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Workers Aren't Fooled by Crumbs

THEY ARE EXPANDING THE STRUGGLE TO ABOLISH WAGE SLAVERY

EL SALVADOR, November 9 — This weekend, there was a meeting with workers outside a maquila factory. Others who work in other departments of this factory were expected to participate. In the end, they couldn't come because the boss made them work late.

At the meeting, a worker leader pointed out, "We want to comment on something that happened in these last few weeks in the factory. The boss needs to export more than one million garments monthly of an international brand that demands high quality, with a sped-up production pace. It is almost impossible to reach these goals that they have imposed on us."

He continued, "All the modules could not reach the goal." It is 100 dozen (1,200 units) a day for an extra daily payment of \$0.69 to each worker for that production. The men and women workers purposely slowed down their pace of work. The bosses and their servants were very worried that they wouldn't be able to meet their profit goals.

A new production manager spoke to J, a worker leader, and asked, "What's going on? Why can't they get the production out?"

"The pay for the daily goal is not enough," J answered.

The next day the factory bosses decided to increase the payment to \$1 per daily goal met.

This is a crumb. But the effects of such crumbs on the workers can make them believe that capitalism can be humanized or managed. This is not possible. The capitalist horror will not cease. The exploiting capitalists are not willing to lose their privileges.

In the meeting, the workers analyzed this. "The power of production is in the workers. We have to make the workers see that they are the only ones who have power. The bosses can have the machines, but without the workers, they are nothing."

Wages Are the Chain that Binds Workers to Our Exploitation

Through the International Communist Workers' Party and the distribution of *Red Flag*, we must raise the consciousness of the working class. They must see that with the establishment of communism, the working class will not be exploited for miserable profits. There will be no money. Things will be produced only to meet the needs of the masses worldwide.

Reforming the system will not overcome capitalism. In El Salvador we have had thirteen constitutions, and they have not changed the life of the workers. Nor has the parliamentary struggle or the trade union struggle changed the workers' lives.

The experience that workers had under liberal governments like the last ones here, as well as others, shows that it is not enough to administer the capitalist system by making reforms. One example was the agrarian reform in the 1970s and 80s. It was enacted with the aim of stopping the left-wing movement at that time, but it was a failure. It failed to stop the class struggle, and it didn't help the farmers. And in some cases, those lands went back to their former owners, the big landowners.

Communism is the only system that will liberate the working class

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DEFEAT FASCISM WITH COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

November 11—“I like that headline, ‘US Elections: Evil vs. Evil,’ declared a Los Angeles bus driver. ‘I’m tired of voting for the ‘lesser evil.’”

No wonder the Democrats lost. They long ago quit pretending to be a “workers’ party.” They are enabling genocide in Gaza. The Obama administration deported three million people. Biden’s 2023 “Asylum Ban” barred most migrants from asylum protection if they crossed through another country on their way to the southern US border.

Vast numbers didn’t vote. But to change things, we need communist revolution.

For our working-class family in Gaza and at the US-Mexico border, nothing will change when Trump becomes president. For workers in the United States, fascist repression and economic crisis will intensify. Class struggle will sharpen. Opportunities to mobilize masses for communism will grow.

“We all have to tighten our belts,” proclaimed Democrat Jimmy Carter in 1979. Obama urged Americans to “sacrifice” in a vain attempt to win the war in Afghanistan.

It’s no secret that the US imperialists – the biggest industrial and finance capitalists – have been facing increasingly stiff competition. For control of energy resources. For markets and cheap labor. For the continuation of the dollar as the world’s reserve currency. To stem the declining rate of profit. To compete with Chinese imperialism, which is consolidating alliances with an alphabet of acronyms.

And, as *Red Flag* has reported,

they are fighting a losing battle. Even US military domination is challenged now. Chinese imperialism has the world’s largest standing army. It has the world’s largest navy, followed by Russia and North Korea.

So at this point in history, the US ruling class needs to impose fascism. The Trump presidency gives them the opportunity to pretend that voters gave them a “mandate” for it. But that’s a lie. Sure, proud and dangerous fascists are crawling out of the woodwork. But only about 1/4 of eligible voters chose Trump. Some of them “overlooked” his revolting racism and misogyny. Just like some Harris voters “overlooked” her role in perpetuating genocide.

Fascism means US capitalists must “tighten the belts” of workers in the US – around their necks! They must impose “austerity” much as the IMF has imposed it in Pakistan, Jordan, sub-Saharan Africa, Mexico, and much of South America.

Trump ally Elon Musk said exactly that. He told voters to expect some “temporary hardship” as federal spending is cut drastically. “Everyone’s going to have to take a haircut,” he said.

Except for billionaires like him who expect to profit handsomely from a huge industrial consolidation: Tesla, AI, Neuralink, space/military technology, and – Musk hopes – Boeing. All at the expense of workers in the US and elsewhere.

As Musk admitted, this creates an explosive condition of class struggle. Hence the Trump crowd’s increasingly vicious and violent at-



tacks on immigrants. First, to terrorize immigrant workers, who are nearly 20% of the US workforce. Second, to misdirect the anger of non-immigrant workers away from their real capitalist enemies.

There will be deportations. There will be resistance. This means huge opportunities to mobilize for communism and recruit many new party members, immigrants and US-born. Especially in the factories and the military, key sectors for revolution with many immigrant workers.

We must fight fear and cynicism. We must be in the front lines, raising communist revolution as the only solution and helping people to see the potential for that in the struggle.

And not just in the US. Racist attacks on immigrant workers in the US will sharpen the class struggle and create revolutionary conditions in Mexico and Central America. Widening imperialist wars will create revolutionary conditions worldwide.

Our comrades in India, El Sal-

vador, and Israel already organize for communism under conditions of fascist repression. Our comrades in Gaza organize for communism amid massive destruction, starvation, and misery. We will fight for and win communism everywhere in the face of the rulers’ attacks.

There is much to learn from the history of fighting fascism. The main takeaway is that we can’t rely on liberal capitalists like Democratic governors who are loudly preparing to “fight Trumpism.” We can’t rely on future elections to “turn things around.” We must rely on the workers, organized to destroy capitalism.

Workers who are motivated to build a society without wage slavery, borders, or nations. Where people of all genders and cultures work together as comrades to produce what the masses need and distribute it as it’s needed.

THAT IS: WE WILL DEFEAT FASCISM BY WINNING A COMMUNIST WORLD.



LOS ANGELES (USA), November 9—Two ICWP comrades joined several hundred workers, teachers, and students in a pro-immigrant march in downtown LA. They distributed 100 copies of *Red Flag* and 90 ICWP pamphlets “Fight for the Day When No Worker Will Be Called Foreigner.”

“It was a mainly young, very friendly crew,” one comrade reported. These protests will grow as the second Trump administration steps up its racist and xenophobic attacks. We will be there to convince many that communism, not the Democratic Party, is the way forward.

Read our pamphlet

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Boeing Strike Ends:

TIME TO SOLIDIFY RELATIONSHIPS TO GROW ICWP

SEATTLE (USA), November 7— “This is different,” said some Boeing picketers. They were comparing their recent strike to five previous walkouts in which a retired comrade had participated. This strike took place in a world at war. The power that Boeing represents is collapsing. And a new, diverse workforce is more open to revolutionary communist ideas.

Capitalist industry is built on a rickety platform of profits. The working class pays when the profits turn into multi-billion-dollar debts.

Boeing continues to sell off sections of its space and weapons divisions. Aerospace supply chains continue to degenerate. A major supplier, Spirit AeroSystems, is laying off 700 workers. Even with these cuts, the company doubts it can stay in business. Twenty-five hundred Airbus weapons workers will also lose their jobs.

Meanwhile, the decline of US imperialism has created a very different industrial workforce. Many of the new workers had already been forced to take on extra jobs to make ends meet. Furious younger Boeing workers hate the past sixteen years of stagnant wages and speed up. They are also acutely aware of the slaughter of the global working class and Boeing’s role in genocide and war.

Workers Pay for Capitalist Weaknesses

A Boeing picketer told comrades she “would probably be laid off soon.” She will join 17,000 of her fellow laid-off workers no matter what the new contract says.

She knows that in response to billionaires like Robby Starbuck and Elon Musk, Boeing executives have ditched programs aimed at hiring a diverse workforce. This will make it especially difficult for new workers – women, children of immigrants, Black and Latinx workers – to get jobs there in the future.

Biden praised the contract. The



union leadership says strikers have won. Layoffs, racism, sexism, and xenophobia: that is hardly winning.

In communism, there will be no capitalists to hoard profits, nor will there be money. Production will focus on the collective needs of the international working class. Boeing workers built the aerospace factories and communist revolution will enable us to take them back. That is winning!

Lessons Learned and Obstacles to Overcome

During the strike, ICWP comrades and friends distributed thousands of *Red Flags*, leaflets, and pamphlets. We made many contacts and had lots of protracted discussions about communism. Solidarity messages from around the world illustrated the make-up of our one international communist party.

Our discussions at the plant gates went far beyond the usual trade union politics. From day one of the strike, comrades and friends focused on the revolutionary communist solution to exploitation and war. Friends who helped distribute ICWP literature engaged in intense discussions with comrades and other workers, bringing them closer to the party.

The social and political ties ICWP comrades make with indus-

trial workers are essential for building the party and unleashing the power of the working class. We must solidify these ties. To do this, we must strengthen both our personal and political relationships. We must have conversations with our new friends so that we can understand their obstacles to joining ICWP.

To build the party, we need to understand the contradictions in each person: What keeps them from becoming communists? And within each of us: What keeps us from doing better, more consistent party work?

We plan to follow up with these new friends and build long-term friendships that can help develop new party members. This is some of the deepest and hardest work of building the party. We plan to move forward with patience and persistence to build these new relationships.

Our collective is planning a potluck for later this month. Besides old friends, we are inviting all the people we met over the course of the strike. It will be an evening of discussion, laughter, and camaraderie. We will stress that members of the working-class are not merely victims of capitalist horrors. We are the makers of our communist future.

STUDENTS WANT TO KNOW WHAT WINNING IS

Comrades and friends distributed thousands of pieces of ICWP literature at the Boeing picket lines in Seattle. We also made an extra effort to reach out to friends at high schools and universities. And we circulated hundreds of leaflets and *Red Flags* at coffee shops during the strike.

One high school student thanked comrades for the articles about Gaza. Another said, “I’ll read that!” when she saw the articles about the strike.

A University of Washington student from the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies knocked on workers’ doors to promote “progressive” politicians. When he reached the house of some comrades, he abandoned that discussion to get information about the Boeing strike. He wanted to know what communists mean by winning.

He didn’t trust the usual trade-union politics that limit the fight to economics. At first, he said stopping weapons production was winning. Then he changed his mind.

He eventually agreed that the real victory is when industrial workers embrace communist politics. And that is the only way to end imperialist slaughter. He took back issues of *Red Flag* to study what the party had organized over the previous eight weeks.

“The Bolsheviks had communists in the weapons factories for years,” remarked a comrade educator when he heard about this discussion. “When the revolution came, they were able to mobilize their fellow workers to arm the communist soldiers on the front lines.”

ICWP must aim to win industrial workers in the arms factories now to prepare for communist revolution.

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from wage slavery because it will put an end to its material basis, money and capitalist ownership of means of production, through Communist revolution.

“It is clear to us that only organizing and fighting for communism will make it possible to end wage slavery. We are initiating political and organizational work with workers in other departments to win them to join ICWP,” said M, a comrade worker.

This is an important effort with the workers in another area because they are also key to the functioning of the factory. And key to the Communist struggle. We have already

held several meetings with them. We read the leaflet that ICWP distributed during the strike of the industrial workers from the Boeing factory. It was inspiring for our class,” said J., referring to that meeting.

The real work is to organize the masses so that the workers aren’t fooled by the deception of reformism, and we continue being wage slaves.

“When a government grants a reform by decree, with another decree it takes it away,” E. said.

The illusion is that by accumulating reform victories, in the end there will be a major change. But

these small reform victories will not put an end to exploitative, oppressive capitalism. We communists are not going for reforms. On the contrary, we will dig out and end the material conditions of cap-

italism at their root.

We’re fighting for a dignified life for the working class. Let’s fight for Communist Revolution and a classless society.



To End Fascist Genocide and Imperialist War

FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM, NOT NATIONALISM

The Zionists want an Israel “from the river to the sea” where they and their US, UK, and French imperialist backers fully control the plentiful oil and gas off Gaza’s Mediterranean coast. They also need to control the Mediterranean to safely transport oil and gas from northern Africa to Europe for World War III.

The Zionist government took advantage of Hamas’ October 7 attack to displace and murder masses of Palestinians with the full support of US imperialism. These imperialists have backed the displacement, jailing, racist treatment, and killing of Palestinians for 75 years to have Israel serve as UK and US imperialisms’ cop in the Middle East. To guarantee control of the Suez Canal and Middle East oil.

Is Hamas the Solution for Palestinian Masses?

Hamas was founded in 1987 at the beginning of the first intifada, an outgrowth of Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood. At critical moments, the Israeli Zionist government encouraged and even funded Hamas to become the leadership of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank in order to nullify the influence of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO). The PLO is a secular organization, originally with ties to the Soviet Union. It seeks to lead a Palestinian capitalist state recognized by the UN.

Hamas supporters claim all Jews are Zionist oppressors, instead of seeing that there are Zionist bosses and Jewish workers. The Jewish masses include anti-racists, whose interests stand with the Palestinian

masses.

Netanyahu funded, aided, and encouraged Hamas for decades. Hamas calls for armed struggle against the fascist Israeli state. But they have failed to make and carry out a plan to involve the masses in that struggle, or to protect the masses from the fascist Israeli government.

Their goal is an Islamic fundamentalist Palestinian state like the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Iranian government attacks workers struggling for decent wages or just to be paid. It shot down in cold blood demonstrators in the streets against the hijab law.

Netanyahu stated that with Hamas as the chosen leader of Gaza, there would never be a Palestinian state. Preventing such a state has been one of his main goals.

Armed Struggle for a Capitalist State — or for Communism?

Ismael Haniyeh led Hamas until he was killed recently in Iran by Israel with possible Iranian complicity. He was a billionaire living in luxury in Qatar. He and hundreds of Palestinian capitalists got rich by charging Palestinians in Gaza heavy taxes on all goods imported from Egypt, and from funds received from Israel, Qatar and Iran. This has created a Palestinian capitalist class of millionaires, including some Hamas leaders who still live in luxury, completely separated from the masses.

Both they and the PLO seek to create a capitalist Palestine, ruled by Palestinian bosses. They certainly

aren’t fighting to eliminate wage slavery, production for profit, or money - which would require a communist revolution. They aim to become the new capitalist rulers of a “free” Palestine where Palestinian workers would continue to be wage slaves producing profits for them and whichever imperialists support them.

This is the result of all national liberation struggles: workers fight heroically but end up wage slaves of their national capitalists tied to some imperialist.

The only way to end racist, imperialist super-exploitation, oppression and genocide is communist revolution to end ALL capitalist and imperialist rulers and capitalism itself.

We need to build communism. Not “independent” capitalist nations. Not socialism, state capitalism. Socialism keeps the wage system, buying and selling, and money, while creating a new capitalist ruling class. In communism, collective, communist relations will replace money as the glue that binds us together.

We will build a Red Army to defeat the capitalists and imperialists. The Red Army needs the clear goal of communist production for need,



November 13— The volunteer-run Gaza Soup Kitchen in Al Zawaida continues to serve food and deliver water under incredibly difficult conditions: “Together, we continue to press forward, ensuring that no one is left without essential resources, no matter how difficult the journey.” Photo by Abood M Almadhoun

not profit. For this, we need to build one mass ICWP worldwide, with collectives especially among industrial and agricultural workers and soldiers to lead the masses to fight for and build communism.

In the area now called Palestine people enjoyed a communistic lifestyle before class society. They produced and shared collectively without exploiters or exploitation. Until the imperialists imposed Zionism and its Nakba, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Palestinians lived in peace.

Workers everywhere can and will fight for real communism, using science and technology to serve the working class and to re-establish that collective communist lifestyle on a higher level.

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Thanksgiving: Genocide and Nationalism

“I look forward to seeing you on Thanksgiving,” said a family member. “My idea is to make it a mini-history experience, with costumes, foods, and cooking as it may have been done then.”

Thanksgiving is a US federal holiday, instituted during the US Civil War. It celebrates the lie that Pilgrim colonists and Indigenous Wampanoag people of Massachusetts celebrated a peaceful harvest festival in 1621.

“I teach that history,” I responded. “It’s hard to explain genocide to children. It’s better not to pretend that the Pilgrims and Indigenous people were friends. Let’s stick to family and good food.”

Red Flag readers who grew up in the United States were taught this lie. They may know about the genocidal wars fought by colonial rulers in Massachusetts and throughout the Americas. They may know about the Pequot War

of 1637. That’s when hundreds of Indigenous people were burned alive in the Mystic Massacre, and the survivors sold into slavery in Barbados. The colonial rulers held a “Thanksgiving” celebration after this massacre.

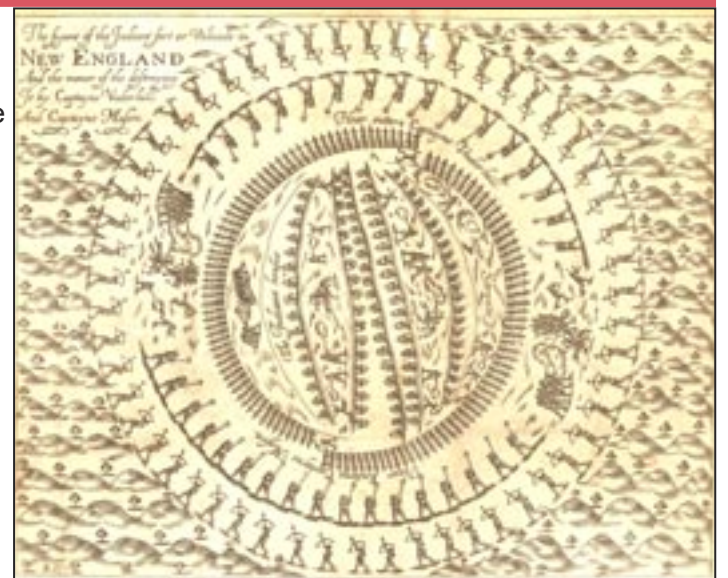
The students in my US history classes who know about this genocide have also been taught to condemn “settler colonialism.” They see it as separate from capitalism, as if all settlers were rich and entitled. They had never been taught about the class struggle between the colonial rulers and the masses of impoverished colonists brought to North America to be the laborers and shock troops in this genocide.

English peasants were forced off the land by “enclosures” that converted farmland to sheep farming for capitalist textile production. They flooded into the cities where they were forced to turn to begging and thieving to survive. The English rulers saw the colonies as a place where the hungry, angry masses could serve the purposes

of imperialism.

Two thirds of settlers during the colonial period came as indentured laborers, serving terms of servitude usually of seven years. They often worked side-by-side with the first African captives and rebelled and ran away from their masters together. They were subject to harsh discipline, and often ran away to Indigenous communities. In Virginia, 40% of the indentured servants died before their term of indenture was completed.

The true history of the colonial period includes multi-racial unity of oppressed European laborers, African laborers who were by 1705 sentenced to lifetime slavery, and the Indigenous communities that welcomed runaways, African and



1638 engraving showing the massacre of Pequot people in the Mystic Massacre

European. It has nothing to do with the phony history of genocidal Pilgrims sitting down with Wampanoag people 403 years ago to share a meal.

When we know history, we can see the basis for a united working-class fight for a communist world where we will truly be able to sit down together and share the fruits of our labor.

—Red teacher in the US

CHINA'S RULERS ARE COMPLICIT IN THE PALESTINIAN GENOCIDE!

October 2024—The Chinese capitalist-imperialist rulers always claim to support the Palestinians' struggle against Israel's genocidal assaults. Beijing has criticized Israel's genocidal bombardment of Palestinian civilians and condemned violations of international law. However, the Chinese rulers' economic ties to the genocidal Israeli government expose the hypocrisy of their supposed support for the Palestinian struggle. China has a vested interest in defending the Zionist war criminals!

The Chinese government has used nationalist discourse to mobilize private enterprises to invest in Israeli technology. It has promoted the growth of Chinese private investments alongside Chinese state-affiliated investments in Israel since 2014. China is Israel's second-largest trading partner, with over \$24 billion in 2022 alone. In 2021-2022, China replaced the United States as Israel's top source of imports. The Chinese capitalists buy arms and tech from the genocidal Israeli regime.

Chinese capitalists invest heavily in Israeli high-tech, research, agriculture, biotechnology, food, water, and construction. Chinese cars, especially electric vehicles, are top sellers in Israel. Chinese capitalists have invested in Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and "BRI-like" projects more in Israel than in any other country in the region, even though Israel has not formally signed on to the BRI. Chinese capital controls two commercial shipping facilities

in Israel's main port, Haifa, plus a smaller one.

During the escalating genocide in Gaza, Israel's ambassador to China has stated that the Zionist regime wants more Chinese investment. The Zionist war criminals see China as important to them. As US imperialists' capability weakens, the Zionist fascists seek to compensate strategically.

Since at least 2014, Zionist rulers have been working to build ties with Russia, India, and China. These countries' rulers have criticized Israel's genocidal actions against Palestinian masses. **But these same rulers never want Palestinian lives to get in the way of capitalist profits.**

Chinese capitalist Xi Jinping's "four-point Israeli-Palestinian peace plan" emphasized China's adherence to the "two-state solution." He said it offered "sustainable security" for Israel while calling for "peace and development" between Israel and Palestine. The "two-state solution" would keep the Zionist war criminal regime and deny millions of Palestinians the most basic human rights.

By investing heavily in Israel, the Chinese rulers enable the Israeli rulers to strengthen their imperialist technology and launch even more brutal, deadly, and fascist genocidal attacks against the Palestinian masses. Therefore, the Chinese rulers and ALL capitalist-imperialists are complicit in the Zionist regime's brutal genocidal crimes against the Palestinian workers. The



cold-blooded Chinese and Israeli rulers enjoy lives of luxury, while Palestinian civilians are left helpless and at risk of getting blown into charred human flesh by the Zionist war criminals' technology, as hospital staff desperately try to save civilians' lives.

To end all this capitalist-imperialist terror, we need to build a mass International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP). We need to mobilize millions of workers, soldiers, sailors, and youths to bury all the fascist murderers and their profit system forever with an international communist revolution, including in China! We call on *Red Flag* readers who can translate into Mandarin to help by translating this article and other ICWP documents for our web site. Help get *Red Flag* to people you know in China so that there can be an ICWP collective there.

Start by building a collective wherever you are. This is the only way we will end capitalist-imperial-

ist genocide forever. The working class has no nations; all nations belong to the capitalists. Workers have nothing to gain from supporting any ruling class and their deadly profit-motivated wars.

Communism — real communism — is our future, where collectivity, egalitarianism, and share-and-share alike will replace deadly competition, discrimination, and wars. All workers will be welcome wherever we go. Production and education will be to meet the needs of the masses, not for the profits of the capitalists. No one will live better or worse than anyone else. There will be no more racist, sexist, or nationalist divisions. No more nations and borders, imperialist wars, and genocides. Communism — and only communism — will break the deadly spell of capitalism forever!

PALESTINIANS, ISRAELIS, AND ALL WORKERS OF THE WORLD, LET'S UNITE FOR COMMUNISM!

AMSTERDAM: ANTI-FASCIST MASSES ATTACK ZIONIST HOOLIGANS

November 12—The Israeli Maccabi-Tel Aviv football (soccer) team went to Amsterdam for a match against the Netherlands' Ajax team. On the night before the match, the Maccabi team went on a rampage on Amsterdam's main square. Along with 200 armed Zionist hooligan fans, including members and veterans of the Israeli "Defense" Forces (IDF) they began marching and chanting racist genocidal chants against Palestinians. They tore down Palestinian flags. They chanted "let the IDF win!" They chanted that there are no schools in Gaza because there are no children in Gaza. They were glorifying genocide.

A taxi driver drove up and told them to stop their racist rantings and tearing down of Palestinian flags. They attacked the driver and damaged his taxi. He immediately contacted his fellow taxi drivers, many of whom are immigrant workers. Over a hundred of them came to his aid. They attacked the Zionist hooligans, beating some up. One said, "This is for the children!" as he hit a fascist.

The next day at the game, fans of

the Israeli team also chanted their racist, genocidal slogans. There were scuffles between the anti-fascists and the Zionists. After the game, the Zionists marched and tried to continue their rampage. Amsterdam officials told the anti-fascists they could not march. But they marched anyway and attacked the racists.

Don't believe the bosses' media. Netanyahu sent chartered planes to pick up the Maccabi team and some of their IDF supporters. He claimed that "Jews aren't safe in Amsterdam." The Dutch President and most of the world's bourgeois press, including the *New York Times* and *RT (Russia Times)* called the anti-Zionists "antisemitic." This is a lie. These imperialist mouthpieces either ignored Zionist attacks or brushed it under the rug.

ICWP applauds the boldness of Amsterdam's anti-fascist workers and youth. You can see from the sign in the picture that they are anti-racist, not antisemitic: "*We can*



fight antisemitism and genocidal Zionism at the same time!"

But fascism, including Zionism, can't be ended without communist revolution. Its roots are deep in the capitalist system in its state of deep global crisis. We must take on the fascists in the streets and defend our working-class siblings to help build the fighting revolutionary communist movement needed to end the rule of the genocidal capitalists and imperialists.

At least 62 anti-fascist demonstrators have been arrested, with more threatened. Pro-Palestinian

demonstrations were banned for at least three days. On Sunday, when protesters defied the ban and marched, the police viciously attacked and beat them — especially young women.

Many imperialist rulers of the world are on the side of the Zionist murderers. Others are on the side of rival capitalists and imperialists. But masses everywhere are on the side of the Palestinian masses and anti-fascists. We invite them — and you! — to join ICWP. Fight for a communist world to end fascism forever!

Flooding in Spain:

ONLY THE WORKING CLASS CAN SAVE OURSELVES FROM CAPITALISM AND ITS DEADLY CLIMATE CRISIS

SPAIN, October 29— "Murderers! Murderers!" hundreds of angry workers shouted at Spain's King Felipe VI, Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez (a Socialist) and regional governor Carlos Mazón. They were among other authorities visiting Paiporta, Valencia. This town was the hardest hit by massive flooding. Workers chanted "Shame on you!" for not sending immediate aid. The masses booed these authorities and threw mud at the King. Someone threw a punch at Sánchez, who had to be evacuated.

The flooding disaster was caused by an Isolated High-Altitude Depression (DANA). It affected several autonomous communities including Castilla y Leon, Andalusia, and Catalonia. But it was the Valencian community that suffered its most intense effects.

DANAs occur when cold air meets warm air, creating heavy rain clouds and potentially destructive storms. Their frequency is increasing due to global climate change.

This catastrophe has caused at least 220 deaths in Valencia alone. Material losses have not yet been quantified. Many lost everything: family members, cars, homes, pets. Farmers lost their entire harvest.

The losses are astronomical.

In a matter of hours, towns like Utiel already had water up to three meters high, leaving all the workers in that town totally trapped in their buildings. Thousands more were trapped on roads in their cars. In Paiporta, the disaster was devastating. All the cars were piled up due to the push of the water current. It looked like a picture of an Armageddon.

The working class organized and mobilized to help and bring food and financial aid. Workers came from all over Spain and from other countries. Transportation workers used their trucks to transport clothes, water, and food for free. Workers with tractors removed the mudslides from the streets. Thousands of volunteers came with shovels and brooms to clean the buildings. People bringing lots of food traveled to Valencia to help.

Workers win when we unite. We just need leadership. In ICWP we fight against all the actions that destroy nature in exchange for profit and money. The capitalists, on the other hand, enslave us so they can have more profits and comforts.

We workers have the potential to change the individualistic ideology

of the capitalist system to collective ideas. And to take actions that demonstrate that we do not need global bosses and markets that destroy nature and relationships between workers.

We workers need to organize ourselves and join the ICWP. Let's fight every day to destroy capitalism. By organizing ourselves and thinking in new ways we can stop the destruction of nature that this system causes.

From all over the world we need all workers to unite and discuss the best way and the best time to build a communist world. That time is today. We believe, without a doubt, that as an internationalist party, with the communist philosophy of dialectical materialism, we can win.

Climate change is just one of the most abominable creations that the capitalist system imposes on us. Every profit-based industry does not care if nature suffers the consequences, and much less does it care if those affected are the workers. In Spain, as in any part of the world, pollution is our daily bread. And the capitalists only think about selling and making more money.

We can discuss scientific figures

on how climate change can systematically destroy an ecosystem. But in the end, actions like extracting minerals from the earth and using fossil fuel poison rivers and entire environments. They kill all their fauna and have a direct impact on the health and food of the inhabitants of that environment.

The Amazonian rainforests in Brazil decreased by 25 million hectares between 2000 and 2013, all from companies extracting these resources to enrich themselves. That is what causes "natural" disasters that affect the entire world, only to enrich a few.

We do not need to destroy nature in order to have a better quality of life. We need a change of system where we can coexist with nature itself, taking care of it. This system is communism. We are building communism with an internationalist party, the International Communist Workers' Party. Let's all unite and fight to defeat this capitalist system that only destroys our nature and our environment!

Long Live Pachamama (Mother Earth)!

Long Live the Working Class!
Long Live Communism!

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Capitalist Rulers Use Sexism to Divide Working Class

"My work is as good as many of my co-workers' and yet I have never been promoted. I see new male workers getting promoted quickly," said J. "Our bosses always foment competition and selfishness by pitting us against each other. You can't work well like that."

"The ruling class's capitalist system pushes sexism as part of a destructive strategy to divide the working class," commented A.

Many articles and letters in our newspaper *Red Flag* reflect the constant struggle of many comrades against the abuses of the bosses and all kinds of sexist discrimination. Women workers all over the world daily suffer sexual humiliations, aggression and even murder.

Capitalism treats all workers as

objects by manipulating and exploiting them for its own enrichment. Capitalist education teaches men to treat women as objects to be used and discarded.

"Very true! Women in this society fight daily for a miserable salary. Then, tired from the long working days, we continue at home doing the chores and taking care of the children because it is our duty. That's how we were raised," said C.

It is important to be clear on this point. The capitalists use sexism to divide our class. They pay women workers less than men; they say that women are inferior and that they do not have the same capac-

ity. In the capitalist education systems, they sow the seeds of these sexist practices.

The only way to eradicate sexism is to eliminate the capitalist wage system with communist revolution. Communism is the solution. It is the only system where women and men will work, do the housework, and raise the children together. There will be no money or any kind of control, but respect and mutual help developing all their potential to meet every-

one's needs.

Join ICWP! Let's mobilize the masses all over the world to build a communist society, fighting together, women and men, against sexism and wage slavery. Read and help us distribute *Red Flag*!

—Comrade Readers in El Salvador

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Celebrate and Learn from Our Revolutionary History

"Tomorrow is the anniversary of the Russian Revolution," I announced to about thirty friends at a weekly protest against the Gaza genocide. "This is an excellent week to be talking about revolution. Talk to me if you'd like to come to dinner at my place Friday to do that."

Almost everyone already had copies of *Red Flag*. Four people wanted details about the dinner. "We should have a teach-in so you can tell us all about it," another said.

Five of us (not all from the protest group) made it to the dinner meeting. Several others really wanted to come but couldn't.

"We have to be skeptical about the sources pushing anti-communist propaganda," a friend said.

I started by asking what everyone knew about the Bolshevik (communist) revolution of 1917 and what they wanted to know. Almost nobody knew anything. One activist knew that so many soldiers and workers stormed the Winter Palace that the guards ran away.

"I don't trust anything they told me about it in school," another remarked.

So, I summarized: Who the Bolsheviks were. How they worked clandestinely for many years, especially in the factories and the military. The ups and downs. How the fight sharpened, when world war broke out, between national chauvinism and the communist line that "workers should never kill workers in the capitalists' wars." Imperialist intervention in the bloody civil war between "White" (capitalist) and "Red" (communist)

Russians. The great victory: proving that workers could take and hold power.

And the biggest mistakes: Mobilizing masses to fight for "Peace, Land, Bread" and later for socialism, instead of for communism. Ending "war communism" with the capitalist "New Economic Policy" (NEP). How the NEP and then socialism turned communists into a new class of state capitalists.

There were many questions. What was the importance of the world war to the revolution? What were the "soviets"? When was the "USSR" formed to incorporate workers of non-Russian nationalities? They were happy to see the article series we produced on the centennial of the revolution.

The conversation continued for several hours. It turned toward communist revolutionary strategy today. I suggested organizing a

study group to discuss some of the key issues on which ICWP has a line different from 20th century communist movements and from many groups active today. Why communism, not socialism. Revolution, not reform. Why we reject the program of "national liberation" and the slogan of "the right of nations to self-determination." Why we focus on organizing industrial workers and soldiers. There was interest but it will take more work to get it going.

Meanwhile, this dinner/discussion extended and deepened relationships among a group of friends who mostly hadn't known each other before. "Thank you so much for inviting me," one said warmly.

Events like these will continue and grow. We must learn as much as we can from the heroic communists who came before us.

—Comrade in California (USA)

Is World War III Really "Impending"?

Red Flag/Bandera Roja keeps warning readers that World War III will happen sooner rather than later. I think this is a mistake.

For example, an article in V. 15 #9 said that the invasion of Lebanon is "another step in an unfolding third world war" and that the world is "teetering on the brink of nuclear confrontation." A headline in the previous issue read, "The End of the Petrodollar Brings World War III Closer." It says that the transition from US to Chinese domination "will not be peaceful. It will take World War III."

I came across an old issue. Same talk of "impending war." I also found the headline "War 'Games' in the South China Sea: US, Chinese Bosses Prepare for World War III." The issue? V. 1 #14. From 2010, almost 15 years ago! We've been predicting that WWIII is "impending" for a decade and a half. Anyone who took our predictions seriously must have long since decided they're bogus.

It is not at all certain that WWIII is just around the corner, and we shouldn't predict it. Every time our prediction fails, we lose credibility, and this keeps happening.

This prediction has a long history. In 1951 the US Communist Party produced an influential petition to the UN called *We Charge Genocide*. In it they predicted the return of fascism and WWIII.

When our US predecessor, the Progressive Labor Party, split from the Communist Party in the 1960s, they took "impending WWIII" with them. I remember as a youth reading (in 1976!) an article in their newspaper arguing that the *Star Wars* movie was propaganda for the coming third world war.

We should end this harmful practice. When we are firmly convinced that WWIII is imminent we should say so. Until then, we should say only that the bosses might launch WWIII, but we can't predict when or even if.

I believe the root cause of this practice is the hope that alarming WWIII predictions will shake up workers and lead them to join the party. As if the wars in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan, etc. aren't shocking and destructive enough.

Has seven decades of predicting impending WWIII worked? Do we know even one person who has joined ICWP because they have been convinced that WWIII is around the corner?

These predictions cause two emotions, fear (that war will happen) and guilt (for not doing anything about it).

Capitalism already inflicts enough fear and guilt on workers, and they don't need any more. If we (like churches) make them feel fearful and guilty, they'll simply start avoiding us, and certainly not join us.

—Comrade in Canada

Warning of World War Has a Long Lineage.

The comrade in Canada raises an interesting point.

"And, finally, the only war left for Prussia-Germany to wage," Engels wrote in 1887, with the experience of the Paris Commune behind him, "will be a world war, a world war, moreover, of an extent the violence hitherto unimagined. The war will push us [communists] into the background for a while. But in the end of the tragedy you [capitalists/imperialists] will be ruined, and the victory of the proletariat will either be achieved or



LOS ANGELES (US), November 4—Almost four hundred students at two different high schools gladly took *Red Flag* this week. Previous attempts at one school to intimidate students seem to have backfired. We ran out of leaflets and *Red Flags*. We'll be back next time with more papers. We encourage young people to share our communist ideas with their teachers, parents, and classmates. Youth have played a key role in mass revolutionary movements. Armed with communist ideas, when they become workers and soldiers, they can put an end to capitalist racism and exploitation and imperialist genocide forever.

inevitable."

The horrors of World War I ended with the triumph of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, accompanied by a massive revolutionary upsurge throughout Europe. The even greater horrors of World War II ended with the triumph of the communist-led revolution in China and a massive upsurge of anti-imperialist struggle worldwide.

In our PL days, we used to argue you [capitalists] may start your wars; we [the working class] will end them. I agree with the comrade that just warning of world war is counterproductive. The trouble with our PL days is that our commitment to the idea of communism (not socialism) was too superficial.

Also, although the comrade doesn't spell this out, I think we can be mechanical and formulaic in our warnings. The capitalist class are ruthless. But, especially after the experiences of the Bolshevik and

Chinese communist-led revolutions, they do fear the working class. The horror of nuclear war, the chaos and anger that climate change disasters will unleash, and the ineptitudes of bourgeois political leaders all influence their decisions. They suggest opportunities for us to build a vision of a revolutionary and new communist alternative.

Our job is not only to warn about the danger of World War III but to emphasize and describe how the on-going dismantling of the present system, the exhaustion and tragedy of the masses, will create conditions for the sweeping revolutionary struggles needed to create a new and healthy communist world. And to do the work of organizing in the factories, barracks, schools, and neighborhoods for the revolution that will allow us to build that new communist world on the ashes of the old.

—Comrade in the USA

Ideological Struggle Inside the Movement Against Genocide in Gaza:

COMMUNIST VERSUS CAPITALIST IDEAS

November 10—The US backed-Israeli genocide has intensified in Gaza and spread to Lebanon and Yemen. Thousands of our class brothers and sisters are being massacred. This will continue — in over a hundred wars raging in the world today — until the international working class ends capitalism-imperialism with armed communist revolution and builds communism worldwide.

The genocide is also a stark reminder and indictment of the bankrupt political line of leaders of the movement against it. They preach that marches, militant actions, and reformist demands for “divestment” from Israel, for a cease fire, and for ending Zionist occupation of Palestine, will end this genocide. They won’t.

Communists in ICWP participate in these movements to unite with the anti-fascist masses, to win them to see that only communist revolution can end genocides, World War III, and all exploitation. Many are looking for an alternative to genocidal capitalism-imperialism. Some agree with our communist outlook. Others agree with the leadership’s reformist outlook.

Local, regional, and world war are the products of the capitalists-imperialists competing over who will extract maximum profits from our labor. Profits are capitalism’s lifeblood, a life and death question. For them, we’re just “collateral damage.”

Thus, World War III looms, threatening to be nuclear. Some analysts claim it is already unfolding in the US-NATO war against Russia in Ukraine and in the Chinese-Russia-Iran war against US-NATO-Israel in Gaza, Lebanon, and Yemen.

These unending genocidal wars against our class call on us to organize a communist revolution to put an end to this and all capitalist-imperialist horrors. Only a communist world can free our class from exploitation and all oppression. That is why ICWP is organizing one Party internationally. We are in the US, Mexico, El Salvador, Spain, South Africa, and India. Our comrade Hamza is organizing in Gaza and a Jewish comrade is organizing in Israel.



1967: The Chinese Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

Millions of communist agricultural and urban workers and students, led by Red Guards, motivated by communist ideology, fought the “Red Bourgeoisie” Chinese Communist Party leadership. They aimed to go directly to communism, abolishing wages, ranks, and money. They were defeated, betrayed by Mao Tse Tung. ICWP learned from them that we must mobilize the masses for communism.

Can Israeli and US Workers Be Won to Communism?

We don’t agree with those who say all Jewish and US workers are fascist. The interests of US and Israeli workers, like workers everywhere, are in opposition to those of the US and Israeli capitalists and imperialists.

Some US workers have supported US imperialism and have committed hideous crimes defending it. The My Lai massacre in Vietnam is one example of US soldiers participating in the extermination of 3 million Vietnamese workers. But the My Lai massacre was stopped by a US helicopter pilot who turned his guns on the US soldiers perpetuating that crime. Many other US soldiers rebelled against, and in at least 700 cases killed, their officers, refusing to fight the Vietnamese.

This gives us confidence that US workers and soldiers can be won to fight for communism. They are indispensable. Without them there can be no revolution in the US.

Youth are indispensable too. Instead of organizing reformist actions that can’t change reality, we call on young people worldwide to go into the rulers’ industries, including war production, and into the rulers’ armies to help organize for revolution. Also, mobilize your fellow students for communism.

This outlook comes from understanding that the interests of our class are diametrically opposed to the capitalist-imperialists’ interests. We have everything in common

with our class siblings worldwide and nothing in common with ANY capitalist-imperialist ruler of the world!

Communist Revolution, Not National Liberation

Some who have voiced their support for national liberation say the Palestinian people will decide their future. We agree that they will decide. Our comrade in Gaza is showing the way forward by daring to mobilize for communism in the face of the genocidal onslaught! And many are responding well.

Palestinian and all workers need to learn from the history of national liberation struggles (see box). Just chanting “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!” by itself is an illusion. What does freedom mean if it is not freedom from exploitation, especially wage slavery?

The working class needs and will fight for and build a communist world. A world without racism, sexism, islamophobia, and all ideologies created by our capitalist masters to divide, exploit, and rule over us.

By eliminating money and wage slavery, we will destroy the material basis for these ideologies. Communist production for human needs will eliminate capitalist competition for maximum profits and for jobs. Collectivity will replace competition.

Communism is the future, but we must consciously fight for it! Join us! Long live communism!

National Liberation Doesn’t Liberate the Oppressed Masses

National liberation has never worked for the oppressed and exploited masses.

An early national liberation movement under capitalism was the thirteen US colonies’ “revolutionary war” against British imperialism. It liberated the US slave owners to exterminate five million Indigenous people, to continue enslaving four million people of African descent, and to become the most oppressive, destructive, and murderous empire in history.

Masses of workers and indigenous peoples in Latin America fought successfully for its independence from Spain in the 19th century. The struggle liberated the local ruling class to become even richer, no longer having to share any of the profits from the exploitation of the Latin American working class with Spain. But the working class and indigenous population remains mired in dire poverty.

Independence from Spain left an imperialist vacuum which was quickly filled by US imperialism. Local oligarchies and US imperialism have accumulated enormous wealth subjecting the Latin American masses to intensive exploitation and oppression. Tens of millions of our class brothers and sisters have been sacrificed for the profits of US imperialists and the local capitalists.

National liberation struggles against US imperialism starting in the 1960s led to the deaths of over five million in Latin America. Over 500,000 died in Central America alone. Yet, these struggles, that ended by peace negotiations in Guatemala and El Salvador, did not free one single worker. They made some of the leaders of those movements rich and kept US imperial exploitation in place.

In Nicaragua, the national liberation struggle was supposedly “successful.” The Sandinista National Liberation Front took power in 1979. US imperialism has been temporarily replaced by Russian and Chinese imperialisms. Sandinista leaders became the new rulers of Nicaragua, with Daniel Ortega taking the place of US-backed dictator Somoza as the richest person and owner of Nicaragua. Dissidents are beaten, jailed and murdered daily to keep the profits flowing into the pockets of the Ortegas and their new imperialist masters. The Nicaraguan working masses live in abject poverty: the minimum wage is \$2 a day.

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