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A COMMUNIST MAY DAY IN INDIA: INDUSTRIAL WORKERS REJECT CAPITALISTS' ELECTIONS

BENGALURU (India), April 13— On an unusually hot day, comrade Sarla angrily told the union boss, “You can go and vote for the [opposition] Congress Party, I am going to organize my comrades to build a better world.”

The Congress Party won the state government here in Karnataka last year, defeating the fascist BJP. The unions saw it as a victory for the working class. For comrade Sarla, an active ICWP organizer, it was a time to mobilize the masses for communism. She told many workers in her factory that it was the Congress Party that passed a new law to force workers to work twelve-hour shifts, six days a week.

Bengaluru used to enjoy a moderately cool climate but now it faces a severe water shortage. In Sarla's factory, the water flows constantly to dye jeans and shirts. This contaminated water then goes into the aquifer. The workers then must drink this cancer-causing water. Many workers avoid it because it

smells like raw sewage. Neither the BJP nor the Congress Party has a solution to this crisis because it was the capitalists' greed that caused it. Both parties compete to win the capitalists, not the workers.

Comrade Sarla distributes about twenty copies of *Red Flag* to her coworkers. Her collective distributes about 150 copies. All members of ICWP are busy organizing workers for May Day.

Fighting Sexism to Build a Mass International Communist Workers' Party

“We want to show that we are not just garment workers, we are communists organizing other industrial workers,” Divya said. She pledged to bring at least three men who are automobile workers.

Divya, a young garment worker, has a difficult task. She works hard to support her family, leaving almost no time to meet other workers. Then there is a socially expected behavior of not socializing with males.

But Divya understands that sexism must be confronted to build unity of all workers. At first, many male workers ignored her. But her collective read and discussed our party's pamphlet on sexism. It gave her great confidence and she started to struggle with her male friends.

Divya is proud that some male friends read *Red Flag* regularly and will come to the May Day event. Bengaluru has over six million industrial workers. “If I can win three workers to the Party, everyone can do it. I changed my outlook. I am a communist. We need more communists.”

“Millions of workers are bombarded with ideas of accepting our capitalist masters. They divide us by caste, religion, gender. Now they are staging a political circus of electing a new parliament,” Divya said. “No political party will address the issues of unemployment, inflation, crime, caste violence, because they created it in the first place.”

Mobilize Masses for Communism Amidst Mass Unemployment, Capitalist Wars

India has over 200 million workers who make less than a dollar a day. It is spending enormous amounts of money to stage the coming parliamentary elections. It is predicted to be the most expensive election in the world. The money stolen from the workers will be used to elect which capitalist-controlled ruler will win. Modi's fascist party is expected to win. However, half of the workers will stay home. They have no interest in

supporting which boss' representative gets elected.

Comrades in Delhi are especially determined to mobilize the masses to communism after participating in the farmer's rally last month. Balbir, who joined ICWP out of the farmers' struggle, says he can bring dozens to May Day.

Balbir said that in his home state of Punjab, unemployment is so high that many workers line up to go to Russia for any job. Long lines are forming at the New Delhi airport because the Russian contractors will take anybody. Many of these workers end up directly or indirectly involved in the war between Russia and Ukraine.

In a Chennai auto factory, ICWP members are preparing for the celebration of the 101st anniversary of May Day when autoworkers there seized the factory. This year we will celebrate building and consolidating a mass ICWP. We have been distributing about five hundred copies of *Red Flag* in the industrial areas. A garment worker in Sri Lanka will also be joining with some workers in Colombo on May Day.

Our May Day this year will be better and bigger. We are entering into a new era of endless wars and misery, deprivation of our class. Our message will be to destroy the perpetrators of wage slavery. The new comrades like Balbir, Divya, and many others will show that capitalism can be defeated with the communist revolution.



SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS, WORKERS, YOUTH MOBILIZE FOR A COMMUNIST MAY DAY

SOUTH AFRICA, April 15— “We are constantly communicating with other comrades who don't have cellphones,” reported a mass organizer of ICWP. “We visit them and give them *Red Flag*. We are organizing for a May Day to show that communism is the only way to smash xenophobia, racism, and wars.”

Another long-time comrade said, “I am self-critical, I was away for two years. But I am here with ICWP. I am home again. ICWP is my home.” Many welcomed her back.

A soldier said, “We are ready with our tool (*Red Flag*). We need

a change in the system. We are organizing other soldiers. We hope some will come to our May Day.

“I will bring my whole neighborhood,” the soldier continued. “People are fed up with deteriorating conditions all around. People are desperate. There is gang violence. At least twelve people were killed in this township this year alone. Many young people join these gangs but we have to start teaching our values of community. I am so glad ICWP is here to organize.”

A security guard we met at our Toyi protest dance is reading *Red Flag*. He said, “I am distributing *Red Flag* to the workers at the Volk-

swagen Plant during their shift change. I will be there with some other comrades.”

A community organizer said, “We need to make a change. It is now or never. Communism can make it happen. I will keep on recruiting more comrades. It will be a big turnout for May Day.”

These are some of the comrades in one township who have been deeply affected by imperialist wars in Gaza and racist violence against people from Zimbabwe and Mozambique. When we explained the situation in Israel/Palestine to the masses with our pamphlet on Gaza, people re-

call the days of apartheid in South Africa.

“Not a thing has changed in South Africa. They abolished apartheid, and now we can go anywhere but our conditions are worse than before. I want to let the Palestinian comrades know that they will never gain anything by supporting Hamas. It is capitalism that needs to be destroyed,” said a comrade who works where many immigrants live.

“We have been able to talk to young comrades from Mozambique and Zimbabwe,” the comrade continued. “ICWP has opened our

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LETTER FROM GAZA: “UNITED AS COMMUNISTS”

Dear Comrades,

I am still alive. But many around me are not. We escaped from Khan Yunis several weeks ago under relentless attack. We arrived in Rafah.

While in Rafah, my cellphone gets recharged once a week. I have to use it sparsely. But thanks to you, I still have the internet and I get to read *Red Flag*.

It gives me and my comrades the utmost joy to read RF. I help them translate. They read every word of it. You won't believe it: this is the biggest source of news for us.

I was also able to communicate with a comrade in Israel through you. It is heartening to know we are all communists. The comrade wrote to me recently: “We are with you. You may never realize, but

the atrocities of the Israeli Zionist ruling class are making us all powerful to destroy them. Your pain is our pain. Be strong, as you are. We will be united as communists.”

I want to tell all our readers the story of a five-year-old girl. Leila was found buried under rubble. Her apartment building collapsed, killing many. In Gaza, the masses rush to save people after such attacks. They have learned these rescue skills from decades of Israeli bombardments.

After two nights, people heard faint noises from the collapsed building. They realized a girl was trapped. It took hours before Leila was extricated. She was dizzy, disoriented, and dehydrated. There was a deep shrapnel wound on her leg.

In Rafah, we get one meal every other day. And a liter of water that lasts several days. When Leila was found alive, kids and adults lined up to donate water to wash her. People skipped their portion of meals so she would not go hungry or thirsty. Somebody treated her injured leg. Leila was smiling with the nurturing love of humanity.

Leila became an orphan. She lost 26 family members in the airstrike. The community adopted her. This is the story of thousands like Leila.

Many children like Leila will grow up. They have survived by the collective strength of the masses. Nobody made a profit by giving them food or water or healing their injury. Society organized

to eliminate profit and capitalism is the only system that can survive.

These are the lessons I am learning from people around me. *Red Flag* helps to organize these hungry masses by giving them the political power of communism. In more than one way, we are working in collectives talking about our next step.

An Israeli comrade reminded me he was going to a May Day march in Tel Aviv with a few copies of RF. We will also think of this May Day as a fight for communism that cannot be crushed. It will grow into a mighty international working class. Forward comrades, we have not forgotten! Communism is the future.

—Hamza, in solidarity (April 14, 2024)

Israeli Friend: “Real Power Is in Hands of Workers and Soldiers”

I am preparing for a May Day demonstration. I plan to take a few copies of *Red Flag*. This May Day, there will be a massive rally in Israel. More workers are fed up with brutal fascism that is killing our brothers and sisters across the border.

When we got the news of a possible drone and missile attack from Iran, we were put on high alert. We went underground to prepare for possible retaliation.

I called several friends during this time. Many people were very scared. I explained that this is the result of the intensifying contradiction of capitalism. This May Day, we should organize to support our

working class in Gaza.

Many of my friends thought that there might be a nuclear attack in the coming months or years by the fascists in Iran.

This may be true, but the real power is in the hands of the international workers and soldiers. The rulers will try to scare us, but they are ‘paper tigers.’ The real power comes from the soldiers supported by the working class.

Israeli workers have the potential to turn the fascist massacres in Gaza into a fight for a communist revolution. We will carry this message to the masses this May Day.

—A communist sympathizer in Israel.



Police suppress a protest against Israel's war on Gaza in Haifa, (Israel) December 15, 2023

ISRAEL-IRAN SKIRMISHES: OPENING SHOTS IN WORLD WAR III

April 16— As workers worldwide prepare to march on May Day, imperialists worldwide are preparing for massive war that will affect everyone, everywhere.

The Israeli rulers' murderous attack on Iranian diplomats in Syria tested the waters for wider war in the Middle East. The Iranian rulers responded this time with a swarm of cheaply produced missiles and armed drones. It cost the Israeli government and its US imperialist backers more than a billion dollars to answer the attack.

US President Biden told Israel's Netanyahu to stop it there. But Netanyahu has responded to Biden's

every recent request for restraint by escalating attacks. As we go to press, it's not clear what will happen next.

But we do know that today's situation is qualitatively different from ten years ago. Then, the US rulers could work with the Russian and Chinese imperialists to slow Iran's nuclear weapons program. Today, those Russian and Chinese rulers are closely allied with Iran against the increasingly isolated Israeli and US rulers. Today, US imperialism's European allies are less willing than ever to do its bidding.

The Iranian ruling class may not want full-scale war right now, as it

prepares for a major leadership transition. Netanyahu might want it as he seeks to prevent his grip on Israeli politics from slipping away. But what any imperialist faction “wants” is less important than what it needs.

The Chinese and Russian imperialists, like all imperialists, need to expand their global reach for labor, resources, and markets to maximize profits. The US imperialists have an even more desperate need to slow their inevitable decline. War is the only thing that will resolve the conflict between these competing needs.

From the Middle East to Ukraine

to the South China Sea, that war is starting to explode. It is increasingly claiming the lives and livelihoods of our international working class. When the blindfolds of nationalism, patriotism, and racism fall from our eyes, we see clearly that the only war workers must support is the class war for communism that will end capitalist exploitation and mass murder.

So we march this May Day to prepare for armed revolution. To turn imperialist wars for profit into the communist class war that will end them. To mobilize masses to build a new communist world on the ashes of the old!

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homes to them. They are learning Xhosa. When there is a racist attack on them, we are there to defend them.”

A comrade who joined ICWP last year summed up the enthusiasm and lively spirit of organizing for May Day. She said, “The life of

helping each will change humanity. It will build a new way of life, new songs, new languages, and a new culture of caring and supporting life. Capitalism is the opposite of communism. It is brutal, greedy, and deadly.

“I dedicate my life to the cause

of communism,” she concluded.

This May Day will be a big opportunity for us to consolidate these new and old comrades into party collectives. We plan a braai (barbecue) after May Day. We expect the bosses to try to disrupt or create obstacles to our organizing plans. But with many new comrades around us, we are learning new

ways of carrying out our struggle.



INDUSTRIAL WORKERS: KEY TO MOBILIZING THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM

EL SALVADOR, April 10—“Faced with this crisis of capitalism and growing fascism, we workers have a plan,” commented a comrade worker leader. “We are reorganizing our collectives in the factory since some workers have moved to other factories. We will organize in the communities where we live. This will strengthen our communist political struggle.”

The conditions under the “regime of exception,” which make fascism more evident, demand greater organization of the working class organized in the International Communist Workers’ Party. It demands going out to spread communist literature, including *Red Flag*, to more workers.

The capitalist crisis means that governments around the world are subjecting the working class to fascist conditions.

Several communities with a history of organizing have recently experienced repression and intimidation by the government’s

army. This is happening in southern Chalatenango, which suffered systematic repression during the civil war in the 1970s and 1980s.

The government forces deployed a military encirclement of 5,000 police and soldiers to capture two people for a murder that occurred in the area. This number of police is meant to terrorize the inhabitants of these municipalities, most of whom were combatants of the FMLN guerrillas. It is not aimed at resolving the case.

The death of millions of workers worldwide is the responsibility of the capitalist class, who are never persecuted by the police.

Fascist intimidation must not scare us. On the contrary, it should set in motion the organization of the working class in this and other areas. ICWP will lead this struggle. The bosses are doing the same thing in the factories. It is becoming normal for the police to be in the surrounding areas and even inside the factories, trying to terrorize the workers.

Workers Led by ICWP are Fighting Fascism Inside the Factories

Workers organized in ICWP have spoken out inside the factories against the growing fascism with the slogan “Who’s stealing from whom?” ever since the bosses accused two workers of stealing some T-shirts.

The bosses exploit and rob the sweat and blood of the workers inside the factories every day. It is the workers’ hands that produce the profits (surplus value) the bosses make by paying workers low wages and keeping for themselves the lions’ share of the money from selling the products workers make. This is the enormous daily theft that all capitalists commit.

For many years, the working class has organized and fought, making it clear how the capitalist thieves function. We continue to do so with ICWP’s communist line, now with the clear goal of mobilizing the masses for Communism. For a society without money, wage slavery, sexism, and racism.

A worker leader emotionally said, “I’m leaving this factory to work in another sweatshop, but my comrade D is staying to continue ICWP’s work. We have worked together. She knows how to do this work. I will continue my communist work where I am going next.”

Another comrade worker responded, “We will be there, comrade, to support you and bring *Red Flag* to more workers.”

ICWP is organizing the working class to end the capitalist system of reforms that divide and enslave us. Building ICWP is our answer to in-

tensifying fascism and conditions of poverty caused by wage slavery.

Let’s Mobilize on May Day for Communism

“I will work on my day off, so I can go to the May Day march,” said T, a worker, at a recent extended meeting. There we planned our participation for the commemoration of International Workers’ Day.

A young worker approved this decision. He reaffirmed, “We’ll march to raise the voice of the working class. We have to be visible to the world. We are fighting for a better world for our class brothers and sisters and for our children.”

We are forging the history of struggle for Communism internationally. Today borders divide us, but Communist revolution unites us.

Collectively we will commemorate the workers’ struggles that came before us by demonstrating this May Day.

We concluded this extended meeting by pointing out how many families will march this May Day. We recounted the history of struggle of this historic day for the working class. We emphasized the need to demonstrate to commemorate this day, in which the organized working class is mobilized worldwide. It is a day that allows us to go to the masses and massively distribute our *Red Flag*.

“Thank you, comrades,” the 5-year-old son of a worker couple ended by saying.

Urban and rural workers, students, health workers: All out to march for Communism!

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El Salvador: Distributing Communist Leaflets to Garment Workers

MAY DAY IN MEXICO: LET’S FIGHT FOR THE WORLDWIDE EMANCIPATION OF THE WORKING CLASS: COMMUNISM!

The great imperialist capitalist powers, the U.S., the European Union and Japan on the one hand, and China, Russia, and Iran on the other, are fighting for markets and sources of raw materials, with wars that are about to become global, even nuclear. Capitalism is the problem, not this or that politician representing this or that capitalists. The solution is communist revolution to overthrow them, to eliminate wage slavery and the whole capitalist system of trade.

The use and enjoyment of our labor power by the capitalists—not just the abuse of it—is exploitation. Therefore, we must not just fight low wages and poor working conditions. We must fight to end the system of wage labor. The problems are so many that they will not be solved with one or another reform, putting patches on capitalism.

The capitalists have increased the degree of workers’ exploitation. They took advantage of the pan-

democratic to lower wages, extend the working day, and automate production even more. Billionaire Carlos Slim proposed compacting the work week to three 12-hour days and extending the retirement age by 10 or 15 years.

During the elections, the electoral parties proposed to reduce the work week from 48 to 40 hours. But in the end, they shelved it. President AMLO proposed an average monthly salary of sixteen thousand pesos (US \$957) but did not comply with it. He proposed laws, including reinstatement of the “solidarity pension system,” claiming that retirees would receive a pension equivalent to their last salary. He finally said that this would only be in the long run. The much-extolled increase in the minimum wage benefits only half of 1% of those who declared they receive the minimum wage, since most of them do not have an employer.

The AFL-CIO, the Canadian

unions, and the American industrial relocation interests propose “labor reform” through the T-MEC (Mexico-United States-Canada Treaty). This is promoted in Mexico by the US embassy, supposedly to “democratize” union leadership and eliminate the “false unions” that only protect the employer. It actually eliminated thousands of small unions. It encourages the existence of multiple unions in each company or industry, breaking up the unity of the workers. It has left all the old leaders intact.

Those who advocate “reforming” wage slavery proclaim that it is not possible to end it now. So, they support the proposal to reduce the work week to 40 hours, increase vacation days, and reduce the daily work day: “since productivity has increased and workers produce in less than twenty-five minutes the value of their labor power (wages), working the remaining seven and a half hours for the profit of the capitalist.” We

workers need to get rid of capitalism altogether!

In the past, communists in Russia and China kept the relationship of workers working for a wage, with the state as their employer, ultimately restoring all capitalism.

May Day began as an international struggle for the eight-hour workday. The Second International in Europe called for the elimination of capitalism, but that goal was not at the forefront of the movement. Today we need to overthrow the capitalists, smash their state machinery, and build a state of free-associated workers under the leadership of ICWP. A state that defends the power of the working class, prevents the return of all exploiters, and supports the liberation of workers all over the world.

Contribute to the struggle for the worldwide emancipation of the working class! Join ICWP. Write your experiences of struggle in *Red Flag* and help spread it.

Mass Celebration of Coming May Day in Honduras:

THE WORKING CLASS MUST SHAKE OFF THE EXPLOITATIVE CAPITALIST SYSTEM, TAKING THE ROAD TO COMMUNISM

In recent years, large demonstrations of urban workers, popular organizations, rural workers, teachers, and others have taken place in all the major cities of Honduras. Tens of thousands of workers are concentrated in the cities of Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula.

They are fighting poverty, which is more and more a daily reality for the working class. Those who manage to find jobs get poverty wages and are subjected to greater exploitation. The unemployment rate increases every day, so that more than forty percent of the workforce is unemployed. A significant number of these choose to emigrate to the north. Society in general is subjected to living in an environment of unimaginable insecurity, with one of the highest crime rates in the

world (83 deaths per 100,000 inhabitants).

Tens of thousands of workers, unemployed, teachers, farmworkers, and other social strata have marched in all the main cities of Honduras. The slogans were generally the same, pointing out all the calamities suffered day by day by the working class, mainly massive unemployment, oppression, discrimination, and ruthless exploitation.

During last year's celebrations, some thought that, due to the massive nature of the reform movement, the workers would opt for the first time for one union confederation that would represent them.

But this has not been possible. Many of the unions which form part of these centrals have become conservative and pro-boss. They are

not interested in the liberation of the working class from the exploitation and discrimination to which it has been subjected for many years.

Some comrades took the opportunity to have talks and interviews with several participants during these marches. We could see and hear once again that the desperation of the working class is more eloquent every day.

Moreover, in general, workers do not see in this neoliberal capitalist system an alternative solution to their serious problems, not even for subsistence. In this impasse, they are already forming proletarian class consciousness, talking about the contradictions between workers and bosses. They see how the national and international bourgeoisie is increasing its profits at the ex-

pense of workers' labor. They see that what the wage-earner receives is no longer enough to satisfy even the basic needs required by human beings.

The comrades in Honduras see with great hope that qualitative and quantitative changes in favor of the working class are coming, but they can only occur under the slogans and ideas that we communists must push forward. The mainly economic reforms which the working class generally struggles for at present have only served to stop or delay the real struggle for total emancipation. That struggle is to shake off the yoke of exploitation imposed on us by the capitalist system and achieve a more just system: the communist society.

Workers of the world, UNITE!

SPAIN: LET'S GO ALL OUT TO MARCH ON MAY DAY AND SPREAD COMMUNIST IDEAS ALL OVER THE PLANET! LONG LIVE MAY DAY!

Farmers' protests and struggles against the government for better working conditions and against poor living conditions continue throughout Spain. Housing rents are skyrocketing. Wages have never been enough to have a dignified life.

In Spain and many other countries, entire towns are turning into ghost towns because workers can't find a way out of this "globalization." So, they have to migrate to the big cities and find that "normal-

ity" of being a wage slave. Thousands more workers are fleeing their countries, seeking refuge or a decent job in Spain or any other European country.

Capitalism is a cancer that only serves to keep the working class in a more and more precarious situation in order to enrich a few. This May Day, we have to take to the streets and tell all workers that we can and will defeat this system!

Here in Spain, we are ready to do

that again, armed with *Red Flag* to spread communist ideas! **The growth of our International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) is unstoppable!** From South Africa to El Salvador, from the US to France, we continue to grow and mobilize workers to develop communist ideas and fight directly against the capitalist system that keeps us only as slaves.

Let's take to the streets to tell workers that Communism and the

study of Dialectical Materialism is our real alternative. That's how we can develop communities where health, education, housing, and food will not be tools of slavery. Instead, the working class itself will solve the problem of providing these necessities. We will build communities where work will not be a bargaining chip to enrich a few, but the way forward to raise the standard of living and quality of life of our own class! Join us!

Message of Solidarity from Our Friends in Costa Rica on this May Day of 2024

To the men and women workers of the world!

This May Day 2024 finds the Costa Rican working class facing such problems as:

- Unemployment and deterioration of wages and working conditions.
- The agricultural workers in the banana, pineapple, and coffee plantations are among the most exploited in the country.
- The men and women public sector workers have seen their salaries and working conditions drastically reduced.
- The pension systems are de-

teriorated and threatened with restructuring in ways that go against the pensioners.

▪ The people suffer deterioration of rights and living conditions that they enjoyed in the past, such as health, education, and housing.

In the so-called democratic Costa Rica, unions do not exist in the private sector because they are fiercely persecuted.

Faced with this situation, the working class and other oppressed sectors of society develop struggles of resistance aimed at defending social gains and improving living conditions. Public sector workers have taken to the streets in defense of their rights and against privatization. Currently, the Costa Rican Social Security Fund,

CCSS, is under frontal attack by this government, continuing its privatization policies. Indigenous groups have been recovering and defending their territories. In urban communities there are struggles for safe drinking water.

The worldwide panorama is not a happy one either. The imperialist powers of the world, fundamentally the United States, China, and Russia, are leading the people into new wars of plunder (market disputes). They are plundering natural resources and imposing starvation plans on their own peoples and on the peoples of the world.

From Costa Rica we call on the powerful international working class to forge the unity of the work-

ing class, fighting for the demands that we need in this country and in all countries, taking up the workers' struggle raised since the First Communist International, for a world free of capitalist oppression and domination of every kind. As well as to coordinate and organize the present working-class struggles.

Against the Russian invasion of Ukraine!

For the defense of Palestine! Against the Zionist state of Israel!

For the international coordination of the struggles against capitalism!

—Movement of Urban and Agricultural Workers, Costa Rica, May 1st, 2024



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Masses Fight Growing Fascism in El Salvador, Argentina

THERE'S NO MIDDLE GROUND: FASCISM AND WORLD WAR OR WORLDWIDE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

Masses of workers in Argentina are mobilizing against President Javier Milei's cutbacks, layoffs, unemployment, inflation and other fascist measures. Mobilizations of up to a million workers defied Milei after he promised a "tough hand" against anyone who would block traffic. He threatened to take away subsidies for the poorest workers if they were seen at the protests. But still the workers marched, even some who voted for the president.

The working class has the potential to smash fascism. But it must fight for communism, not for reforms. The masses in Argentina are up in arms and need communist leadership. Building ICWP collectives is fundamental for communist revolution to end fascism.

Fascism on the March

The annual meeting of the Conservative Political Action Conference (CAPC) featured Trump. The audience loved the speeches by Milei and Bukele. Bukele focused on "national security." He also emphasized that parents should make sure that their children's educational curriculum does not include "gender ideology." He rejects abortion and same-sex marriage.

Days later, El Salvador's education authorities removed "gender ideology" and sex education from the public-school curriculum. All educational literature on sexuality, including information on HIV prevention, was removed. The Salvadoran Ministry of Education threatens to fire teachers who talk about "gender ideology."

Bukele won reelection with 85% of the vote (only 52% voted). Many believe he is honest and has made

El Salvador "safe and secure."

Imprisoning thousands of gang members who terrorized the population made him popular, but at the expense of many thousands of innocent people who are also imprisoned. He threatens to jail those who mobilize against his fascist regime.

It is the capitalists and imperialists who created and encourage gangs and drugs.

Many Salvadoran workers cannot buy the basic food basket on the wages they receive. There is no security if the workers go hungry!

In Argentina, Milei also eliminated all "gender ideology" from government ministries. He denies there is a wage gap between men and women, which is officially 25%! Milei recently fired 24,000 government workers. Fifty thousand more are "temporary." Their jobs are also threatened. Workers who fight against these attacks can be attacked by the police and by the fascists.

Both presidents manipulate the masses through social media. The fascist base they are building is to be used against workers fighting capitalism's growing attacks.

Struggle for Reforms or for Communist Revolution?

The working class in Argentina has a long history of struggle. In the early 20th century, workers rebelled against the poor working conditions imposed by British and US imperialist bosses. Communists and others introduced Marxist ideas among the workers. They organized red unions that led strikes to improve their economic conditions. But they never organized for revolution. Argentina was then considered an eco-

nomie power.

In the 1930s, a series of anti-fascist strikes ended in clashes with the police. Some workers were killed, others wounded. With the ascension of the fascist Juan Domingo Perón to the presidency in 1946, many workers were absorbed into the neo-fascist Peronist movement.

Today the US imperialists want to build fascist movements to elect politicians who ensure control of Latin America against their Chinese imperialist rivals and to control the masses.

The source of fascism, sexism, racism, homophobia, gangs, and wage slavery is capitalism. It needs cruel sexism, racism, and terror to divide our class. Capitalism's wage system will never allow racial or gender equity or a decent life for workers.

Answer to Fascism:

Communism, not "Democracy"

We need to mobilize the masses for communism to abolish the wage system and its sexism, homophobia, and racism. Only communist revolution, not elections, will end fascism, capitalism and imperialist war. The fight for communism needs the leadership of workers of all genders and "races."

The German capitalist-imperialists won masses to fight with commitment for German imperialism by winning them to Hitler's fascism. But they were defeated by the Soviet Red Army. The Soviets' communist ideas, commitment and organization proved victorious over fascism!

A mass ICWP with its mass Red Army will defeat fascism, this time at its capitalist source, with communist revolution. We will build a communist society without wage slavery or its poisonous creations: sexism, racism, nationalism and homophobia. All workers will be comrades in arms, united in our collective commitment to fight and produce to meet the masses' needs. Join us!

What is Fascism?

Fascism arose in reaction to the victory of the Russian revolution during World War I. The Russian revolution horrified the capitalists-imperialists. Mussolini in Italy invented the word "fascism." It became a mass movement in the 1920s and 1930s in Germany, Italy, Japan, England, the US, and elsewhere. It was violently anti-communist, racist, nationalist, sexist, homophobic, and anti-worker.

Fascism comes in many forms and guises, but it is fundamentally a violent, vicious attack on the working class. It pushes racism and sexism to divide our class and win a section to fight their class brothers and sisters. While capitalism always has aspects of fascism, it is the form capitalism consistently takes when it is in crisis and preparing for world war. Fascism is used to win workers to extreme nationalism, or xenophobia, to fight "foreigners," immigrants, and to fight for the imperialists against workers from other countries.

Liberals like social democrats have allowed the resurgence and growth of fascism, and the normalization of the extreme right wing. History has shown that when fascism erupts with force, all the electoral parties move rapidly to the right. The supposed electoral "left" stops being left, and the right becomes the extreme right. No capitalist electoral party will stop fascism.

Fascism will be defeated through mass workers' violence: communist revolution to put an end to capitalism. It can't be voted out or reformed away. Today, in a pre-world war period, fascist movements are growing worldwide. The rulers need them to terrorize and win the masses to fight against their own interests or to cower in fear. The communist movement has never cowered and will not cower before the growth of fascism. We will build a mass ICWP to unite the masses to end it along with its capitalist-imperialist creators.



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workers' neighborhoods, embedding themselves among the workers most impacted by capitalist war and exploitation.

When World War I started in 1914, their slogan was "turn the imperialist war into a revolution for workers' power." At first, they were unpopular because many people were patriotic. Many believed the

Tzar's propaganda that the communists were German agents, organizing against the Russian war efforts to divide and weaken Russia, so the Germans could take over.

But after a year, a million Russian soldiers had been killed at the front. Workers' wages had been drastically slashed to pay for the war. Masses of workers and sol-

diers started supporting the Bolsheviks.

By 1917, they had mass support as the only party completely opposed to the imperialist war and organizing for workers to take power in their own hands. That October, they led the masses to take power and defeat the capitalist government. They had successfully put their revolutionary struggle into practice.

Unfortunately, they set up socialism, not communism. Today we know that socialism is state capitalism. We fight directly for communism, to eliminate money, wage slavery, borders, and nations.

But the Russian experience shows us that we can and must turn to the masses to end the rulers' wars, exploitation, and fascism. Communist revolution will end fascism and imperialist war for good.

HAITI: WORLD'S FIRST PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION

The 1804 Haitian revolution, organized by slaves, defeated the French, British, and Spanish imperialist armies. It ended slavery in Haiti. For the first time in history, rural industrial workers rebelled against rising capitalism and took their destiny in their own hands. Inspired by the most advanced ideas of the French revolution, they took them further.

Five hundred thousand Black Haitians represented the biggest force of agricultural industrial workers in the world at that time. They produced sugar cane for the international capitalist market. French finance capital invested heavily. By super-exploiting slave labor, Haiti became the richest colony in the world—for the enslavers and imperialists.

The first phase of the revolution lasted for eleven years of struggle. One hundred fifty thousand enslaved people (nearly a third of the population) were killed. They killed many enslavers and overseers. They burned everything on the sugar

cane plantations. They outlawed slavery after defeating their enslavers, the French financiers that sent their “best” troops to re-enslave them, and the mixed-race exploiters who tried to replace the French. Many men and women led this battle.

The masses who revolted against slavery included tens of thousands of soldiers. They were among the forty thousand enslaved people imported from Africa annually in the decade prior to the revolution. Defeated soldiers steeled in battle were sold into slavery. They used their skills to give critical military leadership to defeat the world’s three best armies.

The government that came to power in 1804 represented the new Haitian capitalist ruling class. They had helped destroy slavery, but not exploitation. They were eager to recreate the “sugar-cane factories.” They wanted the revolutionary Haitian masses to go back to work as “free” wage slaves.

The masses refused to be wage

slaves! This was the second phase of the Haitian revolution, which makes it the world’s least publicized revolution. Its lessons have been largely ignored even by the international communist movement. **For the first time in history, masses of workers rebelled against wage slavery. It was the first proletarian revolution.**

The masses burned the remaining plantations and fled to the mountains. There they organized collective community farming. For the next 110 years, the Haitian masses produced food for themselves, not for the capitalist-imperialist market. The population increased five-fold. There was no hunger. Nobody was homeless. Health and life span dramatically improved.

This showed that agricultural workers are a powerful revolutionary force. The Russian Revolution ignored this, but the Chinese Revolution again proved it correct. It showed that the most oppressed working masses will mobilize to defeat racist capitalism and imperialism. And then organize and struggle to produce for their own needs.

US imperialism invaded Haiti in 1915. It forced Haitian workers into wage slavery to pay the debt the French imperialists claimed they “owed” them for “stealing” French property: the slaves that won their freedom on the battle fields! They also wanted to prevent Haiti from being a beacon to the masses of wage slaves in the Caribbean and worldwide.

The conditions imposed on the Haitian masses were punishment

for defeating Europe’s armies and ending slavery. They also earned the hatred and contempt of the Black capitalists who wanted to use the masses as docile wage slaves to become rich.

Since 1915, US imperialism has dominated Haiti and driven the masses into poverty. Today, US-armed paramilitary gangs attack the masses and compete for the power to exploit them. The US government is preparing a multi-national occupation force led by a thousand Kenyan police to control the masses and prevent rebellion.

But many neighborhood collectives are defending the masses against the gangs and police. It is a racist imperialist lie that Haiti suffers from lack of leadership. US and French imperialist repression has not stopped workers from risking their lives to lead and defend each other.

The many collective defenders could become collectives of ICWP to mobilize the masses for communist revolution, to end wage slavery and racism, and to build communism. To win over soldiers. To plan, produce, and share only for the masses’ needs.

Haitian workers’ situation cries out for a mass revolutionary communist party to mobilize the masses for communism, nothing less. The Haitian masses’ heroic revolution shows that they can defeat the capitalists and imperialists and produce what they need without exploiters. This time they will abolish wage slavery and bury capitalism-imperialism forever.



FIGHT FASCIST ATTACKS BY ORGANIZING FOR COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

CALIFORNIA (USA), April 12 — “Once again, on orders of Mayor Karen Goh, Bakersfield Police aggressively and violently shoved protestors out of the City Hall building, assaulting multiple people, prompting injuries and hospitalizations,” announced a blog post from United Front For Liberation, a community organization.

On Wednesday, March 27, more protestors were arrested when, for the fifth time, community members came together to petition the Bakersfield City Council to pass a resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and condemning the US-backed Israeli genocide there. In all, nine protestors have been arrested for this “crime.”

Mayor Karen Goh’s reply has been to unleash the fascist Bakersfield Police on these peaceful demonstrators. This is their “Democracy” in action when we refuse to blindly follow their politicians, like Biden!

Democracy, as described by the capitalist rulers, does not exist. It

was invented by Greek enslavers to cover up that their rule was a dictatorship over the people they enslaved and the “free” Greek working masses.

Capitalists adopted it to cover up their dictatorship over the working class. They implement this dictatorship over us in two ways: Democracy and Fascism. They use democracy when we are ideologically won to support their system, we do not speak out against it, or are not rebelling against it.

They use fascism when we refuse to go along with their program. A case in point is our condemnation of the US rulers’ funding and arming the Israeli genocide in Gaza. Besides passing laws that restrict how we criticize Israel, or the language used to support the Gazan workers, they are using their police and army to violently discipline us.

Thus, worldwide, democracy is the velvet glove that covers the fascist iron fist of the capitalist rulers. Said another way, Democracy and Fascism are both the capitalists’

dictatorship over the rest of us.

Capitalists Desperately Need Fascism to Wage World War and Prevent Revolution

Capitalist rulers worldwide are waging wider and more genocidal wars. These will eventually explode into World War III, to decide which imperialist bloc will rule the world: the US-NATO-Japan bloc or the China-Russia-Iran-North Korea one.

Fascism, under these conditions, is brutal subjugation to force workers to patriotically accept the extreme hardships and super exploitation that their war efforts will demand. Plus, the sacrifice of the millions who will be drafted to fight, kill, and die for the rulers’ profits and world empire.

Not surprisingly, as the world’s capitalists-imperialists prepare for global war, fascist politicians of all stripes are gaining popularity. Some are winning elections, across Europe, Latin America, India, and elsewhere. In



the US, the 2024 electoral choice is racist, fascist Trump or fascist “Genocide Joe” Biden.

Fascism Won’t Stop the Working Class

After the Russian workers’ uprising of 1905, the Tzarist government repressed the workers and killed many revolutionaries. But the Bolsheviks (Russian Communists) didn’t stop organizing. They went into the factories, the military, and

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Workers, Soldiers, Students: Unite for Communist Revolution!

END IMPERIALIST WARS BY BUILDING A WORLDWIDE ICWP

EL SALVADOR, April 8 - "Now is the time, when capitalism is in crisis," commented J. "It is the time to act and put an end to imperialist wars. The working class, soldiers and students united for communist revolution."

We discussed how we can end imperialist wars. We all concluded that only Communist Revolution will put an end to the oppressive yoke of the powerful imperialists.

Racist, xenophobic, and sexist attacks on the working class take different forms. But always with the same purpose: the capitalist system of boss domination and wage slavery.

The struggle between imperialists for profit drives capitalism-imperialism to oppress the masses as slaves to be super-exploited. Imperialist attacks lead to more retaliation and divisions. The imperialists foster xenophobia and racism.

This is happening in Moscow. Many Central Asians in Russia, especially Tajiks, have faced intensified xenophobia after the recent

terrorist attack on the rock concert at Crocus City Hall near Moscow. Muslims experienced the same kind of xenophobic attacks after 9/11 in the US. Israeli Arabs have also faced the same hate attacks since October 7.

This triggers discrimination, Islamophobia, and disproportionate racism against immigrants. Despite this, the imperialists need and depend on the entire working class, especially immigrants, using and manipulating them for their own benefit without regard for their needs. They create divisions and hate crimes, just as the Russian government did with the Tajiks. Now they are targeting the Muslims of Central Asia, advertising to recruit them for their army.

Capitalism keeps our working class divided through racism, xenophobia, nationalism, sexism, and constructing the borders that divide us. We must destroy this deadly system through an armed revolutionary struggle for communism.

The imperialists are moving rap-

idly toward world war to defend their profits and world domination. "It's amazing how the imperialists' wars murder millions for their profits," said R. "The attacks, violence and genocide that are happening worldwide: these are imperialist power struggles."

The working class pays with their lives amid fighting, suffering from hunger, through inflation, high oil prices, mass unemployment and poverty. All capitalists and imperialists are mortal enemies of the working class.

Capitalism is in a severe worldwide crisis. They have developed technology so much that they can no longer sustainably return profits to their capitalist bosses. This sharpens the conflicts between the powerful imperialists pushing them to wars. Communist revolution will begin by taking advantage of this capitalist weakness and crisis. The masses will put a stop to this carnage and mass destruction by turning the weapons around for communism.

Why Fight for A Communist Revolution?

Fighting for a communist revolution is the only possible solution to this crisis. This is the opportune time to call for unity to build a massive International ICWP.

No more imperialist capitalists, no more profits, no more wage slavery. Communism will end starvation. It will reverse the climate change consequences of the capitalist system's profit maximization. It will provide housing and health care for all. We will live in and for a common good. The material basis of communism is collective production for the collective needs of the international working class. Communism will liberate the masses.

This revolutionary struggle begins here and now. Building and strengthening communist social relations and a mass ICWP. Mobilizing the masses for the victory of our communist society by eradicating all capitalism and its behaviors.

Long live communism! Power to the working class!

REBELLIOUS SOLDIERS, SAILORS, MARINES: KEY TO COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

Capitalism is like a rabid animal. It has no consciousness. It only acts in self-interest and only knows violence. There's no reasoning with it, no cure, no reforming it. It can only get worse, and if allowed to go on it will continue to harm those around it.

For a rabid animal, the humane thing to do is to put it down. That is what communist revolution is to capitalism: the humane thing to do.

Like a veterinarian with a needle, we as workers, students, soldiers, and sailors will need to arm ourselves against this threat and take action through armed struggle.

It will not go down peacefully. History shows that. We can only take down this threat by having the correct personnel, equipment and training. That means organizing inside of the boss's military.

Are we ready?

At a recent ICWP conference, a comrade asked those present to raise their hand if they thought that firearms would be needed for a revolution.

Almost everyone raised their hands.

The speaker asked if they knew how to fire a rifle.

All but a few hands went down.

After a few more such questions, the only person left with their hand up was an ex-guerrilla fighter from El Salvador.

Getting that training and recruiting others from the bosses' military is a struggle we are having with young comrades and their families and teachers today. After a spirited

discussion at the conference, three young comrades committed themselves to take this struggle more seriously.

Enlisted soldiers and sailors come from the working class, usually its most oppressed sectors. They have often been involved in class struggle before they enlisted or were drafted.

Soldiers and sailors have been important in movements against capitalist imperialism. The strengths and weaknesses of those movements play out in the military resistance. Militant organization of soldiers and sailors is not enough. We need a mass communist party to lead that struggle in the factories, schools, streets, barracks, and on-board the bosses' ships.

A Mass ICWP Needs to Grow within the Bosses' Militaries

After World War II, the struggle in India subordinated the revolutionary movement of workers, soldiers, and sailors to the demands of the Indian national bourgeoisie for an independent capitalist India. The 1946 mutiny of Indian sailors within the British Royal Navy played a key role. Indian sailors, angry at their racist treatment, exposed the weakness of imperialist militaries. These militaries rely on the oppressed, with guns in their hands, to maintain their system of global domination. This mutiny accelerated the process of Britain's decolonization. With the leadership of a revolutionary communist party, it could have been part of a communist revolution in India.

During the US imperialist war on Vietnam, the US Army, reflecting the systematic racism of US society, put working-class soldiers, especially Black and Latino, on the front line in Vietnam. The civil rights movement, urban rebellions against racism, and the anti-war movement spread to soldiers on the ground. They killed their own officers, refused to go on patrol, and burned down military stockades. The US rulers resorted to an air war, launching genocidal bombing raids from aircraft carriers. And the rebellions spread to the sailors on these carriers.

In 1972, Black sailors on the USS Kitty Hawk led an armed rebellion when the ship, stationed in the Philippines, was ordered to return to the Gulf of Tonkin after two other ships had been sabotaged. Sailors on the Constellation in dry dock in San Diego organized their own multi-racial nonviolent sit-

down strike. Many of them had had contact with communist anti-war organizing in Southern California. The sailors were inspired by the mutiny on the Kitty Hawk, The Navy was pushed to make reforms, and in 1973, the US had to withdraw from Vietnam. But the revolutionary potential of sailors and soldiers was not realized.

We are living through the beginning of a third world war. The major imperialists will greatly increase their armies and navies and call on their lackeys to supply soldiers and sailors. The horrors of war will open the door to worldwide communist revolution.

We must not find ourselves in a situation where the conditions are ripe for revolution, but we are unable to seize the moment because we lack the firepower and support of soldiers and sailors to win the revolutionary struggle. Now is the time for comrades around the world to build party collectives inside the bosses' armies and navies.



NEW LEADERS ORGANIZE INSPIRING MAY DAY BARBECUE

LOS ANGELES (USA), April 13– “Let’s march for communism this May Day with the International Communist Workers’ Party!”

With this slogan, a collective of young Party leaders extended an invitation to comrades and friends (old and new). We watched a video with many photos of our comrades in Spain, South Africa, Mexico, El Salvador, and USA marching, handing out *Red Flag*, and talking with workers about our communist line.

A comrade was saying goodbye to her house, a space used for many years to carry out political activities of our party. It was the ideal moment to meet and make this invitation. Comrades and friends brought

food and took books the comrade was giving away. We caught up with each other as meat cooked on the grill.

We listened to the speech of a transit worker comrade from MTA. He said, “I’m glad I am a member of the ICWP. I’d rather be surrounded by comrades than to put my trust in those that have and will continue to murder and attack the working class of the world.

“ICWP has helped me to clarify my vision, thoughts, and direction of things that have seemed blurry,” he continued. “To further understand the direct attacks on the working class. It has been very pleasing to be able to learn the fundamentals of

Communism. Just the ability to apply the knowledge to everyday thinking and decisions is priceless.”

After that, we sang *Bella Ciao* and heard a beautiful poem which lit the fire in our revolutionary minds and hearts.

Our shared responsibility allowed us to make this May Day “carne asada” (barbecue) possible. We were successful in our planning stage and implementation of our plans. Not even the rain could stop us from enjoying our time in person with our comrades. Plans were made as to who would make it to May Day, but that work is not finished just yet.

Our leadership collective is

growing and learning, and the work will continue as we prepare for May Day. Our goal is to organize our friends, coworkers, and families. To do this, we must continue talking with them and following up with those who made it to the carne asada.

With World War III on the horizon, communist leadership is needed more than ever to organize the workers of the world to end all genocides and capitalist exploitation. This is our plan: to meet future war efforts with communist organizing. Our party is growing around the world, and here in Los Angeles, the development of new leadership is on the horizon, too.

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Capitalism, Not “Consumption,” Drives Climate Crisis

March 2024 was the hottest month on record. It was the 10th consecutive month setting a new global heat record. April, Earth Month, will likely continue this trend as greenhouse gases in our atmosphere continue to grow exponentially.

The main story we’re told about the climate crisis and solutions to slow its rapid pace focuses on the individual. Capitalist society is determined on the alienation of its citizens. That is, undervaluing (or underfunding) community support networks and dismantling organized labor. Unsurprisingly, the burden of solving an issue caused almost entirely by the fossil fuel industry has been placed on the public.

Personal responsibility shouldn’t be ignored. But, often, the sole solution is framed as personal action and changing habits. Usually it focuses on consumption: buying “green” or “sustainable” products. We are instructed to purchase electric vehicles to reduce our carbon impact. This ignores the human impact cobalt mining has on Congolese workers. Meanwhile we drive to workplaces whose executives often profit from the fossil fuel industry.

This reframing of the climate crisis as a question of individual re-

sponsibility is easy to see as a larger product of executives and the political ruling class’s disinformation campaign around the effects of burning fossil fuels. We are told, and often believe, that we ourselves hold the solution to the crucial issue of climate change. So it is not difficult for many to also believe themselves as

its primary cause.

This strategy, shifting blame and pitting the masses one against the other, is nothing new for the ruling class. The global poor will pay the price for an ever-heating planet. Now more than ever we need a mass movement of workers united in demanding a dismantling of the current systems that continue to escalate catastrophic damage to our environment.

Besides the fossil fuel industry, deforestation, unsustainable and unethical animal agriculture, and more, let’s remember the dire effects of war on our planet and its inhabitants. Tens of thousands of tons of bombs have been dropped on Gaza, causing immense loss of human life. We must reflect on the poisonous effects these weapons have on the environment (both immediate and long-standing).

Ancient olive trees have been destroyed. Toxic chemicals leach into the soil. Carbon fills the atmosphere. The illegitimate occupying state of Israel should be held accountable for crimes against the environment as well as for the genocide of the Palestinian people and crimes against humanity.

We must urgently act for an immediate, permanent ceasefire that allows for the process towards a free Palestine. Radical environmental organizing cannot happen when bombs are falling and under occupation. We cannot become

passive or complicit to genocide and war.

We also cannot simply limit or slow down our reliance on fossil fuels. We cannot continue to trust industries, executives, and politicians who propel us further and further downwards.

We must fight for the power to take matters into our own hands.

Some say that the best time to begin solving the issues around climate change was forty years ago, when science was just revealing the damage being done. The second-best time is today.

—Reader in Los Angeles (USA)

Capitalism Makes Us Sick – Communism Will Keep Us Healthy

Even before the deadly Coronavirus pandemic healthcare was a big issue. The real question was, why are so many people so sick in the first place? The answer is capitalism, which makes workers sick in so many ways.

Under communism people will be much less sick, much less often. I believe this will be true of all kinds of illnesses. It doesn’t take much medical knowledge to see this.

For a start, life under capitalism is extremely stressful for workers. Workers never have enough money, even when they have jobs. They must worry about paying the rent or mortgage, buying food, paying for gas, buying clothes for the kids ... you know the story.

Stress aggravates almost all illnesses, from diabetes to depression. Reducing stress will, after struggle, all but eliminate the harmful addictions that workers contract trying to compensate. No (street) drugs, or smoking, or alcoholism, or eating disorders.

Work itself will become joyful because we will be working together to satisfy peoples’ needs. Workers will do a variety of activities, even in the same day. No one will wear

out body parts doing the same motions day after day.

Learning also will be joyful and will be mixed with working. Students will not spend long hours sitting motionless cooped up in a classroom. They’ll learn by doing.

People will not be lonely anymore. Most activities will be communal. Loneliness is a known health risk factor – as harmful as smoking or obesity.

Good food is vital to good health. We can make sure we eat well (if simply). Nutrition-based diseases like diabetes will all but disappear.

Under communism, even the air we breathe will be healthier. We’ll eliminate all the poisons that choke us every day. We’ll do this mainly by vastly reducing the use of fossil fuels and all but eliminating the private automobile, a major source of this pollution. Workers will travel mainly in clean, safe, public transportation – buses and trains. And the switch to public transportation will eliminate most traffic accidents.

People will also walk more, or ride bicycles. Physical activity, including participatory sports, will be a priority.

Good housing, including sewage and clean drinking water, is also vital. We’ll do away with both junk food and junk housing, not to make money but to make workers happier. And a lot healthier.

Life under communism, once capitalism is gone for good, will above all be peaceful. No more nations and no more bloody wars. And without private property, no more crime.

Of course there will still be healthcare under communism. And it will be great for those who need it.

I predict that, thanks to the communist lifestyle, workers won’t experience illness on the scale they do under capitalism.

–Comrade in Canada

Building Communist Relationships Today Paves the Way:

COMMUNIST REVOLUTION WILL CRUSH DEADLY IMPERIALIST ALLIANCES

*Marcos and Biden
they're planning out their crimes.
waging war for profit
on the people's dime.
A 'beggin n a'pleadin
at butcher Biden's door
US fighting China
but the [Philippine] islands host
the war
Free all the people
from this system
rise up and tear down all the
walls
that keep us from each other*

—From the power lyrics sung by a *Red Flag* reader at the Seattle demonstration against the Washington, DC Trilateral Summit.

SEATTLE (USA), April 11—From Manila to Washington DC, Los Angeles to Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Honolulu, workers and youth rallied against the Summit of the US, Philippines, and Japan. Commercial bribes and rhetoric about new relationships couldn't hide the true nature of this "Council of War."



April 11 Anti-Trilateral Summit demonstrators in the Philippines tearing up pictures of Biden, Marcos and Kishida.

As the rally began, a young organizer asked a comrade if he represented the media.

"Yes," he answered, "I'm going to write about the demonstration for our party's communist newspaper.

After looking at *Red Flag* and discussing life at the Ft. Lewis military base, she exchanged contact information with the comrade. Like many at the rally, she had previously read *Red Flag*.

A high school student explained why he was demonstrating. "Six thousand laborers per day are sent to countries around the world by the Philippine government," he began. "Both the US and China are attacking Filipino workers."

The comrade offered him a *Red Flag*.

"I get this at my school," he declared. He sees our comrades distribute it outside his school every issue. We will ask him to show the paper to his friends.

World Economic War

Months ago, Biden and Xi

agreed to a tentative "reset" of the countries' relationship. This reset has collapsed.

The Chinese regime demanded that the US "view issues of industrial capacity objectively." The US government countered by declaring that it will "not be caught flat-footed

by China's emerging dominance in hot new industries."

China must find a way to sell industrial products to deal with overproduction. If the US creates international alliances that hinder these sales, the likelihood of war increases.

Capitalist relationships are based on deadly competition and preserving wage slavery. They pit companies and nations against each other as well as worker against worker. Capitalist competition and wage slavery nurture racism, sexism, xenophobia, and fascism.

The only relationships that can serve the needs of our global family are communist relationships. In a communist society, collective production will unleash the creativity of the working class to serve the collective needs of the masses. Every child will see adults contribute to the well-being of the international working class.

Capitalists Are Our Enemies, Not Our Partners

All the talk about changing capitalist relationships to save companies and nations and secure peace is empty rhetoric. For example, Seattle Times Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists call for new relationships between Boeing workers and management. They say that the only way Boeing can recover is a new partnership between the company's workforce and leadership.

A retired inspector, who still has friends and family working for Boeing, sees the hypocrisy of this partnership.

"We were there to make a living. Managers are there to squeeze every penny for the board and shareholders. Now they are seeing that product fall apart."

The new, younger Boeing workforce includes many immigrants. This is an opportunity for the ICWP to build communist collectives in the Boeing plants.

Communist Relationships for a Communist Revolution

"I've always wanted to know what happens after the revolution," said another friend who is committed to political organizing among industrial workers. "The most inspiring aspect of a communist society that I have learned about to date was the history of Chinese barefoot doctors."

Before and during the Chinese Cultural Revolution, a million barefoot doctors studied for six months and spent the rest of the year embedded with their industrial and agricultural co-workers. This showed him the power of work collectives to end elitism and rely on the working class to advance society.

He was talking about the necessity of building communist relationships among youth, industrial, and agricultural workers—now and in the future.

The ICWP is building more of these kinds of relationships. They will open the path to communist revolution in the future and put an end to capitalism's "council of wars" and the brutal exploitation of imperialist powers.

WHY STUDENTS AND YOUNG WORKERS ARE KEY TO BUILDING OUR COMMUNIST PARTY

History has shown us that students can be a force for revolution and change. In 1976, young Black students in Soweto, South Africa organized an uprising against the racist apartheid system that was forcing them to speak and be taught only in Afrikaans and English.

In 1968, students joined thousands of striking workers in Paris and shut the city down. That same year, huge student demonstrations took place in Mexico City before and during the Summer Olympics. Black American athletes Tommie

Smith and John Carlos stood through the medal ceremony with fists raised, not only for Black power, but also to protest the deaths of hundreds of Mexican students who were shot down during the protests.

More recently, movements like Occupy, Black Lives Matter, and against the genocide in Gaza have attracted many students and young workers in the US and elsewhere.

But the Fight Needs to Be for Communism

All these movements have addressed racism, inequality, police violence, and have even recognized the evils of capitalism. But they come and go, leaving the international working class to fight forever for reforms or to put their faith in so-called progressive politicians.

The work of anti-racism provides an opportunity for communists and friends to link racism and white supremacy with capitalism, and to connect the work with revolutionary communism, led by ICWP. Young people are looking for ways to bring these ideas with them as they leave school and enter the workforce.

Right now, the US bosses are desperate to revitalize their industries so they can better compete with China. They understand that, because of international competition and the

weakening of US and European economies, they urgently need a larger force of trained and skilled industrial workers.

The capitalists are converting some high school and community colleges into vocational training programs. They need workers who will become machinists, mechanics, medical technicians, maritime workers, etc. Most of the students come from working class families. Many are already working or planning to work in manual and technical labor.

These programs attract women, newly arrived immigrants, and others. They understand that many tech-related jobs are low paying and/or temporary. They see that they will be unable to pay off their student loans, or even afford to live in a major US city.

It is in students' interests to become industrial workers, where there are opportunities to build communist relations in the industrial working class. History has shown the potential of these ties in building a revolution for communism. Trade schools and community colleges are fertile grounds for this work. Capitalism in crisis has created this opportunity, and we must take advantage of it.



Workers and students at the Federal Building in Seattle (USA) protesting the Trilateral Summit on April 11.