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### SOUTH AFRICA: ESTABLISHING NEW ICWP COLLECTIVES

GQBERHA (South Africa), May 28— We had a very successful meeting last Saturday. It took a lot of preparation beforehand. As we mobilize the masses, we need to also establish a solid base.

We have had a stable, consistent collective in one neighbourhood. Now we are struggling to re-establish collectives in two others. Saturday's successful meeting was to kick off the collective in a second neighbourhood. We are moving on to a third neighbourhood as well.

On Friday before the meeting, we went around the neighbourhood visiting different people. Some were friends of the party. Some have read *Red Flag* before. Some came, some didn't. We were encouraged both by the people who came and the response of those who couldn't but who promised to come for future

meetings.

This is the culmination of discussions about the need to re-establish more collectives. This requires us going door to door, giving out *Red Flag* and inviting people to come. Saturday's attendance shows that what we do really matters.

Our strategy is to build solid bases that will lead the party's work of mobilizing the industrial base for communism, including soldiers. We've made significant progress.

This week we are planning to do the same thing in another neighbourhood where another comrade will start a collective. She can't do it alone. The collective will help her. The growth of the party depends on what we do.

Sometimes when people see a meeting with 15 or 20 people, they don't know the amount of work the

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### Cancel RIMPAC and Imperialist War: COMMUNIST OUTREACH TO RANK-AND-FILE TROOPS AROUND THE WORLD

USA, June 17— "It's crucial to reach out to soldiers and sailors," said B, a *Red Flag* distributor.

"Ignoring the troops is a big weakness," added a Philippine activist in the US.

After discussing and demonstrating against the war plans of the imperialists for months, most of our base agreed.

Our everlasting enemy is global capitalism. There is never freedom under capitalist governments, no matter who runs them.

We need communist revolutions around the world that will end this system and its ceaseless imperialist wars. In short, there is no capitalist armed force—and never will be—that serves the masses.

But how do we build a party that can organize these communist revolutions around the world? That's

where the rank-and-file troops come in.

Emphasizing revolutionary work among rank-and-file troops puts us on the right track. But it is controversial among the masses.

For example, a high school teacher and Iraq war veteran is currently dealing with the presence of the US Army's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in his high school. Should teachers allow recruiters to visit their classrooms? Some teachers believe that we should stop the effort of recruiters to visit classrooms. The Army veteran teacher has pointed out the need for us to maintain close political relationships with students who join the military.

"These students who join the army are part of the working class," he told a colleague. "We must

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## MAY DAY AND BEYOND: FACTORY WORKERS MOBILIZE FOR COMMUNISM

EL SALVADOR, June 16—“I feel very glad to have participated for the first time in the May Day march with ICWP, together with my young son who helped me hand out *Red Flag*,” said a young worker. “My partner could not come because of work. He is also part of ICWP. It was a very rewarding experience because many young people came over to us to ask for more newspapers.”



“This activity also serves for our children to learn why we fight, since they are also enslaved. They are left alone while we work for a miserable wage in this exploitative system,” she continued.

The May Day march motivated the workers to continue to be part of the International Communist Workers’ Party. “We have to step forward in the communist struggle,” one worker said.

Communist ideas are spreading among many workers in the factory and encouraging other workers who marched for the first time to be part of this struggle for Communism.

This mobilization is part of the political work we do, distributing our *Red Flag* newspaper to thousands of workers and being well received by them. Many were asking for more *Red Flag* newspapers to share with family and friends.

We have a clear objective for participating in these mass activities. That is to massify communist ideas and the recruitment of industrial workers who are key to ICWP’s communist revolution.

The participation of city workers, farmworkers, students, and health workers from different areas of the country was very significant. Our contingent had a colorful lead banner, “FROM GAZA TO EL SALVADOR, LET’S FIGHT FOR A COMMUNIST SOCIETY.” Our red flags and posters denouncing the genocide in Gaza made

the difference in the march of thousands of workers through the main streets of the capital.

The comrades coming from other areas of the country faced the fascist military encirclement that tried to stop the participation of the workers in this working-class demonstration. But with their experience, these comrades managed to reach the meeting point.

At the end of this collective action, carried out with great enthusiasm and commitment, we had a get-together with all those attending the march to strengthen our communist relations. The mobilization of the factory comrades to this activity always has an impact on the rest of the workers. It demonstrates the commitment to communist struggle of the members of ICWP with the working class.

We have upcoming meetings with the contacts that we made. We have also integrated a new collective in another area, and we are planning political schools with young workers. They are the ones who will continue the political organizational work of ICWP.

ICWP’s participation in the recruitment of soldiers is still a pending step. A comrade in another country pointed out to us, “Soldiers are sons and daughters of workers. They live in the same communities as maquila workers. We must reach out to them.”

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comrades in the collective have done to make that happen. Or the amount of struggle to maintain and expand that number.

When you build a house, you can’t start with the roof. You have to start by establishing a solid foundation so that it can withstand the weight of the walls and of the roof. If the foundation is not solid, the house will collapse.

This means that we need to wage an ideological struggle with the comrades. We also have to understand each comrade’s internal contradictions. That’s how we can struggle better with different comrades. It’s really important to establish unity with comrades so we can struggle

with each other. At the same time, the struggle has to be primary, unity secondary.

We have done some really promising work. Of course, there’s a lot that needs to be done, but, as a collective, we can accomplish it.

At last Saturday’s meeting, comrades came from different backgrounds, including some who have worked for years and know the exploitative nature of capitalism.

Most of the discussion was about how life would be in communism. How would ICWP lead society into a cashless, borderless one without exploitation? Comrades gave different examples. It was also important for us not to over-prescribe, especially for

new comrades, what needs to be done. It was better to listen to what they think is best. Then that would be the main basis for discussion and struggle.

Someone mentioned the barter system. Of course it may sound interesting, but if I have nothing to exchange, what will I eat? Or if I decided to hoard, what would that do to the collective?

We explained how communism will distribute resources according to need, and how people will contribute to communism based on their ability and commitment.

We touched on the healthcare system in capitalism. Most things we consume make us sick, but the bosses sell them to us because they are profitable. Then the bosses profit from us

being sick through health insurance, hospital bills and medicine. Even when we die, they profit from funerals.

In communism, we won’t focus mainly on having state-of-the-art hospitals. Yes, we will have them. But the emphasis will be on healthy living, making sure that people have quality food to eat that doesn’t make them sick like now.

They were pretty receptive to our ideas. It was a good discussion. As we hold more meetings, we will have more good discussions. It was a good first step in trying to establish a stable collective in this neighbourhood.

Now we will focus on another neighbourhood. That will present us with other challenges moving forward that we will figure out.

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### Revolutionary Greetings from El Salvador

First, I am a member of the International Communist Workers Party. I am a health worker. I have never been a sympathizer of right-wing parties. Ever since I can remember, I have had left-wing ideas— now specifically for Communism.

I have read *Red Flag* for a long time, and now I meet with the collective of the city where I live. Al-

though we are few right now, we are going to work to get more members to fight for Communism.

I also want to tell you that I have been participating in the May Day march with ICWP for several years. This year it was very impressive how we were able to capture the attention of the people watching from the sidewalks. So was the sympathy of members of the different participating unions towards our ICWP contingent.

The response of the people who

received the *Red Flag* newspaper was also very gratifying. Several did not wait to be offered it. Instead, they approached us and asked, “Please give me one.” They were glad to receive it.

We were very well observed in a positive way that provoked a lot of satisfaction and enthusiasm to move forward. However, we had some weaknesses, such as the lack of sound to make the slogans heard a little more. I think that for next year we could have a mobile

sound system, and more posters with the different messages to the population about the communist struggle. Perhaps we could involve other comrades or delegate the work to other members to continue with and expand on the success of this May Day 2024.

Comradely hugs and a push for us to go forward in the struggle towards the victory of communism.

—Comrade Health worker in El Salvador



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## Trade Unionism is a Dead End

### EDUCATION WORKERS NEED TO FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM

MEXICO, June 16— On June 11, school workers (teachers, employees, and manual laborers) from several states of the republic who belong to the National Coordinating Committee of Education Workers (CNTE) concluded the protests they started on May 15.

A *Red Flag* reader tells us, “Hours of discussion in the state assembly of Section 22 in Oaxaca ended in the decision for a ‘tactical recess,’ which angered the most militant.”

There is nothing strange about workers’ demands not being met. Under the capitalist system the ruling class and its governments are in charge. What is not yet evident to most workers is how limited the union struggle is, even when it takes place outside the official bureaucracy, as with the CNTE. Moreover, even within the dissident leadership itself, some leaders did not adequately defend the demands, regardless of the government’s refusal to meet them, as just hap-

pened.

The workers must develop their class consciousness and overcome union reformism. They must organize themselves as a CLASS and therefore into a political party, joining the ICWP.

#### Fight for the Total Emancipation of Labor from Capital

**The important thing is that they make the goal of communism their own.** Communism is a society without buying and selling and therefore without money. Without the use and exploitation of labor power by the capitalists or their governments. Without wars between the great powers in which the workers and their children are killed.

In periods of struggle, as in the past, the teachers and school workers who always participate have some victories, even if short-lived. But every year they must start all over again because the government takes away what they “won.”

Defeats, even more than victories, must make these militant fighters see the insufficiency of the panaceas in which they have believed, such as the fight for reforms, the union struggle. They must come to see the need for the total emancipation of labor from capital.

Although the government announced that it had granted millions to the teachers, their list of demands was not even taken into consideration. The non-conformists criticized the negotiating commission: “...thank you, the answers are insufficient, but with the cash...it is enough to propose a tactical recess.”

The government reiterated that the misnamed “educational reform” had already been cancelled. However, the USICAMM (System Unit for the Careers of Men and Women Teachers) maintains control over the hiring, promotion, and permanence of workers and teachers.

The reform of the 2007 ISSSTE (Pension) Law will persist. The

government promised that retirements will be at 100% of their last payment “according to the IMSS [Mexican Social Security Institute] average.” But they never said how much that average is. They also promised that the retirement age “will be gradually reduced,” but this was not a commitment.

They answered the demand for a 100% wage increase by claiming that “basic education teachers have been given a 47% increase during the six-year term and indigenous education teachers a 100% increase.” The reality is that each year they gave a 3.5% to 4% increase to the base salary.

The ideological development of the working class does not result only from joint action and discussion but from the political work of communists. Therefore, ICWP members and sympathizers must take responsibility for forging this consciousness. Help distribute *Red Flag* and Join Us!

## FASCIST “REGIME OF EXCEPTION” REPRESSES WORKING-CLASS STUDENTS

EL SALVADOR, June 16— “I don’t want to go to school anymore,” said a young high school student to his family, who are organized in ICWP. “I’m very angry because I don’t know what they want. They forbid everything. I’m not learning as I would like to. I feel harassed. The police come every week and tell us not to dress a certain way, because if we do, we are sending a message that we are related to the gangs.”

His grandmother asked, “If you don’t feel comfortable with the education of the capitalist system, how would you like communist education to be?”

“Different, with different schedules, with a different way of learning,” the young man answered.

“Well, to achieve this we must fight for Communism. It is the only option. To get a clearer idea, let’s read the pamphlet, *Communist Education for a Classless Society*,” the grandmother suggested.

The Bukele government imposed the fascist “regime of exception” in March 2023, supposedly to deal with the gang issue. But what it really aims to do is nothing more than to have a scheme of repressive control by an authoritarian state to stay in power. To silence and intimidate the working class through the presence of the army in the streets and in the communities.

This also allows the presence of the police in the schools. This is now part of the daily life of students and teachers. It is a situation that should not be normalized. As communists we must fight to mobilize the masses for communist educa-



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tion. We fight for a classless society, for Communism.

The government uses the media and all possible social networks to threaten to jail youths and prosecute them as adults, which means twenty years in prison.

Once again we live in a militarized country that has used this tool of the regime of exception before. The government approves it every time with threatening speeches, saying that mistakes and criticisms will be repaid dearly. “We are going to apply the regime to you” has become the real threat to anyone who dares to think.

Students and the entire working class are living under repressive forms already known in the decades of the 1970s and 80s during the armed conflict between the military dictatorship and the FMLN (Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front).

#### Communist Versus Capitalist Education

The education system in El Salvador is divided into public and pri-

vate sectors. Among the private schools, there are elite schools and some religious schools. The police do not go to these schools, thus dividing the student population by social class.

Insecurity and other problems are a product of the rotten capitalist system. These are not fought due to threats to the students. Workers, students, and soldiers organized in ICWP can make the change that is so needed!

Capitalist educational institutions respond to capitalist class interests. The training received is to prepare students as future workers to be exploited.

Capitalist schools function to kill childhood creativity and critical thinking.

Communist education won’t rely on teachers and five or more hours a day in school. Instead, everyone will be able to share their experience and knowledge. They will learn in practice in areas where work takes place, and not wait long years to apply what they have

learned. To learn, students do not need to have the police in front of them threatening them. There is no good education under the capitalist system.

We need communist education for the emancipation of production from profit, to study to advance collectively. Everything that is achieved will be at the service of humanity: that is, to incorporate knowledge into daily life. Study will not be separated from work.

“Let’s fight for a classless society and for communist education”.

Read our pamphlet

Communist Education  
for a Classless Society

available at  
icwpredflag.org/epe.pdf





## VETERAN REMEMBERS VIETNAM ERA SAILOR REBELLIONS

The call to San Diego (and Hawai'i) to "Cancel RIMPAC" brought back memories of Pacific-wide sailor rebellions during the Vietnam war.

I was stationed at Fort Lewis, near Seattle, when the USS Constellation erupted in San Diego on November 3-4, 1972. The New York Times aptly described it as "the first mass mutiny in the US Navy." About a month earlier, the Navy had lost control of the USS Kitty Hawk. Black sailors gave leadership to both revolts.

On November 21, our new Vietnam Veterans Against the War chapter led 50 soldiers to the office of Congressman Floyd Hicks. He chaired the sub-committee investigating the Kitty Hawk and the Constellation rebellions. We demanded that "the investigation be fair and not a white-

wash" and that it "probe racism at Ft. Lewis, neighboring McChord Air Force Base, and throughout the military." We handed our petition signed by 150 soldiers to Hicks' aide.

Hicks immediately turned over the names on the petition to the Fort Lewis Commanding General. The Army's Criminal Investigation Division harassed the soldiers, but nobody would rat on the organizers.

Hicks concluded his hearings with the insulting claim that "The riot on the Kitty Hawk was caused by a very few men, most of whom were below-average mental capacity...all of whom were black." A multiracial group of over 60 soldiers marched back to his office. This time we hung him in effigy.

These demonstrations were only the beginning. Over the next year and a half, our collec-

tive led many mass uprisings involving thousands of soldiers. We learned that racism and genocidal war could never be separated.

Several years later, the US Army and Navy admitted that 47% of rank-and-file troops were either resisting orders or in outright rebellion. The commander of US forces in Vietnam, General Westmoreland, pleaded with President Nixon to withdraw immediately. "Otherwise, we will lose the Army," he warned.

Their loss must become our gain. Winning rank and file troops in all imperialist-capitalist armed forces is not only doable, but also essential.

This time let's keep our eyes on the prize. Workers and soldiers can free our class to build a communist society based on collective production for our needs, never for profit. Join us!



On November 9, 1972, during the US War on Vietnam, 132 sailors, mostly Black, refused to reboard the ship USS Constellation in San Diego. They were protesting racist practices on the ship, part of a Pacific-wide rebellion during the US War on Vietnam.

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politicize our students and encourage them to join the army to turn the guns around."

The army will recruit soldiers no matter what. They will persuade our students that they have no choice but to enlist, follow orders, and possibly die for their country.

We must convince our students that if they are to enlist, they must never break the alliance they have with the international working class. Workers and soldiers need each other to wage a revolution against the capitalist oppressors around the world.

Among the masses, many view all soldiers and sailors as unwinnable fascists. The reality is that the capitalists-imperialists face an inescapable contradiction. They send the most oppressed members of our class to do their fighting and to build their weapons. It is these very troops and industrial workers who can be won to lead the broader masses to communist revolution.

#### Hidden History Shows How Rank-and-File Troops Can Spread Communist Ideas

"We've forgotten our own his-

tory," B continued. He did not refer only to winning troops to communist revolution in a particular country like the US.

Military history is filled with examples of fraternization with "enemy" troops. Politicized troops have spread revolutionary and even communist ideology around the globe. The potential for international communist revolution expands when troops start to fraternize.

In 1918, fourteen imperialist militaries invaded the newly formed Soviet Union. They quickly retreated.

The Soviet soldiers and sailors launched a massive ideological campaign to explain their communist ideas. Rank-and file soldiers in every invading force were won over. Some troops rebelled and others became revolutionaries themselves. Military officers couldn't pull out their troops fast enough. Revolutionary ideas spread around the world.

During the ten years of the US War on Vietnam, fraternization also became a problem for the US military, especially among those rank-

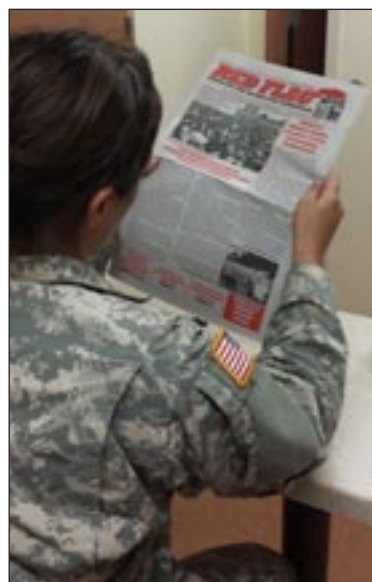
and file troops who considered themselves leftists or communists. Any rank-and file soldier that learned to speak Vietnamese was suspect. Many were quickly sent back to the US.

After our talk about fraternization, B ended the discussion with a warning.

"We cling to anti-imperialist movements that think everything will be all right if we are militant enough and resist only US imperialism. What about the other imperial-

ist countries and their allies? They care nothing about workers' needs; only their own power and profits."

The capitalist butchers are intensifying their war plans to murder millions in search of profits and power. Led by veterans, the ICWP contingent at the Cancel RIMPAC events in San Diego aims to invigorate the revolutionary work among the rank-and-file troops around the world. Let's win the rank and file of all capitalist armies to Cancel Capitalism and its never-ending imperialist wars.



Read our pamphlet:

### Soldiers, Sailors, Marines: Crucial for a Communist Workers' Revolution

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



## FREE PALESTINIAN, FILIPINO, AND ALL WORKERS WITH COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

LOS ANGELES (USA), June 11— “Free Palestine!” said the comrade, fist in the air, looking at the watermelon symbol on fellow-teacher Mr. M’s sweater.

“Most definitely,” answered Mr. M.

Mr. N nodded in agreement and added, “and their LGBT community as well.”

“Yes. Definitely,” said the comrade. “It’s a multilayered issue for sure.” And left it at that, when the conversation begged for further discussion. Freedom from what? For whom? And how?

In May, this comrade went with an older comrade to a pro-Palestinian college encampment. They talked with several students at the entrance about their goals and the demands of the protest. “We want our school to divest from companies supporting genocide in Palestine,” said one.

“But you know they won’t do that,” replied the teacher comrade. This led to the question of the meaning behind the popular chant “Free Palestine”.

The student said that it meant for Palestine to have the freedom of self-determination. But again, what does that really mean?”

### Self-determination is an illusion.

Self-determination is supposed to mean the process by which a country determines its own statehood and forms its own allegiances and government. But every country is divided into classes: mainly, the rul-

ing capitalist class and the working class.

In every country, the capitalists rule over the masses of workers. They exploit workers’ labor to reap their profits. We, the masses, can never be free until we get rid of capitalist relations and capitalist rule.

We must replace capitalist relations with communist relations of collectivity and sharing. Real communism will be a society without capitalists, exploitation, or money. Instead of being wage slaves, we will be free workers producing only what the masses need.

The older comrade talked about her experience organizing against the US war on Vietnam. The Vietnamese fought bravely against French and then US imperialism. They won on the battlefield, forcing the US to leave Vietnam, and inspiring US soldiers and sailors to rebel against their military. But they fought for “national liberation.” Now Vietnamese workers are making tennis shoes for Walmart in return for poverty wages.

Today, the Philippines has nine US military bases, as declining US imperialism prepares to confront rising Chinese imperialism. June 12 was Philippine “Independence Day,” commemorating the end of Spanish colonial rule. US domination of the Philippines officially ended in 1946, but it continues today. Meanwhile, Chinese warships attack Philippine ships with water cannons in the South China Sea. Many want “true independ-

ence.”

The world is dominated by the deadly rivalry between the top imperialists. The US and NATO are preparing to confront rising Chinese and Russian imperialism. No nation can be independent of this imperialist battle, which is leading to World War III.

The only way forward for the masses is to mobilize for communist revolution to end the capitalist-imperialist system everywhere.

Getting rid of the capitalists and imperialists, the united masses in Palestine, the Philippines, and everywhere will be able to organize production and all life only to meet the masses’ needs. This is real communism. Organizing society around the needs of the collective rather than money will require a winning struggle against everything that divides us, including racism, xenophobia, sexism, and homophobia. Freeing Palestine and the Philippines must mean freeing all workers from capitalism.

Every capitalist is the oppressor, no matter if they are the same nationality, “race,” or gender as you. Every capitalist country is tied into



a global system of imperialism. Removing one imperialist power just to replace it with a domestic one (tied to a rival imperialist) won’t end class wars over exploitation. It perpetuates the exploitive nature of capitalist society.

Workers around the globe need to envision and fight for a world where we are all siblings in the same working class. Where we work together to build and maintain society and the collective. Knowing all of this as communists, this must be the discourse surrounding “Free Palestine.” It’s not a separate issue but another symptom of the global issue of capitalism.

When we hear “Free Palestine” or “Independence,” we must answer with Communist Revolution, and nothing less.

## “RADICAL” POLITICIANS: DANGEROUS DIVERSION FROM COMMUNIST ORGANIZING

BURBANK (USA), June 5— “In our thousands, in our millions, we are all Palestinians!” Dozens of protesters gathered (like every week since February) outside Congressman Adam Schiff’s office, next to City Hall. They are Palestinian, Jewish, Black, Filipino, Latinx, and more. They put their lives on hold and their bodies on the line, trying to stop an ongoing genocide.

Along came City Council member (and former mayor) Konstantine Anthony. This forty-something actor (now a career politician) is a union member. He claims to support abolishing prisons and police. He calls himself a Marxist and has been endorsed by the Democratic Socialists of America.

While running for County Supervisor in November, he visited local Gaza protests looking for votes and promising to push cease-fire resolutions. After “Burbank for Palestine” mobilized at a City Council meeting, Anthony finally put one forward in April.

But he pulled it from the April 28 Council agenda after the violence at the UCLA Gaza encampment with-

out mentioning that Zionist goons and then cops caused the violence. Then he brought it back—until he ran into opposition from other council members and the mayor.

Today, this shameless opportunist gathered the protesters together to explain that he was pulling it again. Instead, he would offer a letter thanking President Biden for his bogus “ceasefire” proposal. He asked protesters to support it and “suggest language” for it. What an act!

The crowd was having none of it. A young leader later summed up the mood:

“I am deeply disappointed and angry. I have been straining my voice leading chants ever since February to keep the group’s spirit up while waiting for the Burbank City Council to pass a ceasefire resolution,” said this *Red Flag* reader. “The Palestinian and Jewish residents in Burbank are screaming for a ceasefire. I will not in my heart support a letter to the same President that is funding this genocide.”

As Anthony kept justifying himself, a comrade distributed more

copies of *Red Flag*. “Communist, cool!” was a typical response. Soon almost everyone had walked away from Anthony and was back on the curbside chanting. “Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Genocide Joe has got to go.” “From Kashmir to Palestine, exploitation is a crime!”

Many people are fed up with electoral parties. But they don’t (yet) see a clear revolutionary alternative. They still have illusions in local capitalist politics. A few think that running leftist candidates will get people to take them seriously.

Konstantine Anthony is a perfect example of how liberal (even “radical”) politicians try to mislead the angry youth. He attacks the student

encampments, which were daring, brave, and confrontational (though mainly pacifist) as “violent.” And then tries to get Gen Z to help him congratulate fascist Biden (raising his own stature in the Democratic party). He used to be a comedian – is this his idea of a joke?

*Red Flag* is bringing that clear revolutionary alternative – mobilizing masses for communism — to Gen Z’ers and others. We invite them to meet with us. To share *Red Flag* with their activist circles and other friends. To join the International Communist Workers’ Party and build new communist collectives. And we’re deadly serious about that.





## War, Migration, and the Climate Crisis:

### ONLY COMMUNIST REVOLUTION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

June 16— Over six million people have fled Sudan in recent months amid an expanding civil war. Millions more are near starvation. War and climate catastrophe go hand in hand.

Rising temperatures, erratic monsoon rains, lengthy droughts, and frequent flooding plague the masses of agricultural and pastoral people. War crimes include deliberate damage to ecosystems and water supplies. Conflict-driven internal migration intensifies demand for limited resources.

All this is a legacy of Egyptian and British imperialism. And of the nationalist politicians and generals who took over after “independence.”

**The global climate crisis is real.** Anywhere from a quarter of a billion people to over a billion will become climate refugees in the next decade.

“Every month since June 2023 has set a new monthly temperature record — and 2023 was, by far, the warmest year on record,” said a World Meteorological Organization official. “Heat-trapping greenhouse gases are unequivocally the main cause.”

In India, dehydrated birds are falling out of the sky. Workers in Delhi labor all day in temperatures over 49°C (120°F) for only 750 Indian rupees (\$9). Wage slavery is increasingly deadly.

Torrential rains are also life-threatening. Massive flooding in Porto Alegre, Brazil this spring killed 175 people. It displaced hundreds of thousands and left over a million without electricity and drinking water.

The worst devastation was where the most Afro-Brazilians live. Racism forced these workers from

the city center with “urban renewal” (gentrification). Homes they could afford were in areas flooded in 1941.

Then, floods swamped 15,000 Porto Alegre homes. This year’s floods took over 300,000 homes. In 1941, the river Guaíba swelled to 4.76 meters deep. This time, it reached 5.35 meters.

**The climate crisis is not “human caused.”** It is caused by capitalism’s unrelenting drive to maximize profits worldwide.

Papua New Guinea is the world’s 16th most at-risk country to climate change and natural hazards. An entire village there recently disappeared under a massive landslide that killed 2000 people. Extraordinary rainfall triggered it. Another result of the carbon that capitalism pours into the atmosphere.

But international mining, timber, and palm oil companies had cleared the forest. They destroyed the dense network of tree roots that held the soil in place. Imperialism, not “human activity,” causes climate change.

Record-breaking heat waves are hitting much of the US. Life-threatening floods drowned Florida for three days. Unseasonal snow is expected in the Pacific Northwest.

**Capitalists try to make us believe they can reform their system to solve their climate crisis.** Sometimes it’s “greenwashing.” That means lying about supposed environmental benefits of a product so companies can continue polluting while profiting off well-intentioned consumers.



Papua New Guinea Climate Protest 2012

For example, in the early 2000s, fossil fuel company BP coined the term “carbon footprint.” It launched a calculator for individuals to assess their personal emissions. But its own emissions were among the highest on the planet.

Liberal climate activists mean well. But they focus on making demands on capitalist governments. That can’t work because those governments (“the State”) exist to serve the capitalist class and its competitive quest for maximum profits. Now, in the early stages of World War III, the US rulers and other imperialist powers are throwing everything they can into war preparations.

And that war is already destroying the environment in Gaza, Ukraine, and the Pacific, as well as Sudan.

**The solution is not reform but communist revolution.** Communist society will rest on production and distribution for the needs of the masses. Our needs include a livable planet! Wherever and whenever we

lead the fight for power, we’ll mobilize people to find ways to mitigate the effects of capitalism’s climate crisis. And then begin to reverse it.

The climate emergency is another reason why, right now, we need a bigger party of people like you. Who know capitalism can’t work for us. Who are ready to talk about taking responsibility for some aspect of communist work. **Is that you? Get in touch!**

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#### Appreciation and Lessons Learned

I would like to express my gratitude for the invitation that ICWP extended to the Costa Rican Workers and Farmworkers Movement (MTC) to participate in its International Leadership meeting, June 8-9, 2024.

The MTC is a political organization that carries out grassroots work in popular sectors in the struggle for housing, among farmworkers and indigenous people. We also work among the working class in the public sector that defends itself from neoliberal attacks by the government of Rodrigo Chaves. Likewise, it is an organization whose goal is a government of urban and rural workers.

The meeting was very interesting. The point dedicated to the

work done in the student encampments against the genocide in Gaza was very relevant. It is encouraging to see that many young people in the US have become aware of the situation in Gaza, defying their own university authorities. A student encampment was also held at the University of Costa Rica.

This international solidarity movement has mobilized many people globally. That gives the opportunity to discuss the imperialist-Zionist policy in Gaza that has meant the extermination of thousands of people either by military massacre or starvation. This is a horrific example of where the leaders of capitalism are leading humanity to defend their interests.

Another point of great interest to us was the work against the impe-

rialist war in progress. In this increasingly warmongering framework, the largest maritime military exercises in the world are being prepared, commanded by the United States and named RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific). Latin American countries such as Brazil, Mexico, and Peru are among 29 countries participating.

ICWP is preparing activities of protest, analysis, and denunciation of these exercises. These are part of the existing tensions between different imperialisms, fundamentally the United States, Russia, and China. This has the world in high and increasing tension, to the point that it is possible to speak of the terrible possibility of a Third World War.

Another point was the political work among workers being carried

out in some countries, among them South Africa and El Salvador. These areas of work seem to us to be great successes of ICWP since it is necessary to put communism into practice. The concerns expressed by the working people of these countries are very similar to the grassroots work done by the MTC, which makes common learning very relevant.

In all these aspects, there are important points that unite us; ICWP-MTC. There are other issues about which we do not completely agree. But we are very willing to continue debating them in a respectful manner as we have done so far.

—A Comrade from MTC in Costa Rica





**May 16: Protests in New Caledonia reflect intensifying rivalry leading to world war.** New Caledonia is a French colony on the Pacific Rim, northeast of Australia. The French rulers proposed changes in voting laws to lessen the power of indigenous Kanaks (41% of the population) in favor of European settlers. This sparked a major uprising. The French government responded with military force and a visit from President Macron. On June 13, Macron backed down on the reforms, but on June 19, a pro-independence leader and ten others were arrested for their supposed role in the rebellion.

New Caledonia is a major source of nickel—essential to battery-operated cars. China is its largest trading partner and the third largest customer for its nickel. An independence movement is led by Kanak elites and supported by Russian ally Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan has formed a “Baku Initiative Group.” This backs anti-colonialist movements in France’s overseas colonies.

New Caledonian “independence” will trade one imperialist master (France) for another (Russia/China). Neither represents workers’ interests, especially indigenous Kanak workers. And especially the unemployed and alienated youth for whom capitalism guarantees a future of racism, poverty, and war.

Only communism, not “independence,” can meet the real aspirations of these workers and youth.

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### Move Forward by Reflecting on Contradictions and Putting Communism First

We went away for a weekend as a collective in Gqeberha. We participated in the International Meeting on Zoom. It was a way of building communist relationships between comrades. It was the first time some comrades met each other.

It was old and new comrades, female and male. They learnt about the party. Almost unanimously the comrades are eager to learn more and understand the party and communism better. They are calling for classes and *Red Flag* collective reading.

We learn alike, both experienced and new comrades. It was encouraging to witness that new comrades participated in the international meeting and shared their thoughts about communism according to their understanding. What is clear is that they are all interested in ending capitalism. They learn from us; we learn from them. As communists we never stop learning through the process of criticism and self-criticism.

In the meeting the question of Palestinian genocide was raised. A comrade asked what we thought about the government of South Africa positioning itself in the forefront of “fighting” for Palestinian rights against Israel. I answered, “We welcome the ending of genocide, and we think it’s better when they are not dying every day. But that is not enough. We fear that the so-called Palestinian liberation will slide back to look like South Africa post-apartheid”. Later we had a meeting to review our participation and what lessons were learnt.

Comrades pointed out critically,

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“That line is liberal as it does not put the communist line primary. It is dangerous. It is the same as calling for a ceasefire, without calling for communism. We should be direct that the solution is for communism, the solution is to turn those guns against the bosses and fight for a communist revolution”.

It dawned on me that comrades were correct. We should not be timid. We should not follow the majority voice calling for a ceasefire as the solution when we know that only communism is the solution. I accept the criticism and agree that we should put primacy in our communist line even when we are few in number and even if we might offend some other people we are trying to win.

We agreed that the only way to move forward and learn is to always reflect on our contradictions and criticise each other when necessary. We want to end any form of liberalism and build our collectives and strengthen the communist line and be confident in it.

The international meeting was very fruitful for us and has strengthened our confidence. The only thing we are thinking about is building the party, our collectives, and forging long-term communist relationships. Aluta Continua.

—Experienced comrade in South Africa

### Communist Learning and Practice

I think communism is gonna make it, because of what we have learnt and what we will practise to the field, as we go out to distribute the *Red Flag*. The classes have made me understand what communism is and what it is to be a communist, and what’s happening around the world.

It was a good experience for me to speak out and share my views in the international meeting even though I was a bit nervous, and I was out of words. I didn’t know where to start. But I’m in the right place and the party has taught me a

lot of things I didn’t know. Such as what is happening around the whole world.

In that way, I’ve learnt that I should read and practise what we have learned. I like the idea of the party that we have classes because that is the most important thing that is helping us to build our confidence when going out for distribution.

It makes it easy for us as communist to know what we are talking about when recruiting the other masses. In that way the party will grow as we share this news with other people. We must fight and continue pushing the struggle.

Thank you for opening my eyes because we’ve been dealing with challenges in our workplaces, not knowing who to talk to in order to fight for our rights. Even these unions have not made a difference at the workplace. I believe that communism is going to make a difference and we will grow as a party.

—Communist worker in South Africa

### “We Can Conquer the World If We Work Together”

My experience was in getting closer with my fellow comrades and learning more about the Party and its values. I’ve gotten the understanding that we need each other, and need to work as a team so that we talk in one voice and make the world change. To live and experience life as communists.

We can win through being patient and consistent. We can conquer the world if we work together. We will recruit more people through struggle together. It’s not a job of one day or even one year. Our hope for change and our struggle will continue to win over more and more people so that we win governance together.

We made a strong point about reading and distributing *Red Flag* and having classes to learn and understand more about false promises, and to be able to get rid of our day-in and day-out struggles and the

leadership that we are currently under.

Distribution of *Red Flag* and reading it will enlighten us more. And hunger will make us work more so that we make a change. We will struggle to win our people to ICWP collectives.

Red Salute, Comrades!

—Comrade A in South Africa

### Proud Young Comrade Finds Her Voice

On the 7th of June, I was with my comrades. We attended a meeting late on Friday about communism. Then on Saturday morning we had a meeting before the international meeting. We were reading the article, “What it means to be a communist.” In that article comrades shared their experience about being in ICWP. Then one of my comrades asked me to share my experience with them and how I feel about the party.

I didn’t answer because I had no experience, and it was my second meeting with them. I had no idea what ICWP was about. Then later in the meeting, comrades in other countries shared their experiences. Comrade S explained what ICWP was about. Comrade Q told everyone that I was the youngest in the party and I am in grade 12, I am doing Economics, and I am the future of the party. Then they wanted to hear my voice and tell them how I feel being in ICWP. I told comrade Q that I was scared, and I don’t have much experience in the party.

It was very fun to be with them the whole weekend. And now if someone asked me to explain about ICWP, I feel confident that I can. I learned a lot that weekend. And guess what? I AM A PROUD COMRADE.

—Comrade O

NOTE: Since the international meeting, comrade O has been talking to her friends about ICWP and she is confidently distributing *Red Flag* at industrial locations



# The End of the Petrodollar Means Wider War

## COMMUNIST REVOLUTION WILL END THE GENOCIDAL RULE OF MONEY

June 9, 2024— The Saudi rulers have refused to renew their fifty-year-old agreement with the US to sell oil only in US dollars. This marks the death of the petrodollar and the beginning of the end of the US dollar as the world's reserve currency.

It accelerates the decline of US imperialism as the world's dominant imperialist power. It paves the way for the rise of imperialist China as the main contender to replace it. It brings World War III closer.

### The Birth of the Petrodollar Consolidated the US dollar as the World's Primary Reserve Currency

The US rulers wasted most of their vast gold-reserves in the Vietnam War. This forced the US dollar off the gold standard. Its value began to plummet. In early 1974, the US signed the agreement with Saudi Arabia – then the biggest oil producer and exporter of oil – to sell Saudi oil only in US dollars. Saudi capitalists would invest their oil surplus funds in US treasury bills, real estate, and military equipment in exchange for US military protection.

All oil producers followed suit, pricing their oil only in dollars. Countries needing to buy oil had to keep dollars in reserve. As petrodollars were recycled back into the US economy, the US could accumulate huge yearly trade deficits and become the world's biggest debtor nation.

It also funded US military might and all its genocidal wars to guarantee Middle Eastern oil was sold only in dollars.

### Petrodollar's demise makes BRICS' de-dollarization campaign a bigger existential threat to US imperialism.

Even before the petrodollar agreement expired, China-Russia-Iran had started an aggressive campaign to de-dollarize the world.

Russia, Iran, Iraq, Venezuela, and other oil-producing countries stopped selling their oil in US dollars. In 2023 only 80 percent of global oil was sold in dollars.

The BRICS + 5, an economic co-operation bloc controlled by China-Russia, now trade in their local currencies. This will accelerate the de-dollarization in global trade. World trade in US dollars dropped from 71% in 1999 to 58% in 2022. This trend will accelerate as BRICS membership expands. Over fifty-nine nations want to join it.

The next BRICS October summit meeting in Russia will discuss the creation of a single currency within the group. This would significantly intensify the de-dollarization process.

Another big step in this direction was Russia's 2024 St. Petersburg Economic Forum. With over 17,000 participants from over 130 countries, BRICS launched its own payment system to securely and quickly send and receive international money and security transfers.

The BRICS promises that its financial system will enhance the voice of developing nations and improve their access to international finance. As an alternative to the US SWIFT payment system, it promises to make these nations immune from US sanctions while encouraging the use of local currencies.

The dollar will decline in value relative to other currencies. US workers will pay more for food and everything else. Eventually, hyperinflation will ravage the world's masses, as it is already doing in Ghana and Argentina. This will create further worldwide objective conditions for revolution.

The petrodollar is dead, but not US or Western imperialism. To squash revolutionary potential from developing and to cling on to their world hegemony, these imperialists are frantically preparing for global



war against the China-Russia-Iran imperialist axis.

### Fascism and World War III, or Communist Revolution

Since the 16th century, six successive imperialist countries and their currencies have dominated world trade. Every transition - from one dominant power and its currency to another - required genocidal wars. It took the two world wars for the US dollar to displace the British pound as the world's primary reserve currency and the US to replace England as the world's dominant imperialist power.

The US-China transition will not be peaceful. It will take World War III. That is why war games are expanding worldwide—from the US-led RIMPAC in Hawaii to the Russia-Egypt maritime exercise in the Mediterranean. NATO is hell-bent on crossing every Russian red-line. Germany prepares for war by

2029. The US House Armed Services Committee is calling for automatic registration for “selective service” of every US male between 18 and 26 - to make it easier to conscript them when the draft is imposed.

The International Communist Workers' Party is mobilizing to turn the coming wars and World War into revolutions for communism worldwide. The imperialists must depend on their future gravediggers to fight for them! With communist ideas, they will turn their guns on the warmakers and join the fight for communism.

Reaching out to youth, soldiers, sailors and workers now with *Red Flag* is the way forward. Only communist revolution - not reform or peace-promising politicians - will put an end to money and capitalist competition for maximum profits that make World Wars inevitable.

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### “Now I’m So Bold that I Can Open Many Closed Eyes about Communism.”

Comrades, I had a great weekend. The experience I had with other comrades was so impressive and superb. Getting to know one another was good because I learned more about being a communist.

And I've learned something I didn't know about socialism.

In this system, only workers produce everything. Only the bosses get profit from this production. We

need to produce what the workers need. Not what the bosses need.

I wish everyone could know everything about being a communist. Today helped me a lot. Thanks, to comrade N. I saw her at a Zoom meeting. Her comments helped us.

Thanks to comrades who made it possible for us to be in the group and have the experience of the weekend.

I've become so bold about being a communist now. I can share, I can talk about it. I'm not scared to open up and debate about capital-

ism and communism. I can clear and clean the minds of many who have been brainwashed about capitalism. Now today I'm so bold that I can open many closed eyes about communism.

What we discussed helped us a lot. Thank you, guys, for making sure that we had that weekend. Now today, if there is something that I don't know, it's so easy to contact one of my comrades because now we have become one united, strong team. I got to meet comrades that I didn't know. Now I know them as well as they know

me. I wish we could go there again. We have a lot more to do.

As a communist I'm saying A Luta Continua. Red Salute!

I will make it a point that I recruit more members now. I did bring in another comrade who is now in our collective. I'm happy about that and willing to bring more comrades to open more closed eyes. Thanks a lot, to all my comrades. Thanks to ICWP.

—Comrade S, South Africa