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MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM

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QUITO (Ecuador), 2019 —Thousands of Indigenous people, students, workers, and others protest against the central government's new austerity measures.

Ecuador Study Group

WORKERS DISCUSS DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM AND COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

ECUADOR, March 3— “We’re the majority everywhere,” said Rosario. “We run everything. We produce everything. How come a few capitalists rule over us?”

Four men and three women comrades were participating in a Zoom study group about events in Ecuador and the world.

Javier answered, “They rule over us by force (their police and armies) and ideologically. Their ideologies include racism, sexism, nationalism, individualism, and others that keep us divided and weak. We need to defeat all their poisonous ideologies with communist ideologies. We need unity and the understanding that we can destroy capitalism and build communism.

Samuel said, “Our communist

revolution will eliminate private property, money, the market, and wage slavery. We will produce only for human needs, not for profit.”

People described the crime and gangs that dominate life in Ecuador.

Then Inez asked, “How can we live without money?”

Javier said that when he was young, he lived near Indigenous people who mainly practiced a collective lifestyle using very little money. They grew food together and shared it. There was no crime, no stealing, no fighting or killing. They sold some of their products to buy things they couldn’t produce.

Rosario added, “Where I live and farm, things used to be like that. There was no private property. Farming was done collectively, and we shared the food we grew. There

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“Red Flag opened a new life for me.”

COMMUNIST INDUSTRIAL WORKERS PLAN FOR MAY DAY, EXPOSE CAPITALIST CLIMATE CHANGE

INDIA, March 9— Kumar, an ICWP member, works in a Hyundai factory in Chennai. He distributes Red Flag in the homes of coworkers who live more than 20 km (12 mi) from the factory. One is Manjit, who noticed an article discussing how capitalism harms the climate by increasing heat and fuel consumption.

Manjit assembles air conditioning units for Hyundai cars. He estimates that millions of these cars require extra energy from lithium batteries. Lithium destroys fragile ecosystems. It requires enormous amounts of oil and water in production. The lifetime of lithium batteries is about ten years. When they are discarded, they create deadly carcinogens in the water system that the masses consume.

Electric vehicles (EVs) are even worse. “We need communism to explain to the masses that the so-called EVs are like a mass genocide of the working class,” explained Kumar. “Tremendous amounts of fossil fuel are used to produce EVs and batteries. More fossil fuel is used to charge lithium batteries. At every step, the capitalists make a profit, but the masses see catastrophic consequences. Irregular monsoon, flooding and droughts, polluted rivers, rising sea level, as we see in Chennai.”

Deepening Communist Relationships

Kumar met Manjit while distributing Red Flag. What started as a discussion about communism has now expanded to every aspect of their lives. Kumar visits Manjit’s

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Resisting Deportations Needs Mobilization for Communism:

REUNITE OUR HUMAN FAMILY FOR A COMMUNIST WORLD WITHOUT BORDERS

USA, March 10—Thousands are resisting mass deportations here in many ways. However almost 23,000 have been arrested and 18,000 deported this past month.

The resistance has taken many forms. Huge marches, student strikes, highway and street takeovers, demonstrations, boycotts. In several neighborhoods, community patrols have confronted Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents. People are opening their homes to immigrants facing ICE raids. Some hospitals and schools are offering shelter.

These acts of resistance and mutual aid are very important. But they will not stop mass deportations. To do that requires a mobilization of the working masses for communism. It must build for a communist revolution to completely uproot capitalism.

The deportations are taking place as part of the crisis of capitalism. They are to create a scapegoat and blame immigrants. To build fascism in preparation for war like the Nazis did in Germany with the Jewish population.

As Trump’s first term began in 2017, Guadalupe García de Rayos was one of the first people deported under a new executive order that he signed. She had come with her family to the US at age 14. She was deported at age 35, when she had two US citizen children (Angel, 16, and

Jacqueline, 14). When she reported for a regular semiannual check-in to the ICE office in Phoenix, Arizona, she was detained and deported within 24 hours.

Now the same story repeats itself. Not only Latinx immigrants but also over half a million Black immigrant workers and over a million Asian workers are at risk. About 20% of undocumented people in the US are white, but racist ICE officers less often target them. The whole working class is weaker to the extent that it is divided by racism and paralyzed by fear.

It is capitalism that enslaves the whole working class under the chains of wage exploitation.

“Capitalism forcibly separates immigrant families throughout the world,” added a comrade. “Most immigrants don’t bring their children when they leave their place of birth. For example, Sikh immigrants in Italy and Mozambican immigrants in South Africa.”

A high school teacher reported, “I have been talking to my students about Jocelyn Rojas Carranza, an 11-year-old girl who died by suicide after being bullied by people who said her family would be deported.” He then emphasized, “We cannot accept the ruling class rhetoric that immigrants are less because of citizenship. We must teach our kids what’s right. Workers can’t fall for this s***.”

A comrade in El Salvador agreed. “Yes, some are being won to this racist narrative. My friend in Canoga Park, USA told me that some would denounce neighbors rather than support them, for their own security. I told him that we need to fight for international working-class unity to change the system that enslaves us all.”

A Mexican immigrant in the US reported, “My wife’s friend told her that this attack on immigrants was like making war on us.” He asked a coworker what he thought about that. The coworker replied, “I don’t think it’s really like war, because at least they’re going to get me out alive. War is worse.”

The Red Flag is the Flag of the International Working Class.

In the resistance against deportations, many students and workers wave flags of different nations from which immigrants come. These flags and these nations divide the international working class.

The working class has no nations: they belong to the capitalist bosses. Workers have only the red flag, the color of the blood we have shed fighting to achieve total emancipation from capitalist exploitation.

Let’s build a new world where the only flag is the red flag. A world without nations, borders, and without money. A world in which no

one will be forcibly separated from their loved ones. In which every human being will be welcomed everywhere, and no one will be called illegal. A communist world. Let’s fight for this world! Our lives, and the lives of future generations, depend on it.

How? Read *Red Flag* and study its entire contents. Form collectives for communist study and action. Discuss the ideas in this paper wherever you are: in schools, factories, barracks, and neighborhoods. Help spread *Red Flag* as much as possible. Mobilize the masses for communism.

Bring your red flags to march this May Day, International Workers’ Day! Let’s march for the abolition of capitalism, of borders, of nations, and of wage slavery. Only communism will end deportations.

Read our Pamphlet:

FIGHT FOR THE DAY WHEN NO WORKER WILL BE CALLED FOREIGNER

Available at: www.icwpredflag.org/ffde.pdf

March 11—Mahmoud Khalil was a graduate student at Columbia University and is a legal permanent US resident. Immigration cops arrested him yesterday. He faces deportation.

This is a fascist attack on a well-known activist against the genocide in Palestine. Trump promises many more such attacks on immigrant protesters.

Similar attacks are happening in Germany.

Khalil was charged under the 1952 McCarran Act. That act and Operation “Wetback” targeted Mexican and other immigrants. It focused on those who had been active in Communist-led trade union struggles.

Before that, the Palmer Raids (1919-1920) targeted Italian and Eastern European Jewish immigrants. Especially activists in radical movements after the Russian

Revolution. Khalil was whisked halfway across the US to a notorious immigration jail. He is appealing his arrest. Pro-Palestinian and free-speech activists worldwide are rallying to support him physically and online. They include some US Jewish organizations.

Marches against the genocide are swelling in Paris, London, and elsewhere. International Women’s Day marches lifted up the Palestinian struggle.

International solidarity with Khalil and the Palestinian masses is powerful. But fighting effectively for our liberation from capitalism and imperialism is always illegal. Masses in Occupied Palestine already know that. Laws, courts, cops, borders, and more – the cap-

italist state – exist to keep us in wage slavery.

That’s why we must prepare for communist revolution, especially among workers and inside the military. To smash the bosses’ state and build a communist society where the masses govern ourselves and work to meet our collective needs.



New York City (USA), March 10, 2025

As usual, we have more than we can print. Please see the website for: Trade Wars Lead to Shooting Wars

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March 3, Tel Aviv, Israel—Jews and Arabs denounce the siege of Gaza imposed by the Zionist government, cutting off the food and electricity.



March 1, Rafah, Gaza—Volunteers organize a collective Iftar dinner among the rubble with 5000 people to break the fast on the first day of Ramadan.

These images emphasize unity, collectivity, and courage in the face of an ongoing genocide. The fascist Zionist government, backed as always by the US rulers, has refused to move forward with the negotiated second stage of the ceasefire. Instead, it has used armed tractors, the last gift of the Biden administration, to attack Palestinians in the occupied West Bank. At least 40,000 people have been displaced so far this year in Israel's "Operation Iron Wall."

The second Trump presidency is further evidence of the decline of the US as an imperialist power. Trump's policies are accelerating that decline.

Biden's funding of the Israeli genocide in Gaza made the US a pariah state alongside its Zionist client. The policies of the current administration have taken that decline to a new low.

The US is increasingly isolated. Only Israel supports the Trump real estate video fantasy of a Palestinian-free "Gaza Riviera." In contrast, a plan proposed by Egypt is backed by the Arab League, the UK, Germany, France, and Italy. This reflects a new alignment of powers that accelerates the move toward all-out World War III.

Workers and soldiers everywhere must plan to turn World War III into communist revolution.

WORKERS' STRUGGLES IN ECUADOR

Ecuador is a bone of contention in the rivalry between US and Chinese imperialism. With the drug war as a pretext, the Ecuadorian government approved using the Galapagos Islands for building a US military base in preparation for its war against China. Chinese imperialists are using multi-million-dollar loans to gain influence in Ecuador, which owes them \$14 bil-



Ecuador, November 15, 2024—"They turn off the lights. We will set the streets on fire."

lion. Neither imperialist will help the five million Ecuadorians who live on less than \$3 a day.

Ecuador's total debt to the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and China is \$84 billion, 70% of its gross domestic product. President Noboa has enacted higher taxes and reduced social program subsidies as austerity measures imposed by its creditors. All these imperialists are responsible for the masses' suffering.

More than half of workers in Ecuador are employed in the informal economy. Only 3 out of 10 workers earn an income of at least the minimum wage (\$470/month). Only 3 out of 10 families can buy the basic family food basket of \$746/month.

The bosses never pay Ecuadorian factory workers or farm workers the

full value of their work. They steal the surplus value (the unpaid value) as profit, keeping the workers poor so that they have to become wage slaves, that is, slaves to their wages in order to survive.

The government of Ecuador is controlled by the largest land and business owners: the oligarchy. Their only concern is protecting and increasing their profits, extracted from exploiting workers. Our working-class interests are quality of life and feeding and protecting our families.

Instead of meeting workers' needs, the capitalists use their profits and the taxes we pay to put the military on the streets under the pretext of fighting competing cocaine gangs. They will then use the military against us when we rebel.

The April Presidential election is

to decide which electoral party will rule, to enrich the next winners, and to make the people believe that change is coming. No matter which party wins or who is president, they all answer to the bosses: the oligarchy.

The internal contradiction here is the struggle between the working class and the capitalist class. The capitalist rulers protect their profits with the power of the State, its government, the police, and the army.

The working class needs a communist party, the ICWP. The only solution for the working class in Ecuador is to organize for communist revolution. Then we will all contribute to a communist society: From each according to their ability and commitment, to each according to their needs.

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was no crime. But capitalism destroyed this. Now all land is privately owned. With unemployment high, crime has surged. There's a lot of mistrust between people."

Berta explained, "To make a revolution we need to patiently explain to our friends why only communism can defeat capitalism, its attacks and ideas. Communism will end private property. We can live like our ancestors lived: without money, sharing everything, consciously building communism, using science and technology to make everyone's life better."

Inez asked, "What about China? Is it really communist? Isn't the working class in China exploited?"

"The revolution in China was a mass struggle against capitalism. But the Chinese Communist Party implemented socialism, like Russia had done. Socialism kept wages and money. Products were sold for

money on the market. The 'communist' leaders became the new capitalist-imperialist exploiters," said Berta.

Bertoldo said, "The workers' movement in Chile was defeated because US imperialism organized a military coup that overthrew socialist Allende. We couldn't win because the US stopped the movement."

"No. It was because of the internal contradiction of the movement. The Chilean Communist Party made the fatal mistake of supporting Allende and his line of peacefully transitioning to socialism. They thought they could nationalize the copper mines and other industries without mass armed struggle for power," contributed Samuel.

Javier added, "The armies of fourteen imperialist countries invaded the newborn Soviet Union trying to crush the Russian Revolu-

tion in its cradle. The Russian Communist Party had none of the illusions of the Chilean CP. They mobilized the Russian masses for war, organized a Red Army of five million, defeated the imperialist forces and consolidated the Soviet Union. The internal is primary."

"The Soviet Union let down the Chilean revolutionary masses by not supporting them," said Bertoldo.

"By then, the Soviet Union didn't support revolutionary movements anywhere. It was an imperialist country looking after its own imperialist interests," said Berta. She added, "We're one working class worldwide. We need one international revolutionary communist party, ICWP. When a revolutionary struggle surges in one area, our party will fight to support it and spread it everywhere."

"We need to analyze and write

more about why the old international communist movement failed," Bertoldo suggested.

"How can we make sure that in communism the leaders don't become power hungry bosses?" asked Oscar,

This led to a brief discussion about building a mass party where everyone is a leader, thinker, and doer, where no one is above the collective and where everyone's opinion is respected and valued.

Samuel concluded, "The only solution for the working class in Ecuador is for us to organize to take state power and build communism. The working class needs to organize ourselves with the philosophy of dialectical materialism, to unite our class. We need a party to lead. That party is the International Communist Workers' Party, and its paper is *Red Flag*."

Rosario reported that a collective of six is reading and discussing *Red Flag*.

DEEPSEEK: BAD NEWS FOR THE US AI INDUSTRY

In January, a Chinese computer program shook the foundations of US capitalism. The stock market plummeted. The chipmaker Nvidia alone lost more than half a trillion dollars.

The program was DeepSeek R1. It rivals the best ChatGPT applications, but what shook the foundations was its cost. It took \$6 million to develop and train, whereas its rivals each required about \$100 million plus lots of expensive Nvidia chips. DeepSeek's rivals now can't compete, and China arguably is ahead in imperialism's AI (artificial intelligence) race.

AI is now important technology. It used to be a laughingstock in computer science. Its translations were barbaric. It barely got on top of chess. It was hopeless at the ancient Chinese board game Go.

What is known as GOFAI – Good Old Fashioned AI – was hopeless because it relied on formal logic, operating on facts and rules – relatively small sets (hundreds). This technology dates to the 1960s.

All this changed with the switch to “neural networks” about ten years ago. The translations are exceptional, a computer is the world Go champion, and it drafts astounding articles.

Many writers disparage AI, but it really works. When ChatGPT was asked, for example, to write an outline for an introductory course on logic, the result was flawless.

The AI tool Stable Diffusion, given the right prompts, can produce beautiful images. If you want, they'll look like photographs. But you can also ask for them as paintings in the style of a specific painter, say Klimt. Then you can get large numbers of genuine looking “Klimts.”

For those of us used to the limitations of GOFAI, the new AI is truly mind-boggling.

Neural networks have been around since the 1960s, but it wasn't until massive computer power was applied, using large numbers of Nvidia chips, that the results became impressive. A perfect example of a

quantitative change leading to a qualitative change.

Will the New AI Make Workers' Lives Easier?

Not under capitalism! Under capitalism there is technological progress but no social progress. Innovative technologies enable capitalists to produce more with fewer workers and to undercut competitors by selling products more cheaply. The new technology becomes the norm.

Workers are forced to compete with each other for fewer jobs at lower wages. Ironically, the capitalists' rate of profit also declines, since only workers' labor produces the surplus value that is realized as profit. Under capitalism technological progress benefits no one in the long run, not even the bosses. In the worst case it contributes to overproduction and the resulting trade wars and even shooting wars.

AI, together with accelerating developments in robotics, threatens the jobs of workers in manufacturing, transportation, and even agriculture.

Tractors and combine harvesters have long been guided by GPS. Industrial agriculture monopolies will turn increasingly to robotics to solve labor shortages created by anti-immigration and anti-worker policies.

White-collar workers used to think they were immune to automation. But graphic designers, copywriters, sound engineers, and many others are already losing jobs to AI. More will, as it becomes cheaper. It's harder for AI to replace a carpenter or a plumber.

Short of a revolution it's capitalism today, tomorrow, and the day after. To improve workers' lives we need, not new technology, but a new society – communism.

Communism is based on cooperation, not competition. Workers will develop innovative technologies, motivated not by financial gain but by the aim of improving the lives of their comrade workers.

The communist party – the ICWP – is the “technology” that makes communist revolution and communism possible. Join us!

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family regularly. Manjit's wife is from a rural area. With Manjit's low income and the high cost of living in Chennai, he can't afford to have his wife and three children live with him.

Kumar invited Manjit to a special meeting of the autoworkers' collective. For the first time, two women garment workers attended. Mira and Sangeetha travelled 400 km (240 mi) from Bengaluru. These comrades were warmly welcomed in the modest home of an ICWP member. Manjit was impressed by how comfortable everyone felt and by the new friends who came to the meeting.

Sangeetha reported on the work in the garment industry. She stated that recent Red Flag articles about the work in Chennai and climate change necessitated a more vigor-

ous effort to build the party.

“Comrades like Manjit and all the new and old comrades at this meeting are the lifeblood of communism,” she said. “The capitalists are relentlessly attacking our siblings from Gaza to Ukraine to distant places in Africa. But we are showing the masses that we can build lasting relationships of trust with them.

“These relationships will have ups and downs,” she continued. “We have built our party amid genocide in Gaza. There is nothing that can stop us. We are planning at this meeting how to distribute *Red Flag* massively at the May Day rallies.”

Comrade Mira, who works in a Bengaluru garment factory, talked about the effect of capitalist industrialization and climate change

there. Thirty years ago, Bengaluru was called the “garden city of India” with mild temperatures, lakes, trees, green parks, and open spaces. Now it is a concrete jungle of high-rise buildings, shacks built on empty lakes, water shortages, frequent flooding, and unbearably hot weather. There are super-rich areas, but the vast majority of the masses struggle with transportation, inadequate housing, cholera outbreaks, and rubbish everywhere.

In areas where many garment workers live, people battle flooding and water shortages year-round. “Sometimes, it takes us more than four hours to get to the factory.”

Mira said that because of the Chennai collective's efforts, we are in regular contact with a garment worker in Sri Lanka and several workers in Bangladesh. We have

some exciting news from Afghanistan, where we are contacting garment workers. Our goal is to have a more considerable contingent for May Day.

Comrade Manjit ended our long meeting with a comment that encouraged everyone. “I did not know Kumar before he started distributing *Red Flag* in my area,” he said. “In the Hyundai factory, we cannot even imagine any literature coming in as there are security cameras everywhere. Kumar walked several kilometres to give me *Red Flag*. How can I not read a newspaper like that?”

“Reading *Red Flag* opened a new life for me,” Manjit concluded. “Things I didn't know. I know that communism is the answer to this perpetual misery. I am with you all the way.”

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Comrade and Friend Find Great Response to Red Flag at Seattle International Women's Day March

“I'll help you distribute *Red Flag*!” said a friend who reads our paper regularly. When she invited me to attend the International Women's Day march here, I said I would be glad to. It would be a chance to distribute the current issue. We brought 100 papers, and they were gone in 20 minutes!

People were attracted to the front-page article about women comrades in South African leading the charge to May Day. They liked the graphic with the quote, “Now you have touched the women, you have struck a rock.” We were both

thrilled by this response, and by the excitement of the marchers and the fact that there were many, many young people there. Our friend said she will help distribute the paper in the future.

A young woman told the capitalist media, “It's so emotional, seeing the older women too. It's like I can't believe you were protesting about this so long ago and now we're right back where we started.”

If we had talked, I would have told her that we will always end up “back where we started” — or worse — until we get rid of capitalism and establish communism once and for all.

Having lunch together after the march, my friend and I agreed that it was very exhilarating to be

among hundreds of people protesting this blatant fascism.

Getting together with friends to protest is part of doing the work to build ICWP and move forward to communist revolution. This example underscores the necessity of building strong relationships with lots of people.

Next time we will bring more friends and

comrades — and more papers!
— Seattle Comrade



CARACAS (Venezuela), march 8— Public hospital nurses march on International Women's Day for higher wages. They and all workers need to fight to end wage slavery altogether.

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REAL UNITY FLOWS FROM COMMUNIST WORKING-CLASS PERSPECTIVE

“My grandfather, a Muslim who lived in Gaza, had a Christian next-door neighbor he called ‘Uncle.’ His neighbor on the other side, also called ‘Uncle,’ was Jewish,” said a Palestinian friend in the US. “To me,” she continued, “this is what a free Palestine would look like. Any Zionists who didn’t like it could leave.”

Many Palestinian and pro-Palestinian activists here agree with her. Not all. One Iraqi said, for example, that “all the Jews should go back to Europe.”

But what’s almost never discussed here is whether Palestine or anywhere can be “free” while capitalism exists there. That reflects, in part, class differences between many Palestinians in the West and those in Middle East refugee camps.

The 1948 Nakba (Catastrophe) violently forced over 750,000 people from their homes, land, and villages. That was half or more of Palestine’s mainly Arab population. Most, and their descendants, ended up in refugee camps in Gaza, the West Bank, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon. Once mainly independent farmers, they became



Pasadena (USA), August 19, 2024

prisoners, proletarians, and a reserve army of the unemployed.

Palestinian culture has long emphasized education. The Gaza Strip alone had ten institutions of higher education in an area the size of Detroit (USA) before the Zionist entity destroyed them all with US bombs. So Palestine was also home to trained doctors, engineers, and other professionals. They too lost land and homes in the Nakba.

But some were able to start over

in Egypt, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, or other Arab states. A few – including future key leaders of Hamas – became successful capitalists. Others were able to move, eventually, to the US or Western Europe. It’s not surprising that a nationalist outlook, rather than class analysis, mainly characterizes the Palestinian movement in the US today. Palestinian flags and national symbols are everywhere.

Many Palestinian activists in the US (regardless of religion) read

and respect *Red Flag*. Communist ideas are beginning to gain traction among working-class Palestinians in Gaza and elsewhere. That has an effect here too. We need to do more, and report more on what we are doing, about the Palestine genocide in schools, workplaces, communities. Most of all, we need to do more to strengthen friendships and find out more about what our readers think.

—Comrade in Pasadena (USA)

Read our new pamphlet:

GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE CALLS FOR COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

Available at:



Only the Masses Can Defeat Fascist Imperialism Everywhere

“Western Europe couldn’t defeat Nazi Germany alone,” reflected J. “That took the US.” We were discussing Trump’s made-for-TV ambush of Ukraine’s Zelensky.

“I don’t agree,” I replied. “It was the Soviet masses that defeated the Nazis at Leningrad and Stalingrad. The US didn’t launch the ‘second front’ until the Soviets were already chasing the Nazis back to Berlin. US imperialists wanted to get there first.”

“I didn’t know that,” J said. “I’m wondering what the equivalents would be today?”

“Great-power rivalries are again leading to world war,” I agreed. “But the parallels aren’t exact. Who is fascist now?”

“The USA!” J said quickly. I agreed, adding that Russia is too. Unlike during World War II when workers worldwide saw it as a beacon of socialist anti-fascism.

We were at a picnic sponsored by a local activist group. J and others there like *Red Flag* but don’t follow world events carefully. They

think that local reform struggles are the only way they can be effective.

I explained to J that for a long time, the US and Europe were united in NATO, opposing Russia and China (both now imperialist).

But European imperialists and capitalists (France, Germany, Poland, Britain) now believe Trump when he says they can’t count on the US to defend them from further Russian expansion. They are pivoting from being NATO’s “boots on the ground” to preparing for operational leadership that the US formerly monopolized.

How far will this go? Will NATO fall apart? Will the European Union split as countries like Hungary with openly fascist rulers choose to side with Trump’s US and Putin’s Russia? What will China do? There’s a lot we don’t know. There’s a lot that really can’t be known yet.

But here’s what seems certain. As Mao Zedong told US journalist Anna Louise Strong in 1945 and 1956, US imperialism – even with nuclear weapons – is a “paper tiger.” Mao explained, “In appear-

ance it is very powerful but in reality, it is nothing to be afraid of.”

Of course US imperialism is capable of inflicting even more massive devastation on the world’s masses. It is preparing for world war to do just that as it slides inevitably deeper into decline.

The European pushback on Ukraine, the pushbacks on tariffs from Canada, China, and Mexico, show that US imperialism is more isolated – and therefore more deadly – than before. Trump dreams of a golden age and a golden statue in front of a Gaza resort ethnically cleansed of Palestinians. He goes to Saudi Arabia begging for more investments in the US. These are not signs of strength. They are a show of weakness.

US imperialism

cannot take its industrial workers, its youth, or even its soldiers for granted. Most important, we must not underestimate them either. It’s still the masses everywhere that are the force that can and will defeat fascism—with communist revolution.

— Comrade in the US



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NEED TO RECRUIT MORE YOUTH AND MAINTAIN A RIGOROUS ONLINE PRESENCE

It was inspiring to see such a diverse group of comrades coming together from Costa Rica, El Salvador, South Africa, and beyond. Our movement's global growth is something to celebrate. Communism can only happen through worldwide revolution, and a global movement is key to abolishing wage slavery, classism, sexism, racism, and the capitalist system.

There are areas where we can improve and strengthen our efforts. Connectivity issues, especially for a participant from South Africa, made participation difficult. To address this, we should consider using pre-recorded video messages to ensure everyone's voice is heard, even if they cannot join live discussions.

Ensuring youth voices are in-

cluded is also crucial. We should consider having a young person speak from each country. This would give the next generation a platform and allow us to hear fresh perspectives from those who will carry the movement forward. Youth engagement is key to sustaining and growing our movement.

The meeting was largely led by older members, which, while valuable, sometimes limited the scope of conversation. While experience and wisdom matter, integrating younger voices would bring fresh ideas, helping the movement evolve in ways that resonate with younger generations.

For example, social media was mentioned as a tool to expand our reach, yet it was not on the agenda when it should have been.

Our online presence is nearly nonexistent—the Party's X account last post was in 2013. This disconnect shows that while we engage with modern tools, we aren't fully utilizing them to extend our message.

Moreover, the party's website looks outdated, making it less effective in today's digital landscape. As the world becomes more digitally connected, we must adapt our outreach strategies while still honoring traditional methods.

The meeting took place the day after Trump's meltdown with Zelensky. While this was discussed, it highlighted the limitations of relying solely on a paper for updates. By the time it's published, Trump has already moved on to some other bull****. This is why we need

an active online presence to respond in real-time. A short post linking past and future articles would allow us to react quickly. I've spoken to several friends about the meltdown, and it would have been nice to be able to say, "Hey, this is what the party thinks," instead of waiting two weeks for the paper to come out.

Overall, I'm incredibly proud of our work and optimistic about our direction. The passion and commitment of everyone involved are inspiring, and I look forward to contributing ideas and collaborating on the next steps for our collective success.

—Los Angeles Comrade



LOS ANGELES (USA), March 8 — Comrades distributed hundreds of copies of Red Flag and ICWP pamphlets on Sexism, Palestine, and Mobilize the Masses for Communism (MMC) at the International Women's Day march here. We had good discussions. One female comrade reported on one with a group of female Spanish-speaking workers. One started the conversation by saying that communists were ill-informed about communism. As our comrade debated the ideas with her, the others listened attentively. Eventually they chimed in. One said, "That's why we need to learn about this new communist party. She's telling you they're different." Another said, "My daughter is learning about communism in her university. I'm going to give this to her." They all requested copies of MMC.

The Criminalization of Poverty

I think we made a mistake heading an article "Racist Mass Incarceration: a feature of declining US imperialism." A better headline would read, "Criminalization of poverty: a feature of declining US imperialism." Racism runs through every aspect – cultural, social, and economic – of life in the US but the oppression and exploitation of the working class is the dominant division.

The statistics in the second paragraph illustrate the multi-racial nature of imprisonment. They state 25% of the prisoners are Latinx, about 30% are white, about 30% are Black.

Then, like a street-con 3 shell game, the statistics that follow hide this reality. Latinx people are 19% of the population, Black people are

14% and whites are 51%. Black and Latinx workers are disproportionately imprisoned more than whites. Therefore, the liberals argue, mass incarceration is racist.

These statistics are true of the population as a whole but the catch, the bean in the shell game, is that the population as a whole is not threatened by incarceration. Since the 1980s, the criminalization of poverty has seen an intensified thrust by US capitalism. Intense policing of the reserve army of labor (long term unemployed or casual workers) has become the cheaper or favored method of social control.

Some 41 million people live below the Federal Poverty line. This sector is the most threatened by incarceration or jailing. Some 42% (17 million) are white, 27% (11 million) are Latinx and some

22% (9 million) are Black. If we are talking about prison population these statistics are more accurate, The racist nature of the State is still clear in these figures, but poverty is the dominant feature. Class matters.

The triumph of racism and the weakening of class consciousness rests largely on the ignorance each sector has of the lived experience of the other. Liberal pro-capitalist arguments continually seek out statistics that hide or distort the class nature of oppression and exploitation. Speaking of the role of racism, Frederick Douglas pointed out, "They divided both to conquer each."

—Comrade in California (USA)

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In Solidarity with LA Firestorm Victims

Revolutionary greetings comrades.

It is with sadness that we as a collective in South Africa are sending this message of solidarity to all those who lost their homes in the wildfires in LA last month. We are here to affirm the comrades that they are in our thoughts as they struggle to get back to their livelihoods even though we know that things will never be the same again.

We understand the political lackeys in the way politicians did not prepare to combat the fires, even though they knew about the danger, as the high winds are seasonal, and it had not rained for many months. We are, however, not surprised as we know capitalists do not care about the working class and the masses in general. Everything they do is to hoard profit to benefit themselves and kill everyone else.

The support that the affected communities had to show to one another is commendable. It is not surprising to see people help each other in need. That is a communist spirit. This is what we strive for, a society that is organised to meet people's needs rather than making profit at the expense of others.

This is what we fight for. It is in such tragedies, terrible as they are, that we are motivated to accelerate our fight against capitalism as it kills and destroys our working class siblings. We remain steadfast in our fight against capitalism, and we remain steadfast in our support and extending solidarity to all the affected brothers and sisters. We are fighting for them by cutting down capitalism and its manifestation and we encourage

them to continue to do so. Capitalism destroys and kills. We can only have life if we build a future through communism that will liberate us all and bring about a society where protecting lives and homes is our primary goal.

Aluta continua! The fight continues!

—Comrade in South Africa

El Salvador: Trading Gold for Mirrors

"The rich oligarchs in this country own the means of production, exploit wage slaves and oppress the whole working class. They themselves live in a 'land of enchantment,'" said R. "They create smoke screens to divert the attention of the population from their greedy capitalist intentions."

"It's true," J affirmed, "The government's 'curtesy' of paying the electricity, municipal taxes and water bills, a decision made by Bukele, is only a veil to blind and silence the masses about his murderous intentions. He aims to fill his pockets and those of his fascist capitalist henchmen with more and more gold."

"The rhetoric of attacking the rich, used at the Bukele government's convenience, allows it to justify absurd contradictions," said D. "Thus, the 'courtesy' of paying the January 2025 electricity bills, supposedly for 95% of the population, makes sense. This happened in the same week that the new metal mining law went into effect. This law threatens people's health and dismantles their rural communities. It encourages using the land to extract mineral resources at the cost of environmental impact. Therefore, it will lead to the destruction of life".

By its very extractive nature,

there is no such thing as a "green mining," or "environmentally friendly mining" or any similar label. Mining is about trading what does not belong to Bukele, giving it to mining companies, in exchange for a few million dollars for his 'crypto friends'. It is not only an environmental disaster, but it will lead to genocide.

On the other hand, the geopolitical position of El Salvador, as a poor country, makes it dependent on the ups and downs of the imperialist powers. And on the US and the fantasy of their "backyard" in Latin America. Hence Bukele received in his mansion the US Secretary of State in sharp contrast to the reality of Salvadoran migrants facing deportation in the US.

We seem to be again trading gold for mirrors. Mirrors in which an increasingly harsh reality is reflected.

Only Communism Can Abolish Fascist Capitalist Exploitation

We must categorically reject all imperialists. They are only interested in their control and profits. With this same control, they always disguise their intentions, trying to blind us. That is why ICWP offers the only solution: the direct fight for a communist society that will free us from capitalism.

Only communism represents a future free from exploitation and poverty. A future in which we use our collective power and in which the needs of the working class are key, not profits or exploitation.

Only communism can defeat all the fascists who serve murderous capitalism. Com-

munist will abolish the source of profit: wage slavery. Our task is to massively organize to transform imperialist wars for profit into the revolutionary struggle for communism.

The communist collectives that we are building today, with strong and broad relationships among the masses, are the foundations of the communist world. As members of ICWP we must build a mass international party that fights directly for communism, thereby reversing all the damage caused by the exploitation of capitalist society. Join ICWP and struggle along with us for the communist society that we need.

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world's main exploiters. The capitalist-imperialist rulers are turning to fascism and trying to silence communists and anti-fascists who threaten capitalist interests.

Even though we speak different languages and have different skin colors, religions, and customs, the workers of the world have everything in common with each other,

and nothing in common with any capitalist exploiter.

The worker is a wage slave with no nations, while the capitalist is a parasitic exploiter, warmaker, and murderer who uses nations and borders to tear working class families apart. Furthermore, genetic studies show that humans are 99.9% identical to each

other at the DNA level. There is no genetic basis for "races" or "nationalities".

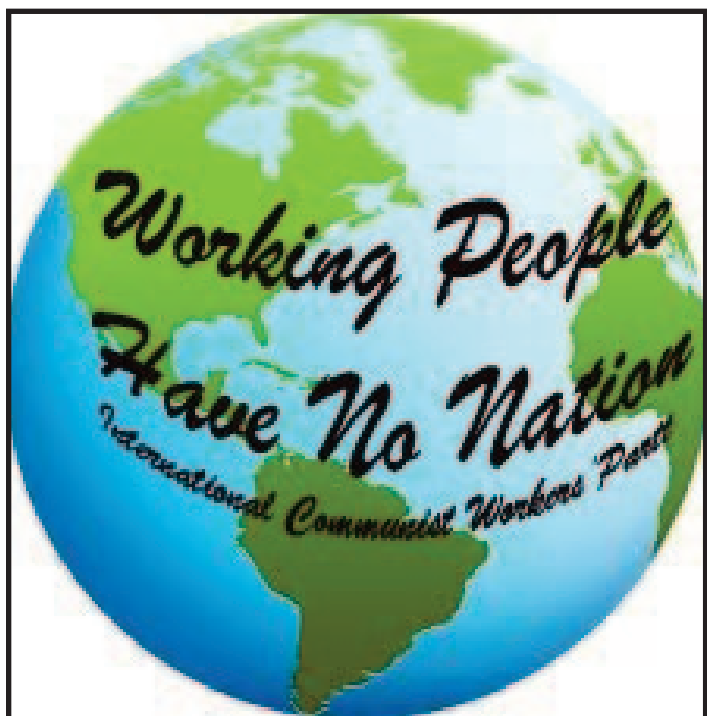
As communist internationalist comrades of the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP), we are committed to uprooting sexism, racism, nationalism, xenophobia, and all capitalist divisions with a communist revolution. We need to overthrow the capitalism-imperialist system and abolish money and private property. We will wipe out the material basis of exploitation, fascism, genocides, and imperialist wars everywhere: the capitalist wage system.

Communism will eliminate all nations, borders, and classes. All workers will treat each other as comrades, brothers and sisters, and neighbors. "Race" and "nationality" will be remembered as deadly unscientific ways to categorize workers. No

longer will workers be wage slaves or cannon fodder.

In communism, we will be able to live, work, and make decisions together, and produce and distribute the planet's resources solely to meet the needs of everyone. No one will live better or worse than anyone else. Workers all over the world will participate equally and fully in all aspects of life. This will conclude the prehistory of humanity. We will be free to consciously choose communist collectivity and realize our full human potential!

Communism is our future, comrades! The workers of the world have nothing to lose but our chains of oppression. Let's unite together under the red flag of working-class communist internationalism to overthrow capitalism and build communism!



Celebrating the Paris Commune, March 18 – May 28, 1871

IMMIGRANT WORKERS AND SOLDIERS: KEY TO PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION

“When the plain working men for the first time dared to infringe upon the governmental privilege of their ‘natural superiors,’” wrote Karl Marx, “the old world writhed in convulsions of rage at the sight of the Red Flag floating over [City Hall] Working men’s Paris, with its Commune, will be forever celebrated as the glorious harbinger of a new society.”

Jarosław Dąbrowski and five hundred other Polish émigrés went to Paris to fight under the red flag. Most already had military experience—and hated repressive government.

Jarosław grew up in a Polish region under the heel of the imperialist Russian Tsar Nicholas I. At age nine, he attended a cadet corps school with older boys. The Tsar, inspecting the ranks, noticed and embraced him. But, discovering that the child was Polish, the Tsar roughly threw him to the ground.

Dąbrowski continued military studies. He later distinguished himself in the Tsarist army in the Caucasus. He entered the elite General Staff Academy in Saint Petersburg. There he found an illegal anti-Tsarist officers’ organization. Dąbrowski became a key member. He made contacts with anti-government officers in other cities.

He applied for a posting to the

Warsaw Garrison. There he hoped to support or instigate a Polish uprising. By spring 1862, he led, informally, about four thousand “red” conspirators of the Warsaw underground. The “reds” wanted radical social change, not just Polish independence.

“The most important thing in a revolution is boldness and speed of action, as a result of which forces that are small at the beginning grow like an avalanche,” Dąbrowski said. He expected soldiers to seize control of the garrison and arrest officers who resisted.

The uprising was planned for Bastille Day, 14 July, but organizers were not ready. They rescheduled for 20 August. Delay could be fatal. Three officers had received death sentences for reading banned literature to colleagues. Also, the “white” nationalists might undercut them by making a deal with the Tsar.

All plans were cancelled after a failed assassination attempt on the governor led to massive shakeups of Russian troops and attacks on Poles.

Dąbrowski had been imprisoned in the Warsaw Citadel since 14 August. With the uprising foiled, he planned a mass jailbreak using weapons smuggled in by his fiancé Pelagia Zgliczyńska. But other prisoners were not will-

ing.

Pelagia and Jarosław got married. She was imprisoned too. Eventually Dąbrowski was sentenced to fifteen years of hard labor in Siberia. But when he reached Moscow on his way there, a basket awaited him with women’s clothes hidden inside. He changed clothes, wrapped his head in a handkerchief, and went out quietly with the servants.

The Dąbrowskis escaped Russia in 1865 for France using false passports. There, Jarosław worked as a drafter and mapmaker. Like hundreds of Polish emigres, they saw hope in the rising French proletariat for the liberation of masses everywhere.

Paris Commune: Workers Take Power

In March 1871, Dąbrowski was in southern France, hoping to join the Italian revolutionary Garibaldi. When the French capitalist government failed to defend Paris from a Prussian siege, the Paris National Guard took over under the red flag of the Paris Commune. Masses joined them. Some French soldiers did, too.

Inspired by Paris, National Guards

briefly established Communes in Lyons, Saint-Etienne, and Marseille.

Dąbrowski already knew many Paris revolutionaries. He was elected to the Council of the Paris Commune. The Commune made Dąbrowski and another Polish soldier, Walery Wróblewski, generals. Their nationality didn’t matter.

They struggled to turn the Paris National Guard – armed workers, not a standing army – into an offensive force to spread the revolution. That didn’t happen fast enough.

On May 21, the French capitalist army entered Paris to drown the Commune in a sea of blood. Dąbrowski, age 34, fell on a barricade during a week of fighting where as many as 15,000 died.

But in just two months the Commune had given the world – and us today – a taste of workers’ power. We have much to learn from its victories and its mistakes. Two important lessons: The working class has no nation! And soldiers are key to communist revolution!

LEARNING FROM THE 1871 PARIS COMMUNE

Like Marx, Engels, and Lenin before us, the ICWP has learned so much from the Parisian working women and men whose revolution marked a turning point for our class. You can read about it at <https://icwpredflag.org/wp/wordpress/pamphlets-and-article-series/history-of-the-paris-commune-of-1870-1/>

Marx’s pamphlet *The Civil War in France* explained that the Commune showed why workers can’t seize or take over the capitalist state. We must smash it and create entirely new forms of social organization.

MOSCOW, 1924: A tattered red flag rescued from the Paris Commune is raised again in the Soviet Union.



NATIONALISM IS NOT HUMAN NATURE: COMMUNISM WILL ELIMINATE ALL NATIONS AND BORDERS!

Capitalism lies to us that “race” and “nationality” are biological realities, rather than deadly capitalist social categories. Even though the capitalist class makes up less than 1% of the entire human population, they have been able to rule over and brutally exploit the global working class for hundreds of years, because they control the masses using their divisive anti-communist ideologies, schools, police, military, and media.

One of these deadly ideas is nationalism. It is a mortal enemy of the international working class. Capitalists began promoting nationalism as they fought against each other for maximum profits and hegemony. So, more and more nations and borders

were drawn in violent struggles between rival capitalist imperialists in which millions of workers were wiped out. The capitalist rulers have since organized the working class into hostile “national groups.” Then the rulers blame capitalism’s miseries on workers of other “national groups”. Nations and nationalism are instruments of fascist state-sponsored terrorism: racist violence, imperialist wars, and genocides.

History has shown that nationalism makes concessions to capitalist bosses and derails the international communist movement. For instance, when the Chinese Communist Party was just founded, their Soviet advisors con-

vinced Mao Zedong and other communists to ally with the murderous Kuomintang capitalist government. The Kuomintang capitalists double-crossed them and slaughtered many thousands of communists and leftists. They attacked the Red Army, nearly wiping out the Communist Party.

In addition, the Chinese Communist Party — and the old communist movement — uncritically supported national liberation movements, such as the one in Vietnam. Although the workers and soldiers in Vietnam heroically defeated U.S. imperialism’s genocidal offensive, their leaders fought for socialism. They failed

to abolish the wage system and money. By the time the U.S. imperialist military retreated, and Vietnam unified into one socialist state, capitalism had been fully restored. The working class in China and Vietnam continues to be super-exploited wage slaves today.

Today, inter-imperialist rivalry is sharpening between China and Russia versus the U.S. and NATO. In preparation for World War III, all capitalists-imperialists are intensifying racism and nationalism. They call on the masses of workers to line up behind the bosses’ national flags to kill or be killed to determine which group of capitalists become the

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