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ADVANCING THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT UNDER FASCIST CONDITIONS



RED FLAG IN INDIA GENERAL STRIKE

INDIA, July 9— “I wake up early each morning with *Red Flag* firmly in my hands. No capitalist bosses will make profits off our backs. I march with determination to organize workers and neighbours who read *Red Flag* regularly—so that we may join millions of others,” said Geeta, a garment worker employed by the labour contractor ZARA.

On July 9, workers flooded the streets of Bengaluru, Kolkata, New Delhi, Chennai, and other cities and towns across India. Ten trade unions and multiple farmers’ organizations participated. Workers from transportation, mining, agriculture, factories, banks, postal services, and healthcare all joined the strike. Two hundred fifty million workers defied fascism. They opposed Modi’s plans for privatization and other anti-worker reforms.

Geeta is a committed member of the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP). Her collective mobilized to spread the message of

communism during the massive July 9 general strike. It has been working closely with ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activists), who provide essential healthcare in rural areas. For three years, Geeta has distributed *Red Flag* to many ASHA workers. One million ASHA workers joined the strike. Many marched as part of the ICWP contingent.

“I am also organizing for communism, carrying the Red Flag as a weapon against rising fascism in India,” said Ramesh, another ICWP member marching with autoworkers in Chennai. “India fought a four-day war against Pakistan to distract workers from the real war—against us. Modi and his fascist party use hyper-nationalism to boast that India is the third-largest economy in the world. But in truth, workers here suffer like the impoverished masses of Sudan.”

His comrade added: “When I march with Ramesh, I see that communism is the future. Unions are

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USA: MASSES RISE UP AGAINST VIOLENT ATTACKS ON IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USA), July 11— Over one hundred protesters quickly gathered to confront federal agents who were kidnapping workers on a licensed cannabis farm in Camarillo. Undeterred by tear gas, they yelled, filmed, and threw rocks at the hated “Migra.”

Almost three hundred workers were taken because they “looked Mexican.” One protester, a young college professor, was also taken. The fascist attack killed Jaime Alanís Garcia, a farmworker, who tragically fell from a greenhouse.

Since June 6, masked, militarized federal agents and bounty hunters have conducted a terror campaign. Their target: working-class communities in and around Los Angeles County. Trump makes no secret of wanting to punish “Democrat cities.”

On July 7, terrorists from nine federal agencies, many in military garb, with tanks and horses, invaded MacArthur Park near downtown Los Angeles. They “treated Los Angeles as a foreign country with insurgents to be defeated,” a reporter said. By then, few people were in the park.

The Nazi in charge, Gregory

Bovino, developed the extremely brutal tactics against Kern County farmworkers in January. Trump officials lie that they are “targeting criminals.” Actually they viciously assault day laborers, gardeners, farm workers. Anyone who speaks Spanish or has brown skin. With or without papers, including US citizens. And anyone who opposes their Gestapo raids.

“Even some Trump voters are looking more favorably at immigrants now,” noted a friend.

Trump’s “border czar,” Tom Homan, declared that “ICE officers and Border Patrol don’t need probable cause.” They can stop people “based on the location, the occupation, their physical appearance, their actions.” A federal judge has temporarily blocked this policy. But few believe that the kidnappers will respect the decision. The Supreme Court will likely overturn it.

Racism is the cutting edge of fascism. But the whole working class is under attack. The Republican “Big Beautiful Bill” massively transfers money from programs for workers (like Medicaid) to the billionaires’ pockets. It will fund ten thousand more immigration cops. And more concentration camps.

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DEVELOPING A NEW GENERATION OF COMMUNIST LEADERS

LOS ANGELES (USA), July 14 — “Fascism is here. ICE is terrorizing workers on our streets. When our brothers and sisters are attacked, this is when we fight harder to raise working class consciousness with communist politics.” These were in the opening remarks at a conference on developing communist leadership. It was primarily organized and led by younger comrades. The conference centered around a commitment to building this leadership now and in the future. And recognizing that it’s not just a position, it’s a practice.

The conference started with video greetings from a younger woman maquila worker comrade in El Salvador and young female student comrades in South Africa. It proceeded with an opening speech that highlighted the brave response of the masses against the reign of terror of ICE raids as well as the necessity of communist revolution and thus communist leadership.

The speech noted that contradictions reign in the material world and in the world of ideas. They are the source of all movement.

Two groups then discussed our efforts to build the party. In one, questions like How do we build leadership in the party? What does it take to be a leader in ICWP? How do we recruit and build the party in fascist times in the US? helped lead the conversation.

One of the comrades leading one group shared how it is difficult to



Young comrades give leadership to ICWP MAY DAY contingent 2015

blend personal life, work life, and political work.

“I love talking to people about communism,” he continued.

“I often feel isolated, and to be honest I value my alone time. If I dedicate time to a political contact, I know I must commit more of my personal time to building the party.”

The group identified such behavior as one that many workers have in a capitalist system. Isolationism is anti-social capitalist behavior. This comrade’s contradiction was identified. He agreed to struggle against capitalist behavior. The key is to build communist behaviors. What an exquisite contradiction for a comrade who says he has many friends in all aspects of his life! For him, building the party means developing political relationships.

Another comrade said that the workshop was communism in action. Experienced and inexperienced alike were there to listen and learn. And at the same time, they were also there to teach. Everyone expressed their struggles and motivations freely without fear of judgment.

Communist leaders aren’t exceptional beings. Capitalism pushes the idea that leaders are different from the rest, creatures who are charismatic, eloquent, brilliant, and unwaveringly passionate. Like with many of capitalism’s tactics, these ideas just serve to divide us. By indoctrinating us with these unattainable characteristics of leadership, we end up believing that we cannot be communist leaders, which is exactly what capitalism wants.

Communist leadership takes many forms. There are many types of communist leaders. Leadership can be displayed in all sorts of ways. “For me, this makes leadership less overwhelming. I don’t have to be perfect to be a leader. It means taking action. Through those actions all of us can grow and become better communist leaders,” a comrade stated.

In the second group, a younger comrade said that a central question was: “How do we stimulate and inspire new communist leadership?” A simple yet powerful answer emerged: “Carry Red Flag with you wherever you go. Whether it’s on

the job, at school, or in at your neighborhood grocery store, the work of building connections and opening political conversations must happen everywhere. Leadership begins with presence—being out in the world, talking to people, and planting seeds.”

We need to make time. Learning and growing as communist leaders requires commitment and consistency. Carving out space in our schedules to study, ask questions, and meetings are all essential.

Everyone wants a communist future. Time pressures, emotional stress, and uncertainty can hold us back. Acknowledging these challenges is an important step toward overcoming them. We’re not looking for leaders who have all the answers. We’re building a community that supports and struggles with one another through communist relations.

Younger members can lead by creating more room for initiative and older comrades stepping back with confidence. Communist leadership doesn’t always start with a megaphone. It can begin with listening, offering support, and asking questions.

When we reflect on what’s missing in our own communist leadership, the word “commitment” comes up. Renewing our commitment to each other, to the party’s communist work, and to the bigger vision of a communist world is what will carry us forward.



May Day Los Angeles, 2015

ON THE WEB:

As usual, we have more than we can print. The website: www.icwpredflag.org has the following letter this issue:

Writing Communist Articles with Chat GPT with a response from the Red Flag editorial collective.

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COMMUNIST PHILOSOPHY HELPS WORKERS UNDERSTAND CLASS CONTRADICTIONS

EL SALVADOR, July 5— “We have even worked on Sunday. We don’t even take a break for lunch. We can only take one day off a month for a doctor’s appointment. They don’t give you permission to take off for emergencies,” said a young worker. “I have spoken with a comrade and her mother, both workers, about this situation and the struggle we are waging as ICWP,” she concluded.

She was sharing a report on the main problems they are facing in the factory. This was in a study group this weekend with workers from the maquilas as well as health and education workers.

The workers explained that their jobs change frequently. New headquarters mean more demands and more repression. Their pay is docked if they miss more than four hours from the shift or if they get medical assistance. Less time to eat. Longer hours to meet production goals. Threats of dismissal if workers demand better working conditions. Lack of supplies for personal protection even when workers have health problems.

“Comrade N has been hospitalized for weeks, due to problems in her lungs. This is because they don’t get enough or adequate masks to do the work she does,” said the comrades who are in communication with her.

The workers understand that complicated scenarios are being presented for the working class all over the world. So the struggle for Communism is necessary.

“I’m part of a union, but I’ve learned that they’re not fighting for the working class. Now I see it more clearly since I have been part of ICWP,” said D, a worker at the fac-

tory.

Because of these problems, other workers have come forward seeking support from the ICWP. They want more information about the party’s ideas. So, we planned a meeting with these co-workers.

Studying Communist Philosophy is Important for the Working Class

“Dialectical materialism helps us understand how society and the economy work. Who are the owners of the means of production, factories and capital. Dialectics helps us understand change. I have learned that with the study of philosophy,” said P, a worker.

The crisis inside the factory is a contradiction. The bosses seek to maximize their profits (increased repression, continuous surveillance, new managers, union complicity with the bosses, layoffs and threats of dismissals). And the workers seek to improve working conditions. Through organizing in the ICWP, this contradiction is the main force for change. The class struggle will lead us to new conditions until we achieve Communism.

“The struggle of opposites is temporary. One of the forces will try to impose itself on the other and win,” said Lenin.

Discussing communist dialectics with workers helps us understand change and the need to organize more workers.

“The mistake of the communists of the past was to believe that the workers were not ready to understand dialectics,” said a military veteran.

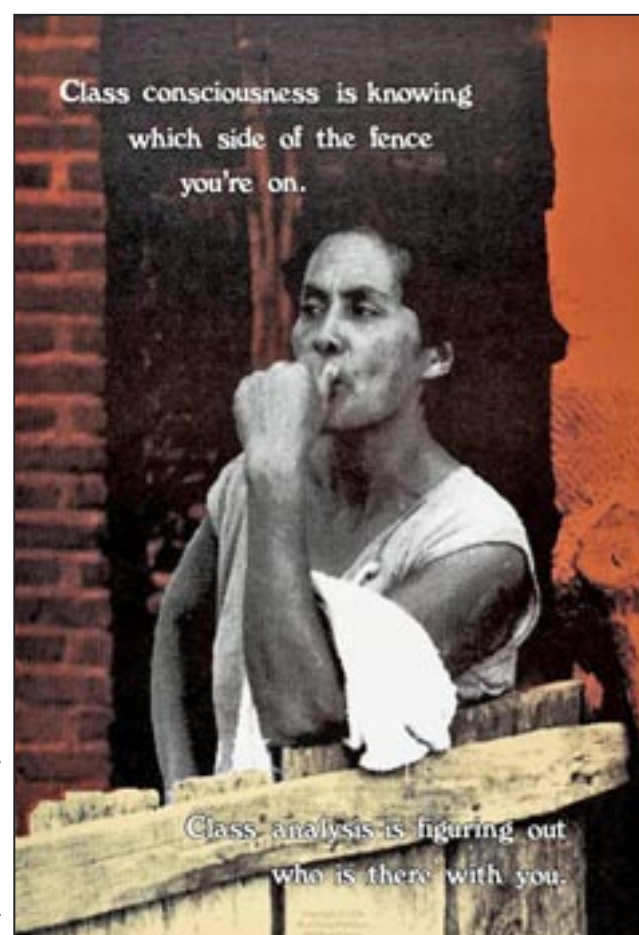
“Therefore, it is urgent to continue with communist political training so that everyone — workers and other proletarians — are aware of

the need to fight for communism, and to organize new members to the struggle,” explained S.

However, they have to know about the personal contradictions and the current system. This leads to studying the situation at home, with friends and with co-workers. Always taking care of security for the regime imposed on us, overcoming and preventing repression and fear from paralyzing us. With knowledge at every step of the communist struggle.

We must continue with the distribution of the *Red Flag* newspaper, meetings of the different groups. And meetings with different members from

other countries to grow in knowledge and experience.



For more about

THE PHILOSOPHY OF DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM

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Mexico City, July 3. Teachers from sections 9, 10, 11, and 60, affiliated with the National Coordinator of Education Workers (CNTE), returned to the streets of Mexico City, this time to demand that salary cuts for teachers during the national strike be repaid and to reiterate the strike's demands (repeal of the current ISSSTE law). They stormed the offices of the Ministry of Public Education in the center of Mexico City. During the march, 300 of them received *Red Flag*.

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just bandages. They prolong our misery by offering crumbs. We have the power to break the endless cycle of exploitation.

“A small group of communists in 1925 mobilized millions in a violent uprising against British imperialism,” he continued. “But their fight was mostly for nationalism with just a hint of socialism, and what did we get? Modi’s fascism. That’s why I believe in ICWP. We fight for real communism: no capitalism, no banks, no money, no exploitation.”

“I see the power of the youth,” said Nitish. “I joined ICWP six years ago in the struggle against

fascism in New Delhi. We fought pitched battles against fascist cops. But when I met ICWP, I saw the real contradiction: capitalism must fall.

“Our collective includes farm-workers and former Jawaharlal Nehru University students,” Nitish went on. “We follow how fascist forces attack immigrants in the US—how they are deported in shackles, denied food and toilets during long flights. Our siblings in the California fields face the same enemy. This is a global fight. Today’s general strike in India is a message: the youth are ready to change the system.”

Learning to Organize Massively for Communism Under Fascism

The July 9 General Strike was a significant opportunity for ICWP. We made a clear plan to reach every supporter and *Red Flag* reader with one goal—recruitment. Each collective prepared a list of contacts and marched with them. Although the unions mobilized many workers, we had to struggle to ensure our supporters marched with us, not behind union misleaders.

We are aware of the risks of exposure under fascism. However, we also recognize that we must spread communism to the masses.

As a collective, we are learning to navigate the contradiction of advancing our work under fascist con-

ditions. We have seen that the bosses’ agents inside the movement can be even more dangerous than the open fascist police. Our focus must be on practice. The challenge is to be visible for recruitment and organization, but invisible to avoid repression. Our experience shows: the more we engage in communist practice, the more we grow.

The key lesson from today is: Be open with the masses. Talk about communism. Take chances. Trust in the collective to continue the struggle. If we’re not constantly speaking about the necessity of communism, we’re not fulfilling our revolutionary responsibility.

Today, we proved that we can build our party—and that we can end wage slavery.



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Resourceful Workers
Organize Against Fascist
ICE

“I want to use my white-girl privilege to help stop ICE from kidnapping people,” said A, a young activist.

We were a small group sitting at a “Community Defense Center” (CDC) in a mainly Latinx neighborhood. ICE (immigration police) and their bounty-hunters had outrageously attacked nearby Villa Park.

Several long-time neighbors started chasing kidnappers’ vehicles out of the area. They set up this CDC, now the “Grupo AutoDefensa” (self-defense group). Their anger had turned them into organizers. They distribute signs and information. Neighborhood folks and people patrolling to warn of ICE presence stop by to chat.

“We are organizing together to help our city,” C explained.

Since then, other CDCs have popped up.

There is lots of time for conversation. A’s comment sparked a lively one.

“Someone was saying the other

day that we shouldn’t be talking about white privilege,” B remembered. “He said it’s divisive.”

“We’re all part of one working class. Let’s talk about what each person can contribute,” I agreed.

L reframed the conversation. “Resources,” she said. “We have different resources. White people can safely go some places I can’t, but I can go some places they can’t. We need to use all the resources we can.”

It’s become clear in recent weeks, amidst the fascist armed invasion, that the working class is very resourceful. Day laborers from the Pasadena Job Center continue to give key leadership. Young workers in health care, schools, offices, IT, and more show up as they can. Self-employed people and even some small-business owners follow the workers’ lead.

New organizers figure out strategies and tactics. An organizer explained to other volunteers at a different new CDC what to do. Then he said, “Actually I have only been doing this for about a week.”

Almost everyone I meet takes

Red Flag. L’s first response was, “Where do you get these?” C’s was, “There are a lot more workers than there are capitalists.” He took extras to share. When I see folks again, many are eager to discuss it.

Most of my new friends are not communists. Some identify with anarchism, a few with socialism. Many have not thought much about revolutionary politics. But in their resourcefulness and their commitment to community, I see the material basis of our party’s line of “mobilizing masses for communism.”

I see them working for the common good, not for personal gain. Buoyed by appreciative support. And struggling against the negativity of the few backward elements. Learning

to work collectively. Amid the defensive fight we wage today, starting to consider what it will mean to go on the offensive to win the world we desperately need.

When we fight alongside these new anti-fascist activists, we make new friends. We learn from them. “We become like family,” said C. Their resources will help us develop the practice and the theory of communism.

—Comrade in Pasadena (USA)



Pasadena (USA) July 2025

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Santa Monica (USA) July 2025

The capitalists as a class need a passive, terrorized working class. They need to rob us to boost their profits and pay for expanding wars. They will try to force alienated young workers to fight in those wars.

Don’t be fooled by Democratic mayors in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Boston who claim to “stand up to ICE.” It was President Obama who gave Homan his first leadership

role in “Homeland Security.” In 2015 Obama honored Homan with an award because (as the *Washington Post* put it), “Thomas Homan deports people. And he’s really good at it.”

Trump may want a civil war. But Democrats won’t give him one.

The war that will defeat fascism will be communist revolution.

“How will the International Communist Workers’ Party grow out of this?” asked a comrade.

We are talking with many friends. Some are scared and hiding, trying to protect their families’ future. Others are newly energized to fight back. We want to recruit all of them to become communist organizers in whatever ways they can.

The fascist assaults have had an impact. Streets are empty. Community events have been cancelled.

Construction projects have been slowed. Crops rot in the fields.

But thousands, mainly young workers, are organizing creatively. Collecting money so street vendors can stay home. Delivering groceries. Patrolling their communities. Doing outreach. Reading *Red Flag*.

And, as in Camarillo, masses have come out to block the kidnappers. In South LA and the city of Bell. In the Highland Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, “people of

all colors, Black, white and brown, came out to defend the community from the oppressors,” said a friend who was there.

Elsewhere in the US, Haitian workers poured into Brooklyn (NY) streets and drove ICE out. Working class neighbors have rebelled in Denver, Chicago, and more.

As a comrade told an immigrant worker who thanked her for protesting, “It’s the struggle of all of us.”

“The masses are showing the way,” said another comrade. “With communist ideas, we can win!”



Minneapolis (USA) June 3—Community blocks ICE raid



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SOCIAL-DEMOCRAT MAMDANI LEADS ANGRY YOUNG WORKERS INTO CAPITALIST TRAP

LOS ANGELES (USA), July 2— “Good news from New York,” said a Los Angeles bus operator while taking *Red Flag*.

He referred to Zohran Mamdani’s victory in the New York City Democratic mayoral primary. Mamdani, 33, is a Social Democrat like Sanders and Ocasio Cortez. He defeated the “establishment” Democrat Cuomo.

Social Democratic parties include the African National Congress (South Africa) and MoReNa (Mexico). They are all capitalist parties.

“Maybe not so good,” a comrade answered the bus operator. “Mamdani is rounding up a lot of angry young adults into the Democratic Party.”

That includes some *Red Flag* readers we hope to recruit to ICWP.

“My friend told me Mamdani seems like he is for the people, and

young, which is a change she feels is needed in leadership roles,” reported a young comrade.

“A younger person said Mamdani was better than Cuomo but agreed that the changes he advocates are small and local,” said another comrade. “I said all the budget will go for war preparations. They replied that ‘Everyone is really worried about world war.’ They said that Trump is attacking Mamdani. I said the media makes that the main story to divert us.”

“His program is different,” said another activist. “He knows he might not be able to get it all done, but at least he’s trying. And he’s getting a lot of support.”

Young Workers Want to Make a Difference

A friend likes Mamdani’s program but suspects he will sell out to the mainstream Democratic Party. “We can’t vote ourselves a revolution,” a comrade said.

“That’s true,” replied the friend. “But Mamdani’s victory shows there is a lot of potential for us to run and win in local elections. We can make a difference that way.”

People want to

make a difference. But not that way. We are in a global capitalist crisis. The world is hurtling into intensifying fascism and broadening wars.

It’s critical to understand that “government” is the political dimension of capitalist class dictatorship. Workers can’t take it over. Reforms won’t end war and fascism.

We make a real difference with small steps to build the International Communist Workers’ Party into a force that can overthrow the capitalist dictatorship through armed struggle. Wherever we can, whenever we can.

That includes reading, sharing, and discussing the communist ideas in *Red Flag*. Bringing them to workers, youth, and especially soldiers and sailors who are key to revolution. Joining and building ICWP collectives.

“Mamdani’s politics are performative,” said a comrade in South Africa. “He portrays himself as a working-class immigrant who is fighting the system when he is part of the system. He seeks not to address the fundamental contradictions of capitalism. He instead thinks he can reform it.

“The danger is,” the comrade continued, “that to the US masses,

when his reforms fail, they will be viewed as failures of ‘communism,’ which it is not.”

Capitalism, Socialism, and Communism

“This isn’t a purely capitalist country,” said the bus operator. “There are aspects of socialism already.”

“Socialism and capitalism are more alike than different,” the comrade responded. “Communism will be different. Mamdani wants government grocery stores. In communism, nobody will pay for food. Workers won’t need wages. Everything will be provided according to need. Mamdani wants rent control, but in communism there won’t be rent.

As the worker left, he said, “My girlfriend and I are discussing how bad things have to get here before we move to another country.”

“How bad do things have to get before you become revolutionary communists,” the comrade countered.

“Do you really think people can change?” he asked.

“People are contradictory,” I said. “Some love Trump but fear for their health care. The balance can shift. So yes, I do think people can change.”



GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE DEEPENS CRISIS IN ISRAEL

July 16— Six thousand UNRWA aid trucks remain blocked from delivering food to Gaza’s starving population. Close to one thousand Gazans have been killed trying to get food. The UN Special Rapporteur described the blockade as “beyond cruelty” and “grotesque barbarism.”

A British diplomat recently warned that deep discontent is growing within the Egyptian army toward President Sisi. He stated that any attempt to force Gaza residents through the Rafah border crossing could ignite a broader conflict engulfing Egypt and the entire Middle East.

The cost of genocide in Gaza and the West Bank has reached a breaking point for Israel. According to the Israeli Defense Ministry, military spending surged by 18%—to \$28 billion—at the onset of the genocide. By 2024, that figure had

ballooned to \$47 billion.

Following the 12-day war with Iran, the IDF (Israeli “Defense” Force) had already exhausted most of its annual budget.

The toll of the genocide on Palestinians in Gaza is unimaginable. But the psychological toll in Israel has also been devastating. A Tel Aviv University study found that 23% of adult Jewish Israelis now have PTSD, up from 4.5% before October 7. Among Arab Israelis, the rate is nearly double, fueled by rising racist attacks.

IDF reservists are returning from duty exhausted, physically broken, and showing severe signs of depression. The government has reportedly stopped tracking the suicide rate among soldiers. Israel’s mental health system, already underfunded before, is now strained beyond repair.

Meanwhile, Moody’s has down-

graded Israel’s financial rating to its lowest level in history. This will further weaken its already fragile housing market. Low-paid workers from China and India had been brought in to replace Palestinian laborers from the West Bank. They are now withdrawing and returning home.

Workers and youth around the world – even in the US — are seeing through Zionism’s lies. They are increasingly sympathetic to the Palestinian masses, whose existence cannot be erased.

Our party continues to distribute *Red Flag* to comrades in Israel. They are organizing the masses to end the horrors there and in the rest



Israel Protest, June 2025—Israeli protestors on border with Gaza

of occupied Palestine through communist revolution. Despite immense challenges, we are still able to share *Red Flag* electronically with some readers in Gaza and Iran.

Our goal remains steadfast: to forge revolutionary unity among workers in Gaza, the West Bank, Israel, Egypt and the rest of the region by building the International Communist Workers’ Party.

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Letter from Tel Aviv: “Please Keep *Red Flag* Coming”

The Kahanist right is trying to build an actual concentration camp for Gazans. Everybody else, including most Zionists, is very strongly against this madness.

The government is falling apart. The war needs many more soldiers, and there are none, unless ultra-orthodox youth enlist. But

they don’t want to. So their powerful politicians try to push a law exempting them once and for all from any military service.

Without new ultra-orthodox conscripts, the IDF (Israeli “Defense” Force) is exhausted and increasingly demoralized. Both by extremely long reserve or regular service and from what they are made to do in Gaza. Soldiers now sometimes break their own bones

to get a leave from the military.

The ultra-orthodox military exemption law is very unpopular among anyone who is not ultra-orthodox. So there is opposition to it even from within the government. But if it does not get passed, the ultra-orthodox will leave the ruling coalition. And there will be elections soon.

At the same time, the police have stepped up repression of dis-

sent, including arresting dissident journalists for made-up crimes. Protestors also get arrested and abused by police on a regular basis.

I see a huge opening for the working class in Israel/Palestine to seize this opportunity of complete disarray. Please keep *Red Flag* coming.

—Comrade in Tel Aviv

ANDOR : IS DISNEY PROMOTING REVOLUTION?

The TV series *Andor* (Disney+) is a prequel to the Star Wars film *Rogue One*. It traces the origins of the Rebellion against the Empire.

Andor is part of one of the most commercially successful franchises in media history. But it is a surprisingly radical text. It explores themes of class oppression, labor exploitation, carceral systems, and revolutionary awakening.

When discussing the series with friends, most are quick to recall with excitement the violent uprisings and acts of defiance it portrays. Yet despite its radical tone, *Andor* remains a Disney production. It operates within the ideological boundaries of a capitalist-owned media empire. This contradiction raises important questions about how far a revolutionary narrative can go when it is filtered through corporate interests.

Across its two seasons, *Andor* presents a vivid depiction of life under a fascist-capitalist regime (the Empire). It shows the gradual

emergence of class consciousness among the oppressed (the Rebels).

Crucially, the show rejects the idea that rebellion is destiny. Instead, it portrays revolution as a response to material conditions and the result of political education. **This is perhaps *Andor*’s greatest strength: its grounded depiction of how ordinary people begin to resist systemic violence.**

The show marks a departure from the traditional *Star Wars* mythos of “chosen ones” and prophetic heroes. Instead, it emphasizes collective action. *Andor* insists that revolutions are not built on magical saviors but on the accumulated struggle of people crushed under imperial rule.

It explores themes central to communist theory. These include the failures of reformism, the awakening of class consciousness, and the tension between idealism and dialectical materialism.

However, *Andor* has clear limitations. Most notably, it stops short

of articulating a revolutionary solution. The show provides the “why” of rebellion but not the “what comes next.” There’s no vision for a post-Imperial society. There’s no conversation around collective ownership, worker-led governance, or redistributive justice. The rebellion is framed as anti-Empire, but not pro-anything concrete. This absence of a positive program makes the revolution feel directionless.

Andor effectively portrays the “negation” of Empire but never reaches the “negation of the negation”: the creation of a truly transformed, communist galaxy.

It’s also frustrating that those who once held power — and allowed the Empire to rise — are among the leaders of the rebellion. *Andor* claims to center “the people.” But the narrative often focuses on elite characters like Mon Mothma and Luthen Rael.

Working-class characters like Brasso and Maarva play important roles. But strategic decisions con-

sistently flow from the top down. This reinforces a liberal framework in which revolution is managed by enlightened elites rather than driven by mass, organized action.

Lastly, the show’s radical themes are inevitably diluted by its origins. It’s a story of anti-fascist, anti-capitalist struggle — produced by Disney, one of the most powerful capitalist corporations on Earth. That contradiction haunts every frame of the show, limiting how far it can truly go.

Yet for all its flaws, *Andor* remains among the most compelling *Star Wars* material to date. Conversations I’ve had about the show almost always involve connections to present-day capitalism.

As a friend said, “*Andor* does a good job of lifting the veil to show who’s really pulling the strings.” Even without a fully articulated revolutionary program, the show reveals many of the tools governments use to divide, pacify, and control the working class.

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How Do We Create Communist Culture?

“Summertime and the livin’ is easy” are lyrics from a familiar old song. But this summer promises to be not so easy for millions of workers in the US and around the world.

Angry about racism, deportations, war, and genocide, tens of thousands have marched and rallied throughout the spring. These political actions have spread to recent summer music festivals in the US and the UK.

At Coachella (California, US) and Glastonbury (UK), a popular band from Belfast Ireland named Kneecap encouraged the audience to show support for Palestine. It delivered messages like “Israel is committing genocide against the Palestinian people” and “It is being enabled by the US!”

The prime minister of the UK (Keir Starmer) stated that their performance was not appropriate and ordered the BBC to cut their set from the livestream broadcast.

Other bands and performers who have expressed similar political views have had their tours can-

celled or their work permits denied. But it’s too late to stop the current surge of activism and rage.

Although the main struggles of the working class take place on our jobs, in our schools, and in the military, we can’t ignore the tremendous influence that popular culture has on our lives. Let’s face it...all major entertainment venues (and that includes all big sports events) are owned by huge multi-media corporations.

These media moguls steal all forms of culture created by the working class. The ability to create comes from living a life of labor. Ideas come from having to deal with reality and contradictions. How can we improve or invent something that will make our labor easier? How do we fit in the natural world? Sometimes these ideas are expressed in a song or a painting.

These huge events and festivals are really overdone, expensive versions of the gatherings that workers have enjoyed throughout history to celebrate joyous occasions with sport, music, and food that was shared with neighbors and their families.

We should talk about the power of culture and what sort of culture do we envision in a communist society. Will “creative” work be considered an important part of that

world? Most people love to talk about movies, music, and sports. We need to hear some fresh ideas!
—Lifelong music lover



“Art, for me, is not decoration: it’s a weapon. Faced with injustice, silence is betrayal. I have placed my art at the service of the struggle, not in bourgeois salons.” David Alfaro Siqueiros

Above is part of Siqueiros’ 1954 mural in the Hospital de la Raza in Mexico City. It shows the death of workers at the hands of the capitalists and the necessary response of the working class. The red star on the ceiling says it all: Communist revolution is the only solution.



NAIROBI (Kenya), July 9 — Youth are rebelling massively against police brutality, government corruption, and widespread unemployment. Against a capitalist system that cannot meet their needs. The Ruto regime is backed by global capital. Its austerity and debt-fueled reforms have deepened the misery of the working class. Capitalists enrich themselves by impoverishing the workers.

Police murdered at least ten protestors on July 7. Hundreds more were wounded or arrested as security forces fired live rounds. Let the courage of Kenya’s young generation inspire us to revolutionary communist organization everywhere!

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Deportations Attack All Workers—Let’s Unite Against Capitalist Rulers’ Fascism and War

The 12-day war between the Islamic Republic and Israel ended with the intervention of American bombers and the bombing of nuclear sites. Afterward, the pressure on Afghan immigrants in Iran increased to an unprecedented extent.

When the Taliban returned to power, Afghans migrated to neighboring countries, especially Iran and Pakistan, in search of work. Before the war between the Is-

lamic Republic and Israel, there were an estimated six million Afghan immigrants in Iran. Many of them belonged to the second generation. They were born in Iran and spoke Persian with local dialects. According to the law of the Islamic Republic, birth in Iran does not automatically bring citizenship. Children born in Iran to Afghan parents are still considered Afghan citizens. Donald Trump is also seeking to pass such a law in the United States, along with dozens of other reactionary laws.

The war between Israel and the Islamic Republic led to an un-

precedented increase in the deportation of Afghan immigrants. On the first day, a number of leaders of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and nuclear scientists were assassinated. It was a serious blow to the regime that could not have been achieved without the influence of spies.

In the search for spies, Afghan immigrants were suspected at first. By arresting several low-level supposed Afghan spies, the Islamic Republic regime fueled ethnic hatred and anti-immigrant sentiment.

Afghan immigrants in Iran constitute a significant part of the workforce. They perform hard work in the construction and agricultural industries for low wages. Some progressive forces in Iran criticized the anti-immigrant Islamic Republic policy of expelling Afghan citizens. They have emphasized that Israel’s criminal aggression against Iran, which led to the destruction of much of the country’s infrastructure, cannot be an excuse for expelling Afghan workers. They emphasized that the flow of espionage infiltration should be sought at the top of the governance pyramid. Those who were aware of the position of the IRGC commanders.

Latin American countries, live and work, brutally arresting them and sending them to unknown prisons. These unknown ICE agents ignore the State laws and go beyond the limits. They refuse to show any court order and do whatever they want. Are these signs of the rise of a fascist movement?

War and racist attacks on immigrants go together. The Iranian regime is attacking Afghan workers to try to build up nationalism among Iranian workers—to get them to fight for the Iranian capitalists. US rulers want to do the same.

All workers, immigrants and native born, need to unite to defeat this growing fascism!

—A friend



BELGRADE (Serbia), March 15 – Students led over 100,000 in protests against a government cover-up of last November’s deadly railway station disaster. And against the harsh repression of students and professors who rallied against it. Mass demonstrations across Serbia want to bring down the government.

Serbia was once part of Tito’s socialist Yugoslavia. Then, workers were united across ethnic divides. But socialism was state capitalism. Those in today’s “Pump It” protests need to learn that only communist revolution can bring down corrupt capitalism. Only communist society can meet workers’ and students’ needs.

FIGHT FOR THE DAY WHEN NO WORKER WILL BE CALLED FOREIGNER

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But that is only the calm before the coming storm. The US imperialists, the declining world power, are desperate to divide Iran from Russia and China to keep Iran’s oil and gas from going to China by land. They want to divide up Iran.

Beto said that since all the main imperialists, including Russia and China, have nuclear weapons and it would mean mutual destruction, they will not use them. He said world war was a long way off.

But the declining imperialists (US and NATO) are provoking confrontations with their rival imperial-

ists, using their proxies in Ukraine and Israel, among others. This is leading to sharpening confrontations between the imperialists. Unless the working class ends them with communist revolution before war, war will spread. That is the logic and history of imperialism.

Samuel added that the working class everywhere is under attack as the imperialists continue their arms buildup, slashing needed services like healthcare.

In the coming economic crisis and war, international trade will slow to a halt. There won’t be

enough food in the cities. There will be rebellions about food.

Imperialists will target large population centers worldwide as the fight between China and the US becomes full blown war. It will affect workers and soldiers everywhere. City people will be forced to go to the countryside for food and survival.

Collectivity and sharing will be the way forward. ICWP can and will grow rapidly as the masses, furious at the capitalist murderers, opt for collectivity to survive.

Irma said that people in the cities can’t adopt to country life and vice versa.

Bertha said, “We will have no other choice. You will have to teach us.” Irma smiled.

Omar said that people can be collective and show solidarity in an emergency. But after the emergency is over, they go back to their old ways of individualism. He said humankind can’t sustain collectivity and a communal lifestyle.

When humans were hunter gatherers in pre-class communism, they survived collectively. But scientific communism needs to be established

by ICWP spreading communist ideas and the struggle to get rid of capitalism and all its evils.

Bertha said that’s where communist ideology and organization come into play. We have to fight now for a communist world without money or exploitation. We have to win the masses to see that collectivity and sharing is the only way forward, to abolish wage slavery, competition, and imperialist wars for profit. Even a small group of communists will be able to lead thousands and millions during war and devastation.

What the study group did not discuss, but will next time, is that especially soldiers in all the rulers’ armies become more and more open to communism as the crisis and war sharpens. It will be a choice between killing and dying for the imperialists or fighting for the survival of our class. Masses will choose communism and will produce food and shelter without money.

The study group will continue by discussing the political economy of capitalism that is leading inevitably to full blown World War. And the solution of building a mass ICWP.

Read our manifesto:
MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM

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A COMRADE'S STORY: REJECTING NATIONALISM FOR COMMUNISM

I joined the party ten years ago at age of twenty. There was an international meeting of ICWP comrades from around the world. They were visiting South Africa. I was invited to a series of meetings by a now comrade and a neighbour.

When I was first introduced to the party and communism, I was sceptical and mistrusting. I did not trust the comrades because of the racism I was carrying with me, because of growing up in a nationalistic political environment.

My father was an African National Congress (ANC) member who was also involved in Pan-Africanism. I was introduced to ANC politics at an early age. I was sent to join the ANC youth league local branch. The first time I voted, I voted for the ANC.

My father used to joke that if anyone votes for another party in his house they will have to move out. In retrospect I do not think he was joking. Therefore, I grew up believing that capitalism is bad. And capitalism in my understanding just meant a white person, especially one that seemed to have money.

When I enrolled at university, I thought the ANC was not radical enough for my enthusiasm. I quickly joined the Black Embo Movement, which was a native students' Pan-African movement. They were anti-capitalism according to their rhetoric and they seemed militant in their language. And I joined as a result.

They had a very dangerous ideology, even though I did not understand it at that time. It was a racist ideology which portrayed every white person, young and old, as evil, quite literally. Every wrongdoing in the world was attributed to white people as a race regardless of class.

Therefore, my understanding of capitalism was limited to that racist outlook. It was not until I attended ICWP meetings, observing and listening to comrades from Mexico, the US, and El Salvador, that my mind started opening. I started seeing the limitations and dangers of the ideology I previously embraced.

Particularly I saw that exploitation of workers is a worldwide phenomenon. It does not only affect native South Africans or Africans but every working-class person. The sufferings in SA and Africa are not unique to the continent. Rather, they result from capitalism world-wide.

The comrades made me realise that just because I have the same race and come from the same country with Ramaphosa does not mean that he is not a class enemy. The killings of mine workers in Marikana made that very clear as well. That white or Black capitalists are all the same as they all exploit and benefit from the system that is brutal and causes crisis after crisis. A system that causes wars, poverty, and starvation.

Having understood capitalism for what it is, today I am a commu-



nist organiser, and a leader. ICWP equipped me with communist leadership. I was not expected to have unattainable characteristics to be a leader. Commitment, regular distribution of *Red Flag*, and recruiting friends is part of leadership.

Today, my friends are comrades. They see the ideological struggle. They see capitalism for what it is, a system of exploitation that uses racism to divide us as the working-class. Tens of young comrades are joining our cells and collectives. Attending meetings and organising communist and dialectics workshops has helped us understand our party's communist line.

We learn everyday as communists. We listen to the masses and their challenges to better understand mass recruitment. High school students are joining our party and organising other students to distribute the *Red Flag*. Joining the party allows us to see that we can change the world and bring about communist revolution.

Capitalism is a system which shapes society to produce for capitalists' profit, not for the necessities of humans, the masses. When the comrades made that clear in the meeting that is when that shift occurred inside me. I did not join on the spot. But doubts and questions started inside me, questioning the ideology I believed.

It was through constant struggle with my neighbour and a series of political discussions and reading the *Red Flag* that I ended up embracing communism and rejecting nationalism, which divides us. It pits the masses against each other instead of uniting and fighting their class enemies.

Ever since then I have been a communist dedicated in eradicating capitalism and its dangerous ideology in whatever form it manifests itself.

Forward with Communism, forward!

Forward with ICWP, forward!

EXPANDING WORLD WAR III: OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A MASS ICWP

July 13—“Capitalism in its maximum ‘splendor’. World Wars are always for profit interests without caring about human life,” said Irma. Everyone participated in this informative study group discussion of world war and communist revolution.

The meeting started with Samuel explaining that capitalist economic crisis fuels the need to increase profits by increasing the exploitation of the world's workers. Capitalism is based on deadly competition among capitalist-imperialists for maximum profit.

Fascist attacks against immigrants in the US and worldwide are to divide and weaken the working class, to terrorize workers into being obedient wage slaves, and to build xenophobia/patriotism for war.

The crisis is triggering wars, conflicts, and rebellions. Mass workers' rebellions in many countries carry the potential for communist revolution.

Capitalists worldwide are resorting to increasing credit to sustain rapidly growing debt spurred by unsustainable negative economic growth.

The possibilities are a severe economic depression, world war – maybe both – or a workers' communist revolution to forever end capitalism's wage slavery and imperialist wars.

Rosario described the terrible attacks on workers' healthcare and all services.

Samuel explained that we are in a period similar to the build-up for World War II when Japan invaded China, Italy invaded Ethiopia, and the Spanish Civil war occurred when fascists opted for power in Spain.

Bertha said we are in the first stages of expanding World War III. She cited the genocide in Gaza, the war in Ukraine, and the conflict between the US, Israel and Iran. It supposedly “ended” in a ceasefire.

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INTER-IMPERIALIST RIVALRY PREPARES FOR ALL-OUT WORLD WAR III

The world's capitalists are transferring national economic budgets from sustainable social services to mayhem war preparations. The international working class is suffering to fund wars that will kill them. Let's fight back for communism!

Gaza is an example of what will happen everywhere in a world war. So far, the Zionist and US imperialist rulers have killed 425,000 of 2.2 million people there. Almost 20% of Palestinians in Gaza have been bombed or starved to death so that Israel and the US can control gas and oil off Gaza's coast and in north Africa.

Hundreds who died in the July 4 weekend flood in Texas are also victims of the imperialists' war budget. The cuts in the US weather service are to pay for bombs for Israel and Ukraine, for more weapons to confront China in the South China Sea, and for ten thou-

sand more ICE agents to terrorize the working class.

The US and its western allies plan on \$1.6 T in “defense spending” (war preparations) in 2025. Their budgets increase each year. Meanwhile they will spend only \$150 B in Official Development Assistance for the poorer nations from which they extract maximum profits and natural resources. There will be a 28% aid cut in sustainability services in 2026, mostly from the US, Germany, UK, and France.

Almost half of the world's population lives in countries that spend more on interest payments than healthcare. Plummeting global nutrition aid will result in 163,000 additional children's deaths.

Only communist revolution will end this racist inequality and carnage!