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MOBILISING FOR COMMUNISM, BUILDING ICWP IN SOUTH AFRICA

END CAPITALISM'S RACIST DIVISIONS

GQEBERHA (South Africa), June 6— “Bosses divide us as workers,” remarked a new comrade. “For example, at work I had trained a Coloured female intern. However, because of the retrenchment after the war in Ukraine, the bosses divide workers on the basis of ‘race.’ They pit us together. They want to cause conflict between us because she is Coloured and I’m Black. They want me to say she took my job. They don’t want us to unite.”

“Yes, comrade,” another commented. “They don’t want us to unite at all. They divide us based on gender and race. They want us to fight each other and not fight them,” she continued. “I am glad this party wants us to unite because there is no way we can win when we are fighting each other.”

More experienced comrades were encouraged by this exchange. It is a communist future we want to fight for and establish: a society where people are not seen on the basis of race. Rather, we’ll see each other as comrades, brothers and sisters fighting for a common goal. That is, delivering the needs of the working class and the masses based on the different capabilities.

We want a society where sexism and all forms of division are fought collectively, and communist relationships are forged and strengthened.

Capitalist society will have us believe that’s impossible, but it’s a lie. Racism is fairly new, especially all these racial classifications. In South Africa it was only with the 1950 Population Registration Act that people

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WORKERS CREATE EVERYTHING

GQEBERHA (South Africa), June 8— “I was wondering why ICWP puts so much emphasis on the working class and industrial workers,” said a new comrade. “Now as we are discussing I get it. Workers create everything, like everything!”

“We don’t need bosses,” another comrade continued. “Capitalism has workers in Asia who make sneakers and garment workers in El Salvador. But all these workers cannot even afford to buy the things they make.”

In previous meetings, we talked about a communist future, a society without money. We emphasised the importance of the *Red Flag* both in recruiting workers and in the development of new and old comrades. When comrades stop using the *Red Flag*, they regress in their development and understanding of communism.

Therefore, in this meeting we had a collective reading of the previous *Red Flag*, particularly on the Inflation article on page 2. It follows the theme of money in capitalism and communist moneyless society as the solution to the problems of capitalism.

One comrade read the article out loud, paragraph by paragraph. We stopped in between for the comrades to comment, explain, expand, and ask questions. We talked about how capitalism and its monetary based society inherently breeds inflation.

Inflation is the rise of prices over time, especially the prices of consumer goods. The article explains it as “price gouging...which shrinks workers’ buying power causing starvation and making workers pay for

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Trump on Trial, World at War:**WE, THE WORKING CLASS, NEED COMMUNIST SOLIDARITY**

June 11—War plans. That's what former US president Trump hid in boxes in his bathtub. That's what he showed off to cronies. That's why he's facing criminal charges of violating the Espionage Act.

Because the US profit system (capitalism) is losing out in its global competition with China and other powers (also capitalist). War – if they can win one – is the US profiteers' only hope. Trump's trove of secret military and diplomatic papers could make it harder for them to win that war.

Trump isn't the first world leader hauled into court.

Israel's Netanyahu is on trial for fraud, bribery, and breach of trust. His party's answer: trying to impose political control over the courts. Mass street protests have continued for months.

Former French President Sarkozy is appealing a one-year prison sentence for corruption and influence peddling. South Africa's Zuma and Ramaphosa await trial on similar charges.

Former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak is in jail for corruption. In Peru, every president but one who served between 1985 and 2018 has been arrested or charged.

Trump, too, is brazenly corrupt. But none of the other cases involved top-secret war plans.

Trump and the US Capitalist Class

There's not much difference between "corruption" and "business as usual" in the profit system. Rich individuals, big corporations, and banks all "look out for number one." They compete to maximize profits.

But together these exploiters form a capitalist class. Their governments secure their ability to

exploit the masses. Democratic or not, they rule over the masses to benefit themselves. The law is stacked against us— not against Trump.

National governments also fight for their capitalist class against rival nations. The strongest use their governments to dominate the masses elsewhere. They fight each other for that. This is called "imperialism." It means constant wars, including world wars.

US imperialism lived with Trump's corruption. But stealing secret war plans and showing them around – no. Liberal media call it "treason against the nation." It is really treason against his capitalist class.

Trump, when president, fawned on Russia's Putin. This while US imperialism got ready for a showdown with Russian imperialism in eastern Europe.

Now, the US and its NATO allies are stepping up support for Ukraine's counter-offensive against Russia. How might Trump have used his stolen secret war plans? Sell them? Give them to Putin?

The war in Ukraine weakened Russia even before the counteroffensive. Putin's opponents are organizing, supported by the US and its allies. Trump's re-election would endanger the entire US position in Europe.

Trump was not indicted to "save democracy and the rule of law," as liberals say. It was to prepare US imperialism for more and bigger wars.

The world is changing faster than we think.

You may live in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Yemen, Myanmar, or another place that's already at war. Or face fuel or grain shortages or retrenchment

(layoffs) due to wars. Every local war is a piece of a much bigger world war that will likely change all our lives.

Sometimes national elections are just "beauty contests," even when they get nasty. But sometimes they reflect deeper divisions among capitalist rulers. That might mean deciding who to ally with, and how, in the sharpening conflict between the US and China/Russia.

It's not always clear which political fights are like that. The split among British Tories? Israel, which – along with Saudi Arabia – is tilting from the US to China? India, with Modi's attack on Rahul Gandhi?

What's clear is that we can't support any capitalist nation or faction. We, too, form a class – the international working class. Everyone whose household depends on a paycheck to survive. Everyone who scrapes by without one. All of us, wherever we live.

The capitalist class tries to force its dog-eat-dog thinking on us. They can survive and thrive that way, but we can't. We need the opposite: Communist working-class solidarity.

A bigger and stronger International Communist Workers' Party and an armed revolution will defeat capitalism and build the communist world we need, without money or borders.

Growing wars create more opportunities. Capitalists force working-class youth into their armies to fight these wars. We must organize them to use their arms and skills to liberate our class.

The capitalists have their war plans, and we have ours. Ours are not secret! Make them your plans, too.

**ICWP MEETING IN SOUTH AFRICA, SPRING 2023****New Comrade Imagines Communist Society**

Communism is all about equality, no matter what race you are, no matter the gender. In communism we are one.

Imagine a society where capitalism does not exist at all. How each and everyone's life would be. How we would live freely, no crime, no racism, no violence. Where everyone's voice matters. Where we all are equal. No bosses - no one has power over the other.

Well, it is possible if we would all have the

same goal and walk the same path. In that way, we need to be united. We can fight and stop corruption together. We can fight and stop racism together. We can stop crime together, if we would stop allowing ourselves to be manipulated by the bosses.

We are being overworked only for the bosses to become richer, yet they are dividing us as workers. If we could stand together and be united, we can overcome the struggle and be peaceful.

Join ICWP, where we can all stand together

in unity, sharing more ideas on how to move forward together. Our blood is red. We are all equal.

I am glad to bring that positive energy amongst all other great comrades. It is an honour. And I am glad to have raised my struggles, so now I also feel 100 percent more like a comrade than before. Thank you for bringing me in, comrades.

Red Salute!

—New comrade in South Africa

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COMMUNIST WORKERS WILL END IMPERIALISM'S TRADE CARTELS, EXPLOITATION, AND WAR PREPARATIONS

SEATTLE (US), June 15— Special education students are tossed aside as the school district cuts one program after another. This motivated a passionate young para-professional in Portland to join a worker outreach meeting sponsored by an anti-APEC coalition.

He did not want to focus only on the economic attacks on US workers. But that was the emphasis of the host from the Washington Fair Wage Coalition and the representative from the Washington State Labor Council. They assumed that only concerns about wages and benefits would bring workers to the July 29-30 workshops and anti-APEC demonstration in Seattle. Workers at the meeting had other ideas.

A comrade supported the para's point. Trade

unions, like the Boeing union that he belonged to, always try to limit discussion to "bread-and-butter" issues. However, his experience showed that workers have a much broader interest in the struggles of their class.

Boeing production workers have taken action to support the global working-class family. They fought the separation of families at the Mexico-US border. They supported fights against racism in the US and abroad. They overcame union officials' sabotage and responded to the plight of exploited workers worldwide.

Others spoke up, linking political attacks to economic attacks. Later, the Portland para asked to be connected with Seattle paras involved with ICWP.

Struggle With/Struggle Against

This meeting's agenda and the resulting struggle did not come out of the blue. A few weeks earlier, ICWP comrades and friends led a discussion on the 1999 "Battle in Seattle" against the World Trade Organization. They exposed the unions' role in spreading anti-Chinese hysteria. The danger of worldwide fascism

and war is even greater today.

To NGOs and union bureaucrats, the villain is free trade, not imperialism itself. This approach will keep the masses exploited by the imperialists. We must end capitalist exploitation with communist revolution.

Many of the rank-and-file organizers agreed with the ICWP.

"I've heard of these kinds of obstacles before," said D, a Philippine-American leader. He was referring to unions and NGOs that try to limit the debate to economic attacks on US workers. He suggested that we win some of the more advanced workers who pushed back against the apologists for capitalism.

Political economy can be a sharp weapon in the struggle against APEC and capitalism, and to advance the fight for communism. D will invite his friends to an ICWP-led workshop about this.

There is a comradely disagreement about whether trade union economism is limited to US unions or is a global phenomenon. This discussion will continue.

Communist Political Economy in the Era of Imperialism

Imperialism means the periodic re-division of the world through military conflict. It links the APEC summit to war preparations.

Imperialism divides the world among capitalist powers. But the law of uneven development dictates that the relative strength of imperialist powers is constantly changing. Each must fight to export capital to dominate the other.

China's regional trade group is already [See SEATTLE: END IMPERIALISM, page 4](#)



Anti-APEC protest in the Philippines, 2020

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were officially classified as Coloured, Asian, Black, white. Before that, the Land Act of 1913 created two categories: non-whites and whites.

Both capitalist measures were intended to divide people as Apartheid (apartness). They further exploitation and make sure that no unity is forged by the exploited working class in South Africa. Even the physical development of urban areas in Gqeberha and elsewhere followed these policies of segregation and division.

These divisions were man-made by capitalists, not by a God. They are not natural. They weren't always there, whatever capitalist propaganda might say. They can be reversed by the working class through a communist revolution for a society that forges integration and collectivism.

The working class must unite all over the world. We must overcome sexist, racist, nationalistic divisions created by capitalist exploiters. We only have our chains to lose! Through ICWP and the struggle for communism we fight racism and sexism. Join the party and fight for working class liberation.

Distributing Red Flag at Welfit Oddy, Gqeberha, South Africa, June 2023



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the crisis of capitalism."

For capitalists, workers' wages are nothing but necessary costs of production. Bosses keep wages as low/down as possible to maximise their profits. They will replace the workers if it means maximising profits without any concern about how those workers (and the people they feed) will be affected.

The article says, "money and exploitation define capitalist production." This was particularly interesting to the comrades.

Comrades explained that exploitation of the workers is not a moral question. It is an objective process of capitalism. For example, 100 Volkswagen workers

produce 100 cars per hour, 8 hours per day. The average money value of a car is R300k. Those workers will be paid the money value of 2-5 cars. The rest of the value they create goes to the bosses.

A relatively new comrade remarked that's true because "where I used to work in trucking (logistics) a company would make R2 mil-

lion on one truck trip. It owned hundreds of trucks. But all workers who drive distances will be paid not even half of that amount at the end of the month."

This exploitation happens everywhere in the world every day. It is the workers that create everything, not money or the bosses. This was the theme of our meeting.

Money and imperialism go together. The imperialist rivalry is causing hardships everywhere for the workers. In South Africa workers cannot afford bread and food in general because of imperialist war in Ukraine. Comrades are being re-trenched (laid-off) as a result.

The currency wars are causing havoc for the working class. South African imported goods are expensive while the exports are relatively cheap to the dollar. This hurts the workers here, who cannot afford things.

"All these things are interconnected," remarked another comrade. "We must emphasise the interconnection because inflation in Europe, and wars there, often lead to things getting even worse here. We must not think that just because something is happening in Europe it doesn't affect us."

The meeting left people eager for more. We planned for the next one and new comrades vowed to come back and stay in contact.

Part of being a party member is attending discussion meetings like these. We can make them illuminating, not boring. They must be rooted to everyday life experience, and we can learn the lessons.

Red Flag is absolutely key. We must encourage each other to read it and mass-distribute it in industries.

APEC Summit: Preparation for War

ANTI-IMPERIALISTS NEED TO FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM

USA, June 16— “There’s no capitalist country whose government represents the interests of the masses.” A comrade at an anti-APEC zoom forum was responding to someone who said that some countries’ leaders –like Japan and the Philippines—don’t represent the interests of the masses because they side with the US against China. Others appreciated the comrade’s response.

Forum presenters said the problem is US imperialist aggression, which has a long violent history. That’s part of the picture. But the basic problem is capitalism and its inevitable inter-imperialist rivalry and wars.

China and Russia are rising imperialist powers. The US is a declining one. This makes the US more desperate and willing to go to war against its rivals. But China and Russia are preparing for war, too.

Upcoming APEC meetings in the US will try to win US workers and the capitalist rulers in Asia to positions against China. They will push US war propaganda.

The interests of all capitalist rulers are the opposite of the interests of workers. Their profit and power come from our exploitation.

The only way to end this is to destroy capitalism with revolution and build a communist (not socialist) society free from exploitation, bosses, money, or wages. Where the masses collectively decide everything and produce only to meet everyone’s needs—not to buy or sell.

In communism, masses will be motivated to work through communist relations of coopera-

tion to improve life for everyone, without money or wage slavery.

Capitalism is based on competition for maximum profit. Those with the lowest production costs undersell their competitors and drive them out of business.

Once they corner the home market, the biggest capitalists roam the world to expand their markets by taking over the cheapest natural resources and labor. They become imperialists.

They build armies composed of working-class youth to fight rival imperialists and to put down rebellions of angry workers against their racist, sexist super-exploitation.

The imperialists can’t share markets peacefully. No trade rules can change this.

Wars, including World War III, are how imperialists seek to capture their rivals’ markets, destroying their factories and workers.

All the imperialists are willing to kill workers in their deadly fight to conquer markets and control profits, as in Ukraine today.

The US has lost market share to China. China is outproducing and outselling the US. Its capitalists super-exploit workers in China, the rest of Asia, Africa and beyond. Chinese bosses pay workers in Peru \$1.45/hour.

Forum presenters showed that the US wants control of Taiwan’s key and profitable microchip industry. However, the US imperialists’ greater need is to control Taiwan as a large, unsinkable aircraft carrier for any US offensive against China.

The US wants to encircle and contain China

to prevent its powerful navy’s expansion beyond Taiwan into the Pacific.

To defend and increase their profits and power, the Chinese imperialists are preparing to challenge the US on the battlefield. They aim to become the top imperialists.

To end the profit system’s imperialism, fight for communism.

A forum presenter called for popularizing the slogan “People over Profits” to prevent the US from going to war, including nuclear war, against China.

Demanding the government stop its war plans won’t stop imperialist war.

The only way to end imperialism and its wars, including World War III, is to mobilize for communist revolution. Communist masses must take power and build a world without profits or money. Socialism never did that. By eliminating capitalism’s deadly competition for maximum profit, we will rely on collectivity and cooperation to produce what the masses need.

The rulers push the lie that workers in China, the US, South Africa, and El Salvador have competing, or opposite, interests. But we have the same interest—getting rid of capitalism and building communism.

Soldiers, industrial workers, and youth are key for communist revolution. We need to bring them *Red Flag*, get to know them, and invite them to join ICWP.

We welcome the struggle for communism at the anti-APEC mobilizations and among masses everywhere. We have a world to win!



Read our pamphlet:

SOLDIERS, SAILORS, MARINES: CRUCIAL TO A COMMUNIST WORKERS’ REVOLUTION

Available at:
icwpredflag.org/mpe.pdf

COMMUNISM GIVES HOPE TO RED SOLDIER

SOUTH AFRICA, June 17— “I have been in the army for more than 10 years,” said a soldier from Johannesburg. “I still live in a government-subsidised house. At the end of the day, I am hungry. I don’t have meat in my refrigerator. There are thousands of soldiers like me. And the capitalists give me weapons to shoot the miners. I cannot do it.”

He took fifty copies of the *Red Flag* to distribute among soldiers.

Some days later an ICWP comrade asked, “How was the meeting with your fellow soldiers?” The soldier replied, “It was great. Some soldiers are very interested in *Red Flag*. I am more confident in ICWP and consider myself a member.”

Soon this Red soldier met with other ICWP members. They welcomed him warmly. He knows many industrial workers and will bring them, and other soldiers, to the meetings.

“Give me another stack of *Red Flag*, I am going to a different unit,” he said. He was very impressed with the articles from India. He wants a copy of the ICWP pamphlet ‘*Soldiers, Sailors, Marines: Crucial to a Communist Workers’ Revolution.*’

“ICWP is the way,” he said confidently. “My soldiers will stand with us. People like me had lost hope but now I have hope. I want to give hope to others.”

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expanding its commercial heft, beating out US trade groups like APEC. China uses its capital to set up supply chains as well as manufacturing. In 1999, China had about 3% of the world’s GDP. Now it represents more than 17%.

No imperialist multi-national trade group, whether led by China, the US, or any other

capitalist power, can ever provide stable, peaceful trade to benefit the working class anywhere.

The law of uneven development drives sharpening US-China contradiction and the upheaval of US political and economic policy. The future of US economic and political dominance “will become murkier,” admits the capitalist mouthpiece *The New York Times*.

The only way to end this dangerous chaos

is communist revolution. We will eliminate commodity production (production for sale). The masses’ needs will determine what is produced and how the necessities of life are distributed globally. Borders and countries will cease to exist. Trade for profit and power will end.

When communism prevails, imperialist chaos and destruction will no longer haunt us.

WORKERS MUST LEARN TO LEAD COMMUNIST SOCIETY

EL SALVADOR, June 19— “What I like about the ICWP is that they are not up for elections,” J said. Soon his parents (H and R) arrived. His wife and their small children also joined the meeting.

“I want my parents here because they have been my guide in the fight. I explained to them what the meeting is about, and they wanted to come. I want my son to continue the fight for a fair system, just as I follow the example of my father.”

Comrades started by explaining that we fight directly for communism. Our priority is the working class. That is why we organize internationally. At this moment, the crisis of capitalism is subjecting workers to inhumane conditions and, in general, to fascist repression, here and in many parts of the world.

It was inspiring that ICWP was entering a historical zone of struggle. Here is where the peasant uprising of 1932 took place, one of the most important revolutionary historical events in Latin America. During this struggle, 30,000 peasants were massacred for fighting against the theft of their lands and exploitation by the landowner bosses.

This uprising was led by the Salvadoran Communist Party (PCS), founded on March 30, 1930, by Abel Cuenca, Miguel Mármol, and Modesto Ramírez. Other prominent leaders were Farabundo Martí and the indigenous Feliciano Ama. Many were organized as part of International Red Aid.

J’s father said, “I was part of the Unión Comunal Salvadoreña farmworker organization. I was organized in the LP28 (Popular Leagues February 28). I fought in the paracentral zone during the civil war.

“Other organizations have visited us here,” he continued, “and then disappeared. I hope you don’t do that. At first, I thought that Communism was something bad, but then I read and understood that it was not, so here we are. My wife has always been in the struggle. That’s why she is here today.”

Worker comrades from two factories coordinated this meeting. One, E, led us on a tour of the area. He said, “There is a need to organize and mobilize for Communism. That is what we have to do.”

“I am glad that the family is here with the same ideals,” said P, another worker comrade.

“This will allow us to create a collective here. I am glad that you are open to communist ideas. We hope that you will join us in ICWP activities.”

“We must set tasks for our next meeting,” pointed out Comrade R. “We must understand what meaning money has in the rotten system of capitalism and how in Communism it will disappear.

“We must study Dialectical Materialism, contradiction, criticism and self-criticism. For many years the leftist parties mistakenly thought that the working class lacked the capacity to learn and develop this theory and put communism into practice. The ICWP is interested in thousands of workers, farmers, and soldiers learning to lead society,” he concluded.

Everyone agreed to this plan of study.

More young people gathered later for chicken soup, tortillas, and anonas (a typical dessert), which the youngest girl present pronounced “shumi” in the Nahuatl dialect.

“Capitalism is repressing the working class,” said J in conclusion. “We must undermine it. With ones and twos who join the fight, we can break the chains.”

June 20—The masses in Peru have bravely fought the Boluarte government’s attacks on their living conditions since January. Government forces have killed over seventy protesters. They have tortured and jailed hundreds more. Still, the masses are planning a July 19 “Takeover of Lima.”

US imperialists just began “Operation Resolute Sentinel,” a military exercise with soldiers from the US and other countries. It plans to train eight thousand police for “crowd control.” And it aims to counter the growing presence of China and Russia in the Americas. These are also imperialists who exploit workers and natural resources for profit.

The mass struggle is heroic. But demands for Boluarte’s resignation, free elections, closing Congress, and a constituent assembly don’t represent working-class interests. They won’t end capitalist exploitation based on wage slavery, racism and sexism.

Communist revolution will free us from the poverty, repression, and wars that all imperialists subject us to. Communism won’t have borders or nations to defend, or fascist repression against workers anywhere.



Lima, Peru, 2020—Miners on strike

HOW DOES ICWP DIFFER FROM OTHER PARTIES?

GQEBERHA (South Africa), June 8— “The leaders of the South African Communist Party now wear suits and are in Parliament and have no regard for the workers,” an industrial worker told comrades distributing *Red Flag*. He was once a member of SACP but no more. “Look at Education Minister ‘Blade’ Nzimande, involved in corruption. How can I be sure you won’t do as the likes of Blade?”

Many workers and new comrades want an answer to this question.

We differ from SACP, first, because we believe in the fight for communism directly. Joining forces with the African National Congress in Parliament and fighting for positions inevitably leads to corruption and people forgetting the workers. It doesn’t lead to workers’ emancipation and the end of exploitation.

We also differ from them because we see the system is global. Even the workplace we visited has international clients and customers. This capitalist system is international. Hence, we

must fight it internationally, not only here in South Africa. That’s why we are called the International Communist Workers’ Party.

In a meeting later, we started with this question. Naturally another question arose: What is this communism we fight for? The answer is: a society without money and exploitation and private property, the material bases for capitalism. We fight for this by organising collectives of comrades who are committed to this fight, who seek to understand the party’s line of communism.

Capitalism breeds poverty, unemployment, corruption, crime, wage slavery, drug and alcohol abuse, deaths, and more. Hence, we must abolish it.

The key to doing this is utilizing the *Red Flag*, not only distributing it but reading it as individuals and as collectives. This will enhance our understanding of the party and communism. It also enhances our writing.

That is not all we must do. We must also ac-

tively recruit our neighbours, relatives, and working class as whole, using the *Red Flag*. Inviting someone to a meeting is not enough. It is only the first step. We should talk about communism with them, and about the party and the role they can play in building it into a mass party with hundreds and thousands of members.

We must encourage each other and keep communicating with each other to strengthen the collective and build solid communist relationships. We use our WhatsApp group for that.

We have started translating *Red Flag* and *Mobilise the Masses for Communism* into isiXhosa and making recordings for those who don’t read much. We are compiling a list of questions that new comrades have and short answers to them in a bullet format and recordings.

We are renewing contacts with old comrades and taking the initiative to visit them and bring them to the collective.

Fight for Communism, Our Only Solution

INDIA TRAIN COLLISION: A CAPITALIST DISASTER

June 4—A horrific three-train collision in Orissa, India killed over 1000 people. The fascist ruling party BJP manages the official news outlet ANI. It is falsely reporting 288 casualties to the world. Why that number? Because in 1985, 300 people were killed in a train accident. That was the worst tragedy in 50 years. This is much worse.

The BJP's Information Technology cell is spinning this capitalist-created crime to deify Modi.

Over 2000 passengers were traveling in a superfast train at a speed of over 100 kms/hr. People on the ground say more than 1000 were killed. Official reports apparently don't count the masses of riders jammed into the General Coaches.

Indian railways have recently eliminated over 300,000 workers. Locomotive support staff were working shifts of over 12 hours.

The train did not have an anti-collision, anti-derailment system. The Indian government proudly displayed such technology three months ago. It could have prevented the disaster. Railway officials cut costs by refusing to install it. The capitalist profit system is responsible for this accident.

ANI is the same news agency that denied that a Dalit woman was raped in Hathras. That denied thousands of corpses in the Ganges River during the Covid pandemic. That is covering for BJP leader Brij Bhushan Singh, accused of sexual assaults and harassment of women athletes. A few months ago, ANI was busy taking pictures of Modi inaugurating the superspeed train that ended in a horrific tragedy.

The *New York Times* and other US media parroted the ANI line. It's no coincidence that Modi is scheduled to address the US Congress to "underscore the growing importance of the strategic partnership between India and the United States."

Modi showed up at the collision site with his staggeringly costly entourage. The Times of India reported that last year, 7000 persons from local, state, and national agencies were paid to provide

security for Modi. Add to that the cost of stand-by helicopters, secret service providing satellite data, and Air Force aircraft.

We don't know how many people are deployed in Modi's visit to the disaster site, but they are all taking critical resources away from the people who are gravely injured and dying.

"This is capitalism, it is greed. It is a carnage of horror," declared a comrade of the International Communist Workers' Party in South Africa. She spoke for many attending a party meeting.

"The working class in South Africa stands with the masses in India," she continued. "A Communist society is needed to eliminate accidents. Our heart bleeds with those far away. It could happen to any one of us. Communism means no money, no gangs, no accidents, no insurance, no drugs."

In communist society, no expense or effort will be spared to prevent accidents. Whenever necessary, we will mobilize thousands to help and support those in dire circumstances.

Communist society will run without money, with all production and distribution based on the needs of the masses. No profit-hungry hospitals that thrive on workers' misery! If you need care, the comrade hospital workers will make sure you get it.

Trains in India are packed because masses of workers rely on them to travel long distances from work to home or to visit family. Communism will create safe transportation. And workers will not need to travel long ways to survive.

In communism, capitalist rulers like fascist Modi will not exist. The party will organize masses into communist collectives to make and carry out all decisions. Leaders will be those who serve the masses, not rule them.

Communism is our only solution and that is what we must fight for – nothing less! Join or form a collective of the International Communist Workers' Party. Contact us with your ideas and questions. Translate this message into any language you know so we can post and share it.

INDIA: MASS AID TO COLLISION VICTIMS SHOWS COMMUNISM IS OUR FUTURE

June 8—Eyewitnesses have told comrades in India that the whole city rushed to help those injured in the train tragedy.

No money was exchanged as people valiantly tried to save lives. Blood was donated. Water was given freely to those dying. Nurses, doctors, neighbors, and people of all professions single-mindedly tried to help the injured. Medicines were taken out of pharmacies, and nobody asked for money.

People forgot caste differences. There were no divisions based on religion.

Here we glimpse the communist future. The masses can be mobilized to fight for communism, and not just in emergencies.

The masses' response contrasted starkly with PM Modi, who toured the carnage with a small army of staff to support – him.

Observers reported that only six people survived in a coach carrying two hundred. There were twelve coaches. Two trains collided head-on at an estimated 120 km/h, instantly killing hundreds. The final toll will exceed one thousand.

It's not just one accident. Two hundred train accidents have been reported in India so far in 2023. Capitalism's latest tragedy will have a devastating effect on workers traveling long distances and on trains that carry commodities. The capitalists' solution is to decimate its two-century-old rail system. It will put tens of thousands of trucks and buses on clogged freeways. This will devastate fragile ecosystems and cause hundreds of fatal accidents daily.

Communist revolution will transform today's money-driven transport system. Workers won't have to travel far for work. Useless commodities will no longer be produced. Capitalism's massive infrastructure of ports, railways, airports, highways, and massive mega-cities will be gone. The world's working masses will determine our needs and dictate our future.

ICWP comrades in India distributed thousands of leaflets in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, and Kannada. They talked with garment and auto workers in three major cities. They received overwhelming support in the neighborhoods. Many new workers cemented connections to ICWP. Comrades also went to the Chennai train stations where survivors were expected.

They focused on how communism will make such accidents almost impossible. When the working class frees itself from wage slavery, racism, sexism, and mass unemployment will be eliminated. Workers' safety will be a priority.

More next issue!

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Reading and Discussing *Red Flag* Opens Our Eyes

Reading the latest *Red Flag* with some friends, we agreed that we liked it a lot. We saw that it reflected very important points that we are experiencing all over the world. Because the suffering is the same.

"I liked that many youths mobilize industrial workers and soldiers for communism," commented reader R. "Although these articles report on problems in Africa, they are written in a way that (I don't know how to explain it) kind of transports me to the reality they are living. I no longer want to live in inequality, seeing how they are enslaved. How can we get out of this annihilation that they do to us, the working class?"

"I feel the article on inflation is also very important," said reader B. "We should all open our eyes to the reality we are in. Otherwise this will undermine us more every day."

We all agreed about the current situation. We

want a stop to the imperialist capitalist system that only leads us to death and misery. We urgently need to rise in a communist revolution for a change in the system.

We will continue to meet to discuss *Red Flag* and, always, the fight for a communist revolution.

—Comrade in El Salvador.



Los Angeles (USA), June 21-- Thousands of members of the Writers' Guild of America West marched on the 50th day of their strike against the big studios.



RED FLAG: KEY TO PARTY GROWTH IN SOUTH AFRICA

GQEBERHA (South Africa), June 12—Our work has picked up over the last few months, after a few years when it was rather less than impressive. More comrades are distributing the *Red Flag* and coming to meetings. New and some “oldish” comrades are leading the party and recruiting new members. The new comrades have taken communism and the ICWP collective here to a qualitatively new stage.

Their understanding of the party’s line is improving every day. Their eagerness to do more is growing as they voluntarily take more responsibility. When we don’t have meetings, we distribute the *Red Flag*. New comrades see themselves as party leaders as we move towards a mass party.

This happened because of a constant daily struggle about and for communism using the *Red Flag*.

At every meeting, we discuss *Red Flag* articles. This has been key in this new positive dynamic work. In these discussions, we put forward communism as the only solution to end working-class exploitation and usher in a new society. Comrades ask questions and offer communist solutions to the

ills of capitalism.

The simplicity and relatively short length of the articles help better explain communism to the new comrades. There have been complaints in the past that sometimes new comrades feel bombarded with big concepts they don’t understand. However, the constant discussions help simplify communism. They help comrades understand the practical work of other comrades around the world. They connect with them and their struggle.

Comrades use the *Red Flag* to introduce concepts that some think too complicated. Articles explain dialectics, political economy, and philosophy. One comrade explains, “I always knew the RF was important but now that we have conducted our political classes around it, it has opened my eyes even wider. I see that it is our weapon to fight against capitalism and its ideology”.

Another said, “The discussions stemming from RF articles are lively. Every day we learn new things in a very easy-to-understand way”.

“I read the inflation article alone and I thought I understood it,” said a third, “but when we did it

as a collective, I gained a new perspective. I thought I wouldn’t know anything about economics but now I know a lot, just from that collective discussion”.

Another remarked that “my writing has become simple from the few classes we hosted. The summaries of each meeting certainly help in this regard”.

This highlights the value of regular meetings and of the *Red Flag* as the tool to recruit more masses and advance communist ideas.

The *Red Flag* has taken the struggle against sexism in South Africa to new heights. As the female comrades have taken a leading role in the work of the party, their confidence in communism has increased, their understanding increased, and they take more responsibility.

Comrades want to read even more, something in the past they thought was boring. Every comrade is keen to keep learning and advancing communism using the *Red Flag*. We will continue with this path and momentum. We are positive that even greater advances will be made.

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Fighting Sexism: Communists Must Practice What We Preach

Comrades in South Africa discussed the sexist violent behaviour by the Indian police towards the women athletes protesting the sexual assaults by a leading politician.

“Sexism is everywhere and is normalised by capitalism,” said a comrade. “You could easily replace India with South Africa and you will get the same thing.”

Another comrade agreed. “Sexism is everywhere where there is capitalism. We must fight it and the ideology behind it, and we must fight it now, even among ourselves.” How do we do that? “By practicing what we preach,” he continued. “We as men should always be mindful. We should treat female comrades with respect. We must allow and want to be led by women comrades. We must listen to them and do away with the idea that our words are the last or must rule.”

A third agreed wholeheartedly. “I also want to say that sexism has been so normalised that even some so-called traditional values and behaviours encourage it, and even our religion. We grew up being told that men and boys don’t do certain things expected of women, like washing dishes, cleaning the house. Even though those are basic necessities for any household we must do away with this mentality and re-educate ourselves through communism.”

“Sometimes you even have women who work, and their male partners work too, but it’s

the woman who is expected to do all the house chores,” another said. “This we must stop and fight.”

Capitalism directly and indirectly encourages sexism to justify exploitation, as with the girls who make sneakers in Asia and get paid peanuts while capitalists are getting richer.

The *Red Flag* and winning people towards communism and the party can help change people’s outlook for the better. Let’s fight for a better future, a communist future without sexism, where fairness is the order of the day, women and men treated the same with no one dividing them in order to exploit them.

—ICWP Collective in Gqeberha, South Africa

You Strike a Woman, You Strike a Rock!

We were discussing sexism, the situation in India how the female athletes were being sexually abused by someone in “power.” Because of his money and position, this capitalist feels the need to mistreat and sexually abuse woman whenever he feels like it. This has to end, and the time is NOW. Females are not objects. Their voices matter too.

One of our comrades sells fish bones to make ends meet. It was disturbing that her supplier wanted her to take a picture of her private parts to get more stock (fish bones that she was going to pay for). That was disrespectful. This kind of treatment needs to come to an end NOW.

Comrades shared a lot about sexism in their homes, workplaces, and in the community. Cultures too have a role in sexism. In communist society we are to eliminate that mindset that Men are superior to Women. We are to be treated equally and respected the same way.

—Red Salute from South Africa

Youth Day in South Africa: Communist Struggle Energizes New Comrades

Another day full of struggle! Seventy percent of us were women. Many expressed their desire to build a communist world, talking about sexism in capitalism. Women and men spoke about how detrimental sexism is. But the real struggle started after the meeting.

A new female comrade spoke volumes about how shy she had been about distributing *Red Flag* where most workers were men. She had felt she didn’t have a full grasp of ICWP. Now she has more confidence from our meetings. She is very clear about how important RF is in developing new communists.

Our meeting, in Xhosa and English, gave more confidence to the new female participants. After the meeting there was a new opportunity to struggle with new attendees as everyone knew each other in the neighborhood. But communist struggle really made the difference. Comrades are bonding in a way they had not experienced before.

—Experienced Comrade



Greece, June 15— Thousands in Greece marched in solidarity with migrant workers. Some chanted “We Are All Foreigners!” Others carried banners saying “Open Borders! Open Fences!” “Mutiny!” “Rebellion!” and “No Borders!”

They condemned the deaths of hundreds when a fishing boat packed with migrants capsized in the deepest part of the Mediterranean. The Greek Coast Guard was monitoring the boat. Over 300 people from Pakistan died, along with Syrian, Egyptian, and Palestinian workers and children.

Marchers throughout Greece angrily blamed the European Union’s racist crackdown on migrants, the murderous Greek Coast Guard, and the European Border and Coast Guard (Frontex) for their deaths.

These deaths show again capitalism’s fascist worldwide attack on our global family. Only communist revolution will end it. Help spread *Red Flag* and build ICWP everywhere.

“STOP COP CITY” PROTESTS CALL ON US TO FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM

USA, June 17— “I am pleading with you not to spend the tax dollars of a Black city, to tear down a forest in a Black neighborhood, to increase the policing and caging of more Black people,” Atlanta resident Robell Awake begged the Atlanta City Council. But despite fourteen hours of testimony, the Council voted to fund “Cop City.”

In May 2020, mass worldwide protests were ignited by the racist police murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Atlanta restaurant worker Rayshard Brooks. Defund—and abolish—the police became mass slogans. Many saw this as a moment when the cops would finally be forced to stop their violent assaults on poor and Black workers.

But the rulers had other plans. These included a massive police training facility in Atlanta known as Cop City. This is no ordinary set-up. It includes a mock city for cops around the US to train in urban warfare—to put down the protests and uprisings of the masses against this murderous system.

Capitalism Needs Racist Cops

Capitalism is a violent system where the very few get very rich off the work of the rest of us. It needs racism to divide us and cops to keep us in line. As things get worse, the rulers need more racism, and more vicious cops.

Cop City is being built to “improve police

morale” and to train them for the battles ahead. The masses hate the cops as the racist murderers they are. The corporate elite – Coca Cola, Delta, and Home Depot have headquarters in Atlanta—love them and rely on them to maintain their power.

This attack on our class is also an attack on the environment. In Atlanta, Black and working-class communities have the highest levels of childhood asthma and other diseases caused by pollution. And the Atlanta ruling class has chosen to build Cop City by destroying half of Weelaunee Forest, one of Atlanta’s four lungs, which serves as a defense against environmental racism.

Beginning in 2021, protestors organized by Black-led community organizations denounced the plans for Cop City. They have been pepper-sprayed, attacked, and violently arrested.

Forest defenders have organized civil disobedience by living in the forest to stop its destruction.

In January 2023, a police task force made up of city, county, state, and federal agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, was formed. These fascists began arresting the forest defenders for camping in the forest and charging them with domestic terrorism. On January 18th, they murdered indigenous Venezuelan environmental activist Tortuguita Terán, shoot-

ing them 57 times while their hands were up.

As the struggle heated up, three activists were charged with felony “intimidation” for passing out leaflets exposing the cops who murdered Tortuguita. Another three activists were arrested by the SWAT team and charged with money-laundering for organizing a bail fund.

Capitalism is unsustainable. By converting the planet into commodities, it is destroying it. As the masses organize resistance, it becomes more fascist and murderous.

If we, the masses, focus only on one aspect of the struggle—defending the forest or reining in the police because “Black Lives Matter”—we will be fighting isolated and defensive battles. The movement to Stop Cop City must become a movement to do away with capitalism itself.

It won’t be easy. The capitalists are willing to kill as many of us as they need to keep their wealth, power, and privilege. But there are always far more workers than capitalists. We produce everything. They produce nothing. And they need our working-class siblings to fight their wars.

When we unite to fight for the world that we need, we can win. We need you, who are reading this, to join the International Communist Workers’ Party to win the fight for a communist world!



LEARNING FROM THE PAST TO FIGHT FOR A COMMUNIST FUTURE

LOS ANGELES (USA), June 16— Cop City is going up in the middle of the Weelaunee forest, land stolen from the Muskogee (Creek) people for the expansion of cotton slavery two hundred years ago.

Our book club is discussing *Changes in the Land* by William Cronon. It deals with the invasion and environmental destruction of what became New England. A four-hundred-year-old crime.

Our readings underline how capitalism turned the land and its fruits into commodities. This was the beginning of both class society and environmental destruction there.

This is one of many distinct histories and cultures in the Americas. The Native people of southern New England lived in groups of a few hundred people. They had developed a culture of agriculture as well as hunting. They modified the forests in a sustainable way, cultivated the land and migrated after the harvest, hunting for use and limited trade with neighboring groups.

Their societies were based on kinship and tradition. They lived without rich and poor. Land

was not private property, but a resource to be cared for and shared to sustain the group.

In the late 1500s, European fishermen and fur traders began to arrive on their shores. They brought diseases which were not fatal to them, but to which Native people had no immunity. In a couple of decades these diseases killed 70% of the Native people.

When the first English settlers arrived in 1620 to establish a religious settlement, they found deserted villages and a society in disruption. In 1630 the Massachusetts Bay Colony was established by an English corporation which hoped to relieve unrest in England and to make a profit. The settlers were mostly poor or middling farmers. They expected to set up a class society like England, but with themselves in a better position.

The settlers had guns. Native people were weakened by the social chaos of mass death. In a relatively short time, the settlers began to turn everything into commodities. Instead of maize and deer and the land being resources to be used and cared for, they became objects to be sold for

a profit. Instead of living sustainably, English settlers began destroying the environment.

The English cemented their conquest of New England with the 1637 Pequot Massacre. All men were murdered. Women and children were enslaved.

With the destruction of the land and its conversion into private property came the capitalist state, with laws that protected the interest of the colonists. Cop City represents the legacy of illegitimate laws designed to protect the land brutally stolen from Native people and the riches produced by the slave labor of African-descended people.

Capitalism has destroyed the traditional society that existed before European conquest as well as destroying the environment. We can’t go back.

We must go forward to a communist society which sustains the earth, produces for use, and in which there are no rich and poor. Where we all form a global family without borders. This is our task.