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## MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM

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## WORLDS' WORKERS NEED COMMUNIST REVOLUTION, NOT POLICE REFORM

EL SALVADOR, February 10— “We have returned to the 1970s and perhaps worse,” said a worker. He was referring to the Army’s presence in the streets alongside the police. Daily, young people, whether in gangs or not, are put up against the wall to be searched, beaten, and often arrested. This is always in working-class areas. These practices under the present “regime of exception” also occurred during the civil war (1980-1992).

In the 1990s, the FMLN and the government signed peace agreements to end the civil war. One agreement created the National Civil Police. This reform replaced existing police forces (the National Guard and the Treasury Police, among others) with a new one formed from members of the old police forces and ex-guerrillas.

They changed the color of the uniform and used fewer insignia. That is, they tried to take away people’s idea of police as punitive and murderous. But the end was the same. They left in charge the same ones whose hands were stained with workers’ blood.

These police forces were the ones that massacred our class brothers and sisters with an excess of barbarity. They disappeared them, tortured them, and murdered them in a failed effort to stop the revolution. The organized masses put up a battle, but their leaders negotiated, and the long-awaited changes did not take place.

**We can say with certainty that police reform failed, as it has failed in the US and other countries.** Police protect the residences, banks and businesses of the bourgeois class and repress working class neighborhoods. The role of the police is to protect the bosses from the workers’ fury.

The working class organized in the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP) does not fight to reform the capitalist system or its police. We fight for communism until victory.

Over thirty years later, these reformed police forces are still being accused of committing injustices. They are currently in charge of official government repression.

**Every day, around the world, people die at the hands of police.** Recently police arrested a young Black man in the USA, Tyre Nichols, near his home, for “reckless driving.” They beat him brutally, causing his death. The police officers who killed him are Black, but that does not mean that this crime is not racist.

Racism is embedded in the minds of these police officers whether Black or white; it is institutional. The system has guaranteed that. When we fight for the communist system, we are fighting to end the racist ideology of capitalism that divides the working class.

No firing or imprisonment of police can be called justice. Nor will it end these crimes. Only Communism will root this out.

Police forces are formed on lines that correspond to the interests of the capitalist system. We cannot wait for another Tyre Nichols, another Sandra Bland, another George Floyd to organize ourselves. Indifference and passivity in the face of racist murder only favors racist capitalism.

The organized masses will end this nightmare. We are more and united.

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## SHOOTING DOWN UFOS: DISTRACTION FROM “FIRST BATTLE IN NEXT WAR”

February 12— The US media are making a big deal about how US F-22s shot down four (by now, maybe more) Unidentified Flying Objects in US and Canadian airspace in little over a week. One was clearly a Chinese spy balloon. Possibly the others were surveillance devices, too.

But wait: Is anyone surprised that imperialist powers spy on each other? Doesn't the US spy on China too? Of course!

Let's not be distracted by these shiny objects. What we should be looking at instead is the escalating US-China imperialist conflict in Asia-Pacific. The US media are grooming us to pay, fight, and die for US imperialism in a war that seems increasingly close.

“The first battle of the next war” is what the US imperialist Center for International and Strategic Studies called its recent war-gaming exercise for a Chinese invasion of Taiwan. In most of their twenty-four test-runs, the invasion failed – at a huge cost to the US, China, and Taiwan in ships, aircraft, and lives.

“The high losses damaged the US global position for many years,” it reported. “The United States needs to strengthen deterrence immediately.”

Perhaps shooting down shiny objects is meant as deterrence?

The US-Philippine agreement includes reopening another four US military bases on Luzon (under 750 miles or 1200 km from Taiwan). This is clearly preparation for the next Pacific war.

So is Japan's recently announced plan for rearmament, which will make it the world's third-largest military spender (behind only the US and China).

And South Korea's announcement (also in January) that it will consider building nuclear weapons or asking the US to redeploy them on its territory as North Korea's nuclear arsenal grows.

But Chinese imperialism is busy too. In November, Indonesia repeated its support of the “one-China policy,” meaning China's claim to Taiwan. The rulers of the two countries agreed to stronger economic and trade relationships despite continuing tensions over the South China Sea.

As with China's other “Belt and Road Initiative” (BRI) partners, its state capitalist enterprises export capital to Indonesia (a hallmark of imperialism).

Western analysts don't like to compare BRI with the US Marshall Plan which opened the post-World War II “American Century.” But they admit that “both reveal a need for global superpowers to fund infrastructure abroad for domestic and geopolitical reasons.”

On its southwestern border, China's intensification of its border conflict with India is putting pressure on fascist Modi's government. India and Indonesia have had long-standing ties and recent joint naval exercises. It remains to be seen how these contradictions will sharpen and resolve.

Chinese imperialism is playing a long game, while US imperialism is on the defensive.



China's Chairman Xi declared that modernization of its People's Liberation Army is to be completed by August 2029 to assure the “rejuvenation of the nation.”

Back in early 2001, the US blue-ribbon Hart-Rudman Commission predicted that the US would face a massive terrorist attack on its own soil and that it should prepare to fight China within 25 years. The dust and rubble of the World Trade Center sadly vindicated the first prediction and obscured the second. But here we are.

The US media furor over shooting down UFOs is meant to distract workers in the US and elsewhere:

From our increasing economic hardship.

From the deadly racism and xenophobia that divide our class. From the intensifying sexism of the US Christian right that rivals that of the Taliban. From corporate and government espionage on our own lives.

From the toll that coming wars will take on our lives.

It's meant to divert us from class-consciousness and anger to patriotism and fear.

You can't fool all the people all the time. More of us are realizing that the only way out of imperialist war and exploitation is communist revolution for working-class power.

Imperialists are already starting their war. We will finish it, and their whole rotten system too.



China, February 15: Seniors in the northwest port city of Dalian protest cutbacks in government medical benefits. The protests started in Wuhan, where retired steelworkers confronted police and sang the Internationale. The specter of communism is haunting the Chinese capitalists!

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## Unleash the Power of the International Working Class:

### COMMUNIST MASSES WILL END IMPERIALISM WORLDWIDE

UNITED STATES, February 10—“I’m sitting here thinking about how the Philippines is a capitalist country and what that means to the way we organize against imperialism,” said a Filipina friend at an ICWP collective meeting. Earlier, she had said that the Philippines was a semi-feudal, semi-colonial country. She now considered a different analysis.

The expanding US military presence in the Philippines sparked a collective debate about how we can end imperialism. An activist, noting that the military situation is intensifying, thought it important to show solidarity with the armed Filipinos who are fighting the Marcos Jr. regime.

But what kind of solidarity? The Vietnamese fought long and hard: first against French imperialism and then against US imperialism. But they substituted national liberation and socialism for a direct fight for communism.

Solidarity based on nationalism and socialism assured the re-emergence of the horrors of capitalism. Today we see the results: super-exploitation in the Nike factory and other businesses of the imperialist and nationalist bosses.

“I’m afraid that nationalism will result in Filipino bosses instead of US bosses if we go along this path. Exploitation will continue,” said the comrade who prepared the discussion.

Comrades argued that only worldwide communist revolution will end imperialist wars and domination. That’s why the ICWP is one international party dedicated to mobilizing the masses for communism, not a collection of national parties.

Communism requires ending the capitalist wage system and the superstructure that is built to protect that system. The material basis of communism is collective production for the collective needs of the international working class.

Another friend had attended several church meetings that condemned imperialism but pro-

vided no solutions. The communist solution was never mentioned there.

She pondered how we can get young adults to think about the struggle not only in the Philippine context, but from the broader viewpoint of what the international working class needs. She concluded that the fight for communism was a “potential tool” her generation can use to struggle for “bigger things.”

More than a tool or tactic, mobilizing masses directly for communism is a strategy—now and in the future. Nothing less than communism will end imperialism.

#### Fighting the US Military Buildup in Asia: Communism Versus National Liberation

On Feb. 2, Marcos Jr. gave the US access to nine bases in the Philippines. The deal follows an October 2022 announcement that the US was giving \$100 million to the Philippine military. China is the obvious target.

Filipino activists had organized a forum that discussed the US plans to expand its military presence in Asia. Three comrades attended the forum, which was a few days before our collective meeting.

“This may be a bit controversial,” said a comrade at the end of the forum, “but if we want to end imperialist war, we must send members into the armed forces to win the troops to communism.”

Afterward, several participants wanted to know how we organized in the US armed forces. So did the activists who came to the ICWP meeting.

Earlier in the forum, a University of Washing-



Manila, Philippines, February 2

ton student had talked about their campaign to get the school to sever ties with Boeing because the company makes weapons.

At the ICWP collective meeting, comrades offered an alternative. We proposed that young people get jobs in the Boeing blue-collar workforce and help distribute *Red Flag* at the factories.

A comrade described how, during the 1917 Bolshevik revolution in Russia, Putilov factory workers played a key role. The Putilov plant manufactured most of the tsarist regime’s weapons. When the revolution started, the workers took the weapons they made to the front lines. They taught Red soldiers how to use them and fought side by side with them on the front line. The core of the Bolshevik Red Army came from these factories.

This sparked discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of four decades of communist organizing at Boeing and what we can do now.

Whatever the period, winning soldiers and industrial workers is crucial to preparing for communist revolution. Communism will unleash the power of the masses to end imperialism, once and for all.

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#### Peruvian Masses Continue Fighting against Repression and Racism

The masses, tired and fed up with the situation that exists under a capitalist system, continue to fight and rebel through protests and strikes. It is a desperate cry and clamor of a working class that wants an end to the racism, sexism, exploitation, and anxiety that this annihilating government gives them.

We were analyzing the strikes in Peru among friends. H told me, “They are reformist strikes that hardly achieve well-being or change for the working class or for the Indigenous peoples. The only thing they seek is to change one group of bosses for others who are liberals.”

We completely agree with this. We know that we will not achieve anything in this way. Regardless of who rules, capitalism will be the same. Therefore, what we need is a communist society overthrowing all the chains of the capitalist wage system and working for the common good.

#### Chinese Imperialist Investments in Peru

Peru, previously dominated completely by the US imperialists, is now disputed by China. This change is the basis of the fight between local bosses and imperialists.

Chinese companies have consolidated their presence in the mining sector. The Asian giant has injected more than US\$16 billion in capital into mining development in Peru since 2009, when both countries signed a free trade agree-

ment. The portfolio of projects to be developed, led by Chinese companies, exceeds US\$10 billion.

According to the Peruvian Ministry of Energy and Mines, Chinese-owned companies invested US\$577 million in exploration, maintenance, equipment and infrastructure between January and November 2022. These include Las Bambas, Chinalco, Shougang Hierro, Minera Shouxin, and Jinzhao Mining

The focus of Chinese companies is, for now, on copper and iron ore projects. In addition to exploiting deposits, they have been developing port infrastructure works to generate greater economies of scale.

All this as imperialist capitalists who are only moved by their own interests in obtaining enormous profits.

The mega port of Chancay, strategic only for trade with Asia, that China is building in Peru, generates exploitation and destruction of communities.

A communist society will save the situation, not only in Peru, but in the entire world. We know perfectly well that it is fair and necessary. We are at a point where system change is the solution.

Only with communist revolution will we be able to destroy the entire state apparatus, this entire repressive system, since this entire system is at the service of the moneyed imperialist classes, whether from the US or China.

We must reverse and break these chains of slavery. Only the working-class masses can achieve this by mobilizing ourselves in struggle so that our communist revolution can be heard and sounded, that all power be for the working class and our International Communist Workers’ Party. That’s what we need.

Comrade in El Salvador



Lima, Peru, February 9



## LET'S BE CLEAR: COPS DEFEND CAPITALISM AND ENFORCE ITS FASCISM

UNITED STATES, February 11—There is no escaping the filmed horror of Tyre Nichols' murder by Memphis police. Comrades and friends searched for communist answers from coast to coast in the US and beyond.

At first, some focused on the second-degree murder charges quickly leveled against five Black cops (compared with other cases of white cops). It took a week for the struggle among East Coast comrades, co-workers, and family to reach a consensus: "A cop is a cop is a cop" no matter what their race, gender, nationality, religion, or caste.

"You'll never see a cop arrest the CEO for exploiting workers," said a Boeing friend in Seattle who was arrested on the picket line during a strike.

"And it doesn't matter if the CEO is Black," added another. "He'll still harass and fire you if it means more profits."

"The cops are given free rein to murder to protect capitalism and terrorize workers," said a third. She researched the history of Cerelyn Davis, Memphis Police Department's first Black female chief. Before coming to Tennessee, she led the Red Dog unit of the Atlanta police. Like the Memphis SCORPION unit she created, the Red Dog unit murdered at will.

### International Hatred of Killer Cops

A Filipino activist brought a friend to a recent ICWP meeting. The first thing on the agenda was what to do about the Tyre Nichols murder. The friend said that he usually goes to demonstrations of other groups when racist killings like these happen, but they didn't know of any.

Whether or not other groups organize demonstrations, our immediate task is to discuss the issue with the people around us, presenting a communist analysis.

A comrade reported from a recent ICWP steering committee that a comrade from India attending school in the US was already discussing this attack and the need for communism with friends he knows in various US states. He related the deadly attack on Tyre Nichols to capitalism's attacks on Muslims and Dalits in India.

This led to a discussion about how the fascist Duterte/Marcos Jr. regimes used cops and the army to massacre thirty thousand. Our Filipino friends living in the US feel an obligation to struggle with their US friends, linking the atrocious murder of Tyre Nichols to the slaughter in the Philippines.

We all agreed that we must recruit soldiers. Are cops the same?

"There is a difference," said a comrade. "If you stay in the police force, you must adopt the cop attitude that you have free rein to murder for capitalism. History shows that all policing supports the needs of the bosses in a particular historical epoch. The history of soldiers show they can be won to revolution."

The meeting ended with plans to build a communist base in the schools where we distribute three hundred *Red Flags* each issue. Students and teachers consistently tell comrades that *Red Flag* is the "best literature" and "their favorite paper." The burning question is how we can develop these enthusiastic readers into communist organizers.



Los Angeles, USA, January 29

A Filipina friend formed a student group last year where she volunteered. A comrade plans to talk with her about what the comrade can do at the high school where she volunteers. What kind of group did our friend form and how does that compare with what our comrade has in mind?

"Now is the time," the comrade declared, "when capitalism is in crisis and workers and students are angry and looking for answers."

In truth, the time is long past due to end capitalism. Communist solutions will find a more receptive audience as capitalism reveals its deadly racist, fascist nature. The Tyre Nichols murder—like the innumerable horrors of capitalism—calls comrades and friends to redouble our efforts to build the ICWP in preparation for communist revolution.



## Read our pamphlet: TO END RACISM, MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM

Available at:  
[icwpredflag.org/rpe.pdf](http://icwpredflag.org/rpe.pdf)

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We are strong.

The International Communist Workers' Party organizes the working class to fight against these racist crimes. We have shared the leaflet on the murder of Tyre Nichols and discussed it in the ICWP collectives here.

No amount of police reform is going to solve this problem. Police forces have been created to attack the working class.

**Our communist line must expand throughout the world.** Our efforts to recruit more workers must be constant. Communism will end the material basis of racism, eliminating the wage system. There will be no police. The organized working class will be able to solve any problems

that arise.

One example of how this is possible: Refugees who had been living in Mesa Grande in Honduras returned in the 1980s to repopulate the community of Guarjila in the department of Chalatenango, which they had abandoned due to the war.

While in exile, they had learned a level of organizational structure that allowed them to organize themselves very well. They achieved a 0% infant mortality rate, made the population literate, and took care of security without government help for many years.

In Communist society, workers will be responsible for leadership, organization, and development without any need for police.



Women guerrilla fighters during the civil war in El Salvador



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## COMMUNISM WILL END CAPITALISM'S DEADLY HUMANITARIAN DISASTERS

February 14--The 7.8 magnitude earthquake last week, which killed at least 38,000 people in southern Türkiye (Turkey) and northwest Syria, is really two stories.

One, the story of southern Türkiye, is one more example of how racist capitalism turns a natural event into a disaster. Geologists and engineers know how to build buildings that will survive this kind of earthquake, but under capitalism, profits come before human life. Communism will do away with production for profit. We'll work together to rebuild a communist world on the rubble of the old. With human welfare as our top priority, we'll use science to build safely.

The second story is about Syria, where the earthquake hit communities already devastated by civil war. Where inter-imperialist rivalry has killed hundreds of thousands and forced millions to flee their homes. Where inter-imperialist rivalry and civil war devastated the health and social services infrastructure and meant that NO rescue assistance could cross the border from Türkiye in time to save those trapped in the rubble.

**Workers have no nations! We fight for a communist world without borders. The only war we support is a war against the capitalists—a revolutionary war for communism.**

### TÜRKIYE:

#### CAPITALISM IS THE DISASTER!

Many of us have experienced how racist capitalism turns a natural event into a disaster. We have seen the bosses and the government work hand in glove to make profits from the misery of the working masses. We have seen that government aid never makes it to marginalized minorities and that we can only rely on each other.

Türkiye is crisscrossed with well-known faults. Strict building codes were enacted after a 7.4 magnitude quake in 1999. But safe construction cuts into profits. So President Erdogan's capitalist government allowed contractors to buy legal exemptions from safety codes for up to 75,000 buildings.

New buildings collapsed like pancakes, murdering thousands. As a sop to the mass anger of people who have lost everything, including loved ones, a handful of contractors have been arrested. Some had suitcases full of cash in the Istanbul airport. Erdogan, who faces reelection in May, hopes to deflect anger from himself and his corrupt government.

Türkiye had a strong working-class movement in the 1980s, suppressed by fascist terror. Erdogan should be scared—not just of the elections but of the potential for working-class revolution for communism.

Those who rescued strangers and neighbors after 2005 Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans USA, and the 2022 floods in Pakistan, those who were threatened with arrest for digging their friends out of collapsed buildings in Watsonville and trapped cars in Oakland after the 1989 Loma Prieta USA earthquake, know who to count on in a disaster.

The Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) was unprepared and understaffed. The earthquake struck in a largely Kurdish region. Kurds are a marginalized ethnicity whose historic homelands cover much of eastern and southern Turkey, and parts of northern Syria, Iraq, and Iran. Many Kurds never expected government aid. In 2012, after an earthquake in the Kurdish city of Van, the government even blocked aid.

Local people are taking initiative to rescue their friends and neighbors. In contrast, the government that gave construction companies a free hand to profit off workers' deaths is now sending more cops and soldiers to arrest "looters" than it's sending rescue workers.

Police are using social media to organize vigilante groups to attack and beat Syrians as "thieves and looters." Attacks on refugees from the Syrian civil war are part of the bosses' arsenal of weapons to use against the working class: spread xenophobia, attack immigrants and refugees, divert the masses' anger away from capitalism.

The European Union (EU) has sent Türkiye tens of millions of Euros to serve as a refuge for asylum seekers from Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Somalia. This cynical move – outsourcing the results of wars in their former colonies – is matched by the cynicism of the Turkish government that receives them without providing them a decent life.

At least 3.6 million Syrian refugees live in Türkiye, including 1.7 million under Temporary Protection in the ten provinces hit by the earthquake. Most live in urban areas, not refugee camps. They face a daily struggle to survive as well as increasing xenophobic attacks, fomented by politicians seeking to scapegoat them for capitalism's economic crisis.

Opposition politicians have threatened to return Syrians to the civil war they fled. Erdogan threatens to send them into Turkish-occupied areas of northern Syria. Readers worldwide will recognize this situation. It echoes xenophobic attacks on workers from Zimbabwe in South Africa, attacks on Central Americans in Mexico and beyond, and the US-Mexico border crisis, with "lesser evil" Democrats continuing Trump's racist policies.

### SYRIA CIVIL WAR AND REFUGEE CRISIS: A MUCH BIGGER STORY

The story of the earthquake in Syria is the future: increasingly devastating death and destruction from inter-imperialist rivalry and war. The twelve-year civil war in Syria began in an anti-government uprising during the 2011 Arab Spring. It became a proxy war between US imperialism and its Russian rival.

It's complicated by a jihadist insurgency led by ISIS, ex-al Qaeda fighters known as Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), Kurdish fighters that won control of Rojava in the northeast, and Turkish-backed fascist militias which control much of the northern border with Türkiye.

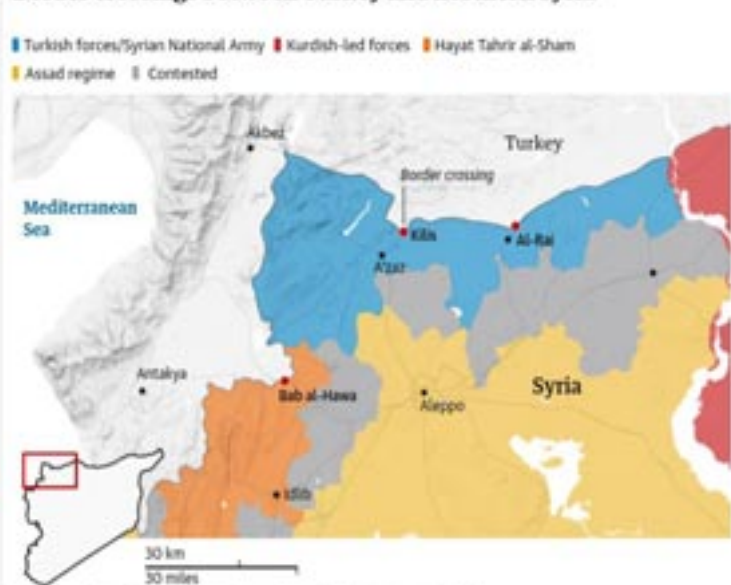
The Russian-backed Assad is still in power, showing the weakness of US imperialism in the region. Obama said in 2012 that Assad's chemical attacks on NATO-supported Kurdish-led forces was "a red line in the sand." But the US took no action and Assad's forces consolidated a number of military victories.

The Syria conflict marked a tipping point in the balance of power between the US and Russian imperialists. Future historians will describe it as one of the first battles of World War III.

At least half a million people have died in this civil war. Over six million refugees have fled Syria. Nearly seven million more are internal refugees, many in the northwest. The Afrin/Idlib region, right across the Turkish border, has seen some of the most contested fighting. It's also the area devastated by this earthquake.

#### Aid as an Instrument of War

##### Border crossings between Turkey and northern Syria



Only one border crossing was open until today. It's in HTS-controlled Idlib province. But because of earthquake damage it didn't open for aid convoys until Thursday. It still has only limited humanitarian aid coming through.

The UN spent the last week talking the Syrian government (and their Chinese and Russian backers) into opening a border

crossing between Afrin and Türkiye. Afrin is largely Kurdish. It was controlled by the Kurdish Rojava army until the US abandoned them in 2019. Now the Turkish army controls it. When the aid finally comes through, Syrian Kurds won't be getting any of it.

Meanwhile, US and EU sanctions have decimated the healthcare system, denying Syrians access to medical and other resources necessary for daily life and making it even harder to respond to this disaster.

US troops occupy parts of Syria to control its oil production. They have stood by instead of aiding the earthquake victims. Pathetic sums offered in aid are dwarfed by the vast expenditures on the war in Ukraine.

As capitalist crisis intensifies and wars spread, the Syrian refugee crisis will be replicated around the world. Civil wars in Africa have already displaced millions who, along with their Syrian siblings, brave the Mediterranean seeking asylum in Europe. Climate crises, repression and poverty send thousands across Central America and Mexico to the US border daily. The US-NATO/Russia proxy war in Ukraine has displaced millions of refugees.

All imperialists and nationalists cynically play power games while the working-class masses die in the rubble.

**This story tells the future we all face.** War, racism, and capitalist exploitation are killing our class. All over the globe, capitalism-imperialism creates the conditions for genocidal disasters.

Faced with this situation, it becomes more important than ever to build the International Communist Workers' Party wherever we are. It is especially urgent to organize within the military. Workers and soldiers of all nations can turn these wars and disasters into a revolutionary war for communism.



## COMMUNIST SOLIDARITY: FIGHTING SEXISM IN THE FACTORY

INDIA, February 14—“I was 10 minutes late to work. My line supervisor started abusing me and said I would have to stay after work to help clean up,” Mala reported to her trusted coworker Gopi. Mala was very nervous about the idea of working after hours. It would certainly mean the boss will sexually assault her.

During Mala’s short break, she told Gopi about how nervous she was about staying late. Gopi had been distributing *Red Flag* to some people she trusts, including Mala. Mala confessed that even after reading *Red Flag* only superficially, she thought Gopi could help her.

Gopi knew that the boss uses his power to harass women workers. She reached out to some other workers and told them that Mala was going to be alone after work and they should stop her

detention by organizing other workers. All the women are familiar with this sexist boss.

Gopi’s text message went to all the shop floor and other women workers started reposting it during their short break. The male supervisor got a hint that other women are going to defend Mala. Or at least, that is what he thought.

In the afternoon, he came to Mala and said, “This time you can go home. But if you are late again, you are going to work on Sunday.”

Mala left the factory on time and walked with Gopi and other workers. It was a very charged atmosphere as the women in the garment factory cursed the supervisor. “In communism, do you think this can happen?” Gopi asked everybody.

“Communism will have no supervisors, workers will work for the benefit of the international

working class, not for profit.”

Another worker said, “The male boss gets material benefit from sexist behavior and attitude. That kind of outlook will be severely punished by all the workers in communism. And since we will have no capitalists, all workers will learn and teach each other to get rid of past sexist practices.”

“I want to be part of this communism,” said one of the women. “Today we saw that if we are united, we can change how things work.” This shows that Gopi and other women will have to organize collectives of ICWP members.

It is time for more garment workers to organize for communism. That is the system nobody can threaten. It takes digging deep to weed out the roots of capitalism.

## LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL WORKING WOMEN’S DAY

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## India: US, British Imperialists Attack Modi and Adani

### MASSES NEED THE ICWP, NOT “OPPOSITION” PARTIES

NEW DELHI, India, February 13—“I am so glad you are circulating *Red Flag*,” said one person who defied a government ban on watching the BBC documentary ‘India: The Modi Question.’ “No group has even a leaflet,” he continued. “Many people were reading *Red Flag* while they watched the documentary.”

The documentary implicates Modi and his fascist government in the mass killings of Muslims in the state of Gujarat in 2002. The BBC is a major mouthpiece of British imperialism.

Campus and youth groups organized screenings in Delhi and many other Indian cities. The government responded with brutal police violence. Comrades of the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP) clandestinely distributed our literature at some of these events.

Some extol the documentary as a model of truth and impartial objective reporting. In contrast, our leaflet explained, “The rulers around the world are in severe crisis. They expose their rivals to promote their own class interest.

“British imperialists, including BBC, spread vicious lies to support oil interests during the Iraq war as junior partners of US imperialism. Tony Blair and his foreign minister Jack Straw were deeply involved in the massacres of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis.” This was the same time when Modi engaged in the massacre in Gujarat.

Many people mistakenly believe that liberals led by the Congress Party can uplift the masses when Modi and his fascist government are weakened by massive unemployment and attacks on mainly Dalits and Muslim youth. Our leaflet asked the masses to organize youth into ICWP as the only alternative to the escalating crisis.

We noted that the top 1000 capitalists in India own 95% of the nation’s considerable wealth. That is, 1,400,000,000 masses compete for 5% of the wealth!

These 1000 capitalists finance and support all the political parties. They own all mass media. They support fascist Modi, but they also finance

opposition parties to keep them ready when Modi and his party face mass protests. The same top capitalists supported the Congress Party for over 60 years.

We can’t rely on capitalists because their interests are in keeping wage slavery. The masses in India and worldwide need to overthrow capitalism that makes a profit from its labor. Communism will end wage slavery.

Because of the police presence, we quickly circulated our leaflets and did not have the opportunity to talk to young people. However, within a week, we got some responses.

Young people said, “I admire your bold outlook to build communism. This is what is lacking in India. We need real communists who will never give up. I was a toddler in 2002. Now, we are surrounded by fascists. But your party points out that fascism can only be defeated by communism. I am with you.”

#### Same Fight, Another Front: US Capitalists Attack Adani

During the same week, the BBC released its documentary, the US-based Hindenburg Group released a report revealing that Gautam Adani, India’s richest capitalist, and his companies were involved in a “\$218 billion brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud scheme over the course of decades.”

Adani was key in bringing Modi to power. He organized Gujarati capitalists to support Modi in 2002 when he was under fire for his role in the massacre. Adani’s aircraft ferried Modi all over India in his run-up to becoming the Prime Minister.

In pursuit of maximum profits, the capitalists need to borrow from financial capital (like banks). Their ability to make a profit depends on



Jammu and Kashmir, February 6: Workers targeted Adani and Modi for government-sponsored evictions in a mass protest that surged past the Congress Party organizers, clashing with the police and attempting to break through barricades.

exploiting the working class. But capital investment requires a smaller number of workers, and that undermines profit, since only workers create profit, not market manipulation. The high unemployment and rebellious workers stoke class struggle.

The Adani group borrowed heavily from Indian banks and US fund managers, banks, and investors. It made strategic investments in European oil companies, steel manufacturers, and ‘Green Energy’ companies. Now the Adani group has begun to crumble, with US and European companies liquidating their assets.

Adani retorted that he was involved in nation-building. The report, he said, “was a calculated attack on India.” But no amount of nationalism can hide the fact that the workers are exploited by capitalists. The bosses everywhere use nationalism to confuse the masses.

Workers have no nation. We urgently need to organize to fight for communism, led by the ICWP.

Youth in Delhi are showing how we can advance and grow under fascist conditions. A young worker said this week, “When the masses join and organize and wake up to the reality of ICWP, nothing can stop us from destroying this system.”



## COMMUNIST COLLECTIVITY, NOT CAPITALIST CERTIFICATES

LOS ANGELES (USA), February 11—“Schools in capitalism serve capitalist interests,” declared an article in the last issue of *Red Flag*.

Two comrades shared this article with close to thirty *Red Flag* readers involved in community colleges. Several offered comments based on experiences fighting racist policy changes.

“Through unions and professional organizations,” the article said, faculty “meet with politicians and bureaucrats. The big shots brush them off.”

“It is a good article and a pretty accurate assessment of unions,” said one activist.

“I would like to see the emphasis on degrees and certificates to serve the capitalist class while deemphasizing actual education and critical thinking to challenge the status quo,” he continued.

The other friend said the same: “Make a connection to the degrees/certificates that are being pushed and what jobs folks are supposed to get.

“In addition to flooding the work force without any real education, I can see how degrees/certificates may be worthless. Even when one is employed as a teacher of some sort, there will be no real way to pass on their ‘education’ to the community.

**“People of color will never make the strides necessary to close education gaps or income gaps,” he concluded.**

And under capitalism, they won’t, no matter how good a job teachers do in their classrooms.

These *Red Flag* readers are right. We haven’t said enough about the degrees and programs the capitalists push.

“California’s community colleges are the largest provider of workforce training in the

world,” boasts the State Chancellor’s Office website. Colleges scramble to create new programs in response to a changing labor market.

Before Covid, tourism boomed and certificates in “hospitality” were hot. Once, hotels trained desk clerks and banquet servers on the job. “Workforce training” meant that the job-seeker and taxpayers would pay for that training instead. Today, hotel jobs are scarce. The certificates are worth less than ever.

Los Angeles MTA advertises for bus operators. Los Angeles Valley College has a two-week program to prepare you for a job starting at \$23.22/hour. In LA, that’s little more than a “living wage” for a single worker without children.

A shortage of childcare workers prevents employers from hiring women for open jobs. West Los Angeles College creates a program for Spanish-speaking adults to get childcare certificates while taking non-credit English as a Second Language. Expect to start at the poverty-level minimum wage, with little room for advancement.

Unsurprisingly, the certificates pushed hardest are in areas of labor shortages. From the point of view of an unemployed student, why not get cer-

tified for such a job? Wouldn’t communists prepare more workers to fill the greatest needs, too?

**Yes, but.**

In communism, the “greatest needs” will be those of the masses, not determined (as today) by what’s profitable or necessary for the imperialists’ wars.

Nobody’s labor will be exploited for profit. Nobody will live better or worse than anyone else, no matter what work they do. Ending the wage system will destroy the foundations of racism, sexism, and all discrimination.

Communism won’t use “degrees” or “certificates” to determine who can work. Most learning will be “on the job.” Everyone will be able to try something new, working closely with more experienced comrades. Most will do many kinds of work over a year or a lifetime.

Communism prizes critical thinking to imagine, fight for, and create a completely different system. Communism relies on the masses to help make all important decisions. Everyone will pass on their knowledge to the next generation.

**And that starts now, with Red Flag and the International Communist Workers’ Party.**



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### COMMUNIST EDUCATION FOR A CLASSLESS SOCIETY

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#### Who Writes *Red Flag*?

##### Transit Workers Want to Know

“I always like reading about the Boeing workers,” said a bus operator in Los Angeles as he took his copy of *Red Flag*. “How do you get that information?”

I told him that some ICWP members in Seattle work (or used to work) at Boeing, and they have many friends who do, too.

“Are you part of MTA?” asked another driver who took the paper.

“No,” I explained, “we are part of the International Communist Workers’ Party, which has collectives in different places around the world. MTA management hates us and won’t let us on the property. We have members who work at MTA, like you do.”

**“Who writes your stories?” another wondered.**

“If they are about places where we have a Party collective, like Los Angeles or India or South Africa or El Salvador, then the stories are usually written by the people involved. If they

are about other places, like Peru, then comrades write stories based on information from the mass media, friends, or the internet.”

“I’m from Peru!” the worker replied.

“Then we need you to read the article in this issue and tell us if we got it right.”

“I will tell you next time,” he promised. Then he told me a little about the role of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) in Peru. He described plans to build a Chinese-funded railroad to transport Peruvian natural resources across Brazil to the Atlantic.

**We don’t print the names of letter-writers, and Red Flag articles are unsigned.** This is partly for the obvious security reasons. More profoundly, we want to avoid a “cult of personality” that could elevate some writers as “experts.”

Almost all articles are created collectively. One or a few people write a first draft and circulate it for comments. The editorial collective discusses drafts and often suggests revisions. Someone copy-edits the final version. Some-

times we make more changes while translating and proofreading.

We can always use more help with this!

As I was about to leave, a worker told me, “The workers here are very conservative.”

“Some are, some aren’t,” I replied.

He started describing his many older family members who were Communist Party activists. But he didn’t take the paper this time.

Over forty MTA workers did take copies of *Red Flag* that day. Some took extras to share. We hope they talk to each other about it! Wherever you are, if *Red Flag* is distributed at your school or workplace, look out for who else is taking it. Ask your friends or associates if they got one. Start conversations about something in *Red Flag* that interests you.

**Steps like these can start to change the political environment.** And if you want to have a more in-depth conversation, please contact us. We’ll set up an informal meeting to answer your questions more fully.

—Comrade in Los Angeles (USA)

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from China to the Mediterranean, bypassing the US-controlled Strait of Malacca.

#### Communist Revolution in the Face of World War III

No imperialists or other capitalists are friends of the worlds’ masses. They are all fighting to stay or become the top dog imperialist exploiter. They aim to control the world’s labor, oil and other resources over our dead bodies.

Inter-imperialist contradictions are intensifying and leading to a third world war, where hundreds

of millions will be slaughtered for their profits and empire.

It is urgent to build ICWP everywhere to organize communist revolution to prevent this blood bath if possible or, if not, to turn the coming war into a war for communism. This means building ICWP collectives, especially among industrial workers, soldiers, and youth.

We learn from the 1917 Russian Revolution and the 1949 Chinese Revolution that the masses are capable of making revolution by turning im-

perialist war into a war against capitalism.

The Iranian masses have a rich history of communist struggle. They showed great courage when they participated in overthrowing the Shah in 1979 and they are showing great courage today.

This time, the masses must end capitalism by fighting directly for communism, not socialism, or a “lesser evil” capitalist ruler.

Join us. Help build collectives of ICWP.



## ICWP at Iran Protests in the US:

# COMMUNIST REVOLUTION WILL END SEXISM AND FASCISM

LOS ANGELES (USA), February 11-- “To end sexism and fascism we need to get rid of capitalism—with a revolution for communism,” said a comrade at a large demonstration against the Iranian regime.

“Communism?” a protester asked. After we explained, he gladly took *Red Flag* and our leaflet about Iran.

The demonstration marked the 44th anniversary of the overthrow of the murderous Shah by masses of Iranian workers on February 11, 1979.

The courageous Iranian masses continue to oppose fascist government repression. Their fight for a society without sexism, oppression of minorities, and exploitation of all workers can only be won through communism, nothing less. That’s why Iranian workers and youth in the US and Iran – and all workers and youth everywhere – need to join and build ICWP to mobilize for communism.

In communism there won’t be money or wage slavery. Nothing will be bought or sold. Instead of money and wages, masses will build new communist social relations. Based on them, we will produce everything and share it only to meet the masses’ needs, not for profit of any capitalist. There won’t be imperialist wars for profit.

Communist production and social relations will allow us to win the struggle against sexism. Work and child rearing will be collective, not left to the individual family or only women. Collectively, all people will work, participate fully in political life, and raise children.

There won’t be “morality” police or any other police to harass women or defend the capitalists’ profits and private property. There won’t be any capitalists or private property. Communist morality means trying to do what’s best for the working masses worldwide.

Communist collectives will guarantee everyone’s safety and participation. Kurds and other minorities will be seen by all as part of the same working class—without separation, racism, or borders. They will help give leadership to all

workers.

### Bringing Red Flag to Protests in Los Angeles

“All imperialists are the enemy of workers everywhere—US, Russian, Chinese, and European imperialists. We need to get rid of them all, we need real communism,” said a comrade. “Yes! I agree,” a protester responded, enthusiastically taking our literature.

“We were communists too back in the 80’s, but that was a long time ago,” said a second.

“It’s hard to be a communist after what Tudeh did in 1979,” said a third.

“Communism didn’t work,” said another.

We explained that the old communist movement fought for socialism as a stage to get to communism. But socialism was state capitalism—it didn’t, can’t, and won’t lead to communism.

In both the Soviet Union and revolutionary China, socialism kept money, wages, and production for buying and selling. Today, Chinese and Russian rulers are capitalists and imperialists competing with US imperialism to be the world’s main exploiter.

That’s why ICWP is mobilizing directly for communism—without money, borders or wages. And without special privileges for anyone.

All four protesters took our literature.

When the masses overthrew the fascist Shah, the pro-Soviet Iranian Communist Party (Tudeh) betrayed them by supporting Khomeini. Khomeini attacked, jailed, and killed many communists and others who opposed his brutal regime.

Tudeh had the fatal “united front” line of the old communist movement—to unite with some supposedly lesser evil cap-

italists against others—which betrayed the masses’ struggle to end all oppression.

There aren’t any “lesser evil” capitalists. They are all enemies of workers everywhere! We build unity among the masses for communism, not unity with any bosses.

We talked to people about sexism, communism and capitalism, racism, democracy, money, imperialist war. “I want to read this and talk more,” said a young Iranian protester. “The rich are the problem everywhere.”

Another agreed we need to get rid of money. We don’t need rich or poor, but for everyone to get their needs met. She took the paper.

“Yes, the system is the problem. I want to know more,” said another young protester, giving his contact information.

Some demonstrators are pro-monarchy and pro-capitalist. But most, younger and older, are open to communism. We have distributed hundreds of *Red Flags* at these demonstrations.

“We came here to talk about the struggle, about ICWP and the fight for communism,” said a comrade.

“That’s good!” one said. “I want to keep reading this paper.”



Los Angeles, USA, February 11

## IRAN AND EVERYWHERE: ALL CAPITALISTS AND IMPERIALISTS ARE MORTAL ENEMIES OF THE WORKING CLASS!

LOS ANGELES (USA), February 11— Today’s very large Iranian protest here featured speakers who were pro-US imperialism, including US congresspeople. They praised the fight for a “democratic Iran.” They want to use and even lead this struggle into one which replaces the Islamic Republic with a pro-US regime.

Rally organizers distributed glossy color posters with the US flag on one side and the Iranian flag on the other, to win the masses in Iran and the US to US-patriotism and war. This is part of the fight to the death for world domination be-

tween the US, Russia, and China that is leading to World War III.

The capitalists on both sides are enemies of workers. The Iranian government, backed by imperialist Russia and China, killing, jailing, and torturing protesters. And the politicians promising “reform” and “democracy” and “freedom” backed by US and UK imperialism.

The US, UK, and German imperialists build the illusion that capitalism can be reformed to meet the masses’ needs—a dangerous lie. They paint themselves as the friends of the Iranian masses. Another dangerous lie.

The masses everywhere need communist revolution, not reform, to end the murderous conditions that are intensifying.

The US and British imperialists are using the Iranian mass movement to try to separate Iran from

China and Russia. They don’t care about the Iranian masses today any more than when they supported the Shah’s 25-year murderous regime!

By imposing draconian sanctions, they hope to push the angry masses into overthrowing the regime. But Iranian rulers respond with massive terror to stay in power, while driving the masses deeper into poverty.

The US Congressional Committee on Foreign Relations recently passed a resolution to urge Balkan countries to close Iranian diplomatic missions. This is supposedly to support the anti-regime movement in Iran, but it is really an effort to stop the Iran-Russia-China alliance from expanding its influence in this critical region.

Iran is moving closer to Russia and China. China needs and relies on Iran’s vast oil deposits. Russia and Iran are forging a military alliance against the US, NATO, and Ukraine. They are also merging their banking systems as a counter to US/NATO sanctions and the US-led SWIFT banking system. This is part of their drive to replace the dollar with the ruble and the yuan.

Iran joined the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. It is key to China and Russia’s plans to move oil overland to China and to send goods



Tehran, Iran, February 9—Iranian women activists chant protest slogans after being released from prison

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