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Chennai Auto Workers, Seattle Boeing Strikers, Gaza Masses:

MORE WORKERS MUST ORGANIZE FOR COMMUNISM TO DESTROY CAPITALISM

CHENNAI (India), September 27— “Boeing does not care about its workers. It cares about profiting from wars,” said an autoworker at our *Red Flag* distribution. Our 500 copies of *Red Flag* were gone quickly, as workers were very interested in the Boeing strike. Many felt they would be next, as auto companies would need fewer workers as the bosses retool factories for electric cars.

strophic failures on the “foreign-trained pilots.” And then on “the poor quality of engineering design performed by Boeing India.” In our weekly meeting, we explained that it was the Boeing capitalists, in fierce competition with Airbus, who compromised new accident-prone Boeing aircraft by producing more cheaply. Now, Boeing faces more competition because Russian and Chinese capitalists are beginning to make their own airplanes.

The Gaza genocide and the emergence of a new ICWP group in Israel, around the time of the Boeing strike, created many discussions among our friends. Such discussions are never seen in the local media or trade unions. “What do the expanding wars in West Asia have to do with the Boeing workers?” This was a constant theme.

“We are manually molding and welding components in our auto factory,” Ramesh told everyone at our meeting. “But in China, they have automatic robots that perform the same task faster and require fewer workers. I am afraid this is also going to happen here.”

Many workers remember that the racist media blamed Boeing’s catastrophic failures on the “foreign-trained pilots.”

Machines replacing workers have been part of capitalism since its beginning. But the new See CHENNAI WORKERS BUILD INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY, page 4

Boeing Workers Key:

CHANGE THE BALANCE OF POWER

SEATTLE (USA), September 28— The times are changing, but the change we need will not happen spontaneously.

The decline of US imperialism, and with it the Boeing company, has radically altered the nature of the US aerospace workforce. A diverse group of tens of thousands of new, younger, men and women with families from around the world fill the factories. They don’t only represent a new generation, but also the political potential to end imperialist horrors with communist revolution.

We have not seen such enthusiasm since the 1995 strikers initiated mass marches throughout the plants. Despite what the union leadership says, these new workers hate more than just sixteen years of speed up and stagnant wages. They also despise the genocide and mass slaughter caused by the imperialist rivalry between China

and the US.

Industrial Laborers Can Mobilize the Global Working Class

That’s why a worker at the Renton (Washington) plant insisted that “Boeing workers need to know about similar struggles around the world published in *Red Flag*.” A young Filipina American striker and her friend were more specific. “I’m concerned about the wars in Gaza, Ukraine, but also about Somalia, Sudan, and Congo,” said the Somali friend.

Intense discussions about the march to World War III sparked debates on the picket line. Numerous young workers hate the abhorrent production of Boeing weapons to bolster US hegemony.

“Now we have to worry about nuclear weapons as the West tries to force Russia into the corner,” warned a picketer from South Asia.

The answer to ending imper-

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BRUSSELS (Belgium), September 16— Angry Audi workers led a march of thousands of supporters, some from as far as the Czech Republic, on the European Parliament. They protested the layoffs of 2700 auto workers from the projected closure of an Audi EV car factory.

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Genocide in Palestine, Lebanon Invasion:**INTENSIFYING IMPERIALIST WAR AND GROWING REVOLUTIONARY POTENTIAL**

October 1— We see the future now in Palestine.

Tens of thousands of civilians murdered in Gaza. Homes, schools, hospitals, and infrastructure destroyed. Thousands of Palestinian prisoners tortured by the Israeli state. Fascist attacks on West Bank Palestinian communities by settlers and the Israeli military. The extension of this mass murder and destruction to Lebanon.

US imperialism and its allies pay for the Zionist state's genocidal war. Its main purpose is to control energy resources in the region, especially oil and gas reserves in the Mediterranean off the Gaza coast.

This is another step in an unfolding third world war. It shows what is in store for all of us as competing imperialists fight for world dominance.

We have also seen the potential for a new world. Masses worldwide are horrified by this genocide. They unite to protest, build solidarity, learn how to organize, and exchange ideas.

Comrades of the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) are in this struggle to win over our class siblings to organize for the communist revolution that, alone, can end imperialist war. We are in it to build ICWP into a mass working-class force that can take power.

Zionism and Inter-imperialist Rivalry

Zionism was an imperialist project under the British Mandate (1922-1948) and since then as a US outpost in oil-rich southwest Asia. The US government pays for Israel's weapons and backs Israel's crimes unconditionally. It recently sent Israel another \$8.7 billion in military aid. US imperialism blocks every UN Security Council resolution against Israeli occupation and apartheid.

But the global declining rate of profit, while intensifying the ex-

ploitation of workers worldwide, has also accelerated the decline of US imperialist power.

Meanwhile, China's rise is transforming the world. The Chinese government is not a force for liberation but a rival exploiter fighting to replace US domination with its own (see pages 7 and 8).

China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea have developed an anti-US economic and strategic partnership. Proxy wars between that bloc and the US and its allies have already killed thousands and displaced millions in Democratic Republic of the Congo and Sudan. A million have been killed or wounded in the war in Ukraine, now in its third year and teetering on the brink of nuclear confrontation.

Nowhere has the devastation been more complete than in Gaza.

There Israel confronts Iran's "Axis of Resistance": Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and the Houthis in Yemen. But let's have no illusions about their intentions. The new Iranian president, visiting the UN, made it clear that his main goal is to sell more oil, especially to Europe. Iran is not a force for liberating anyone.

Peril and Opportunity

Netanyahu has abandoned Israeli hostages in Gaza for an ever-expanding genocidal war. He is riding high in Israel for the moment. But he, the Zionist state itself, and US imperialism, are also in peril. Some US allies, like rats on a sinking ship, are trying to distance themselves from the US-sponsored genocide. Only a handful voted with the US against a recent UN General Assembly resolution condemning Israel.

The movement towards a direct inter-imperialist confrontation has accelerated with the Israeli "Defense" Force invasion of Lebanon. The US is adding more troops to the



BARCELONA (Spain), September 27—One-day nationwide general strike of students and workers against genocide in Gaza

40,000 already in the region. Israel's war is potentially a second front in a global war. As the US commits to Israel, China will be free to aggress further in the South China Sea and Taiwan.

Workers, Students, Soldiers: Fight for a Communist World Without Exploitation, Borders, or Imperialist War

Hundreds of thousands—perhaps millions—worldwide will mark the anniversary of this round of genocide and resistance in Palestine and Lebanon. Many demand a permanent ceasefire, a US arms embargo to Israel, that Israel stop the genocide.

We do not make demands of the class enemy. We understand that capitalism can never bring peace. Instead, we organize to stop imperialist war by overthrowing the capitalist state and building a communist society.

Many call for a free, independent Palestine within the framework of capitalist states in southwest Asia. But every state is an oppressive capitalist dictatorship within an im-

perialist world order.

The future we see in Palestine, in contrast, is the growth of new ICWP collectives in Gaza and Tel Aviv. They, like ICWP collectives worldwide, are preparing to fight for communist liberated zones defended by a Red Army.

Our comrades are in the streets and universities in Delhi (India). Mexico City, and southern California (USA). But industrial workers and soldiers are key to victory.

ICWP organizes industrial workers in San Salvador, Gqeberha (South Africa), and Seattle (USA), and among soldiers in Johannesburg (South Africa). This groundwork will create a revolutionary force that can transform world war into an armed fight for communism everywhere.

We ask you, dear reader, to join us. Read, distribute, and contribute to this newspaper. Help bring it to factories and barracks. Call us or send an email. Visit our website.

We need you. And, if you want to end this genocidal system, you need us.



Read our pamphlet: GENOCIDE IN GAZA DEMANDS COMMUNIST REVOLUTION Available at icwpredflag.org/gaze

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CAPITALISM'S DEADLY LOGIC AND THE GLOBALIZATION OF THE WORKING CLASS

SEATTLE (USA), September 15—Thousands of Boeing workers were voting against the new contract and deciding to go on strike, their first since 2008. Outside the union hall, a communist retiree was talking to a group of young people who had started working at the Renton plant a few years ago. “I worked for over 40 years at Boeing. I’ve been part of most of the strikes in the company’s history,” the comrade commented to these workers (averaging 22 years old) while passing our communist newspaper to them.

Boeing’s labor force has changed radically. With this, we can see a new vision of the growing revolutionary potential of industrial workers. We are discussing communism with these workers. Some are open and want to know more.

There have been more than 15 years of prolonged economic crisis, during which Boeing workers saw their benefits (such as pensions) taken away. Also, massive cutbacks came with the pandemic. This new labor force is coming in under more difficult conditions than workers in

the past, but with great potential for the transformation of their lives and those of the rest of humanity. This new young workforce also has greater ethnic diversity, expressing the global conditions of capitalism.

A young barista, a *Red Flag* reader, asked, “How did this happen? Usually, capital discards workers who are potentially radical and turns them into relative overpopulation.”

Relative overpopulation is the phenomenon of capitalism where part of the population can’t be productively employed (employed for profit). As constant capital (machinery) increases, the need for variable capital (labor power) becomes less necessary. One machine replaces many workers. This creates a surplus population who cannot exchange their labor power for a wage. Capitalists use this “reserve army of the unemployed” to drive wages down.

This is an inherent contradiction of capitalism. The capitalists only make profit from exploiting workers’ labor. With more machines and fewer workers, profits go up tem-

porarily. But over time, the rate of profit falls. The more they invest in machinery, the less the capitalists get back in profit for every dollar they invest. This forces bosses to compete more fiercely for markets.

Capitalism Has Created One International Working Class

Historically, the global expansion of capitalism empowered the national spheres necessary to continue production in the classical or core imperialist countries. Nation states were the form of capitalism’s international division of labor.

In each country, however small, it was necessary to create an internal circulation of capital that would fulfill a function in the international structure of capital. But the advance of capital itself has created a universal and international worker. It has created the international working class. The new division of labor is a process involving a single global chain of production.

This transformation creates a distribution of production that eliminates factories and jobs in some places and moves them to others.

Maquilas producing for international markets replace factories for national production. The masses left out of these production chains (valorization circuits) must move to places where it may be possible to survive. Others are thrown into crime and violence.

In this way, thousands of working families have moved to the classical or central imperialist countries. Many of the new Boeing workers come from these migrant families. They have become workers in one of the most important industries for capital.

The Boeing workers’ strike has been covered in all the world’s major newspapers and newscasts. While the bourgeois press focuses on the financial consequences of the strike, the workers and the masses are rediscovering their key place in production and their communist revolutionary potential.

We discussed all this with the barista comrade. He allowed us to leave copies of *Red Flag* and promised to bring coffee for the workers on the picket line with ICWP.

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alist weapons production lies in the hands of industrial workers like those at Boeing. There is a history of industrial workers manufacturing weapons for the fight for communism.

In 1917, The Putilov Mill was the largest weapons manufacturer in the Soviet Union. Fourteen imperialist countries invaded Russia hoping to crush the new government. The Putilov workers built the weapons that defeated the imperialists. The workers drove these weapons to the front lines and fought shoulder to shoulder with the communist troops.

Putilov workers did not wake up one morning and decide to risk their lives. Communist workers in the plant struggled for fifteen years to convince the workforce that their responsibility included preparing for communist revolution.

Red Flag also sparked comradely picket line discussions about how communism and the ICWP work. A dozen strikers gave their

contact information to continue these conversations.

Thousands of copies of ICWP communist literature were distributed to the new workforce and veteran machinists. Strikers originally from Palestine and several others who identified as Muslim were among those who thanked us profusely for our communist literature. Retired workers originally from Vietnam, Laos, and the US read the paper online and in print.

Friends in the Seattle area have met with ICWP members. Some are going to the picket lines to help spread the word. A friend talked with strikers about how it took a while for her to recognize the value of *Red Flag*. Now she reads every issue and has convinced some strikers to read the paper. She thought our visit to the picket lines was “a great success.”

Leadership to Unleash the Power of the International Working Class

These impressive responses show the potential for international communist leadership that we can



TORRANCE (USA), September 27—Workers at Lisi, a Boeing subcontractor, stopped for copies of *Red Flag* and a communist leaflet about the Boeing strike. “I wish them the best,” one said.

develop from this new workforce. The communist leadership we need won’t be limited to the factory but will spread throughout the world.

Building the ICWP requires making, building, and consolidating indestructible political and personal relationships among the new workforce. Practical and ideological struggle must increase among the revolutionary base we build. It will bolster our rejection of the capitalist media image of a hopeless working

class.

We must prepare now to wrest power from the ruling class. When young troops in the imperialist militaries join forces with a politicized working class, the balance of power will change. Class struggle will come to dominate every aspect of society. And the international working class will end capitalism’s exploitation and genocide with communist revolution.



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ELECTION ILLUSIONS: “THE SYSTEM DOES NOT CHANGE”

GQEBERHA (South Africa), September 30— It has been four full months since the South Africa elections and the formation of a ‘Government of National Unity’ (GNU). At the commencement of this government there was a lot of praise and propaganda. Political professors and other analysts called it our new “1994” (end of Apartheid). A friend of the party even said, “Maybe it’s a good thing because there will be less corruption now that the DA (Democratic Alliance) is in government”.

Comrade noTommy responded in Xhosa quite spiritedly, saying, “No, it’s not a good thing. The service delivery happens in suburbs when the DA is in power, corruption is still there but it is done by whites and goes under the carpet. Look, here in our municipality there is no stability, and corruption and crime are worse though we had a

DA mayor”.

Comrade Shaun said, “It is a system, comrades. The system does not change. It’s almost like changing the driver of a faulty taxi, thinking that it will stop it from being faulty”.

Indeed, the Government of National Unity has shown us over the last four months that it doesn’t matter who is in charge of government. As long as capitalism remains in place, nothing will change for the working class. Instead, things will get worse.

The crisis of capitalism has intensified in South Africa. It has emboldened the right-wing fascist elements. But it has also brought opportunities to mobilise disgruntled masses and workers who have been retrenched (laid off). When GNU came, we were told that there will be new investment and strong currency. However, what we have

now is massive retrenchment of workers including one thousand mine workers who were retrenched by the Black-owned company Seriti.

The right-wing capital elements practically own the government and the president as they can call him on WhatsApp and tell him to not sign a bill passed by parliament. As these things worsen, our opportunities increase. The appeal of communism is growing among the masses. We have new members in the auto industry who receive *Red Flag* regularly. Our collectives have stabilised. Tens of female comrades



are stepping up.

Our future looks promising. However, we know that the changes we need will not happen spontaneously, but we will have to steer this change and steer this communist future. And we are steadily doing so. We fight for communism, not for less corruption. Join ICWP and read the *Red Flag*!

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Greetings to Chennai Workers from Boeing Strikers, Retirees, Families, and Friends

Many in the Seattle (US) area have read the article in this issue from Chennai. Those of us who worked at Boeing plants in 2018 noticed especially the comment about the “racist media blaming foreign trained pilots” for the first 737 Max crash in October that year.

From the very beginning, comrades and friends of the International Communist Workers’ Party fought against this racist and xenophobic company excuse. Members and friends did not let a single comment like this go unchallenged on the shop floor.

In one building, friends warned a xenophobic racist that he had better stop saying that “there would not have been any crashes if the pilots had spoken English.” He quickly transferred to another building, where rank-and-file workers gave him the same cold shoulder.

These struggles often led to longer discussions about communism and joining the party. In communism, those who do the work will make the decisions. We will not need the parasitic capitalists who put profits and exploitation above all else. And no more racist, xenophobic, and anti-working-class excuses!

We look forward to more articles from Chennai. They help us all build the forces we need for communist revolution.

—Boeing workers and retirees in Seattle (US)

Building Communist Unity among Workers and Students

The Seattle collective distributes *Red Flag* regularly at the Boeing Renton plant and three Seattle high schools. Hundreds of workers and students see each issue. The Boeing strike has given us an opportunity to make clear the connection between the school work and the Boeing industrial work. We wrote a leaflet, which we are

distributing at the high schools along with the paper. It speaks to the strong connection between the school employees and students and the Boeing workers.

Education workers train a new generation of workers who will enter the military and work in the factories. Education workers struggle with having too many students in their classes. Staff shortages mean that some students do not get the help they need. When students are not able to meet goals, the teachers are blamed.

Boeing workers produce planes for the bosses to sell and make profits. The workers also make weapons that are used to fight the rulers’ wars, such as in Gaza and Ukraine. The workers are forced to speed up production and work under unsafe conditions. When planes fail, the workers are blamed.

The leaflet explained that capitalism creates these conditions. And that the only way to end them is with a revolution for a communist world, without money, bosses,

wage slaves, borders, racism, and sexism.

We included an excerpt from Langston Hughes’ poem “Good Morning, Revolution” and invited students and school workers to join us at the picket line.

The leaflet has been very well received. We are hoping to turn the contacts we are making with the school workers and students into communist relationships to build ICWP and advance the fight for a communist world. Some school workers have already gone to the picket lines and are organizing others to join them.

Our main goal is not to “win” any strike, but to win workers to join the ICWP and fight for communism. Everyone has something to contribute to the struggle. When we become closer to them, we can struggle together and with each other. This is an essential, long-term commitment, including ups and downs. And it is the only way the working class can win!

—Seattle Comrades

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machines and robots cost money. To recover this investment, the companies employ fewer workers and discard the remaining workers like rubbish.

But since only workers create wealth, stolen by capitalists, fewer workers produce less profit on the one hand and, on the other, a mountain of cheap cars, appliances, TVs, and so forth with no one to buy them.

“Did you read in *Red Flag* that in El Salvador, our garment comrades are also facing layoffs?” asked a new reader, Sunil. “And while you see 46,000 workers in North India trying to get a job for 8 positions,

people in Bangladesh have 40% unemployment. This is happening everywhere.” Sunil wanted to find out how to end this vicious cycle of unemployment.

Gaza is a perfect example of how capitalists murder the working class to eliminate “surplus” workers. Israeli capitalists work hand in hand with US imperialists to profit by maintaining their army to supply oil to Europe, China, and the rest of Asia. Iran, supported by Russia and China, is trying to eliminate the US competition. Iran’s proxies like Hamas and Hezbollah are willing to sacrifice the masses in this deadly competition.

Boeing and other US defense contractors are supplying and deploying weapons of mass destruction to Israel. While Boeing is losing its commercial production of airplanes, its defense production is the most important tool of US imperialism to maintain its terror and resist the rapid decline of the rate of profit.

“Only communism can resolve this problem, because no capitalists will exist to replace workers for profit,” Ramesh continued. “Machines will not dominate and replace workers. Workers will use machines to eliminate dangerous, monotonous tasks.” He knows how

he is affected in his factory. “In communism, robots will require fewer people, and everyone will contribute to help each other, not compete.”

We need more comrades like Ramesh. Last year he began to attend our meetings. He did not completely grasp how communism can resolve these problems of capitalism. But he became a regular reader as the Gaza genocide unfolded. He was glued to *Red Flag* accounts of Gaza. From Gaza to Chennai to Boeing, we need more workers to organize to destroy capitalism and replace it with communism.

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FIGHTING THE EVIL SYSTEM

I want to share what motivates me each and every day to go out there and spread the word about communism along with fighting to demolish the capitalist society. At this moment I am currently not working. I have two kids and a partner who is working as a security guard. He is not earning much even though he is working long hours. Whatever money he gets, it is not enough. We end up borrowing money to have food on the table. On every payday, half of his salary pays our debt. That leads us to go back to the loan shark after two weeks to borrow some more money to survive the whole month. Loan sharks ask for 50% interest of the money you have borrowed!

It's the same routine every month. It's painful and sad. You end up thinking about negative things. When your kids cry to you, "Mommy, I'm hungry," it can easily lead one to depression, frustration, even to an extent of being suicidal. But I'm using my situa-

tion to get up there, go to shopping malls, carry *Red Flags* even when going to the clinic. I meet up with people, visit people, going door to door sometimes. Distributing the paper to big factories, retail stores, even to the people I'm with in the public transport. I share the exciting vision that we all have as communists, how we will live as communists. Because I know a lot of people out there are going through what I'm going through. Some even going through worse.

I believe the situation that I am in could change immediately if we lived in the communist society. I wouldn't be worrying about what my kids are going to eat, how we will make ends meet, are we going to afford to buy new clothing for the change of season.

I'm spreading the word about Communism, to motivate people that they too can go out there and meet people. When you share with them what is happening around the world, they too come to the realization that this system



needs to go. They ask, "How are we going to end it?" That uplifts my spirit. We need to get more masses, to spread the word.

EXPLOITATION, CORRUPTION, WAR, POVERTY, CRIME, are all sources and roots of money created by the bosses and the government under CAPITALISM. This system that we're living under is very selfish, unfair, and evil. We need to destroy it. We can destroy this world by uniting,

reading the *Red Flag*, distributing, writing of letters, recruiting lots more to help fight this evil system together as one. The bombing in Gaza, war in Congo and Ukraine, and extortion in South Africa can all be stopped and put an end to it by us, for us, for the next generation. Together we can! Aluta continua! Red salute comrades!

—Comrade in South Africa

NEW US INDUSTRIAL POLICY NEEDS AN IMMIGRATION POLICY FOR WAR

USA, October 1— "I wish I had 30 more" said the CEO of Springfield-based McGregor Metal. He currently employs 30 Haitian workers.

In August, far-right extremists and neo-Nazi hate groups had spread lies online about how Haitian immigrants were supposedly killing and eating people's pets in Springfield, Ohio. Then Trump and his running mate Vance joined the fascist, racist bandwagon.

On the one hand, Haitian immigrants are attacked by far-right groups and right-wing politicians. On the other hand, they are welcomed by business owners and liberal politicians who want to super-exploit and extract maximum profits from them. Fascism requires super exploitation as well as racist terror.

In Springfield, thousands of jobs have been created. And many immigrants are working in them: for example, in Springfield's Dole Fresh Vegetables and automotive machining plants.

"We needed a workforce to fill jobs in a resurgent local manufacturing sector and staff a growing number of warehouse and distribution centers," said the director of workforce development with the Greater Springfield Partnership.

The hourly wage in Haiti is around 60 cents. In Springfield, the minimum wage is \$10.45 an hour. But this is less than half of what a family needs to live on. Industries

are thriving based on the super-exploitation of Haitian immigrants.

However, there is the bigger picture.

The US is strapped for skilled workers as well as unskilled. As a result they are scrambling to put in place a new industrial policy: a new industrial policy for war production. They must do this to prepare the groundwork for war against China, Russia, or both. The general crisis of capitalism is propelling this. It has led to an intensification of inter-imperialist rivalry that has not been seen since before World War II.

This new industrial policy includes investing billions to prepare and train a domestic workforce. Programs like the Apprenticeship Building America initiative and American Workforce Hubs are trying to do this.

However, the dominant wing of the ruling class fears that this twenty-first-century industrial policy of war production will not succeed unless it is paired with a twenty-first-century immigration policy. Achieving it requires a deep, highly skilled talent pool currently in short supply in the US labor force.

Thus, they are committed to recruiting foreign-born skilled workers as well as unskilled.

These new immigrants and their children, together with their native-born working-class siblings and their children, will fill up the

bosses' industrial factories and barracks.

The International Communist Workers' Party is committed to doing both industrial and military work. From South Africa to El Salvador, from Israel and Palestine to the US and other places, we are recruiting new comrades from both sectors.

Together, and as members of the international working class, we are realizing our common interests. To organize, mobilize, rise up, and make revolution to create a different world. A communist world.

A world without borders where human beings will not be forced to leave their homes. A world where everyone will live free from any form of exploitation and any form of racism. Where all of us will live collectively, according to the principle "from each according to commitment and ability, to each according to need".

We are entering an era of imperialist war and communist revolution.



At this moment it is key to invite and struggle with family, friends, soldiers, industrial workers, and others to join party collectives and organize everywhere. These party collectives will be the germinating seed that will bear the fruit of an international Red Army that will crush capitalism-imperialism, build the revolution, and sustain it. We have a world to win!

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Organized Industrial Workers Fight for Communism

ONLY THE WORKING CLASS WORLDWIDE HAS THE POWER TO CRUSH CAPITALIST GENOCIDE

EL SALVADOR, September 28— “Since the extended meeting on the beach a few weeks ago, we have gotten great results, very positive reactions, and more comments about Communism from the workers inside the factory. This led us to distribute more *Red Flag* newspapers,” said P, a comrade worker leader, at a meeting of the ICWP collective.

“I have heard many times about *Red Flag*. I want to ask you directly, what is your struggle?” a fellow worker inside the factory asked me as I was crossing the production lines,” P continued. “I said that we are a Party that fights directly for Communism, a system that will end wage slavery, racism, sexism, and the wars that are causing death and destruction. And all the evil that capitalism represents.”

The working class organized in our ICWP can achieve this. The meetings we hold are very important. “You are invited to be part of this effort, for the Communist sys-

tem,” concluded the worker leader, who ended by inviting his co-worker to a meeting.

“Sounds good to me. I like the information. Thank you for inviting me so I can learn more about your struggle,” replied the co-worker. We agreed to meet soon and thus follow up on winning more comrades.

Workers’ Power Will End Imperialist Wars

The capitalist crisis is forcing us to live through wars in several places in the world. Mainly the genocide in Gaza and the war in Ukraine, where the imperialists are fighting to control resources, thus increasing their profits. The working class must respond decisively to bury this capitalist horror.

Now is the opportunity to make communist ideas mass ideas. We need to circulate our *Red Flag* and mobilize the masses around the world amid the genocide in Gaza.

Workers everywhere in the world are key to recruiting for ICWP, as in the strike of the 33,000 Boeing



workers, where commercial and military planes and weapons are made to fire on Gaza and Ukraine.

“Imperialist wars affect the working class all over the world. The question is what we as workers are doing,” said M, a young worker. “I already met with two new fellow workers who are reading *Red Flag*. We agreed to meet to discuss the new edition.”

Worker leader G pointed out, “I’ve started talking with some workers in the team I’m working

with about the struggle we’re building in ICWP. I’ve told them that many workers in several parts of the world are organizing and fighting for Communism. We must recruit more workers, even if we are afraid of rejection or being isolated. I explained to a co-worker who we are, that we fight for a better world for our sons and daughters, for the Communist system. We need a mass party to achieve this. These are the things that we must do to build it.”

Movie Review: “AntZ” and “A Bug’s Life”

COMMUNISTS FIGHT COLLECTIVELY TO END CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION AND WAR

EL SALVADOR, September 1— “We should be as organized as the ants. The way they work collectively for the common good of all in the anthill. We can put that into practice as communists,” said a health care worker comrade.

“I really like that. Some movies express what we are discussing. In both “AntZ” and “A Bug’s Life” we can see how the working class is exploited. How those in power enslave and subjugate the worker ants through exercising an ideological control in which they can be nothing more than slaves. We see this clearly in the capitalist system,” said a young comrade.

From this, a discussion of political learning began in a meeting with industrial workers that inspired everyone. It reflected that unity between soldiers and workers is vital. The search for strategies to join the army and strengthen ourselves in the struggle to break the chains of this capitalist slavery is essential.

Both films are from 1998 and share similarities in terms of class difference, working class exploitation, and fighting for revolution. With tyrants who control through fear and manipulation. A totalitarian, fascist capitalist system of oppression and strangulation of the working class. These are tactics the rulers use.

“AntZ” addresses themes of individualism, collectivity, and the struggle for freedom. It shows a world where individual voices are

often silenced. The story of Z (the protagonist) shows him at the beginning of the film as an individualist who only sought his own benefit. During the film he changes, understanding that only by mobilizing the masses can one have freedom. And his voice resonated as a powerful reminder of the importance of training leaders fighting collectively to defeat the genocide they face, where soldiers and workers united.

We concluded that, even if you live under a capitalist system, you can change your ideology because we are from the same class. You just have to open your eyes, fight, and achieve a communist revolution.

“A Bug’s Life” is an anti-capitalist film. The grasshoppers represent the oppressor class that exploits the other insects, who work hard to collect food for their oppressors. This reflects the power relations in capitalist societies, where a rich minority benefits from the work of the poor majority. The ants’ dependence on the grasshoppers symbolizes how the oppressed can come to accept their situation out of fear or conformity. And only unity and collective power overthrows the oppressive system, which is demonstrated at the conclusion of the film.

Building Communist Collectives in the Militaries is Crucial

“The power of the oppressors is just an illusion. If we open our eyes and unite all the working class, we

will see that we are more and we are the ones who generate profits,” said V, a young worker. “That’s why we must organize youth, soldiers, and the working class to end the ruling class and achieve our goal of living in a communist society.”

“The capitalist class maintains control through violence. It doesn’t care about life, only about its power,” said C, a comrade worker. “And only with communist revolution will we end genocidal wars, racism, sexism and exploitation.”

Our main idea is to get some of our young communists into the army. In that way we can win over more comrades to open their eyes. We can make them realize that they are protecting the profit system of

the imperialist capitalists, obeying orders to carry out genocidal attacks against workers like them. With this, they will be even more open to communist ideas. If they learn these ideas, it will make a huge difference. So, organizing inside the army is crucial.

When we have collectives in every army in the world, we can at the right time turn the weapons against our class enemy for our communist revolution.

ICWP needs to mobilize masses of workers, youth and soldiers to fight for working-class power. Neither oppression nor genocidal wars will stop the communist-led working class from making revolution! Join ICWP!



October 1--Nearly 50,000 members of the International Longshoremen’s Association (ILA) are on strike against US East and Gulf Coast ports, choking off the flow of many of America’s imports and exports in what could become the country’s most disruptive work stoppage in decades.

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“SEIZE THE MOMENT”: COMRADES IN ISRAEL DISCUSS WAR AND REVOLUTION

“I believe we are in the beginning stage of a world war,” said Comrade M. “The conflict between rising China and declining US imperialism is driving every aspect of workers’ lives everywhere. It is ironic that China’s trade relations with Israel have not been affected.

“Some sections of the ruling class in Israel might have wanted a truce with Hezbollah to kick the US out. In that case, so many things are possible. On the other hand, if the main section of the Israeli ruling class does everything that the neocons in the US want, the war of attrition has a limit, and it can turn sooner into a major conflict.

“In both these cases,” M concluded, “war is on the horizon, and

the working class has nothing to gain from it. It is in the interest of the working class to end capitalism once and for all and establish communism. That is where the *Red Flag* can be the building block of communism. Our struggle to organize in the military with the industrial working class can defeat all the imperialists.”

“Exactly,” Comrade N agreed. “And waving around nationalist flags, Palestinian flag included, will not help workers - only the *Red Flag* can lead us to a different future.”

“There are already a number of IDF [Israeli “Defense” Forces] soldiers resisting the Gaza genocide,” said Comrade X. “Their resistance can be converted into

revolutionary struggle to win the soldiers on the side of the Palestinian and Israeli workers.”

Comrade O agreed. “Lots of US revisionists waded into the murky water of Palestinian nationalism, and even express support for reactionary gangsters such as Hamas as they are ‘resisting imperialism.’ That is, serving the Chinese bosses rather than the US ones.

“I agree with you that most Israeli bosses are subservient to US interests,” O went on. “That’s where they get most investments from. Same with right-wing think tanks, they all get US funding (usually from Evangelists and other reactionaries).

“However, if Trump will do to Is-

rael what he did to his Kurdish allies, the bosses will soon be in bed with Chinese interests. That is, he will abandon his faithful servants to their fate to cut his losses. That’s what he did to the Kurds.”

“We have to seize the moment,” urged Comrade X. “The comrade in Tel Aviv who is organizing at UCLA in the US has the vision to change the world. Let us recruit him and many people like him. When there is a communist unity of the Palestinian workers with the Israeli workers, the world will join us in organizing for a communist revolution.”

—Comrades in Tel Aviv (Israel)

Revolutionary greetings to the workers in Bangladesh!

ICWP members in Bengaluru and all over the world have been organizing for communism.

Your struggle in Bangladesh inspires us all as you fight the capitalist monster. We know that the garment workers produce billions of dollars for the profits of European and American fashion designers. Local capitalists in Bangladesh also create sweatshops to exploit workers.

Bangladeshi workers’ wages are among the lowest in south Asia. In April of this year, the capitalist government quietly increased the legal workweek of garment workers from 60 to 72 hours a week with the same pay.

Millions of young people find it difficult to survive and pay their loans to banks. Nearly 40% of youth are permanently unem-

ployed.

We, too, in India, face the same capitalist atrocities. Some women work 16 to 18 hours a day and must walk long distances. Our children are constantly starving. We suffered enormously during the COVID-19 pandemic. We had to borrow money to survive. Now the capitalists have increased work hours. We are continually in debt.

Our fight is the same everywhere. Last year, the workers in Sri Lanka rebelled under similar conditions to those in Bangladesh.

Workers and students are looking for an answer to this system of wage slavery that binds us to our capitalist oppressors. We need to end this wage slavery that creates unemployment, homelessness, and hunger by dividing us based on our gender, ethnicity, race, religion, and the languages we speak.

The heroic fight to overthrow the Hasina government will not

change capitalism. But millions of workers in Bangladesh are now more open to an alternative. That alternative is communism.

We are actively building and recruiting workers. We have been sending you the *Red Flag*

for the last three years. Some of you are regular readers. We invite you to form a collective of our party, ICWP. We have the same fight! Together, we can win and eliminate capitalism.

—Comrades in Bengaluru (India)



COLOMBO (Sri Lanka) July 2022—Garment workers played key role in mass protest.



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are willing to slaughter millions of workers in their genocidal wars for maximum profits, to conquer the world’s markets at whatever the cost to the international working class.

But these capitalist-imperialist rulers are producing their own gravediggers. From Palestine/Israel to the US to Taiwan to China, masses everywhere have risen and will rise against fascist rule.

Our solution is not to fight for a

“free” [capitalist] Palestine or an “independent” [capitalist] Taiwan. Neither will liberate any worker. There is no “independence” from capitalism-imperialism. Either the capitalists and some imperialists rule us — or the masses build communist workers’ power.

The working class has no nations — nations all belong to the capitalists. We should not make the mistake of siding with supposedly “lesser-evil” capitalists or imperial-

ists, like Palestinian and Iranian capitalists “helping” the masses in Gaza, or Taiwanese capitalists defending “our Taiwanese motherland” against China. No capitalist helps or defends workers’ interests anywhere.

Capitalists and imperialists can’t get rich without exploiting the working masses and murdering workers and soldiers in their imperialist wars for maximum profits.

The masses need to fight directly

for a classless egalitarian communist world without borders, nations, money, or markets. Without wage slavery, exploitation, ranks, or privileges. We will end them with a communist revolution. Only Communism can end this murderous system and its endless genocidal wars for good.

Chinese, Taiwanese, and ALL workers, let’s unite for COMMUNISM!

Activists Link Palestine and Congo:

IS CHINA IMPERIALIST?

LOS ANGELES, September 16—“Congo must be talked about more,” posted G. “Israeli/Euro-pean/American companies are worsening climate change with illegal mining and killing Congolese children.”

“Chinese imperialists also have massive investments in cobalt and other mines there,” added B.

One person, AP, was outraged at calling China imperialist. Others had a lot of reasons why it is.

“I was born in the Philippines,” retorted G. “I grew up seeing Chinese businesspeople buying Filipino properties and making life for Filipino workers very hard. Including agricultural farmlands that Filipinos have tended for generations.

“The Chinese government, with the Filipino government, allows this,” G continued. “Filipinos are trying to make ends meet because of the American and Chinese imperialism agenda. And China is attacking Filipino/a seamen and seamen.”

P, from Hong Kong, jumped in. “I have Uyghur friends with family members missing for years. The Chinese government openly admits to drawing from Israeli counter-insurgency methods against Palestinians.”

AP slandered G and P as “US imperialist agents.” His uncritically pro-China comments mostly aren’t worth repeating. But others’ comments are.

“Just because it’s not western

colonialism doesn’t mean the Chinese government aren’t imperialists as well,” G said. “Just because there is no Chinese military machinery on Filipino soil doesn’t mean it’s not imperialism or neocolonialism.”

“The main ethnic minority government minister in China openly suggests that Han settlers should draw from the US, Russia, and Israel in governing Xinjiang and Tibet,” P said. “Researchers at China’s elite police academy call for China to learn from Israel’s policing of Palestinians to build their police apparatus in Xinjiang.”

“The three major imperialists are fighting for power over the world,” said H. “Let’s not confuse the fight for the throne as a fight for liberation. China has purchased arms and tech from Israel. Israel sent Russia American weaponry during their war in Ukraine.”

“It’s not sports where you pick a side and defend them tooth and nail,” offered K. “We can afford objectivity.”

“China is the lesser of two evils,” said H. “But fighting for the lesser of two evils is what got us into this mess. We are fighting for liberation and China is not going to free us at all.”



Pro-Palestine activists protesting Apple for using cobalt in iPhones sourced from super-exploited miners (including children) in Congo.

Not everyone agreed that China was a “lesser” evil.

AP fumed that the Chinese government was not evil at all and nobody in the US had the right to criticize it.

“I was tear gassed by Chinese cops on the streets,” countered P. “Quite a few of my friends are still in jail or in exile. I try to at least raise their plight as I do for people facing US imperialist violence.”

“China is Israel’s second largest trading partner,” K mentioned.

AP claimed that “China is not imperialist towards Africa, it is a mutually beneficial relationship.” He quoted the Congolese president, who gets \$14 million/year.

“It seems you want us to think our enemy’s enemy is our friend,” said AJ. “What makes a state imperialist to your understanding?” AP didn’t answer.

“I side-eye any nation-state and its intentions, especially in foreign

relations,” AJ added.

“Any nation state is a capitalist state,” B declared. “Real workers’ power will not be organized along national lines.” That was very controversial.

“It’s important for us to have no illusions,” J concluded. “Even after western imperialism is defeated, the masses of the world will be at the mercy of a barbaric savage global capitalist class.”

G agreed: “This is now beyond western imperialism. It moves on ahead to a global capitalism/imperialism issue!”

Lenin described key features of imperialism as the concentration of production and capital, the merging of bank and industrial capital, the export of capital, and the formation of international monopolies. Today’s capitalist China qualifies on all counts.

CHINESE IMPERIALISTS PREPARE FOR WAR AGAINST TAIWAN AND US IMPERIALISTS

The island of Taiwan has been a bone of contention between the US and the Chinese rulers since 1949. Chiang Kai-shek — the US-supported dictator who ruled China from 1928 — was defeated by the revolutionary forces led by Mao Zedong. Chiang fled to Taiwan with the remnants of his army and supporters. With the Western imperialists’ backing, they imposed themselves on the Taiwanese masses with brutal terror, executing over 40,000 and jailing many more.

Today, the battle over Taiwan is sharpening. It could lead to a nuclear World War III.

The Chinese capitalists-imperialists have called on supporters to denounce “diehard Taiwanese secessionists” and give information about their “criminal activities” to Chinese agencies. They are intensifying their intimidation of the Taiwanese masses.

China has the world’s largest navy, with over 370 surface ships and submarines. Its rulers are in deadly competition with the US imperialists for global supremacy. To

realize their goal of being top imperialist power, the Chinese imperialists need to control Taiwan so they can use it to launch their blue-water navy into the Pacific Ocean and worldwide. But the US imperialists are desperate to prevent this naval deployment by encircling China’s boundaries, especially controlling Taiwan.

The Chinese imperialists have long promoted—including in their constitution—that “Taiwan is a sacred part of China.” They use this to justify war against the Taiwanese masses and US imperialism. This war will potentially lead to mass displacements and killing of Taiwanese working-class siblings, especially those accused by Chinese rulers of being “secessionists” and “independence supporters.”

Mainland Chinese nationalistic extremists have posted online statements like, “Keep the island but not its people.” This is an outright call to genocide and mass displacement!

The Chinese rulers have intensified their censorship and fascist grip. During the Paris 2024

Olympic Games, the Taiwanese red and blue flag, the name “Taiwan” and its anthem, were banned! A sign reading “Let’s go, Taiwan!” was ripped out of a fan’s hands and torn up.

The Chinese imperialists have shown their unrelenting intentions by passing a law to draft veterans and students into the military. Xi Jinping has repeatedly called for the Chinese military to “prepare for active combat.”

The Chinese Minister of Defense warned of US arming and encouraging separatist elements in Taiwan. He attacks US intentions to “contain China with Taiwan.” He called these the greatest danger, saying China would “safeguard its national sovereignty and territorial integrity at any cost.” This means sending Chinese workers to the battlefield to kill Taiwanese workers for imperialist profits and empire!

Chinese, US, and all imperialists
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