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## MAY DAY 2025: JOIN AND BUILD ICWP COLLECTIVES TO FIGHT FOR COMMUNIST WORKERS' POWER

On May Day we celebrate the valiant historical struggle of the international working class against capitalist exploitation. We march on May Day to turn that struggle into a revolutionary fight for communist workers' power.

These are dangerous times. Wars rage in the Middle East, Ukraine, Myanmar, Sudan, Ethiopia, Congo, and more. The open trade war between the US and Chinese imperialists could quickly expand into full-scale world war.

Wars and environmental crises – caused by capitalism – have turned almost 300 million people into migrants and refugees.

Fascist rulers are more brazen than ever: Trump in the US. Bukele in El Salvador. Milei in Argentina. Modi in India. Orban in Hungary. And of course the Zionist regime in Israel/Palestine. These capitalists are building a mass base for fascism.

**But the working masses are unstoppable!** Many millions

around the globe are angry and fighting back. The resistance in Gaza inspires the whole world.

Walled in, bombed out, starved, deprived of basic health care, mourning the murder of over fifty thousand friends, relatives, children – they refuse to submit. In Beit Lahiya on March 25, the community rose up: “We demand peace! Let us live!”

Then another danger arose. The discredited nationalist Palestinian Authority quickly printed up signs to turn the demonstration into a protest against its nationalist rival Hamas. The Zionist occupiers announced half a dozen more locations where Gazans could “protest Hamas.” The world capitalist press misrepresented the original protest as “against Hamas.”

We learn from this how critical it is to be clear on our goals. There is no peace in an imperialist world. Only a communist world will let us live fully and freely, without want or fear. That's why we march on

May Day for a communist world. That's why we invite you to join the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP).

**It is in the process of building ICWP today that we begin to create and to see the nucleus of the communist world of the future.**

There are no borders in ICWP. We are one international party, not a coalition of national parties. When you join ICWP, you form communist relationships with comrades in other parts of the world. We are responsible to and for each other.

There are no wages or salaries in ICWP. We don't buy or sell things. We do Party work because we see the necessity and the opportunity, not for external rewards. If comrades are in need, we help them as best we can. Comradely social relationships like these – not money – will cement a communist world together.

Communism will have no wages, markets, money, barter, or exchange. Instead, we will produce and share whatever the masses need.

There are no bosses in ICWP. No separation between “thinkers” and “doers.” We make decisions together and agree to carry them out together. We encourage all members and friends to study history and communist philosophy (dialectical materialism). To learn to analyze our work and world events. To unite theory and practice.

As we build communist relationships and collectives, we unlearn capitalist habits of individualism,

competitiveness, and selfishness. We learn to listen carefully to comrades and friends. To discern the basis of any disagreements that arise. To work patiently and struggle sharply to resolve them together. We learn to practice comradely self-criticism and criticism.

**These skills will serve us well when we win and organize communist liberated zones.**

Do you want to do communist work? Party collectives welcome you. We encourage and seek to develop more responsible comrades, especially industrial workers and soldiers. Especially among youth, women, and historically marginalized communities.

The fight against racism, sexism, xenophobia, ageism, ableism, and other divisive ideas and practices is key today as it will be in the future.

We will need armed revolution to overthrow the fascist capitalist system we face today. That means, crucially, organizing for communism among the rank and file in the rulers' armed forces. The rising tide of resistance within the Zionist military today – as well as revolutionary history – show this can be done.

But mainly, winning a communist world requires building communist relationships within ICWP communist collectives and among wide circles of workers and youth. If this makes sense to you, please get in touch and tell us you are interested in joining – and in organizing others.



Beit Lahiya, Gaza, March 26, 2025

## MEXICO TEACHERS' STRUGGLE: NEED COMMUNIST IDEAS

MEXICO, April 19—The National Coordinating Committee of Education Workers (CNTE) is calling for a national strike beginning May 15. It demands better living and working conditions for all government employees. We have brought our communist newspaper *Red Flag* to many of the teachers' actions.

This fight takes place amid the

struggle between the biggest capitalist powers for a new distribution of the world's resources and markets. Meanwhile, media scandals reveal internal struggles among capitalists in Mexico.

President Sheinbaum tells teachers, “There is no money” while trying to convince the working class she can meet the Trump administration's challenges.

She recently called for a mass rally in Mexico City for the “defense of sovereignty.” She claims that “all of us” should defend Mexican capitalist exporters from Trump's 25% tariffs on iron and aluminum. Postponing the imposition of the tariffs for a few days was presented as “a triumph.” Now that the tariffs are in force, there is no

more talk of her “success.”

The working class and other exploited and oppressed people in Mexico and the world have nothing to gain by defending capitalist exporters who use, benefit from, and abuse workers' labor power.

What we need is to build our International Communist Workers' Party to end capitalism and build a

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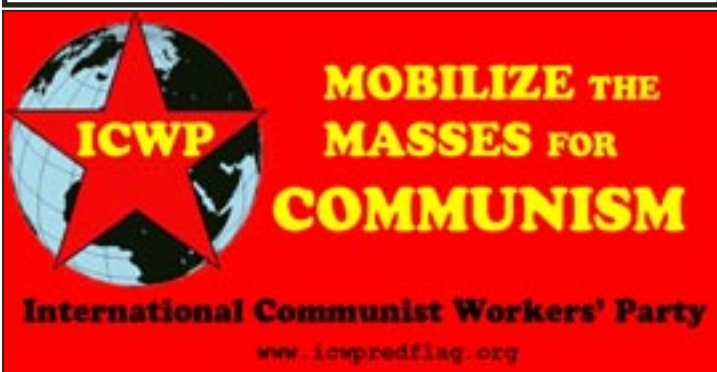
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## WHEN FASCIST ATTACKS HIT HOME: JOIN THE FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM

USA, April 22— “I’ve known Anthony for three years. He is my student and friend. And I hope to one day call him a comrade,” said a teacher.

“Anthony is the son of an immigrant family, like me. Within the last year our conversations have taken a more serious political turn. I’ve always stressed that we must be prepared to fight back, and that when there is unity there is power.”

Fascist Trump’s mass-deportation policy threatens the lives and wellbeing of thousands of immigrant workers. Trump’s fascist policies have struck fast, and they have hit home for Anthony.

Just weeks after Anthony participated in a walkout against deportations, his uncle, returning from a trip to El Salvador, was detained by ICE. He is now in an ICE facility in Adelanto, CA. That means a two-hour trip to visit him.

“Anthony’s uncle was the breadwinner in his family. I’m sure times are tough for him, and he’s now staying with grandparents since his parents live in El Salvador.”

“That could have been half of my friends when I was in high school—and half of South Los Angeles now,” said the teacher.

**It’s outright brutal to treat workers this way.** The capitalists super-exploit immigrant workers in all their industries, agriculture, manufacturing, hospitals, restaurants, and more. This allows them to extract higher surplus value—and thus higher profits—from immigrant labor.

Also, immigrants and their children are increasingly necessary for the bosses’ plans for imperialist war. They serve as soldiers, marines, sailors, and airmen. The active-duty military currently contains more than 65,000 immigrants.



Mexico, 1994: Students supporting the fight against anti-immigrant Proposition 187 in California

Noncitizen immigrants account for 4 percent of all first-term military recruits. The figures are even higher for the children of immigrants and mixed-status families.

The rate of profit is declining worldwide for the capitalist and imperialist rulers. Therefore, the intensification of the rivalry among them has risen to levels not seen since World War II. So they must increase the level of super exploitation of the entire working class around the globe and prepare for World War III.

“The deportations will continue but they cannot deport all of us,” said an immigrant retired high school teacher. “They need us in their factories for war production and in their fields to guarantee food production. But, most important, they need us on the battlefields to fight in World War III to try to assure the dominance of one imperialist over the others.”

No matter what brutal and oppressive actions the rulers take against the working class, it is the solidarity of the working class that

must fight back even in the face of fear or danger. Attacks on immigrants are already expanding to attacks on permanent residents and citizens, and there will be more.

But it’s not enough to fight back. We must fight to destroy this racist capitalist system and replace it with communism.

“This is why I became a communist,” said Anthony’s teacher. “Anthony and thousands more should also join the necessary fight for a communist revolution that will end all borders.”

An immigrant industrial worker put it like this: “As long as borders exist, the bosses and their law enforcement agencies will continue to carry out deportations. But if the deported workers bear in mind the need to destroy capitalism and fight to build a communist world without bosses and without borders, we will be closer to our goal. They will then bring these ideas to other workers around the world.”

We are building an international communist party without borders. We invite you to become a member.

### Struggle Defeats Fear

I’m an immigrant worker in Los Angeles, USA. Although I feel fear because of the deportations, my anger is greater—and the need to organize for a world without borders. It’s not my first time facing fascism. In my youth in Mexico, we confronted the criminal attacks by the police and the government in the schools. As students we demonstrated in support of those in California who confronted the racist anti-immigrant Proposition 187.

I believe in, and I fight in my own way, in spite of the enslaving obstacles of jobs, for a world where we are not forced to emigrate to get what should be natural: work, housing, and food for all.

I talk with who I can, friends and neighbors, about these attacks by Trump and his gang of fascists. And about the need to read *Red Flag* and communist ideas. As in the past, struggle defeats fear. But now, from the perspective of a revolutionary struggle for communism.

—Communist immigrant worker

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FIGHT FOR THE DAY  
WHEN NO WORKER WILL  
BE CALLED FOREIGNER**

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life without commercial relations. And therefore without money, without racism and prejudice against women workers, nor towards our LGBTQ+ working class siblings. And without wage slavery.

Let’s understand that the bour-

geoisie in Mexico and its governments, including Sheinbaum’s, have been skillful in their dealings with US regimes to keep a good part of the surplus value (profit) extracted from Mexican workers’ labor power for themselves.



Quintana Roo, Mexico, March 2025: Teachers on strike

The Trump administration has demanded from the Mexican government measures to contain migration from south of Mexico. Thousands of National Guard forces have been stationed at the

border to comply with this demand.

The US government also demands the arrest of leading drug traffickers and the quick extradition of those who are imprisoned and undergoing lengthy trials. The latter has been promptly complied with. However, some analysts say that Mexico has handed over those who are of less interest to the US government, which calls drug cartels “terrorists”.

The powerful leadership of the Mexican army demanded and won the release of ex-Minister of Defense General Cienfuegos from prison in the US. The “Godfather” of one of the drug gangs was accused of drug trafficking, corruption, and expanding his influence in the government.

The Plan Mexico announced by former president AMLO and now programmed in detail by President

Sheinbaum was presented as the effort to unite the entire continent to the “North American region in order to better confront China.”

But investment by Chinese capitalists is growing in Mexico and the rest of Latin America. Local capitalists effectively leverage Chinese and Russian political backing to negotiate against the Trump administration’s noisy hype that meets domestic internal opposition on many fronts.

This May Day, we reclaim the struggle of the world’s working class to end all capitalist exploitation with communist revolution. In the teachers’ strike we will mobilize with our communist ideas.

No capitalist or imperialist is our friend. Only communism will end capitalist exploitation of workers’ labor power, capitalist corruption, and wars for profit.

Join with us in ICWP.



## MARCH FOR COMMUNISM ON MAY DAY – BUILD A MASS ICWP

EL SALVADOR, April 6— “They fired a co-worker, with the excuse that she sometimes comes to work at the factory a few minutes late, because of taking her son to the CAPI (Early Childhood Care Centers),” said D.

“She is very capable in her job. I think they fired her to avoid paying the cost of her child’s care. By law the bosses must pay tuition of \$72.70 and a monthly fee of \$151.40,” said A, another worker.

“These support centers are independent. Employers have to pay for the workers’ children to get early childhood care,” reported D.

Women workers face sexist attacks by a capitalist system every day. Communist society will change everyday life. Roles won’t be assigned on the basis of being male or female. There will be no gender inequality or any kind of sexist discrimination. Childcare will be the responsibility of both parents, and of the whole society.

“In Communist society, children will be cared for with the goal of their integral development while their parents are working,” added Comrade R. “There will be time for family, recreation, and work. Giving attention to what really matters, at the time it is needed, will be a priority. We have to organize and

fight for this now.”

“The situation in the maquilas is getting worse and worse,” said M. “In addition to layoffs, there is super-exploitation due to the production goals imposed by the capitalist, thieving, exploitative bosses. They are demanding that the same number of pieces be produced with fewer workers. We workers feel this work overload. Many workers have been laid off and others have sought better job opportunities in other factories. But they are always organizing for ICWP.”

### Confront Bosses’ Attacks with More Mobilization for Communism

“In the face of the bosses’ attacks, we have invited the working class in the factory to march for Communism this May Day, 2025. We are making all the preparations for that day to proclaim the fight for a better world,” continued a comrade.

“Today, more than ever, the workers of the countryside and the city, health workers, education workers, and students must distribute *Red Flag*. Let communist ideas reach the masses. Our comrades in the factory are meeting with the workers’ collectives to coordinate participation with confidence and enthusiasm.”

We have met with the collectives as an urgent need to respond to the direct attacks on the working class around the world. Our class siblings are being arrested and deported. They are dying in capitalists’ wars for profit.

The genocide in Gaza brings deaths of youth, children, elderly, women and men in wars for capitalists’ interests. The same happens in Ukraine, Syria, and beyond. The mass layoffs, racism, xenophobia, and imprisonment of migrants make the mobilization of the masses urgent.

“Communism is the only system capable of putting an end to all this capitalist decay,” said D, a worker leader.

Other comrades continue to visit collectives in various areas of El Salvador to organize the logistics of May Day.

“It is our time. The stronger the repression of the government imposing militarization in the workplaces, hospitals, schools, and the streets, the greater must be our struggle for organization by forming communist collectives in the communities and workplaces,” concluded D.

“We are ready, we will go to the march: my family, other comrades, and we are inviting a friend as

well.” said a farmworker comrade.

This May Day, we will make contacts with workers who receive our newspaper *Red Flag*. It is an opportunity to spread communist ideas more massively and invite marchers to join the International Communist Workers’ Party.

**End Wage Slavery! Long Live Communism! Join the International Communist Workers’ Party!**



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**THE COMMUNIST  
FIGHT AGAINST**

**SEXISM**

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## TRUMP VERSUS HARVARD: RULING CLASS DOGFIGHT

USA, April 18— If wealthy and powerful institutions like Harvard “do not or cannot resist the arbitrary application of government power, who else can?” asked former Harvard president Larry Summers. “Without acts of resistance, what protects the rule of law?!” Summers is a former US Treasury Secretary.

Trump demanded that his government be allowed to monitor the content of every course. And to replace professors with “diverse viewpoints” handpicked by MAGA. “It is fascism, Harvard must know that,” an alumna concluded.

When Harvard refused Trump’s demands, he froze \$2.2 billion, mostly for medical research. He asked IRS to revoke Harvard’s tax-exempt status. He threatens to exclude all international students.

Harvard knows a lot about government power, the rule of law, and fascism. It held Henry Kissinger’s faculty position open for him from 1967-1971 so he could shape pro-fascist US foreign policy in Indochina, Chile, Pakistan, Indonesia, and more.

Let’s understand that we live in capitalist society. “Government power” and “the rule of law” exist to protect capitalists’ profits. To protect them from rival capitalists in other countries. To mediate their disputes. But mainly to protect their private property from the masses of workers they exploit and oppress.

From us.

In this historical period, that state power and those laws are inevitably fascist. It’s not just Trump. It’s the global crisis of capitalism hurtling into another world war.

Our task isn’t to protect the capitalist “rule of law.” It’s to overthrow it with armed communist revolution. To abolish their system of private property.

Communism will transform the factories, the farms, the hospitals, and everything we have built and made. Everything will be collectively managed and used by and for the working masses.

### Harvard Defends Zionism

“Recall the Trump-fawning letter President Garber wrote a few weeks ago, focused on Harvard’s wish to work with the Federal government to combat antisemitism on campus,” a Jewish alumnus wrote in a group chat.

Harvard defines any pro-Palestine or anti-Zionist speech as “antisemitic.” It forced out the faculty leads of its Center for Middle Eastern Studies. Its Divinity School suspended a program considered “too critical” of Israel.

Harvard’s School of Public Health ended a partnership with Birzeit University on the West Bank. Now it’s about to lose 46% of its funding anyway.

“It was only after faculty and alumni mobilized, and after Trump



Harvard students walk out of commencement after pro-Palestinian activists denied degrees

has been weakened by the tariff fiasco and the rebellion on the part of his money supporters,” that Garber developed a spine, wrote another alumnus. “The money Harvard depends on is really worried about Trump, and of course they will quietly support efforts that may rein him in.”

That is: this is a dogfight among capitalists. Harvard, with its \$53.2 billion endowment, has long been a pillar of US imperialism.

Thousands signed an alumni/ae letter asking Garber to “Please publicly defend Harvard’s commitment to its core values of seeking truth by fostering freedom of inquiry.” This is an illusion. Harvard professor Steven Pinker admitted as much

when he asked ironically, “Will this government force the economics department to hire Marxists?”

Communists reject the mythic ideal of an “ivory tower” where professors and students deserve special privileges and workers are invisible.

We envision a society in which we learn and advance knowledge without hierarchy in the context of practice. That is, in the process of making decisions collectively, producing sustainably, and sharing on the basis of need.

The working class can’t rely on “wealthy and powerful institutions” to fight fascism. Our only way forward is to mobilize anti-fascist masses for communist revolution.



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**WHY I WENT : REFLECTING ON BLACK WORKERS SITTING OUT****APRIL 5TH**

“What you doing this weekend?” my sister asked

“I’m going to the Hands Off Our Rights rally,” I said, pulling out a stack of *Red Flags*. “We’re mobilizing folks, handing these out.”

She raised her eyebrows. “You sure that’s a good idea? It might not be safe for Black folks.”

It wasn’t the first time I’d had this conversation. “I get it. But this is bigger than one group or one protest. I organize workers—Black, white, brown, immigrant, citizen. All of us. If I sit this out because it’s risky, what does that mean for the folks who can’t?”

The April 5 protests stirred complicated and valid feelings among Black workers.

Many of us didn’t vote Trump into office. Many of us fought for our rights long before his name hit headlines. So when Democratic Party forces organize these rallies under banners of “defending democracy,” some Black workers ask: Where was this energy when we were being killed by police? When our housing was stripped from us? When we were locked out of union jobs?

Some are choosing to sit this

one out—not because they don’t care, but because they’ve seen this movie before. The capitalist media have always been quick to portray Black protesters as “violent,” “aggressive,” or “a threat to public safety.” Even when we’re peaceful, even when we’re marching alongside others. And with the growing militarization of police and fears of martial law, I can’t blame anyone for choosing to stay home. Survival is also a political decision.

Another Black comrade told me: “I’m sitting this one out. I want to see if these white workers are really gonna show up when racism’s on the table too.”

That’s true. Solidarity gets tested when racial lines get drawn. Will the same people chanting “Hands off our rights!” march when a Black worker is targeted? Will they show up when it’s not just about reproductive rights, or trans rights, or workers’ rights generally—but about the specific ways Black people experience state violence, economic exploitation, and political neglect?

Her decision not to protest was a demand. A challenge. One I

think we all need to sit with. Still, I participated, not as another voice to protect our rights, but as a communist organizer who wants to win workers, students, and soldiers to our side. Not because I think we’ve already built the multiracial unity we need—but because we haven’t.

Class struggle across racial lines in America does exist. Period! That’s what gives our party confidence that the masses can defeat this divisive system.

And we have built that unity in our party, so we know it’s possible. But it’s not enough. Which is exactly why I go.

Capitalism thrives on division. Fascism feeds on fear. But workers—united workers—can burn it all down and build something new in its place. This is how our party operates.

An elder Black comrade was shocked that people said on social media that the ancestors were telling us to stay home. “We have learned from our an-

cestors,” she said. “But today we can see beyond what they saw. We can see the possibility of communist revolution. I would be out there talking about that if I were still physically able.”

That’s why I carry *Red Flag*. Not just for myself, but for every comrade who can’t be there. For every worker, student, and person who is questioning how we can change this capitalist system.

We’re not free until we all are. And we won’t get there unless we mobilize across differences to build a mass ICWP.

—Comrade in Los Angeles (USA)



Washington, DC, April 2025: Students at Howard (a traditionally Black university) set up pro-Palestine encampment

**COMMUNISM, NOT LIBERAL DEMOCRATS, WILL DEFEAT FASCIST CAPITALISM**

LOS ANGELES (USA), April 12—“That was great! I really liked telling people that we all have to build community in the face of growing fascism,” said Cindy. She and three ICWP comrades distributed leaflets and *Red Flag* at the massive Bernie Sanders-Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez event here.

About 36,000 people attended. Young and older, they were angry at the genocide and other moves to fascism and looked for answers.

We told people, “Bernie is here to win you to reform the Democratic Party and capitalism. This leaflet says we have to end capitalism with revolution and build a communist world that meets the needs of the masses. A world without borders or genocides.”

The Sanders team surrounded the park with fences and metal detectors. They didn’t let us take leaflets and papers in. They also took away people’s signs and banners, including to end genocide in Gaza.

This didn’t stop us. We distributed the communist literature to people waiting to be searched. Many saw the irony of prohibiting communist literature and peoples’ signs at this rally “defending democracy.”

Most people gladly took the leaflet and *Red Flag*. Many were open to our saying that Sanders’ reformism is not the answer to fas-

cism and war: that communist revolution is. “I’ll give it a read. Thanks,” many said.

A comrade explained that Socialism failed to end exploitation in Russia and China because it kept money and wage slavery. As long as we work for someone else, we are slaves. He explained that communism will end wage slavery and money. They are the source of genocidal wars and all poisonous ideas and practices that capitalism pushes: racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia.

One person said, “I can see that Marx could have been wrong about the need for socialism as ‘transition’ phase to communism. As you say, it ended as state capitalism.”

“Exactly how will communist society be administered?” asked one woman. We explained that a mass party, not a government above the people, will lead collective production for need.

Recently, Sanders introduced a resolution in Congress to stop sending “offensive” weapons to Israel. Instead, he supports sending “defensive” weapons. That can include almost anything since Sanders, a Zionist, says Israel has the “right to defend itself” which means committing genocide.

Congress, including Sanders, serves the US imperialists. They are hell bent on supporting Israel’s



Idaho (USA), April 14—Bernie Sanders spoke in Idaho. Anti-genocide activists unfurled this banner. The crowd applauded, raised their fists. Sanders ignored it. When the police removed it and those carrying it, the crowd booed angrily. Bernie said nothing. We applaud the crowd’s anti-genocide action. Join ICWP and help mobilize for a communist revolution. Only then will Palestinian workers, and all workers be free.

genocide for oil and gas off the Gazan coast and expanding the unfolding world war to defend their declining empire.

Part of building communist relations and ICWP is exposing these wolves in sheep’s clothing. They try to turn angry masses, especially youth, away from revolution for communism and into voting for the Democratic Party, the other US capitalist party of war and fascism.

Someone asked, “What did you learn from the movement against the war in Vietnam?” A comrade explained that the Vietnamese masses and US soldiers’ rebellions ended the war in Vietnam, but didn’t end capitalism and imperial-

ism. Today, the stakes are even higher. Declining US imperialism is headed to World War III. The rulers are building fascism out of weakness. They appear strong, but their system is in crisis.

Communist revolution is the only solution. It requires a mass party which especially has roots among industrial workers and soldiers. It’s more possible now—everywhere.

We distributed 335 *Red Flags* and 400 Communist leaflets. If more Comrades had been able to come, we could have reached more people. There will be more opportunities like this, starting with May Day!



# FROM INDIA TO ITALY: FIGHT FOR A COMMUNIST WORLD WITHOUT BORDERS

NEW DELHI (India), April 20— “The last time I saw my son, he was three months old,” said Jasjeet on a Zoom call to his wife Raveena in Punjab, India. “I have been in Italy’s Parma and Mantua areas for sixteen years.” Jasjeet is one of the thousands of Punjabi farmers who, driven by poverty, saved the Italian cheese industry in the 1980s.

Raveena lives in a town 100 km (60 mi) from New Delhi. She occasionally reads *Red Flag*. ICWP comrades have visited villages in Punjab since the 2020 farmers’ agitations. As our campaign to recruit the masses for communism intensifies for May Day, we spent an afternoon with Raveena.

We invited her to come to May Day with her son. We explained that racism is rising in the US, and many immigrants are deported. When she heard “deportation,” the mood in the room changed.

Raveena told us how hard it was for her to be separated from her husband for sixteen years, and his trauma of not being with their son. She said that being in Italy was a forced separation. He has no legal papers. He has to bribe contractors who keep his passport. He works twelve hours a day in a Mozzarella factory.

ICWP comrades shared the story of how young people in the US are fighting racism. Raveena paused

the conversation to read it. After a few minutes, she said, “It is true: ‘For big problems, big solutions.’ I am going to call Jasjeet right now.” As he was just waking up, she said, “I am going to the May Day demonstration with your son.” She displayed *Red Flag* on the screen for him to see.

Jasjeet’s son doesn’t speak Punjabi. He is taught Hindi and English in school. Jasjeet only speaks Punjabi, and he learned Italian. At that point, we flashed the Spanish *Red Flag (Bandera Roja)*. He agreed to read it because he understands some Spanish. He muttered in Italian, “il grande problema è il capitalismo.” We promptly translated it using Google: “The big problem is capitalism.”

Jasjeet had been pleased with Raveena’s participation in the farmers’ agitation. He was even happier that she is reading communist literature. He said that when he came to Italy, Punjab had a large communist movement. But just as in Italy, these communists were reformists. He was always looking for “il grande soluzione” (the big solution).

The ICWP comrades were energized by the story of Jasjeet and

Raveena. We realized that we had overlooked great opportunities. There are many people like them. We need to put more emphasis on these potential party members. We should have talked to Raveena a long time ago instead of just giving her *Red Flag*. But now she will be with us on May Day, and Jasjeet said he will be with comrades in Italy and show them *Red Flag*.

Our collective in India is similarly making strides in organizing for a communist May Day in auto factories in Chennai and garment factories in Bengaluru. We plan to distribute more *Red Flags* and recruit more comrades like Raveena.

Under the Trump administration, the US deported plane loads of undocumented Punjabi workers. Now, they are deporting documented workers.

We will celebrate the spirit of May Day to open the world without borders. Big solutions will come when workers, wherever they are, organize and join the International Communist Workers’ Party. Let us confront this big problem and march on May Day for the big solution: communism.



Italy, 2017: Thousands of Punjabi workers rally for higher wages and better working conditions

## FIGHTING FASCISM: COMMUNIST RELATIONSHIPS TODAY PREPARE FOR THE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION THAT WILL WIN

SEATTLE (US), April 2025— “Why is this happening to us?” asked immigrants who were camping outside the Federal Detention Center in 2017, protesting ICE’s family separations.

The first Trump regime was separating children from their parents at the US-Mexico border. The adults were shipped to this prison.

“It’s not just you,” answered a friend. He described how immigrants had been exploited and imprisoned as long as Seattle had existed.

Angry Boeing workers in the Seattle area responded collectively. Work slowed inside the factory as friends and comrades discussed what to do. Black, White, Latin, and Asian workers, US-born and immigrants, prepared to attend the demonstration at the detention center. They were among tens of thousands there.

### Eight years later, the struggle continues.

On April 5, 2025, another demonstration marched to the detention center. It was smaller than the 2017 rally, but very clearly international. Filipino/a, white, and Black activists from the US attended alongside immigrants from Mexico, Central America, and Africa. Boeing workers came again. The fight against deportations is an internationalist struggle, not a na-

tionalist one.

Many demonstrators welcomed *Red Flag* newspaper, the only one that called for the working class to “Mobilize the Masses for Communism.” Activists were also interested in the ICWP pamphlet that called for a world without borders.

New friends shared their contact information and old friends greeted us. Friends who couldn’t come called to see how it went.

A retired Boeing worker recently returned from her native country in Asia. She called to find out what was happening in the US. “Will the demonstrations stop the fascists?” she asked.

No. Building our Party for communist revolution is the only way to stop fascism. But contacting activists at these demonstrations is one way to do that. That’s why we go.

Participating in these demonstrations has sparked initiative among our friends. One friend, C, told us it’s time for a protest at the Veterans’ Administration (VA). The fascist US government is threatening to fire 80,000 VA workers and cut services for veterans.

C has helped spread communist ideas before, but now she is taking initiative. She is advocating for concrete action among the party and her friends. She noted that the attacks on veteran soldiers were not



Seattle, US April 2025 Angry demonstrators march to the ICE Federal Detention Center. Many had taken copies of *Red Flag*.

just about Trump or Musk.

C learned a great deal about communist politics marching in the streets, talking with striking Boeing workers, reading *Red Flag*, and socializing in comrades’ homes. Sometimes comrades aren’t immediately aware that the small quantitative steps our friends make, over months and years, are leading to a qualitatively new level of commitment.

Another friend who works at a café uses *Red Flag* to show how “capitalism is the enemy of all workers and soldiers.” She has plans to distribute and discuss a dozen *Red Flags* in two meetings with high school students.

She tells them that we can’t have capitalism without racism, and we

can’t win if we allow wage slavery to continue. She invited her friends to the ICWP May Day Potluck. These youths – future workers, soldiers, and comrades - are key to expanding our relationships among anti-fascist masses.

This May Day we aim to strengthen the communist relationships we have already built and promote communist initiative among friends and comrades. To crush advancing fascism, the working-class needs to win masses dedicated to fighting for communist revolution.

The pathway to success is expanding and strengthening unbreakable communist social and political relationships among active multi-



## THERE IS NO HEALTHY MINING UNDER CAPITALISM

EL SALVADOR, April 17—“No to Mining! Yes, to Life!” read murals and posters we saw while visiting different places preparing for the communist May Day. These are communities where the civil war in El Salvador was mainly waged from the 1960s to the 1990s. There, people still courageously denounce the rulers’ attacks. Huge murals show faces of rebellion, of unwavering struggle against this rotten capitalist system.

We asked a woman at the Museum of Historical Memory, “Are you against mining?”

She answered, “There is no gold here; maybe in the future they will come to look for it. But we support the struggle of our neighboring communities, because this will affect us all. The water that irrigates the crops will be contaminated.”

Then we asked, “Are you going to the May Day march?”

“Yes, that’s why we will march on May Day.”

“We will be there too; our struggle continues,” we affirmed.

These areas are part of recent his-

tory, where fierce battles were fought during the war between the guerrilla and the genocidal Salvadoran army. The communities record this history, so as not to forget all the blood shed by the combatants of that time.

The actions against the mining industry are taking place because many people continue to have the discipline and levels of organization to fight for a better life.

The government criminalizes people to try to silence resistance. This is happening with “the Santa Marta Five,” who were accused of murder during the war in the 1980s. The government did not take into consideration that they are lifelong fighters. They have been participating for years in movements against mining.

The government believed that by locking them up, there would be no opposition to the capitalist miners continuing to poison the rivers and other sources of life in the communities.

Today they have declared themselves in rebellion. They are not at-



El Salvador, March 25—Protestors demand freedom for Venezuelan migrants deported from the US and an end to metal mining.

tending their trial. And the working class is fighting back.

What is gold for? The capitalists use it as backing for money, to make jewelry worn by exploiters of workers, and even in weapons. In Communism it will not be used for any of this. There will be no money. Instead, if gold is needed, it will be used in technology and medicine. Science will advance using other

resources which don’t put the environment at risk. Like what happened to the San Sebastian River, which is already dead because of mining exploitation in the eastern part of this country.

The International Communist Workers’ Party is organizing and fighting today for a system that prioritizes the life of the working class: Communism.

## REVOLUTIONARY MAY DAY GREETINGS

### MAY DAY IN SPAIN: BUILDING A COMMUNIST WORLD

We are preparing to go out and distribute the *Red Flag* to workers this May Day. We are letting them know that only the communist system can, once and for all, change this murderous capitalist system. We send communist greetings from Spain to workers around the world, to our comrades who fight day after day to build the International Communist Workers’ Party.

Amid the crisis in agriculture and livestock, families struggle to survive against large corporations. They are forced to sell their land and move to the city to continue selling their labor power for the crumbs the system offers.

The wage slavery that this capitalist system offers young people is to work more than twelve hours for a few cents. They will barely afford retirement. That is nothing more than a pittance, where buying a home is impossible to consider. It becomes inaccessible!

We will take to the streets to proclaim that ICWP is fighting to destroy this capitalist system. We call on workers to unite to build a mass party to lead the working class to a better world. A new world where housing, food, and healthcare are a necessity, not a business. A world without wars, without genocides like those in Gaza.

Let’s keep moving forward, as each step brings us closer to our goal: Building a Communist World!

—ICWP Comrades in Spain

### MOVEMENT OF WORKERS AND PEASANTS (MTC) A COMMEMORATION WITH HISTORICAL, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEBTS

May Day is a world-historic world date. It remembers workers’ and peasants’ struggles for fair and safe working conditions, and for true respect for human rights.

As long as we live under a capitalist system, contradictions will remain between “democratic” discourses and the crude reality. That reality is expressed daily in a drastic increase in the indices of poverty, human development, and discrimination.

The MTC denounces the drastic increase in socioeconomic and cultural gaps in Costa Rica. These are expressed in higher rates of job insecurity due to the systematic violation of national and international regulations. Meanwhile the cost of living rises irrationally, and the physical and mental health problems of the working class are exacerbated.

In this scenario, unemployment increases. This further harms people with special abilities and youth. It conditions informal work, snatching away labor rights, social security, decent pensions, public education and other social and labor conquests and guarantees. The state of vulnerability and exclusion of indigenous and peasant populations, women and migrants, who suffer double or triple discrimination, increases day by day.

In the agro-industrial field and agricultural plantations, men and women workers live a constant ex-

ploitation close to forced labor. They are denied the right to access regulations that are dead letters, even though they exist in the country’s legal framework. This demonstrates that the existence of laws is not synonymous with justice.

There will be no labor justice if the environmental crisis prevails that is caused by companies, of national and foreign capital, that pollute, destroy ecosystems, and affect entire communities, while disposing them of natural resources. The defense of the environment is a worker, peasant, and revolutionary struggle because ecological deterioration directly affects health and living conditions.

For this reason, we unite with the living forces of the indigenous communities and territories and with national and international organizations coherent with the interests of the working class. This is the only way to confront voracious capitalism with ethical-political reflection, denunciation, and revolutionary mobilization.

Decent work is not a privilege but a universal right!

Without respect for the diversity of territories and peoples, there is no secure future!

Present in the defense of the labor and human rights of the working class!

—Friends and Comrades (MTC), Costa Rica

### ECUADOR: THE STRUGGLE FOR A BETTER WORLD CONTINUES

Sending revolutionary greetings to all! I work with groups of indigenous women (and a few men) in Ecuador. I am a *Red Flag* reader.

In times when politics seems reduced to calculation, patronage, or spectacle, we affirm that it remains one of the most powerful tools for transforming collective life. Politics, in its deepest sense, is service, justice, and the fight for freedom and human rights.

It is an ethical commitment that demands personal testimony, community commitment, and courage in the face of the established order.

In the post-election scenario we are experiencing, marked by frustration and confusion, this understanding of politics may seem naive.

But it is precisely in times of crisis that we most need to sustain a meaningful rebellion: one that is nourished by coherence, principles, and community.

To rebel is to not give in to dehumanization. It is to decide to continue acting from the common ground, without resignation or accommodation.

—A Friend, reader of *Red Flag*





## ISRAEL: FROM RESISTANCE TO REBELLION TO COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

TEL AVIV (Palestine/Israel), April 20— “Bibi lies, they die,” proclaims a banner on a major Tel Aviv freeway. The atmosphere is volatile. Israeli military police are pushing demonstrators with force and violence. The mounted police behind them are ready to brutalize the demonstrators.

The masses surge back. Friends of ICWP join. They raise, “Bibi lies, children die.” The masses go wild. They got the idea. Now the slogans are, “Bibi lies, workers die,” “Bibi lies, women die.”

ICWP friends try to convert mass anger against Bibi and for the return of hostages into class anger against capitalism and a fight for communism. Many copies of *Red Flag* are distributed. We learned from past

experience that it’s difficult to distribute papers during street battles. So, we started giving out hundreds of small cards with ICWP QR codes. People willingly put them in their pockets.

Israeli society is torn apart. Almost eighty years of violent struggle against Zionist racism is about to come to an end. The question is: can ICWP mobilize the masses for communism by waging an armed struggle of Israeli, Palestinian, and Arab soldiers?

Thousands of Israeli Air Force reservists signed a petition to end the war. Many thousands more supported this petition, including some in the elite Israeli armed forces. Early last week, 140,000 civilians and parents supported them. In spite of Zionist indoctrination, some 40% of 18-20-year-olds have no desire to fight for the Israeli “Defense” Forces.

The Israeli economy is collapsing rapidly. There is no tourism industry. A large number of Israeli citizens have



Tel Aviv, January, 2024—Signs in Hebrew and Arabic say “Ceasefire Now”

left the country forever. The coveted IT sector is losing its workers. Housing prices are falling; there are no buyers. The war has created massive debt.

The morale of the soldiers who participated in the Gaza genocide is crumbling. PTSD is spreading like a pandemic, with no nurses, doctors, or hospitals to help them.

Resistance can be converted to rebellion. ICWP can turn mass anger against the government into mass anger to destroy capitalism, against borders, and for communism. Nearly 20% of Israelis are of Arab descent and live in fear. The

settler violence in the West Bank has galvanized the masses against Zionist murderers. A recent poster shows Netanyahu, Trump, and Bukele as fascists to be sent to CECOT, the concentration camp in El Salvador.

We are taking these battles of winning the masses for communism to our May Day rallies. We now have three safe houses where comrades are inviting workers and students. We will join our comrades in many areas of the world to tear down the walls that separate the working class. Fight for communism. Join ICWP!

Read our pamphlet:

**SOLDIERS,  
SAILORS,  
MARINES:  
CRUCIAL FOR A  
COMMUNIST  
WORKERS'  
REVOLUTION**



Available at [icwpredflag.org/mpe.pdf](http://icwpredflag.org/mpe.pdf)

“Recruit Me to Your Party – I Want to Join”

## AUTO WORKERS, HOSPITAL WORKERS SHOW MASS REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST POTENTIAL

GQEBERHA (South Africa), April 18— “My crew of six workers transports about 2000 VW cars to the shipping containers bound for the US,” said Xolani. “We work 12-hour shifts. This is a very stressful job. We have to learn to drive on the left side. The space between two cars is very tight. If the car has even small scratch, you can’t load it. And you are fired.”

This is contracted labour. There is no overtime, unemployment benefits, insurance, paid holidays, health care, or guarantee of work the next day. The capitalist bosses call it “Just in Time” production, where inventory and finished goods are delivered precisely when they are needed.

Xolani said he makes R200 (\$11) when he is called to work. His transport cost is R40, so there is hardly anything left for food, rent, clothing, or health.

Xolani had long ago formed a close bond with a comrade in his neighbourhood. He started reading *Red Flag*. He joined ICWP three years ago, when he was convinced he was a wage slave and that only communism could emancipate the working class.

Comrade Xolani participated in May Day activities. He initiated discussions about dialectical materialism at two ICWP overnight camps. He said that dialectical ma-

terialism taught him that quantity (distributing more *Red Flags*) can turn into quality (building communist relationships among the masses).

He and others have formed a collective in their township. They recruited several other comrades to discuss building a mass base of communism there. One new comrade, Siya, is a mass organizer who has close relationships with many people.

Siya’s husband works in a factory that produces automobile batteries. He produces three pallets of 1,000 batteries each day. They retail for approximately R2000. The capitalists make enormous profits from the workers’ labour.

Siya’s husband read our newspaper very carefully and said, “Recruit me to your party. I want to join. If you can recruit me, I will confidently recruit other workers.”

We met with new party members in another collective near the VW plant. This collective has been meeting for about a year. They are enthusiastic about communism and ICWP.

One is a hospital cleaner. She said her work is essential because, without sanitation, the doctors cannot do their jobs. She sees that only communism will create conditions where the healthcare of the masses will be primary. Without money, the



South Africa November 2023-Comrades distributing *Red Flag* to VW workers

masses’ needs will be satisfied. Another comrade is a nurse. She arranged to attend our camp in May to talk more about organizing her workplace.

Comrades related the hospital work to the horrific images of utter devastation in Gaza. This will never happen in communism. “We will take care of each other, not create wars,” one said. “I have children, and it is heartbreaking to see what is happening in Gaza.”

Themبisa leads the VW collective. She is very active in Uitenhage. She has recruited her sister and many others. She learned about ICWP from a party leader. The first time she asked Themبisa to join, she was not convinced. She asked her again, and the third time, she said, “I join, I join.” She is organizing May Day activities.

Another party leader recently got a factory job. Three comrades now

work there. His group regularly discusses *Red Flag* and dialectical materialism.

Our struggle here shows the revolutionary potential of the masses. Comrades like Xolani, Themبisa, and Siya joined ICWP due to their close relationships with party members. Such relationships, combined with *Red Flag* and the struggle to form collectives, will prepare the masses for communism.

Many more workers will, like Xolani, understand that they are wage slaves and that only communism can emancipate the working class. They will see the communist power of the international working class.

This May Day, we will march more vigorously and more determined to end the worldwide terror of imperialists. We will more resolutely fight to usher in a communist society.