

# RED FLAG



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London, November 29—100,000 people march in International Day of Solidarity with Palestine

### ISRAEL: RED FLAG KEY TO BREAKING CHAINS OF GENOCIDAL WAGE SLAVERY

We have established a solid group of comrades who read *Red Flag* (RF) from top to bottom. They have many questions. Best of all, they are being answered by distributing RF to the people we know. We have about 100 RF readers.

There are material conditions for these advances. It is the imperialist genocidal war in Gaza. Everyone in the street is simultaneously afraid, insecure, tired, angry, and helpless. When we give RF to them, it becomes a key to answering many of their frustrations. The war is horrific; capitalism causes it, and we need to end it now with a communist revolution. That brings a fantastic amount of energy and enthusiasm.

When we occasionally hear comrade Hamza's defiant letters from Gaza, we cry. And those tears turn into action. We need RF. It reaffirms to us that communism is the future, not sadistic Israeli rulers and their imperialist supporters in the US. The answer is neither Hamas,

Iran, nor Russia. It is us, Palestinians and Israelis, breaking the chains of wage slavery and revolting for communist revolution. We can do it. We must.

We want to tell our international readers that in Israel, the fascists are in power. The fascists have created a so-called Tower of Gaza, where Israeli children are taken to watch genocide happening in real life. These same fascists have been operating night boat services in front of the Gaza shoreline so they can watch hospitals and refugee camps getting blown to pieces.

These despicable, cowardly acts of genocide by our oppressors will end with the masses fighting and uniting for communism. Let us build our party and recruit those 100 readers.

We think a second pamphlet on Gaza will go a long way toward consolidating our party around the world, especially in the Middle East.

—Comrades in Israel

### COMMUNISM WILL BE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

NEW DELHI (India), November 29— Recently, we had a collective meeting with a comrade from the US in New Delhi. Twenty comrades enthusiastically attended. While the number was imposing, it was a breathless experience for all of us.

New Delhi is the world's second-most polluted city. The optimum air quality index (AQI) is less than 50. It hovered around 450 in New Delhi. A few weeks later, it reached 1700! The air was a thick, toxic mix. People were gasping to breathe. All schools, businesses, and public appearances were cancelled. Hospitals were allowing only super-emergency patients, and many died while waiting in toxic air to be attended.

Newborns in New Delhi receive asthma medication if they can afford private health care. The remaining children, born in working-class families, are gasping for air.

Scientists in India do not know the death toll from such severe air

quality. They can take a sample of air on the dark side of the moon using the latest rocket, but the working class is dying because of pollution which is unknown to the capitalist bosses and their criminal ideologues.

Similarly, wealthy people in Delhi fortify their homes, expensive buildings, and meeting places with impenetrable filters to create an ideal AQI of less than 50. The Indian Parliament is triple filtered to create crisp air with almost zero pollution. Workers can't do that. Many wage-slaves must work outside all day to avoid starvation.

The greedy capitalists cause this preventable disaster. New Delhi's population is exploding, with millions unable to find jobs. The masses are moving to New Delhi, uprooted from their once-fertile village land. These villages that produced a life of plenty are now helpful to the corporate interest that contaminates the land with toxic chemicals and pesticides to create more poisonous food to sell prof-

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## Facing Trump's Racist Deportation Plans

### LET'S TURN FEAR INTO REVOLUTIONARY ANGER

LOS ANGELES (USA), December 2 – “If soldiers are placed in the position to deport their own class brothers and sisters including family, it’s a clear realization for soldiers that this system does not work. When you’re faced with that contradiction you know something is wrong. They will have to reject those orders. This system you fight for isn’t yours,” said a veteran comrade.

As Trump prepares to launch massive deportations on his first day back in office, fear is mounting across the United States, particularly among the working class. Trump’s vow to deport millions of undocumented workers—many of whom contribute to essential industries—has sparked widespread anxiety and anger, especially in immigrant communities.

Los Angeles officials position themselves as a “sanctuary city” but make no move to mobilize masses. Local leaders pledge to resist deportations. Liberal media note that infrastructure for mass deportation is not in place. Trump threatens to deploy military forces to carry out his openly fascist agenda.

With the federal government asserting its power, the potential for mass deportations looms large. With it comes intensified conflict between state and federal authorities. And, more importantly, between the masses and the rulers.

“Immigrants and their US-born children number 98 million people,” an educator told their class the day after Trump’s election. “They are integrated into the US population.” This represents huge potential for building a mass fight for a communist world without borders.

Trump is using “patriotism” to build a fascist movement to scapegoat immigrant workers for the decline of US imperialism (and, with it, workers’ declining living standards). Racism is a structural division that capitalism creates in the working class. Immigrant workers are terrorized and forced into low-paying jobs.

The fear of deportation is very real for undocumented families. “We are scared,” said an undocumented student from El Salvador who has lived in the US for over three years. “They say we are taking jobs from Americans, but the truth is, my parents work in jobs that no one else wants. If they take us away, it will destroy everything.”

Trump may claim he’s targeting criminals, but he wants to come for everyone, and we are all one working class.

#### Immigrant Workers: Anti-fascist Fighters

Immigrants are not helpless victims. They have been essential to fights against fascist attacks and will be again. Workers who have been here for decades, especially, will not take these attacks lying down. Neither will workers who live in the same communities.

Trump’s deportation plans are a direct attack on the whole working class, which transcends national borders. This is part of a broader, fascist agenda to divide the working class and solidify a system of control based on national origin and race.

The masses must see through his fear tactics meant to break solidarity among workers. Whether documented or undocumented, native-born or immigrant, we are all



part of the same struggle.

#### ICWP Pushes for Communist Solidarity among the Entire Working Class

The ideology of international solidarity has gained traction, especially as militarized immigration law enforcement becomes a real possibility. The deployment of the US military domestically, especially in immigrant-heavy communities, raises alarm about a potential crackdown. The children of immigrants (and their comrades in arms) could be called on to deport their own parents. “I became a citizen after serving in Iraq,” said a veteran comrade. “They exploit us whether or not we are citizens.”

The divide between the capitalist ruling elite and the working class deepens. The burning questions become: Will rank-and-file members of the US military choose to follow racist orders that tear families apart? Or will they stand in solidarity with their class? And can they be convinced to help lead communist revolution? That’s our task.

The future of millions of undocumented workers is uncertain. Whatever happens, ICWP invites

students, workers, and soldiers of all “races” (born in the US or elsewhere, documented or not) to unite against our true enemies, the capitalists and imperialists. We invite you to join and build communist collectives of ICWP to fight for a communist world without borders, deportations, or genocide. We can’t win without a united mass party of workers.

We can’t end the deportations, but we can guarantee to fight for a communist world without borders. And for deportees to become ambassadors of ICWP to build the fight for communism in Mexico, Central America and everywhere.

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WHEN NO  
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itably. Also, uncontrollable stubble burning practiced by small farmers adds to the pollution.

Such toxic air quality curses almost all Indian cities. The most affected are the northern states, where the winter traps air currents in the Himalayas. The life-giving rivers originating from the Himalayas are poisoned by chemicals and further threatened by capitalists as they bulldoze entire once-impassable mountains. They also create hydroelectric dams. All this instability and melting of the excessive ice eventually create disasters, landslides, and flooding that wipe out entire cities.

Our meeting took an added dimension as we received the news of Trump’s election to be the next president of the US. We met the entire day, talking about the two genocidal wars in Gaza and Ukraine. And we discussed what it means for the working class as fascist Trump takes office.

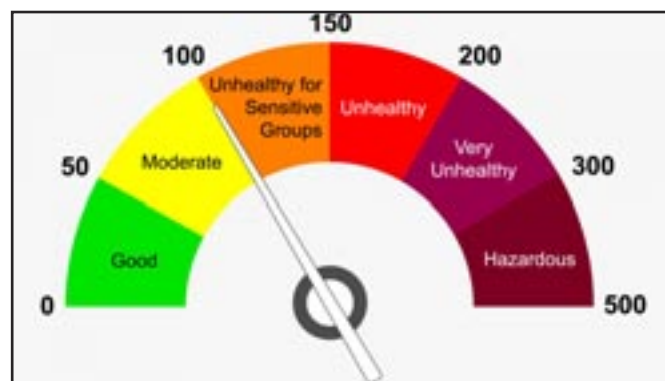
We will write more for *Red Flag* about all this. We resolved that all these conditions are caused by capitalism and will end with the end of capitalism. How we end capitalism is the most fundamental aspect of our work.

Creating a new communist soci-

ety without landslides and toxic air requires mass participation in ICWP. Twenty of us meeting in New Delhi to distribute five hundred copies of *Red Flag* each issue is good, but we can do a lot better. How do we change quantity into quality?

Our relationship with the masses is unbreakable as we struggle for communist understanding. We have overcome many hurdles in New Delhi and distributed thousands of copies of *Red Flag*. Our

meeting ended with a new resolve to go back to the masses and create more communists. Communist revolution will purify the air, as communist relationships will not allow criminal capitalist gangs to exist to destroy humanity.



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## ICWP's Growth is Unstoppable

### WORKERS ORGANIZED IN STRUGGLE FOR COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

EL SALVADOR, November 24 — “I’m worried about my daughter’s future. She is going to suffer in this unjust system. But only we can make the change,” said D, a garment worker who attended the extended ICWP meeting for the first time, accompanied by his daughter.

This comment was in the current context of war and genocide that is unfolding in Ukraine, Gaza, and on other fronts. This is why millions of workers around the world are mobilizing, rejecting these massacres.

This weekend we held a meeting of the International Communist Workers’ Party. It was organized to prepare for an upcoming international conference that will help build a mass worldwide party.

Dozens of workers attended with their families. They brought their ideas to continue fighting for communism inside and outside the factories. They made correct and sharp criticisms of the rotten capitalist system and spoke about the need to recruit more workers to build the Party.

#### Workers in ICWP Organize against Fascism

J asked, “Is Trump going to continue funding the war, because he said he would stop the war?”

“A candidate’s campaign speech is one thing, and the president-elect’s speech is another. But under capitalism it is an illusion to think that war will end. Only communism

will end wars,” replied a comrade.

Trump, in his first term, approved sending the first missiles to Ukraine. There is a lot at stake: resources, territories, and profits. This makes it in the interest of the economic elites to continue the conflicts.

We observe the inter-imperialist struggle between NATO and the BRICS. Seeing the transition from a unipolar world, controlled by the US, to a multipolar one sponsored by China and Russia. But no empire falls peacefully.

“We communists organized in ICWP must prepare to take out the bosses. They are at war against the working class. We must organize workers and soldiers to take them on and win,” concluded a comrade war veteran.

“In the midst of the genocide in Gaza, China has continued to do business with Israel. This is the essence of capitalism: profit,” explained an ICWP comrade.

Under capitalism, nothing will happen that benefits the working class. Tens of thousands have died, mostly civilians, 44% of them children, under indiscriminate Israeli missile attacks on Gaza, financed by the imperialists.

#### We Will Win! The Red Flag Will Fly All Over the World!

P pointed out that “We are part of the masses and as workers we are organizing to destroy this system.



We are fighting for Communism.

“This weekend there are many comrades working in the factory,” he continued, “because the boss needs production to make more profit. A group of workers are hired to work eight hours, but they are forced to work longer hours. Our struggle will put an end to this exploitation. In communism, we will work not for a wage, but for what humanity needs.

“We are clear,” the comrade went on, “that the union struggle goes for reforms. We are going for real change, revolution. We are building a Party with the vision of a new world for our class. We carry out intense work.

“Understanding the line of the Party through *Red Flag* is a process, because we have new comrades here, whom we welcome. We fight for Communism, a society without money, which is the material basis of inequality,” he concluded.

At the International Conference,

the participation of urban workers, rural workers, young students, and comrades in struggle will be key to developing and strengthening ICWP’s political organization. We invite all who attend to actively participate.

#### ICWP’s Communist Family Is Growing

We ended with a celebration for two workers who will soon be mothers, to welcome new members of their families and of our Communist family.

“In the Party we show and feel the unity that we have. Thank you for the gifts for my daughter. My family accompanied me as well, I have started to talk to them about ICWP. This meeting will help them learn more. Always in the struggle comrades!” concluded M, a young Party leader.

See you in *Red Flag* and at the ICWP International Conference.

Long live Communism!

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#### Comradely Unity, Collective Struggle, and Communist Consciousness

Our extended meeting always entails sharing much knowledge and political development. We strengthen communist social relations among all the comrades.

Afterwards, our reading group discussed our *Red Flag* newspaper. We analyzed our comrades’ comments and experiences. This led us to reflect, “We live in difficult times. Here the basic food basket is sky-high, housing prices are exorbitant. It’s impossible to subsist on miserable wages. Money is a necessary evil under this capitalist system of slavery,” said C.

“We must root out the rotten wage system. Living under communism is the only solution,” replied J. “The only future for the working class is to fight for communism.”

“Many friends and family have

had to emigrate looking for solutions to half subsist, having to abandon their families, creating family disintegration and abandonment,” said D. “I am very concerned about my family with this last election. We know how racist, xenophobic, and misogynist Trump is. I remember the immigration raids he ordered in his first term, making life impossible for our class siblings.”

We know that capitalists use manipulation strategies, taking advantage of political and economic instability. They subjugate us with their imperialist wars, which only bring death and destruction. The high cost of living helps them amass their wealth. The global capitalist crisis caused this increase in migration.

All capitalists are evil. There are no “lesser evils.” They always continue with the chain of exploitation, discrimination, and slavery. But

we, the working class, are like rock. Our spirit of struggle and revolution is decisive.

The capitalists say that it is they with their investments who produce wealth. However, organized workers could continue to produce without them. On the contrary, it is impossible for bosses to produce without workers. Throughout history we have known this. A clear example was the Covid 19 pandemic. Without the workers, the economy stopped.

The capitalists need us. We are the labor force for all their factories, for producing food, and for producing weapons and fighting their wars. Many immigrants are used in the front line of imperialist armies as cannon fodder to fight the capitalists’ wars for profit.

We must strengthen the struggle against fear. Only with the anger of the working class will we end capitalism-imperialism. We must have

communist class consciousness. Comradely unity and collective struggle are the best way to fight as a working class for a world without walls or borders, without the need to disintegrate families to have a dignified life.

It is our commitment and constant struggle to step up the distribution of *Red Flag* newspaper and our pamphlet “Fight for the Day When No Worker Will Be Called Foreigner.” So that we can build together a new world without borders, without wage slavery, without racism or xenophobia.

Our struggle must be organized with communist ideology, mobilizing massively in the ICWP. We will continue with our reading groups and with our communist work.

#### Workers of the world, unite for communist revolution!

—Comrade readers in El Salvador



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## COMMUNIST STRUGGLE WILL CHANGE HISTORY— AND “HUMAN NATURE” TOO

SEATTLE (US), November 16— “We made history,” bragged the Boeing IAM union president. “The contract is a win. Now it’s up to us to restore this company to a respected American icon.” He declared that “we raised the bar for all workers in every corner of the world.”

H and B, a couple originally from Vietnam who recently retired from Boeing, were not buying the propaganda. Neither was L, who had joined comrades at the picket line with *Red Flag*.

Our friends didn’t want to waste time arguing about the union leaders’ fabrications. Instead, comrades and friends at a recent potluck debated for hours if and how the working-class is capable of win-

ning, but this time with a communist revolution.

For years, B and an ICWP comrade coworker had long discussions on the way to and from work. She wanted to know more about fascism, among other topics.

H had actively protested when Trump separated families at the Mexico-US border. He had organized discussions with other immigrants in the Boeing plant. ICWP had been building collectives there that included friends and comrades. H made some progress attacking the government’s fascist policy. But he was disappointed when some of his immigrant friends were sure that they were better than the newer immigrants.

At the potluck, H compared Bud-

dhism to communism. Neither ideology embraces God, nor sanctions attacks on fellow workers. But he and B are cynical about “human nature.” They think people are fundamentally selfish.

This cynicism holds them back from joining the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP). They referred to socialist Vietnam to prove their point. But socialism is still capitalism. It does not destroy wage slavery or production for profit. It cannot produce for the needs of the international working class.

H contended that the idea of communism is good, but people ruin it. Human nature means the leadership would give more power and material wealth to those close to them.

That, we answered, was not “human” nature but capitalist nature. The capitalist wage system requires competition for jobs. Every aspect of capitalism promotes competition. That is the material basis for selfishness.

The real win will be eliminating capitalism/socialism. In communism, collective production for needs of the masses provides the material basis to eliminate selfishness and divisive ideologies. Communist society opens the door to a completely new kind of “human nature.” The kind that unleashes the power of the international working

class.

L comes to many party events. She is always eager to meet ICWP members. But she hesitates to join ICWP. She said that workers in the US were passive. They are wrapped up with life and their families.

It is harder to justify passivity as fascism spreads around the world. The new workforce at Boeing is aware of capitalism’s degeneration. Students and educators rely on *Red Flag* for communist answers to capitalism’s collapse and genocide. So do many at the Boeing gates.

We must increase our efforts to ensure that these younger *Red Flag* readers attend our meetings and social events, so we can benefit from their perspective. Many of these new forces are not party members (yet) but they are fighters and are open to communist ideas.

Comrades as well as friends have hesitations. Confidence in the international proletariat is a must among party collectives everywhere. New friends and comrades help us all overcome our doubts and replace them with persistent communist work.

The only way to defeat trade union lies is to spread communist politics, building personal and political relationships amidst class struggle. This is not an individual endeavor. It is a campaign to build rock-solid party collectives to lead the fight for communist revolution.



Soon after the Russian Revolution, communists founded the Gorky Colony. Young people, formerly on the streets, built a labor and education collective. They were able to see a different “human nature” through working and studying together.

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### Strategy to End Genocide: Organize Workers and Soldiers for Communist Revolution

“Many of us are out here every week because we want to be ‘on the right side of history,’” I said to a new participant at a local rally for Palestine. She had already taken a copy of *Red Flag*.

“We want to be in community rather than home alone. We want others to see us and know that they are not alone. But none of this is a strategy for ending genocide.”

“What could?” she asked.

“Let’s start by understanding that capitalism and imperialism are the root cause of the occupation and genocide in Palestine,” I suggested. She readily agreed.

“Then the solution is ending capitalism and building an entirely different society. We chant ‘the only solution: intifada, revolution.’ That’s true here, not just in Palestine. But it needs to be revolution for communism. Working to meet everyone’s needs— no wages, markets, or profits.”

Watching her reaction, I continued. “That means armed struggle. Industrial workers and soldiers are key.”

“I’ve heard people talk about workers,” she said, “but not about soldiers.”

“The muscle behind imperialism is its military,” I said. “But who are the soldiers and sailors? Not the children of the rich! They mostly come from the working class. Often from its most oppressed sectors. They join because they don’t see better options, not out of patriotism. An estimated 25% of US soldiers are food-insecure while they serve.”

I could see that she was interested and went on. “A big part of our strategy is organizing inside the military to get soldiers and sailors to fight for their own work-

ing-class interest, not for imperialism. To fight for communist revolution, taking their weapons and military training with them.”

“What about the Israeli military?” she wanted to know. “After the indoctrination they get all their lives?”

“I think that’s harder,” I answered. “But we are already hearing about soldiers coming back from Gaza with PTSD and no way to get treatment. We hear about veterans from some units requesting, in groups, not to be reassigned to combat. Groups like Combatants for Peace are growing. None of this is revolutionary organizing, of course, but we think

the potential is there. Comrades in Tel Aviv are talking to soldiers.”

“My partner would like to talk to you, too,” she offered. Then the crowd started chanting, ending our conversation. But she took my contact information.

This is the third or fourth such conversation that I’ve had at several local protests in the last few weeks. There will be more. I see my main task now as solidifying relationships with some of these “street-corner friends” over coffee or a shared meal. Then I’ll learn more about what they think. And whether some are open to joining the ICWP.

—Comrade in California (USA)



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## US-India: Imperialist Competition Sharpens, Alliances Shift

### OPPORTUNITIES GROW FOR COMMUNIST ORGANIZING

November 29— US prosecutors have charged the Indian multi-billionaire Adani with securities fraud. Many workers will yawn. Aren't all capitalists crooked? Yes!

But this case exposes a sharpening struggle between the imperialists of the USA and India. This will affect workers in both countries and beyond.

Prosecutors claim that Adani bribed Indian politicians for \$250 million. He and six others can be arrested if they enter the US.

Adani invested heavily in infrastructure projects like mining, highways, ports, and energy. He relied on US banks to finance his empire. So did other Indian capitalists. US and Wall Street willingly financed them. They sought allies against Chinese imperialism, a major competitor.

The Indian capitalist class once relied on US investors to fund its ambition to become a major imperialist power. But two years ago, US-based Hindenburg Research accused Adani of 'brazen' stock manipulation. The Adani empire lost billions of dollars as rising interest rates made it difficult to borrow money in the US and Europe.

A major Indian newspaper, NDTV, did not report anything about this. NDTV was sold to

Adani in a hostile takeover last year.

The finance sector is key to imperialism. Capitalists must borrow money to expand their ability to exploit workers in the production process. They must expand to remain competitive. When banks and other financial institutions stop lending, capitalists can go bankrupt.

#### Rising Indian Imperialism Threatens US Interests

Adani's global enterprises and those of other Indian capitalists spread quickly. Middle East ports, Australian coal, Venezuelan gas, power in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Kenya, and more. The US imperialists started to realize that India was a friend turned competitor – and potential foe. They took aim at Adani to intimidate all Indian capitalists.

Another Indian capitalist, Ambani, competes against Walmart and Amazon for India's huge market. He is also fighting off Elon Musk's Starlink to maintain 500 million cell phone customers.

India's Tata Group competes with Boeing, Tesla, and other US companies for markets in airlines, electric cars, steel, and information technology.

So, US imperialism faces a contradiction. It hoped to join its for-

midable war industry with India to stall Chinese ambition. But ambitious Indian imperialism, which distrusts US war contractors, threatens to outcompete the US.

The Adani indictment and the recent India-China border agreement point to how this contradiction is resolving. Indian capitalists will find other investors in the Middle East, Japan, and elsewhere in Asia.

Ambani already profits enormously by selling discounted Russian oil to Europe. He has received loans from Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Kuwait, and Riyadh. The interests of Indian imperialism are increasingly aligning with those of the Russian and Chinese imperialists.

Adani is inseparable from India's ruler, Narendra Modi. Adani's private airplane and financing brought fascist Modi to become Prime Minister. In the decade since then, Ambani and India Inc. have also profited enormously.

#### "We Need More Communists"

There is no contradiction between the interests of Indian and US workers. We need to overthrow all imperialist bosses and build communism worldwide.

At a recent meeting, comrades recognized that the US attack on Indian rulers was our opportunity to recruit friends and coworkers to

communism. We distributed a thousand copies of *Red Flag* while the AQI was hovering around 450.

A New Delhi comrade remarked that many in India think of billionaires from the US and Europe. They are shocked that there is an Indian billionaire while 800 million Indians survive on less than \$100 a month.

Our party has seen modest growth in New Delhi. We have brought communist politics to students, farmers, and communities in struggles against attacks on Muslims and on farmers' livelihoods. During the Covid pandemic, we brought scientific information and political analysis to our communities. Comrades in Bengaluru and Chennai mobilize for communism among garment and auto workers. They have built ties with comrades in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

"I was a Congress supporter, but you explained to me very patiently that only communism can solve hunger, starvation, and suffocating air," said an impoverished Indian worker to a comrade. "It took more than twenty visits from you in scorching summer heat and unbearable winter air in winter. I realized only a communist can do it. We need more people like you."

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#### More Opportunities Now to Bring Communism to Students

As I walked into the university classroom the day after the US elections, a classmate asked me, "What do you think?" She was referring to the election results.

"Welcome to fascism," I replied. Most classmates were not surprised. Some mentioned that it was the result of rejecting a woman. Others, that it was a rejection of the Biden administration. When someone said that it represented an increase in the level of racism in the US, everyone nodded.

The professor arrived and started class.

During the break the professor left. I took *Red Flag* out of my bag and began handing it out to my classmates. "You already know that I am a communist," I mentioned.

In a class session weeks ago we started to study Marxist theory. Alexis, a classmate who has been receiving the newspaper since last semester, said to me out loud in class and with the professor present, "Oh, you are going to like this." Turning to the other students, she added, "He is a communist."

Well, that day after the elections, while handing out *Red Flag*, I admitted to them, "Now with Trump's victory I told myself that I have to be more courageous in sharing my ideas." While the students looked through the paper, I added, "I belong to the International Communist Workers' Party." I mentioned that we are present in Tel Aviv and Gaza, among other places. I could see that everyone was really interested.

Alexis suddenly said, "You should offer it to the professor."

"You think so?" I replied.

"Yes, you saw that when I mentioned that you were a communist, he didn't show any displeasure or anything."

When the professor came back, all the students were looking through the paper.

As he sat down, I said, "Look, I want to share this paper with you. Alexis encouraged me to do so." I repeated what I had told the students, but this time I added, "We are a party of a new type. We do not call ourselves Maoists, Trotskyists, or Stalinists. However, we recognize the mistakes as well as the great advances of past revolutions."

He looked at the front page and opened the paper and asked, "Do you contribute to the paper?"

"Yes, from time to time," I replied. "This time I contributed to the article about the elections."

He nodded approvingly and said, "That's good. But now we have to continue with the class."

I must have more confidence and more courage. Fascist ideas and

practices are only opposed by communist ideas and practices. Communist work is done step by step, and experiences are accumulated to create more opportunities.

These opportunities exist at workplaces, barracks, in neighborhoods, and among our families as well as in schools.

I will continue sharing *Red Flag* with my classmates. And before the semester ends, I will make sure to get all their contact information. Not only so they continue receiving the newspaper, but also to involve them in party activities and be able to recruit them.

—Red Student



November 14 – Workers strike against retrenchment (layoffs) of 107 workers from the ArcelorMittal South Africa plant south of Johannesburg. Officials of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) called the strike off after six days, citing "the dire situation facing the business." What about the dire situation facing the workers? Trade unions can't and won't solve our problems. Join the ICWP to end capitalist wage slavery and unemployment!



## Iran-China-Russia Axis is Not Our Friend Either

### COMMUNIST REVOLUTION WILL LIBERATE THE MASSES

“I’m for revolution. Absolutely. Our generation will do it! Iran is on our side; they’ll help us win!” said a student at a mass protest in Los Angeles against genocide in Gaza. He disagreed that the Iran-China-Russia axis is not the workers’ friend. But he agreed to show our Gaza pamphlet to his Lebanese family.

Supporters of Hezbollah, Hamas, and the Palestinians say they are waging a national liberation struggle. National liberation struggles, supported and organized by the old international communist movement, didn’t liberate the masses anywhere.

Industrial, agricultural workers, and soldiers proved, from Vietnam, China, Algeria to El Salvador and Iran, that the working class can build armies to defeat capitalists and imperialists in battle. But leaders of these national liberation struggles became the new capitalist exploiters, tied to an imperialist bloc.

Palestinian, Arab, Jewish, and all workers need a united armed struggle to defeat the fascist onslaught against them. Not an armed struggle for a Palestinian state ruled by Palestinian capitalists. No, workers everywhere need to build a mass, united ICWP-led red army to defeat the fascists and their capitalist masters and build communism.

Only communist revolution can stop a new capitalist class from rising. Only communism can end genocide and racist, imperialist super-exploitation and oppression by eliminating money, wage slavery, and production for profit. In communism, we will collectively produce and share everything according to need.

#### Nationalism versus Workers’ Communist Internationalism

The old communist movement

thought there was “progressive nationalism” (of the oppressed nation) and “reactionary nationalism (of the oppressor nation). But in every ethnic group or nation, workers and bosses have opposite interests. Uniting with “our” capitalist rulers against some imperialist means subjugating ourselves to capitalism forever!

Instead of nationalism, Palestinian, Arab, and all workers need communist internationalism. We have everything in common with workers everywhere and nothing in common with capitalists, even if they speak the same language or look like us.

Palestinian workers in Gaza and Israel have everything in common with class brothers and sisters in Egypt, Lebanon, Iran, China, the US, and Israel. And nothing in common with Palestinian, Israeli, or Iranian capitalists. Jewish anti-fascist workers have everything in common with their Palestinian siblings and nothing in common with Zionist fascist rulers. Those who fight for the fascists and attack Palestinians are the enemy of all workers.

#### Rely on the International Working Class, Not on “Good” Capitalists and Imperialists

ICWP is building one international communist party everywhere. We are fighting to build a mass party with millions of communist leaders who are both thinkers and doers.

Workers, youth, and soldiers everywhere have the same interests: getting rid of capitalism and imperialism and building a communist world without the borders and nations that divide us.

There are no lesser-evil capitalists or imperialists. Many from the Middle East, like the student protester quoted above, see Iran as the

power that stands up to Israel, defending the Palestinians. But that is not the case.

Iran sponsors Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis. It uses them to do China’s and Russia’s bidding. They are keeping the US-NATO bloc bogged down in the Middle East. The goal is to keep them from building up forces to “contain” China in the South China Sea or defeat Russia in Ukraine. Just like the US-NATO bloc is fighting Russia to the last Ukrainian, the China-Russia-Iran axis is fighting the US-NATO-Israel bloc to the last Palestinian.

We can’t expect these cold-blooded murderous imperialists to rescue the Palestinian masses. While the Palestinian, Lebanese, and Yemeni masses die, Chinese and Russian imperialists are expanding their imperial influence to exploit workers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia at the expense of the murderous US-European impe-

rialists.

Iranian capitalists also seek oil profit and expanding control. Iranian workers face dangerous conditions, galloping inflation, and low wages. Some go without wages for months. Iran’s government attacks striking workers and protesters against the hijab law.

All the imperialists fear, more than anything, workers’ unity for communism that will end their bloody rule. During the Mandate period (1918-1948) Palestinian, Syrian, and Jewish workers organized strikes and fought oppressors together. The Zionist and Palestinian rulers attacked them.

The workers of the world need to unite to bury all these murderous imperialists. To mobilize to turn their coming world war into communist revolutions everywhere. Building ICWP collectives to unite workers, soldiers, and youth for communist revolution. We will win!



December 3—Thousands fought cops and surrounded army vehicles in South Korea in defiance of President Yoon’s declaration of martial law. He claimed that opposition parties were sympathizers of North Korea and dangerous to his pro-US regime. Six hours later, after the parliament voted against the declaration, Yoon backed down. Now he faces impeachment. Workers and students in South Korea have long fought bravely and militantly in the face of harsh repression. We urge them, and their supporters everywhere, to fight for communism, the only real solution.

#### Which Side Are You On?

The 1912 International Socialist Congress in Basel, Switzerland unanimously resolved that the working class and all its national parties should “exert every effort in order to prevent the outbreak of war.”

But in case of war, they should “utilize the economic and political crisis created by the war to arouse the people and thereby to hasten the

downfall of capitalist class rule.”

The Basel Manifesto declared that “the proletarians consider it a crime to fire at each other for the profits of the capitalists, the ambitions of dynasties, or the greater glory of secret diplomatic treaties.”

But when World War broke out two years later, most of these Socialist parties quickly and cravenly abandoned working-class interna-

nationalism. They rushed to support the warring rulers of “their” countries. Nationalism destroyed the Second International.

The most important exception was the Bolshevik party in Russia. Three years later, these communists led Russian soldiers, sailors, and workers to overthrow capitalist class rule.

Socialists and communists today

face a similar situation. Some choose, or will choose, to back one or another imperialist power. One socialist already admitted that in case of a US-China war, he would “support China.”

We are an international party. Our International Communist Workers’ Party will always oppose all nationalism. We will always stand fast to working-class internationalism.

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imperialist bloc (with their own contradictions) versus the China-Russia-Iran imperialist bloc locked in life-and-death struggle. Their inevitable war is over which bloc will control the world’s natural resources, markets, and most importantly, exploit our labor for maximum profits. All the imperialists are willing to fight to the last drop of our blood. None are our

friend.

We can’t be fooled into believing the capitalist-imperialist fairytales of peace. Nor into supporting “our” bosses. We, the workers, soldiers and youth of the world, need to destroy them all, along with their wage slavery and wars!

As the imperialists mobilize millions of industrial workers, youth and soldiers for their wars, these

millions can become a mighty red army to turn their war for profits into a war for communist workers’ power. To meet the masses’ needs everywhere.

Let’s build ICWP in the factories, barracks, schools and neighborhoods to fight for a communist world free of these murderers, their wars and their wage slavery.

Read our pamphlet,  
published in February  
2024:

**GENOCIDE IN  
GAZA CALLS FOR  
COMMUNIST  
REVOLUTION**

Available at:  
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## BATTLEGROUND EUROPE: WORKERS MUST TURN IMPERIALIST WORLD WAR INTO COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

December 3— “World War III has already begun,” the CEO of JP-Morgan announced in October. He wasn’t posturing for the media. He was advising the trade association of the hugely powerful global financial services industry. He warned that Russia, North Korea, China, and Iran were collaborating to “dismantle” post-World War II systems like NATO.

Evidence is mounting that we are at a nodal point in the decline of US imperialism. That the fight is heating up between the US and its allies (on one side) and Russia, China, and their allies (on the other). That World War III really is unfolding.

Will workers, youth, and especially soldiers fight and die for imperialist profits? Or will they fight for and win the communist revolution that alone can liberate the international working class? The answer depends on our work.

### Events Are Unfolding Rapidly

▪ After heavy fighting and massive destruction in Lebanon, Israel and Hezbollah signed a truce on November 27. Hours later, it had already broken down. Israel has violated it over 100 times. In Gaza, 90% of the people are internal refugees. The Zionist rulers are deliberately starving them. Ten thousand were flooded out of their tents.

▪ That same day, in Syria, the Islamicist militia Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) rapidly captured the city of Aleppo. Assad’s government had relied on Iran, Hezbollah troops and Russian air support to contain the opposition. That included HTS, other militias backed by Türkiye,

and US-backed Kurdish militias. Each already controlled large sections of Syria. HTS took advantage of Iran and Hezbollah’s weakened status and Russia’s involvement in Ukraine. It leads a coalition of the other opposition militias that Assad and his Russian allies may not be able to withstand.

▪ The Republic of Georgia exploded the next day. The pro-Russian prime minister announced the suspension of negotiations aimed at joining the European Union. Georgia’s pro-Western ceremonial president and other pro-EU forces roused and encouraged thousands of protesters. They flooded the streets and fought police.

▪ As we go to press, the pro-US South Korean president has ratcheted up regional tensions by declaring martial law to suppress opposition as “pro-North Korea.” Following massive protests, he quickly backtracked.

### Europe: Contradictions Sharpen

Trump’s election represents “a major turning point for the United States. It “marks the end of an American era.” It “isolates Europe,” pronounced France’s leading French newspaper *Le Monde*. Europe will have to “rely on their own forces to defend themselves against Russian expansionism. Therefore, a strategic upheaval is underway.” It warns of an existential threat that “Europe will be divided or even fractured.”

It’s not just about Trump. *Le Monde* notes that the post-World War II model “had been challenged over the past two decades. Now



Trump’s return is putting a nail in its coffin.”

Days later, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz informally opposed Ukraine membership in NATO. This “amid talk in Berlin,” reported Politico, “of setting up a ‘contact group’ together with China, India, and Brazil” to negotiate an end to the deadly war in Ukraine. But “peace” is nowhere in sight.

Meanwhile, the Russian rulers have been waging “hybrid warfare” against western Europe. That includes sabotage, cyber-attacks on infrastructure, and disinformation campaigns. In November, German imperialists say, saboteurs cut two undersea communications cables in the Baltic Sea.

NATO and European Union officials, unprepared for a larger conflict, are avoiding direct responses. They worry that NATO might not

hold together. Member states Hungary and Türkiye sympathize with Russia—though Türkiye and Russia support opposite sides in Syria.

### Build ICWP Everywhere

The Swedish government sent every household an updated booklet, “In case of crisis or war,” after Sweden joined NATO last March. German authorities did likewise. Neither booklet included the advice workers need the most: We must mobilize for communism now! That way, workers, soldiers, and sailors can lead masses to turn imperialist World War III into communist revolution.

We urge *Red Flag* readers in Sweden, Germany, Spain, Turkey, England, and elsewhere to read and discuss the ICWP manifesto “Mobilize Masses for Communism.” Join or form collectives to carry out this critical work.

## US/NATO vs Russia Imperialist War Sharpens

### LET’S MOBILIZE FOR WORKERS’ COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

December 3— On November 19th, Ukraine fired western-made missiles deep into Russia. They got permission from the US, France, and England to launch the attack.

Kiev had sought this permission back in September. It was denied because Putin had said he was changing Russia’s nuclear policy to allow it to respond with nuclear weapons if weapons of mass destruction were used against itself or its allies. He said this was also true if Ukraine attacked Russia or Belarus involving conventional weapons.

The fact that NATO granted permission on the same day that Putin made this policy official shows the US rulers’ determination to defeat Russia in Ukraine at any cost. Russia is just as determined to prevent that.

Further evidence of their determination: On November 21st, Russia responded by firing the Oreshnik, a hypersonic nuclear-ca-

pable ICBM missile. It hit a Ukrainian military industrial complex. Despite the Oreshnik, on November 23, Ukraine lobbed thirteen more missiles deep into Russia. They hit a S-400 air defense unit and a Russian military airfield. On November 25, Biden publicly granted Ukraine permission to use long-range US missiles deep into Russia.

By doing this, some argue, Biden is making it impossible for Trump to end the Ukrainian war, which he promised to do. But Trump’s deal was never possible. Russian and US imperial needs in Ukraine are incompatible.

Trump plans to halt the war by letting Russia keep the territory it has conquered and putting NATO peacekeeper troops in the rest of Ukraine. If Russia doesn’t accept this deal, Trump would then threaten a NATO invasion of Ukraine to bully Russia into accepting it.

But Putin will not accept that deal. He isn’t backing down. He is mass-producing Oreshnik missiles. This powerful weapon can obliterate Ukraine and NATO’s bases in the European Union without resorting to tactical nuclear weapons. The ball is now in the US-NATO court. Unable to defend themselves against it, they may decide to go nuclear first or provoke Russia into going nuclear.

Nothing is off the table. The world’s capitalists-imperialists have started World War III. US imperialism is bringing the world to the brink of nuclear devastation by blatantly ignoring all of Russian imperialism’s “red lines.” All their plans point toward crossing Russia’s ultimate red line: Russia will not accept NATO boots on Ukrainian soil or an attack against its ally Belarus.

Despite this, the French and British rulers currently plan to send troops to Ukraine.

Germany, a member of NATO, has its own contradictions. On the one hand, their plan “Operation Deutschland” calls for Berlin to prepare for war against Russia by 2030. It says Berlin could support the deployment of some 800,000 NATO troops to Ukraine. It calls on Germany to build its war industries to face the Russian challenge.

However, the German ruling class is hesitating to send its powerful Taurus missiles or troops to Ukraine. They fear that Russia will retaliate by attacking Germany. The German Chancellor says he wants Ukraine not to lose the war but doesn’t say he wants Ukraine to decisively win. Germany’s rulers have growing economic ties to China, Russia’s ally.

Local wars, regional wars, competition, and world wars are inherent in capitalism-imperialism. They are inevitable. World War III is the result of the US-Japan-NATO