

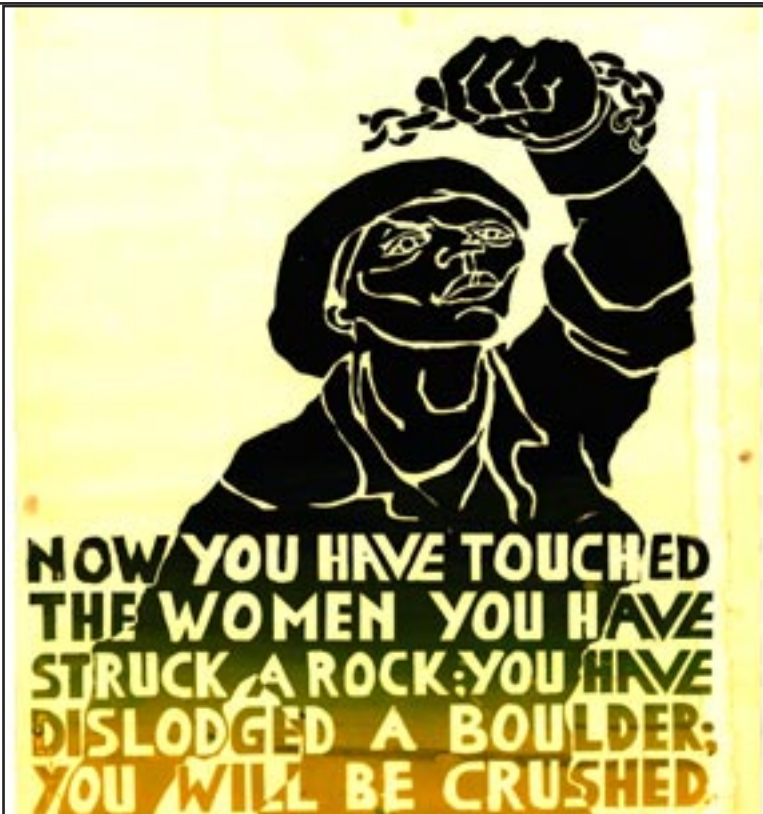
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MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM

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SOUTH AFRICA: August 9, 1956, 20,000 women of all 'races' stood against the apartheid government's pass law.



SOUTH AFRICA: WORKING-CLASS WOMEN TAKE THE LEAD IN MOBILISING FOR COMMUNISM

GQEBERHA, SOUTH AFRICA, August 19— “I join! I join!” exclaimed Lalizwa, an enthusiastic new comrade. She had provided us with her space to conduct a meeting in Uitenhage, near Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth). Everyone in Uitenhage knows someone who works at the Volkswagen plant here, a key industrial concentration for our party’s work in South Africa.

“It was so much fun! It was my first time organising that number of people to come! By having new people, you get to learn from them too as much as they are also learning,” said Kuhke. She is a party leader who has family members who work at VW. She organised her family and colleagues to a meeting to introduce communism to them and recruit them to the party, as we prepare for the international meet-

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ing in October.

“Comrade, please leave some of your newspapers. I will give them to my neighbours and my colleagues. I wish I had invited them to hear you guys,” said Ibanthi, another new female comrade.

We started the meeting by introducing the party and communism. “Communism is about organising and creating a society without money where we don’t have a few families and corporations owning all the wealth while workers own nothing,” said comrade Asanda.

“If we get rid of money, we will get rid of this world where everything is about money and profit including social relationships,” said Bonani, an experienced comrade.

This sparked a lively discussion with the new comrades that were

BOEING CONTRACT : WON'T END EXPLOITATION OR WAR PRODUCTION

SEATTLE (US), August 14— “The management culture in the plant sucks,” said a member of the International Association of Machinists (IAM) as he entered the Renton Boeing plant.

“Like everywhere else around the world,” he added, taking a copy of *Red Flag* with the headline about the rebellion in Bangladesh. He promised to share the paper with his co-workers.

As the Boeing Corporation continues to churn out weapons, including more bombs to drop on Gaza, Boeing workers are set to vote on a new contract on September 12.

Another Boeing worker declared as he rushed into work, “We will still be exploited after this new contract.” This was the second time he got our paper and he wanted to be sure we continued to come to the

gate.

Contracts Chain Us to the Capitalists

Boeing IAM District President Jon Holden keeps saying the contract vote is not only about union members: “We aren’t just fighting for ourselves; we are fighting for everyone,” he claimed. “From our family members to the flying public, we want everyone to be proud of this company once again.” Being proud of one’s work is one thing, but nobody should be proud of a profit-hungry corporation with blood on its hands.

Recently Holden sat on a “New Day for Labor” panel with United Auto Workers president Shawn Fain and Fiat company representatives. They discussed this year’s major contracts. But that’s not the discussion workers need. A contract doesn’t destroy the chains of

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SEATTLE (USA), July 17, 2024— Boeing workers, members of the International Association of Machinists, vote overwhelmingly to authorize a strike.

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INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE TO ORGANIZE SOLDIERS FOR COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

August 19— Any serious revolutionary movement needs to organize soldiers within the capitalist rulers' armed forces.

Comrades of the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) made significant steps today as the party launched its first international military forum. The leadership of a veteran of the US war on Iraq was a key factor in guaranteeing its seriousness.

At the "Cancel RIMPAC" event in San Diego (USA) in June, a party collective formed to bring the struggle over organizing soldiers in the imperialist armies and navies to the movement against US imperialism.

"The rank and file understand the need to strengthen political relationships between workers and soldiers," said a comrade. "So it looks like we need our own forum to discuss the importance of recruiting soldiers into the party."

The two-hour Zoom forum was truly international. It included comrades in the US, South Africa, and El Salvador. It was led by Army veteran soldiers who joined the military purposely to organize soldiers.

The meeting started with a brief but powerful slideshow of historical images, accompanied by a chorus singing "Bandera Roja." It depicted soldiers and workers, from enslaved Haitian workers and veterans fighting the French army to guerrilla soldiers in El Salvador and Guatemala.

Next came a report on current

military conflicts. "Currently, there are over 120 armed conflicts around the world," explained a comrade. The last time this happened was during World War II."

Another presenter sparked a lively discussion about racism being the decisive tool used by capitalists to fuel war. Participants agreed that the brass uses racism and sexism to divide workers and soldiers so soldiers would carry out massacres of workers during military conflicts.

"Yes," agreed a veteran. "There was always the need to paint Middle Eastern workers as the enemy so US soldiers would go to Iraq to wage war against Iraqi workers." He shared how he was able to make a connection with Iraqi workers who were hired to service the sewage system of the military base. He pointed out how Iraqi workers were exploited much like workers are exploited around the world.

Personal Narratives: Heart of the Forum

It was inspiring to hear our veteran soldier comrades tell about how they organized soldiers. For example, a comrade military veteran from El Salvador gave a moving story of how soldiers refused to follow orders to attack striking teachers. And how they defended a communist worker from a brutal assault.

A major highlight was the commitments made by comrades in the US and one in South Africa to con-



Dearborn, Michigan, USA, August 18—Pro-Palestinian protesters demonstrate ahead of the Democratic National Convention

tribute more to the military work.

Many workers have family members in the South African military, so we can reach out to those soldiers," said the South African comrade, "I plan to talk to my sister who is a nurse in the military."

A US comrade, a Navy veteran, agreed to be part of the military collective. "It was in the Navy that I was able to learn about imperialism," she said. Her experience as a woman in the Navy is invaluable to our movement. It demonstrates that male and female soldiers and sailors can work together even in such an environment plagued with a sexist culture.

"We need to consider high school work as pre-military work," said a teacher comrade. He was reflecting the consensus of the Los Angeles teachers' Party club. "I was recruited to the Party while I was in high school and went into the military to organize soldiers," he added.

He asked another teacher comrade what he thought about this. "I'm a relatively new teacher," the comrade responded, "and I intend to dedicate my life to doing this work."

A major accomplishment of the forum was the establishment of an international military collective. The results of this will be seen in the work of Party clubs around the world.

A comrade in El Salvador emphasized that we must all reach out to soldiers and their families, students and workers who will be going into the military. We must recruit them to fight for a communist world. Every comrade and every collective has a key role in this work.

As another comrade pointed out, "If we build a base and recruit communist troops, we will win."

(See letter from this comrade on page 7)

ARMED STRUGGLE FOR COMMUNISM, NOT DIPLOMACY, WILL LIBERATE PALESTINIAN MASSES

August 21— Gaza hospitals report 50 killed and 124 injured by Israeli attacks in the past 24 hours. The Zionists bombed a UNWRA school sheltering hundreds. They ordered the evacuation of Deir al-Balah, where hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians were living. Then they fired on the crowds.

This is not "war." It is genocide. US rulers are desperately trying to negotiate a ceasefire. Not because they've suddenly developed a conscience! They want to avoid all-out war with Iran. And the Democratic Party wants to win back young people outraged by its complicity in genocide.

Biden and Harris claim to "care

about the Palestinians" but refuse to halt arms shipments to Israel!

Secretary of State Blinken came back empty-handed from his urgent Middle East mission. He claimed that Israel had accepted a "bridging framework" that Egypt, Qatar, and the US have been peddling.

That supposedly includes Israeli withdrawal from Gaza. But Israeli media quote Prime Minister Netanyahu as saying that "Israel won't leave the Philadelphi Corridor and the Netzarim Corridor [inside Gaza] regardless of the pressure to do so."

Details of this "framework" are not public, but it apparently contains new demands on Hamas that are likely unacceptable to them too.

The main contradiction in the Middle East – and the world – is between the imperialists. Behind Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis stand the Iranian rulers. Behind Iran stand the Russian and Chinese capitalist-imperialists.

Israel assassinated Ismail Haniyah, Hamas' lead negotiator, in Tehran on July 31. For now, the Iranian rulers are refraining from retaliating. But, as Blinken admitted, resolution of the Gaza crisis is key to avoiding all-out war.

No negotiations among the capitalists and imperialists will liberate the Palestinian masses – or workers anywhere. Pro-Palestinian protesters chant "the only solution is intifada, revolution." The revolution

that will break the chains for good is communist revolution.

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THE MORAL QUESTION OF OUR TIME: GENOCIDE OR COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

LOS ANGELES (USA), August 17— “I’m voting for Kamala because I don’t want Trump to win,” said a friend.

“But she’s no better than Trump,” I protested.

“Trump is trying to take away women’s rights. None of these candidates are great but at least we won’t have Trump,” my friend said before we concluded the conversation.

These are the conversations which take place daily surrounding Kamala Harris, whose popularity skyrocketed after Joe Biden decided not to seek reelection. Kamala has been stamped as some workers’ last hope in stopping America’s Bogeyman (Trump) from returning to power. However, workers who support Kamala are choosing to ignore her own anti working-class history.

As a prosecutor and DA in Cali-



Chicago, USA, August 20—Protest at Democratic National Convention

fornia, Harris supported mass incarceration policies which specifically targeted Black men. She also targeted Black women due to penalties for child truancy which resulted in working-class parents serving jail time.

Kamala’s contradictions are many, but workers’ newfound optimism has led to millions of dollars pouring into her campaign.

The Harris campaign has been built on identity politics and symbolic gestures to the very people who are weary of her antics. Kamala has a Jamaican father and an Indian mother, which makes her favorable to workers who want diversity.

“I’m voting because it’s my right, to honor my ancestors who fought for the right to vote,” said a worker. She was defending her moral need to vote, with Harris as the only alternative, as many workers tell themselves. Kamala may be a woman of color, but she is a detriment to the international working class.

At a recent rally, Kamala was met with resistance from pro-Palestinian protesters who she couldn’t ignore. She said, “If you want Trump to win, say that. Otherwise, I’m

speaking!” This is the narrative: she’s the lesser of two evils and the only alternative.

At a second rally, she repeated the tired platitude that she and Biden support a ceasefire in Gaza and a return of the hostages. Meanwhile, billions of dollars go to Israel from the administration she serves now. She has refused to even discuss an embargo on the shipment of arms to the Zionist entity.

While Harris may want to protect US women’s right to contraceptive healthcare, hospitals aren’t even a reality for Palestinians anymore thanks to US-funded missiles. Workers should not have to prioritize their reproductive rights over the mass murder of 40,000 Palestinians with no ceasefire in sight. We deserve something better.

What’s the alternative?

“If you’re not for Biden or Harris, that means you are voting for Trump,” a comrade was told. This is a false idea. We don’t need to pick a side between two parties that represent the US capitalist imperialism. We must reject this system altogether. Workers of the world



Pasadena, USA, August 19—Protest at Democratic Party Headquarters

have been shown countless times that we cannot put our fates in the hands of the elites.

Workers of the world must reject their “civic duties” and unite for the future of humanity. The only answer is communism!

The global bourgeoisie are in crisis to win the masses to continue their exploitation. The illusion is that Kamala is much different than Trump. The reality is they are both bad news for the working class.

Only through international solidarity can we end mass genocides, wars, and sexist discussions over women’s autonomy of their own bodies. Instead of backing a capitalist party, we must mobilize the masses for revolution.

Communism, with collective struggle and shared responsibility, is the only answer to fascist genocide and world war. Join ICWP to change the world.

Bosses Fight in Venezuela over Oil, Gold, and Other Resources

WORKERS NEED REAL COMMUNISM

EL SALVADOR, August 20— “What’s at stake in Venezuela, with the elections that just happened?” asked a farmworker and former FMLN guerrilla who is now a member of the International Communist Workers’ Party. “What I know is that after Chávez, Venezuela stopped being a partner of the United States.”

A comrade answered, “There is a lot of wealth there, and an inter-imperialist struggle. On the one hand, the United States wants to recover the loot for its transnationals. On the other, Russia and China want to consolidate their control through Maduro.”

She continued, “Chinese leader Xi Jinping has just invited Venezuela to be part of the BRICS, an economic cooperation bloc controlled by China and Russia. The aim is to expand cooperation to confront the US and its allies.”

Z, a worker comrade, reported that someone had told her, “Maduro has economic resources and has bought the army. That’s why they are on his side, but the workers don’t have a way to do that and that is why I find it difficult.”

Another comrade responded: “That is why the ICWP considers that organizing in the army is key.

The power is in the working class. When the masses make the decision to organize themselves, there are no bosses, no officers, nor a government that can stop them.” He continued, “If working-class soldiers turn their weapons against the bosses, that will be our revolutionary victory.”

Elections or Communist Revolution

Elections in Venezuela or anywhere are just another one of the processes that, with or without fraud, fail to resolve the situation of the working class. “Freedom” and “democracy” are illusions the capitalists sell to the working class. No matter who comes to power through capitalist elections, they always keep workers in wage slavery and poverty. The working class needs communism, not the fiction of democracy.

The USA had not opposed Maduro in the last elections because transnational companies like Chevron have made strategic partnerships with Petróleos de Venezuela PDVSA. These contracts go from 2023 to 2050. They allow drilling for oil and gas in the state of Zulia and in the Orinoco oil belt in eastern Venezuela, which has the largest proven oil reserves in the

world.

The US bosses want to recover control of Venezuela because of its natural resources and its strategic military position in the Caribbean. They use the street mobs and send workers to die with the lie that it’s “for Freedom and Democracy.” At the same time, they negotiate secretly with the Venezuelan government.

And on the other side are Russia, China, and Iran, which are pushing Maduro to join BRICS, which controls immense oil profits.

The resources of the country have been in the hands of Venezuelan businessmen, international companies and, to a lesser extent, the state, doing multi-million-dollar business. Among these companies are ExxonMobil, Royal Dutch Shell, Conoco Phillips, Chevron.

Former President Chávez expropriated the biggest oil companies. This provoked a confrontation with the United States, a major importer of oil. In 2003 the oil passed into the hands of the state. PDVSA (Petróleos de Venezuela Sociedad Anónima), created in 1975, was the main state oil company in Chavez’ time.

The reforms promoted by Chávez and Maduro will never be enough for the working class be-

cause they maintain social classes and the wage system. In “21st Century Socialism,” as this phase of reforms in Latin America was called, they have never been able to stop the poverty and suffering created by wage slavery.

The masses are fed up with Venezuelan capitalism. Their protests reflect the need for change, for a system that meets the needs of the working class.

The imperialists and a group of Venezuelan bosses take advantage of this to mobilize the masses against the capitalist Maduro. But the only solution is the fight for a system that breaks these imperialist chains. And communism is the only system that will build the power of the working class, and produce what we need, without exploitation of the working class, to fulfill the needs of all. Communism will provide for each person according to their needs.

The ICWP mobilizes the working class to organize for Communism, not for elections. In Venezuela and everywhere, from Bangladesh to El Salvador, from India to Mexico, from Spain to the USA, from South Africa to Costa Rica, and all over the world, we must fight for a communist system.

BOEING'S BLOOD-SOAKED PROFITS

In 2023, a reported 37% of Boeing's revenue came from the US government, including foreign arms sales. Even though most workers who will participate in the strike vote build commercial aircraft, they too are concerned about war production.

Boeing is one of the world's largest war profiteers. Its products have enabled mass devastation in Yemen, Palestine, Kashmir, the Philippines, West Papua, Syria, and at the US-Mexico border.

Its Minuteman intercontinental

ballistic missile (ICBM) weapon system is the ground-based leg of the US nuclear arsenal.

The US is currently shipping even more of its F-15 and F-16 fighter planes to Israel and Ukraine.

Boeing was the top US manufacturer of missiles and munitions delivered to Israel from 2021-2023. Boeing's 250-pound GBU-39 bombs continue to rain down death on Gaza.

Boeing's Renton (WA) plant produces P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol and reconnaissance planes,

developed for the US Navy. They're currently used also by the militaries of India, Australia, the UK, Norway, New Zealand, and others for anti-submarine warfare and surveillance.

The Boeing Corporation exists to maximize profits for its shareholders. That always means attacks on Boeing workers. And as all-out war production for imperialist war ramps up, those attacks will continue to sharpen.

During the Russian Revolution, industrial workers in the Putilov

factories took over the plants. They drove to the front lines of the revolution with the weapons they made and fought next to their comrades.

Both the workers who make the commercial airplanes and those who make military weapons can be recruited to fight for communism. Along with soldiers and sailors, these workers will be key to fighting and winning a revolution. US imperialism is fighting for its survival, but the working class will put capitalism in its grave.

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exploitation; it only defines the shape of those chains.

"The material basis of capitalist production is exploitation and profits," commented a *Red Flag* reader and distributor.

"Boeing makes billions of dollars off the skills, hard work, and dedication of our members," admitted IAM International President Brian Bryant. "Our members deserve their fair share. And the time has finally come when they will get their fair share."

But workers' labor creates ALL wealth. It pays for the plants and machinery, the fancy corporate offices, executives' huge bonuses and deluxe retirement packages. Why should the new CEO get \$22 million/year and the retired CEO even more? Our "fair share" is EVERYTHING we produce. And we produce EVERYTHING. Workers built these plants, and communist revolution will enable us to take them back.

In communism, production will focus on the collective needs of the

international working class. The working masses will decide where, what, and how we produce. There will be no capitalists to profit. The weapons we produce will be to defend our communist future.

Once we have won communism worldwide, there will be no nations to go to war. No bombs killing tens of thousands of children and adults, as in Gaza today.

Redesign Society to Meet the Masses' Needs

Boeing planes are falling apart in the sky.

On August 7, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chair Jennifer Homendy questioned the rosy safety picture presented by Boeing executives. "The entire system failed," she countered. "You need to redesign to prevent that failure."

Homendy is right that Boeing's production design failed. But the system that failed is capitalism. Government agencies won't redesign that! It's communists who fight for a production system that

meets the needs of the global masses.

"The workload at a Boeing factory is too great to avoid mistakes being made," a blue-collar Boeing worker told NTSB investigators. "People are forced to work too fast."

Capitalist production is designed to maximize profits. Exploitation, competition, and war are baked into the system for this exact purpose. The trade-union focus on contracts only assures exploitation.

Join the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) to embrace revolutionary communism instead of reformist trade-unionism! We have already distributed over 300 copies of *Red Flag* newspaper at the Renton plant. Many insightful discussions among comrades and Boeing workers out-



Seattle, USA, Summer 2011

side and inside the plant show the potential for revolutionary organizing.

You can help right now by setting up a network of *Red Flag* readers inside the plant or among family and friends. From these networks will come ICWP collectives linked up from Seattle to Bangladesh and beyond. They will lead to the essential recruitment and base building among international industrial workers. Then the days of capitalist tyranny, exploitation and global war will be numbered.

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listening. Comrade Asanda asked spiritedly, "How is it possible to live without money, when we grew up with dreams of getting educated and earning money in order to ele-

vate in society and live a 'soft' life"?

Comrade Sisana answered her: "That is a myth, comrade, an illusion sold to us in order to embrace



the order of capitalism. There are many people who are educated who don't live comfortably. Some are unemployed, some live with debt and must rely on credit to afford essentials in life".

Comrade Mzamo pitched in: "In communism we are not

interested in some people being more elevated than others. We want to create a classless society, under the slogan of 'from each according to ability, to each according to the need'. This means that we will distribute according to needs. However, it doesn't mean people will get absolute equal share of everything. That is impossible, as people have different needs".

Another new comrade, Siya, said, "I think this is a good thing, comrade. It is my first time hearing this. I think all we need is education about communism and the party. Otherwise, I join, I join, I join"!

The meeting was inspiring, as it

was organised by a relatively new leader of the party. We managed to have more than ten people fill the room, mostly female comrades committed to join the party and distribute our literature. We took their contact information and added them on our chat groups. They urged us to come back and host these meetings in the future.

We promised to visit them at least once a month. It is safe to say that, at the heart of where VW is located, we have a new collective led by female comrades. The fight against sexism in our party has unleashed the potential of working-class women comrades, which is crucial for the growth of the revolutionary struggle. A luta continua.

ICWP INDUSTRIAL WORK NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

The expanding industrial work of our party in South Africa is a big step forward for us all. Like our communist work among garment workers in India and El Salvador, this growth requires financial resources beyond the limited funds available to comrades locally.

Our core communist principle is: "From all according to commitment and ability, to all according to need." We ask all readers of *Red Flag*, and each party collective, to think hard about how you are willing and able to support this work.

That might mean organizing solidarity letters.

Or regularly collecting small donations from friends, co-workers, family. Or larger donations from teachers, doctors, and others we know. If you're not sure how to donate funds securely, ask an ICWP comrade or contact us at icwp@nym.hush.com.

Chinese Nationalism is a Fascist Imperialist Creation (Part II)

INTENSIFIED NATIONALIST INDOCTRINATION AND FASCIST REPRESSION ARE PREPARATION FOR GENOCIDAL WORLD WAR

Ever since capitalist Xi Jinping became head of the State in 2013, the Chinese imperialists have called on universities and schools to intensify patriotic and nationalist indoctrination.

Their revamped “Patriotic Education Campaign” bans “wrong ideas and ideologies.” Educators who fail to show sufficient conformity to the ruling party’s ideals are fired. Their ideological brainwashing starts the very first day of elementary school, like other imperialists’ schools. Students are groomed not just to obey, but also to love the ruling party.

Under Xi’s fascist rule, the Chinese imperialists have also revived patriotic songs. These had not been played in official National Day ceremonies since Mao Zedong’s death in 1976.

These songs were originally created during the Maoist revolutionary era. Then, the Chinese Communist Party sought to improve the masses’ lives. They eradicated diseases and eliminated old customs and habits, including the oppressive practice of foot binding. They improved the literacy of the masses.

Lyrics from these songs include: “The power of the people is invincible, and the reactionaries cannot rebel even if they want to” (from “Socialism is Good”). We hear “Young friends unite and contribute to peace and friendship” (from “Youth and Friendship Dance”).

But the meaning of these lyrics has been distorted by the Chinese imperialist rulers under fascist criminal Xi Jinping. The term “reactionary” originally referred to opposition to the revolutionary social

transformation of society under Mao and the CCP.

As the Chinese imperialist rulers became more fascist, they distorted the term “reactionary” to refer to collective mobilizations for reformist and revolutionary social change that are not welcomed by the ruling class.

As the rulers speak of “peace and friendship” today, they are preparing for an imperialist war that will destroy the lives of ordinary working-class siblings from China, US, Taiwan, and elsewhere. This is a dangerous fascist trend among all the world’s capitalist-imperialist powers.

The Chinese capitalist-imperialist rulers promote false “peace and friendship” by arresting and jailing anti-fascists, communists, and leftists who stand in solidarity with the most exploited workers. They jail anyone seen as a threat to ruling-class interests.

For instance, in 2018, a group of Marxist students from Peking University joined with the workers of Huizhou, Guangdong, to protest abysmal working conditions. Police arrested them. Dictator Xi Jinping had claimed that the ideas of Marx, Lenin, and Mao were the “foundation of China’s Communist Party.” But when the students decided to put Marxist ideas into practice, the government reacted with horror. The students’ arrest revealed a repressive, anti-worker, anti-communist regime.

Also, the Chinese rulers attack the Uyghur people, who live mainly in northwestern China’s Xinjiang province. Any attempt to defend them from government repression is labeled “anti-China

Western propaganda.” As many as one million Uyghurs have been put into so-called “re-education camps.” There they are forced to recite nationalist slogans of the CCP and learn Mandarin Chinese. Police presence and security checkpoints have increased dramatically. Uyghur parents have been forbidden from using Muslim names, which the rulers see as “extremist.”

The Chinese imperialists vilify classless, egalitarian, worldwide communism as “Western subversive ideas used by foreign powers to interfere with China.”

As opposition to government repression grows, it will be more openly attacked. The term “reactionary,” which once referred to opposition to the Chinese Revolution, is now weaponized against revolutionaries. As the Chinese rulers prepare for imperialist world war, they are becoming more openly fascist, not “democratic.” They are intensifying their racist nationalist indoctrination of the young generation and their attacks on workers and leftists.

Nationalism, racism, sexism, and anti-communism are the rulers’ main tools to prevent the rise of a new communist movement. Such a movement would permanently end the

rule of money and the domination of the many by the few. We invite those who oppose the government’s nationalism, and its attacks on workers and students, to join us.

Chinese nationalists today complain that “their” culture is being polluted by Western and Japanese cultures. In truth, Chinese nationalist rulers oppose and fear international unity of the masses.

This fascist system can be ended only with a communist revolution to end capitalist-imperialism everywhere. Workers of the world can and must take up the fight for a communist world without nations and borders, without classes, money, and wages, without genocides and wars, without racism and nationalism, and without sexism and homophobia.

Workers of the World, Unite!

No More Nations!

No More Borders!

No More Genocide!

Fight for Communism!



LAGOS (Nigeria), August 2— Thousands of workers, Muslim and Christian, joined to protest the skyrocketing cost of living and the flagrant corruption of the Tinubu government, which is strengthening Nigeria’s ties with Chinese imperialism.

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Improving Our Study of Communist Philosophy

I have gone through both ICWP videos about dialectical materialism. First of all, let me congratulate your party for this extraordinary initiative. Absence of Cadre camps for new comrades is one of the main reasons for the world-wide defeats of Communist movements.

And as your party has stated, it is a sign that your organisation is alive. They are nicely explained videos and nothing critical. But my observations are as follows:

There are four basic parts of Marxist philosophy:

Dialectical Materialism. This is simply about general rules of nature. Your video has tried to cover it, but it is vague and incomplete. For example, there are many more topics besides the basic rule of contradiction and unity of ele-

ments. I think you should include those remaining items also. Secondly, while an attempt is made to simplify the subject matter, it is presented in disconnected pieces. It could have been done in a better way. If you want, I will give complete syllabus of Dialectical Materialism. You and your comrades may sit together and try all the topics. If any help is needed, I will be more than happy.

The second part is Historical Materialism. It is the application of the rules of Dialectical Materialism to society. One should try to cover all the topics in nice and lucid way. Without a detailed understanding, our comrades, specifically younger ones, will never understand how society changes and what are the classes and what is class struggle.

The third part is Political Economy. This system under which we

live is a society based on capitalism. How this system works and how exploitation takes place within this system, is a most important lesson for our new comrades. We must teach it.

Last but not the least, the fourth part is Scientific Socialism. We all know that we want to destroy capitalist system and create a new society. But how? There are rules and other basic points which must be taught to the new comrades so that they can understand for what they are fighting.

If you want, I can give you a detailed syllabus for each of these parts. Kindly treat this as a friendly suggestion and not criticism. I do not see any major difference in our thinking.

With lots of love and great respect,
Red salute!

—Long-time friend in India

Red Flag responds: Thank you for your thoughtful review of the Dialectics videos. We agree with much of it, and we would certainly like to see your detailed syllabus. We have study groups and *Red Flag* articles about dialectical materialism that are directed toward educating young comrades and friends. We encourage our comrades to make more videos.

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HOUSING CRISIS: CAPITALISM'S ONLY SOLUTION IS PUNISHMENT

LOS ANGELES (USA), August 19— Gloria Johnson was involuntarily homeless in Grants Pass, Oregon. No shelter was available to her. She was prohibited from sleeping in her van. She faced citations for “camping in a park.” Johnson and others sued the city, claiming “cruel and unusual punishment.”

In June, the US Supreme Court used the Johnson case to overturn a previous ruling. That ruling had protected people from fines and incarceration for sleeping outside if no alternative shelter was available.

Just a month later, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed an Executive Order directing state agencies to clear homeless encampments from public property. Now unrestrained by Constitutional protections, Newsom flashes a wide grin from beneath a Los Angeles highway overpass. He declares that the time for excuses has passed

while shoveling personal belongings into bins.

Newsom's order cannot legally compel local governments to act. But failure to comply will result in the withholding of city and county funds in next year's budget, which the Governor controls.

“We're not going to continue to make investments in communities that aren't willing to do their part,” Newsom explained. He thereby discarded the committed work of organizations on the ground. These have implemented dignified and durable solutions for at least some individuals among California's homeless population.

Capitalist Profit System Causes Homelessness

Newsom's orchestrated outing communicated nothing more than the cruelty of crony capitalism. This system rewards wealthy politicians who enact violence against vulnerable communities in order to buoy their political status.

While Newsom stomps around the encampment, he also strikes out at news outlets that don't report to his satisfaction on his support for a wealth tax in California. He preaches “tough love” while enriching himself on real estate and restaurant ventures. He demands a willingness to act while cashing checks from billionaire financiers who create the very conditions he

pretends to clean up.

This is the twisted dynamic sitting at the core of capitalism: protect the profiteers, popularize their puppets, and punish the powerless.

Insatiable greed drives capitalist expansion. It necessarily demands the removal of “undesirables.” Perhaps their unsightly presence perturbs the peace of the so-called civilized, as in Los Angeles. Or perhaps the very presence of an “undesirable” civilization threatens the colonial interests of fascist superpowers, as in Palestine.

In both instances, we see victims of capitalist violence demonized for the inconvenience of their existence. And always with a racist edge.

Dehumanizing narratives justify the necessity of their removal. These are spun and disseminated to the masses. Tried and true tales of addiction, terrorism, and “savagery” create the permission structure for the capitalist class's ceaseless conquest of new territory.

These patterns of oppression are familiar to communists. But they elude much of a general public still trapped in the capitalist contortions of reality.

In Los Angeles, people cry out for real solutions to the homeless crisis, unaware that this public display of punishment serves the interests of the ruling class. After all, failure to participate in their system

has clearly defined and visible consequences: exile and exploitation.

The Only Real Solution to Housing Crisis: Intifada, Revolution

Social programs that offer community support instead of harsh punishment pose the risk of unburdening us from the boots of the Bourgeoisie. Therefore they will never be implemented by the Bourgeoisie's representatives in government.

We must never be allowed to think that there is an alternative to wage slavery. Rather, the monied interests will criminalize the uncouth and profit off their imprisonment before any form of deviance from the system can be allowed.

Capitalism has only one solution for its many victims: punishment. Its mandate for relentless growth requires endless victimization of those who find themselves in the way of capitalist expansion.

Acknowledging the humanity of victims would require just negotiations and fair compensation. It might even halt capitalist conquest. None of which are acceptable in the minds of colonizers and exploiters. Domination and displacement are all that capitalism can offer.

And it will continue to levy this punishment until the only true solution can be achieved: “intifada, revolution!”



California Governor Gavin Newsom

Pro Immigrant Demonstrations Answer Racist Violence in Britain

ONLY COMMUNISM WILL END IT FOREVER

August 14: Mass anti-fascist demonstrations answered the anti-immigrant violence that followed the stabbing deaths of three young girls in Southport, England on July 29th.

“We've got more in common with an Indian nurse, a Black bricklayer,” said Matt Delaney, an anti-fascist from the Liverpool area, “than we do with the Elon Musks, the Nigel Farages, the Tommy Robinsons. All these people are stoking violence.”

Like thousands across Britain, Matt, a young white worker, had learned of the anti-fascist demonstrations on Instagram.

Days after the fatal stabbings, major cities across England erupted

in violence. Fascist mobs set fire to hotels hosting asylum seekers, stoned mosques, and attacked charities that helped immigrants.

The violence was sparked by lies on social media that the killer of the three girls was a Muslim and an immigrant. He is neither. That simple truth did not stop the racist propagation of Islamophobic lies.

The British capitalist state is in crisis. This is marked by wars, super inflation, joblessness and cuts in social services. They have money to fund the genocide in Gaza but not to help the increasingly impoverished working class.

The British ruling class has been shocked by the size and persistence

of the pro-Palestinian demonstrations. It's another sign that they are out of touch with the masses. Firebrands like Robinson and Farage help the rulers channel working-class anger towards scapegoats: Muslims, immigrants, and asylum seekers.

A global network of anti-Muslim and Zionist philanthropists, politicians, and think tanks have been funding far-right figures like Tommy Robinson. His most recent fascist Islamophobic rally, just days before the riots started, drew a crowd of 20,000 people to Trafalgar Square. Robinson has long considered himself a Zionist and he denounced Palestinians in the most insulting terms.

But anti-fascist ideas have a strong appeal. More than fifty demonstrations took place on Saturday, August 10 (the weekend after the anti-immigrant pogroms), with huge crowds gathering in towns and cities such as London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Manchester, Birmingham, and Belfast. Working-class solidarity shut down the fascist mobs.

In London, thousands of anti-racist protesters assembled outside Reform UK's London Office (Nigel Farage's Brexit Party's headquarters) to accuse Farage of “inciting fascist rioters,” before marching on Whitehall in support of refugees.

The Labour Party of Prime Minister Keir Starmer has also played a direct role in fueling Islamophobia. From Tony Blair's support of the US war on Iraq twenty years ago to Starmer's unstinting support of the genocide in Gaza, Labour has built Islamophobia. By repeating the lie that anti-Zionism is anti-Semitism, Starmer has fueled the anti-Muslim climate that encouraged the far-right out onto the streets.

The “left” of the Labour Party still has a hold on many British workers. The country's most high-profile Muslim MP, Zarah Sultana, represents that perspective. Her slogan, “The Enemy of the Working-Class Travels by Private Jet Not Migrant Dinghy,” highlights the fact that working-class people are in life's struggles together.

But electoral politics will not bring us the change we need. The international capitalist crisis is intensifying. Capitalist masters everywhere push fascist movements to divide and weaken the might of the international working class. In response, the masses are rising up. But they must break with electoral politics and organize for revolution for workers' power, to get rid of capitalism and all the scourges that come with it. Read and spread *Red Flag!* Build and join ICWP collectives! We have a world to win!



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We Will Destroy Prison Labor and Wage Slavery

Comrades of *Red Flag*, I send you a militant greeting!

I am writing this letter to share with all of you the conditions in which we have to work in the factory where I am. I am assigned to the packing sector. The exploiting bosses have placed us in this space made of cyclone mesh. It's a metal fence with iron doors. Most of us feel locked in. Really, it's as if we were in a prison. In fact, we are.

It's a small prison within the enormous prison that is capitalism. But with organized communist struggle we will break it down. To enter, we need a card, and

only one group of us workers, men and women, have access. They have forbidden earrings, rings, bracelets, necklaces, scissors, and wire cutters. They don't want anything metal to enter this sector. And now, without this card, we cannot enter this area to do our work.

We feel oppressed as workers at this moment. The bosses say that it is for the wellbeing of the factory because a new client has asked for this remodeling.

But we know that they have really done it because they believe that we workers are going to steal. On the contrary, they are

stealing our labor power from us, which is the profit they put in their pockets every day!

We feel imprisoned at our job because we do not even have the freedom to use our tools, such as scissors and the watch that is indispensable to see the time, to know what time it is, or how many minutes are left before we can leave at break time, lunch time, or departure time.

As part of the working class, as a maquila worker, I feel outraged by what they are doing. It is not right that just for a few coins our life changes and we are imprisoned for days on end. By continu-



ing to work we neglect our family, we neglect our children just to go to work as prisoners in that place.

Communism will put an end to wage slavery! In Communism we will produce for need and not for profit.

—Young Worker in Struggle for Communism, El Salvador

Exposing Capitalism and Explaining Communism Go Hand in Hand

Every letter and every article shared in the *Red Flag* is of importance.

The stories shared around the world bring light to everyone on what is happening globally and the changes that need to be done.

The articles about Gaza have had an emotional impact on everyone. They show how far the bosses are willing to go to get what they want, no matter who suffers, gets hurt, or even killed in order to satisfy the capitalists' needs.

The capitalist society is so evil that the only thing that matters to it is how much MONEY they can make in order to stay at the TOP. This system is very manipulative, corrupt, and cold hearted.

In communism it will be different. We have to state the differences and changes on how the communist society will be like.

In the capitalist society, all that is cared for is money. In education we have to pay, for better medication we have to pay, to survive you have to make money. Crime increases every day because "MONEY" is a need. Criminals walk freely because they have MONEY. The system favours all those who have money. "MONEY TALKS."

The difference in communism is that we will be living in a society with no money. Everyone will be equal by having and gaining more masses in the party. The ideas and changes of how we want to live will

differ. We all do not know when this will happen, but we do know how peaceful the world will be.

In terms of education, it will be totally different from the system we have now. Hospitals won't be packed because we won't be consuming poisonous food, which leads us to needing medication, and if you don't get medication, you die. The funeral parlours are making money. Everything generates around money. Even at funeral parlours what they do if they get a body (unconscious) if you regain consciousness in their place of business, they literally kill you. "It's business," they say.

We have to write about how the communist society will be like. It's the "when" that we can't state because it depends on the number of masses who are with us. We cannot change or go forth in doing anything with a small number. We need masses. We are different from the political parties that always promise change in order to gain votes and later disappear. We are not going to change the world individually, but in masses. It's a change for us all.

All letters, articles, challenges, and ideas are welcomed.

Aluta continua! Red salute!
—Comrade in South Africa

Young Comrade Learns Through Practice

Hello, comrades!

I'm a high school student. I joined the party after May Day. I'm the youngest in our group. Even



Soweto, South Africa, 1976: Students and youth have an important role to play in the revolutionary struggle for communism.

though this is the case, comrades have always treated me with respect. They value my input even in important decisions. They always want to hear what I think.

I must say, this is new to me, and I like it because it gives me confidence to want to contribute more. After our last international meeting we decided we want to bring 30 people in the next one, triple our number on the trip.

Recently I've invited two of my friends from school for our collective meeting, because comrade M always says that practice is primary. To conclude, comrades, I just want to say that in the brief period I've been with this group, I've learned a lot, and I want to continue to learn.

I know that bringing two people is not enough. I need to do more, and I promise to do more because I want to help my comrades to reach our goals. I have started distributing *Red Flag*.

Comrade in South Africa

Communist Work in the US Army: A Veteran's Story

There is a difference between spreading propaganda against the military in general and aiming to recruit rank-and-file troops.

Before I enlisted in the army during the Vietnam war, I attended many small meetings about organizing for insurrection. We distributed a ton of what we considered to be communist literature for about six months. We recruited two more soldiers to make up a multi-racial collective of Black, Latin, and white GIs.

This club spent most of our free time developing communist relationships with other soldiers. Slowly we were able to facilitate rebellions against racism and genocide in squads, larger companies, battalions, brigades, and divisions.

Eventually, the collective was able to marshal enough forces to stand against tanks at the Ft. Lewis gate during Armed 'Farces' Day with the help of veterans and civilians. An NCO was furious. He threatened to shoot a communist leader who was sitting on the barracks steps with about twenty troops, mostly Black, who recently transferred out of Vietnam. They immediately jumped up to surround this communist worker and began to advance on the sergeant. The NCO fled for his life.

The point here is that if we build a base and recruit communist troops we will win.

— Comrade US Army Veteran



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Bangladesh Uprising Shows:

REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH AND WORKERS EVERYWHERE NEED INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST WORKERS' PARTY

August 20— Hundreds of thousands of students and workers did the “impossible” last June. Taking to the streets of Bangladesh in June, they forced Prime Minister Sheikh Hasini to flee the country. They toppled her Awami League government.

But what comes next? Without a mass-based revolutionary communist party, the rebellion couldn't become a revolution. Instead, US imperialism has taken advantage of the crisis to install a friendly “interim” government.

Its head, Muhammad Yunus, is an economist and development banker with close ties to Wall Street. Yunus, 84, got a Nobel Peace Prize for developing the very profitable “microcredit” scam. This lured many impoverished women in Bangladesh and elsewhere into crushing debt with the bait of “entrepreneurship.”

No capitalist government or scheme will liberate the working class in Bangladesh or anywhere. The only future capitalism can offer Gen Z, and all workers, is one of wage slavery, mass unemployment, environmental catastrophe, and inter-imperialist war. Our way forward must be communism.

Popular Uprising Mobilizes Students and Workers

Bangladesh has 40% youth unemployment. The rebellion started to protest government preferential hiring of descendants of Bangladeshi 1970 independence fighters. In its first week, the government ordered police to murder hundreds of students in the streets. It believed this would crush the rebellion.

Instead, with each murder, thousands more poured into the streets. Workers joined the students. Masses lost the fear of death. Tear gas, water cannons, rubber bullets, and live ammunition mobilized more. So did cutting the internet. It was 120,000 police against tens of millions of people in the streets.

The outnumbered police panicked. Their vehicles and ammunition became the target of the mass fury. Virtually every police station became a massive skeleton of charred buildings and overturned vehicles.

Soldiers started siding with the rebellion. The government could no longer count on the Army. Finally, on August 5, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had just 45 minutes to escape the wrath of the masses gathered at her palace gates. She fled to India.

Who's in Charge Now?

The situation remains unstable. Reactionary forces have taken advantage of the disorder to build communal violence between the Muslim majority and the Hindu minority. But masses of workers and youth have joined together to work to build a new order. They mobilized to clean up property destroyed in anti-Indian riots. They prevented the celebration of an August 15 na-

tional holiday supporting the old regime.

Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts direct traffic on the streets of the capital city, Dhaka. They check people's papers and guarantee public order. But soldiers still patrol the streets. Ostensibly, both the military and the new interim Yunus government are in charge.

Over sixty foreign diplomats and international organizations attended Yunus' first press conference. He urged trade and investment partners to continue trusting Bangladesh. “We won't tolerate any attempt to disrupt the global clothing supply chain in which we are a key player,” he assured them.

This “global clothing supply chain” is a garment industry which relies almost entirely on super-exploited women workers. They produce 80% of Bangladesh's foreign exchange, in appalling conditions. They also have a history of militant rebellion.

Behind the Scenes: Inter-Imperialist Rivalry and Conflict

The capitalist rulers of China and India are not happy about the new, openly pro-US regime next door. Sheikh Hasina's three-day visit to China in July had been a key milestone in deepening Bangladesh-China ties. Her overthrow was a major setback for India, a long-term strategic ally.

The US is Bangladesh's largest destination for garment exports. US investors already control much of Bangladesh's capital. US strategists want a long “interim” period (up to three years) of “party building” before elections are held. This would allow the development of pro-US political formations that could prevent a return to the old pro-India, pro-China political bureaucracy



Dhaka, Bangladesh, August 2024: Young woman directing traffic

under new faces. Meanwhile, the Yunus government would protect US imperialist strategic interests in the Strait of Malacca.

None of these imperialists have the interests of Bangladeshi workers on their agendas. Neither do existing Bangladeshi capitalist parties which seek to exploit Bangladeshi workers on their behalf.

Build a Mass ICWP Everywhere

Events in Bangladesh have shown that the capitalist state is a house of cards. Workers and students showed their power to shut it down. What's missing is communist organization. Communist workers and students in Bangladesh (like everywhere else), allied with working-class soldiers, can overthrow all capitalist parties and fight for the communist world we need.

ICWP comrades in India have reached out to their fellow workers in Bangladesh. We are developing the limited ties we have among workers and students there. This won't happen overnight. But it will be advanced by the growth of the international communist movement from India to South Africa to El Salvador to the US and elsewhere.

The Bangladesh uprising shows how the conditions for communist revolution are developing rapidly. Our responsibility, and our privilege, is to build the ICWP to realize that potential.



Dhaka, Bangladesh, May 2013—Women garment workers fight police attacks on workers' struggles. Garment workers in South Asia have a long and valiant history of militant class struggle

Communism Will End Sexist and Racist Violence

August 20—Doctors across India went on a one-day strike. They held protests and refused to see non-emergency patients after the rape and murder of a postgraduate medical student in Kolkata on August 9. Local strikes and protests continued for days.

The fascist ruling party BJP suffered a setback in recent elections. It's trying to capitalize on the mass outrage. It has organized publicity around this case to discredit the opposition party in power locally. Meanwhile it spreads exaggerated rumors about isolated incidents of anti-Hindu violence in Bangladesh.

There is a clear link between what happened in Kolkata and the overthrow of Hasina Sheik in

nearby Bangladesh. The Modi fascists are trying to rally the masses by showing “muscular support” in protecting both the rape/murder victim and the minority ‘Hindus’ in Bangladesh.

There was a horrific gang rape and murder of a student on a moving bus in Delhi in 2012. India's rulers used it as an excuse for making the criminal “justice” system more repressive. That did nothing to reduce violence against women, especially against Dalit and Muslim women.

In a typical week, 13 Dalits are murdered, and 21 Dalit women are raped. BJP-connected fascist gangs regularly get away with killing Muslim people and burning their homes.

Sexism, racism, communalism,

religious bigotry, and violence are all baked into the capitalist system. How else could a tiny class of billionaire super-exploiters rule over billions of the exploited masses?

We can't rely on — or try to reform — the laws and state institutions created to serve the likes of Ambani and Adani, Musk and Zuckerberg, Johann Rupert and Carlos Slim.

Instead we must overthrow them with communist revolution. Communism will end the wage system that forces us to compete amongst ourselves. It will institutionalize co-



operation. It will foster unity of working people of all genders, ethnicities, and beliefs.

Eventually communism will make rape and murder almost unimaginable. The steps we take today, spreading communist ideas and building ICWP collectives, bring that day closer.