

# RED FLAG



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### LOS ANGELES (USA): MASSES OPPOSE ATTACKS ON IMMIGRANTS



### INDIA: AUTO WORKERS FIGHT WAGE SLAVERY

CHENNAI (India), June 19— “Harsh working conditions and constant monitoring by cameras on the production lines are making me angry and determined to get our communist *Red Flag* delivered to workers’ dormitories and hostels,” said a Hyundai trainee worker who joined ICWP last year.

Comrades had shared the story of Suzuki workers in India at our ICWP collective meeting.

Harsh working conditions and extensive hiring of low-paid contract workers are ruining families’ lives. Nine hundred workers rebelled. They earn \$129 a month, less than half the minimum wage. The company brought in three hundred armed private security guards. The sprawling Suzuki plant, which occupies over 600

acres and produces 800,000 cars annually, came to a halt.

The autoworker collective in Chennai has faced similar harsh conditions. Last year, Hyundai introduced a new model. The company awarded a yearly laundry allowance “bonus” of just \$38 to every employee. However, these workers produced one million cars annually, generating \$700 million in profits for the company.

A comrade said, “Last year, Hyundai reduced the workforce by 14%. That is, 1600 workers are unemployed. Now, there are rumors of an economic slowdown. We will be the first to be affected.”

Another comrade added, “The economy is based on making maximum profit. But maximum profit also creates maximum mis-

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### GARMENT WORKERS WANT A WORLD WITHOUT BORDERS

LOS ANGELES (USA), June 23— Masses have responded bravely to the reign of terror imposed by the Trump administration. Student walkouts, highway and street takeovers, mass demonstrations, and other forms of resistance. The organization of self-defense groups, mutual aid, and neighborhood patrols. Many have shown an astonishing and necessary level of fearlessness.

Comrades continue to raise communist ideas, concentrating on factory workers.

“We are here with *Red Flag*, a communist newspaper written by and for workers. It explains how we can have a world without borders,” a comrade told a garment worker coming out of the factory at the end of her shift.

“We all want a world without

borders,” she responded.

“How beautiful it would be,” the comrade continued, “if all of us who want a world without borders would act to make it a reality.”

She nodded. “Yes, it would be very beautiful.” She took the newspaper.

That same hot afternoon, the same comrade started to explain *Red Flag* to another worker. “I read it,” she interrupted. “You guys used to go to American Apparel.”

The comrade was amazed. That factory had closed many years ago. “What do you think about all these raids?” he asked.

“It’s a complete injustice. We’re all very afraid to go out to work. Many aren’t showing up.”

“I’d like to interview you for

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# COMMUNIST REVOLUTION, NOT LIBERAL REFORMISM, WILL DEFEAT FASCISM

LOS ANGELES (USA), June 14— President Trump stared sadly as out-of-step soldiers and creaky tanks paraded past half-empty bleachers at his birthday parade. Meanwhile, over a hundred thousand people attended dozens of “No Kings” protests in Los Angeles County.

Five million or more marched or rallied altogether. In every US state. In big cities and small towns. In some places, tens of thousands, elsewhere just brave individuals. In US territories and twenty other countries.

Two dozen party members and friends joined the ICWP *Red Flag* contingent in downtown LA. They came with varying levels of commitment. All brought their creativity and energy to our mobilization for communism. We distributed over a thousand pieces of communist literature, mainly to marchers but also to National Guards.

## Solidarity and Hopeful Energy

“It was an impressive show of solidarity,” reflected an activist. “But beneath that show, there is an undercurrent of commitment to action.

“There are real stakes in our own backyard,” she continued. “Folks were sharing information and support. In a rising surveillance state, just being together in person is so

valuable.”

“The energy felt really hopeful, which I hadn’t felt lately,” said a millennial. She was participating in a large protest for the first time, carrying an anti-fascist sign. “There were so many families, older folks, young people, dogs, and people of all races and cultures. People were complimenting each other’s signs and introducing themselves.”

A comrade heard a man say, “Sara, we don’t want that, it’s communist.” Sara replied, “That’s OK, dad” and took *Red Flag*.

## To Defeat Fascism, Destroy Its Roots in Capitalism

Here’s the contradiction. March organizers pushed hard for people to wrap themselves in the US flag. To put their hope in the US Constitution, peaceful protest, and democracy. To blame Trump personally for fascism.

“As if Democratic presidents have never harmed the masses,” remarked another comrade. “As if Obama hadn’t been the ‘Deporter-in-Chief.’ As if the last mass deportations in LA hadn’t happened under Carter.

“Instead of organizing for ‘no kings’ the workers should be organizing for revolution from this system,” he continued. “This system which chooses which vulnerable part of the working class it’s time to superexploit and scapegoat. Historically, Black people, Indigenous people, and women have felt this the hardest. The LGBTQ+, Asians, Muslims, and now our immigrant family members have become the new punching bags.

“The bosses have always approached the

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It’s Capitalism  
Communist  
Revolution Will  
Overthrow Fascism!



masses with armed violence,” he concluded. “Working-class struggle and eventual revolution will require violence in order to win an equitable world for all.”

Three people tried to give another comrade a US flag. “I don’t want that flag,” she told them. “The only flag we need is the red flag of the international working class.”

National flags symbolize the politics of nationalism. Nationalism tries to erase class struggle by getting workers to identify with the capitalist bosses who exploit them and send them to war. They divide workers from our class siblings around the world. Patriotism enslaves us. It cannot liberate us.

## What is Fascism?

“Fascist” can describe people or an ideology. But “fascism” is a stage of capitalism.

The British communist R. Palme Dutt analyzed it in 1934. Fascism arises, he argued, when old capitalist institutions break down. Amid this crisis, the working class should be able to seize power. But instead it is restrained by reformist leadership. The disaffected masses thus become easy prey for the forces of reaction – for fascism.

Dutt wrote mainly about the rise of Nazism in Germany. But similar conditions exist today almost everywhere in the world. There is a general economic crisis of capital-

ism. And an environmental crisis. And many levels of social crisis. Imperialist alliances and capitalist institutions are failing. Wars are spreading and intensifying.

The global working class is larger and more international than ever. And more impoverished. More desperate. It should be able to use its mighty power – including the working-class soldiers and sailors in its ranks – to liberate us all from capitalism.

But everywhere it is restrained by reformist leadership. Like in the “No Kings” protests. “Stay peaceful.” “Get out the vote for Democrats.” “Defend the constitution.” Anything to divert the angry masses from communist revolution.

Now, as in 1934, the choice is not “democracy or fascism.” It’s communism or fascism. Fascist regimes mostly have constitutions. Often, they have elections. Let’s learn from nearly a century of heroic struggles and tragic failures: Capitalist democracy paves the way for fascism.

We, like many who marched, are hopeful, not cynical. The stakes are real. The dangers are present, but so too are the opportunities.

Please contact the International Communist Workers’ Party to discuss this. To find out how you can help mobilize masses to destroy fascism with communist revolution.



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For a Communist World Without Borders:  
BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDUSTRIAL WORKERS INSIDE FACTORIES

TACOMA USA), June 6— The United States has been built on the labor and lives of Indigenous and enslaved peoples and immigrants. The leadership of big unions in the Pacific Northwest, such as the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) at Boeing and IAM District Lodge160, had never called for a rally to protect immigrants. Not until this month.

Eight years ago, ICWP organized to stop production in a Boeing plant the first time Trump separated migrant families. The union bigshots were nowhere to be found.

On May 15, 2025, Maximo Londonio, a member of IAM District 160, was arrested as he stepped off his plane at Sea-Tac Airport. He was returning from the Philippines, where he and his wife celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary with their daughter. He has held a green card (permanent residency) for over 20 years.

This time, union headquarters stepped in, calling for a rally at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma. There is one reason they did.

“It’s because the rank-and-file forced the leadership to allow it,” declared a comrade.

For months, comrades and friends have distributed *Red Flag* and talked to the Boeing workforce at the factory gates. Many workers come from immigrant families.

They are eager to discuss how to defeat fascism and genocide with communist revolution.

The union leaders’ change in rhetoric is not limited to the detention of Maximo Londonio. The speechmaking has changed among industrial unions’ leadership, but their alliance with the Democratic party remains.

This alliance insures continued capitalist exploitation, wage slavery, racist attacks and forced deportation.

Only communism can end deportations. Communist revolution will open the door to a world where all workers are welcome everywhere. The horror of capitalist profits and wage slavery will be no match for an unleashed working class. Collective production will provide for the needs of the masses.

Friends We Met; Friends Who Knew Our Comrades

The multi-racial rally included young and old, men and women leaders, union and non-union, and protesters from around the world.

ICWP comrades talked to a worker from the Boeing Auburn plant, north of Tacoma. Within minutes, this machinist stopped the conversation.

“I remember you,” he said to comrades. “You and your friends gave a speech about the World Trade Organization when we were organizing against the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation.”

He is trying to build an Action Committee inside the factory. He asked us to join the conversation. We are bringing our communist ideas to meetings with active Boeing workers.

We struck up a conversation with a teamster

Los Angeles (USA): Union Reformism Diverts Workers from Communist Revolution

“We have to organize immigrant workers from the pulpit,” said Cardinal Mahoney. He was speaking to union officials and community organizations in Los Angeles’ Alameda Corridor in 1994. “If we don’t, the communists will.”

This followed the 1992 riots sparked by the televised police beating of Rodney King.

The Alameda Corridor runs along the railroad to the harbor. It was once home to a multi-racial workforce at Bethlehem Steel, Firestone Tires, and General Motors. It had become a wasteland. About three hundred unionized heavy industry factories had closed during the 1970s and 80s.

This also happened in the US “industrial heartland.” US imperialism began its long decline. Capitalists in Japan, Germany, South Korea, and eventually China began to beat out US capitalism

Meanwhile, tens of thousands of refugees from the US-backed civil wars in Central America were arriving in Los Angeles. Many got jobs in small garment sweatshops. Communists who are now in the ICWP organized in those factories, building an Anti-Racist Garment Union. We now fight directly for communism, not reforms.

Other immigrant workers found jobs as janitors in big office buildings, hotels, and restaurants. The bosses’ unions never organized the Alameda Corridor warehouses that replaced the factories. They did, however, organize the immigrant janitors, and hotel and restaurant workers.

Those unions now dominate California labor. They constitute the mass base of the California Democratic Party. By organizing immigrant workers for reforms, they hope to divert their anger from communist revolution.

On June 6, federal agents arrested David Huerta, president of the statewide janitor’s union. He was outside a Los Angeles garment warehouse. Protestors were denouncing a workplace immigration raid there. Democratic governor Newsom called Huerta a “respected leader, a patriot, and an advocate for working people.”

The unions and the Democratic party do their best to organize immigrant workers (and all workers) to support patriotism. And to fight for crumbs.

Communists fight for the whole cake, the bakery, and a communist world without nations or borders. Join us!

who recently returned from the Philippines. It was a dangerous trip. One of his friends was red tagged. Red tags label individuals and organizations as “communist terrorists.”

When the teamster returned, he and some of his friends decided to build an international labor working group. He asked us to sign up. The teamster and IAM Boeing worker both took copies of *Red Flag* and ICWP leaflets.

While we were talking with them, another comrade distributed *Red Flag* and our leaflets among union members and activists. She

made friends with Maximo’s wife. More women who have been fighting against deportation joined their conversation.

While the capitalists accelerate forced deportation, the International Communist Workers’ Party builds for communist revolution.

Between the distribution of *Red Flag* and communist leaflets at the Boeing gates and developing friendships with workers who are inside the plants, we will forge an opening for ICWP growth not only in the Boeing factory, but internationally as well.



June 6—Northwest Detention Center, Tacoma

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ery to the masses.”

Anti-Racist Struggle Opens Doors to More Communist Organizing

A comrade who joined ICWP five years ago said, “Capitalist bosses have learned to divide the working class by caste, religion, ethnicity, language, gender, nationality, and more. They make workers feel jealous, weak, greedy. They create the education, culture, and fashion industries to get us to accept the system as it is.

“But when we work long hours in a factory like Hyundai, we see our power for a change,” he continued. “Recently, a worker from Assam

was mistreated by his supervisor. The supervisor abused him, calling him ‘Chinese,’ ‘ugly,’ and ‘lazy.’”

Workers knew the worker as very friendly. During a lunch break, workers discussed this racist attack. Soon, hundreds of workers became aware of it. They warned the supervisor. The supervisor came with an armed bodyguard. That made workers very angry. “After a lunch break, we organized a protest to stop work. The management backed off and re-assigned the racist supervisor.”

This provided us with a significant opportunity to distribute *Red Flag* to workers’ homes. We explained that reassigning a supervisor

was not the solution. We must change the whole system of capitalism that demeans workers. We need communist revolution to get rid of the capitalist system as a whole that breeds racism and exploitation.

Workers were very open to our ideas. They started reading articles on Gaza. Many knew about the atrocities and genocide in Gaza. After the incident with the supervisor, everyone wanted to know more about Gaza and our comrades in Israel. They showed interest in the stories of our party in South Africa, the work in El Salvador, and the attacks on immigrants in the US.

An ICWP comrade told a very inspiring story. In the year 1690, the British established colonial power in

Madras (now Chennai). Elihu Yale was the governor and president of the East India Company. He conducted a brutal regime of slave trade, genocide, and colonial plunder. He was so cruel that the British had to repatriate him. He took his ill-gotten fortune to the US and established Yale University. Yale University graduates have since included some of the next generations of ideologues and defenders of capitalist brutality.

The comrade told this story because the Gaza comrade inspired him to talk about a communist revolution. From Gaza to Chennai, we need communism. Join our comrades in reading and spreading *Red Flag* to change the world.







Imperialist Conflict Sharpens in the Middle East

WORKERS MUST NOT SIDE WITH ANY CAPITALIST RULERS

June 24— “The Iranian regime has created shelters for bombs but not for people,” said an Iranian comrade. “Food prices have doubled overnight.” Another worker said, “This warmongering has emptied our stomachs. This system has to go.”

“Netanyahu is getting rid of any checks on his power to establish all-out fascist tyranny,” said a comrade in Tel Aviv. “There is no way out but communist revolution.”

Israeli warplanes and drones struck key Iranian nuclear and military facilities on June 12, killing top generals and scientists.

The Zionist rulers claimed this was necessary before Iran got closer to building an atomic weapon. Experts and even the US government had assessed that Iran was not getting closer. But US President Trump crowed about “our” success.

Iran retaliated with swarms of ballistic missiles exploding over Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Israel threatened to destroy residential neighborhoods in Tehran.

Trump – after lying about “negotiations”—sent US fighters to drop bunker-buster bombs on an Iranian underground nuclear site. The Iranian rulers staged a token attack on Al Udeid in Qatar, the largest and most fortified US base in the region.

All these governments lie, so it’s hard to know how much damage was done anywhere.

As we go to press, a shaky cease-fire seems to be holding. The Iranian and Israeli capitalist governments are both dominated by fascists wrapping themselves in religious garb. Both – and the imperialist US government as well – face conflicts within the ruling class. All face growing anger from the masses they oppress.

These conditions – including the expanding wars – demand a communist revolutionary response. We must build the International Communist Workers’ Party everywhere to make that revolution possible.

Energy, Oil, and Imperialist War

The US is behind Israel. China and Russia are behind Iran, which is part of the BRICS alliance. There is always a danger that this conflict could spiral toward World War III. However, both the US and Chinese imperialists seem to be preparing for that war in the Pacific, not the Middle East.

The US and Iranian rulers have fought since Iran’s US-backed Shah was overthrown in 1979. Before that, the US helped jump-start Iran’s nuclear energy program. Since then there have been decades of negotia-



tions, inspections, threats, sanctions, and more. Nothing had changed recently.

Mideast oil is at stake. Iran holds almost 10% of the world’s petroleum reserves. It controls the strategic Strait of Hormuz. China gets 30% of its oil from Iran. But the new China-Iran railway makes it less dependent on the Strait of Hormuz. India once got most of its oil from Iran. Now it imports more from Russia.

No “Good Capitalists” or “Lesser-evil” Imperialists

Many worldwide rightfully hate US imperialism. The only ruling class that used nuclear bombs in war. That used its dominant position after World War II to overthrow regimes from Iran’s Mossadegh to Guatemala’s Arbenz and Lumumba in Congo. To super-exploit workers in Haiti, the Philippines, and more.

But that doesn’t make the Iranian rulers into heroes! They too are fascist exploiters. They are currently repressing a mass strike of truck drivers. Strikes of steel and sugar workers in 2017-18 sparked waves of anti-government protests. Same

with energy and petrochemical workers’ strikes in 2020-2021. The 2022 “women-life-freedom” movement challenged Iran’s fascist rulers. We must side with the Iranian masses, not back their oppressors.

Limited wars can be useful to capitalist rulers. They can help build patriotism (nationalism) and suppress dissent. Let’s not be fooled!

Let’s answer the rulers’ nationalism and war with communist revolution. The system has to go!

Read our pamphlet:

Genocide in Palestine Demands Communist Revolution:

Available at: <https://icwpredflag.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/e-gaza2.pdf>



June 24— A two-month long nationwide strike continues to roll through Panama. This, despite increasing repression. Thousands of workers who cultivate Chiquita bananas. Construction workers and school workers. They and many others walked out and marched. They have defied a “state of emergency” and mass retaliatory layoffs.

Strikers oppose privatization of pensions. They denounce ecologically dangerous mining projects. And Panamanian politicians’ capitulation to US imperialism.

Strikers have received mass support. From students and doctors. Indigenous groups and feminist collectives. And more.

Two other mass strikes in recent years were diverted into anti-corruption campaigns and negotiations. Capitalism itself is a corrupt system! Exploitation can’t be negotiated away!

Red Flag readers with friends or connections in Panama! Please bring revolutionary communist ideas and organizations to the rebellious and heroic Panamanian working masses!



GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE: “WE ARE ALL STARVING FOR REVOLUTION”

June 23—The Zionist regime in Israel blocks food from entering Gaza. And medical aid. And energy. Hospitals go dark. Water pumps fail. Deadly air strikes continue. One million children in Gaza are at risk of starvation. So are a million adults. Thousands are near the brink of death.

The GHF, a joint operation of Israel and US mercenaries, brings a mere trickle of food to a handful of distribution sites. These sites were designed to be traps. Since distributions began on May 27, Israeli attacks on starving and desperate Palestinians near them have killed over 400 and wounded over 1000.

This is genocide. It is a genocidal policy of “ethnic cleansing.” The Zionist rulers and their US imperialist partners intend to destroy the Palestinian population as such. To disperse those they don’t kill to Libya. Or to Jordan. Or to who knows where in a second Nakba, completing the expulsion that began in 1948.

In the West Bank, Zionist occupation troops stand by or assist as fascist settlers drive tens of thousands of Bedouin and Palestinian

farmers from their homes, villages, and land. In Syria, Zionist troops occupy the Mount Hermon area. “Between the [Mediterranean] Sea and the Jordan [River] there will only be Israeli sovereignty,” declared Israel’s Likud Party 1977 platform. Netanyahu’s government – with US support – is making this a reality. With “no Palestinians allowed.”

Will US-Israeli genocidal fascism succeed? Nothing has stopped it so far. Not Iran’s “axis of resistance.” Not condemnations of global humanitarian organizations. Not mass protests that continue to grow worldwide. Not Greta Thunberg and the Madleen’s symbolic effort to deliver aid.

“Egyptian masses are ready to invade the Rafah border,” reports a comrade in Egypt. “But Sisi and his fascist army are depriving people of necessities. The cost of the basic Aish Baladi (Egyptian bread) has quadrupled. People are calling for ‘baladi intifada’ like in 1977 when the hungry people joined the soldiers.”

Anti-genocide forces are growing within Israel, including among



October 2023—Egyptians try to get food into Gaza

military and ex-military. Comrades of the International Communist Workers’ Party stand proudly among them. Other Israelis have “voted with their feet” by leaving the country. But Zionism’s racist propaganda still has a hold on far too many Jewish Israelis.

Palestinians in Gaza are weakened by hunger and continual attacks. But even in Nazi death camps, prisoners found ways to resist and rebel. Palestinians will too.

Only communist revolution can end genocide and ethnic cleansing

in Palestine and everywhere. And it will!

“I am giving *Red Flag* to the hungry people,” said the comrade in Egypt. “We all are starving for revolution.”

Every small action to advance this cause makes a difference. Wherever you are, spread *Red Flag* in print or electronically. Most important, share it with everyone you know in Palestine! And join or form a collective of the International Communist Workers’ Party.

SOLDIERS AND MARINES: JOIN YOUR WORKING CLASS!

LOS ANGELES (USA), June 14— Faced with growing resistance to the ICE reign of terror, Trump sent in four thousand reserve soldiers from the California National Guard and 700 Marines. He hoped to provoke more disturbances for TV. Instead, he gave ICWP comrades an opportunity to talk to our class siblings in uniform.

As we approached soldiers guarding the West LA Federal Building, each ICWP member had to overcome a certain level of anxiety. After all, the soldiers are in a position of power—armed power and power to dismiss our conversations. But the reality is that we have more in common with them than we (or they) have with Trump, ICE, and the LA Police. And this connection is what allowed us to talk to them, even though officers attempted to stop the interaction.

We brought a leaflet which said, in part:

*Soldiers and Marines come from similar working-class communities in which workers are taking the streets in the latest ICE raids in Los Angeles.*

*A comrade reported: “I’m an Army veteran, and I’m also an immigrant. I was born in Central America, came to the US illegally. When I got my green card, I enlisted in the Army and ended up doing over ten years of service with two deployments to Iraq.*

*“Now, ICE is attacking my own community, and they’re relying on National Guard soldiers and Marines that don’t really want to*

*fight their own families.”*

With a simple “Welcome to LA” from our side and friendly smile on their side, we were able to spark conversations and elevate them to political discussions. One soldier said that being called up was a “gut punch,” clearly making a connection with the people in the streets protesting the ICE raids.

One soldier that took our literature said, “I’m on duty, but I’ll read it during our break. We’ll share with our friends.”

Most of the soldiers that we talked to took flyers, and our Military pamphlet. One soldier refused. But then he looked over to his comrade in arms to his right as if to say, do you want them? We offered them to him, and he took them.

Two days later, we ran into some of the same soldiers stationed around the Federal Courthouse downtown. We continued the conversation. Four of them took our pamphlet: “Fight for the Day When No Worker Will Be Called Foreigner.”

As our leaflet continued: *Enough is enough! Let’s turn the guns around on the bosses who force us to attack our own class.*

*They give us access to military weapons, vehicles, and equipment and expect us to use these same resources against hard working people trying to survive this racist capitalist system. In fact, they force us to use these resources on workers around the world like what happened in Iraq and Vietnam.*

*The Army veteran comrade con-*



Los Angeles (USA), June 14

*tinued: “I have more in common with Gazan workers than I have with Trump. I urge soldiers to use their own mind and turn the guns around in any situation that seems like an injustice to the working class. Workers who take the streets are reacting to the racism, sexism, and homophobia that capitalism creates. In the International Com-*

*munist Workers’ Party, we are fighting for a world without nations, without borders, a communist world that workers around the world desperately need.”*

*Join ICWP and create the strong alliance between soldiers and workers to make communist revolution a reality. Soldiers, join ICWP, join your working class.*

Read our Pamphlet:

Soldiers, Sailors, Marines: Crucial to a Communist Workers’ Revolution

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Communist Social  
Relations in Practice

“Mission accomplished. I feel satisfied to have seen that the Party is not only theory and that solidarity is shown with practice. Ever onward!” These were the words of a worker in the US after a mobilization of a party club of the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP) to his father’s house in El Salvador.

An ICWP collective was mobilized in response to the call for help from some comrades who read *Red Flag*. Education and health sector workers received a request for social and health support.

The support was for a farmer and his family who were mourning the recent loss of one of their children. They also face the health deterioration of one of their members (at the level of the digestive/hepatic system).

It was a task that involved significant logistics, opening communication channels and a trip of almost two hours by road to the house located in the mountains, cradle of revolutionaries.

Many years ago, a comrade pointed out to this young man, “You are going to be the Party doctor in this area.”

Solidarity and social relations among ICWP members and their families is essential to cement the

ties that unite us as workers and to strengthen the sense of action of each Party member.

In addition, the practice and theory of social and humanistic medicine is part of the vision of the communist movement in the ICWP. Bringing health to communities by focusing on disease prevention, diagnosis, and timely treatment, with the rational use of necessary and available resources.

In the last semester, comrades in the east and central areas have organized themselves to spend afternoons together in the company of their families and friends. In these gatherings, we share food and drinks and hold political discussions. And, no less important, we get to know how each comrade is doing.

That’s what happened that day. This allows for this family of workers to no longer be alone, or feel alone, when facing disease or the ailments of psychological and spiritual impact that every disease causes on the patient and his family.

“I feel better. The visit of the collective and the doctor is important. Your mind clears, and you feel different,” said the farmer who reads *Red Flag*.

The family shared lunch with the ICWP collective and listened attentively to the treatment plan. The collective was very enthusiastic

and committed to helping their family members heal. What’s fundamental to ensure the greatest possible success of medical treatment is the support of the ICWP, family, and friends.

Comrades in El Salvador

El Salvador: Factory  
Workers Inspired by  
Fight Against  
Deportations in the US

Workers in our factory have been watching all the great mobilizations of thousands of workers protesting and resisting the deportations of the Trump government. These fascist policies are treating our class siblings as criminals. The solution to this is communist revolution.

This capitalist system attacks us in different ways: through wars, genocide, dismissals, and deportations. It is designed to steal peace and labor power from the working class. But the working class is not standing idly by. We are organizing more collectives of young workers, to radically change this system.

Communist struggle is also intensifying. In our workers’ collectives we have discussed the importance of the distribution of our newspaper *Red Flag* at this time. We have to penetrate the minds of all workers. We need to be organized.

The actions carried out day by day by the comrades of the ICWP in the different mobilizations have raised the revolutionary spirit in the workers. Many comrades have relatives in the US who are part of the community of millions of Salvadorans and Latinos/as in general, who are suffering racism from powerful groups.

This is not about Republicans or Democrats, but about the rotten capitalist system whose main interest is profits.

The response of the working class inspires us. It has brought new young workers to join the party. We pledge to join forces to fight until we win the struggle for a Communist system.

There is persecution in many countries, and in El Salvador we are under a state of emergency that has criminalized protest in the style of military dictatorships.

The workers’ collectives are fighting to put an end to the xenophobic and criminal policies of corrupt capitalists.

Our struggle is for no person to be called illegal. Communism will put an end to xenophobia and racism; we fight for a world without borders.

All out for the fight for communist revolution!

—Communist Worker

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facturing powerhouse. But due to extremely low wages in China and India, much of its industrial base has moved to Asia. South Africa’s six auto plants currently produce about 500,000 cars annually. India’s Suzuki alone produces one million

vehicles.

But things change. VW bosses face rising production costs in Europe due to the Ukraine-Russia war. They are turning to Africa, where China already has a strong presence. They believe that by 2035,

population decline and rising wages in Asia will make Africa’s large, youthful workforce more attractive for exploitation.

We need our own plans to organize ICWP to bring about the future we want.

The only bright future for Africa—and for the world—lies in young comrades who fight for communism today. Capitalism brings nothing but misery. It crushes the dreams of the working class.

Every day, a large share of workers’ wealth is stolen by capitalists. It’s reinvested to generate even more profit. The effects are clear: shacks, overflowing rubbish, crumbling hospitals and schools, and social conditions that fuel alcohol abuse, gang violence, and crime.

We are also beginning to

meet soldiers from the same impoverished townships. Many were recruited simply to feed their families. As one said, “When we’re hungry, they give us guns.” These guns can and should be used against the capitalist bosses. Not against

workers, as happened in Marikana.

Hungry soldiers, allied with students and workers, can become a powerful force for revolution. We must organize, recruit, and struggle with them for communism.





# YOUTH DAY: THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS IS OUR PEOPLE

GQEBERHA (South Africa), June 16—“Young people are the future,” said a student comrade. “Today we remember the youths that fought against oppression. We remind ourselves that these present young people and students are the leaders of a communist future and fighters against capitalism”.

This opened our commemoration of the schoolkids killed in the 1976 Soweto massacre by the South African apartheid regime. They fought for liberation. Today we remember their heroic call for action by recruiting young people to fight the oppressive and exploitative capitalist system.

The same capitalist oppressors who benefited from apartheid still benefit today at the expense of young people. The South African capitalist government is not “white”. The capitalists use their state governed by Black people to exploit the masses and rob young people of their future.

More than twenty young students discussed two questions. What role can we play in shaping the communist future? Who are we fighting for?

We often hear that the schoolchildren of 1976 fought for “our people”. Who are our people?

One comrade said, “We are fighting for our people who are here, who are hungry and don’t have anything, who can’t afford to live a proper life”. Other comrades agreed.

An experienced party comrade asked, “Do we mean who are in this meeting or who are in Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha), or in South Africa?”

## Internationalism Versus Nationalism

Another comrade said, “It seems that comrades mean ‘South Africans’”. Comrades encouraged

each other to have an honest and free discussion around what they deem “foreigners”.

Comrade T said, “I feel foreigners have taken our jobs and given our kids drugs. Hence, they kill the future of young people”. Another comrade agreed. “They are not our people. They come illegally and do crime”.

**Other comrades refuted these remarks in a comradely manner until the comrades saw that what they were saying about immigrants was wrong.** It’s dangerous capitalist propaganda to pit the workers against each other.

Comrade S said, “All immigrants live under capitalism. The conditions created by the brutal capitalist system here in South Africa, they also face where they were born. The jobs we say they ‘stole’: that is wrong, because they are employed by capitalists who want cheap labour from them. Once they become immigrants, their situation becomes even worse. They live under terrible and desperate conditions. They are forced to accept very low wages just to survive and send something to their families”.

He continued: “Some immigrants commit crimes. But saying immigrants bring crime is no different from racists who say Black people are criminals because some criminals are Black. We must fight the system that makes them desperate. If they are exploited in the same manner as any worker, or even worse, are they not our people?”

Comrade TH said, “They are our people, comrades. In Addo an immigrant who had been here for years was brutally attacked because one immigrant in the area had killed someone. They targeted everyone who’s an immigrant”.



Comrade Q said, “We shouldn’t be like those people. We should fight against that. We should unite with all immigrants and win them over. We must unite all workers of the world from anywhere. That’s how we win. Even those from corners we have never heard of should join the party.

“The role of the youth”, she continued, “is to recruit energetically and not let any capitalist propaganda into their minds. The biggest example of ‘us versus foreigners’ is what’s happening in Gaza. Thousands are being killed by Israel because they are regarded as unwanted foreigners. Even in Ukraine and Russia, people are being killed because the other side says they are ‘not our people’”.

“We are international. We should follow our name”, commented comrade C. “The youth will liberate us, and the youth will be better than us”.

Comrades reflected on the fight against Trump’s racist deportations of immigrants from the US. We should never allow a situation like

that in South Africa. We should recruit more, educate ourselves through the communist line, and reject capitalist propaganda. As comrade Q said, “we should be like those in the US who are standing up against Trump, but we should be standing up against capitalism with our communist line. You touch one, you touch all of us”.

We plan to have such a political struggle around ICWP’s communist line to fight against nationalism and other capitalist thinking from new comrades.

At the end, we asked primary school kids what they know about Youth Day and what they would like to change at school. An eleven-year-old girl said, “I would like to end the treatment kids who are not from here get. When one has done something wrong, they get shouted at and taken to the office. But us from here don’t get that”.

Our struggle continues! We fight for a communist world with no xenophobia or borders to divide us!

## WORKERS AND STUDENTS ANSWER FACTORY LAYOFFS, MASS UNEMPLOYMENT BY ORGANIZING FOR COMMUNISM

KARIEGA (South Africa), June 19 — Goodyear has just announced the closure of a plant that produces tires for the adjacent Volkswagen assembly plant. With this closure, nine hundred workers will lose their jobs. This adds to the official unemployment rate of 48% in Kariega (Uitenhage). For Lwazi, the sole breadwinner in his family, this is a calamity. His three sons are also unemployed.

Just four km away is the township of KwaNobuhle. It’s home to many industrial workers and their families. A young comrade named Siya is distributing *Red Flag* door to door. She is also organizing students at her school to join the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP).

In her rundown school, students are forced to stand due to a shortage of furniture. There are no textbooks. Last year, her class went without a mathematics teacher. Math is a required subject to graduate. In response, Comrade Siya organized 250 high school students to stage a toyi-toyi protest at the administration building. They demanded the hiring of a math teacher from Johannesburg.

Siya and other ICWP members, including a comrade from Volkswagen, recently attended a youth meeting. They discussed the significance of the 1976 Soweto Rebellion. That historic protest began when the apartheid government killed hundreds of youths. Today,

Siya and her comrades are determined to overthrow the repressive capitalist system and replace it with communism. Communism is a system where workers share resources based on the needs of the international working class.

Siya now understands that hiring one math teacher is not enough. What is needed is a communist education system. All workers and students learn from one another to build a new society—one without banks, capitalist bosses, or money.

### Capitalist “Master Plans” are nothing but plans to exploit workers.

At the Goodyear plant, we spoke with an executive from Volkswagen

Africa. She introduced the African Automotive Masterplan 2035. She explained that although VW had previously bought tires from Goodyear, in recent years they have been importing them to cut costs. “We’re now buying from India, where production costs are 80% lower than in South Africa,” she said.

This is how capitalism works. In pursuit of profit, bosses shift production to countries with lower wages. According to the Masterplan, Africa’s population is projected to reach 2.5 billion by 2035, with one billion under the age of seventeen.

South Africa was once a manu-

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