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## SOUTH AFRICA: COMRADES LEARN HOW TO CHANGE SOCIETY

PORT ELIZABETH (South Africa), May 31— We recently held a conference with comrades from Uitenhage and Port Elizabeth to study dialectical materialism.

It started on Friday. Comrades gathered and made their way to the venue in happy spirits, united and with a lot of eagerness to learn. That night we briefed all comrades about the weekend's activities. We stressed the importance of participation of all comrades. We encouraged comrades to ask questions and engage as much as possible to create an environment conducive to learning.

We were all there to learn more about communism and how we can go about building a communist society. One comrade began, "We are here to change society, to change

capitalism to a communist society. Therefore, this gathering is about understanding how we can effect that change. Is it even possible?"

An experienced comrade asked, "Is change possible?"

"Yes, it is," comrade M answered, "if we work together united and grow to a big number".

What can dialectical materialism teach us about change? What can we understand about dialectical materialism? What can we practically do with the knowledge we gained?

We divided into two groups. Each group had the task of reading, explaining, making examples, and relating some of the examples to our everyday lives in order for the comrades to better understand what is meant.

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## FIGHTING FOR A COMMUNIST WORLD THAT WELCOMES WORKERS EVERYWHERE

SEATTLE (USA), May 15— Fascist deportations of factory and farm workers are growing. Meanwhile, industrial and agricultural workers, students, and others are demonstrating against ICE arrests. ICE is the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement police.

Friends asked what scenarios we need to resist the expanding deportations. "There are no capitalist scenarios that will save the working class," a long-time comrade from Boeing answered. "We need our own communist scenarios."

Comrades told a friend about the recent arrest of Maximo Londonio. She notified an organization she works with that includes hundreds

of workers and activists. Its members asked what they should do.

"They can start with demonstrating against the incarceration of this IAM worker," she declared.

Maximo Londonio, 42, was originally from the Philippines. He has been in the US since age twelve. He has held a green card (permanent residency) for over twenty years. He works at a manufacturing company south of Seattle. He is a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW).

Londonio was arrested on May 15 when he stepped off the plane at Sea-Tac Airport. He has been held since then. He was returning home

with his wife and young daughter after celebrating his 20th wedding anniversary and visiting family in the Philippines.

He is now imprisoned at the Northwest Detention Center, south of Seattle. His incarceration has drawn people to demonstrate there.

**"Remigration": Racism against Non-White Immigrants Is Attack on All Workers**

Londonio's arrest is part of a string of recent ICE detainments in the Seattle area. But the attacks are not limited to Washington state.

All this takes place as the US Supreme Court allows the Trump regime to end protection for more

than 500,000 immigrants facing dire crises in their home countries. Migrants from Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and Haiti are among the most vulnerable.

But Irish immigrants in Boston and Polish immigrants in Chicago are also terrified. As always, racism is the cutting edge of capitalism's attack on all workers.

The fascist Trump administration wants an Office of Remigration. The State Department calls this new office a "hub for immigration issues and repatriation tracking."

"Remigration" is a proposal for ethnic cleansing that emerged from European neofascists. It calls for

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We often come across words that sound like jargon and are not easily understood. But after discussions they became clear. For example, we came across “dialectical contradictions”. This sounded technical and complicated. But one comrade explained using examples of a football match and worker and boss contradiction.

He said, “We live in a capitalist society in which there are bosses and workers. These people are opposites, but they are united in that they need each other for an enterprise to function in a capitalist society. But they

are also in conflict when it comes to money. The worker wants more pay while the boss wants to pay less. This is an example of a dialectical contradiction”. Many comrades understood this example as they lived it every day at work.

The comrades engaged very well with the experienced comrades who facilitated the discussions. They did a wonderful job of explaining the communist agenda and the change we are trying to bring.

One facilitator explained some contradictions of communism as internal and external. He said, “The in-

ternal contradictions are primary and will largely determine how we respond to the external contradictions”.

A new comrade responded, “You mean, if we are strong internally, outside forces will have little impact on us. So, we need to be aware of what our internal contradictions or forces are, and which are our own strengths and our own shortcomings and how we can improve them”?

A very curious comrade asked, “Can we then liken this example to doing a ‘SWOT’ analysis, where we need to identify Strengths and Weaknesses which will be internal and

Opportunities and Threats which will be external”? This was a great example. It was understood by all comrades. The question meant that the comrades were getting the idea of exactly what was being discussed in how we can do practical things in building a communist society.

After a break, all comrades were excited to get back in the big group and share our experiences in our smaller groups.

The conference was overall a great success. All comrades participated and showed tremendous commitment in different ways. Some comrades cooked, others served food, and others washed dishes. Another comrade even woke up early to wake comrades up to ensure that all comrades were punctual for the upcoming day’s events in true communist style.

We will continue to learn and use dialectical materialism to sharpen our political line and understanding. As well as to apply what we learn when we mobilise and recruit comrades to join ICWP and fight for a communist society.



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### Remembering Comrade Zipho

It has been five years since comrade Zipho was murdered by gang violence in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Comrade Zipho died instantly from multiple bullets. His friend died two weeks later of a negligent healthcare system that failed to save his life. All this took place just a few blocks from Zipho’s family in a drug-infested township.

ICWP members organized an extraordinary event to commemorate comrade Zipho. Hundreds of people attended his funeral. *Red Flag* was widely distributed. A comrade who survived the ambush highlighted the brutality of gang violence created by capitalism. His message was that only masses organized for communism can avenge such brutal murders. It resonated with Zipho’s friends and family.

The loss of comrade Zipho was



Comrade Zipho distributing *Red Flag*

difficult for everyone. But for Zipho’s mom, the pain was heart-breaking. At the memorial, people thought she would be insoluble.

Every year, we visit Zipho’s mom. Every year, we share different stories about Zipho. His youthful innocence. His mischievous adventures with his friends.

This year, Zipho’s mom recalled the memorial five years ago. She said the *Red Flag* article gave her

the strength to put her son to rest courageously. She recalled that everyone thought she would be crying and distraught, but she remained strong and did not cry.

The pages of *Red Flag* tell the stories of the masses fighting to eradicate the scourge of capitalism. These are stories of how to change the world. Zipho’s mom gives us the strength to change the world for communism.

—International comrade

### Rising Crime: A Qualitative Change?

Our group at the recent Dialectical Materialism conference in South Africa discussed how quantitative changes can produce qualitative changes. How changes in “amount” can produce changes in “kind.” For example, as a pot of porridge is stirred, its texture changes bit by bit. You don’t even notice the small changes. Then, “all of a sudden,” the porridge thickens. Its quality changes from a mush to a solid.

Another example made us think harder. Everyone agrees

that there is more crime now than there was ten years ago. Or even five years ago. The quantity of crime has increased. Has that created a qualitative change? How do we know?

The article we were reading said, “A qualitative change is a big shift in the way something behaves, a shift that often makes us act differently toward it.” Comrades agreed that they acted differently now toward crime. That led us to conclude that there has been a qualitative change, “a kind of break or jump in a process.”

We continued reading the article. But a big question remains. How do comrades act differently now?

Are the changes mainly in how we act individually? Do some changes involve collective actions? Could they? Are there ways we can help friends, family, and neighbors respond to crime that would increase understanding of our communist politics?

These questions aren’t just for the comrades in South Africa. Many of us face similar problems elsewhere. Though not always as urgently. I hope others will discuss and write about this.

— Comrade B

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the mass deportation of non-white immigrants and their descendants to their place of “racial ancestry.” There is no regard for their citizenship or legal status.

From the US to South Africa to Gaza and beyond, large sections of the ruling classes are relying on promotion of racism to secure brutal fascism.

Trump made up a racist lie about genocide against some Afrikaners, allowing them to migrate to the US. “After all the horrors of apartheid, they have some nerve,” yelled a retired Boeing comrade.

A Palestinian Boeing worker reminds us of the real genocide in Gaza. He links the detention centers like the one where Maximo is incarcerated to the horrors in occupied Gaza and the West Bank. About ten thousand Palestinians are currently held in Israeli prisons and detention centers, most with no charges.

Communists Must Mobilize the Masses to Fight this Racist Terror

ICWP friends and neighbors come from all parts of the world.

Retired and active IAM members, teachers and students, are all furious. Our friends are reaching out to their friends and organizations. The rallies grow.

The current attacks are part of advancing fascism fueled by boiling racism. US imperialists will try anything to maintain their supremacy in the face of Chinese and Russian imperialists.

Our party and friends will bring *Red Flag* and communist leaflets to the Northwest Detention Center. We will seek out contacts among the anti-fascist masses.

The contacts made at rallies like the one in Tacoma will lead to political and social relationships among ICWP members and friends. These relationships will move us along the path to mobilizing masses



SEA-TAC AIRPORT (USA), May 15— Crystal Londonio, wife of detained green-card holder Maximo Londonio, speaks at a press conference demanding his release.

for communism, recruiting new members and party leaders.

Comrades and friends must have confidence in industrial workers and the international working class. Stopping some deportations or reforming the immigration system is not enough. Communism will elim-


inate exploitation, long and dangerous journeys, and separation of families.

Now is the time to fight for a world without borders: a communist world.

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The Working Class Has No Border

“Las luchas obreras no tienen fronteras!” (Workers’ struggles have no borders.) Masses chant this enthusiastically to show international solidarity.

But we have a better slogan: “La clase obrera no tiene frontera!” (The working class has no border.) This is better because it points directly to why we are one International Communist Workers’ Party. Why we are not an old-style coalition of different parties in different countries. The working class has no border, and there are no borders within our party.

There will be no borders in the communist world we fight for. Many today want to tear down the

walls that capitalists use to divide us. We say more: there will be no borders, and no nations, either. That is a new and difficult idea for some who come from national liberation perspectives. Our slogan is a way to start to popularize that idea.

It’s like conversations I’ve had with friends in the fight against the Gaza genocide. One likes to chant, “The people united will never be defeated.” I’ve argued for “the workers united will never be defeated.” Who are “the people”? A nation? An ethnic group? We must unite the international working class. The one international working class that has no border.

Slogans are not just catchy words. They summarize a whole political line. Let’s use the best ones we know. And let’s invent even better ones.  
—A comrade



THE ETHNIC CLEANSING OF MEXICANS FROM THE US DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION

A massive depression shook the capitalist world in the 1930’s. US politicians, from President Hoover to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, scape-goated Mexican immigrants. They labeled Mexicans “criminal aliens” who were stealing American jobs.

One million Mexicans and Mexican Americans were put on trains to Mexico. About 60% of them were US citizens— US-born children of Mexican workers.

Many more were legal residents. Very few were legally deported. Most were fired from their jobs, cut off of welfare, and hounded into “self-deportation.”

In Los Angeles, workers were terrorized by mass raids at the Placita Olvera. They were shipped directly from LA County Hospital.

In the Midwest, welfare relief was denied to workers fired by steel and packing-house bosses in Chicago and Gary, Indiana. In Detroit, the Mexican Consulate collaborated with the Chamber of Commerce to put 432 fired auto workers on a train to Mexico. Ninety percent of all Mexican workers were removed.

The Communist Party USA fought against deportations but not for revolution. It organized Mexican farmworkers in Pixley, CA,

and miners in Gallup, NM. It organized the International Labor Defense, which led fights against deportations. But it also supported the liberal-capitalist New Deal. It organized for the Democratic Party.

ICWP has learned from this history to fight directly for a communist world without borders.



Pixley, CA (US), 1933—In the face of deportation raids and grower violence, Mexican and other agricultural workers joined the Communist Party-led Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union to fight for higher wages—but not for workers’ power.



## IS A COMMUNIST WORLD WITHOUT PRISONS OR POLICE POSSIBLE?

EL SALVADOR, May 30—"A large part of the youth has been subjugated by poverty, lack of education, food, all the basic conditions for life, a product of capitalism. Bukele is criminalizing all protest actions and imprisoning those who dare to denounce aspects of capitalism. In Communism we will put an end to all these conditions," said P, a maquila worker, during a workers' meeting.

Many end up in the country's prisons, where justice is selective. Twelve million people are in prison worldwide. Most of them are poor people. In 2025, El Salvador has the highest incarceration rate in the world.

In capitalist society it is the working class that is prone to be imprisoned. There is a tiny group of rich people who currently will not know prisons. But revolutionary justice will catch up with them, sooner rather than later.

The meeting watched a video of the industrial zone and prison farms where prisoners labor under a government program called Zero Leisure. They are promised that for each day of work, the sentence they serve will be reduced by two days.

P asked, "Will there be prisons in Communism?"

"It's the first time I've been asked this question. But I think you have to consider it because prisons do exist," responded S.

This started a discussion within

the group of workers of the International Communist Workers' Party.

The government uses prisoners to perform many jobs, including building public infrastructure like schools, hospitals, and housing, without pay. Millions of dollars are saved. No one knows where this money is invested.

### Prison System: Punishment and Capitalist Business

On the one hand, El Salvador has a prison population of 119,200. This has increased under the three-year state of emergency. The government has built the Terrorism Confinement Center (CECOT). On the other hand, it has closed sixty-seven schools. This is fascism.

Many have been imprisoned without trials and with unfulfilled release orders. "Every month an inmate's family must pay \$100 so they can receive a package with some items. If they want to be given some extra food, they have to pay another \$100," said worker comrade A.

According to the World Prison Brief, El Salvador is in first place with a prison population of 1,659 per 100,000 inhabitants.

The state of emergency is a political weapon to arrest people who dare to denounce acts of corruption and to terrorize those who oppose government policies.

Bukele has made himself available to the US government to receive deportees in exchange for a

few million dollars, whether or not they are guilty of whatever they are accused of. However, despite the political scenario of persecution and criminalization of all social protests, the ICWP organizes the working class to fight for Communism.

### Communism Will Abolish Prisons and Build Community

In the 1920s, a young teacher, Anton Makarenko, was asked to organize a colony in southern Russia. His Maxim Gorky Colony was a place where vagabond and delinquent children were received. Their parents had died in the war or because of epidemics or other reasons.

Through constant dedication, the youths' human dignity was restored. They achieved their re-education. Many became magnificent people. They functioned collectively and developed their intelligence. Makarenko said that material and social shortages had affected them significantly.

"Just as money will be abolished as the material basis of all the evils we are experiencing today, prisons and police will also be abolished. Of course, this will be in a fully de-



Spain, 1936 "The Only Party of the Proletariat Will Smash Fascism"

veloped communist society.

"Then social problems will be addressed in a more humane way, collectively. It will start with the fact that material conditions will be different. There will be no private property, and it will be a classless society. This will be reflected in mental health that allows the appropriate community behavior between people," ended comrade A.

Mobilizing the masses to achieve this through revolution requires a massive International Communist Workers' Party.

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### Capitalist "Wage Increases" Mean Less Buying Power

As of June 1, 2025, the Salvadoran government raised the minimum wage for workers in agriculture, commerce, and industry. The Minister of Labor, Rolando Castro, had said there would be a 12% increase.

The minimum wage for textile and clothing workers did rise 12% from \$359.20 to \$402.30 per month before Social Security and AFP (pension fund) deductions. But for other sectors it was different.

A young worker said, "The increase in the minimum wage is not so beneficial because it raises the price of basic necessities, including medicines and our food. We are maquila workers and workers in other jobs of the rotten capitalist system. They take advantage of the poor workers at the national level and also at the international level. It is the same with these wage increases. The only thing we get is more debts".

He continued: "From my point of view, our communist future is based on us and our children. These salary increases are to get more money from the poor, by

raising the price of basic necessities, to make more profits. This is a chain that seems to have no end, until we fight for a communist future, organized in the ICWP and *Red Flag*."

The bosses, faced with this pitiful reform of a wage increase, are asking that it be lowered. And that the pay increase which will be accompanied by layoffs be carried out gradually.

Yes, it is the reality of this profit-hungry system. The bosses never want to reduce their large profits, which they achieve thanks to the sacrifices, sweat, and tears of our working class. They start with layoffs, especially of young or inexperienced workers.

When the rumor started of this pay increase, prices started to go up in supermarkets, warehouses, etc. The entire working class already knows this bosses' trick of transferring the increase to the prices paid by consumers. This leads to a reduction in what the worker can buy. More pay increases, fewer possibilities to buy anything. That's how this dying system works.

In the system of the working class, organized by the International Communist Workers' Party,

money will not exist. All the basic daily needs of all humanity will be covered. No one will die of hunger, thirst, or lack of medicine. It will have to be to each according to their need, from each according to their dedication.

—Comrade in the maquilas

### A Fighting Salute to the International Working Class

Meaningful and meaningless... that's what May Day is all about. For many, it is a day off where they can go to the beach or simply relax. It's a normal day.

However, for many more, it's a day with valuable meaning. It's the history of struggle against capitalism's abuses of the working class. Workers who, for the sake of survival wages, forget history and obscure their thoughts with cheap goods, covering up the truth and discarding memories.

The true working class is the one that doesn't forget its history and fights for everyone. Fights to remove mental barriers that obstruct the true mission. And seeks, through marches, to send a message that breaks down the contradictions within the working class

itself.

Historical facts show that no struggle, no matter how small, should be forgotten. It is our duty to continue the path of liberation from capitalism.

Therefore, a May Day event with many protesters shouting slogans against abuses and carrying banners denouncing, demanding, and calling for people to join the struggle is an act of positive impact worldwide. We are not just a few. We are many who express our communist meaning and conviction.

This May Day, at different times, united with conviction and the same feeling, we marched as an example of struggle, with entire families. We spread the message both verbally and in writing. We distributed *Red Flag* to raise awareness of the party, which is not just another party. It is the International Communist Workers' Party, the only one that liberates the world from fascist oppression.

Long live May Day, long live the working class, long live *Red Flag*, long live the ICWP.

—Healthcare worker in El Salvador



## Mexico: Teachers' and School Workers' Strike

### THE MASSES NEED COMMUNIST EDUCATION TO DESTROY THE WAGE SYSTEM

MEXICO CITY, June 2—On May 15, “Teachers’ Day,” teachers and school workers went on strike to demand the repeal of the 2007 reform to the ISSSTE (Social Security) law. This reform eliminated a retirement system based on inter-generational solidarity and administered by a government fund. It was replaced by individual savings accounts managed by banks, the so-called Retirement Fund Administrators (AFOREs). The money in these accounts comes from the total exploitation of the working class.

The capitalists, through their government, have used this system to attack workers in the private sector since 1997. In 2007, they extended these attacks to government employees, including school workers and teachers, despite massive protests.

Although the current rulers promised to repeal these “neoliberal reforms,” they now claim that conditions and funds aren’t sufficient. **Teachers chanted, “Sheinbaum said everything would change! Lies, lies, the same crap!”**

In February 2024, before leaving office, President Lopez Obrador promoted new laws. He deceived some workers, promising, among other things, higher salaries and

pensions. Teachers have been unraveling this deception.

The returns promised to workers on their individual accounts are minimal. But banks and their fund administrators (AFOREs) have grown richer. According to official information from May 15, banks earned 76 billion pesos from January to March 2025 from these accounts. AFOREs control 68 million individual accounts, equivalent to 7.2 trillion pesos, approximately 20% of the country’s gross domestic product.

The strikers are also demanding a 100% salary increase. The government has granted 9% plus 1% for August. They also demand that pensions be paid in “minimum wages” instead of in UMAs (Updated Units of Measure, introduced by the government to collect debts and now worth about half of a minimum wage), as this has reduced retirees’ pensions by almost half.

**School workers and teachers are angry and mobilized.** How-



MEXICO CITY, May 15—March of thousands of teachers and school workers who went on strike for better living conditions. Several comrades distributed 400 copies of *Red Flag* and had very good political discussions.

ever, they need to focus their protests against the entire capitalist system, joining the ICWP and working for a worldwide workers’ organization to end capitalism.

They must fight for a communist society where our lives don’t depend on a meager retirement pension, but on collective production to meet the needs of all the world’s workers.

Teachers must educate for such humanity and against students be-

coming obedient wage slaves. They can educate students to be communist leaders in the fight to change the world.

The strike may not achieve all its goals. Nevertheless, it will be a great learning experience for new working-class forces joining the struggle to free our class from the capitalists and their wars for profit. For a communist world! Join ICWP!

## Trump versus Harvard:

### ACADEMIC FREEDOM? – OR FREEDOM FROM CAPITALISM!

May 31— “There’s no academic freedom in Gaza,” posted a Harvard alumna. “All the educational institutions have been bombed into rubble.”

“Don’t bring up Palestine,” someone complained. “It’s divisive.”

Five thousand Harvard alumni were attending a webinar recruiting them for a “united front to defend academic freedom.” The Trump administration has cancelled Harvard’s research grants and con-

tracts, mainly in science and medicine. It’s threatening Harvard’s tax-exempt status. It plans to exclude international students, 27% of the student body.

“The defense of free speech rarely directly includes the right to protest matters of global, national, local, or even university concern,” noted another alumnus. “The defense of university self-governance rarely acknowledges the existing degree of corporate capture of the fruits of scientific research.”

Leave Palestine out of it? Trump’s main excuse is that Harvard supposedly doesn’t do enough to shield Jewish students from anti-genocide protests.

The campus Jewish community rejects Trump’s charges. Surveys show that Arab and Muslim students feel much more threatened. The “academic freedom united front” throws them, and Palestinians, under the bus.

Harvard has hired noted conservative lawyers for its legal battles.

A former clerk for Justice Scalia just joined the Harvard Corporation. *This is a fight within the US ruling class, not against it.*

#### Harvard and US Imperialism

Have you heard the saying, “He who pays the piper calls the tune?” Since World War II, Harvard has danced to the tune of US imperialism. But often it has supplied the pipers, too. Leading Harvard professors go back and forth between the university and key government

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### Communist Education for a Classless Society

During my first week as a teacher, a seven-year-old from Mexico almost wet his pants in class. I did not speak enough Spanish to understand his polite request: “Maestra, el servicio, por favor!” Finally, a bilingual girl told me that he needed to use the “sanitary service,” a polite term for the restroom. A crisis was averted.

After many years in public schools, I now teach in a community college. When students need to use the restroom, they quietly leave the room. But their schooling is increasingly overtly designed to prepare them to be

wage slaves in the capitalist workforce.

Public schools were organized to train rural children to become obedient appendages to machines. That meant that they could not respond appropriately to their bodily needs. The production process has always come first.

School systems have evolved as the needs of capitalism have evolved. Students are taught the skills that the profit system needs, but most of all to do what they’re told—on the job and in the military.

Being a communist teacher has meant exposing this process while working within it. Teaching history from a working-class, interna-

tional, communist perspective. Making my classroom a safe place for students to organize protests and walkouts. Recruiting and consolidating student comrades.

Capitalist rulers design capitalist schooling to serve the needs of capitalism—a system organized around obedience, competition, exploitation, and alienation. The working class around the world cannot survive the vicious system that capitalism has created.

We’re fighting for communism. Education in a communist society without wages or money will have to develop the skills of creativity, cooperation, and meeting the needs of humanity.

Our pamphlet: **Communist Education for a Classless Society** explores what that could look like.

It is available at [icwpredflag.org/epe.pdf](http://icwpredflag.org/epe.pdf) or at the QR code below. We invite you to read and discuss it and send us your ideas.

—Red teacher in the US





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positions. Others are propagandists for pro-capitalist ideas.

But Trump wants Harvard and other universities to dance to his personal tune. To let him dictate hiring, curriculum, and admissions. To enrich his family and cronies. *And for Harvard to abandon its role in projecting US imperialist “soft power.”*

For example, many world leaders have attended Harvard. The current Prime Ministers of Canada, Singapore, Mongolia, Greece. The Presidents of Taiwan, Ecuador, Moldova, Botswana. Former heads of Mexico, Chile, Liberia, Jamaica, Colombia, Bhutan, Hong Kong, Israel, India, Pakistan, Jordan, South Korea, Ireland, Japan. Their college ties to young members of the US ruling class helped US imperialism dominate the world.

Many other international students stayed to make US capitalism more profitable. Others went home – for example, to China – more sympathetic to US imperialism.

Harvard enhances US military

power, too. Napalm was invented there. Trump’s funding cuts ended an estimated \$180 million in recent military research.

US courts are opposing most of Trump’s attacks on Harvard. But, whatever the outcome, the damage to US imperialism has been done. Universities in Hong Kong, India, and elsewhere will welcome students and researchers who Trump scared away. This goes with his attacks on programs like USAID and Voice of America. On European allies.

**So the “united front to defend academic freedom” turns out to be a defense of post-World War II US imperialist strategy.**

Trump’s gold-plated “populist” attacks on “elites” aim to build xenophobia. To misdirect mass anger. They won’t put food on the table or pay medical bills. It’s capitalism in crisis – not just Trump-style fascism – that makes life



Harvard, May 27—Students demonstrate in solidarity with their international fellow students

increasingly difficult for the masses. The masses need communist revolution.

Communism will have no elites or elite universities. Or any universities as we know them today. Nobody will live better or worse than anyone else. Gone will be the freedom to exploit and oppress. No “academic freedom” for a privileged few who don’t threaten the

rulers.

In communism, education will serve the masses. All will have the means and the freedom to develop ourselves to the fullest. To travel. To enjoy meaningful productive work, lifelong learning, and collective decision-making.

In Gaza – and wherever else necessary – we will build this new world on the rubble of the old.

Revisionism: Fascist and Reactionary Capitalism

WE NEED COMMUNIST COLLECTIVITY, NOT CAPITALIST INDIVIDUALISM

The Peng Yu incident in Nanjing, China in 2006 exposed the lying anti-worker nature of the Chinese “Communist” Party’s revisionist government. Although it calls itself the Chinese “Communist” Party, the CCP is a capitalist party. It leads Chinese state capitalism.

Twenty-six-year-old Peng Yu helped an elderly woman, Xu Shoulun, when she fell down in public. Xu then lied and accused Peng of knocking her down. She sued him.

No evidence linked Peng to the fall. But the court ruled in Xu’s favor. It said that “no one would in good conscience help someone unless they felt guilty.” Peng was forced to confess to something he did not do. The fascist court ordered him to pay Xu 10,000-yuan compensation!

The Peng Yu case shows how China’s revisionist rulers distort “justice” to serve their capitalist interests. Revisionism is capitalist ideas and practices that pretend to be communist to mislead and confuse people fighting against exploitation. It is a danger within the communist movement. China’s

rulers claim to be “communist”, but China is capitalist and revisionist.

**Acts of collectivity are a core communist value.** By punishing them, the fascist revisionist regime divides and terrorizes the working class. Instead of collectivity, they push extreme individualism.

Capitalism’s wage system makes workers compete for slave labor jobs instead of collectively producing for human need. It undermines the collective communist spirit that the CCP had in its early days when its mass Red Army made a revolution. It wants workers to have a fascist mentality so they will willingly kill fellow workers in the coming world war.

Chinese revisionist rulers are horrified at the masses’ revolutionary potential. They do everything they can to prevent another revolutionary workers’ uprising. They want the Chinese masses to forever be super-exploited wage slaves and loyal soldiers.

**The Peng Yu decision set a dangerous precedent.** It made collectivity and cooperation crimes. The government defends the capitalists, not workers’ solidarity. The

masses’ historic ingrained collectivity started to weaken. Fewer bystanders were willing to help class sisters and brothers, even if it meant leaving them to suffer or die.

Five years later, the death of two-year-old Wang Yue in Foshan, China showed the extremes of individualism pushed by the rulers. She was struck by a van and left bleeding on the street. At least eighteen people passed by without helping! Finally a ragpicker intervened and she was taken to the hospital. She died from her injuries a few days later.

In 2014, a man from Guangdong Province helped a senior citizen. He was falsely accused of knocking the older man down. When faced with demands that he pay the senior citizen, the man died by suicide.

A national “Good Samaritan Law” went into effect in 2017. Under the law, people who offer emergency help to those who are injured, ill, or in danger are not held financially responsible for harm to the victims.

But such reform measures won’t end the fascist anti-worker nature of revisionism and capitalism. The re-

visionist rulers and their court system will continue to create lies and more lies to discourage collectivity and cooperation. They want to keep workers divided and push a fascist mentality.

Only an international communist revolution, organized by a mass International Communist Workers’ Party, will wipe out fascist revisionism, wage slavery, and its individualistic ideologies and actions forever.

In real communism, communist workers’ collectives will immediately provide emergency assistance to any worker or youth in a dire situation. They will act without hesitation or fear of punishment. The communist masses will struggle against the individualistic practice of ignoring and neglecting those who need emergency assistance.

There will be no more court systems that discourage and penalize collectivity. Production, distribution, and all life will be based on collective, comradely relations instead of money, fascist laws, police, courts, and imperialist wars.

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GENOCIDE IN GAZA: PIVOTAL ISSUE OF OUR TIME

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (USA), June 2— Gaza was, for years, the world’s largest open-air prison. Now it’s the world’s largest death camp. Masses worldwide are outraged. That includes increasing numbers inside Israel, where our International Communist Workers’ Party is growing.

For two months, the Zionist occupation forces (Israel) prevented any food, water, or medical supplies from reaching over two million Palestinian children, men, women. With the complicity of US imperialism, they are intentionally creating famine. Many have died. Many more will soon.

And the bombs keep falling. One Palestinian doctor lost her husband (also a doctor) and nine of their ten children in an Israeli air strike a week ago.

In a devilish new scheme, Israel has enlisted US contractors (mercenaries) to deliver an extremely limited number of food parcels from only one location in Khan Younis. This, instead of allowing the UN and other international agencies to provide food at hundreds of locations.

Then, over eight days, the Zionist military opened fire on crowds walking toward the food distribution site. Over one hundred starving people were murdered.

**Mass anger is boiling over.** Hundreds of thousands marched in cities across Europe in May for “Nakba Day.” Chants of “Free Palestine” rocked graduation ceremonies across the United States. Protesters have not been deterred by two misguided and much-publicized attacks on Jewish people in Washington, DC and Boulder, Colorado.

“We’ve been doing this for a year and a half,” a comrade said at a regular weekly protest in Los Angeles County. “Do you see any changes?”

“No political changes at all,” said D, “but social changes, yes.”

“We used to get thirty or forty people honking support and maybe fifteen giving us the finger,” agreed N. “Now almost everyone honks, and almost nobody gives us the finger.”

“Nothing has changed with the European governments,” mourned J. “They talk about genocide, but they don’t stop the weapons from going to Israel.”

“What are the Arab countries doing?” L wanted to know. The



MADRID (Spain), May 15-- Thousands march in solidarity with Palestinians against the Gaza genocide.

Saudi rulers are angrier about not being able to meet with Palestinian sellouts in the West Bank than they are about starving children and adults in Gaza.

“We had pictures of starving children at the vigil yesterday,” said R. “Some people stopped to look. Some cried. Some walked fast and pretended they didn’t see.”

We ourselves have changed. We have built new relationships. New communities. We’ve learned a lot.

“Before this, I didn’t know that our government is so corrupt,” said R. “The politicians in Con-

gress, almost every one of them.”

“That’s why I always say that ‘Intifada, Revolution’ applies here too, not just in Gaza,” the comrade replied. “The system was never meant to serve us. It was set up from the start for the wealthiest to control everything.” R was not interested in *Red Flag* when she first saw it. Now, like many others in the group, she takes every issue.

The conversation continued and will continue as these friends and others persist in standing against the US-Israeli genocide in Gaza.

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The Answer to Trump is Communism

Many comrades are confused about Trump. His actions are so erratic that people speculate that he has mental issues. What is he up to?

Let me recommend a book that will help us understand. It’s *The Wages of Destruction* by Adam Tooze (2007). It’s an economic history of German fascism from Hitler’s takeover in 1933 to its defeat in World War II in 1945.

Germany before World War I was economically very successful. German technology was the best in the world. German universities dominated academia. German was the language of science and technology. Germany was a rising imperialist power.

However, the other imperialist powers (including Britain, France, and the US) would not put up with the German competition. They went to war with Germany in 1914.

Germany’s defeat in World War I in 1918 destroyed all its success. In the post-war Weimar Republic Germany began to crawl back. But then the massive overproduction crisis of 1929 hit and once again Germany’s position was destroyed.

Tooze explains that by 1933 the German imperialist bosses had

given up on their old approach of cultivating German science and technology. They had decided on a different strategy. That strategy was war.

All their resources were devoted to armaments and war preparations. Germany ran out of foreign exchange in 1939, and attacked Poland, launching World War II.

The rest of the book is fascinating but it’s the above part that helps explain Trump.

The US bosses, like the German bosses, have given up on their peaceful strategy because it’s just not working any more. In the case of the US bosses, their peaceful strategy is liberalism.

Liberalism basically supported US domination by supporting US science, industry, and social ideology. They spent a lot of resources doing good things like USAID to convince people that the US bosses are nice guys who care. Liberalism worked for a long time. But with the current US decline,

it has run out of steam.

A faction of the ruling class has given up on liberalism. It has decided to dismantle it and redirect the resources that are currently devoted to maintaining liberalism.

Liberalism is so entrenched that dismantling it cannot be done through the usual channels, legally and constitutionally. You need someone who is willing to “move fast and break things.” Hence Trump.

And what happens to the resources saved? There are no signs yet of a crash rearmament effort. Instead, the resources will go to subsidize US industry—and tax cuts for the wealthy.

We must not fall into the trap of fighting Trump’s fascism by joining with the liberals. The answer to Trump is communism. Forward to communism, not backward to liberalism.

—West Coast Comrade



May 24—The new China-Iran rail corridor has been put into operation. The first freight train from Cina arrived in Iran in fifteen days, compared to forty days by sea. Iran can now export oil to China through this corridor. Chinese goods can be on their way to Europe, avoiding the Strait of Malacca and unhindered by the US Navy. This move greatly limits the effect of US imperialist sanctions on Iran and US influence in the region while strengthening Chinese imperialist influence.



# Young Comrades Will Lead Youth Day in South Africa:

## FROM FIGHTING APARTHEID TO FIGHTING FOR COMMUNISM

GQEBERHA (South Africa), May 18— The working class has suffered the worst forms of brutality meted out by the capitalist class. But we have never given up. Youth Day commemorates the role of young people in the fight against Apartheid (legal segregation). It marks the events of June 16, 1976, when students in Soweto marched to protest the government's racist language policy in schools.

First, we must look at what happened at Sharpeville. Sharpeville is one of the oldest townships in the country. It's a mining area. Young people would leave their racially segregated townships in rural villages and hunt for jobs in the cities. Men would leave their families, wives, and children to eke out a living in the mines, where they would live in the hostels. Years would pass by without the husbands visiting their families in rural villages.

The apartheid government introduced laws prohibiting women living with their families in the hostels. This made family life difficult. It was difficult for ordinary people to get a domestic passport

required for travel.

So, in 1960 a massive protest was organised at Sharpeville against the pass laws. In order to put down the protest, police were ordered to shoot at the protesters. Sixty-nine men, women, and children were shot dead. This became known as the Sharpeville massacre.

A commission was set up to determine who killed the innocent people. The findings exonerated the killers. Not a single police was found guilty. The minister of police got off scot-free.

"I want to argue that if the protest was organized against the capitalist state to bring an end to its rule, the outcome would have been different," said a comrade. "These protests are in the main reformist but carved off as revolutionary to draw masses of our people into them."

Again in 1985 in Uitenhage, police opened fire on a crowd marking

the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre. They killed 35 people and wounded 27 more. Again, the commission was set up to absolve the guilty ones.

In Soweto 1976, students were protesting against Afrikaans being made the language of instruction for every student in South Africa. The protest started in Soweto but moved quickly throughout the country. Students as young as thirteen years old were murdered, including Hector Peterson. He became a symbol of the students murdered by police for protesting.

One would think that was enough but lo and behold, after the African National Congress (ANC) came to power, it happened again. On 16 August 2012, the South African Police Service killed thirty-four miners during a six-week wildcat strike at the Lonmin platinum mine at Marikana. The workers were de-

manding a living wage.

This happened under the so-called "people's government." Many angrily hold current South African President Ramaphosa, who was a Lonmin director and a former mineworker union leader, responsible. The ANC even refused to call it a massacre. They wanted it called a tragedy.

Young comrades of the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP), especially women, will be leading Youth Day activities in Uitenhage this year.

Organizing masses for Revolution, not reform, becomes key today. ICWP is at the forefront mobilizing the masses for Communist Revolution. It is the Revolution which will avenge those who lost their lives in the struggle against Apartheid, low wages, racism, and murderous police. Viva ICWP! Viva!

### Dedicated Young Comrade Chooses Communism

Today was a very special day for the youth and ICWP in South Africa. A young woman passed her matric exam. This marked her successful completion of high school. It is rare for a girl from a township to graduate. Parents spend lots of money to celebrate this special day, with expensive dresses and elaborate graduation parties.

It was also the weekend of the ICWP conference on dialectical materialism. This young comrade decided not to attend her once-in-a-lifetime graduation ceremony.

Instead, she attended the ICWP dialectical materialism classes.

We recognized her dedication to the party with a card of appreciation and a small gift. She was overwhelmed and tearful when she thanked everyone.

You might have seen her in the May Day photos. She is in her school uniform, working very hard to organize our event. She also skipped classes on May Day to attend the ICWP celebration. Young comrades like her are the future of the party. Special thanks to comrade Qamani for nurturing a new generation of young communists!

—Older comrade



## No Kings, No Capitalists, No Nations!

## OUR ONLY FLAG IS THE RED FLAG

USA— Since Trump is not able to surprise anyone nowadays, it is no surprise that the president will be celebrating the Army's 250th birthday on June 14, 2025. That coincides with Flag Day and Trump's own 79th birthday.

This coincidence has struck many

political nerves. Trump appears to be connecting and magnifying the importance of his birth to political and military power. This is an old and dead practice of kingship by birthright. Trump is no king! Workers are ready to protest and reject this so-called "Trump Birthday Flag Day."

The military parade promises to be one of the largest in US history, costing \$25 million to \$45 million or more. But we also know that there are two sides to military flexing.

On one side, military parades show the great military capacity of countries like France, North Korea, Russia, and China, and now the US. On the other hand, the mere act of conducting a military parade also reveals a harsh

reality for the US: the capitalist competition is intensifying.

If everyone on the playing field knows who is in charge, there is no need for the one and only superpower to flex its muscles. But the US is no longer the only superpower in this dangerous and deadly capitalist playground.

Clearly, this year's June 14th parade is a sign of great military capacity in a time of weakening global influence. And that weakness has undoubtedly grown exponentially in the first four months of Trump's second term.

The other clear fact is that workers will bravely and fearlessly fight against fascism whenever and wherever it surfaces. ICWP will be on the frontlines, not only rejecting kings and queens, but also rejecting all nationalist flags that only divide and oppress the international working

class.

Democrats argue that the flag does not belong to Trump, but rather that the "flag belongs to us." ICWP believes that we should abolish all nationalist flags. They only benefit ruling classes and bosses of all nations.

A rejection of nations means a rejection of borders. Trump's racist immigrant deportations clearly show how bosses rely on nationalism and borders to divide, oppress, and control.

The US flag does not belong to us! The only flag that truly belongs to workers around the world is the red flag. It represents the international blood sacrificed by communists who will build a communist society. A society with no borders, no money, no capitalism or the racism and sexism that capitalism breeds.

