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Arabs living in Arab-Israeli villages can't get permission to protest in Tel Aviv. This was the first legal protest they were allowed in the town of Tayibe on March 9, 2024.



ICWP Grows in Israel

DEFEAT FASCISM, ZIONISM, AND GENOCIDE WITH REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST INTERNATIONALISM

TEL AVIV (Israel), September 9— “We are marching for a total victory,” said M. “A total victory is the end of capitalism,” he quickly added. “When we the working class from Gaza to Israel unite and create a fertile ground for a communist revolution around the world.”

Comrade M was among six comrades who had gathered in a Tel Aviv apartment the night before Israel would witness the largest demonstration in Israeli history.

Comrade L agreed to this sentiment but added, “Horrible pogroms are going on in the West Bank. We know some sympathetic Israelis who have befriended Palestinian workers in Jenin and Nablus.”

The meeting lasted several hours. Some comrades were skeptical about us joining in the demonstrations. They said it would just be a show of anti-Netanyahu Zionists who would not challenge the genocide in

Gaza. Others said that some people there would be open to our ideas.

Some comrades reread the ICWP Gaza pamphlet. They said what they got from letters in that pamphlet from comrade Hamza in Gaza is that he sees tremendous hope in many Israeli workers’ desire to fight Zionism.

A bilingual teacher who speaks Arabic and Hebrew urged us to go to the demonstration and distribute *Red Flag* clandestinely. Many of her students come from Zionist families, but she said they are Gen Z who have rejected their parents’ Zionist worldview. They see the genocide in Gaza and are in shock, disbelief, utterly disgusted with endless cruelty. She says they are open to communism.

Amid Ultrationalism, Many Open to Communism

On the day of the mass demon-

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Rural and Urban Workers, Men and Women,

EXPLAIN THE NEED FOR COMMUNIST WORK AMONG SOLDIERS

EL SALVADOR, September 1— “It’s important to broaden this discussion in the collectives about putting our communist political ideas and knowledge into the military sector,” said L an ex-combatant comrade.

“Our experience in the civil war,” L continued, “was in forming cells (collectives). The people with more experience had begun talking to young people. Then they sent them to the barracks. Those people came back having already graduated with military ranks. They became part of the instructors of the military forces in the FMLN.”

“Do you want to be part of the ICWP International Military Political Committee?” a comrade asked him.

“Of course. I have already been to the Military Committee forum.

I think it is a big step forward,” he answered.

In a meeting with comrades from the countryside, we concluded we need to organize also in the rural communities, where most of the young people who join the army live.

“You see, it is important that when young people go to the army, they already have communist ideas. These political and ideological principles are key to be able to organize inside,” said P, another former combatant.

These comrades’ historical accounts, with examples of comrades who joined the FMLN guerrilla army while in the national army, show that at certain moments soldiers can be won over to revolutionary ideas and turn their arms against the oppressor.

Soldiers come from the families

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Palestinian Struggle Against Genocide Opens New Political Era

MASSES EVERYWHERE NEED ONE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY, NOT ELECTORAL PARTIES

LOS ANGELES (USA), September 9— Ceasefire Now! US Out of the Middle East! Every week they are in the streets. Chanting. Waving signs. Marching. Discussing. Building community. And taking copies of *Red Flag*. Some have attended ICWP activities.

What they are NOT doing: voting or working for Democratic Party presidential candidate Kamala Harris. “We are stuck between one genocidal party and another,” one declared.

M holds a sign for the Green Party candidate. “Do you think she can even win?” I ask.

“She can, if enough people vote for her,” M replies. She, like many others, wants to abolish the electoral college. It is working as intended, to prevent masses of voters from having their own say. She wants to abolish the US “two-party system.”

I mention that in countries with multi-party systems (like Italy, France, Israel) capitalists still control the government. I explain that elected governments in class societies like capitalism are part of the capitalist state. They exist exactly to defend the interests of the ruling class. They enforce laws to keep the masses exploited and sup-

pressed.

No electoral reforms can change that fact. Elections maintain the illusion that government is “neutral” rather than a dictatorship of the rich.

Progressive (not revolutionary) candidates can sometimes get elected (not as president). But they can only be “effective” if they respect the limits imposed by capitalism. New York Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) was elected as a “radical firebrand.” Now she has sold out to Zionism.

M listens. She is interested but does not put down her sign.

R is curious about how *Red Flag* is produced. He would like to help “but not until after the election” because he is busy campaigning for a city council candidate. “It will make a difference locally,” he says.

“Well,” I reply, “that’s a pretty good example of how electoral politics divert us from organizing for communist revolution. But okay,” I smile, “we’ll still need help in November.”

It’s not just Harris we need to expose. We need to explain more clearly the class nature of government and the state. And with more



concrete examples that will help in more important in-depth discussions.

“The Only Solution – Intifada, Revolution”

This chant is very popular. So is another (in Arabic) that means “Up, up, up with revolution!” But do these slogans refer only to Palestine, or to everywhere? What kind of revolution?

“Some people think that systemic change means ending ‘white supremacy’ or something else,” a friendly student said at a panel discussion. “Others mean ending capitalism. That’s the understanding we need to work for.”

The Israeli/US genocide in Gaza has changed the political situation far beyond the Middle East. Many more young people are seeking answers to such questions. Many like *Red Flag*. “Because it’s so different,” one told me. Surprising numbers say, “I’m a communist, too.”

Some are reading Lenin (“State and Revolution”) and other Marxist classics. More should. But we need to learn, too, from the successes and failures of 20th-century communist movements. Our website www.ICWPRedFlag.org contains much of what we’ve learned so far. Some from our own experiences in the US, El Salvador, and South Africa, and more from our study of revolutionary history.

An important example is the

need to prepare now for armed revolution. Lenin and the Bolsheviks recognized the critical role of young working-class soldiers and sailors in capitalist militaries. We must organize for communism among them.

Building a Mass International Communist Workers’ Party – In New Ways

Some activists discuss excitedly how new social formations can emerge from mass movements. Our party understands that if we want communism, that’s what we must fight for directly. And we plant the seeds of a post-revolutionary communist society by building the party today.

Clearly, we don’t lead the global masses right now. But we are building an international network of party collectives based on communist social relationships. Wherever we are, we work to develop ourselves and others as communist leaders among broader masses.

This requires work and struggle: we can’t rely on spontaneity. But it’s the way we’ll be able to build a communist system where production, distribution, and decision-making depend on relationships, not money.

We welcome the comradely struggles that necessarily arise when more workers and youth – including you, reader! – bring new ideas and experiences into a growing communist party of a new type.



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Israeli Workers and Youth Becoming Disillusioned with Fascism

I will soon be 49. I read your newspaper *Red Flag*. The situation is awful here. We are all the time

in a struggle to save lives - mostly Palestinian. My children are on the way to Tayibe to demonstrate against the war today. They would like to read your newspaper and the pamphlet on Gaza.

You won’t believe, the people

here are outraged by the daily killings in Gaza and the West Bank. Netanyahu won a huge number of Israeli workers to open fascism. That’s why the US ruling class lets him keep his power despite his seeming “insolence” to-

wards the US government. But the longer the war drags on, especially if it spreads to Lebanon, the more likely it is that workers will be disillusioned with fascism.

—Israeli activist

As usual, we have more articles than we can print. Please see www.icwpredflag.org for these important articles:

“The Main Contradiction is Affecting Every Worker in the World”

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Boeing Workers Key:

UNLEASH THE POWER OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS

As we go to press, the District 751 IAM president predicts that justifiably angry Boeing workers will reject the contract and strike. They are furious at the economic attacks that started sixteen years ago and continue with this contract.

SEATTLE (USA), September 9 – “Trade union leaders purposely separate economic concerns from mobilizing to end the horror of imperialism.” A comrade was talking with a worker about the upcoming Boeing strike vote. Union officials are urging the rank and file to accept Boeing’s contract proposal.

But we can’t live that way anymore.

The labor market has forced Boeing to hire a younger, more diverse workforce. It is not the only industrial company that has hired workers dead set against increasing genocide and imperialist carnage.

The Gaza genocide is a reminder that the goals of the new workforce and the interests of the Democratic party are not the same. “Labor leaders lose sight of the difference,” admitted a former

official of the Communication Workers of America.

Workers have received dozens of daily updates on negotiations. Not one condemns the Gaza genocide or broader international imperialism.

On the other hand, hundreds of Boeing workers have enthusiastically read *Red Flag*.

“This is good,” said P, who always takes the paper when he sees comrades distributing it. “Boeing workers in this plant need to know about similar struggles around the world.” He took extra papers to give to his co-workers and made sure we had his contact information.

P wants to end Boeing’s imperialist war production. Over the decades, individual workers have refused to make weapons that promote imperialist war. P wants to go further. We talked about building a Boeing *Red Flag* reading group that could develop into an ICWP (International Communist Workers’ Party) collective.

He was not the only one who wanted to end the Gaza genocide and the march to World War III.

In March, 500 demonstrators

protested in downtown Seattle against Boeing imperialist war production. ICWP comrades talked with at least a hundred of them.

These discussions highlighted previous political rebellions of Boeing workers. For example, ICWP comrades and friends had stopped production to hotly debate the separation of families at the US-Mexican border. It proved that Boeing blue-collar workers will step up to mobilize against capitalist atrocities.

A Boeing retiree ended most discussions by inviting protesters to help build more rebellions. What would these rebellions look like in today’s climate? Will they aim to end capitalism or settle for reformist concessions?

The battle for imperialist hegemony works its way into the plants and every other aspect of society. It spreads all over the world, threatening the international working class.

Trade union economics is no match for escalating imperialist rivalry. Billions of the wealth we workers have created has been spent on weapons and wars in a fu-

rious attempt to maintain US domination. Hundreds of thousands have lost their lives. Millions have hit the streets to demonstrate against genocide and capitalism/imperialism.

The material basis of capitalist production is exploitation, profits, and competition. A new contract doesn’t destroy the chains of exploitation. It only defines the shape of those chains. As the imperialist rivalry heightens, the shape looks more and more like war on the international working class.

The alternative is communism, where production will focus on the needs of the international working class. There will be no capitalists to profit from our labor. The weapons we produce will defend our communist future.

Our fight goes beyond just the factory. We must break the chains that tie us to the capitalists to unleash the power of the international working class. This means smashing capitalism worldwide with communist armed revolution. **Join ICWP to wage this battle for yourself and your children and their children and workers worldwide.**

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Young Boeing Worker Likes *Red Flag*, Wants More on Palestine

We recently went to the Boeing plant in Renton to distribute *Red Flag*. A young worker took the paper and hurried to cross the street before the light changed. A minute later he was back. He thanked us for what we were doing, but then asked, “Where is an article from Palestine?”

He was angry that Boeing was manufacturing weapons being used for genocide in Gaza and that the US was funding it. We apologized that there was no article specifically from Palestine but showed him several articles that referenced Gaza.

We said that we agreed completely with him. We pointed out the website where he could find more

articles, plus the Gaza pamphlet. He gladly gave us his contact information and told us that he would definitely visit the website. Then he had to run back inside the gate to report for work on time.

When we got home a comrade sent him a link to the Gaza pamphlet in English and Arabic.

Our recent contact with a younger and more diverse workforce at Boeing is very encouraging. Making the connection between industrial workers and soldiers is key. And we will be emphasizing this when we leaflet the Boeing contract vote on September 12.

—Seattle (USA) collective



SEATTLE (USA) March 2024—Protest against the production of arms for Gaza.

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stration, we were able to gather more of our friends and supporters. As more and more people joined the rally, we were getting drone updates. We tried to reach Histadrut, the Zionist labor union whose workers had joined in a nationwide strike. After about four hours we found them. The workers were demanding the return of the hostages in Gaza.

We quickly distributed our copies of *Red Flag* and the Gaza pamphlets. We only brought 50 RFs but after that, we shared our website

link via a wireless link.

We had amazing conversations with a student who attends UCLA in Los Angeles (USA). He participated in the encampment there and raised his fist when he saw our literature. He said he knows lots of friends at UCLA who he said were ‘radicalized’ by the genocide in Gaza. He gave us his contact information and promised to keep in touch with us when he is back.

We also met a group of teachers who were glad to talk to our bilingual teacher comrade. They said

that the Gaza war has had a profound effect on the students. The two years of covid and the Gaza war have created many psychological problems. However, the Israeli school system is collapsing due to a lack of funds that are diverted for war. Thousands of soldiers are coming back with severe PTSD and have no counseling resources.

We thought the rally was full of ultra-nationalism, but in the middle of this ideology that the capitalists spread, we were able to bring about two dozen people. Many of them will read *Red Flag* and the Gaza

pamphlet now. We will keep up with the contacts we made.

In our next meeting, we are going to make sure to include some of the Israeli workers who are in touch with workers in the West Bank.

And finally, we heard that comrade Hamza in Gaza is still alive. Hopefully, he will write soon.

Solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Gaza, West Bank, and all over the world! We will break the chains of wage slavery. Communism is the future.

Mobilizing the masses, especially key groups, in the struggle for communist victory: WHY THE INTEGRATION OF YOUNG ICWP MEMBERS IN THE ARMY IS IMPORTANT

During the civil war in El Salvador, many soldiers of the army deserted and joined the guerrillas. One of the main reasons was that they disagreed with their superiors' orders, which threatened the security of the civilian population.

This historical fact shows that the soldiers come from and belong to the families of the rural areas and less favored urban sectors, where poverty is greatest. Where workers' vital primary needs are exploited by capitalism, keeping them enslaved to increase the capitalists' wealth.

A comrade ex-guerrilla fighter commented on the importance of organizing young ICWP members who are prepared to join the army, to share ideas and achieve a change of thinking in favor of the struggle.

However, the comrade said, these young people must be convinced of the ideology, develop a



sense of belonging and identity with communism, and begin to carry out the internal work.

Therefore, the political training in the families is important, so that there is that ideological identification. So that the children grow up with communist theory and practice, with examples of this in their own family. Then they will become

convinced and continue working and now forming part of ICWP.

The factory workers are also important, in the first place because they are the most exploited in the capitalist system. The organization of the men and women workers historically achieved a lot. So, this work is fundamental in the struggle for communist victory. If workers suspended their work for an hour, they would cause the capitalist economic system to suffer significant damage. They are unquestionably important.

A comrade factory worker believes that, thanks to the knowledge she is receiving about communism, she is eliminating the erroneous ideas that were instilled in her family of origin. Now her ideas are about the importance

and necessity of learning and organizing in the factories for the communist struggle for the future of families and society. Where we can live in dignified conditions with opportunities for all, where the common good prevails.

The other part is that all members and supporters of the International Communist Workers' Party play an important role in mobilizing the masses to guarantee that new members join every day. This work includes reading and distributing *Red Flag*, until the consolidation of the communist victory is achieved.

—Comrade Health worker in El Salvador



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of the urban working class and from farmworkers' families. In the communist system, soldiers will fight for the interests of our class, not for the interests of the exploiters.

We must win soldiers and workers to the idea of fighting for communism. There is no other option.

Workers in Key Factories Give Leadership in the Struggle for Communism

During a recent meeting, M, a young worker, stated, "Some coworkers are thinking of joining the army, but they see it as an economic opportunity. But I think it's

a good idea for organized youth to do it."

We must create collectives wherever we have communist work, and we need to promote class struggle. Capitalism incessantly shows its face through imperialist wars, genocides, sexism, and discrimination.

V, a young worker, said, "I have soldier friends who tell me that they joined specifically because of the economic aspect, and they do not see in the army comrades from the city. We must make sure that young people who can enter are already won over to communist ideas to achieve our objective."

"To be able to organize for the communist struggle, social relations are vital. You must talk with the workers, with neighbors,

to have friends at school, at work, in the hospitals—wherever we are," said Comrade Z.

E, a worker attending the meeting for the first time, but who had participated in the May Day marches,

said, "We need to train ourselves politically but also put it into practice. That is, we need to be communists in practice."

"I agree. That means being very active in organizing more workers and distributing *Red Flag*. All of us here can give leadership, which is so necessary for the advancement and growth of our party," Comrade Z stated.

It is an illusion to think that the lives and conditions of the workers will improve under capitalism. Fascism is intensifying, the product of the capitalist crisis. The imperialists are clashing in wars for their profit interests.

The war in Gaza, a product of these interests, has greatly impacted workers' lives. Millions around the world are mobilizing



against capitalism's atrocities. It is an opportunity to massify communist ideas.

"Can you imagine if all the workers stopped working for one hour all over the world? The system would tremble, because it is the workers who produce all the wealth. We are the ones who carry out production," said S.

At a crucial moment of the revolution the workers, men and women, will take control of the factories and produce what is needed. That happened in the Bolshevik revolution with the industrial workers of the Putilov factory who built and took up arms and joined the revolutionary struggle.

Let's build a mass ICWP for Communism!



Chinese Nationalism is a Fascist Imperialist Creation (Part III)

CAPITALISM-IMPERIALISM PROMOTES NATIONALIST TERROR. COMMUNISM PROMOTES WORKERS' INTERNATIONALISM.

On June 24th, 2024, in Suzhou, China, a knife-wielding unemployed Chinese man violently attacked people on a bus used by a Japanese school. He wounded a Japanese woman and her child as they waited for the school bus. A Chinese school bus attendant, Ms. Hu Youping, saw the attack. She tried to intervene and stop it but was stabbed multiple times. She unfortunately passed away in the hospital from severe injuries.

Online Chinese nationalists glorified the attack on our Japanese working-class siblings. They hailed the attacker as a “national hero” and vilified Ms. Hu as a “mole for Japan.” They incited more deadly racist violence against Japanese workers.

This isn't an isolated incident. It is part of a global rise of fascism. With world war looming, the capitalist-imperialists are building fascism worldwide as their system spirals deeper into economic crises.

Capitalism-imperialism needs racism and nationalism to continue exploiting workers for maximum profits. They also use it to win workers and soldiers to fight loyally in the rulers' genocidal wars to kill other workers and soldiers. They are trying to crush revolutionary and anti-fascist movements, while pushing fascist ideologies.

Following this deadly attack, the Chinese rulers removed some extreme nationalistic posts from social media. They banned some, but not all, nationalist extremists from some platforms. Some banned nationalist extremists accused the Chinese platforms of being “the enemies of the Chinese.”

However, the Chinese capitalist class enables nationalism and violence against Japanese, Western, and Jewish workers—and anyone else the Chinese rulers perceive as an enemy. If the Chinese capitalists cared about the nationalist extremists' dangerous rhetoric, it would have stopped them decades ago!

The Chinese rulers never intended to protect Japanese workers from further nationalist violence. No capitalist protects workers from racist nationalist violence. They removed some nationalist extremists from the Internet only to pacify those who were angry.

The Chinese imperialists' token

crack-down was to give themselves a cover. They want to prevent anti-racists and internationalists from rising up against fascist dictatorship. To suppress revolutionary potential, and to keep the masses loyal to the government so that the government could recruit them during world war.

Communist Revolution, Not Capitalist Reforms, Will End Nationalist Terror

The solution to the violent June 24th fascist attack on Japanese workers and students is not protests for reform or demands for the rulers to ban the fascist nationalists from the Internet. Like the police, the fascist nationalists on social media are the Chinese rulers' defense against the Chinese and international working class. We should never rely on the capitalists' platforms to protect us!

The Chinese imperialists, along with their nationalist internet armies, will persecute, suspend, ban, and libel anti-nationalists and anti-racists who denounce nationalist extremism.

Small concessions the Chinese imperialists made to the working masses will not end nationalist terror. The only answer to nationalist terror and rising fascism today is a communist revolution to end capitalist-imperialism everywhere.



Together we will build a classless egalitarian communist world without money, wages, borders, nations, genocides, and imperialist wars.

In communism, all workers will be treated as comrades, neighbors, brothers and sisters. No worker will be ostracized or discriminated against because of racial, ethnic, or national backgrounds. Never again will we repeat the fatal mistake of promoting nationalism and all-class unity, like the old communist movement.

Communism will emancipate humanity and allow us to progress as one united family. We will work for and take good care of each other. Learning will be for the common good, not for diplomas or degrees.

Everyone will work according to ability and commitment and receive according to need. No one will live better or worse than anyone else.

We will rebuild our ancestors' communist egalitarian relations on a higher level, working together to ensure that class society will never exist again.

We invite workers in China, Japan, and all over the world who are interested in our communist ideas to join the fight against capitalism-imperialism.

No more racism and nationalism. No more sexism, fascism, and genocide. No more nations and borders. No more money and wages.

Workers of the world, unite and fight for communism!



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Judiciary Reform: A Bosses' Fight

THE WORKING CLASS MUST BUILD OUR OWN COMMUNIST JUSTICE SYSTEM

MEXICO, September 9— The proposed reform of the Judiciary, promoted by the government of President Manuel López Obrador (AMLO), has caused great debate and confrontations in the country and internationally.

It proposes that judges, magistrates, and even members of the Supreme Court be elected by popular vote and not be appointed by the president, political parties, or the magistrates.

The current judicial apparatus has been tied to the bourgeoisie represented by political parties such as the PRI, the PAN, and their US imperialist allies. The latter are angrily complaining about the “undemocratic” nature of this process.

The capitalists and the military power behind AMLO are looking to align judges with the 4th Amendment (AMLO’s program), as the legislative branch is now. Their supporters repeat that the proposed reform was endorsed by the results of the elections and is for “the benefit of the people.” AMLO’s employers’ group and the army want and need this control to carry out their general plans of exploitation of workers and control of Mexico’s wealth.

The reform reflects a sharp struggle among the Mexican bourgeoisie. It’s also a struggle between the Mexican rulers and the US oligarchy. These governments have confronted each other’s armed forces, as when the US arrested Gen. Cienfuegos in 2020. Also when drug cartel leader “Mayo” Zambada was arrested by the US government without the knowledge of the Mexican government.

But the working class does not need to strengthen the judiciary or the other branches of capitalist governments. Nor should students allow themselves to be manipulated by one or the other oppressive side.

We must build our communist organization (ICWP) outside and independent of them. A new model of “justice” for the working class.



Lázaro Cárdenas Michoacán, June 17— Thousands of workers, members of the National Miners’ Union of Mexico (Los Mineros), went on strike at the ArcelorMittal steel plant. The union had previously agreed to a “profit-sharing” agreement, but the company reported declining profits despite maintaining production and price levels. All profits come from exploitation: the difference between the value workers produce and the value they receive in wages. No “profit-sharing” agreement can change the fact that workers and capitalists have opposing interests. Only in communism – with the abolition of wages, commodity production, profits, and money – will the working masses reap the full fruits of our labor.

Capitalism and Class Struggle

The capitalists and their governments have managed to fool the working class to a high degree. They’ve made us believe that workers and capitalists are not antagonistic classes, but that both are part of the “democratic process.” The traditional left has collaborated in such deception.

All countries today are capitalist. In all countries, workers are encouraged to seek the protection of the State against the individual boss to make mainly economic demands. If, through struggles, they achieved some demands, however small and temporary, these would not appear as being torn from the government against its will but as generous concessions.

In the struggle for the surplus value extracted from workers’ labor power, the ruling class in Mexico (like all capitalist ruling

classes) takes advantage in an unequal manner. A few get richer, presenting themselves as the “saviors” who fight corruption.

AMLO has “put on pause” Ken Salazar, US Ambassador to Mexico, who criticized the judicial reform, but not the entire US government. The US government replied by praising AMLO as a “champion in the T-MEC/USMC (Trade Agreement between the US, Mexico, and Canada). It added that, despite judicial reform, integration will continue between Mexico and the US. In contrast, Kenneth Smith of Canada warned that approval of the reform would unleash controversies in T-MEC before its revision in 2026.

For now, the strength of the working class seems minimal and incapable of liberating itself from the capitalists and their governments. But that appearance only masks the essence: the potential of

workers, rank and file soldiers, and other oppressed and exploited people to change the world. They urgently need to join ICWP.

Justice will not come to the working class by the reform route. Even in countries with popular juries, justice is not assured. The Executive power keeps thousands in prison for years (sometimes more than ten) without sentencing, guilty or innocent. The lack of justice is not only the fault of the judiciary but of the three branches of capitalist government.

The real power of the working class is when it is united and fights for its liberation through a communist revolution. And real justice will be when we end capitalism and build our own communist society.

We invite party collectives and friends to discuss and write more about different aspects of what we envision as the form of communist justice.



LOS ANGELES (USA), September 2— Two thousand workers and youth braved brutal heat to march in the Labor Day parade. Union officials did their best to mobilize their base to get out the vote for the genocidal Democratic Party, but not everyone was buying it. Fourteen comrades and friends of ICWP distributed 540 copies of *Red Flag* and 100 of our Gaza pamphlets. Two friends new to ICWP carried our signs and flags, and one wants to participate more.

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Money: The Root of Capitalism's Evils

Greetings comrades!

Under capitalist society we are living in poverty. We are dealing with criminals each and every day, seeing dead bodies dumped in fields, streets. It is bad and getting worse by the day.

Here in South Africa, some family members, friends, and neighbours were scheming to open life insurance policies in people's names. After six months of paying the insurance, they hire Inkabi (snipers) to get rid of you, just so they could claim. People are doing a lot of bad things just to have money. Money is really a root or source of evil.

The tragic thing that we are facing now is a "Protection Fee". Gangsters started by going to the taverns (bars/shebeen) and demanding a "protection fee" from the owners so they would not get robbed. It escalated to the big stores. These guys demanded a "protection fee" so they would not rob the stores.

Now they have become worse and out of hand. These people are demanding "protection fees" from people who built backroom flats to rent out. For example, if you build seven flats they will come and collect rent for four flats, and you get the money of the other three. This is for flats you have built trying to make ends meet for you and your family.

They later went on to charging people selling fruit and vegetables and to the parents who have little businesses selling chips and sweets at school gates.

They say the protection fee is to protect the people, so they don't get robbed by them. They are already robbing them of the small money they are making to put food on the table. But they don't care. and the Government is doing absolutely nothing about it because it does not affect them, and they have bodyguards at all times.

What about the poor?

It has now massively escalated to a point where they follow you to your home charging you money depending on the car you drive, what type of furniture you have at home, how much the phones everyone has at home costs. And they demand you to pay them a particular amount every month "in

order for them not to rob you".

It is very bad to an extent that everyone is getting tired of it. Those that can afford it are getting guns to fight back. But not everyone is fortunate to own a gun or has the guts to shoot at someone. How do the other people deal with such? There's no other way than uniting together and being one in fighting the capitalist society all at once. We would not be dealing with such.

Let us unite, comrades. I am distributing *Red Flag* every day to the people who are angry at the system. Workers in the Volkswagen plant, townships, shopping centres. Capitalism has to be replaced by communism where we will build our lives, not the lives of our capitalist bosses. Communism is the way to go. A luta continua.

—Comrade in South Africa

Young Comrade Deepens his Commitment to ICWP

I am a young comrade with communist ideology, following in the footsteps of my family, I have attended several meetings and conferences of the International Communist Workers Party and now I can say that I am a member of our party by conviction and with the desire to continue forward.

In a meeting when I had doubts and wanted more information different from what I was receiving from my family, a comrade gave me her support and knowledge. That made me feel good.

These meetings make me question the society we live in and think about the change we need.

An international comrade in this last meeting asked me if I or my friends would like to belong to the army and what I thought about it. At first the question took me by surprise. I had not thought about it or raised questions about it. But then I thought it is a great strategy to be trained, and that at the right time young people can be useful and essential in a communist revolution.

I really enjoyed this meeting listening to all the comrades about the need and importance of organizing in the military. I want to continue learning how to be a good communist. I will continue to participate in ICWP party meetings.

- Young Comrade in El Salvador

Racism, Sexism, and Women Workers' Health

Should anyone vote for Kamala Harris because she promises to defend abortion rights for women in the US? NO!

Everything we choose to do should reflect the best interests of the international working class. No capitalist politician, male or female, serves workers' interests.

Yes, women's access to health care is in all workers' interest. But which women's health is most endangered right now? Women in Gaza, where childbirth is a nightmare. No prenatal care. No hospitals. No anesthesia. No clean water. Massive malnutrition. Medical personnel singled out by Israeli snipers. And Harris parrots her support for "Israeli self-defense!"

Within the US, doctors typically treat men and women differently – such as ignoring or discounting women's pain. Especially working-class women – not women like Harris! Recommendations and dosages for women often depend on clinical trials that pretend men are "typical."

Which women's health is most endangered in the US? Black and American Indian/Alaska Native women. They fare worse than Whites on most key measures of health. That includes pregnancy-related deaths, which anti-abortion laws are worsening.

But the leading cause of death of Black women in the US is heart disease. Black women have a 50% higher risk of heart failure compared with white women. Part of the reason is the added stress of racism. Another part is less access to healthy food and health care. Some is probably due to incorrect dietary recommendations based

on inappropriate databases and studies of white men.

In South Africa, Black and Coloured workers, including women, are less able to access adequate health care resources and have worse health outcomes. The hospital care available to them is often horrible. Black migrant women from nearby countries are more likely than South African women to die in childbirth. Why? In part, racism, and xenophobia.

There are many more examples. The point is that racism and sexism are baked into global capitalism's health care systems. In a world increasingly engulfed in war, this is only getting worse. Women in Sudan, for example, especially pregnant women, are enduring the worst of the civil war there.

The legality of abortion matters for so many women's lives. But it is a smokescreen that hides the much bigger picture.

Whatever limited reforms or policies that Harris might propose for the US can't even make a dent in the growing health crisis in the US or the world. They can't begin to touch the massive disparities between women's and men's health. They can't come near addressing, let alone ending, the racism and sexism of capitalist medical institutions.

For that we need communism. Taking power into the hands of the working class will take profits out of the health equation. Then, the masses, organized for communism, will begin to use scientific and other tools already available to create a healthy society. We will dismantle racism and sexism in a united struggle to meet our common needs.

—Comrade in the USA



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against all the imperialists. Unity to fight for and build communism, nothing less.

As the rulers push their racism, nationalism and xenophobia, our weapons are *Red Flag*, communist

class hatred, determination, and growing communist relations built with the confidence that all workers and rank and file soldiers worldwide are our class brothers and sisters. Potentially our comrades.

Let the bosses pit workers against each other. Let them start their deadly wars for profit and empire. The international working class, organized into ICWP collectives in the barracks, factories,

neighborhoods, and schools will bury their deadly system once and for all with communist revolution. Join us! Help spread *Red Flag*. **Together, let's dedicate our lives to this life and death struggle to fight for and organize communism!**

A CALL FOR COMMUNIST SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN MASSES

QWEBERHA (South Africa), September 12— In October, all the ICWP collectives in South Africa will be marching in support of the Palestinian masses. That will mark a year since the unjust war on them began. We call upon all ICWP collectives around the world to join us and inspire the masses to end all capitalist and imperialist wars, occupations, and genocides through a communist revolution.

The genocidal war in Gaza is now escalating and spreading to the West Bank. And yet we are told that there is no Hamas in the West Bank, that they are only in Gaza. So, it now becomes clear that this is not a war against Hamas. It is a war against the Palestinian masses.

“In my lifetime, I haven’t seen the level of devastation that there is now in Gaza anywhere else in the world,” said a comrade here.

Schools, hospitals, churches have all been bombed. Civilian infrastructure has been destroyed. There’s no water; no power. There’s no food. Hundreds of thousands have been killed (directly or indirectly) by the US-backed Israeli assaults.

“A friend showed me another pic-

ture of a Palestinian family,” the comrade continued. “They were eating soup made of grass. This shows the level of devastation and desperation among the Palestinian people. Meanwhile, the bosses have ignored the Palestinians.

“We have seen that the Netanyahu leadership of Israel has no interest in peace,” he continued. “They are trying to kill as many Palestinians as possible, not only in Gaza but in the West Bank. The number of Palestinian prisoners abused in Israeli jails grows at a great rate. It reminds me of Apartheid South Africa.”

We Need to Do More

It’s easy for some people to become numb to this kind of violence when it has been happening for some time now. But we need to draw peoples’ attention to this.

We need to not only talk about the Israeli government’s atrocities, but to do something about this. What is happening in Gaza has a direct impact on us, because these are our class brothers and sisters.

Therefore, the comrades in South Africa are planning a Toyi-toyi march in solidarity with the Pales-



QWEBERHA (SOUTH AFRICA) November 2023—Protest against genocide in Gaza

tinian masses, with our banners and literature.

In preparation, our collective will be distributing the *Red Flag* and the ICWP Gaza pamphlet in Muslim areas near us and in another area where there are many immigrants from the Middle East. We want to recruit them to join ICWP so that we can fight together for an end to this genocide.

We condemn in the strongest terms the Israeli government and its US imperialist enablers who are di-

rectly aiding these atrocities by supplying weapons and diplomatic cover.

This crisis shows the need to mobilize for our communist ideas. What we do matters and also what we do not do matters. Until we defeat capitalism, there’s no way we can end these atrocities. The only way is to fight for communism. Only then will the Palestinian people be free. Not with a two-state (capitalist) solution.

The only solution is communism.

IMPERIALIST WAR, GENOCIDE, AND WAGE SLAVERY — OR COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

LOS ANGELES (USA), September 8— “What if we make a revolution here? Wouldn’t the Chinese and Russian [imperialists] use that as an opportunity to attack us?” asked an MTA transit worker.

A comrade answered, “Yes, probably. But we’re fighting to build one ICWP everywhere. If one group of workers takes power in a communist revolution in one place, workers around the world will be inspired to do the same. It could lead to revolutions all over, especially in the places like El Salvador, India and South Africa, where there are already ICWP collectives.

“When the Russian workers made a revolution during World War I, the warring imperialists united to attack the new workers’ state. But soldiers in every imperialist army refused to attack the Soviet Union. We will spread revolution, because we are building one international party everywhere.”

“OHHH. I see. Wow! That is very inspiring,” the worker said.

Answering this question is crucial because we are in an era of world war and revolution. The war in Ukraine is between the US-NATO imperialists (using Ukrainian troops) and the imperialist China-Russia-Iran axis. This is the beginning of World War III.

On August 6, twelve thousand Ukrainian troops staged a military incursion into Russia’s Kursk region. This intensifies and

accelerates the process of world war, which is also intensifying in Gaza, Syria, and over 100 smaller wars worldwide.

Don’t expect a ceasefire in Ukraine. The Russians will counterattack. They will have to try to occupy all of Ukraine. The US/NATO imperialists will escalate, eventually putting masses of soldiers on the ground. This gradual escalation will, sooner rather than later, explode to engulf the world.

Main contradiction in the world is inter-imperialist rivalry

The main contradiction in the world today is the sharpening fight between the major imperialist powers which is accelerating World War III.

This contradiction is inherent in capitalism’s deadly competition for maximum profit. It is attacking every worker, soldier, and youth in the world. The intensifying crisis of capitalism forces the imperialists to go to war AND to attack the masses more sharply. The capitalists-imperialists are forcing the masses to sacrifice for their wars with genocidal slaughter, low wages, inflation, healthcare cuts, hunger, joblessness, and homelessness.

This fuels massive working-class demonstrations, strikes, and uprisings worldwide. It creates the potential for revolution. The masses in struggle need communist ideas now.

Workers worldwide have every-



thing in common with each other and nothing in common with any murdering capitalist-imperialist politicians. This is the basis for the unity we need to defeat the capitalists-imperialists of the world.

We revolutionary communists and *Red Flag* readers now need to mobilize the masses to fight directly for communism and nothing less. To turn the main contradiction from imperialist war to the contradiction between the workers and the capitalists-imperialists.

That contradiction can only be resolved with communist revolution. Communism will end imperialist wars. Communist society will be run by and for the masses, without capitalist exploiters, profit, or deadly competition for markets. It won’t have banks, money, racism, or sexism.

The communist masses will collectively

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