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Racist Cop Murder of Jaahnavi Kandula:

COMMUNISM VALUES WORKERS' LIVES - CAPITALISM DOESN'T!

SEATTLE (USA), September 20— A speeding police car driven by cop Kevin Dave struck and killed Jaahnavi Kandula, a 23-year-old graduate student from India, last January. Recently released body cam footage showed cop Auderer, Vice President of the Seattle Police Officers Guild, laughing about it. The city “should just write a check,” he said. “Eleven thousand dollars. She had limited value.”

Masses are outraged. Three demonstrations in three days, at the corner where Kandula was killed, demanded “Justice for Jaahnavi, jail killer cops.” Other signs said, “Jaahnavi had more value than SPD” (Seattle Police Department).

To the capitalists who unleash their racist killer cops, workers' value is limited to the profits they can squeeze out of us. Those capitalists and their cops are of absolutely no value to us.

Workers produce everything of value. By taking power with communist revolution, we will organize ourselves to produce and share what we need. Communist collective production will foster pro-social behavior and relationships. Only by destroying the system that feeds on every anti-working-class ideology can we create a world free from racism and sexism.

There is a long, deadly history of anti-Asian hate in the US and Canada. Recently, Seattle's Wing Luke Museum was vandalized by a sledgehammer-wielding man spewing anti-Chinese hate. The cops took 45 minutes to respond. And Seattle cop Burton Hill was recorded using racist and

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Communist Toyi-toyi Protest Dance

WOMEN COMRADES HELP ICWP TAKE A BIG STEP FORWARD

GQEBERHA (South Africa), September 30— “We showed togetherness and oneness and discipline,” reflected Khaya. He is a new comrade who participated in the communist toyi-toyi at the shift change at Triton Industries. Three ICWP comrades recently lost their jobs there. The company is known for harsh working conditions and discrimination.

“I thought we would fight and vandalise that Triton property”, Khaya continued, “but all of that did not happen.” He already understands the importance of revolutionary communist discipline.

“It was the first time for me involved in a toyi-toyi”, said Bonga, another new comrade.

And it was the first time that ICWP had organized one.

“We really showed our determination to fight for what we want,” Bonga went on. “Our banner said, ‘Abolish wage slavery.’ We showed collectivism. No individual was doing her or his own thing. It showed the opportunities for ICWP to grow. Especially if it is involved in everyday struggles of the working class and the masses, putting communist solutions and the *Red Flag* at the forefront of this struggle.”

Comrade Esihle said, “What I experienced on the toyi-toyi at Triton was the harmony we showed. And we didn't allow police to bully us. It was good that way.”

“The experience was amazing,” said Thandiwe. “It was my first time with ICWP and my first time attending a toyi-toyi as I always see them on TV.”

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Behind the US Auto Strike**COMPETITION OVER ELECTRIC VEHICLES ATTACKS WORKERS FOR PROFIT AND WORLD WAR**

LOS ANGELES (USA), September 30— Biden joins striking autoworkers on their picket lines!? Many wonder why a filthy-rich capitalist politician would do such a thing. The media portray him as the workers' friend, but he serves the owners of GM, Ford and Stellantis.

Two comrades visited UAW picket lines at parts distribution centers with forced 10-hour shifts. We said that fighting now for the 8-hour day after it had been "won" 137 years ago and became law in 1938, showed the futility of fighting for reforms. Several strikers agreed with us.

We also said that the US conversion to EVs (electrical vehicles) was not because auto bosses care about the environment. It's because they are panicked at the growing Chinese imperialist dominance of the global auto industry, EVs. We talked about exploitation, war, and communist revolution. Some strikers disagreed sharply about communism, but nobody forcefully defended capitalism. These workers were not strongly patriotic or xenophobic. Most gladly took *Red Flag* and our communist leaflet.

The key strike issues relate to the 2007 government bailout. The US rulers needed to save the auto industry for future war production. Obama's bailout included taking away workers' cost-of-living raises and introducing the hated two-tier system, starting new hires at \$15 an hour. Now workers are striking, in part, to reverse these attacks.

Capitalist mouthpiece Nick Kristof wrote in the New York Times that "Unions are as imperfect as capitalism itself, and just as essential."

Many workers and youth question whether capitalism is "essential." They seek radical alternatives. The word "revolution" is becoming popular. Many see the fight against racism, sexism, islamophobia, and xenophobia as crucial to unite the working class to fight for permanent change. When we take communist literature to rallies and picket lines, we see they are open to the vision of a communist world.

Communism will eliminate capitalism's money, wage slavery, and markets. Production will be for use, not profit. Nothing will be

bought or sold. We will produce only for workers' needs, globally. We'll organize work collectively and as safely as possible. That will require mass struggle against capitalist ideas and practices, and for communist ones.

This won't be easy at first because revolution will come amidst war, likely nuclear war. But communist masses will gladly contribute whatever is needed to organize society to meet everyone's needs.

This work will be useful, rewarding, and creative, however hard. There won't be speed-up, supervisors, or bosses. There will be no 10-hour shifts, except when masses decide collectively that we need them. And no backbreaking jobs requiring pain pills.

Auto Industry: Central to Profits

The world's automakers compete fiercely and brutally for market share and profit. World War II reduced Europe's and Japan's industries to ashes. Then the US produced three-quarters of the world's autos. Japan, with newer plants, overtook the US in 1980.

China surpassed Japan as top auto producer in 2009. It has the most advanced industrial plants and tools. Last year, China produced three times more cars than the US. China dominates the electrical vehicle (EV) and battery markets, which are the future.

EVs have fewer parts. They require 30% fewer workers. That means massive layoffs and lower wages for auto workers worldwide.

Chinese EVs sell for one third the price of Tesla cars and one quarter the price of European EVs. The European Union complains that China is flooding their markets. EU capitalists have put a 10% tax on Chinese EVs [in the US 27%]. They threaten even higher tariffs.

Auto Industry: Indispensable for Imperialist War

War results inevitably from capitalism's competition. Trade wars turn into shooting wars. When protective tariffs don't work, they resort to war to destroy their rivals' factories.

Profits become secondary as imperialist war production becomes critical. For four years, during World War II, the US produced not a single passenger car - only tanks and other military vehicles.

Chinese imperialists are guaranteeing the survival of their auto industry by creating a strong internal market. Already 14% of new cars sold in China are EVs. By 2025 it will be 80%.

US automakers are panicked about losing market share. However, the top imperialist rulers are more terrified about losing their auto industry.

Ford's CEO said the company would go out of

business if it gave auto workers what they want while converting to EV production. So Biden's Inflation Reduction Act gave Ford \$billions to convert to EV production.

Trade Unionism Is a Deadly Trap. Communism Is Our Future.

Kristof and the US rulers find unions "essential" to control angry workers, tie them to reformism, and win them to patriotism. Union officials spew the rulers' anti-communism to try to keep workers away from revolution. They will help impose the unbearable working conditions, low wages, and multiple tiers the auto companies need to survive.

Let's mobilize to turn the capitalist war for profits into revolution for communist workers' power. Communist masses will create and use new technologies to produce climate-friendly mass transit instead of producing for individual use.

In communism, technology won't lead to mass unemployment and misery. Instead, it will increase the time we have to spread revolution, socialize, rest, travel, and educate ourselves. Billions who are unemployed today will be able to use their hands and brains to better life for everyone.

Auto workers and all workers worldwide: Join the fight to end capitalism, its wage slavery, and all its unending horrors!

Thanks to the comrades and friends who sent in more articles and letters than we could print in this issue. Keep them coming!

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Iran Rebellion One Year Later: Protesters Open to Revolutionary Communism

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COMRADES BID FAREWELL TO INTERNATIONALIST CLASS FIGHTER

GETACHEW LEMMA

LOS ANGELES, October 3— “Thank you Getachew. You and your wife and comrade have welcomed me into this party and made me feel part of the family,” said Maria.

“Comrade,” said Tony, “I’ve known you since I was a teenager. You have been an example to me as a communist. I pledge to carry on the struggle.”

Comrades, friends, and family gathered around Getachew’s bedside on September 8 in the last moments of his life. They sang “Venceremos” (We will win) and “Bella Ciao” (Fond Farewell) and spoke of his contributions as a committed communist. “From Addis Ababa to San Salvador, in every mine and mill,” sang Jay. “Where workers fight and organize, that’s where you’ll find Joe Hill,” highlighting the enduring legacy of every class fighter.

Getachew Lemma was raised by a single mother who had participated in the armed resist-

ance against the Italian occupation of Ethiopia early in World War II. His mother’s resolute spirit inspired him throughout his life as a class fighter and a respecter of revolutionary women.

As a young person he was a rebel, refusing to snitch on his fellow students and workers. He quit school to join the Navy. There he helped organize small rebellions and ended up going AWOL.

An uprising began in Ethiopia in the early 1970s against the US client Haile Selassie. Getachew got involved. A friend gave him a copy of Marx’s *Das Kapital*. Studying it, he began to understand the need for class analysis, organization, and a plan to end capitalism.

The Dergue, a military junta and Soviet client, took power in 1974. Getachew’s friends were influenced by Maoist politics. They soon became the targets of what the Dergue and the 13,000 Cuban troops that backed them called “Red Terror.” Getachew saw his friends shot down and his own life and that of his mother threatened. He left Ethiopia as a merchant seaman.

On board ship and in port, he conversed with workers all over the world about the need for revolution, not reform. As things became more dangerous for him, he sought refuge, first in Germany and then in the US.

As a student in Oklahoma in the 1980s, Getachew read every Marxist newspaper in

the university library. He decided that the best line and practice was in the pages of the PLP newspaper *Challenge*. Many of the best articles were written by comrades who later helped to found the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP), which split from PLP in 2010.

When Getachew moved to Los Angeles, he sought out and joined PLP. He distributed communist literature to industrial workers and helped with the high school organizing, marches, mobilizations, and meetings. He confronted the anti-immigrant racists and was arrested in a march in 2007. He was always a principled Marxist and an internationalist. Getachew was a founding member of the ICWP.

In his last few years, a debilitating condition in his feet limited Getachew’s ability to participate. He continued to do whatever he could. He wrote for *Red Flag*, mailed it to readers around the US, and participated in zoom meetings.

In meetings, his contributions (though sometimes long-winded) always had powerful messages that demonstrated his willingness to listen and engage. His profound class anger would burst out in the words, “Those capitalist bloodsuckers!” When his final illness prevented him from writing, he continued to read about revolutionary struggles. He had his adult grandchild read to him from Marx’s writings on historical materialism.

One thing that Getachew taught the first comrades he met was an Ethiopian saying: He who eats alone, dies alone. The collective way he struggled to live his life guaranteed that he did not die alone. Comrades, friends, and family surrounded him.

GETACHEW LEMMA, ALWAYS WITH US IN THE STRUGGLE FOR A COMMUNIST WORLD.



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“I didn’t even know that ICWP exists,” she continued. “But upon seeing comrades in their reflectors helping small school kids in the morning, I started to wonder what they are about?”

Some ICWP members help kids cross streets during morning rush hour traffic. They do this with our banner visible for every passing car and individuals to see ICWP.

Thandiwe went on: “After chatting with the comrades when I was accompanying my child to school, they explained ICWP. They said, ‘We are mostly men, and we need more women members and comrades. As you are unemployed and living under this poverty-stricken system, how about you join our party, that wants to eliminate all of that’.

“They explained that the party fights for workers. I was interested, even though I don’t work. I was convinced that I should not sit idle and do nothing, especially as a woman. That’s why I participated in the toyi-toyi”.

Her experience shows the need to recruit more female members and follow their leadership in the struggle. In that way we will live the fight against sexism and put it into practice.

Comrade Lwazi is a relatively experienced party member who distributes *Red Flag*. “The toyi-toyi at Triton was the most amazing experience,” he said. “We came in numbers, especially the new comrades.

“We went there with our demand for the company to stop with discrimination and harsh treatment of workers. They listened and we promised to visit again if they don’t stop. The police pres-

ence didn’t deter us. They weren’t hostile. They were surprised that we fight for workers even though we don’t work there”.

Comrades continue to discuss whether revolutionary communists make demands on bosses, or do we just organize to overthrow them.

“My joy is that we did this toyi-toyi ourselves,” concluded comrade Anathi. “It is not that difficult to organize it. Male comrades, me included, learned a lot especially from female comrades, as their perspective is different in some ways, and refreshing. Their hands-on approach and careful, detailed organizing will help us better organize the next one. This also shows that we must fight sexism every day amongst ourselves and in our collectives.”

The toyi-toyi was a learning curve and a welcome experience even with its shortcomings that we can learn from. It was a big step forward in putting communist ideas forward in a new way.

It showed the need for ideological growth among the new and old comrades. A communist is never complete but must constantly learn and put communism at the forefront, even when the circumstances and environment change.

The growth of the party presents new challenges and opportunities. The way we organise now that we are growing will not be the same as when we were few. But what doesn’t change is that the revolutionary communist line of ICWP to fight directly for communism must be at forefront of what we do and say. It should be reflected in every toyi-toyi we organise.

The *Red Flag* remains our key weapon in this.

From Algeria to South Africa: History of Toyi-Toyi

The toyi-toyi is a rhythmic, foot-stomping dance. It is punctuated by a call to protest with military discipline. The masses in South Africa perfected it.

Toyi-toyi originated in Algeria. It traversed down to Tanzania, Angola, and Zambia, It found widespread popularity and acceptance in Zimbabwe.

Toyi-toyi originated in the Arabic language as a military drill. During the colonial and apartheid era, it was transformed into a call for ending oppression. It was sung at political funerals as well as at protests where the masses faced tear gas, bullets, and killer dogs. In South Africa, it was like a time bomb when millions of Black and other protesters danced in defiance.

The comrades in Gqeberha are dancing under the banner of communism to abolish wage slavery. This is a historic event as more and more comrades around the world will popularize the fight for communism as the only solution to centuries of oppression and violence.

Building communist relations and transparency among comrades will overcome some contradictions in our collectives. We will continue to struggle and spread communism to the working class and the masses around us. We have the world to win—and we will win it.

INDIA: COMMUNIST GARMENT AND AUTO WORKERS ORGANISE AGAINST GLOBAL CAPITALISM

BENGALURU (India), October 2— “Thousands of garment workers like me walk to the factories for more than two hours,” a comrade said. “The waterlogging and incessant rains have wreaked havoc. We live in slums knee-deep in rotting garbage emitting putrid smells. Ten km from here, India’s elite scientists are monitoring a mission to the Moon to find out if there is water there.”

Another worker was more direct. “We live like this and die in poverty. But as the Delhi comrades said, it is a war on poor people. Only we have the power to fight this capitalist system that has declared war on us. We must find ways to reach out to the masses with our communist solutions. I always leave copies of RF hidden at the garment factory. Today, when I read about G20 in *Red Flag*, it created a nonstop conversation about how to organize for communism.”

Comrades in Bengaluru, Delhi, and Chennai had a virtual meeting. The solution to our everyday struggle with congested freeways, torrential rains, and unbearable hot weather is organizing to destroy capitalism.

The comrades who were at the G20 meeting reported making over three hundred excellent contacts. But we live far from these areas. To organize ICWP, we must be there day in and day out. To resolve this contradiction, two comrades volunteered to relocate there. That’s not very easy, but a comrade in Chennai has relatives who

can help resolve the housing problem.

This shows the value and strength of our communist base building. A comrade from Chennai is helping a comrade 2000 km away in Delhi to find housing to organize for ICWP.

It also shows that the capitalists are creating unlimited opportunities for us. But they also try to limit our organizing with traffic problems, inclement weather, and fascist police who use racism and sexism. All these problems can be solved by more ICWP members committed to organizing for revolution.

A Delhi comrade said self-critically, “We recognized it is a war on the working class, but our response should have been sharper in recruiting. G20 is not just an attack on the working class. It is also the world capitalist/imperialists preparing the workers to take sides against each other for their profit wars. In India, the ruling BJP has created massive hysteria against Muslim workers to win the workers to fight against Pakistan and China.”

He said that when he was organizing in the slums at G20, a worker angrily said that fascist Modi wants to make Delhi like the beautiful city of Paris while half of Delhi lives in slums threatened by bulldozers. The comrade quickly found past issues of the *Red Flag* and showed the worker that there were rebellions in France just like in Delhi. Everyone has seen the Eiffel Tower, but Paris has millions of workers. Many

come from North Africa and face racism. They live in slums like those in Delhi.

This conversation lasted three hours. The worker took *Red Flag* and introduced us to many of his neighbours. We asked him to join ICWP along with his friends. For the last month, we have been in daily contact with him as he has become more serious about joining our party.

An auto worker in Chennai said that the bosses tell us that Chennai is the Detroit of India (the hub of the enormous auto industry). He said that the auto workers in Detroit are striving for survival as the market share of the US auto industry is shrinking. The US produced fourteen million cars at its 1999 peak while India produced 400,000 and China 600,000. Today, the US sells ten million cars while China produces twenty-seven million and India five million annually.

This dramatic decline of the US auto industry and corresponding rises in China and India come at the expense of the workers. They cause bulldozer drives in India, abandoned clinics, shopping malls, and schools in Detroit, and ghost apartment buildings in China.

Our resolve to build the party is stronger and clearer today. Recruiting the masses is the only way to end the devastation that capitalism’s wage slavery has caused. The Communist revolution will end it all.

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sexist language against his Chinese-American neighbor.

This escalation of anti-Asian racism within the Seattle Police Department in the last few years is not the result of “a few bad apples.” It reflects the buildup of anti-Asian hatred caused by the inter-imperialist rivalry between the US

and China.

Major newspapers in India ran front page articles about the racist attacks on Kandula. But at the same time, the Modi regime promotes xenophobic violence against Muslims and Dalits. Pogroms have murdered thousands and the threat is constant.

India’s media hypocritically expose US capitalism’s racism because of Indian rulers’ conflicts with US imperialists in the context of the US/China-Russia rivalry. Everywhere in the world, the bosses need to divide the working class in this and many other ways. We cannot be fooled by the false self-righteousness of one set of capitalist rulers.

Racism is a major tool that all capitalists use to divide the

working class. As the push toward war escalates, the bosses get more desperate to win workers to fight each other, using racism, nationalism, xenophobia. This intensified racism is crucial for them even as they need to prepare unified multi-racial armies for coming wars.

ICWP comrades joined members of the South Asian community and others in the protests. We distributed about thirty *Red Flags* at the small demonstration we joined. Many appreciated the front-page pictures and article from India.

A new friend from the anti-APEC events told us about the actions. That reminded us to be consistent about developing the relationships we make when we bring communist politics to struggles.

Local South Asian organizers say they plan to escalate protests if the police department doesn’t “take action” against cops Auderer and Dave. But the best way to honor Jaahnavi Kandula and the millions who are mocked and tortured and killed by racist, sexist capitalism worldwide is not by just “saying their name” or demanding police reform. From Seattle to Delhi, it is by joining the ICWP to make revolution for communism.



Workers and students gathered at the site of Kandula murder welcome *Red Flag*

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How Much Human Life Went Into Your Shirt?

“It’s admirable to read about the struggle and commitment in the articles. That’s why I always look forward to each edition,” J commented.

“Our discussions are always very interesting. I’m learning more about the struggles we have as a working class. Thank you for always sharing *Red Flag* with us.”

“I think that the front-page article about India in the last issue addressed a very important topic,” R added. “It got me thinking about the textile waste dump in the Atacama Desert in Chile that makes human life in the area impos-

sible. It is an immense garment dump that has caused unprecedented environmental damage. It led to shocking questions: How much life does your shirt have? How many workers’ lives have been used up in making it?”

This forceful question led us to reflect that, for decades, the garment industry has been one of the main drivers of working-class exploitation, sexism, racism, wage slavery, and environmental pollution.

Capitalism bombards us commercially to expand its profits by manipulating the population to buy their products endlessly. All to continue enriching the garment bosses.

We must not forget that every stitch of clothing hides the lives of workers trapped in a ruthless industry. This is true whether in India, El Salvador, South Africa, or anywhere in the world where poverty wages are the norm.

That’s why we have to break these chains of slavery with a communist revolution. Only the working-class masses can achieve this.

Let’s mobilize ourselves on a war footing with the message that will be heard and spread: All power to the working class! That is why we will continue to read and share *Red Flag* and reach out to more comrades.

—*Red Flag* Readers in El Salvador

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Solidarity is the Key to Replacing this Murderous System with Communism

I worked fifteen years in the factory. I was fired about a month ago. Seventy of us, men and women, were laid off.

The capitalist class put us in the street. The system of reforms is our enemy. You leave your whole life in the machines, already sick from so much exploitation. They fire us without caring at all.

I worked for many years in the maquilas suffering mistreatment and exploitation. We were treated like slaves. These companies didn't even let us go to the bathroom. We had to eat in five minutes. Sometimes I didn't even eat at all. All this caused my health to deteriorate. I got very sick. And now that I am sick, they fire me.

The same thing happened to many of my co-workers. When they got chronic illnesses, they were fired.

With our work, we made them millionaires. They set unattainable goals for us, making us leave later than the established time. Many times, they didn't pay us.

We left our lives behind in the factories. We endured hunger. We drank contaminated water.

When we asked for permission to go for a medical consultation, the supervisor threatened to put us on a list to be fired.

This letter, in addition to making the workers' lives known, is also to thank the comrades of the International Communist Workers' Party for your solidarity.

Solidarity in all its forms was key during the war. It is now and will continue to be so as long as we have to struggle to change this rotten system.

Solidarity will be key in the future Communist system, whenever it is necessary. Collective life will be different from what we know today.

We have experienced the support of comrades in difficult moments of our life, and this is one of them. I am grateful for the help, on behalf of my family.

We will continue in the struggle with ICWP everywhere. Long live the International Communist Workers' Party!

—Comrade Worker in El Salvador

Greetings and Thanks from a Young Worker in El Salvador

I have been a member of ICWP for several years. I started going to meetings with my parents, who are workers. Then I started working

and getting to know the life of wage slavery.

Just as the party says, we can build a different world for our class.

I worked for a year and a half. It took only a short time to realize that we sell our labor power to cover only part of our basic needs. On the other hand, the bosses take all the wealth we workers produce.

Today I am one of the laid-off workers. They told me, without explanation, that I was out of a job. They said that because the production for export was down, they would cut personnel. That when production goes up, they will call me. I think this is a lie.

In the Party I've realized how capitalism works. But the most important thing I have learned is that this can change. That with the organization of the workers and soldiers, we can achieve a system for the working class. That is the communist system.

I want to thank the comrades for the moral and economic support I've received.

And although for the moment I am no longer in the factory, I will be in contact with the comrades. I will continue to be active in ICWP and fight for a different world, Communism.

See you in *Red Flag!*

—Young laid-off worker

“Working 12 hours a day
Seven long days a week
I lay down and try to rest
But I'm too tired to sleep”

—Detroit auto worker.

WHOSE TIME? OUR TIME!

Capitalism is restless. While it is true that the bosses need us, the reality is that they need more and more from us!

While it's true that they exploit us, the reality is that they are also locked in a life and death struggle against each other. Businesses compete to attract the investments they need to keep or grow their share of the market and its profits.

The losers are bought out by rivals or go bankrupt. So, out of necessity, the bosses turn to exploiting us more and more.

They make us work longer hours, or for lower wages, or faster, with no rest times on the job. Or they combine all three – longer hours, lower pay, and more intensity.

That's exactly how the world's biggest (i.e., most successful) companies work. A 2012 survey of ten factories in China making Apple products for worldwide distribution illustrates this.

The survey pointed out that low wages compelled the workers to work long hours. In general, they put in 11 hours every day, including weekends and holidays during peak seasons.

Before the production line starts management asks the workers, “How are you?” They must reply in unison, “We are good. Very good. Very, very good!”

But quotes from the survey tell the real story:

“We can't stop work for a minute,” one worker said, “we're even faster than the machines.”

“Wearing gloves would eat into our efficiency,” another added, “We have a huge workload every day and wearing gloves would influence our efficiency.”

Another at the Shenzhen Longhua plant detailed her job. “I take a motherboard from the line, scan the logo, put it in an anti-static electricity bag, stick on a label and place it on the line. Each of these tasks takes two seconds. Every ten seconds I finish five tasks.”

Imagine 11 hours a day, five to seven days a week, on a job like that. It will use up and spit out the vital energy of anyone trapped in it. As we said in the first article in this series, work is better than a job – especially a paycheck-to-paycheck job.

The “just-in-time” production method used in Apple factories in China are the norm worldwide. Nummi, the Toyota-GM auto production plant in California, was able track the work of its production crew 57 seconds out of every minute.

On top of that they encouraged workers to go in early to work, work overtime and join in management “Quality Circles.” And, after demanding



all that out of your life, they still went out of business!

Communism will take the profit out of production. The whole purpose of making things will change. We'll only make things if we, or the community at large, need them.

We won't compete with others making the same things. We'll co-operate with them and share the load. Work will have a social purpose and a worker-friendly pace and intensity. Our Detroit auto worker will finally be able to sleep.

COMMUNISM WILL LIBERATE THE MASSES IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA, September 28— Nationalism and Pan Africanism are again growing in Africa.

Many are excited about the replacement of French-imperialist backed governments in West and Central Africa. Recent coups in former French colonies Niger, Guinea, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, and Gabon have ended French imperialism's stranglehold in this region.

The coup leaders say "no" to France's long imperialist domination of African resources, finances, and security. But they are saying "yes" to Russian and Chinese imperialism, which have long wanted to dominate this region.

Workers have nothing to gain by siding with any imperialist or capitalist! The solution to France's racist exploitation is not to change imperialist masters. It's to destroy the whole capitalist system with communist revolution. To end wage slavery and racist exploitation.

Masses of workers can produce to meet our own needs, not for the profits of any capitalist or imperialist. We can collectively use and share the resources to improve our lives.

The capitalist system, our mortal enemy, is taking us to World War III to decide which set of bloodthirsty murderers will exploit us. We need to get rid of them all!

Niger's Importance

French imperialism exploited and stole Niger's uranium, high-purity petrol, and other minerals. The US has up to 4,000 military personnel in Niger. Its key strategic node is a drone facility in Agadez.

Niger has become an essential transit hub for sending gas from Nigeria, which has more gas than Norway. That gas is desperately needed in Europe since the US destroyed pipelines bringing Europe gas from Russia. France wants it, but not the US, which wants Europe using only US LNG. As French troops left Niger, US military drone operations ramped up from their drone facility.

Seventy percent of French power comes from nuclear energy. Niger's uranium has been a bo-

nanza for French imperialism. Uranium ore sells on the world market for US\$50 to \$100/kg. The French bought it for US \$0.80/kg!

Uranium sells in the US for between US\$300 and \$500/kg. Significantly, Niger's new government raised the price of uranium to US\$200 per kg.

Pan Africanists emphasize how European capitalists have been exploiting these resources. It is a main thrust of resentment in Niger, which Russians have exploited in their propaganda. In the 1960s and 70s, western powers still controlled their former African colonies. Russia and China imperialists were seen as actively supporting liberation movements there.

This continues today. Most of the reserve wealth of West Africa in currency and gold is held by French banks.

The Russian and the Chinese capitalist rulers hypocritically admonish their western capitalist competitors. But they want the same thing. They all exploit workers' labour in extractive industries for their profits. Masses of workers need to see this.

ICWP's Communist Goal Is to End Capitalism

Western imperialists aren't the only looters. Russia's Wagner group steals gold from Sudan. It uses it to enrich leaders like Prigozhin and to fund Russia's war in Ukraine. They also pillage the Central African Republic, where they own gold and other mining operations. Since Prigozhin's death, the Russian government has consolidated and expanded Russian influence in Africa.



WEST AFRICA, June 5-8. Two thousand Senegalese and Ivory Coast fishers working on vessels owned by European companies went on strike against racist super-exploitation. "The conditions are very tough," said a mechanic on a French-flagged ship. "We work just to eat."

The Chinese government viciously exploits cobalt mine workers in the Congo.

Many international companies in South Africa engage in corruption with the ANC government.

As long as capitalism exists, the bosses will exploit and plunder, whichever imperialist is in power. We in South Africa can change the ANC to the EFF or the DA, but it would be the same. Communism is the only solution.

In South Africa, many of our class brothers and sisters are immigrants from West and Central Africa. We plan to build communist relationships with some and to win them to join ICWP. They can win friends and family members who can help develop collectives in other countries.

We are building one party worldwide to mobilize for communist revolution. Workers everywhere have the same interests and need: to get rid of capitalism and build communism. In communist society, we'll share the resources and our work to meet the needs of the workers around the globe.

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Communist Education, Not Capitalist Education, Will End Wage Slavery

The "New Mexican School" is a project of the López Obrador government. One of its commitments is to provide "quality education" according to the production needs of capitalism.

Educating ourselves about communism means promoting the liberation of wage slaves. Neither schools nor government books will do that. This education includes distributing *Red Flag* and joining the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP).

One bosses' camp says the new textbooks promote communism. Their opponents, the government advocates, say "I didn't find anything about communism there." As if the liberation of wage slaves is a bad thing. As if it's good that textbooks don't promote it.

The books focus on gender and anti-racism, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals in the UN Agenda 2030. They remark on the "community character" of the learning process. "Learning communities" is a concept promoted by the UN and related governments. They intend the term "community" to promote unity of interests. However, humanity is divided into social classes even in the farthest corners of the

world.

Section 22 of education workers in Oaxaca, Mexico declared in August that it will not use the textbooks distributed by the federal government. In December 2022, it said that the federal and state governments should pay attention to the efforts of Section 22, which is affiliated with the CNTE (National Coordinating Committee of Education Workers). CNTE opposes the SNTE union leadership.

The Plan for the Transformation of Education in the State of Oaxaca (PTEO) considers the communal, cultural, and regional context of the students there. In 2012, it promoted the participation of some 70,000 school workers (including 52,000 teachers) in Oaxaca and an important group of intellectuals.

Oaxaca has high levels of marginalization. It's home to fifty-three percent of Mexico's indigenous population. Twenty-one percent of the population can't read and write. Twenty-six percent of the female population is illiterate.

The PTEO promotes regionalism in addition to nationalism. A sponsoring group refers to "epistemologies of the south" or "de-colonials." It emphasizes the differences among workers of different "ethnicities" rather than the similarities of exploitation and oppression.

It spreads the idea that illegal theft must be fought. But it does not talk about legal theft: the surplus value extracted from wage and non-salaried workers. Workers are encouraged to believe that the capitalist state defends them.

We spread communist education through *Red Flag* in schools and communities. We invite school workers and teachers to join the communist struggle for real learning about the liberation of our international working class.

—Teacher in Mexico

Read our pamphlet:
**COMMUNIST EDUCATION FOR A
CLASSLESS SOCIETY**
available at:
icwpredflag.org/epe.pdf



TO END RACIST MURDERS WE NEED TO BUILD THE ICWP – BUT HOW?

SEATTLE (USA), September 24— Is a communist world possible? How can we get there? That's what comrades and friends wondered while discussing the racist murder of Jaahnavi Kandula. (See story page 1)

Ten comrades and friends got together after the protest we attended. After a delicious meal, a comrade who went to the demonstration asked everyone to help her write about what these racist attacks mean.

The vibrant conversation that followed highlighted not only the question of racism and the cops, but also whether we can build a base and recruit to our International Communist Workers' Party.

The discussion first focused on fighting racism. One comrade said that the Seattle police

already had a bad reputation when he came here in 1965. He was surprised neither by the murder nor the cops' response.

He thought it important to teach history correctly in our schools. "Black history and Native American history are American history," he said. "We have all been living together for five hundred years connected but controlled. And separated by the rulers."

We discussed the potential for teachers to give a communist perspective on history. Too frequently they are kept from presenting truthful information to students. One teacher talked about how he is careful to build a base at his school with teachers and others who have a pro-working-class perspective.

Can we win students to communism and the

party? Some friends didn't see how it was possible to do this work in the schools. They thought students would react badly to open requests to join the party. They also worried that families would complain.

Part of the answer is that educators and para-professionals must build relationships not only with students and teachers, but also with students' families. Party collective discussions help us learn to do this.

What must we do to get to a communist world? A retired Boeing worker asked point blank if a comrade who had worked at Boeing thought workers were receptive. Two other retired Boeing workers gave several examples when workers responded positively to communist politics. One gave ideas for a poster the party can make for the upcoming contract negotiations.

Comrades said that communism is the only way we can possibly all live together, taking care of each other. But there are questions about how this could happen. Can we get rid of money and produce for need, rather than profit? Everyone seemed to agree with the idea, but some were skeptical that it could ever happen.

Afterward, a close friend asked a comrade how we would ever be able to change the system. She sees the possibilities of a communist world, but "how can we ever get there?" The comrade said that "continuing the fight and growing the party is what will make this possible."

"I get that!" the friend agreed. We hope to convince her soon to become a member of ICWP.



SEATTLE (USA), September, 2023

PROTEST IMPERIALIST APEC MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO, NOV. 10-12 A CALL TO COMMUNIST ACTION

USA— The war between the capitalist rulers and the international working class is escalating! So is interimperialist rivalry between China and the United States, from Asia-Pacific and the Middle East to Eastern Europe, America, and Africa.

The rulers organize themselves into competing trade blocs such as BRICS, the G20, APEC, and RCEP. More such groups are in the works. These alliances have only ever resulted in greater exploitation for our class.

Ruling classes enter these alliances to protect and advance their economic and geopolitical interests. Imperialist powers China and the United States are turning them into platforms for collecting allies for global war.

The International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) is building a foundation for the working masses, the vast majority everywhere, to end capitalist exploitation and war with revolution for a true communist society.

Our fight must be directly for communism. We aim to build a mass party of millions of leaders worldwide. When we win, we will build a society based on "from each according to ability and commitment, to each according to need." We will share and share alike, in

scarcity and abundance. There will be no money. We will produce directly for society's needs.

ICWP comrades and friends from Southern California and the Pacific Northwest are mobilizing to converge on San Francisco, November 10-12. World leaders will be meeting there to discuss APEC and IPEF. This is an opportunity to meet and talk with people angry about imperialism and exploitation about our communist ideas and organization.

Our message will be that mobilizing the

masses for communist revolution is the only possible way to get off this path of super-exploitation and global war! We fight for the interests of almost all humanity, not for new oppressors.

Join us for a weekend of lively discussion, comradeship, and action! Get details from the person who gave you this paper. While traveling to San Francisco, we will get to know each other, discuss communist ideas, and build momentum to power us into – and through – the weekend and beyond.



SEATTLE (USA), August, 2023—Anti-APEC protest

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Virginia.

"Biden hasn't been the climate president that he had promised," complained a New York climate activist.

"That betrayal was so stark," declared another.

Politicians will always betray the working

class when their capitalist bosses demand it.

Climate Crisis is a Class Issue, Not an Age Issue

The United Nations recognizes that "the world is home to the largest generation of youth in history." Young and older workers have the same class interest in ending the devastating capitalist system. And in building a communist so-

ciety that will reverse climate catastrophe and unify the masses around the world.

Young activists will become "agents of change" but not (as the UN says) by becoming capitalist "entrepreneurs and innovators." We invite them to become real change agents by joining, building, and energizing the International Communist Workers' Party.

Youth Climate Movements:

FOR THE MASSES AND THE PLANET, REAL REVOLUTION MEANS COMMUNISM

LOS ANGELES (USA), September 29— “We all need to take climate change seriously. If we don’t, we won’t have much of the earth planet anymore,” a student told classmates.

“Politicians are often seeking their position of power and end up making regulations or policies that worsen our conditions,” commented another.

Record heat waves across the northern hemisphere have young people boiling with rage.

Tens of thousands marched in New York on September 17 “to end fossil fuels.” Sponsored by the Sunrise Movement, it was part of a week-long international project of a non-profit called the Climate Group.

The Covid pandemic temporarily derailed the youth climate movement that took off globally in 2019. Now it’s back and growing.

Global climate change is real. Young people’s anger is justified. We applaud their activism. But we must warn that cynical politicians and other pro-capitalist misleaders are steering them into a dead (and deadly) end.

Capitalism can’t be reformed to fix the climate crisis it created. We shouldn’t make “demands” on governments or corporations. We shouldn’t try to “hold them accountable.” Instead, we should organize for communist revolution to overthrow them and their disastrous capitalist system.

Non-Profits Serve Capitalist Interests, Not Ours

The Climate Group explains, “We work with leaders and decision makers from business and government because they shape the market frameworks that can help the world achieve net zero emissions by 2050.”

Those “market frameworks” are exactly the problem. Capitalist markets force companies to compete for maximum profits. Industrial companies need money to start up, to retool, and to



guarantee their cash flow. They get it from financial companies who invest (and compete) for maximum returns. All those profits come from exploiting workers’ labor.

Let’s. Get. Money. Out. Of. It. We, the working class, must become the leaders and decision makers. Only we can create a framework that can serve our needs. Including our need for a livable planet.

Communism is that framework. It gets rid of capitalist markets, profits, money, and all the evils they create and sustain. Instead, we will work to decide what we need, produce it, and share it. Is that possible? Yes! The masses, when mobilized for communism, will become a mighty global force.

Youth and the US Democratic Party: Contradictions

The US Sunrise Movement calls itself “The Climate Revolution.” But it is committed to pacifism and elections, not real revolution.

Sunrise tries to be the “radical” wing of the Democratic Party. In primary elections, it only endorses candidates without direct ties to fossil-

fuel interests. But in general elections, it will support a so-called “lesser-evil” candidate even if they fail the fossil-fuel test.

Sunrise activists protested at the office of (Republican) House Speaker McCarthy on September 28. They demanded he prevent a government shutdown and keep the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) active during the hurricane season. But the real goal was to build youth support for Democrats. Signs read, “The GOP hates Gen Z.”

The Sunrise Movement also demanded full implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). This is President Biden’s signature “climate legislation.” You won’t hear Sunrise talk about helping US imperialism prepare for world war. But that’s what’s at stake with the IRA. (See “US Auto Strike,” page 2.)

Sunrise already has problems keeping its young activists tied to the Democratic Party. Last March, the Biden administration approved ConocoPhillips’ massive Willow oil drilling project in Alaska. It green-lighted the Mountain Valley natural gas pipeline in West

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KAISER STRIKE: CAPITALISTS UNITE TO OPPRESS US AND WE MUST UNITE FOR REVOLUTION

LOS ANGELES (USA), October 4— Over seventy-five thousand Kaiser workers are on strike across the US in the biggest healthcare strike in US history. Shortages in staffing, longer work hours, and poor pay are problems growing everywhere!

Kaiser members are affected by the staff shortages. They must wait weeks and sometimes months before they can see a healthcare provider. The bosses care about employees only insofar as they provide the service that puts money in Kaiser’s pocket. The bosses care about healthcare only insofar as they get paid.

Today in the US if you break your arm and show up in an emergency room uninsured, you will be turned away. A broken arm is not an emergency, hospitals say. In communism, healthcare will not be driven by profit but by what workers need. Learning about our health will not be something taught to a select few but made available to all.

Kaiser fights its workers’ demands for pay raises, adequate staffing, and job protection. But it found \$1 million to give to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting in November. This is to support a US-led trade group that will further the exploitation of workers and rally US allies against China.

The ruling class prepares for broadening wars and tightens the belt on workers. But the workers’ fight often remains shortsighted. The ruling class unites internationally in trade blocs. We workers must also unite internationally.

The contradiction between workers and bosses is intensifying, so the bosses’ media and politicians step up their propaganda to convince us that they’re on our side. To convince us that our fight is not against capitalism but against this or that individual corporation. They don’t want us to see that we all have the same enemy and same fight!

Kaiser workers and all workers should use reform struggles to talk to coworkers about how to end exploitation once and for all. Temporary “victories” will be eaten up by inflation! Capitalism keeps workers on an endless treadmill. We always have to fight to try to catch up because wages are designed as subsistence, nothing more.

Take this *Red Flag* and

distribute it further. Join ICWP and join in the discussion for a future where we are no longer constantly fighting for crumbs.

Join the fight for a true communist share-and-share alike system. Without profits, resources can be used to meet the masses’ needs. Without wage slavery, we’ll achieve better healthcare and healthier lives.



Los Angeles, (USA) 2012 Kaiser workers on strike