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MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM

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MOBILIZING THE WORKING CLASS TO BUILD A COMMUNIST WORLD

EL SALVADOR, May 1 — “I believe communism is possible. That’s why we’re here,” said a worker while reading our banner at the march. He enthusiastically took our newspaper, *Red Flag*.

“Do you want a newspaper? It talks about communism. We are an internationalist communist party,” a comrade told a university worker. “Sure, give me one. I’m at the march as part of the people.”

Another worker, listening to the conversation, noted, “I’ve been reading *Red Flag* on your website for several years.” We exchanged contact information with both of them.

That’s how the great day of working-class mobilization began: in a mass march. We commemorated the historic struggle of the working class, to fight for a communist revolution, which we con-

tinue today. We arrived early with flags, posters, banners, newspapers, and T-shirts.

Our contingent included dozens of workers from four factories, rural workers, students, and health-care workers, who brought a first-aid kit in case of any health problems. Comrades who had not been very active also came, showing that they are back with ICWP to continue the struggle.

Comrades from the interior of the country got up early, evading police checkpoints that the government set up to try to keep the working class from marching. Other comrades traveled a day early in order to avoid problems and arrive on time.

The workers took to the streets, facing repression under the state of exception that harasses and imprisons those who oppose its horrible

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COMMUNISM IN ACTION SHOWS THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS

UITENHAGE, (South Africa), May 3 — “I am determined,” Siya said as she organized 18 high school students for our May Day event in Kariega (Uitenhage). They marched enthusiastically to our hall, chanting revolutionary songs ending with “Viva.” The hall was packed with over 100 comrades.

“I won’t be free until everyone is free in Palestine” was another determined response from a worker who came to our event after he read our flyer.

“I joined the SACP when I was very young. They bribed us by feeding us McDonald’s food. How will you be different?” asked an old industrial worker. An ICWP comrade said, “We will abolish money and mobilize the masses. Without money, there will be no bribe.”

“A comrade asked me to join ICWP. I was not convinced. She asked me again. I was still not sure. She asked for the third time, and I

joined. I can see the communist future now; there is no going back. We can do it!”

This comrade who did not join ICWP the first time she was asked to join is now a key leader of our party. She is determined as she has organized her large family members to not only join ICWP, but they are active in cooking, cleaning, leafleting, and mobilizing the masses.

“We have to go to the root of the problem; it is capitalism that we must destroy.” Several hospital workers are spreading the word by distributing RF and bringing other workers to our event.

Young comrades like Siya are giving tremendous leadership to the entire party. Comrade Siya organized 250 students to confront the administration without a maths teacher. They toyi toyied until the school hired a teacher. Some months later, Siya joined ICWP.

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SOUTH AFRICA: “THE CHANGE WE WANT IS COMMUNISM”

GQEBERHA (South Africa), April 26— Every person who came to our organizing branch meeting promised to bring more comrades and recruit them to our party. A nurse, a teacher, a VW worker, a hospital cleaner, a machine operator, and many more said unanimously, “We want change. The system is rotten, infested with drugs, gang violence, and hunger, as the capitalist bosses amass super profits.”

The change we want is communism, a system without the capitalist bosses and their wage slavery.

A VW worker said, “The bosses don’t even know how the plant is run. They live in Munich. We do all our work, and they throw us peanuts. After over thirty-two years, I couldn’t afford a new VW car, yet I was responsible for producing thousands of cars. I have three years left before I retire. I will train new workers on communism.”

A grandmother was the person who opened our discussion. She was sick and tired of gang violence that had claimed so many lives. Why do we have drugs and gangs? This topic was discussed by many. They all agreed that it is a sign of a very sick society where high unemployment and corruption push many young people to turn to drugs. We have to get rid of capi-

talists who are responsible for creating conditions for drugs. Many young people in the meeting said they are taking RF to their township to organize for May Day.

Last week, a soldier told us that after fourteen years in the army, he did not have enough food to eat. When the soldiers are hungry, the bosses give them guns. He said that in the past he used to read *Red Flag*, but due to some personal problems, he did not actively participate in our discussions. But now he talks to many soldiers about RF and plans to form a collective.

A nurse has taken time off to come to our communist camp and is inviting others to May Day. The horrific atrocities in Gaza moved another nurse and a hospital cleaner. They are all organizing to bring more people to May Day.

We had a braai (barbecue) prepared by our loving comrade, who also organizes in her neighborhood. Her comrade in the township, who participates in climate change organizations, brought five comrades today, and they plan to bring more for May Day.

Now, we have a leadership team of about ten comrades, and that is growing. Everyone at this afternoon’s event was overwhelmed by the possibility of big change coming, which means more ICWP comrades.

A comrade summarized the meeting when she said, “These coming events for communism will be a life-changing experience for us.”

These life-changing experiences do not happen overnight. They require many visits, many rejections, endless driving, calling, discussing communism and RF, talking about personal problems, becoming truly part of a family, and helping each other. We overcame seemingly impossible problems of load shedding (power outages), Covid 19, irregular internet and many more. We have built a solid bond that will continue to grow and attract many others to join the party. Let us all continue to focus our efforts and energy on building communist relationships that will change society.



ICWP May Day Brings Hope and Courage

Our representation of the International Communist Workers’ Party to mobilize masses in Uitenhage Hall in South Africa proves once again that ICWP is the only party that will free the working class from this heartless capitalist system. The system that is designed to brutally attack, starve and even kill us for the purpose of maximizing profits.

It is clear that people are fed up with political parties and the system that we live under. A system of lies and empty promises that only want the masses and the working class to suffer.

It was so painful to hear stories of those who attended the conference. They told us about the endless poverty that is becoming

worse every day. Where it’s the norm to go to sleep without food. Young people committing extreme crimes to fight poverty. The masses have completely lost hope of being saved by political parties that despise them.

People are so happy to see that there is an organization that is honest, and its purpose is to see all the masses free and equal. A society without empty promises, hunger, crime, exploitation, and killings.

People were singing songs of freedom for everyone, equal conditions of living for everyone. People agreed that only ICWP will free us from the brutal chains of the capitalist system.

Comrade in Gqeberha (South Africa)

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Comrade Siya is relentless. On May Day, she started early. She helped peel vegetables and cook food for lunch, went to the hall early to greet and lead young students, led songs, distributed food and drinks, cleaned the hall, and then had a meeting to plan our future. All this was done collectively, encouraging others.

This is the future of the party; this is communism in action. When millions of people like Siya organize and fight for communism, the future generation will be built on fulfilling the needs of the international working class.

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Seattle ICWP at the May Day Rally

“LIFE AT THE TABLE”—COMMUNISM WAS THE TOPIC

SEATTLE (USA) May 1— “May Day has been celebrated by workers all over the world since 1886, when Chicago workers demonstrated in Haymarket Square demanding the establishment of the eight-hour day.”

This was part of one of the many



conversations we had this May Day with the mostly young workers, students and activists who stopped at our ICWP table set up in the park where the march began.

The march and rally were organized by a broad coalition of reformist groups, some of them socialists. But only ICWP called for Communist Revolution. The majority of the people we met asked the same question, “What is the difference between socialism and communism?”

This is a great question, be-

cause it leads into many areas of life that people are very stressed and angry about right now. We said workers will always be exploited under capitalism because we are wage slaves. The bosses will do everything they can to hold onto their power. Socialism may seem more democratic, but it does not do away with the basic evils of capitalism. Communism will do away with classes, the wage system, private ownership of land, separate nations with borders, and finance (money). People were very open to this idea.

Some other questions were related to fear of openly calling ourselves communists, and how we should deal with security. Not surprising, especially during these times. We explained that we have to be open and honest with our

friends and coworkers and not be like the bosses who cover up and lie to us constantly. That we have to develop close relationships with other workers/soldiers/students and be a part of their struggle, not push them away. That is the security we need.

ICWP came away from this May Day with several victories. A comrade and a close friend of the Party spent three hours having conversations at the table, while others distributed hundreds of *Red Flags* in the crowd. This friend was very helpful and made a great team with an experienced comrade.

We had seven people who signed a contact list. One person who signed is very eager to meet up and continue our conversation. This is what we need to make our party grow!

May Day in Los Angeles:

WORKERS AND YOUTH ARE OPEN TO COMMUNISM!

LOS ANGELES (USA), May 1— “ ‘Communism!’ a worker said to me in surprise when I offered her a copy of *Red Flag*,” reported a comrade. “She looked at the cover and, smiling, said, ‘Give me some more for my coworkers.’ ”

ICWP was present this May Day in two marches: one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. We distributed 1200 *Red Flag* newspapers overall

“There were many contingents, mainly workers. There were also young people, students, and teach-

ers. We went from contingent to contingent offering *Red Flag*. We explained to everyone that we are fighting for a communist revolution, for a society without wage slavery, genocide, or money, that we are fighting to build a mass revolutionary communist party throughout the world,” reported another comrade.

It was a good struggle. Many of the contingents we were able to reach accepted the newspaper. In some cases, there was an intense political struggle, mainly about socialism versus communism and the need for revolution.

One worker declared himself a revolutionary. We agreed that a more energetic struggle and more serious organizing are needed right

now. We exchanged contact information and will meet.

In another case, a young man, after hearing why we fight directly for communism, not socialism, gave us his contact information, saying he wants to learn more.

One contingent was people who work in animation and stagecraft. Several gladly accepted *Red Flag*. We said to them, “We need more graphics and cartoons in our newspaper, something that young people would like.” We asked them to help. A couple of them nodded.

A young man took the newspaper when we told him it was a communist newspaper with articles written by workers around the world. He replied, “Thank you very much. I’ll check out your website.” He said goodbye with a firm handshake.

Dozens of people took photos of our banners calling for “A Communist World Without Borders” and those that read “It’s Not Just Trump, It’s Capitalism! Let’s Fight for Communism.”

During the morning march, a group of protesters joined in our communist slogans and watched our contingent with great admiration. Throughout the march, a young woman comrade led the singing of revolutionary songs like “Bella Ciao” and “Bandera Roja.”

The massive participation of a diverse multitude in this year’s May Day marches was noticeable. The rulers have increased and expanded their attacks on all sectors of the working class. As more people see the need to join the class struggle, more opportunities open up for our party and for the mobilization for communism.

Self-critically, we should have fought more sharply and strategically to mobilize more comrades and friends, especially young people, to these marches. May Day is a great opportunity to see the enthusiasm and seriousness of those who welcome our communist literature, and the potential for recruiting new members to the Party.



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Hope Reignited

Something interesting happened this May Day 2025 in Los Angeles, California. I began gathering content for a podcast I was starting. I asked participants: 1) What brings you here today? 2) What do you hope to accomplish? 3) Do you think it’s possible to have a world without borders or bosses? I asked about twenty people these questions and was surprised to learn that most do believe we can create a world without borders and bosses.

I received mostly general answers to the first question, such as, “To support union rights...Time

for people to come together... Things need to change.”

Responses to my second question started to get more specific, with many saying things like, “We’re here to show some power, some people power. They might have the billions. We have the people.” And “Working class people demonstrate that we have the power to be able to change the systems around us.”

The final question had the most interesting responses because I did not expect so many people who could see living in a world without borders or bosses. Most said things such as, “You cannot

treat millions and billions of people like dirt forever and expect them not to rise up.” And “I think it’s definitely possible. We’ve seen examples of countries, at least, that have tried to create more equal societies. So, I think it is possible. We just have to be able to believe in it and work towards it.”

The masses at May Day this year seemed to have a higher class consciousness than what I’ve heard in the past. The bosses use their lackeys like Bernie (Sanders) and AOC (Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, two USA liberals, to convince the masses that capitalism is not the problem, that it

can be reformed. However, it was refreshing to hear that the masses are not falling for it. They are more and more convinced that capitalism does not work for us and see the possibility of creating something better!

—Love*Abundance*Unity

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LETTERS FROM COMRADES IN EL SALVADOR

Capitalist Health Care Kills Workers

I greet you from El Salvador. I have been a party member for about four years.

Some time ago, I met a health friend in a medical clinic of the social security where she was consulting. She told me that the rules of the health system had changed. The elderly were only given continuity with their routine treatments, without having the right to specialties. This surprised me.

This is the result of a fascist capitalist system of saving on medicines and treatments without caring about human life. It adds more deaths from untreated diseases as a result of lack of care. The ruling class is the only one that can afford health, since going to a private doctor entails exorbitant expenses that the working class cannot afford.

Today, there is a shortage of medicines in every social security clinic. And although there are doctors or nurses, children of our own working class with good intentions

to attend or help, they receive orders from this capitalist system. They find themselves trapped in this rotten system of profit for a few, because of the unattainable costs for all.

We live in a sell-out health care system that we must stop and destroy. Building a communist society is imminent and necessary. The working class must rise up and fight for communism

—Older Comrade in El Salvador

Join This Effort for a Communist World

Best regards. I am a maquila worker and I want to thank my ICWP comrades for inviting me to the May Day march, because it is a necessary struggle that all class-conscious workers must wage.

Everything was very well organized. I was pleased to know that they are a party with which I identify, because the comrades continue the struggle and hope that one day this capitalist system will end.

It is an exploitative system, and

we are forced to live day after day under wage slavery. I see it as unjust how capitalism takes advantage of the needs of workers.

That’s why I, too, am against the capitalist system and this government. I join this effort for a communist world.

—Maquila worker.

Revolutionary Greetings to the Comrades of ICWP

This march was such a special and victorious experience, for on May Day we became more well known as a party. We were joined by people from the working class,

including young children, men, women, and rural and urban workers.

Returning to political activity that day, I felt so happy to see thousands of workers mobilizing and that many of them could be won to the fight for Communism.

That day, several factory comrades who will be part of the ICWP collectives came with us.

After being home for a while after the birth of my daughter, I felt very encouraged to see each one of you. This time, we broke boundaries, comrades! Long live communism.

Young worker



MEXICO CITY, May 1—School workers and teachers in Mexico City received *Red Flag* with interest from the hands of ICWP distributors, including young people who participated enthusiastically. On the eve of the strike of school workers and teachers, scheduled for May 15, communist ideas were presented through our newspaper *Red Flag*.

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policies.

The government is in the midst of scandalous revelations of corruption. They continue to throw small farmers off their lands and hand them over to wealthy members of their corrupt group. Thousands of workers have been laid off, their families left in a precarious situation. To cover up the wave of criticism and bad publicity, the government is offering a pay increase that doesn’t keep up with the increase in the cost of living.

Mobilizing the working class for communism means fighting against growing fascism, the horror of the genocide in Gaza, and all imperialist wars perpetrated by the murderous capitalists. To achieve this, we need a massive ICWP to fight for a communist society without wage slavery, money and all forms of exploitation.

“Give me several newspapers, I want to share them with other friends,” said a worker. During the

march, we distributed 1,200 copies of *Red Flag* and encouraged people to read them. Marchers asked us for more.

“We need to bring more papers. Workers need to be informed about communist ideas,” said a comrade.

“Workers’ struggles have no borders. Long live Communism!” The slogans shouted by workers were loud and enthusiastic.

“Communism is coming and no one will stop it!” “Fight, win! Workers to power!” were slogans heard throughout the march.

Workers’ Struggles for Communism Have No Borders

“Our struggle is for no immigrant to be called illegal,” read a sign. Our working-class siblings in the U.S. are being attacked with jail and deportation. We answer all of this by organizing harder to achieve a communist system that will end borders, racism,

xenophobia, sexism, and all types of discrimination.

“I feel very happy. The ICWP mobilization was successful. More workers from the factory joined in,” said a comrade who works in a factory.

Working-class mobilization is a collective expression, a way to promote communist ideas and make new contacts.

Every Mobilization is a School, From Its Organization to May Day

The comrades in the factory, inviting their fellow workers, explained why it was important to march and distribute *Red Flag*. They explained the need to spread

communist ideas. *Red Flag* must reach every factory.

At the end of ICWP’s participation in the march, we shared food and conversations with our comrades, increasing our enthusiasm to continue the struggle. This is extremely important because it allows us to consolidate communist social relations.

A comrade from the countryside said, “I want to share with you some bread that my family and I made by hand, so you can enjoy it in the name of the communist struggle.”

We are one class, the working class, fighting to victory through communist revolution.



Read our manifesto:

MOBILIZING THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM

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Capitalist-Caused Tragedy in Bandar Abbas, Iran

COMMUNIST WORKERS' POWER WILL END CAPITALISM'S MURDER OF WORKERS

LOS ANGELES (USA) May 8—This May Day, workers in Iran marched with banners saying, “From the mine to the port: places of workers’ murders.”

Recently, dozens of mine workers in the Tabas and Damghan mines were killed by collapsing walls and gas leaks. Then, on April 26, 2025, the day the third round of Iran-US talks were held in Oman, a huge explosion occurred at Rajai Port in Bandar Abbas, Iran.

Rajai Port, Iran’s largest port, is on the Strait of Hormuz. The intensity of the explosion was equivalent to fifty tons of TNT. Red smoke filled the air, caused by burning nitrate or chlorate chemicals.

The coincidence of the explosion with the negotiations in Oman fueled speculation that those who wanted to stop the negotiations caused the explosion to undermine them. But government officials claim that a metal excavator collided with asphalt and sparked a fire in an area where chemical fertilizers were stored, leading to the explosion.

Many accuse Israel and the US imperialists, and even circles within the Iranian regime that are against the negotiations, for the port explosion. Both Israel and some forces in Iran want the negotiations to deadlock. The US has threatened to attack Iran if it doesn’t accept US conditions.

Capitalism’s Deadly Working Conditions

There have been dozens of industrial strikes in Iran this year, many due to unsafe working conditions. “Despite its anti-US stance,

the Islamic Republic is a capitalist country,” explained an Iranian friend. “It has taken away the few reforms left from the 1979 revolution. The lack of job security, unemployment and health insurance, attacks on unions, and arrests of worker leaders mean the government is turning Iran into a capitalist paradise.”

Workers’ gatherings, organizing, and protests are met with harassment, imprisonment, torture, and state murder. Many labor leaders, teachers, and nurses are in prison.

The companies that became state-owned after the 1979 revolution were handed over cheap to members of the government mafia. These capitalists use connections with state suppression to ignore laws on workplace safety.

Whatever caused the explosion and fire at Bandar Abbas, the unsafe conditions led to many deaths and over one thousand injuries.

At least seventy people were killed, though the number is probably much greater. The careless storage of incendiary materials and the criminal disregard for the safety of these containers and human life have been such that extinguishing the fire and explosion took several days. The burnt bodies eliminated the possibility of identification or even counting the dead.

The government’s sheer lawlessness is publicly exposed. Many workers had no insurance, registration, or identity cards. Thus, many families in Hormozgan and neighboring provinces have lost their loved ones without being able to prove their presence in the work-



May 3: Families and residents blocked traffic at the port of Bandar Abbas to protest government cover-up of murderous conditions.

place and without receiving insurance premiums.

The working class in Iran and around the world needs communist revolution.

Whether an industrial “accident” waiting to happen, or a deliberate attack to an unsafe area, capitalism and imperialism caused these deaths and injuries! Capitalism cannot be reformed to meet workers’ needs. The only way to end these murders of workers and the wage slavery and imperialist wars that cause them is to build a mass International Communist Workers’ Party to mobilize the masses for communist revolution.

In communism, workers’ safety and wellbeing will be primary. Communist masses will abolish wage slavery, profit, and imperialist wars. They will produce collectively for workers’ needs.

There is a long history of communist organizing in Iran. As the contradictions in Iran sharpen, the angry workers who marched on

Iran is negotiating with the United States over nuclear activity. Trump is demanding that Iran destroy its civilian nuclear program, demilitarize and destroy all its missiles, and stop supporting the “Axis of Resistance.” This is a non-starter. The US’ real purpose is to break up the China-Russia-Iran axis, and to separate Russia from China. Iran is a crucial partner that can provide the oil that China needs by land, bypassing the US-controlled Strait of Malacca in case of war. This is happening as the China-Russia-Iran axis is strengthening joint ties, building the BRICS alliance. On May 7, China sent a warship into the Persian Gulf in answer to US threats against Iran.

May Day can become revolutionaries. We urge readers to send this paper to friends in Iran and worldwide and to translate it into Farsi.

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Enthusiastic Response to Red Flag Distribution in Kosten

Gqeberha, SA The day started off on a high note as the comrades gathered and filled two taxis. We were all very excited for the day’s events, singing struggle songs and chanting. We arrived in Kosten in high spirits and were met by a very positive response from the workers and shop owners.

At first they were not aware of what was happening, but as we got closer, we explained who we were and why we were there. They received us well and we distributed many Red Flags. Most of them said they were very interested in this movement, as it brought something different. People have heard many empty promises of employment, but ICWP is bringing something completely different.

The comrades proceeded to march towards one of the government hospitals, across from a

crowded shopping complex. On our way we were met by two young women who approached us and asked us where we were going and what we were doing. We explained that we were trying to reach out to people and inform them about this amazing movement that wants to get rid of the system that is enslaving all of us. They instantly showed enthusiasm and asked if they could join us along the way.

This was a big step in our effort to mobilize the masses. We walked with the new comrades and they joined us as we sang and danced until we reached our destination. We took down their details and they said they will be very happy to join us in our upcoming events.

This was the highlight of our day. These new comrades will inform their families and community about the movement, so we will get even more comrades. This is how we

can grow and reach the masses.

The goal of the day had been achieved and all the comrades left on a positive note. We had a brief meeting in the taxi on our way home and every comrade said they felt the event was positive. We distributed a lot of Red Flags and we left a good first impression. People are interested and would like to know more about the party.

Each comrade will also take the

responsibility of gathering comrades around their communities. The young comrades at school will form little collectives and we will see how we can grow from there. The young comrades are a big asset. They are very energetic and easily recruit others. I feel they are a seed that we need to water and let grow within the ICWP.

—Determined new comrade



CECOT, a fascist-capitalist mega-prison

LET’S CRUSH FASCISM WITH A COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

EL SALVADOR, May 5—“Bukele is a fascist and is associated with the rape and repression of our working class. This “leader” uses Salvadoran territory to do favors for the current leader of the US empire,” said R, adding, “His immigration policy not only criminalizes immigrants, but also completely strips them of their human dignity.”

The comrades in El Salvador discussed CECOT and the disappearance of our class brothers and sisters under the state of emergency, and how these prisons are used by the US for deportation.

“American history is no stranger to concentration camps on its own soil. For decades, the US base at Guantánamo Bay in Cuba has been a place where human crimes are committed. Crimes that the US’s own laws prohibit and its extraterritorial status allows. Now they have the CECOT, a black hole,” said J.

Since March 2025, the Donald Trump administration has expelled many Salvadoran and Venezuelan migrants from the US to be held in the CECOT mega-prison. In Washington, they argue that these are members of criminal organizations, such as the Tren de Aragua or the Maras.

CECOT is a prison that is mar-

keted to the world as a dungeon for terrorists. A cruel dungeon where they kidnap all those who oppose these fascist governments. The game of Trumpism and Bukelism pretends there is debate when what really exists is demagoguery and lies.

CECOT refers to the Terrorism Confinement Center. It is a concentration camp where deportees are sent from the United States. It houses approximately 40,000 inmates who are isolated from the outside world, “disappeared.” This is a worse crime than the apparent “security” of eliminating crime. The greatest crime is that of capitalists who destroy and exploit the working class.

The state of exception decreed since March 27, 2022, gives the fascist Bukele the power to do whatever he wants with human lives.

Many of the prisoners suffer from tuberculosis, infections, severe malnutrition, and digestive and chronic diseases. Incarceration can become “life-threatening.”

“CECOT is being openly manipulated by the government to use it as a purge of all those who oppose the government, to silence the voices of the working class. It also holds political prisoners. All under the pretense of ‘terrorist gang members’ without any kind of legal

process,” D commented, adding, “...all under the command of a group of fascist oligarchs who control power.”

“Capitalism can never satisfy the working class. Reforms and laws are not solutions. Only communist revolution, not reform, can abolish the police and the entire rotten system of capitalism,” A asserted.

Comrade J emphasized that, “The origin of all the real evils of capitalist society are the results of the ruling class’s exploitation. We must fight to eradicate this cancer of wage slavery. Massively abolish this system and fight for a communist society.”

C agreed, “Let us fight, youth, soldiers, women, and men. The entire working class, united in a single class, mobilized for communism, will put an end to all forms of discrimination and genocide by the

imperialists.”

A Communist World Requires a Revolutionary Struggle

“There are all kinds of violence, racism, classism, all examples of capitalist attitudes that we must eliminate at their roots.” R stated, “It is clear that no reform or struggle under this rotten fascist capitalist system will provide a solution. It will only happen in a communist society.”

In our future discussions, we will reconsider how we will deal with prisons and the capitalist behavior of “crime” under communism.

Only the communist revolution led by our ICWP can crush the perverse system of prisons for profit and corruption. We will create a communist world for the working class, without borders and without wage slavery.

Long live communist revolution!



WORCESTER, MA (USA) May 8—Dozens of neighbors confronted ICE agents and local police during a raid deporting a Brazilian grandmother. The brutal assault on this family is increasingly commonplace. The community response must be an example. Resistance must spread, and grow, until communist revolution wins a world without borders.

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Bukele’s Capitalist “Wonderland” Is a Disaster for Workers

“Every day we are exploited, bled, and robbed more by the owners of everything, the capitalists, for their rotten endless profits,” said D.

“We live in Wonderland, a first-world country full of security, tourism, attraction for foreigners, where anyone would like to live—according to fascist Bukele,” confirmed J. “This fascist thief shelters and protects the ruling class of El Salvador. Exploiting and impoverishing our working class more.”

“It’s true,” D confirmed. “Where I work, I have a co-worker C, who is the factory’s messenger. He is going through a very difficult situation. Just like all of us, the working class. He lived all his life in the center of San Salvador where Bukele’s fascist government illegally expropriated his home.”

“In order to live there now, cer-

tain rules must be complied with by the law of aesthetic regulations of the historic center,” H agreed.

“My partner was given a month to make all the changes demanded by the requirements,” H continued. “I wasn’t able to do so. It was an expense that is not at hand for us workers. The government only paid him what he invested more than thirty years ago, knowing that what he spent then is nothing in colones compared to what it would really cost today.”

The ruling class is a disease that eats away at the working class. In his “wonderland for millionaires,” Bukele has expropriated many homes like C’s to make multimillion-dollar investments. He has built a hotel for tourists and powerful capitalists of El Salvador, leaving many on the street without a place to live.

As communists, we must fight and spread the word to mobilize the working class all together, including youth and soldiers. All

united to put an end to the rotten profit system. Fight for a communist revolution to end the imperialist wars that massacre our class siblings.

The need for a communist society is imminent. It is now, today, that together we raise our red flag. Long live our communist revolution!

Join our International Communist Workers’ Party today that fights directly for communism without borders or discrimination, without racism or xenophobia. Help us share our ideology by distributing *Red Flag* and fighting for a communist world.

—Comrades in El Salvador



San Salvador, El Salvador, May Day, 2025—Comrades distributed 1200 copies of *Red Flag* to participants and spectators at the march.

High School Students Discuss Education for Wage Slavery

COMMUNIST EDUCATION WILL PREPARE STUDENTS FOR A WORLD WITHOUT BOSSES

Trump's recent executive order to dismantle the Department of Education has sparked some meaningful conversations in my high school classroom. I asked my students: "Why get educated?"

A student answered, "To be enslaved." He added that everything we do in education is to keep you controlled and a productive citizen. This powerful response set the atmosphere for higher level thinking. And it set the mood for discussing communism.

Our education system speaks of allowing our students to engage in

critical thinking, but it can't get too critical of the education system itself because it also leads to criticizing the whole system.

Of course, we can't equate Trump's dismantling as breaking chains because for that we need to dismantle the whole capitalist system. The Department of Education (DoE) is yet another apparatus of the so-called "American democracy" created to keep workers in control while the bosses try to compete in the international market.

The DoE was created in 1980. At this time, the United States was trying to survive its own deeply embedded racist and for-profit practices. So, in the middle of US capitalism, segregated for profit, fixing its own racist mess, there was also a need to educate American children. The consequence is the reform effort through Jimmy Carter's Department of Education during his reelection campaign in 1980. So, what does the DoE do?

It represents another reform apparatus to attempt to counterbalance the inherent racism and inequity in capitalism. Therefore, the DoE's main re-

sponsibility is to equally distribute funds, handle issues of regulation of them, ensure that aid goes to all children through its own Office of Civil Rights. It also gathers official research and statistics on education. All reinforcing the fact that capitalism will always be trying to figure out how to sustain itself.

For capitalists, all reforms must have a high value of sustainability. They don't care when some reforms don't work even at the expense of workers. As long as workers are happy with some reforms, it keeps them in control. Reforms never address the core issue, which is capitalist wage-slavery.

Which brings us back to ICWP's main road which is to dismantle and destroy capitalism as a whole system to create a system of communism in which production for profit ceases to exist. Workers around the world need communism, a system with no money, and where workers produce based on need and not money.

Capitalist education, as the young man stated, is to prepare students to be wage slaves. The state and local Board of Education sets the standards, what to teach and what rules must be followed. Orders are passed from the Board to the principal, to the teachers to the students. Students do the work to get grades and a diploma to prepare them to follow orders in the military or on the job.

We are fighting for a communist world without bosses and wage slavery. Instead of money and markets, communist collectives will decide what to produce and how to distribute it to meet the needs of the masses. Communist education must prepare young people to participate in those communist social relations—without bosses or racist and sexist oppression. They will develop their full potential, working with others, to create a new world on the ruins of capitalism.

That process has already started. Classroom conversations push the limit of capitalist indoctrination. Reading and discussing *Red Flag* in communist collectives allows us to educate ourselves and each other and plan the fight for the new communist world we will win.



Comrades in Zaragoza, Spain distributed 634 *Red Flags* in two May Day marches and had great conversations with Spanish and immigrant workers—including two workers from Senegal.

Read our pamphlet:

**COMMUNIST
EDUCATION FOR A
CLASSLESS
SOCIETY**

Available at
icwpredflag.org/epe.pdf

Bosses use AI to Lay Off Workers

WORKERS WILL TURN MASS UNEMPLOYMENT INTO REVOLUTIONARY ANGER TO FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM

LOS ANGELES (USA), May 1—"AI is going to be used to lay off millions of workers worldwide. They are all potential revolutionary fighters to end capitalism's wage slavery," said a comrade to an auto worker at the May Day march in LA.

He shook the comrade's hand and gladly took *Red Flag*. He said, "I remember you from last year when you came to our strike." One of his friends took the paper too.

The comrade said, "Yes, you told us that McDonald's would automate and lay off most of its workers. You were right!"

Last year, when comrades took *Red Flag/Bandera Roja* to their picket line, he and others told us, "They will use AI to lay off so many of us! This is a big threat to all of us. They're coming after all our jobs. We have to fight it, but how?"

We said the only solution is to fight for a communist society run by and for the workers.

In the hands of the capitalists and imperialists, AI is used for mass

layoffs, genocide, and fascism. The bosses use this technology to lay off millions. This means growing mass unemployment, and greater poverty. Workers can't buy the many products AI helps generate.

The rulers' politicians and union leaders push passivity and tell workers nothing can be done in the face of technology's "progress."

In communism, without profits or competition, in the hands of the working class, technology will be a tool only to help make the masses' lives better. It will enhance medical care, be a tool in cancer research and other positive uses.

Masses of workers around the world won't take this attack lying down. They will be forced to fight for food and survival. These workers have great revolutionary potential. ICWP can grow by recruiting many angry workers to become communist fighters to get rid of capitalism and its wage slavery. To lead communist class struggles to build for communist revolution. Then we will build communism, where there will be plenty of useful

vital work for all.

The fight over which version of AI will dominate the market is part of the sharpening struggle between US and Chinese imperialists, who are using AI to produce even more lethal weapons.

During the capitalist crisis of the Great Depression of the 1930's, hundreds of millions were unemployed worldwide. In the US, about a third of the workforce was unemployed. Hundreds of thousands had lost their farms.

The US Communist Party (CPUSA) had tens of thousands of members. They influenced millions of industrial workers. They mobilized, building soup kitchens and unemployment councils demanding unemployment insurance and social security. They won these demands. But they did not mobilize the masses for revolution. Capitalism was left intact.

Today, the bosses' use of AI technology is accelerating the capitalist crisis. Workers fighting layoffs and unemployment today need communist ideas and communist class

struggle to win the fight for communism.. Workers organizing soup kitchens today can make them centers to build ICWP.

The rulers' use of AI technology to spy on the masses can't stop the workers. The rulers will still depend on workers to make their weapons, and soldiers to use them. Those workers and soldiers can become fighters for communism.

AI won't tell workers that only communism will end this capitalist nightmare. But ICWP will.

ICWP calls on *Red Flag* readers to join us to organize employed and unemployed workers to fight—not for reforms like CPUSA did – but for communism. Communism will have no unemployment or wage-slavery. Everyone will be needed to help produce what our class needs.

When the masses destroy capitalism and run society, we will collectively design and use technology only to help make workers' lives and the earth safe and healthy for all. It will never again be used for profit, exploitation, or genocide.

JEWIS AND ARABS CELEBRATE A COMMUNIST MAY DAY IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV (Palestine/Israel), May 12—"Can we turn rebellion into communist revolution?" asked our friends and members who were mobilizing for May Day. Every day, in Tel Aviv, there are several large anti-war demonstrations. Our members are participating in many of these demonstrations.

We go with our pamphlet about Gaza. One young demonstrator saw our pamphlet with a photo of comrades in South Africa showing a banner saying 'abolish wage slavery'. He said, "Smash capitalism! It is sick, decadent, genocidal. It is killing people in Gaza now. We will be next." He took the pamphlet. This young man is among millions in Israel who want to see change.

We organized about twenty comrades to participate in our May Day march. A significant victory for us was the participation of several Arab Israelis in our contingent

which had previously been all Jewish Israelis.

Every day, the Israeli 'Defense' Force (IDF) commits more atrocities in Gaza, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, and attempts to build 'Greater Israel.' There are increasing signs that Israeli capitalism is imploding. Israel has accumulated a debt of \$450 billion, mainly because of the war. Its economy grew at 6.1% in 2022, but its growth rate now is barely at 1.1%. Thousands of IDF reservists are refusing to join, and many more are suffering from PTSD. Exodus from Israel is depleting its weak economy.

During and after the May Day demonstration, we all spoke about our experience in the IDF. (As non-ultra-Orthodox Jewish Israelis, we were all obligated to serve in the IDF.) Everybody knows somebody in the army. They saw a huge opportunity to turn current dissent in

the military into massive support for abolishing wage slavery. Most of us joined the IDF under duress.

One of our members said, "I joined the IDF. I and many others were not interested in any conflict. And the top brass wanted to keep us quiet. They bribed us by giving us a higher rank."

Another ex-IDF comrade said, "IDF soldiers are counting their 32 months. We can easily send them *Red Flag*."

This was our first May Day under the banner of ICWP. It also showed that we can distribute *Red Flag* inside IDF now. Our organization's growth is very



TEL AVIV, May 11—Hundreds of protestors in Tel Aviv carry photos of Palestinian children murdered in the genocide in Gaza

important in turning rebellion into revolution. This can be a catalyst for worldwide support for abolishing wage slavery.

INDIA: DISTRIBUTING RED FLAG DOOR TO DOOR TO ORGANIZE FOR A COMMUNIST MAY DAY

INDIA, May 5—"I cannot feed my children after working for more than 15 years", said Gita, a garment worker in Bengaluru, India. Her anger and frustration fuel her desire for a change. She is not alone. Over 90% of India's population earns less than the average household income in the world's most impoverished Sub-Saharan regions.

Gita and her entire neighborhood look for answers when ICWP members go door to door, distributing *Red Flags*. Our focus was to distribute more *Red Flags* and recruit more members as May Day approached. Comrades are universally saying, "We are fed up with the capitalists stealing everything from us. We are fed up with the political parties pretending to be our friends. We believe more ICWP members will see a real change. That change

is when we decide what to produce and how to distribute without banks. Workers' power. Communist revolution."

More than in the past, ICWP members, energized by constant religious attacks by BJP/RSS fascists, are showing signs that we can confront fascists. In one of our neighborhoods in New Delhi, our supporters firmly stood up against an RSS mob that was trying to harass a small vegetable vendor. The RSS goons required the vendor to display his name, which would indicate his religion. Our comrades, supported by Hindus and Muslims, prevented it from happening.

These examples of Bengaluru and New Delhi show the opportunities we are seizing. But it also indicates a danger that is looming. Fascist Modi feels emboldened by

Trump's open fascism, and Israel's brutal genocide, and is succeeding in religious attacks on Muslims and Dalits. Our answer is distributing more *Red Flags* and recruiting ICWP members by adopting the new realities of doing work differently.

This May Day was the most significant success for ICWP members who mobilized in three cities in India. We estimate that we have distributed more than 2000 copies of the *Red Flag*. However, more important than the number of papers distributed, many new comrades joined us and actively organized to bring their coworkers.

We faced immense obstacles. A week before May Day, India was blanketed by ultra-religious nationalism when tourists in Kashmir were gunned down by what the In-

dian nationalist parties are unanimously claiming were 'terrorists organized by Pakistan'. This was an attempt to divert people's attention away from their anger at rising inflation, unemployment, and lack of housing.

Our successful May Day under these circumstances shows that our Party can grow and recruit members under fascism. As we write this report, India and Pakistan are involved in a dangerous war for profit. It is not just a war between India and Pakistan, but it is both proxy wars and real wars affecting many regions, including China and the US.

(In our next report, we will analyze the war between India and Pakistan, its global significance, and most importantly, how we expand our circle of friends.)

MOBILIZING FOR COMMUNISM IN SOUTH AFRICA



ABOVE: Uitenhenge, May 1: Comrades celebrate May Day

RIGHT: South Africa, May 13—Meeting in Grahamstown, organized by the cousin of a comrade from Port Elizabeth. Forty people, including workers on their lunch break, concerned about drug violence, unemployment and starvation wages, met with ICWP comrades who brought *Red Flag*. They also contacted soldiers at the local military base.

