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Letter from Gaza

“COMMUNISM IS THE FUTURE, COMRADES”

Dear comrades,

Amid mass genocide and mayhem, I am actively organizing for communism and our party, ICWP. It has been more than a year of imperialist genocide. My determination to organize for the communist revolution has been unshakeable for as long as I have been alive.

There are millions of examples of what has shaped my unwavering desire to smash capitalism. When I was in Khan Yunis, a missile struck a school where people were sheltering. I was just a few meters away. We estimated over 40 people perished, and some died in agonizing pain.

I was hit by shrapnel on my right hand. I did not know how bad the injury was. Everyone was rushing to save lives. The doctors, ambulance staff, and nurses were working frantically on those injured severely.

I ended up in the corridor of the hospital where the doctors were triaging. They had run out of emergency supplies, and patients with head injuries were treated with vinegar.

I can never forget the screams and wailing when someone died. And I will never forget a

young girl, perhaps six years old, so severely burned that her flesh was coming off. The doctors had no way to save her. Very reluctantly, they left her in the corridor to die with others. Her screams haunt me. This was just the beginning of thousands of stories like hers.

But it was also the beginning of my attempt to organize for communism, where the working people would have no nation, no borders, and no money. Communist society will create a new foundation where wars for profit will end.

My basic survival could be more stable. I have been displaced more than 20 times. But I am still trying to be with many friends. I Google translate *Red Flag* into Arabic and then distribute it to people around me. Most of the time we are trying to find food and water, sometimes for more than 12 hours. In the long lines, waiting for food, we talk about what communism would look like.

Many people have asked about the party group in Israel. That brings people to life. To imagine ICWP in Israel is absolutely amazing.

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COMMUNIST WORKERS AROUND THE WORLD SEND GREETINGS IN SOLIDARITY WITH BOEING STRIKERS

Workers around the world feel a connection to the Boeing strikers. Many of them understand that the fight against the capitalist bosses is an international fight, just as the bosses understand that they need to subjugate and impoverish the workers around the world in order to maintain their own profits.

Adding insult to injury, Boeing has announced that it is laying off 10% of its workforce. And not only Boeing workers. From India to South Africa to El Salvador, workers are being laid off or are finding no jobs available for them.

International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) comrades in India, South Africa, El Salvador and Los Angeles have written letters of solidarity. They understand the importance of industrial work - a necessity for the capitalists, but also necessary for us to make a revolution.

Capitalism, in crisis around the world, is marching ever-more-rapidly to World War III. The capitalist rulers will need industrial workers to build the weapons and soldiers to deploy them. The international solidarity in response to

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U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: EVIL VS. EVIL ON THE BALLOT

LOS ANGELES (USA), October 21—"I am not voting for Trump, but I don't want to vote for genocide either," a student told a comrade over coffee. Harris's campaign for presidency might have been more convincing if the U.S. working class had not already lived through a Trump administration and the Biden administration where Harris was second in command. The working class sees no difference.

"I won't be voting at all," responded the comrade. "I'm a communist, which means I'm for the working-class taking power, not politicians."

The Democratic Party is rolling out their same tricks: calling Trump a threat to "freedom" and the working class. But Harris' track record as a prosecutor in California coupled with her support of Israel has turned a lot of traditional Democratic voters off. In response, President Obama and others have wagged their finger at the working class's disgust.

Different faces, same capitalist, imperialist administration

None of them is any good. One of the candidates promotes race war, one of them World War III. And whoever wins, the US is moving toward both. The only real choice is revolution.

ICWP does not support any bosses or politicians in any election. The working class knows Trump is bad news, but Harris is the candi-

date who has divided the working class. Her identity has been pushed to the forefront to show that the working class can trust her. Yeah, right. She's a woman of color who completely supports genocide in Gaza. She uses the deceptive catch phrase of fully "supporting Israel's right to defend itself." Many of the workers and students who have participated in the "Free Palestine" movement are clear that neither Republicans nor Democrats serve working class interests. Now they need to be convinced that communist revolution is the answer.

Even if Harris was credible—which she's not—we don't rely on key individuals. Even Hamas knows that their resistance will go on without Yahya Sinwar. But we also know that a movement that does not involve the masses, that operates in an isolated manner, makes the masses defenseless in the face of attack. Only by mobilizing the masses in a communist-led collective can we defeat capitalist-imperialism and build the communist world we need.

As we go to press, the Zionist entity is engaged in an aggressively genocidal policy in the north of Gaza. Four hundred thousand people have been encircled. No food has gotten into the north for two weeks. People ordered to leave are bombed as they leave. People who stay are killed. Men are rounded up and marched off in scenes reminiscent of the Nazi death marches. The Biden-Harris administration has

given the Israeli government 30 days to show that they will allow some food aid into the north—if there is anyone left alive to eat it by then. And they continue to fully fund this genocide.

This is a war to protect the role of the US dollar as the world reserve currency trading in oil. But this is the US's wishful thinking. More and more oil transactions are not conducted in dollars. US imperialists and their allies in decline are willing to commit genocide to protect their investments in natural gas off the Gaza coast and for control of Mediterranean shipping lanes. They fear that Iran and Russia will corner the market for the oil necessary for World War III.

No Workers Are Safe

History tells us that the bombs that blow families to pieces in Gaza today will blow families to pieces in the US and Europe tomorrow.

The first systematic use of strategic bombing [bombing civilians] was by the British in Iraq in 1924. They bombed the city of Mosul and its surrounding villages, which had refused to pay taxes to the Empire. After two days of bombing and seven hundred dead, Mosul surrendered, and the British military declared a swift victory.

In 1932-34, Britain prevented a worldwide disarmament conference from banning strategic bombing. Within 10 years of this Geneva conference, the Nazi blitz rained bombs night after night on nearly every major city in Britain, obliterating

Coventry and wiping out a third of the housing in London, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, and Birmingham.

Join ICWP and Fight for a Communist World

Whoever becomes president will violently defend US capitalism-imperialism. We are living in an historical moment characterized by a general crisis of capitalism worldwide. This crisis is driving an intensification of inter-imperialist rivalry that is increasingly engulfing the globe into World War III. The onslaught of terror unleashed on the Palestinian masses, the armed conflicts raging in several African countries, the destruction in Ukraine, as well as the crisis in Taiwan are but a few examples of the sharpening rivalry among imperialists.

In the midst of all this, the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) is growing internationally. From Israel and Palestine to India and South Africa, from El Salvador to the United States and beyond, workers are joining the party and are organizing to mobilize the masses for communism. Only a mass ICWP worldwide will turn capitalist-imperialist world war into a communist revolution for workers' power. Workers and students involved in these campaigns and protests against the horrors of capitalism, imperialism, and war, join us! Help create the future we need and deserve.



Athens Oct 18 2024 Outraged dock workers in Piraeus stopped a truck carrying ammunition bound for Israel from entering the port, saying they will not allow the port to become a transit point for the deadly war machine of the state of Israel. Some of these workers got in touch with a friend of ICWP. They were impressed that younger workers were stepping up to prevent genocide.



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the Boeing strike illuminates the potential of our class. We have a world to win!

Bengaluru Garment Workers and Boeing Workers: Same Fight

Many of our comrades live in slums near Bengaluru airport. We used to look at the giant Boeing airplanes daily and never realized the workers were toiling to make those airplanes. The strike by Boeing workers shows that they are exploited the same way we are. Also forced to live under capitalist wage slavery. The Boeing workers who make low wages struggle like the garment workers here. Let us unite and build ICWP, the only force that will eliminate the root cause of exploitation. We want communism now.

Boeing Struggle Motivates South African Comrades

The comrades in South Africa send our message of solidarity to the Boeing workers. Your struggle motivates us to fight for communism. You are not only fighting exploitation and the horrors of capitalism. You are also fighting against the bosses' support of the war in Gaza. Boeing's bombs and planes are actively contributing to the genocide there.

Your strike is inspiring. We have seen pictures of young and older workers marching with our comrades against these injustices and also against the genocide and imperialist war that have been perpetuated by your bosses.

Your work and determination inspire us. It shows that once there is unity within the working class, all is possible. We can achieve a communist revolution.

The bosses are doing everything in their power to further divide us. But the Boeing strikers have shown a high level of unity. This serves as an example to workers around the world. It serves as a motivating fac-

tor for us to try to unify workers around the world with our communist ideas.

Forward, Comrades. With the determination that you have shown, you will prevail. Hopefully, more and more of you can join our comrades and our party and the fight for communism.

Chennai Comrades Support the Strike by Building ICWP

Dear Comrades,

Our collective met to discuss how to build a stronger ICWP to take advantage of the Boeing strike in the USA.

A comrade who works in the automobile industry said, "The Boeing workers in the US are facing job cuts. We are also facing a huge reduction in the workforce. The capitalist bosses are preparing for highly automated electric car manufacturing. That will force many of us to be on the streets. Some of the Boeing products were used in the genocide in Gaza. Boeing and an Indian billionaire, Tata, have formed a separate joint venture that produces fuselages for the Apache helicopters."

Another comrade told us, "The attack on the Boeing workers must be translated into more communists joining ICWP. We are trying to contact the Boeing workers in Hyderabad, which employs 6000 technical workers. We have sent them our *Red Flags*."

We resolved to support the Boeing strike by building our party. We fight the same battle against billionaire capitalists worldwide. But they are few; we are many. Let us unite the working class for communism.

Revolutionary greetings from the maquila workers in El Salvador.

This is a message of solidarity with the workers of Boeing, who are currently on strike over a contract that does not meet the work-



Boeing Renton plant (WA, USA), Oct. 22 The ICWP international solidarity leaflet was warmly received by Boeing strikers. This led to discussions about how inspiring the strike is to workers worldwide.

ers' needs.

We, as fighters for a Communist system and members of ICWP, have read and shared the leaflet about the Boeing strike with many workers in the factory, and in the meetings of our collectives.

The leaflet inspired many workers, as it expressed all the necessary support for the Boeing workers in this time of struggle, and because we understand that we are one class worldwide, the working class.

The capitalist bosses exploit us everywhere in the world, but the working class has the power to change the capitalist exploiting system at its roots.

Only the Communist system will have the dignified conditions that workers need.

Have strength, our class brothers and sisters, until the victory of Communism.

Revolutionary greetings to the Boeing workers from MTA workers in Los Angeles, California, USA.

This letter comes from mechanics, service attendants and others.

Your strike is an inspiration to us. We know that during strikes we need the support of the family and the entire working class—nationally and internationally.

During the strikes that we have organized in the past, we have struggled to awaken the political consciousness of the workers, especially communist consciousness.

We understand that we cannot spend our lives fighting for reforms. In the future we will fight and defend ourselves in a better way: we need the power of the international working class fighting for a society without exploitation—a communist society.

Forward, Comrades

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Now Is the Time to Turn the Guns Around

Workers around the world recognize that the power of strength and unity within the community of workers is the kindling and fuel for revolution.

In their greed and short-sighted self-interest, capitalist bosses have created their own nightmare. They spare no cost to stamp out any spark of revolution. They control education systems, media coverage, and political activity. They are afraid a critical mass of workers will awaken to the reality of this system. They try to lull us into complacency by encouraging the dopamine highs of social media and the thrills of rock-bottom

prices on plastic trinkets and tech gadgets. These are sweet poison not only for our sense of entitlement, but for our very home planet. They peddle comfortable living in exchange for somnolence on matters of social responsibility.

Such materialistic rewards and illusions of happiness are dangled before us as modern bread and circuses. At the same time, the Boeing aircraft we build are used to kill and maim our working-class brothers and sisters in many parts of the world.

But as our comrades throughout the world have written, this comrade is up. Now is the time to "turn the guns around." We have had enough. The capitalist beast is in

mortal danger as industrial workers, soldiers and sailors see the truth, are filled with rage, and unite to destroy the oppressors.

With zeal tempered with empathy, we must warn our comrades who still sleep in the falsehoods of capitalism. We must protect one another and our future generations at all costs. It can be tempting to shake them awake. But in doing so we run the risk of incurring misdirected anger.

Let us listen with urgency and resolve to build from common ground to strengthen our cause. We must not let our global comrades fight alone. Change can be frightening. But as we show one another the truth, the horror of

capitalism contrasted with the promise of true peace that can only come from sharing life in true community will turn that fear into the raw power necessary for revolution.

A friend in Washington state

Read our pamphlet:

Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Crucial to Communist Workers' Revolution

Available at:
icwpredflag.org/mpe.pdf

BAKERSFIELD RALLY AGAINST GENOCIDE: CONFRONTING CONTRADICTIONS TO BUILD ICWP

“Care for *Red Flag*? It is a revolutionary communist newspaper.”

“Great!” answered a demonstrator. “I’ve been looking for a communist party to join.”

“Great!” said our comrade, “Let’s exchange contact information and keep in touch.”

This took place at an energetic march in Bakersfield, CA. on Oct 12. About 120 people marched against the escalating genocide in Gaza.

It was organized by young people to honor the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians killed by the US-backed Israeli fascists. It demanded an immediate ceasefire and an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestine.

Two ICWP comrades participated, invited by friends they had met at demonstrations in Los Angeles. We distributed about 85 copies of *Red Flag* and our communist leaflet: “*A Year if Genocide, A Year of Struggle. Lesson Learned: Only Communist Revolution Can End the Horrors of Capitalism-Imperialism.*”

We greeted some friends and met new ones, amidst discussions about genocide, imperialism, revolution and communism.

At dinner after the march, a participant said, “We love having you guys here with us. It’s great to share

with older people who have been in the struggle for years.”

“We love being here seeing all you young people,” answered the comrades. “It is key that young people join and lead the struggle. To succeed, we need to fight to end capitalism and imperialism with communist revolution.”

Another marcher said he was inspired by our leaflet’s vision of a communist world without wage slavery, genocide or imperialism, where we will produce and share only for the masses’ needs and not for profits.

Confronting the Contradiction between Reform and Communist Revolution

A week later, the two comrades went to Bakersfield again, invited to an art festival. We met several of the marchers and discussed our leaflet.

The leaflet sharply criticizes the political line of the anti-genocide movement. It explains that demanding and marching for a ceasefire from the same imperialists who are funding the genocide won’t bring any change. Trying to convince or demand that politicians support a ceasefire gives the dangerous illusion that imperialism can be ended through reform. The imperialists are locked in a life-and-death struggle for markets and control of workers’ labor power.

No reform can end that—only communist revolution can.

The leaflet explains that genocidal wars are an inevitable product of capitalist competition for maximum profits. This requires paying workers as little as possible. The capitalists who sell for the lowest price corner the market and make maximum profits. Those unable to do so must go to war to eliminate their competitors.

Therefore, we can’t end workers’ exploitation and genocidal wars unless we destroy capitalism-imperialism and wage slavery (working for a wage) with communist revolution.

One young man asked why we don’t fight for socialism, like in Norway. We explained that socialism keeps the wage system; it is state capitalism. Norway and the other European socialist countries are joining NATO to fight the rising China-Russia imperialist axis.

Although communist revolution seems like a longer-term proposition than demanding ceasefire, it is the only realistic path. Only communism can meet the needs of humanity and the environment without exploitation or genocidal wars.

At dinner with three activists, we talked about the importance of building community through creating relationships of trust and confidence.

Communist community building.

Many people thought that if masses of people were in the streets, the imperialists would stop supporting the genocide. Now they know that won’t happen. They need a different outlook. They need to see that only communist revolution will end capitalism’s genocides and developing world war and allow Palestinians and all of us to be free and live in peace.

That is the urgent goal worth dedicating our lives to! It means reaching out to farm workers, industrial workers and soldiers - key sectors who can lead the masses in communist revolution and building communism.

It requires developing ICWP collectives in order to develop a mass party everywhere to lead a revolution and build communism.

The murderous imperialists are fighting for their survival. Revolution must end their rule. The communist masses will build a world based on collectivity, without competition, money or imperialist war.

Our modest ties are getting stronger and more solid. ICWP has a lot to learn from angry, energetic young people. ICWP needs you and you need ICWP.

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Cal State Protesters Welcome ICWP Communist Message

October 9, Los Angeles (USA)—A group of professors and students gathered at Cal State LA to denounce the genocide in Gaza and the complicity of the Cal State system with it. This included attacks against professors for speaking out against the genocide. Some spoke of the ongoing steadfast resistance of the Palestinian masses.

ICWP has had a presence on the campus since the protests began. We have brought communist politics to the encampments as well as food and water.

A participant recited Refaat Alareer’s poem “If I must die”. Alareer was a Palestinian professor and poet murdered by an IDF missile. As the woman read each verse, the crowd repeated it in unison. It was very touching.

After more speeches, an ICWP member spoke, “I have seen the future.” He highlighted the collective struggle and sacrifice that has enabled the resistance to continue against one of the most powerful and brutal armies in the world. “I am a proud communist,” he continued. “Collectivity is the basis of communism. Not individualism, which is the basis of capitalism. The future is a communist future. A world without any borders, nations or money, where we work collectively based on the communist principle ‘from each according to commitment and ability, to each according to need.’”

He spoke about the Boeing workers’ strike, explaining that the strikers are against exploiter Boeing’s attacks on them, but also against warmaker Boeing’s role in profiting from genocide. He added that the genocide in Gaza reflects the sharpening fight between the world’s superpowers. We also see this fight in Ukraine and Taiwan. Listeners applauded his speech. We had great conversations about communism and almost every-

one there gladly took *Red Flag* and our flyer about Palestine. We will now follow up with our contacts and work to build communist relations with them.

LA Teacher



ICWP on picket lines in December 2023 at Cal State LA

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We also read accounts of some holocaust survivors who have denounced Israel’s genocide. We talk about the history of the Palestinian movement and how it was shaped by nationalism. The early history of the communist party encouraged nationalism. Most of the Hamas leadership was born in the refugee camps.

Our party has rejected this nationalism. When we talk about this in big and small meetings, people around us want to know more. They know Hamas became corrupt even though it started as a relief agency

to help poor people. Nationalism made Hamas into a small group of capitalists trying to exploit the masses.

I don’t want to see the future generations of survivors of the Gaza genocide be the reincarnation of Hamas. I want them to be communists and change the world. I am talking to young people about communism, some as young as two years old. Everyone can learn to be communist. They are so resilient. Some of them have lost their parents. The war has created a desire in them to be without a war. This gives

us a tremendous opportunity to explain to them how to build our party for communism.

These young people are the future of our party. I have met hundreds of them and talked to them about the history of communism. I play soccer with them. I take care of their needs. In turn, they find cell towers and charge stations for me. They are a pleasure to work with. What we do today is going to build a robust foundation for the party. They lovingly call me ‘aleamu alshuyueiu alahmir’ (red communist uncle). We have managed to find a red piece of cloth that we use in our

informal meetings. I will send you a photo when possible.

I have also made contact with a young university student who was enrolled in a nursing program. When all our universities were destroyed, he managed to enroll in online Hebron University, where he met people from the West Bank. This was possible because you gave me access to the Internet. He is very appreciative of it and gladly distributes *Red Flag* to the people he meets online.

Communism is the future, comrades; the Gaza survivors amplify it loudly and clearly.

CAPITALIST GREED KILLS WORKERS IN HURRICANE HELENE

ERWIN, TENNESSEE (US), October 3 — “Why did they make us come to work that day? Why didn’t they let us leave? It all comes down to greed if you ask me. It broke my heart that they didn’t make it. Every one of them was good people.” said a worker from Impact Plastics in Erwin, Tennessee.

He was talking about six co-workers, white workers, and Latino/a immigrant workers (including two women) who were killed because, even though water was already up to the doors and covering their cars, the bosses wouldn’t let them leave work.

When the bosses finally let them leave, a full 15 minutes after the plant lost power, flood water was sweeping through the area. Many families are furious at the plastics factory owners whose greed turned Hurricane Helene into a tragic human disaster.

An Impact Plastics worker, Jacob Ingram, said lives could have been saved had workers been allowed to leave the facility sooner. When the flooding started, the managers only told the workers to move their cars.

“We should have evacuated then, but they wouldn’t let us,” he said. “I didn’t hear anyone say ‘leave’ or nothing like that. I asked one of the higher ups. They told me ‘No, not yet,’ even though the water was already above the doors and the cars and everything else.

Ingram was swept away by floodwaters. He had to struggle to climb on top of a semi-truck to get to higher ground. The driver of the truck, with only few minutes to spare, rescued Ingram and some of his co-workers by backing up his truck into the flood waters to save them.

Erwin is in eastern Tennessee.

This is in Appalachia, a mountain region whose environment has been devastated by the unchecked greed of the logging and coal industries. It has little-to-no infrastructure to withstand devastating storms.

Historically, the poorest workers, mostly, but not all, white, have lived in company towns in this area, with extreme exploitation and poverty. These workers, especially the miners, have been the most consistently militant white US-born workers. They have waged armed class struggle against the mine owners and the US government for over a hundred years.

Now, as at Impact Plastics, they are joined by Latino immigrant workers, who also come from areas with a long history of class struggle and armed insurrections against capitalism and imperialism. This creates the material basis for their unity and solidarity.

Over one thousand people are reported still missing in the Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina and Tennessee areas. The official death toll now stands at over two hundred. Local residents fear it will be over two thousand. They claim whole towns and many isolated individual houses were swept away by the raging waters. Many roads are still impassable because many bridges were swept away.

The flooding has continued. The crumbling US infrastructure isn’t capable of protecting workers in the face of climate change devastation caused by capitalism. In fact, FEMA, created to give aid in disasters like this, says it won’t have the money to cover the hurricane season.

Some in the bosses’ media claim that FEMA has no money to help hurricane victims because it used all



This sign at a recent demonstration against Genocide in Gaza correctly links the deaths and power outages during Hurricanes Helene and Milton and FEMA's slow response and underfunding to the \$billions the US is spending for weapons to Israel to commit genocide. The imperialists attack US workers to attack the Palestinian masses! The sign calls for “Free Palestine,” a goal that can only be met with communist revolution.

its funding to help migrants. “That is pure racism. They are looking for a scapegoat to get US workers to blame migrant workers for these deaths,” said a FedEx worker when a couple of ICWP members discussed these events with him.

“You are right,” responded the comrades. “US rulers super exploit migrant workers in their industries to maximize their profits and are now scapegoating them to cover up that they have no money for disaster relief but billions for Israel’s genocidal war and for Ukraine.”

Hurricane Helene’s strength was

a result of the extremely warm water in the Gulf of Mexico due to capitalist caused global warming. The communist masses will eliminate production for profit and organize production and all life in harmony with the environment to reverse and end the devastation caused by global warming.

Capitalism is deadly in every way! The unity and anger shown by Erwin workers need to and will become a revolutionary communist tidal wave as we build ICWP and spread *Red Flag*.

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Revolutionary greetings to all the comrades!

In our last meeting of the collective, we talked about the current situation of wars between imperialist countries fighting over resources and territories. We see that these attacks have increased as siblings of our class, children, women, and men are dying.

Before I was part of the International Communist Workers’ Party, my way of looking at life was different. I was not interested in these issues, in what was going on in the world. When I started reading *Red Flag* and meeting with ICWP comrades, I was filled with strength and courage knowing that there is a way to end capitalism and the slavery the working class endures every day.

Why do I say slavery? Because the factory where I work is forcing pregnant women, like me and

other comrades, not to wear sleeveless gowns. In our condition, we feel very uncomfortable, because the factory is very hot. They don’t care about our condition or health.

They don’t even want to let us leave work five minutes early to avoid crowding, as the labor law stipulates. But I have understood that we are not fighting for reforms. That we are one class, the working class. We cannot remain indifferent to everything that is happening here and worldwide.

Being a member of the party has changed my life and my way of thinking, not only for my family, but also for my class brothers and sisters. The injustices of this system are not normal. We can end them. The struggles of workers around the world must be known. Just as the thousands of Boeing workers on strike inspire us, we make the most of it to organize for Commu-

nism.

We also make ourselves known in the May Day march, so we can build a stronger communist future. Why do I say communist future? Because my son is part of this effort too. That is where that seed is

planted. It fills me with courage to see that he distributed the *Red Flag* newspaper. People came up to take the newspaper with curiosity. When curiosity reaches people, they start to wonder “what is it?” That is where we can act and talk to them about the ICWP.

The working class is mobilizing all over the world. They just need the right line: to fight for Communism. Just as the comrades are struggling with the Boe-

ing workers, they will win them to learn more about our party. This fills me with courage because this is the way we will achieve victory, Communism.

Comrade Worker in El Salvador



IMPERIALISTS FIGHT OVER AUTO INDUSTRY - WORKERS MUST DUMP THEM ALL

MEXICO, October 1— “Exclude third party noise,” said Zhang Run, China’s ambassador to Mexico. He was referring to US bosses’ pressure on trade negotiations between these two countries.

“We should take concrete actions to rectify [the USA’s] wrong practices that undermine fair competition and deteriorate market-driven conditions,” wrote Zhang. He noted that China is Mexico’s second largest trading partner (after the USA).

The fight is over China manufacturing electric vehicles (EVs) in

Mexico. And the US threat of high tariffs to prevent them from entering the US market. According to some analysts, Chinese EVs, with similar features as Tesla EVs, would sell for half the price.

The increasingly sharp contradictions in the world between imperialists are leading to more workers’ struggles everywhere. Growing trade wars that turn into real wars are moving toward open and direct confrontation between declining US imperialism and China, its main competitor.

Industrial workers worldwide are

key to fighting for and building a new communist world where the production of necessities is only to meet workers’ needs, not to fill any bosses’ pockets.

Auto workers in Mexico, like those in India and South

Africa, can and must play a leading role in the masses’ struggle for that new communist world. We must ensure, in one way or another, that the communist ideas in *Red Flag* reach these workers.

Electric or Gas-Powered Vehicles =

Exploitation and Misery

On the one hand, the so-called decarbonization and promotion of alternative or clean energy is empty talk. Burning coal is profitable. After the sabotage of the Nord Stream II pipeline, the capitalists of the European Union are using coal to replace Russian natural gas.

On the other hand, even with the Chinese advances in Mexico, the US cannot now exclude Mexico from the North American Region. Mexico is a major reservoir of labor, resources, and markets for the US, and US rulers will not throw it to the Chinese side.

Capitalists who extract crude oil on BOTH sides, including Russian capitalists, say they have oil and gas for 20, 30, and even 50 more years. They say there is no reason to stop building refineries.

Production of the internal combustion engine will continue while Chinese capitalists lead the race for electric vehicles. In Mexico there is still little assembly of electric vehicles. What has advanced most up until now is the assembly of “hybrids.”

The pretense of some of the US oppressors to bring the plants to its territory to re-industrialize the country contradicts the need for extraction of maximum profit (surplus value): to exploit the workers’ labor power, markets, and natural resources of Mexico.

The working class should not be fooled by one group of imperialists or the other. Instead, we should organize globally against them all. The auto industry is key at this time of accelerating world war. Many of these factories will be used to build tanks or other tools of war. By building ICWP there, we can make those tanks available for communist revolution. Let’s start those collectives by helping to distribute *Red Flag* and building communist relations with these workers.



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Building Relationships with Soldiers

In El Salvador in 1970, there were rumors of a resurgence of revolutionary struggles by workers, teachers, and peasants. Thousands participated in strikes and large marches for wage increases, among other things.

That year, in the city of San Miguel, I was recruited to the army’s 3rd Infantry Brigade. Visitors were not allowed until basic training was completed. My first visitor was my older brother, leader of the Textile Workers Union for Social Improvement.

He said to me, “Learn how to handle weapons because we are going to need them for the revolution.” I had never participated in any political group, but I did understand that I belonged to the oppressed working class. Often during the textile union strikes, my younger brother and I were sent to bring food to the workers. This is when I realized who the enemies of our class are.

In the army I did not have any

sharp or advanced political knowledge. But I was always surrounded by soldier friends, and we discussed what was happening in the country.

I was chosen for promotion. It was customary, when obtaining a higher rank, to mistreat others in various ways. We were supposed to become despotic with the subordinates and civilians. But I never changed the way I treated my friends or soldiers of a lower rank.

The sub-sergeant of our section was sent to take a training course. The lieutenant informed the soldiers that I would be in command. I took this opportunity to talk to the soldiers about the importance of having comradely relationships. In the army, class division was very evident. There was much abuse of power. Both corporal punishment and strenuous exercise were used. Some soldiers fainted.

On one occasion when the teachers went on strike, the lieutenant told me to prepare our section with riot gear to break the strike. We gathered our equip-

ment: gas masks, batons, and handcuffs. We were given orders to shoot if they resisted. I gathered the whole section and told them what our orders were.

I knew that my brother was a union leader and that he could be on strike. His political position as well as mine was that we were in favor of the teachers’ strike. I began to consult with the soldiers. What did they think? How should we act when we got to the strike? Some of my friends thought that we should go and warn them because the order was to beat them and kill them. Others, who had no political knowledge, said that we should not warn them but break the strike with clubs or bullets because they were unruly and wanted to ruin the country. Our duty as soldiers was to defend the homeland.

Then it was my turn to speak. “We are not career soldiers. We are in the army for different reasons. Soon we will return to being civilians. Some of us will return to work in the fields, others as labor-

ers. And some will probably be teachers working under the same bad conditions. They are on strike because they are fighting for better living conditions since their salaries are miserable. So, we will go warn them to disperse peacefully. It is not our intention to harm them. If we have to shoot, we will do it in the air, not at the people. Let us remember that the teachers are our class siblings. They taught us to read and write. We owe them respect and gratitude.”

Within minutes we were ordered to get on the trucks to carry out our mission. But on the way we received the order to cancel the mission, since the strike had been resolved.

One of the most important things I learned from being in the army was that if you build social and political relationships with the soldiers, you can win them over to your revolutionary position.

Comrade Ex-Soldier



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BLOOD FOR GOLD: CAPITALIST GENOCIDE IN AMERICA

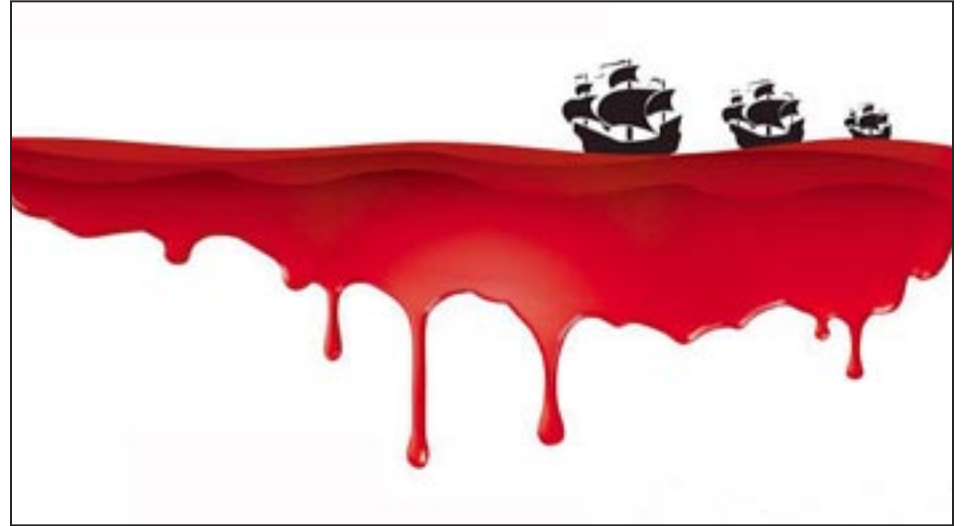
On October 12, 1492, known in the US as “Columbus Day,” America was not discovered; it was massacred. That date was the beginning of the invasion, destruction, devastation, and colonization of the American continent. With the conquest of America, capitalism developed and spread like a lethal virus worldwide.

It is the story of a mass genocide, shedding blood for gold and enriching the powerful that has continued to this day, both by the European imperialist powers and by the US imperialists. It was an occupation accompanied by ethnic cleansing, exploitation, and enslavement. It is not a date of commemoration or cel-

ebration. It is a date marked by blood.

We must reject old, misguided policies. No nationalist movement with its protests has returned the land to the Indigenous peoples. Nationalism won't liberate any workers. It is a dead end for the working class. This cycle of slaughter can only be ended by a communist revolution. By building a mass International Communist Workers' Party that fights directly for communism. We now have the correct political line: mobilize the masses for communism and nothing less.

We are an international party which rejects all forms of nationalism. Throughout history the strug-



gles of our class show that we can win. With the unity of the entire working class, industrial workers, farmers, and all “races.”

Join ICWP and help build it

worldwide to get rid of capitalism, imperialism, all nationalism, completely eradicating racism, sexism, xenophobia, slavery, and genocide.

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The Main Aspect of the Main Contradiction

A recent *Red Flag* said that the main contradiction driving world events is inter-imperialist rivalry, especially the sharpening fight between the US/NATO vs China-Russia-Iran.

This is true, but one-sided. It's more accurate to say that the main aspect of the main contradiction that is driving events is the rivalry between the imperialists.

The main (or fundamental) contradiction in capitalism is the contradiction between the workers and the bosses. Now, the fight between the imperialist bosses over the exploitation of workers is driving events.

But we must understand the relationship between the inter-imperialist rivalry and the exploitation of the working class. **Workers, especially industrial workers, are at the very heart of the contradiction between the imperialist bosses and the masses.**

The Boeing strike makes this clear. Is our message to Boeing strikers and other workers that they should oppose the genocidal war in Gaza? That's part of it. Or is our message that we need to end wage slavery with communist revolution? That's part of it.

What is the source of imperialism and imperialist war and genocide? It is deadly competition for maximum profit—inherent in capitalism. But maximum profits are only extracted from the working class—through wage slavery. The wage system is the source of exploitation and profit. As the rulers unleash their imperialist wars, they must attack the working class harder.

We cannot and should not separate Boeing the Warmaker and Boeing the Exploiter. They go together. We aren't liberals calling on workers to demand a cease fire in Gaza. We are communists mobilizing the workers and broad

masses, including students and teachers, for communist revolution to end capitalism with its imperialism and wage slavery.

That's why I think it's much more useful to say that the main contradiction in the world is between the workers and the bosses, and the main aspect of that contradiction today is the inter-imperialist rivalry.

The old communist movement (including Marx himself) backed away from Marx's goal, “Abolish the Wage System.” They fought for socialism, which kept wages, money and banks. We need to put the fight to abolish the wage system front and center and show that only communism, eliminating wage slavery and commodity production, can free the masses.

The fight to eliminate the wage system and imperialist war is the same fight for communism. Imperialist war is an attack on the working class. It sharpens all other attacks on the working class.

The communist working class and communist soldiers, in the heart of this contradiction, are key to giving leadership to the masses to bury capitalism with communist revolution and to build communism.

It's no accident that the two major revolutions took place either during or after world wars, when the inter-imperialist rivalry was sharpest, the attack on the masses was sharpest, and their revolutionary mobilization was at its high point. So, it's more accurate to talk about the main aspect of the main contradiction. We are fighting to turn the main aspect of the main contradiction to that between the workers and the bosses. And to resolve it by destroying the bosses' rule for good.

I know there is disagreement with this in the party. I welcome the discussion.

—A Comrade

Communist Unity Will Defeat All Racist Fascism and Genocides!

Historically, Jewish and all workers have been scapegoated, isolated, and slaughtered by Zionists and other capitalist-imperialists. They been also betrayed by far-right antisemitic “anti-Zionists”. Both sides are antisemitic and anti-communist.

Capitalist-imperialist rulers persecute and slaughter anti-fascists and oppressed groups. The rulers cover up their history of crimes against humanity, burning books that reveal the truth.

In the 1930s, Nazi terror engulfed the German population, using antisemitism to win German workers to fight their genocidal war. The Zionist leaders welcomed the rise of Hitler. They used the horror of German fascism to justify building a Jewish state in Palestine.

They, like the Nazis, were opposed to “race intermixing” and assimilation. They collaborated in rounding up Jewish workers onto trains. They lied that they were going to “work camps” instead of the death camps where six million were exterminated. The Nazis, in turn, allowed the Zionist leaders passage to Palestine.

Zionist rulers have hidden their genocidal crimes from the masses, burning books that revealed their criminal collaboration with the Nazis. They have arrested and brutalized Jews, Palestinians, and anti-fascists protesting the displacement and genocide of Palestinians in Gaza.

Adding insult to injury, far-right antisemitic anti-Zionists, including from self-proclaimed “communist” China, have shown no sympathy for the Jewish anti-Zionists. These antisemitic reactionaries glorify the Nazi Holocaust and Hamas terror. The Chinese and international rulers are drumming up vicious nationalist fascism in preparation for

world war.

One Chinese anti-Zionist even vilified me as a “Zionist” and “anti-communist” for condemning Hamas terror and the Nazi Holocaust and advocating international Arab-Jewish solidarity.

Therefore, to our comrades who condemn all forms of fascism:

Don't be afraid. Our enemies should be afraid of us. Eighty years ago, our class heroically fought and defeated the Nazi invaders and their war machine. Today, we are fighting imperialist enemies on both sides, vilified by them as “pro-Hamas” in the US, and “pro-Israel” in China. These fascists are complicit in the ongoing genocide in Gaza. They attack and slander communists, anti-fascists, and the emerging communist revolutionary movement that threatens their capitalist rule.

We must keep fighting, and never give up. We won't let our enemies defeat us. When you open your heart to communist internationalism, there is no room for prejudice or racism. When our international working class is united, we will be an unstoppable revolutionary force for communism! We must strengthen this worldwide communist revolution until victory. Then Palestinians and all humanity will finally be free from capitalist-imperialist exploitation and genocidal imperialist wars.

We united before during the First and Second World Wars. Today, with nuclear World War III on the horizon, we must unite for communism. Nothing less. We will eliminate classes and hierarchies, racism, sexism, nationalism, and all divisive ideologies. We will produce and share resources according to the masses' needs, not for profit. No longer will some live better or worse than others.

Wage slaves of the world, unite for Communism!

—Comrade Bambi

BUILDING A MASS ICWP IN SOUTH AFRICA

“What Motivated Me to Join the Party”

I was asked to talk about what motivated me to join the party and what motivates me to continue.

I joined the party in 2014 or 2015. An international meeting here in South Africa was the first meeting I attended.

Prior to that I had been in political discussions. Then I was involved in the student movement—particularly the black consciousness movement.

I always thought that capitalism means white people because I was influenced by the South African context. Even today white people are referred to in Xhosa or in Zulu as “abelungu.”

When someone is at work, the boss or owner of a company is referred to as “abelungu,” which literally means white person, but it also means boss. Even today a boss is still referred to as “mlungu” [singular] or “abelungu,” [plural], whether that person is white or Black.

That was my understanding. But now I had white people telling me about capitalists, and I thought, “Aren’t you a capitalist, because you’re a white person?” But then came the struggle about racism within the context of capitalism and how capitalists use racism to divide the working class.

That opened up my understanding of the world. I understood that we had bosses who are Chinese, Indian, Black.

One particular example: comrades used to ask me about Ramaphosa. Cyril Ramaphosa is a mine boss, President of South Africa and one of the country’s richest individuals. Other than that, we are both black, what more do we have in common? That really got me thinking about what a capitalist is.

I started to see that a capitalist is anyone who owns the means of production and uses it to make more profit by exploiting the workers. And those workers are usually of different races and different nations.

It dawned on me that it was not particularly black people. All those who don’t have the means of production are equally exploited. Equally affected by racism, discrimination, joblessness, crime, and living in bad conditions. No access to health care. They have to sell their labor in order to survive. We find that in South Africa, India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, South America, Mexico, El Salvador and the US. Even in those so-called first world countries, it’s the same. Exploitation everywhere.

That is a higher consciousness,

as opposed to just black consciousness. I learned that we need Communism to end this exploitation and all the social ills. That has been my motivation. I made a commitment to join the party and organize for it. I committed myself to learn about communism and what it is to be a communist. Communists are not born, but through practice we will be better communists than we were yesterday.

That was my motivation and the constant struggle, keeping in touch with other comrades here in South Africa and in other parts of the world. The reading and distribution of the *Red Flag*. We learn not only by reading the *Red Flag* at home, but by talking to other workers and organizing. Learning the theoretical ideas like dialectical materialism. That complements our practice with an understanding of the laws of change.

All that gave me a better understanding of Communism in general, but also a better understanding of the party and how it is organized. Since then, I’ve tried to be a useful comrade, recruiting new comrades and contributing in whatever capacity that I can or that has been asked of me.

So that’s my motivation, comrades.

--Comrade in South Africa

Wathinta Abafazi, Wathinti Mbokotho!! You strike a Woman, You strike a Rock!!

The future of the party is looking great. The energy and exciting ideas the new female comrades have, along with the eagerness to destroy the capitalist system, are powerful.

The weekend stay in Jeffrey’s Bay was bittersweet. A lot of mistakes were made, such as not dividing up the workload, not introducing the new comrades before attending to other commitments, and not being entirely transparent. But we have learned from them. To avoid this happening again, we agreed to have regular meetings to form strong bonds with each other.

Comrade C shared how nervous she was when delivering her speech during the International meeting. She expressed that she wasn’t expecting a lot of people from other places. She

was amazed that the party is so big. This was her first meeting after hearing about ICWP in August 2024. Again she said she is ALL IN and promises to deliver and continue spreading the word about the party. “I still maintain my ‘I JOIN! I JOIN! I JOIN!’” statement. We need to continue meeting so we can fight to destroy this system.”

Comrade Z, a new female comrade who joined us on that day came all the way from Kirkwood. She had a lot of fun and learned something new. She is happy and excited to take this journey because the capitalists have taken over everywhere. She will spread the word in Kirkwood.

Comrades were sad and emotional when hearing about what is happening in Gaza. We understood the importance of organizing the protest and giving our support to Palestine.

The room was full of amazing, strong women. We were seventeen in total—thirteen females and four males. We are massively growing.

To destroying the evil system!
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—Comrade Q in Eastern Cape, South Africa

Red salute

Comrades, the intensifying contradiction between the old imperialist G7 and emerging imperialist Russia and China gives us more opportunities to strengthen our communist relations and sharpen our mindset with dialectical materialism.

Cell classes have to continue like our red lions in India and Gaza.

Collectively, we can transform our quantity into quality.

I am happy to have all my ICWP friends in this communist struggle. It

makes it easier to eliminate individualism, a cancer that leads us to revisionism or fascism.

Having constructive communist talks every day can help us conquer capitalism. We must be reading and distributing the *Red Flag*. We need regular communist meetings, mobilizations, political education and communist relations.

Today we have Comrade Q, who brought female comrades into our party. Thumbs up, comrade. This leader motivated me mentally and physically. Let’s multiply into thousands! WHATHINTA ABAFAZI WHATHINTI MBOKODO, PHAMBILI MAKOMANISI PHAMBILI (You strike a woman, you strike a rock! Forward, Comrade, Forward!)
—Comrade C

Viva Comrade C

Thank you so much, comrade. Your words are touching and motivate me to do more each day. I am glad you are back comrade. As much as we have gained lots of female comrades, we still need the male comrades, too. Together we will transform QUANTITY into QUALITY!

Red salute comrades



“Workers of the World, Unite for Communist Revolution”

