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MARCH 24 PROTESTS ROCK DELHI, INDIA



INDIA: WORKERS TURN TO RED FLAG AS GOVERNMENT BANS INTERNET, COVERS UP FARMERS' PROTEST

DELHI (India), March 24— “They have completely banned the internet and forced social media to remove all content. It’s as if we don’t exist,” said Kamal as he gladly took *Red Flag*. The *Red Flag* became the only news source. Kamal and many people are reading its open call for communist revolution in the face of the fascist government ban.

The ban was to restrict surging farmers and their supporters. Over 200,000 farmers and 40,000 tractors had massed on freeways around Delhi. Layers of security forces were supported by fixed cement barricades, barbed wires, nails, heavy containers, lubricating oil, water cannons, and tear gas. They were no match for the angry farmers.

It became a battlefield. Farmers

used water cannons to repel plumes of teargas shells, dropped from drones. They used kites to snarl drones. The farmers found tertiary lanes and small rivers to bypass barricades. Some even managed to build their own improvised tanks to breach the police lines.

No major newspaper in India printed even a single headline. All the alternate and progressive journalists found that their internet content was disappearing. *Red Flag* was the only newspaper our comrades found that many people grabbed. It had news of the Gaza genocide and communist revolution.

“Several hundred people in our village signed up as labour contractors in Israel. Another contractor was trying to recruit workers to go to Russia to work in the fields. Yet

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EX-GUERRILLA SOLDIERS BUILD COMMUNIST SOLIDARITY OF FARM AND FACTORY WORKERS

EL SALVADOR, March 22— “I don’t have money to send to the workers, but from what little I have, I will send them a few pounds of beans and corn,” said a comrade farmworker.

“How good that we’ve come together to support the comrade workers. Solidarity is something that as a Party we must never lose. We always practiced solidarity in the war and here we must continue the struggle,” said comrade M. He was organized in the guerrilla army in the 1960s. And now, despite age-related illnesses, he continues in the revolutionary communist struggle.

A comrade leader of ICWP, together with a teacher and two health workers, proposed a campaign of communist solidarity with the factory comrades.

In the mountains of San Miguel

and Morazán, there are collectives of farmworker comrades who were part of the civil war here from the 1960’s to the 1990’s and are now part of the International Communist Workers Party (ICWP). Their struggle inspires us to go forward, as they organize themselves always to participate in the struggles of the working class.

A meeting took place at the home of some ICWP comrades to economically support some women and men comrade workers. These worker comrades are going through a difficult economic situation due to changing factory jobs and the displacement of a family of workers.

The meeting with the comrades who survived the war was very exciting. They said, “We want to make our contribution to the

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International Meeting of the International Communist Workers Party

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND SOLDIERS

KEY TO COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

March 26— “I’m a garment worker. I’ve been in the International Communist Workers’ Party for two years. This is the first time that I will march on May Day with the ICWP. Before, I marched under other slogans. But with the party, I realize that today I will march for the right reasons, for communism,” said a young woman worker from the maquilas of El Salvador at a recent international meeting.

She concluded, “We are organizing to march and commemorate this working-class day by showing the masses that we need to fight for communism. Also, taking it to the streets shows the spirit of the workers—that we are willing to fight for a better world for the working class.”

Growing global fascism attacks the working class. The response is more communist organization and struggle. We have a lot of work to do, but we are making progress. The ICWP conference held in December in El Salvador represented a step forward with the development of young leadership, including more women. This is a process of learning and struggle that occurs in both directions. It’s an opportunity for more young people to give leadership, to join different collectives, and to make plans to mobilize the masses for communism.

Industrial workers are key for communist revolution, as shown by the example of the Putilov arms

factory in the 1917 Russian revolution.

A comrade asked, “How much do these maquila workers take responsibility for fighting and discussing the genocide in Gaza?”

“We are in the process of discussing widely about the expansion of the war, and what our response should be,” another comrade responded.

The comrades in South Africa showed how they are advancing and making the most of the marches in which they have participated. They are organizing a Toyi-Toyi protest dance for May Day. They are also organizing immigrant workers from Mozambique, and soldiers who are key in the revolutionary fight for communism.

Fascism and genocide in Gaza have increased as have the struggles and participation of the people in the streets. But it is necessary to plan the struggle. Only that will guarantee us ending the rotten capitalist system. In India, workers have discussed the effects of the genocide in Gaza. Unemployment, resulting from war and fascism, forces the working class to look for opportunities to survive in other countries.

The comrades in India have also participated in the farmers’ protests and when they faced the government blockade of Delhi. If the farmers had managed to reach Delhi, it would have affected the

entire country. In response to this fight, the government shut down all social networks. This leads us to think about the new forms of communication we have and making sure that they are effective.

Building a Massive ICWP Through *Red Flag*

Red Flag is an essential tool to strengthen and build a mass party. It carries our communist line to mobilize the masses for communism. In this way, we become increasingly international with the creation of new communist collectives.

The work of producing the newspaper has been strengthened. It’s important to thank the comrades who contribute by writing. More young people, comrades and friends, are working collectively.

Our comrade Hamza from Gaza, the comrades in Israel and Egypt, and other comrades from the Middle East have made a qualitative change to *Red Flag*.

Having a regular newspaper, even more so with the current situation, requires assuming responsibility collectively. If we write, learn, and advance we will reach thousands more workers.

Fighting Contradictions to Strengthen ICWP and *Red Flag*

Some young people mentioned their multiple occupations, work, studies, but with the willingness to commit to overcoming these obstacles. It was suggested to carry out this fight in the different collectives,

to overcome the contradictions of writing for *Red Flag*. We can strengthen the fight for communism around the world and develop new, younger communist leaders.

The collectives in El Salvador are involving more comrades and friends in the production of articles for the paper. But we can improve in all areas. We discussed the contradictions that impede this process. The *Red Flag* editorial collective accepted the responsibility of creating a new style of work that focuses on mass participation. This way we can create a process that represents the potential of the working class to mobilize the masses for communism.

We fight so that *Red Flag* and the ICWP are the revolutionary force that will end the horror of imperialist war. For this we need the effort and unity of all collectives of our working class.

Industrial workers are at the center where exploitation occurs. They are key to destroying wage slavery and building a new communist society.

This May Day we will march and distribute our *Red Flag* newspaper, showing that we are a revolutionary force fighting for communism and we will encourage the masses to join us.

WORKERS OF THE WORLD, FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM!

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worker comrades. We want to give our communist solidarity to the comrades in the factories.” They continued, “Tell them that we are always waiting for them, that we should meet more often, that we are one class.”

It was very moving to observe and listen to them. “This is the true unity of the working class, city workers, rural workers, and students: always forward,” concluded comrade R, recalling an old slogan.

Another comrade added, “We must include the soldiers too, whom we also had in the guerrilla ranks. They were organized inside and outside the army. Today we must remember those practices for the future revolutionary war.”

That initiated a discussion of the

current inter-imperialist wars and how we communists should organize inside the capitalist armies. Comrade P said, “Soldiers are children of the city and rural workers, and we must organize them as we did in the past.”

Although the economic situation of the farmworkers is not good, they are always in the forefront with the class solidarity that they have learned and practiced.

It was a wide-ranging discussion. One night was not enough to finalize communist plans for expansion in these and other areas.

“Why didn’t you invite me? I would have contributed, even if only with some beans,” a new Party comrade called to tell us when he heard later about the collection. He

was part of the government army, but he likes the communist ideas of ICWP reflected in the *Red Flag* newspaper.

An activity is planned to commemorate May Day 2024 with these comrades, since their age and illnesses make it more difficult for them to travel to the capital. Al-

though they have always been part of the Party’s contingent in the march, we are planning with them how they could participate this year.

The meeting ended with a good cup of locally grown black coffee. “Some other Party comrades already know us here, but it would be good to see them again,” concluded the comrade farmworkers.



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LET'S MOBILIZE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS TO TURN THE CAPITALISTS' WEAPONS AGAINST THEM

Seattle (USA) Convention Center, March 12— “The times have changed,” said a demonstrator, scanning the 500 people rallying against Boeing’s Defense Supplier Summit. He and his friends have been protesting war production since the Vietnam era and were impressed by the size and seriousness of the crowd, especially in the middle of the workday.

Boeing, worried about bad press, canceled its in-person summit, substituting a zoom program. But the rally continued.

Speakers condemned the genocide in Gaza and addressed broader international concerns. Philippine-American activists denounced the Boeing weapons that Marcos Jr. uses to attack any resistance to his capitalist regime. Another demonstrator, recently returned from India, criticized Indian unions, which refuse to organize against the bombardment of Gaza. She and her friends were glad to hear about the ICWP organizing among Chennai auto workers.

The march towards imperialist world war was a key issue for the crowd. The ICWP’s campaign to recruit industrial workers at Boeing and other war manufacturers became a hot topic. In these changing

times, is it possible to mobilize industrial workers to turn the weapons they produce against the capitalists and for communist revolution?

The Potential Grave Diggers of Capitalism/Imperialism

Over 125 participants gladly took *Red Flag*. Several carefully read the articles about revolutionary work among industrial workers and soldiers, taking time to discuss the strategy with other demonstrators. Protesters who had friends working at Boeing were particularly interested.

A retired Boeing worker talked with at least 100 demonstrators. Some were with organizations; others were with groups of friends.

They discussed two historical rebellions of Boeing workers. One became known as Rolling Thunder, where thousands marched through the plants in preparation for the 1995 strike. In the other, workers stopped production to hotly debate the separation of families at the US-Mexican border.

The Boeing retiree ended most discussions by inviting protestors to help build more Boeing rebellions. “What will these rebellions look like?” he asked. “Would they aim to end capitalism or settle for re-



Seattle, March 13—Rally against Boeing cocktail reception for arms suppliers while Gaza starves

formist concessions?”

In the past, demonstrators often just said thank you when they took *Red Flag*. This time many wanted to talk about organizing industrial workers and their key role in communist revolution. It was the first time several viewed workers not as mere victims of imperialism, but as the shapers of history.

Rank-and-file demonstrators saw the ICWP campaign as a concrete way to rejuvenate industrial political work to end imperialist genocide. That’s when the discussion turned to the Putilov workers, who used the weapons they made to advance the Soviet revolution.

Following the example of the Putilov workers, the weapons built by comrades in the factories must be used to defend the revolution. Nothing short of communist revolution will, once and forever, end imperialist genocide.

Persistence Pays Off

A friend we have had a political and social relationship with for about a year drove up from Portland. “People thought I had gone back to school, but I haven’t.

This is my school,” he said, pointing to *Red Flag* and the demonstration around him. He wants to be sure to attend our next collective meeting in Oregon.

G, a friend, agreed with our struggle to win workers to turn the weapons they made against the capitalist-imperialists.

“I love the title of this article,” G said. “The media spreads racist propaganda about ending violence in the Black community by outlawing guns. They ignore poverty and racism. The title opens the door to revolution.”

G wants to help younger workers learn about real labor history. He wants a comrade to help explain why the basic question is revolution versus reform.

Another friend asked Party members to bring more Boeing workers to the struggle. Now he is considering finding an industrial job to build revolutionary relationships among these workers.

Biden is pouring billions into expanding the industrial workforce to prepare for war. Communist collectives among this workforce can turn these workers into the grave diggers of capitalism.



Missouri—Home of 16,000 Boeing arms production workers

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another contractor was offering jobs in Ukraine.” Balbir decided to join the farmers’ rally. He has been unemployed for six years and gets work only in the times of harvest.

Balbir wanted to read about communist revolution. He is tired and frustrated with all the political parties. In his village, he has heard the stories of the old revolutionaries and their commitment to change oppression. Then he read RF and saw articles from Gaza, the fallen comrades in South Africa, Chennai workers, El Salvador, Los Angeles, soldiers, and industrial workers. Balbir had all the time to read. Our comrades sat with him. Balbir said, “I have never seen a newspaper like this before. WOW!”

“In my village, there is nothing but unemployment. Young people

have no jobs. The farmers are losing their tractors. Their children go to college, take out loans, and come back empty-handed. NO JOBS,” said Balbir. “This situation is going to worsen as the corporations are going to take over farms. They want the Ambani, Adani, and Tata regimes.

“Unemployed youths take out loans for labour contractors who can find them jobs in Russia, Ukraine, Lebanon, and the Middle East. Some get killed there and others get more in debt.” This is not unique to Punjab, where Balbir is from. In thousands of villages and cities you will find desperation and anger.

“It is a very explosive situation,” Balbir continued. “That’s why these fascists are building an army and

police. But in my village, they recruit unemployed youths with good physical ability to the army. Their parents are struggling, and they join the army. I really liked what I read in RF about the soldier’s experience. We need soldiers and people like me to join ICWP.” Balbir was becoming involved in our discussion.

A comrade pointed out that on the Global Health Index, India (111) ranks below South Africa (58), Palestine (86), Syria (100), and Sudan (103).

This is the beauty of spending time with the masses. ICWP comrades have been in this agitation for several weeks. Each time, we meet people like Balbir. We are conducting small evening study groups. Two weeks ago, Balbir joined us, and he has stayed with us ever

since. We enormously enjoy the community tradition of Langar. We prepare, cook, and distribute food and then wash the dishes. It is a huge involvement of the masses.

Many ICWP comrades are going back to Delhi, but we have learned invaluable lessons to build relationships with people like Balbir.

The latest news is that the farmer’s organizations have decided to withdraw from the free-ways and will go to Delhi by public transport. We will be there and try to bring people like Balbir to May Day.

There is a way out of this unending hunger and starvation from Gaza to Delhi. Capitalism has created it, let us bury it with communism. Long live *Red Flag* and Communism!

Elections Are Fights Among Capitalists

ONLY COMMUNISM IS THE FUTURE FOR THE WORKING-CLASS MASSES

SOUTH AFRICA, March 21— Elections here on 29 May will choose the political party that is going to govern. New political parties are coming to the fore. The old ones are intensifying their campaigns to receive more votes than their rivals.

Political parties like to position themselves as representing the interests of the masses. But in reality, they represent the interests of the capitalists that fund and pay the politicians that lead them. In South Africa, this past fiscal year alone, capitalists have spent more than one billion rand (US\$52 million or four billion Indian rupees) in funding political parties. And that is just the money they have declared in parliament.

Capitalists will never spend money without expecting something in return. The masses can and must dismiss and reject their empty promises as they just seek further exploitation of the working class and the masses in general. None of the political parties seeks to destroy capitalism. All seek “a piece of the pie.” The differences are superficial. They all represent one class, the ruling capitalist class.

The parties appear to be fighting and opposed to each other. But we know their opposition is simply different capitalists fighting each other. These differences are the result of the imperialist rivalries among capitalists.

The African National Congress (ANC), the Democratic Alliance (DA), and the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) represent competing sides of the domestic and international capitalist class. The ANC factional fighting has intensified, resulting in a split and the formation of the uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) Party led by former president Zuma. The MK represents the Black and Indian bourgeoisie that has been discarded by Ramaphosa’s faction, representing the dominant white capitalists.

The DA represents the banking capitalist class that supports the US, Israel, and Western imperialism. The EFF openly backs China and Russia and seeks to model South Africa after the Chinese form of capitalism. Other formations use xenophobia, racism, and nationalism to gain votes.

Mobilizing for a Communist May Day

As these formations intensify their campaigns, as ICWP we do the same in spreading communism. And especially so as we mobilize for the May Day rally. Only communism represents the future of the working-class and the masses.

The masses already reject these political parties. Millions of citizens eligible to vote chose not to vote. Thousands are taking to the



streets to demand services, as is happening in Durban Central Business District. Hundreds are open to our ideas. We have recruited new comrades who are willing to recruit even more to our party.

In our base, many participate in our marches and toyi-toyi protests. The millions no longer listen to the capitalist propaganda. They openly say that they will not vote because “voting does not change anything”. Indeed, by voting we only choose our oppressors. We must free ourselves by joining the communist party, ICWP, that seeks change through communist revolution.

We must reject having to choose between imperialists who are only interested in control and profits. ICWP offers the alternative: the only liberation that will free us from capitalism. Only communism

represents a bright future free of exploitation and poverty. A future where we use our collective power to build a society where the working-class needs are primary, not profit and exploitation.

As we move toward May Day, we must reject imperialist lackeys (these political parties). We must embrace communism and win over millions of the workers, employed and unemployed, who already reject the parties by not voting. Not voting is one step. However, change will not come if we do nothing. We can do something by actively mobilizing for communism and recruiting friends, family, colleagues, and neighbours to ICWP.

We have a future to build, and it starts today. Aluta continua!

TERRORIST ATTACK IN MOSCOW, AND RUSSIAN RETALIATION, BRING WORLD WAR CLOSER

March 27— The March 22 terrorist attack on the rock concert at Moscow’s Crocus City Hall, with over 6000 people attending, killed 137 people. At least 60 more were injured, including children.

This massacre took place five days after Putin’s re-election. It was partly to show Putin’s inability to protect Russia from terrorism. Instead, the Russian masses have rallied behind imperialist Putin.

On March 25, in retaliation, Russian hypersonic cruise missiles destroyed the Ukrainian secret service (GUR) headquarters in Kiev and other targets. The warning period was only six minutes instead of the usual 20. Along with the GUR building, the attack destroyed two Patriot missile systems and a Patriot air defense control center filled with personnel.

The US government claims that ISIS was behind the Crocus Hall attack. But Russia and others show clear evidence that it was carried out by the GUR. This was created and trained by the CIA. The US CIA surely knew about, and helped instigate, this attack.

Two weeks ago, US officials

warned Russia that “Islamic extremists” were planning an attack on Moscow. They warned US citizens to avoid mass public gatherings, including concerts.

The CIA-trained GUR terrorists made sloppy mistakes. These incriminated Ukraine instead of lending false credence to the ISIS narrative peddled by US imperialism.

GUR’s first mistake was recruiting men who were not willing to fight to the death and die there for their cause. They recruited four men from Tajikistan on the promise of \$5000 each. They were chosen from an Islamic terrorists training camp. Also their country has visa-free travel privileges to Russia. Out of desperation, Ukraine went ahead with their compromised plan.

After their hired terrorists accomplished their terrible crime, GUR tried to get them to flee to a “safe house” to meet a contact who, they said, would take them to the border. That contact would probably have killed them to erase all evidence.

Instead, the terrorists fled by themselves to the Ukrainian border.

This made Russia’s claim of Ukrainian involvement clearer to all. Had the terrorists reached Ukraine, however, GUR would probably have killed them there.

Also, GUR used an outdated news template for ISIS-K to claim credit for the attack instead of the newer one that ISIS now uses. This added to the credibility of the Russian version of events.

These sloppy mistakes drew attention to GUR and its trainer: the US CIA.

The captured Tajiks, probably under torture, told the Russian government the location of their terrorist training camp outside Istanbul. The Turkish government located the camp and captured the high leadership, who revealed their links to GUR.

With this attack, the US and its NATO allies took the Ukrainian war to Moscow. The imperialist Atlantic Council brags that “Berlin and Paris agree on the need to act beyond providing more weapons, for more robust involvement in cyber defense and enhancement of Ukrainian military capabilities, moving logistics and maintenance

support inside Ukraine, instead of outside.” They will increase terrorist attacks inside Russia.

US imperialists and their Western imperialist allies are forcing the Russian imperialist rulers to tighten security at all airports and public events, using resources they need for fighting the US-NATO war in Ukraine.

This can be enormous. After 9/11, the US government put 2.8 million people into security forces to guard against terrorist attacks at banks, government buildings, airports, and more.

All this is part of the sharpening struggle for world domination between the US-NATO military block and the China-Russia-Iran imperialist axis. It is accelerating the drive towards World War III.

Communists must prepare the masses of workers, youth, and soldiers everywhere to build ICWP collectives to mobilize for communist revolution. That’s how we’ll end all these imperialists, creators of current and future genocidal wars.

Inter-imperialist Conflict and Class Struggle:

WHY IS THE US RULING CLASS TRYING TO BAN TIKTOK?

March 24— The US Congress has fast-tracked a bill to ban the Chinese-owned social-media app TikTok or force its sale to a US company. They claim it's to "protect Americans and the national interest" from the Chinese Communist Party. This fearmongering promotes anti-communism and tries to prepare the US masses for world war.

Through TikTok, they say, China could collect and misuse vast amounts of users' data. However, the bill provides no industry-wide protection for such data. Data like names, ages, locations, browsing and purchase histories, medical and banking information, passwords, and even keystrokes.

US imperialist companies like Facebook and Google already collect such data and sell them to the highest bidder – even China. So what's the real reason? To let Elon Musk or another US capitalist buy a valuable property at a fire-sale price?

Or is it more sinister than that?

By controlling most mainstream media, the ruling class can decide what they will cover and how they will cover it. This is how they can make workers believe that their own class enemy will rule over

them with their best interest at heart.

In contrast, Twitter (now X) and TikTok are social-media platforms where everyday people exchange ideas and learn from one another.

Twitter has helped people to communicate during protests and civil unrest. That's why the Egyptian government blocked Twitter during the 2011 protests. It's where people whose voices have been purposely ignored or silenced could speak out against systemic injustices.

That's why Elon Musk purchased Twitter in 2022, renamed it X, and gutted it. He fired over 80% of Twitter employees and rolled back many of its previous pro-people practices. Hate speech soared so much that several major brands pulled their ads from the platform.

Musical.ly merged with TikTok in 2018 and TikTok became Musical.ly with a new name and logo. People posted their renditions of songs. Later, they added choreography. Then in 2020 people started using TikTok to connect and create community. People continued to sing and dance but also shared their everyday lives.

From George Floyd to Gaza

When police murdered George

Floyd during the pandemic lockdown in 2020, Twitter lit up in the US and around the world. People wrote about racism, its history, its link to capitalism, and the need to act. Reports of demonstrations everywhere circulated. They led to more, bigger multi-racial demonstrations and confrontations with the police. There were twitter conversations about revolution, socialism, Communism, the history of slavery and rebellions, and more.

That was also a turning-point for TikTok, which became a tool for masses to educate one another. Today you can find just as many "influencers" sharing history that is purposely left out of classrooms as those inviting you to dance with them. In 2020, too, Trump first tried to force a sale of TikTok. Various government entities have tried to control or completely ban TikTok since then.

Now, four years later, is Gaza. Palestinians are using TikTok to speak for themselves and show the world the atrocities the Israeli bosses are committing. For example, TikTok showed the Israeli "Defense" Forces' live shelling and carnage inside Gaza hospitals.

During the recent massive farmers' protests in India, the Indian

government shut down the internet and all social media. Pro-Palestine activists in the US are finding their accounts sabotaged in more subtle ways.

The TikTok ban has nothing to do with China getting our information. This is about trying to control the working masses of the whole world and what we think. They are trying to put the genie back in the bottle. They cannot!

The rulers are afraid for the masses to see the truth. This shows us that ICWP and Red Flag have a more and more crucial role to play!

Communists should use social media where possible, especially apps like Twitter and TikTok, popular among young people. These supplement our website ICWPRedFlag.org and our print newspaper.

But our organizing relies fundamentally on personal relationships. Relationships that don't depend on any app or platform. These relationships will enable us to continue organizing for communist revolution under all conditions, as comrades in Gaza do today. Such relationships will become the foundation of communist society.

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1804 Haitian Revolution Still Inspires Masses

I get very positive responses from students about this history. Black students in particular like to learn about the successes of the Haitian Revolution, but not about the bloody exploitation since. The example of the revolution is empowering.

Imperialists never stop sucking workers' blood. We hear about "progress" and the division of the world between "developing" and "developed" nations. But history shows that imperialism, particularly its white-supremacist US and European brands, "develops" only profits for the ruling class and death, destruction, and misery for the rest of us.

In 1804, the armies of formerly enslaved peoples in the French colony of Saint-Domingue declared independence. They had defeated the most powerful colonial military forces of the day. They declared the world's first Black-run Republic, calling it Haiti (the island's indigenous Taino name). And the US, France, and other colonial powers never forgave them.

The imperialists immediately conspired to isolate and starve Haiti. They embargoed trade, de-

manding payment to France for "loss of property." What property? Enslaved people. France, the US, and Britain forced the formerly enslaved people of Saint-Domingue to buy the freedom they had won through armed struggle. They forced the young nation to take on a huge debt. It took Haiti from 1915 to 1947 to pay it off.

The US invasion and occupation of Haiti in 1915 was precisely to force Haiti to pay off this debt, which had been transferred to the United States. The exploitation and bloodletting of Haiti has continued ever since.

The US rulers, especially before the Civil War, were horrified by the example of a successful slave revolution and a society run by Black masses in its backyard. They have worked tirelessly to undermine any kind of popular control in Haiti and to protect wealth, trade routes, and cheap labor for US and French capital.

The imperialist narrative always describes "chaos," a racialized story of "gangs running wild." It calls for a "responsible" international community to save the Haitians from themselves. In truth, US imperialism has worked to manipulate and control Haiti for the past century.

In the 1990s, the United States



dumped government-subsidized rice from farms in southern states into the Haitian economy. This drove indigenous farmers out of business and caused more hunger and poverty there. In 2004, the democratically elected President Aristide was kidnapped and taken to the Central African Republic.

Between military invasion and economic strangleholds, the US and French imperialists have steadily drawn every drop of blood they could since the establishment of plantations of enslaved Africans on the graves of millions of indigenous Taino people.

The Haitian people have had enough. Unrest continues to grow. It doesn't seem that the same pro-

gram of an imperialist-backed puppet will work this time. It is unclear how the current crisis will play out. But what is certain is that the United States and France couldn't care less about the lives of the Haitian people. They will try to do whatever they can to maintain the status quo of instability for Haitian workers and stability for French and US capital.

Will they be able to do so in the face of armed resistance from Haitian people at the end of their rope and powered by the fighting spirit of their ancestors who defeated Napoleon at the height of his reign?

—High School Teacher, Seattle (USA)

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Capitalism: A Giant Boulder that Workers Will Crash

I joined a group of ICWP comrades about a month ago in a farmer's protest some 100 km from Delhi. That day was full of events that have changed me and my outlook.

We were under intense tear gas shelling from all around. Drones were falling from the sky. Rubber bullets were flying everywhere. The farmers were prepared. They distributed wet towels and soon their tractors equipped with water tanks started spraying water on the people affected by tear gas.

I came to the protest because I am one of the thousands of unemployed youths. I live in the northern state of Haryana. I hear stories of farmers losing their farms every day.

Our northern states depend mostly on migrants from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar to work on farms because they are paid very low wages. Most in Punjab and Haryana remain unemployed. Some end up going to Canada and the US illegally after making exorbitant payments to unscrupulous agents.

Amidst the mayhem and flying tear gas projectiles, I heard a voice: "We need to organize for a communist revolution." I looked at the person who said, "Come and join us."

His voice was so convincing, I decided to join him. I was introduced to other comrades. I was with them for several weeks, day in and day out.

I learned more things from these comrades than I had read in school. They explained in a simple way what communism was and why capitalism and its exploitation could only end with the communist revolution.

We learned dialectical materialism. What impressed me the most was that comrades explained it from our daily experience. A giant boulder rests on a mountain as if it would stay there forever. It appears imposing and static as it had been for perhaps millions of years. We learned that there are contradictions in it. Movements of small rocks underneath can dislodge it and it never will be the same.

We learned that is how capitalism is. It is like a giant rock. The capitalist bosses think that its nature will never change. But it has internal contradictions. When the workers are united for communism, women and men, people of all religions, castes, ethnicities, and nationalities, they become a material force for change. The capitalist boulder will crash into small pieces and the working class will carry on the process of organizing a completely new society based on collectivity and egalitarian principles.

I learned that soldiers and industrial workers are key to this change. Capitalists are giving us this opportunity. Thousands of soldiers are recruited from our villages. They are bombarded with patriotism, nationalism, and a BJP brand of Hindu fascism. But they have nothing to gain from fighting and dying for the capitalist profits.

In Haryana, the Adani industry is building giant godowns (warehouses) for produce distribution. There is also a Maruti-Suzuki auto factory that employs 20,000 workers. When I go back, I am going to organize wherever I find an opportunity. But I will be organizing for communism, not Unions.

I want to emphasize to young people that I knew nothing about communism. However, the weeks I spent with the ICWP comrades changed my outlook. It was "quantity into quality." They were always with me, they struggled with me. It changed into quality. I became a communist. Now I will go with these ideas and quality will result in more quantity. I am a communist organizer.

—New Comrade in India

Immigrant Workers: Key to Eliminating Wage Slavery

"Are you okay? I heard on the news that they are deporting a lot of people from the US side," said my sister, from Mexico.

I answered, "They have been doing the same thing for several years now, because they want to kill three birds with one stone. On the one hand, to frighten those of us who have been on this side for many years, so that we don't fight for better conditions. Because we do the heaviest and most dangerous jobs for low wages. On the other hand, they blame immigrants for the problems of crime and insecurity. At the same time, they are encouraging many to immigrate and come to work in the industries and services of the US bosses."

New York meat processor Tyson Foods, for example, has been linked to the Tent Partnership for Refugees, which was founded by Chobani Yogurt magnate Hamdi Ulukaya. Their plan is to employ thousands of New York's newly arrived immigrants.

Tyson's workforce of 120,000 already includes 42,000 immigrants. According to Bloomberg News, Tyson has a policy of "helping" many immigrants to get jobs in its company. Tyson officials recently met at Chobani's offices to hire immigrants from Venezuela, Colombia, and Mexico.

"We would like to hire another 42,000 immigrants," said Garrett Dolan, a Tyson Foods representative.

In the last two years the government has given asylum to 181,400 immigrants in New York. These tycoons plan to take advantage of the gold mine that these workers represent. The workers who are accepted into the political asylum program get their work permits and are ready to become wage slaves.

This contrasts with the anti-immigrant policies of a group of Texas bosses and politicians. Through their new SB4 law, they want to deport immigrants and arrest their supporters, including family members. At the same time, they are proposing local laws that give the green light to shoot immigrants crossing the US-Mexico border on the Texas side.

However, the US bosses have a strong need for immigrant workers in the food and other industries, including in military production.

Recently, six construction workers who were repairing potholes at night on the bridge in Baltimore died when they were thrown into the water as the bridge collapsed. All of them were immigrants from El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras, forced to work in this dangerous job to survive.

Many of these immigrants come with a history of struggle against capitalism. Many can be won to fight in the International Communist Workers' Party and create a new communist world without exploitation.

Let's fight for a world where we workers don't have obstacles in our path to contribute our labor. Where we decide what to produce and how to distribute it for the benefit of all workers. Let's prepare and build communist revolution. Let's distribute *Red Flag*.

—Comrade in Los Angeles (USA)



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Movie Review: “Bhakshak”

CAPITALISM: A SEXIST, RACIST WORLD THAT LEADS TO DEATH

EL SALVADOR, March 20—“When I saw the movie ‘Bhakshak,’ the crudeness of the physical violence shocked me. But on reflection, I realized that it is the result of the capitalist system,” commented a *Red Flag* reader.

This film is based on real events in Muzaffarpur, Bihar, India, in 2020, where horrors of sexual abuse, rape, and torture were uncovered. Brajesh Thakur, founder of the NGO Sewa Sankalp Evam Vikas Samiti, was the main person accused in the case. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

“A heartbreaking and dark crime that goes beyond a movie. It is about real evils of capitalist society that no one wants to hear, think, or do anything about. What we turn a blind eye to,” commented J.

It shows gender inequality as an entrenched plague in capitalist societies, we all conclude. The sadism and destructive power that come with being oppressed under a society where only the powerful dominate.

The film tells the story of Vaishali, a young journalist. She investigates allegations of child sexual abuse at a girls’ shelter. She aims to bring these crimes to light.

Vaishali and the superintendent feel helpless in their search for evidence to convict these crimes. It reflects the same helplessness that many women experience. They see their achievements minimized sim-

ply because they are women. However, if not for the bravery of one witness who escaped, and the exploited girls themselves, this case would not have come to light.

The protagonist is the main threat to the group of powerful men who are involved in the crimes. A dictatorship of the rich and powerful capitalists who manipulate every kind of system through money to continue to rape girls and women, enslaving them sexually.

We see in this film that journalists and the judicial system cannot end exploitation by exposing it and winning in court. The root cause was never abolished. Heroic efforts are culturally valued in capitalism as we are fooled into believing that we can change the system one act at a time.

Violence against women is a global problem of epidemic proportions. In India, especially against low-caste and Muslim women. Statistics grossly underestimate the rate of rape because women are deathly afraid to report rape and sexual abuse, and rightly so, under a capitalist system.

A Communist World Depends on Revolutionary Struggle

“There are all kinds of gender-based violence. It is part of the systematic violence of capitalist societies,” R added. “The pressure to have children, the ‘paternalistic care’ of Vaishali’s husband, the police responses to both women are

examples of attitudes that we must change at the root.”

In our discussion among comrades and friends, C concluded that “The reform changes proposed by politicians can never meet the needs of the working class. Imperialism is a dictatorship of the ruling class which will only serve its needs. Capitalism fosters racism, sexism, exploitation, and violence.”

We watch movies and documentaries about the rotten capitalist system and what people are doing to change it within the capitalist system itself. Let’s imagine with our friends what we would do as communists, specifically, to address it. What practical things do we do as

communists within a capitalist society to change it? If the protagonist were a communist, what would be done differently?

Only communist revolution led by our ICWP party will be able to smash the perverse profit system. It will create a communist world for the working class, without Islamophobia, sexism, or racism, eliminating borders and wage slavery.

Organizing and mobilizing the masses for communism means reading and discussing *Red Flag* and building more collectives. These are the key to the revolutionary struggle to build a red army to put an end to the capitalists.

Long live communist revolution!



Mumbai, India, 2022—Protest against rape

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Communism Will Abolish the Material Basis of Sexism

A fellow teacher said recently, “I am worried about what is happening. There are too many threats. We can even lose our jobs if we talk about gender issues in the schools.”

“Talking about the problems of capitalism has never been allowed. We must go back to doing the organizing work as was done before. We don’t need authorization from any fascist government. What we need is the commitment to politically train more education workers with communist ideas,” responded another teacher.

Women marched on March 8th as part of International Women’s

Day. They protested the measures implemented by this government. They protested violence against women and the hiding of all the information about femicides. El Salvador has the world’s third highest rate of gender-related murders.

The ultra-right, like Presidents Milei in Argentina and Bukele in El Salvador, are removing all discussion of gender politics. What they cannot erase are the struggles for a just system, free of sexism, racism, homophobia, and other poisons.

Communism will abolish money. Work will be based on meeting the masses’ needs. The wage system, the material basis of sexism, will be abolished. This will not be enough, but collectively we will continue to struggle to end all re-

maining sexist attitudes. To achieve this, we need to mobilize the masses for communism.

MINED (Ministry of Education) has withdrawn all teaching materials related to this issue and has banned everything related to gender ideology. This had been planned since 2022. The government made it official on February 28th of this year.

All content related to gender has now been excluded from the teaching and learning process of students and from teacher training.

In capitalism, sexist and gender practices are very destructive. This government had already removed philosophy from the curriculum. Now it is prohibiting, and threatens to sanction, any discussion of gen-

der, sexism, and homophobia.

These actions challenge us to sharpen the struggle against the capitalist system. And to recruit more women and men to join the International Communist Workers’ Party and read and share *Red Flag*. And to discuss in the collectives how harmful for the working class are these sexist practices that do nothing but divide the working class.

Communism will abolish all forms of discrimination and structural forms that have historically affected men and women.

Only communist revolution will free us from these cruel and exploitative capitalist practices.

—Comrade Communist Master Teacher in El Salvador

From Gaza to the USA:

LET’S FIGHT FOR COMMUNIST WORKERS’ POWER,
NOT MAKE “DEMANDS” ON POLITICIANS

PASADENA (USA), March 25— “This US-funded genocide in Gaza must stop!” Two hundred adults and children spoke passionately for their allotted one minute each, for a City Council resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Middle East. They begged. They reasoned. They demanded. Five hundred protesters briefly disrupted the City Council meeting with chants of “Ceasefire now!” And when a resolution was passed, most celebrated the “victory.”

But what was this victory? The final “proclamation” catered to a few dozen Zionist speakers who said they no longer “felt safe” in Pasadena. It urged the US government to continue to “seek peace in the Middle East” while ignoring that US-supplied weapons make the devastation possible. It didn’t acknowledge that masses in Gaza have been suppressed and repressed by the Israeli government for decades and are by far the ones suffering the most now.

“Passing a ‘resolution’ resolves nothing,” comrade L commented. “It lets the masses feel that they have power when in reality the US government will keep sending arms

and hypocritically, a little food too.”

“The massive win is that we pushed a reluctant governing body into taking a stand for ceasefire,” said an organizer. “It’s a great foundation for doing other things like Boycott-Divestment-Sanctions work.”

“I think the big victory was many hundreds of us finding our voices together in solidarity,” said comrade E. Seventy protesters took our communist pamphlet on Palestine, and many more had already gotten it earlier.

The organizer’s opinion reflects the reformist view, expressed by some speakers, that governmental bodies are “our voice” and should “represent their constituents.” But City Council, like all government bodies, is part of the capitalist state. It exists to serve the interests of the ruling class—not the masses.

Comrade E’s opinion reflects a potentially revolutionary view that the masses have our own powerful “voice.” We should be making decisions that serve the interests of the international working class. In communism, we won’t be begging or demanding things. We will be



debating, deciding, and carrying out policies and plans ourselves.

But the solidarity we experienced will only be a victory if it moves more activists toward this communist goal. “I should have said this directly,” comrade E reflected. Dozens read *Red Flag* regularly and some are starting to work with us. Many more are trying to push the movement towards anti-imperialism (instead of pacifism) and welcome our ideas.

The Pasadena City Council “ceasefire” proclamation echoes the line now pushed by Democratic Party politicians like Sen. Schumer and Gov. Newsom and by US officials at the UN. The US rulers are eager to regain the active support of young people who are appalled by “Genocide Joe” Biden. They are desperate to overcome their increasing isolation internationally. Resolutions like the Pasadena one help provide them with cover.

But they are still unwilling or unable to stop sending arms to Israel to safeguard US energy interests in the Middle East. Or to defy the Israeli government by continuing to fund UNRWA, the UN relief organ-

ization that has kept Gazans alive. This leaves activists both baffled and outraged at the hypocrisy of politicians like Reps. Judy Chu and Adam Schiff. Already there have been sit-ins at their offices.

Some activists are changing their “ask” from signing onto a ceasefire resolution to “Stop sending military funding to Israel.” But any “ask,” and any “demand,” perpetuates the illusion that we can peacefully defang the imperialist beast. That capitalism, in any form, can bring world “peace” or economic “justice.”

Marchers in the streets of US cities chant, “The only solution: Intifada, Revolution!” We think that’s as true in Pasadena and everywhere as it is in Gaza. That it must be armed revolution for international communism. For ending all nations and borders. For ending money and private property, the root of wage slavery and imperialism and all the oppression masses face today. That’s what *Red Flag* tries to explain. Read it, write for it, and share it as widely as you can!



May Day, Haifa, Palestine/Israel, 1963

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