a human being, as a worker, and as a father to see all the information in *Red Flag*. What happens in the maquilas makes me so sad and indignant that the unions that should support the workers work in favor of the boss and not their own working class.”

He then commented on Chinese imperialism. “They have stronger territorial issues in and around their homeland that are relatively more

important, but at the same time I think Chinese imperialism is in Latin America today. China’s influence in the region is mainly economic. It is strong enough to exist independently and to assert itself in political affiliations. At least with current issues (including the war in Ukraine) they can trade with most countries.”

We realize that China makes gigantic investments worldwide, having become the second-largest global investor behind the US. In Latin America, China acts as the new imperialist.

According to a UN agency (ECLAC), the Chinese increased their investments in Latin America in automotive and auto parts (44%), renewable energy (17%), financial services (11%), and consumer goods (6%). Eighty percent of Chinese investment in Latin America comes from state-owned enterprises while Chinese direct investment in the United States and the EU comes mainly from private companies.

I told Ricardo that for this very reason our

ICWP party is fighting for this communist revolution to become a reality and defeat and break these chains of oppressive capitalism-imperialism.

Reviewing our newspaper Blanca commented, “The arrests that are happening in our country are unjust. I am grateful that the case I told you about was exposed (in the previous edition) and I will continue reading the *Red Flag* and pass it on to other friends.”

We had an uplifting meeting. They felt deeply involved in the issues we discussed and very sympathetic to our ICWP communist revolution. We will continue our virtual and face-to-face meetings while they continue reading our *Red Flag* newspaper.

We will continue to organize ourselves to raise our communist voice.

—Young comrade in El Salvador



**SOUTH AFRICA: RECRUIT MILITANT WOMEN WORKERS TO BECOME COMMUNIST ORGANIZERS**

PORT ELIZABETH (South Africa), July 5— A group of working-class women organized by the African National Congress (ANC) made signs from discarded cardboard boxes to protest racist health care and the lack of jobs and decent housing. ICWP comrades noticed this protest and started distributing *Red Flag*.

“This is a communist newspaper, take this paper and come to our political class,” said a comrade. The word “communist” attracted the women and there was a steady queue demanding *Red Flag*. When we ran out, we rushed extra copies that were going to be printed for our struggle in Marikana.

A saying popular in South Africa during the apartheid regime is, “When you strike a woman, you strike a rock.” Many women proved this when they grabbed copies of *Red Flag*. *Red Flag* is becoming our solid rock tool.

Women expressed their hatred of the profit system in their desire to see communism as the only answer to break out of the horrors of townships. ANC is only creating an illusion of change and leading them to more racist attacks.

Women are key in organizing masses for com-



munist. Their leadership is essential in mobilizing women and men to end wage slavery. In a recent international ICWP meeting, a comrade recognized the crucial task of developing more women comrades.

This struggle had a big impact on comrades. We got the contact information of several women workers. We immediately called them and visited them to begin the process of consolidation and winning them to the communist world.

We asked ourselves: What if we had a handful of comrades talking about the communist revolution at the rally and presenting our class line instead of the defeatist line of ANC? That would put communism to the masses, and it would lead more workers to see our world outlook. It would spread the ICWP line to the working class in Port Elizabeth because the townships are intercon-

nected and the word spreads very fast.

However, to create this consistent relationship with the masses requires all our comrades to contribute as much as possible according to their ability. For example, to develop our potential new women worker comrades, we have to travel to the township, visit them, bring them to meetings, take care of their childcare needs, etc. It sounds like a small task, but the gasoline, food, and transport are what make or break our continuous ability to build and cement our communist relationship.

Our ability to continue to sustain these activities is crucial. Contributions from comrades and *Red Flag* readers elsewhere, where possible, will make a difference.

We have the world to win with the communist revolution.



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For example, how we will distribute food, housing, water, clothes, and more.”

The worker stopped him right there. Immediately he demanded more copies of *Red Flag* for his coworkers and my phone number. He asked us to visit him when he’s off duty on the coming Friday.

“The thing that most surprised me,” reflected the comrade, “was that he called me later that day. Not to disappoint him we must be there. Struggling with mine workers brings us close to our communist revolution.”

A few days later, comrades went as a collective to mobilise at the Sibanye-Stillwater mine. The conditions the workers live under are very bad. One house was the size of a bathroom.

A comrade who works in a nearby factory took us to the mine. He has promised to take us to the mines which are closer to where he lives. He has committed to join the party. We plan for him to join our collective for the dialectical materialism

philosophy discussions we going to have every afternoon, utilising the time we have together here in Rustenburg.

We took around 250 *Red Flags* and copies of *Mobilize the Masses for Communism* to the mine. We came back with only about 60 *Red Flags*. It was the first time for comrade V distributing communist literature and it seemed to be a positive experience.

We have managed to get a contact with one worker. The challenging part was the language barrier, and some mine workers do not know how to read. However, tens and tens of them took the *Red Flag* and were asking questions. The workers all say one thing: that their bosses do not care about their lives.



Mine workers were crucial to the fight against apartheid in South Africa. The government murder of 37 striking miners in Marikana on August 16, 2012, exposed the African National Congress’ betrayal of that struggle. ICWP was organized in South Africa in 2013 to carry the fight to a communist victory.



# REMEMBERING OUR COMRADES

## COMRADE EPIFANIO CAMACHO, A LIFE OF COMMUNIST STRUGGLE



Working class hero Epifanio Camacho died on July 4, 2022, at the age of 98 years old. He lived a long life of struggle:

\*Against oppressive bosses that sometimes neglected to pay California (USA) farmworkers what was owed to them.

\*Against racist cops in McFarland, California who would kill immigrant farmworkers and get no consequence for it.

\*Against pesticide-poisoned water in McFarland that caused a cancer cluster in the 1980s

Comrade Camacho read and contributed to *Red Flag*, the newspaper of the International Communist Workers' Party, as he struggled until the very end to win people to end capitalism and create a communist world.

\*A world where people will no longer work for money or exchange but for their love and commitment to contribute to something greater.

\*A world where abundance is created, as is created today, but rather than allowing a few to hoard it or have it go to waste, we share it all so no one goes without.

\*A world where working-class children are no longer sent to fight in imperialist wars but rather we will live in peace and unity, eliminating borders and all that divides us.

I met Camacho in McFarland, California, where he helped my parents find affordable housing. This is where I grew up. Camacho also lived in McFarland. I remember playing in a treehouse he had built for his kids as my parents attended meetings at his house. As I grew older, I stopped playing during meetings and started listening in.

Camacho knew how to talk about communist ideas in a way that all could understand. If something wasn't clear he had a personal story to serve as an example.

The US ruling class and sold-out union organizers have selectively brushed Camacho out of history. But he will never be forgotten by those he served. The US ruling class selects "heroes" for us to idealize and re-writes history to fit their agenda.

Camacho proudly did not make their list as he was a working-class hero, not a ruling-class puppet, until the very end.

—Comrade in California (USA)

## COMRADE GUSTAVO BRACHO, A COMMUNIST FIGHTER



Gustavo Bracho was one of 100 workers and students of various ethnicities who spent two months in the summer of 1975 building a communist fight against racism in Boston (USA). He passed away in June 2022 and is remembered with sadness and gratitude.

Our mission was to oppose the racist movement spearheaded by the head of the Boston City Council. Louise Day Hicks had organized several hundred fascist Bostonians to throw stones at African American students who had been forced out of their schools to attend the all-"white" Boston High, one of the worst

schools in Boston.

We had a petition calling for Hicks to be indicted for racism and demanding improvements in all Boston public schools. We divided into groups of about six, each assigned to an area to work in.

That summer we distributed many of our newspapers and leaflets and collected 10,000 signatures on our petitions.

I was on the Cambridge Committee, so I didn't see the day-to-day action in South Boston and Hyde Park. However, the various committees met together from time to time, and that's how we all found out about the daily physical attacks on our members in Hyde Park and South Boston.

The attackers used baseball bats and other weapons. Our comrades defended themselves. There were many fights. Our members won most because they believed so strongly about the need to fight racism.

Gustavo Bracho was one of the leaders in these fights. Every day, the people on these committees bravely went out to reach the residents of Hyde Park and South Boston. Gustavo inspired all of us with his courage and dedication.

After returning to Los Angeles, he spent the rest of his life organizing workers to dedicate themselves to the cause of destroying capitalism and replacing it with true communism. Gustavo's wife and comrade Martha Bracho (1957-2019) was beloved by all who knew her. She was a dynamic communist organizer in the garment industry. Both Brachos were important members of the ICWP music group. They spiritedly led us in song at every party event for decades.

Their lives will continue to inspire everyone who knew them. Their contributions to the communist movement will never be forgotten.

—A grateful comrade

## DEATHS OF MIGRANTS ARE PART OF THE BOSSES' PLAN OUR PLAN: SMASH ALL BORDERS WITH COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

LOS ANGELES (USA), July 9— "What do you think about what happened to the migrants in Texas?" I asked several friends.

"It's as if they had put plastic bags over their heads," replied one.

"It's the fault of the rich," said the second.

More than fifty immigrants, siblings of our working class, were cruelly murdered in June in Houston, Texas. Their illusions of a better life were suffocated, struggling for a little oxygen inside the box of a truck-trailer.

Who do the authorities blame? Human traffickers, called coyotes?

But who are the real culprits? The capitalist class that is in constant war against the working class. The local capitalists in the countries where the workers come from, and the capitalists where they want to go. All capitalists, in their quest for profits, create misery, unemployment, insecurity, and wars.

Thirty-seven members of our working class in Africa confronted a similar deadly situation in the Spanish enclave of Melilla, between Morocco and Spain. Desperately hungry, a crowd of 2,000 tried to jump the metal fence. Moroccan and Spanish security forces attacked them. The authorities blamed the stampede for the deaths caused by the violence and arrogance of the police forces themselves.

Once again, the bosses' plan to stop these migrations created by their system of exploitation and wage slavery has become increasingly violent.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott, President Obrador in Mexico, and the police in Morocco are examples of those who do the bosses' dirty work. They create terror with the millions of dollars they have invested in the national security services, national guard, and border police.

Wars and famines are the result of the fight among imperialists, mainly the US, Russia, and China.

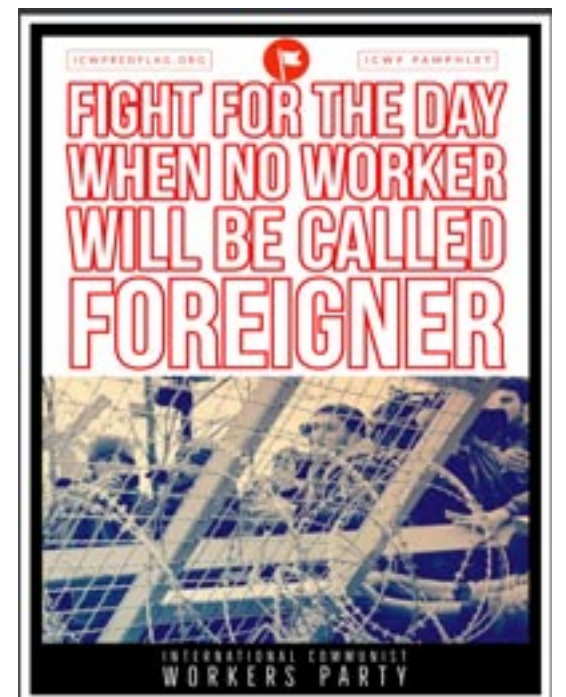
The deaths at the borders are part of the bosses' plan. They try to make us believe that they are accidents. But they are really massacres intended to frighten the millions of prospective migrants so that they endure a slow death from hunger or the agony of war.

Borders result from the bosses' wars. Their destruction will take a violent communist revolution led by a Party like ICWP with the participation of masses of workers. Otherwise, unnecessary deaths will continue to occur as long as corporate profits come before human lives.

In a communist world, borders and nations will not exist. There will be no exploitation. No worker will be called a foreigner anywhere. Workers will be able to move wherever they want

and where their help is needed: whether to produce food or build a bridge or build comfortable housing for everyone. In short, the masses' needs will dictate the measures we will take.

Join our party and let's build that communist world we so need and yearn for. The best way to honor our murdered migrant siblings is to fight for a world without borders.



Read our pamphlet available at [icwpredflag.org/ffde.pdf](http://icwpredflag.org/ffde.pdf)



Deadly Racist “Replacement Theory” Serves Capitalist Interests

ALL WORKERS HAVE COMMON CLASS INTEREST IN FIGHTING RACISM WITH COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

“Replacement Theory” is rooted in white nationalism. It is a product of the mainly white capitalist class. It incites white workers to identify ethnically and nationally with white capitalists, their class enemy who exploits them.

Replacement Theory rests on the lie that white Europeans and their descendants rightfully own and inhabit their “homelands.”

In the Americas, Australia, and New Zealand, colonial settlers claiming “homeland rights” based on race, religion, and culture pushed Indigenous people off their ancestral lands.

In Africa and Asia, European imperialists tried similar strategies in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), South Africa, Timor, Goa, Macau and elsewhere. Those attempts failed because of armed resistance and rebellion. But colonialists still wielded incredible economic, social, cultural, and political power.

Replacement Theory dates back almost 200 years. Manifest Destiny, a white-supremacist political and social ideology, negated the existence of the Indigenous people in the Americas. European rulers waged devastating wars against them that completely remade the vast swathes of territory. They enslaved African workers in newly created tobacco and cotton fields.

“Yellow Peril” lies pushed by US bosses’ newspapers spawned a racist movement against Chinese immigrants. White mobs lynched thousands after bosses told white workers that Chinese workers were “taking their jobs.”

Fascist

“Replacement Theory” Ignites Racist Murder

In France, fascist LePen saw parliamentary victories this year after campaigning on replacement ideology. Replacement Theory, along with anti-immigration and white nationalism, has anchored right-wing political movements and ignited deadly attacks in France, Russia, Ukraine, the UK, and more.

Some US evangelical Christians promote fascist lies about a supposed conspiracy to replace white, “native born” Christian Americans. The fact remains that white Americans and Europeans who spread nationalism, homelandism and replace-

ment theories are themselves the perpetrators.

Their fear-based rhetoric is behind many recent mass shootings. The Buffalo (USA) shooter killed only Black Americans. The Christchurch (New Zealand) assassin targeted Muslims. In El Paso, it was Latinos/as. In Utoya (Norway) it was young people attending a leftwing summer camp. Dylan Roof cold-bloodedly murdered Black churchgoers during prayers. Jews were attacked in Pittsburgh, Sikhs in Wisconsin, Asian women in Atlanta.

Replacement Theory blames Jews, socialists, communists, and liberals for supposedly bringing in more immigrants to win elections. At the 2017 Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, white supremacists chanted, “Jews will not replace us.”

Racism is a Class Issue

Replacement Theory pushes the lie that white workers and workers of color have opposing interests. Many liberals do too. The truth is that our class interests are the same: smashing the rotten capitalist system that has us all bound in wage slavery.

Every form of prejudice and super-exploitation is rooted in class society. Capitalist wage slavery penalizes—not privileges—all workers. The super-exploitation of workers, students, and soldiers of color does not negate the exploitation of

white workers, students, and soldiers.

We can only win if we are all in this fight together.

We who organize for a communist revolution are comrades, not merely allies, whatever our “race” or ethnicity. As communists, we mobilize massively against racist ideas and to destroy all racist practices.

We can eradicate racism, sexism, xenophobia, casteism and the rest by building a mass International Communist Workers’ Party to end capitalist wage slavery and create a system that unleashes the true power of the masses.

Smash Replacement Theory with Communist Revolution

The capitalist bosses know they will be in trouble when the working class unites to overthrow them. Replacement Theory is yet another way to divide the working class. Only worldwide communist revolution will permanently end the dominance of capitalist imperialism.

Communists knew over a century ago that internationalism would be the only antidote to nationalism and all of its derivations, like racism, replacement theory and xenophobia. The ICWP advances internationalism by building one worldwide communist party just as a communist world will have no borders.

We cannot be deceived by dishonest, divisive rhetoric, whatever its source. The desperate capitalists need our fear, panic, and cynicism for their survival and super-profits.

We can defeat them by uniting as an international working class to organize and advocate for communist revolution. Only the victory of communism will create the material basis for ending racism forever.

We must know our real history: that colonial capitalism directed the replacement of Indigenous people and the theft of the land, slavery, and genocide.

We must know that the real interests of all workers are the same.

We must find strength in the international communist movement and the International Communist Workers’ Party.



Akron (USA), July 11— Protests continue over the police murder of unarmed Jayland Walker on June 27. Walker, a 25-year-old Black food app delivery driver, was killed in a hail of 90 gunshots, following a car chase. American police kill an average of three people per day. On the average, one of these people is Black. Almost all are working class. The police kill us with impunity. They rarely face consequences because they protect ruling-class interests. We can see that, as we can no longer live in the old way, they cannot rule us in the old way. Worldwide, masses know that capitalism has nothing to offer us but exploitation and misery. Many are seeing, perhaps for the first time, that we cannot reform or vote capitalism away. It is only through armed communist revolution that we will end our suffering and build the world we need and deserve.

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Mass Party Is Key to Our Communist Future

I thought the article from Chennai in the last issue was very good, documenting conversations about communism among ICWP members and supporters. The plan to double the *Red Flag* distribution and increase friendships is inspiring to us all. ICWP members and friends everywhere can benefit from this enthusiasm and hard work.

My concern is that, towards the end, the article references a small group of ICWP comrades who will eventually organize masses to confront the bosses in class struggle. It also says, “Small groups of ICWP members in thousands can lead to communist insurrection.”

This seems to allude to a small (“cadre”) party leading the non-party masses.

However, as we said in Mobilize Masses for Communism, “A communist revolution must be the work of millions—billions—of communist workers. For this reason ICWP is a mass party. We invite all who agree that a communist revolution is the only solution and are willing to act collectively on that belief to join the party.”

We still have a long way to go to put this into practice.

The Party needs the experiences and ideas of masses of workers and their allies. The struggle for communism is a mass struggle, not the property of a few. The masses will make communist ideas their own and the fight for a

communist world their deepest commitment.

Our line and practice improve with the input of everyone who understands and agrees with the basic ideas of communism and revolution. Their active participation and leadership will unleash enormous power and creativity.

The comrades in Chennai are distributing many *Red Flags* and talking with lots of people about communism. They have a plan to greatly increase the work in both of those areas. Their plan should also emphasize increasing Party membership. We need to read about how ICWP members there are developing relationships which will grow and eventually lead to a mass party. This is key to a communist future.

—Comrade in Seattle (USA)



## Anti-Abortion US Supreme Court Ruling:

# DEFEAT FASCIST ATTACKS WITH WORKING-CLASS UNITY FOR COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

USA, July 10—People in the US woke up on June 25 to the reality that our class siblings already experience in El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras: women will die because abortion has been criminalized.

That's when the US Supreme Court reversed the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which had granted the right to abortion to US women.

In the US, the legal situation now differs from state to state. And no US state has as strict a law as those Central American countries. Abortion is still permitted to save the life of the mother. But many states define that very narrowly. Already women have been forced to travel to another state or seek an unsafe and illegal termination of pregnancy. Women will also be placed in jeopardy because doctors will postpone emergency surgery until they get a legal opinion.

The US medical system is a patchwork of public and private for-profit institutions. US capitalism has prioritized its imperialist military and failed to provide a basic social safety net. This is not new, but capitalist decline and a deeply racist system has meant worsening health outcomes for workers, rising maternal death rates, unsafe working conditions, cutbacks in school lunches, a shortage of baby formula, increasing student debt, and millions of unhoused people. All while a few billionaires increase their wealth.

### From Rage to Revolution

Abortion is just one of many recent attacks. The whole system is deeply racist, sexist, and anti-working class. We need a communist revo-

lution. That's the message we're taking to the angry people in protests across the US.

More fascist attacks will follow the decision to allow states to criminalize abortion. Justice Clarence Thomas stated openly that in his sights, and those of the growing US fascist movement, are other privacy-based decisions: the availability of birth control, the decriminalization of homosexuality, and gay marriage. Transgender youth and their parents are already under attack.

The attack on abortion has been an organizing tool for a racist and fascist movement that has also targeted Jews, Blacks, Asians, Haitian and Latinx immigrants at the border. Capitalists use this to lower the living standards of all workers while a very few capitalists become super-rich.

### Fighting Revolutionary Working-Class Unity Must Defeat "Divide and Conquer"

Many of our friends believe that electing Democratic Party politicians is all we can do to protect ourselves from increasing fascist attacks. Some agree that capitalism is no good, but "in the meantime" we should elect Democrats.

President Biden's lukewarm executive order, supposedly protecting women's ability to access health services, including abortion, has made that argument less convincing. Calls for electoral action seem to be based more on desperation than on a reasonable expectation that Democrats will do anything at all.

Biden and the Democrats are perfectly capable of carrying out a program that they believe in. The millions of dollars they committed to the

proxy war in Ukraine make that clear.

It's not just that we can't count on the Democrats. It's that we can't count on capitalism to meet our most basic needs. Any reforms the working class has fought for can and will be wiped out when it's politically expedient.

Capitalism is an inhumane system in which the suffering of the masses is the engine of riches and power for the few. It got its start kicking European peasants off the land they held in common and denying the humanity of enslaved Africans and Indigenous people. Enslavers used enslaved women as baby incubators. Sexual assault has long been a weapon of war.

The communist system we fight for, in contrast, will organize society to meet our human needs. It will end exploitation and the market. In communist society, we will collectively decide what we need and work together to produce it. That will lay the material basis for abolishing the sexist and racist divisions that have kept us in chains for so long.

Capitalism in crisis is becoming more and more fascist around the world. In the US and elsewhere, there are sharpening divisions between fascists and anti-fascists. We can convince anti-fascists of a communist vision and organize them into a fighting force.

The only way forward is to defeat the divisive fascist ideologies of racism and sexism and build the fighting unity of the working class. Only revolution can bring us the communist society we need.



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### Comrades in Bengaluru (India) Spread Communism to Sri Lanka

Greeting to our comrades all over the world in this time of advancing our party!

The bosses are creating wars, we want to end them with communism. We want to reach out to our readers in Sri Lanka in their desire to demolish the wage system and create a new world of communism without borders, money, and bosses. Your heroic efforts must translate into forming ICWP. We too are doing the same.

In the garment district of Bengaluru, we have been mobilizing the masses for communism. In recent weeks our collectives have been distributing *Red Flag* every evening for half an hour. We are also including our leaflet, "Open all borders, Fight for Communism."

More women have joined our struggle for communism. "What is happening in Sri Lanka gives me courage and inspiration," said one. "I think that communism is possible now. We

don't want to be ruled by a society where there will be women toiling for a few more rupees."

We approached an NGO in our area that is connected to garment workers in Sri Lanka. We have contacted four women who live near Colombo in the Free Trade Zone and sent them *Red Flag*. Many of them read Telugu. We also gave them a short version of *Mobilize the Masses for Communism* in Telugu.

The workers told us that their area has been occupied by the military. They are facing starvation.

The bosses demand more money. They say that the Covid pandemic is over, and we must produce more. Workers are harassed by supervisors who demand sexual favors. Many times they send us to the army.

Our new *Red Flag* readers in Sri Lanka have said that they have seen dramatic changes with the uprising in Colombo. Many people in the armed forces have joined the marches against

the bosses. The unions are calling for a united fight and there are many mass strikes.

Our comrades in Chennai have been distributing *Red Flag* in other areas of Colombo and Kandy. One reader in Sri Lanka has offered to translate it into Sinhala.

We are struggling to create new collectives of ICWP in Sri Lanka. But it is our struggle as well to massively create our party. We have plans with auto workers in Chennai and garment workers in Bengaluru to have a joint conference about ICWP's role in advancing mass work for communism. We hope to have comrades from Sri Lanka.

Join us, and let the bosses know that communism is the future, and their days are numbered! Their murderous wars on the working class will be resolutely answered by more communists.

—Comrades in Bengaluru



## Reformists Betray the Rebelling Ecuadorian Masses

# ONLY COMMUNISM CAN DESTROY CAPITALISM AND ITS WAGE SLAVERY

July 8— After eighteen days of massive demonstrations that paralyzed Ecuador, the leaders of CONAIE (Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities) once again betrayed the masses. The mobilizations ceased, while the government repealed the State of Exception and reduced the price of fuel by five cents.

The masses protested the rising cost of living, and the 56% unemployment rate. They also demanded a 35-cent reduction in fuel prices. The price they paid – eight dead and more than three hundred wounded – for these limited demands and petty concessions shows the complete bankruptcy of reformism.

### Objective Pre-revolutionary Conditions Exist in Ecuador, Sri Lanka and Elsewhere

The masses are rebelling against unbearable living conditions because we cannot live like before. And the capitalists are resorting to fascism because they cannot control us peacefully like before.

This happened before in Ecuador in 2019, when the government fled the capital as masses surrounded the National Assembly building. More frightening for the capitalists, and even more indicative of a pre-revolutionary situation, was that soldiers refused to attack the masses. Instead they attacked the police and marched with the masses.

But the struggle was only for reforms. Therefore, as now, everything returned to “normal” after the rulers gave small concessions.

### Capitalist Crises Create Fertile Ground for Communist Revolution

These crises are product of the need of capital-

ists-imperialists to maximize their profits. The only source of their profit is our labor power, which we sell to them for a wage. We call this wage slavery.

Maximizing profits means reducing production costs - reducing our wages, intensifying our exploitation and misery. Eventually we rebel, questioning capitalism and seeking radical solutions. We enter a pre-revolutionary situation.

Seeing that they are losing their ideological grip over us, the capitalists intensify their fascist oppression. This inflames us even more and predisposes us to consider communism to end wage slavery, the source of our exploitation and misery.

### Wars Also Create Pre-Revolutionary Conditions

War is the inevitable result of capitalist competition for maximum profits. Whoever controls the cheapest natural resources and workforce controls the markets. Who controls the markets, controls the world.

This struggle eventually leads to wars like the US-NATO war against Russia in Ukraine, which threatens to blow up into a nuclear World War III. This conflict has intensified our misery, inflating the prices of fuel and other basic needs.

The working class responds with more frequent and violent rebellions like the current one in Sri Lanka. The rulers’ response is to intensify their fascist repression to prevent our rebellions or suffocate them in blood. They correctly see them as fertile ground for communist revolution.

Our task is to create the subjective factor for revolution. We must win the masses globally to see communism as the only solution. We must massively recruit them to ICWP for the armed



struggle directly for communism.

### International Working-Class Unity Needed to Destroy Wage Slavery

Racism, casteism (as in India), sexism, and xenophobia are capitalism’s weapons to super-exploit sectors of our class. They justify the super exploitation of women, immigrants, and our siblings of color in imperialist countries and the inhumane super-exploitation of the masses in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Even more deadly for our international working class, they divide us and blind us to seeing the capitalists as mortal enemies.

Our enemies are not invincible. We can paralyze their nations because we run their industries and cities. Our class siblings in their armies can turn their guns around and join the revolution. Russian soldiers did this in World War I. The Ecuadorian soldiers in 2019 and Sri Lankan soldiers today showed it can be done again.

That is why ICWP concentrates in basic industries, in the bosses’ armies and among young people of military age. Join the fight directly for communism! Democracy, national liberation, and socialism only perpetuate wage slavery.

Join ICWP to fight for a world without money where nothing is bought or sold, especially our labor power! Where we collectively produce everything and distribute it according to need! A communist world without nations or borders or capitalists and their poisonous ideologies!



## THEORY AND PRACTICE: TRANSIT WORKERS LEARN FROM CRITICISM AND SELF-CRITICISM

“The pandemic has limited us, but I liked something the comrade from El Salvador said,” remarked Comrade A, who works for MTA (public transportation) after the June 26 ICWP international meeting. “That during the civil war, meetings with other workers were not only prohibited, but suicidal. However, the cunning of the working class, and the need to fight, forced them to hold these meetings, very efficiently, because the working class is very smart.”

Comrade B, an MTA retiree, told him: “Your report at the meeting was positive. However, you were not sharp enough about the work you do inside MTA. It is very important to focus and sharpen those grassroots growth efforts there. It was not what we had discussed or planned to present. We should have prepared better.”

This prompted a review of the communist work within MTA. And a criticism and self-crit-

icism, especially about the perseverance and boldness needed to develop new party members.

There is a long history of struggle here and we have a broad base with these workers. The struggle is for Comrade A to take more leadership in developing these new comrades.

This doesn’t happen automatically. It is a serious fight with quite a few ups and downs. We currently have meetings and study groups to consolidate some comrades and invite new ones to participate.

Comrade A agreed. “Yes, I think I did not do enough to be able to express everything better to help other workers understand our work at MTA. And to increase my leadership.”

The question is to try to consolidate the base, which will only happen through the communist political struggle. Comrade A has a lot of passion for party work and reads a lot to understand the

history and to be able to explain it. But now it is necessary to take another step forward: to concentrate on a group of workers to advance the bases inside the workplace.

For example, a comrade from Division 15 is always willing to help. But we need to be consistent with him. Asking him if he has passed out newspapers, how many, who is he passing them to?

Criticism and self-criticism are tools to improve communist work. And in this process, very positive aspects of the struggles of other comrades also help us understand our strengths and weaknesses.

We must put into practice what we read, because putting it into practice and from practice taking it back to theory lets other comrades learn from our experiences.

—MTA comrades in Los Angeles (USA)