

# RED FLAG



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## COMMUNIST IDEAS GIVE US STRENGTH TO CONFRONT FASCIST TERROR

LOS ANGELES (USA), August 4—“I’m afraid to go to my delivery job at the garment factories because immigration is kidnapping people. Even though I’m a citizen, I have nightmares that immigration will deport me,” commented a comrade.

President Trump and his campaign to combat illegal immigration, criminalizing any worker who has crossed the border without legal permission, has created fascist terror among many workers, immigrants, and citizens.

Cities with large immigrant populations, such as those in Texas, Florida, and California, suddenly became ghost towns.

The Border Patrol, with the support of other federal agents, in addition to bounty hunters, began violently abducting day laborers, street vendors, and others. They even seized legally documented workers and citizens.

“Our way of life was transformed. From believing we lived in a country that defended supposed freedom, to a country where the terror of being kidnapped by hooded men,

gangsters with permission from the federal government, became our new reality,” said one worker.

**But the multiracial working masses, and especially the children of citizens and descendants of undocumented parents, also found ways to resist these attacks.**

From blocking immigration patrols with their bodies, to throwing stones at patrol cars disguised as private cars, to monitoring federal agents in the hotels where they stayed and even creating apps that gave an idea of where one could encounter these state terrorists.

“These collective and bold actions brought tears of emotion to my eyes. For many years, as a garment worker and member of ICWP, we tried to raise class consciousness by taking our communist newspaper, *Red Flag*, to the garment factories.

“Now, with the new reality of attacks on our working class, the fear of being kidnapped and separated from my daughters terrifies me. But thanks to the communist ideas of winning workers to organize for the revolution that will destroy the

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## GENOCIDE IN GAZA CALLS FOR COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

August 4— Protests are surging across Occupied Palestine. They are driven by fury and sorrow as Palestinian deaths mount from the Zionist rulers’ deliberate policy of starving Gaza. And the Zionists’ declared intention to annex all of Gaza and the West Bank.

Arab-Palestinian Israeli citizens marched in the lower Galilee city of **Sakhnin**. Thousands in the **West Bank** protested the genocide in Gaza and Israel’s mass incarceration of Palestinian civilians, including children.

In **Tel Aviv** on July 31, thousands more rallied for an immediate end to Israel’s “war of annihilation” and “government of death.” Former Israeli soldiers joined Palestinian activists to urge mass civil disobedience. Two former Israeli Air Force pilots told current military personnel: “Refuse to carry out war crimes. Don’t close your eyes in the face of the consequences of your actions.”

**Peace activists call on soldiers to drop their arms and refuse to fight. The International Communist Workers’ Party calls on soldiers to collectively turn their guns around and fight for communist revolution.**

Not just to end Netanyahu’s “government of death” but to overthrow every capitalist regime that is complicit in this genocide. And destroy the genocidal capitalist system they serve. To lead the masses to build a new communist society where all will be free of oppression and want, racism and exploitation.

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## From a report given at an international meeting of ICWP

### A NEW COMMUNIST PAPER FOR A NEW COMMUNIST WORLD

August 3, 2025— *Red Flag/Bandera Roja* matters. “We fight for communism and nothing less.” This is not just a slogan but a strikingly new program. It’s about how we organize. The way we work. We are still learning while we are teaching.

The main way that our international party figures this out collectively is through RF/BR. How we do RF/BR matters.

Here’s a contradiction: On one side, we are committed (at least in theory) to developing a new kind of communist paper. On the other side, in practice, we are not very clear about how we should be doing this. I don’t feel I have communicated my thoughts about this well enough, and I am still trying to

think it through.

This discussion is intended to strengthen our commitment by gaining more clarity about how our practice around RF/BR should change.

**We suggest that the “new kind of communist paper” will be one where the analysis and theory are grounded as firmly as possible in the practical work of mobilizing masses for communism.** Our line and the way we present it develop through this work. In conversations among friends and comrades. In the thick of the class struggle.

As one comrade put it, “our best articles model introducing communist ideas in a social setting with interactions between activists.”

A powerful example: INDIA,

December 3— “*When I saw the El Salvador garment workers’ article in Red Flag about wage slavery in Bangladesh,*” said a comrade, “*I immediately called a garment worker in Dhaka. She had been getting Red Flag. I asked her about the strike. She said that with the war in Gaza, many workers are thinking of linking the struggle internationally. We are all wage slaves.*” Our Bengaluru collective met at a safe place to discuss the revolutionary potential all around the Middle East. And this was just the first paragraph.

Other examples: The article from El Salvador explaining dialectical materialism in the context of discussions in a garment factory. The sharp discussion about class analysis versus nationalism in the article about the South Africa Youth Day meeting.

**In writing about our work, comrades come to understand our politics better.** To become more skillful at explaining them. The work of writing and editing collectively is not a waste of anyone’s time. It’s a necessary part of the political development of comrades, collectives, and the party itself.

Doing this isn’t easy. I struggle with it like everyone else. For example, a letter about an anti-ICE “Community Defense Center” I’m involved with. I took the first draft to a friend there, a leader who likes RF and encourages others to read it.

He suggested some good changes which I made. But the second draft was still too much “show and tell” and not enough about communism. I took out a secondary anecdote and added instead a little about how the CDC reflects communist values. When my friend saw it in print, he liked it better.

RF/BR is not always clear enough about where differences in practice reflect or become disagreements about our line. More letters could help with this. More writers certainly would. More comrades participating in the editorial process, locally or in the editorial collective.

Still, as a comrade wrote recently, “one size doesn’t fit all.” Letters can have more varied approaches. A very useful recent TV review included friends’ comments, but it wasn’t basically grounded in the work. We hope this younger comrade and others write more like this.

Sometimes major class struggles or developments in inter-imperialist conflict need a more traditional expository style. There is a continuing discussion about how AI can be useful (or not) in helping to generate these. But we must always be aware of our main audience: new comrades and their friends around the world. And what they can learn about communism – beyond slogans – from our articles.



Young comrades working on *Red Flag*

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#### US Navy Reservists Wouldn’t Build Cages for Haitian Refugees

One summer, decades ago, the US Navy Reserve command ordered my unit to convert a Brooklyn Navy Yard building into a large detention facility way before 9/11, Abu Ghraib, and Gitmo.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard was a graveyard of old steel and forgotten abandoned naval workshops.

We were detailed to renovate a derelict build, making it into a detention facility for Haitian refugees. The Chief Petty Officer’s blueprints called for cells and barred doors. “They can’t stay in America,” he said of the families fleeing Baby Doc Duvalier’s fascist US puppet regime.

We marched to the site, dragging our feet. We “lost” tools. When confronted, we refused to weld or

do metal work to fabricate the cages: “We’re not jailers,” we said. “They are working class people, who have done nothing wrong.”

Of course, they built the cages without us anyway while we were quickly transported upstate to Camp Smith.

That rotting shipyard already held enough ghosts. At least we didn’t add more. And we talked amongst ourselves about why we

must support our brothers and sisters, not help lock them up. We had more in common than differences. Now decades later, it’s the same old shit. The bosses are still using nationalism, racism, and every other anti-worker unity idea that they can muster to separate us. We organized then, and now we must continue to organize, for a worker-led society.

—AKA Heavy Metal, Brooklyn, NY

#### ON THE WEB:

As usual, we have more than we can print. The website: [www.icwpredflag.org](http://www.icwpredflag.org) has the following letters this issue:

*History is on our side!* A letter about Zohran Mamdani’s campaign for New York City Mayor.

*Writing Revolutionary Politics with ChatGPT* with a response from the *Red Flag* editorial collective

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## RECRUITING THE FORCES WE NEED TO END CAPITALISM

SEATTLE (US), July 13— “In my thirty years, I have not seen a better time to recruit the forces we need to end capitalism. When we join masses fighting against war and fascism, we can build political and social relationships,” affirmed Al, a political organizer, at a recent ICWP barbecue. “Concrete action is one of the best ways to secure these ties.”

Al continued, “If you told me years ago to spend my time trying to win troops to turn the guns around, I would have thought soldiers are the enemy. Don’t talk with the enemy!”

According to media reports and discussions with ICWP comrades, National Guard and Marines are already questioning their orders. Now is the time for communist collectives to reach out to soldiers.

Three US army veterans and others took part in the conversation. Some thought it would be safer to wait until the troops left the armed forces before recruiting them to ICWP.

But some veterans did their best communist work while in the army. Comrades built party collectives that led rebellions against racist officers and imperialist war. These concrete actions helped recruit communist leaders. They mobilized hundreds of troops against the brass (officers).

### Concrete Action Will Help Our Party Grow

The other big issue discussed was the continued attacks on immigrants, especially the ICE kidnappings.

Hank, a political activist, invited an ICWP comrade to a meeting of the Boeing Action Committee the day after the BBQ. These zoom meetings are rank-and-file get-to-



TACOMA (US), June 6— Rank-and-file members pushed the International Association of Machinists (IAM) to rally for the release of ICE-kidnapped IAM member Maximo Londonio. ICWP comrades attended, making new friends and forging new opportunities to grow our Party among young industrial workers whose families come from around the world.

gethers of several dozen workers from factories in the Seattle area and Wichita (Kansas).

Some of these activists had watched the recent “press conference” where IAM member and green-card holder Maximo Londonio was released from prison after months of ICE detention.

One Boeing factory worker at the meeting said it reminded her of the delinquency of the union “in not standing up for any member who is put in harm’s way by fascist attacks.”

This committee is not limited to the traditional union reforms. Members have written a “Resolution for Mutual Defense.” The resolution is filled with demands to protect immigrants.

The workers are preparing to present this resolution to the union’s Human Rights committee. Most think the resolution will be ignored. The union leadership has already kicked out some of these progressive Boeing workers from official union meetings.

“Shop floor action advocating

for immigrants is powerful,” noted Hank. The plan is to gather signatures from various shop floors and mobilize rank-and-file workers around the resolution. The power of workers on the factory floor cannot be dismissed.

### The Struggle for Communist Solutions Continues

The recent creation of this Boeing Action Committee and the discussion about recruiting soldiers are opportunities for ICWP. Decades of communist work inside the Boeing plants and the current work outside the gates have laid the basis for political advancement under today’s fascist conditions.

On the way home, Hank asked for the latest issue of *Red Flag*. He wants to write about the history of the Boeing union. Our comrade will contribute some of his experience battling the union hierarchy over the years.

“Just writing about things is not enough,” Hank warned. “We must also organize working class action.”

The committee is especially interested in ICWP’s efforts among

global industrial workers. A comrade offered to share notes from the party’s International Leadership Meeting.

“Nice, looking forward to it!” said Hank. Others sent various inspiring emojis.

The notes comrades bring back from the meeting will come from around the world. Various discussions about the necessity of communist revolution have already occurred. We can advance the struggle if we make the battle international in this era of war and fascism.

Be it Boeing workers, ICWP friends, military veterans, high school teachers, or students, party collectives must struggle to advance communist recruitment. Over time, concrete activity with communist leadership will secure the political and social ties among the masses.

Now is indeed the time to win the forces we need to end capitalism.

## THE VOICE TO BUILD A WORLD WITHOUT WAGE SLAVERY

EL SALVADOR— “I have made the decision to meet with you, facing the fear that I might be fired because in this place where I work, there is no freedom to join any organization,” said Clelia, a young worker.

In a collective of seven people, we shared the life experiences of the working class under the capitalist system. Clelia works making sweaters for brand X in a factory in the free trade zone near the Salvadoran capital. She added to the discussion by describing her daily work life.

This worker and her partner met with this collective for the second time. They are seeking an alternative, in the hope of ending the crisis of slavery they experience in that factory.

A hope that is being built in the International Communist Workers’ Party.

“In this factory, there are constant threats, shouting, and general abuse from the bosses (in this case, Koreans) and the managers,” said Clelia. “We have no access to consultations or personal leave, and when we take them, they deduct our sick leave and lower our wages. We have no set schedules, and the production demands are higher than those of other factories.

“Some women workers have sought help from the Ministry of Labor, but nothing is resolved.

“No government institution is interested in our problems. In that factory, we feel like slaves; our mental and physical health is at stake.

“It has gotten to the point where dead rats have been discovered in the water cooler area. But when the Ministry of Labor inspection comes, the bosses quickly fix it, and nothing happens; the results are al-



ways in favor of the bosses.

“That’s why I want to be the voice among 800 workers and that, at some point, we may become one voice,” ended Clelia.

“We have to do something about these harsh working conditions. They will only end if we organize and fight for a Communist system in which production will be based on the needs of humanity, not

profit,” said another member of the collective.

We welcomed them to ICWP and hope to break the barrier imposed by the bosses through the threat of firing those who organize. *Red Flag* will have to reach the workers in that factory.

**The fight for communism will give us the strength to break the chains of capitalist slavery.**

## FASCIST DEPORTATIONS PROVOKE RESISTANCE AND PROMOTE CONNECTION

LOS ANGELES (USA), July 25— “Hey, hope all is well with you. I have not heard from you, please, get back!” Carlos, a former student, reached out to Alberto, a retired high school teacher comrade, amid the ICE (immigration police) onslaught on migrant communities here.

Carlos has been part of the resistance against the raids. Alberto interviewed him for *Red Flag*.

“My first real experience getting involved was through you when I was in high school,” said Carlos. “I’ve always had a passion for supporting the people and my community. It was about a year after the 9/11 attacks.

“Around 2017, after Trump’s election, my political focus shifted more toward my people, mi Raza,” Carlos continued. “Recently I’ve become even more active. My main goal now is to help be a voice for the migrants.”

“These raids have been terrorizing immigrants as well as non-immigrants nationwide,” said Alberto. “The unity and resistance of the people has been admirable. What do you think is the reason for the deportations?”

“One of Trump’s main campaign promises was mass deportations,” Carlos responded. “They’re mostly targeting Latinos. Whether they’re threatened by how educated and successful our community is becoming, or just emboldened by their own racism, the goal is clear. They want la Raza to feel isolated,

powerless, and too afraid to speak out or even leave the house.

“Migrants and US citizens are living in fear,” he went on. “In my thirty-nine years I have never asked myself when leaving the house, ‘Do I have my ID in my pocket? Should I bring my passport to do groceries?’

“People are being grabbed off the streets by masked agents with no name, no badge, no explanation: just snatched and disappeared. It’s racial profiling and kidnapping. But the community is pushing back. Thanks to people staying alert, organizing, and warning others, the raids aren’t reaching their goals here in LA County. Deportation numbers are falling short because we’re helping each other escape and resist.”

**“Mass deportations are in part due to the worldwide crisis of capitalism,” Alberto explained. “The capitalists are forced to attack the entire working-class, immigrant or not, Latino, Black, Asian, Indigenous, and White.**

“The fascist attacks come in different forms around the globe: deportations, layoffs, cuts in vital social services and so on. Capitalists can only get out of this crisis by going to war with each other, using the sons and daughters of the working class. **For the international working class, the answer is to**



Los Angeles (USA) June 16, 2025

**mobilize the masses to destroy capitalism with revolution and build communism,” Alberto concluded.**

“I do believe capitalism is waging a constant attack on the working class. The greed of major investors grows unchecked, as they push to squeeze even more profit from the working class,” Carlos responded.

“It feels like the lead-up to the 1929 ‘Great Depression’ when a global economic collapse triggered mass deportations of immigrants and US-born Latinos. It laid the groundwork for global conflict.

“Real lasting change does require a revolution, one that overthrows the existing systems of power. Then we can dismantle private ownership at the top and put an end to the greed that drives this exploitation. We have the saying, ‘the rich get richer; the poor get poorer’ because everything we work for always fa-

vors the wealthy class,” said Carlos.

“The *Red Flag* that I sent you has an article from our comrades in South Africa titled ‘Youth Day: The International Working Class Is Our People,’” Alberto said. “It mentions, ‘we should unite with all immigrants and win them over. We must unite all workers of the world from anywhere. Even those from corners we have never heard of should join the party.’

“What do you think about this in relation to your focus on ‘your people’? And would you consider joining the ICWP?” asked Alberto.

“Lately I’ve noticed people from many different nationalities joining coalitions and I agree that if we come together, we can definitely make a real impact,” Carlos answered. “I’m not looking to join at the moment, but I’m open to attending the meetings. It’s been so many years!

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### A Communist World Without Borders? A Conversation Among Coworkers

Recently, when the raids in Los Angeles were raging, a conversation arose with some coworkers. It all started when L mentioned the chaos and fear caused by being detained for not having documents. I took the opportunity to introduce a bit of our party’s line into the conversation: “What if we lived in a communist world without borders?”

C immediately burst out laughing and said, “That’s not possible! Who would control a world like that?”

I replied, “The idea isn’t for a

government to control everything, but for us to share resources and decisions collectively. No nations to divide, no walls to separate human beings.”

J asked, “And the incentive? Who would want to work if everything belongs to everyone?”

I explained that work would cease to be an obligation to survive and would become a way to contribute. “Imagine a world where no one dies of hunger because the entire planet takes care of everyone.”

M, who had been silent, said something that motivated me: “I don’t know if it’s possible now,

but the idea of a world without inequality or borders seems very good to me.”

And I was left thinking that while we have these conversations, it sounds far-fetched to many. But if more people dare to imagine it, as a comrade from Mexico once said, more opportunities will open up to recruit new comrades to the party.

Despite the fear this situation has caused me personally, often talking not only with people we want to recruit but also with comrades in the party helps us feel communist solidarity and face those fears with courage and struggle.

—Comrade Communist

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social class divide, I am inspired to continue taking our newspaper to the marches and protests against the ICE raids,” said a comrade.

The idea of destroying social classes is an urgent necessity. The wealthy class in power will lead us

to more wars and attacks against other workers around the world. The capitalist class controls the army, the police, the banks, and all their activities.

Workers don’t need bosses to steal our lives and our labor. We

produce food, clothing, homes, and weapons.

We need a communist world where all workers enjoy global production for our benefit, without the need for intermediaries like banks or financial groups.

“Invite me to all the marches to spread the Party’s ideas. I will continue fighting for that communist world, because there is no other option,” said the comrade mentioned at the beginning.

**Long live the International Working Class! Long live Communism!**

## Capitalist Crisis Brings World War and Fascism

### THE FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM IS THE FIGHT OF OUR LIVES

July 30— The US imperialists' tariffs are provoking anger and defiance from the Indian, Chinese, and Russian imperialists. They are driving India, China, and Russia closer together, and all the BRICS nations to strengthen their ties. The competing imperialists are threatening each other with shooting wars over their trade wars.

The fight between the imperialists for world domination is the main aspect of the main contradiction of capitalism: the workers versus the bosses. As their fight for markets and resources sharpens, so does their attack on the masses.

The US and Chinese capitalists are challenging each other worldwide, with proxy nations, with accelerating pace and greater intensity. The US bloc includes Europe, Japan, South Korea, Israel, and Australia. Quantitative changes are leading to qualitative change: we are in the initial stages of World War III.

In this global capitalist economic crisis, all the rulers need fascism to try to divide and control the working class, prevent revolution, and get workers to fight and die for the imperialists. Fascism is not a personality trait. It is the systemic capitalist political response to global economic crisis, its inability to meet the population's needs, and preparation for full World War.

**The working class is in a fight for our lives with the bosses for survival. We have an urgent need and opportunity to mobilize for communist revolution.**

The US and European economies are weakening internally and externally, increasing their debt and attacking the working class. They divide the working class with anti-immigrant racism and violence. They shift resources from social services and infrastructure to the

military and the wealthy, using workers' taxes to pay for their own demise.

This is also true of the rest of the world, but Chinese and Russian capitalists are faring better. They are opening trade routes in Asia, Africa, and South America. That means those routes are closing to the west. The tariffs against the BRICS and the new sanctions are further driving the BRICS and potential BRICS members away from the US dollar. This is increasing the US debt crisis.

Chinese imperialism now controls close to 90% of critical technologies, almost 30% of global manufacturing, and most of the minerals and metals critical for manufacturing. Russia has improved its economy despite mountains of sanctions. It is even selling gas and oil to Europe. Their alliance is attacking US imperialism's economic development.

This inter-imperialist rivalry is driving the world towards unavoidable conventional, targeted and limited nuclear, and then strategic nuclear global war.

**We cannot let this happen. There is only one way to stop the capitalist economic crisis solution of all-out world war: revolution for communism.**

The US workforce has shrunk by millions of jobs since January 2025. The banking giant Goldman Sachs estimates that 300 million jobs could be destroyed globally by AI by 2030. This will mostly affect white-collar jobs, but it will also hit blue collar jobs, like auto workers.

The US uses sanctions, tariffs, the US dollar, and military proxies to fight the imperialist China/Russia alliance. The China/Russia alliance uses trade routes, BRICS, withholding precious metals to fight the US bloc. Both are fighting



The **Royal Indian Navy mutiny** of 1946 spread to ten thousand sailors across India. The Communist Party of India was the only nationwide group to support this armed revolt against British imperialism.

### Soldiers and Sailors are Key

How do we know we can win?

Early in a third world war, it's crucial to understand how to end imperialist wars and the system that inevitably grinds them out—once and for all with communist revolution.

Soldiers and sailors—enlisted personnel in every branch of all bosses' armed forces—are the key to victory. The imperialist and capitalist rulers do not fight their own wars. They send the youth of our class to do their fighting for them. They are able to recruit the most oppressed youth of our international working class to fight for them because the alternatives are increasingly godawful.

In the US, the military recruits young people among immigrants, Black youth facing unemployment and police terror, white youth in the depressed sectors devastated by industrial decline and opioid addiction.

The Russian army fighting in Ukraine recruits Indian youth, especially those from Kashmir, who face extreme poverty and high unemployment as well as a war at home.

We can and must win these sol-

diers, and millions like them, to the only alternative—communist revolution. Revolution takes armed struggle. The political stance of those whom the bosses arm will be crucial. If we can win our class siblings to turn their weapons on the rulers and join their class in fighting for communism, we can win. If the military remains loyal to the rulers, we will lose. It's as simple—and as urgent—as that.

Soldiers and sailors are our neighbors, our workmates, our family. They face the same contradictions as the rest of us—the working-class unity and exploitation, the racism and solidarity of working-class life.

As we build our international party, mobilizing the working masses for communism, we are reaching out to enlisted personnel. ICWP comrades in South Africa, India, and the US have written about this work in *Red Flag*. Our party also has experience in organizing within the bosses' military, as did our predecessors in the 20th century. As global war accelerates, so must this crucial work.

To Victory!

for capitalist world domination—to exploit the working class.

Whatever the world's capitalist politicians pitch to the masses, this is the real battle. Who will control the world's labor power, resources, and markets? The US rulers are the declining imperialists and therefore the most aggressive and dangerous. But all the other imperialists will also fight to the last drop of workers' blood unless the masses, led by the International Communist Workers' Party, stop them with communist revolution.

**The working class will win!**

Ignoring or downplaying the danger of full world war will not

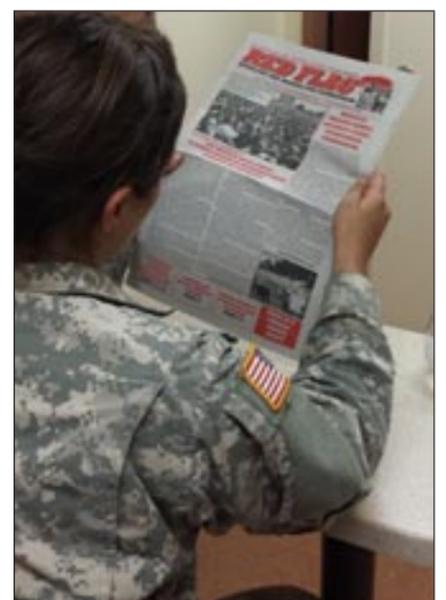
stop it. Neither will hoping for or demanding peace, nor voting for supposedly "less warlike" capitalist politicians.

By relying on soldiers, workers, and youth, the masses can and will end deadly imperialist wars and capitalism with communist revolution. That means building the International Communist Workers' Party. ICWP has confidence that by showing our friends, fellow activists, and the masses the true nature of deadly capitalism and the communist solution, they will join us in the fight of our lives: to end capitalism and build communism.

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# BUILDING A MASS COMMUNIST PARTY IN SOUTH AFRICA

GQEBERHA (South Africa), August 2—The International Communist Workers' Party has persistently and consistently struggled with comrades here for over ten years. This development has not been linear nor smooth. But it has resulted in hundreds reading the *Red Flag*. Tens have joined and taken leadership in the party. Our greatest weapons are the *Red Flag* and our unity, commitment, and struggle to overcome our weaknesses and resolve contradictions.

Most of us joined the party full of nationalism and other capitalist ideologies and ideas, such as opportunism and selfishness. We have made great strides in overcoming these shortcomings. We have embraced the communist political line of fighting directly for communism. These tendencies never fully go away while we live in a capitalist society full of racism, nationalism, and exploitation. But our struggle is to mobilize the masses, colleagues, soldiers, family and friends, and our neighbours.

**Our struggle is also to build communist leadership that constantly and sharply struggles against these capitalist tendencies.** To overcome our weaknesses, resolve our contradictions and to struggle in a respectful and comradely way.

Most of our comrades are young. Some work in various factories, in

the auto industry as well as the textile industry. Some are in school. Others are not working.

They all joined because they seek an alternative to this brutal capitalist system. Most joined because they believe in the vision of a communist future. They want to actively participate in bringing that communist revolutionary change.

**Over the last two years, particularly at the onset of the Gaza genocide at the hands of the Israeli and US imperialists,** comrades have increased their efforts to mobilise and recruit friends and the working-class to join our party. We do, however, know that the Gaza genocide is on the imperialist agenda as we speak.

Many of the comrades did not pay much attention before 7 October 2023 to what was happening in Gaza and around the world. They were more interested in finding what they will have as the next meal.

However, the persistent struggle about Gaza and the pamphlets produced by the party

on Gaza, have rejuvenated comrades' enthusiasm to fight for a better world—a communist society. This resulted in us organizing a march and a toyi-toyi in solidarity with our class brothers and sisters in Palestine, including Gaza. And all our class family suffering the horrors of capitalism around the world.

Comrades see that the working class does not have a saviour that will save them from this horror. Their saviour is communism when they organise themselves under one International Communist Workers' Party.

This has resulted in the party being able to recruit more than ten

committed female communist leaders to our collective, which was entirely male dominated in the past. Now there are more women than men in our collective in South Africa.

This growth has provided us with plenty of opportunities. As well, it has brought out about internal contradictions as we grow. These contradictions are both collective as well as individual contradictions on the part of comrades. We are building a stronger collective which is committed to the struggle to consolidate and strengthen the party to fight for the communist future that we need so urgently.

**Red Salute!**



Young comrades in South Africa, Spring 2025

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This letter and the one on page 7 are part of an ongoing conversation. Opinions welcome.

## Real Conflicts Between US Ruling Class Factions – Workers Must Reject Both

Some comrades have said the sharpening conflict between the Trump fascists and the liberal wing of the ruling class is just “political theatre.” They argue it’s staged to distract workers from capitalism itself. But while both factions serve the same system, the fight between them is real—and dangerous.

Trump and his allies had openly threatened to “go after” their opponents. Now they’ve called for prosecuting former President Obama for “treason,” a charge punishable by death.

One result is the circulation of AI-generated videos showing Obama being arrested. These fakes are widely shared in right-

wing circles, feeding fantasies of revenge and reinforcing the belief that liberal politicians are part of a criminal conspiracy. These digital lies are today’s equivalent of fascist show trials and fake newsreels from the 1930s.

The Epstein affair was weaponized by both sides. Trump’s camp used it to smear liberal elites as part of a global child-trafficking ring. Meanwhile, liberals highlight Trump’s close ties to Epstein—his parties, his quotes, and now a letter Trump sent to Epstein that was recently published by the Wall Street Journal. Trump is suing the Journal for printing it, calling it defamation and election interference. Each side accuses the other of monstrous crimes. This is not about truth or justice. It’s about building political movements.

We also see signs of the sharp-

ening conflict in Trump’s efforts to cancel or punish liberal institutions. He has defunded PBS and USAID, fired officials at the State Department seen as disloyal, and encouraged the cancellation of liberal TV host Stephen Colbert. Internationally, Trump is trying to shield fascist Jair Bolsonaro—now out of power in Brazil—from conviction by Lula’s liberal government, which is charging Bolsonaro with treason for attempting a coup.

This is not theatre. It’s preparation for fascist terror and possible civil war.

Of course, liberals are no friends of the working class. Obama deported millions and expanded imperialist wars. Liberals want to preserve capitalism with illusions of democracy and legal reform. Fascists want to strip away those illusions and impose open dictator-

ship. Their goal is to force workers into slave-like labor for war production, crush dissent, and unleash terror.

We must reject both factions. The working class needs its own revolutionary party — the International Communist Workers’ Party — to lead the fight not for ‘democracy’ or liberalism or socialism, but for communism. A world without wage slavery, without bosses, without borders.

**That’s why we build ICWP today.** That’s why we expose the lies of both fascists and liberals. And that’s why we must take the danger of fascism seriously—not to rally behind our liberal enemies in blue suits, but to fight for a red future.

— West Coast Comrade



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## Visiting Comrades in South Africa (Part I):

# MASSES NEED COMMUNIST SOLUTION TO THE CONTRADICTIONS OF CAPITALISM

*This three-part report was written by a comrade in the United States who visited South Africa for the first time in May 2025.*

The contradictions of capitalism are starkly exposed in Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha), South Africa. Electric-fenced luxe compounds and stunning beaches in Summerstrand contrast with hectare upon hectare of densely packed shacks in still-segregated townships.

Massive factories embody the unity and especially the struggle of these opposites. Summerstrand's wealth is extracted from the labor of workers at VW in Uitenhage (Kariega), the largest auto plant in Africa. And from Isuzu, Ford, Nissan, Goodyear, Continental Tyre, and more. Sugar refineries and other food-processing plants enrich the owners on the backs of the workers while addicting masses to junk food and sentencing them to deadly diabetes.

Capitalist crisis is visible in shuttered plants, deteriorating roads, and decaying downtown areas. In massive unemployment, frequent "load-shedding" blackouts, rising and pervasive crime. Sharpening inter-imperialist conflict appears in the huge China BAIC Group auto factory and Chinese port development.

Masses see this. They applauded a South African comrade when she said, "Capitalism can't give us a better life. Only communism can do that." And communist work is advancing. She and other comrades are eagerly realizing the potential to make communist rev-

olution a mass issue and to recruit many to the ICWP.

### Some examples:

\* A relative lives in Grahamstown (Makhanda), several hours away. She learned about ICWP in a family WhatsApp chat. She wanted to know more. Another comrade called her and arranged a meeting. Forty neighbors crowded her front yard. All took *Red Flag*. They listened and asked questions for over an hour. The organizer took a stack of *Red Flags*. She distributed them within days. They expected the next meeting to be larger.

\* A high school student in Kariega patiently and successfully organized 250 students to demand a math teacher. The organizer joined ICWP and brought a group to May Day. They quickly took on responsibilities. She has since distributed *Red Flag* inside her school, explaining our line to a roomful of enthusiastic students.

\* People are sick of electoral parties. We explain that we are a revolutionary party, not an electoral party. A VW shop steward likes our line. He leads a council of other metal-worker shop stewards. He wants to present *Red Flag* to them, expecting that some would bring it to their base. We agree that masses of metal workers are open to revolutionary communism. Our strategy is to organize from the bottom up, not top down. We must figure out how to encourage his initiative. Later, he organizes a meeting of youths to learn about ICWP.

### Communist Industrial Work in South Africa

Many more such stories show how critical the work in South Africa is for our international party. And in particular for our industrial work.

Many comrades there work or have worked in industry. Others are seeking industrial jobs. We distribute *Red Flag* massively at the VW plant and know some workers there.

ICWP has an old pamphlet about communist industrial work. Comrades in South Africa, El Salvador, and elsewhere can help revise and update it. How and why are industrial workers key? Who counts as an "industrial worker" and why?

How will communism change the technology and organization of production? How does that relate to decision-making and distribution? The comrades in South Africa can share examples of how industrial work helps us struggle for communist class consciousness. For industrial workers to lead broader masses to communist revolution.



These workers were among the forty who attended the first ICWP meeting in Grahamstown (South Africa), May 13, 2025.

*The next sections of this report will focus on developing leadership and making our communist literature more useful to workers. On how comrades integrate ourselves in the struggles of the masses. And of the need for more energetic and consistent fundraising to support ICWP's work in South Africa and elsewhere.*

PLEASE SEND YOUR LETTERS, RESPONSES AND SUGGESTIONS TO [ICWPREDFLAG@NYM.HUSH.COM](mailto:ICWPREDFLAG@NYM.HUSH.COM)

This letter and the one on page 6 are part of an ongoing conversation. Opinions welcome.

### Let's Fight for Communism and Nothing Less to Eliminate All the Bosses

Fascist terror is being unleashed on the working class **now**. The genocide in Gaza. Mass ICE raids in the US. Layoffs worldwide. Preparation for wider war and deep cuts for war budgets. Worldwide. ALL capitalists rely on racism and nationalism to divide the workers, not just some groups of capitalists. The decadent sexist Epstein scandal and attacks on Obama are sideshows to divert us from fascist attacks on our class, expanding war, and the communist solution.

In this period of crisis and widening world war, the entire capitalist system needs fascism. To terrorize the working class, divide us, make us work for less and less pay, and push vicious racism to try to win us to kill other workers in their wars for their profits and empire, or force us to.

While it's true that some push more open racism and fascism and others claim to oppose this, the fact is that the **capitalist system** is imposing fascism. They don't have the "luxury" of giving crumbs to the masses as they prepare for World War and deepening **economic crisis. Those capitalist politicians who claim to oppose the open racists and fascists are the most dangerous. They try to fool the masses into supporting capitalism, racism, war, deportations, and wage slavery. But supposedly "less fascist, more legal." They portray themselves as against racism because they want a patriotic multi racial army and slave labor force.**

All the ruling classes are building racism and nationalism. They all support wage slavery and paying some groups of workers less than others. Capitalism needs to divide its wage slaves to try to keep us from uniting against them.

They support borders, immigration laws, deportations, and imperialist war.

The differences between open fascists like Trump and liberal politicians like Gavin Newsom (California Governor who wants to win the angry masses to support the Democratic Party) are secondary. They both support capitalism. They both hate and attack the fight for communist revolution. Their disagreements are over the tactics of fascism, not how to abolish it.

The liberal politicians tell us to be passive and just trust them in the face of growing fascism. Instead, we have confidence in the masses of workers, youth and soldiers to mobilize against fascism, racism, and imperialist war and for communism.

In the US, many are standing up to ICE. With struggle and persistence, these angry masses and those in motion worldwide mobilizing against genocide in Gaza and spreading war in Iran and Israel

can be won to fight for a communist world without borders, imperialist war, and wage slavery. To turn the bosses' war and fascism into revolution for communist workers' power.

We need to and will clearly expose the open fascists and the social fascists (liberals) and win the masses to fight for communism.

—Comrade in the US

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**MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM**

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## MY COMMUNIST RESISTANCE DURING THE ICE RAIDS SIEGE

In the midst of the fascist ICE raids terrorizing immigrant communities across Los Angeles, I've been on the ground—organizing, resisting, and refusing to be silent. These raids aren't just policy decisions. They're deliberate attacks meant to divide, isolate, and disappear working-class people. In this moment of fear and anger, I've spoken with members of the National Guard, challenging their role in this repression and distributing *Red Flag* as acts of defiance, solidarity, and a symbol of the future we fight for.

I've been at varying levels in action—distributing literature at a “No Kings” rally. As I showed up with comrades to distribute literature to the masses, I got a text from a friend: “Where are you?” I replied, “Downtown,” where my friend was too.

“This is my first ever protest!” my friend exclaimed in excitement as they had been politically activated

due to the recent ICE raids here. We've spoken in the past about events in the news, but in that moment I had *Red Flag* in hand and shared my political communist views more openly. I introduced my friend in my personal life to my comrades. By the end of the protest, an older comrade said, “I'm glad to meet your chosen family. I hope we see each other again soon.”

A couple of weeks later I engaged with students and the masses in the streets of Santa Monica about communism, abolition, and a world without borders. The students were not won over to our ideas. Some, including a few Israeli students, were hesitant or defensive. But I didn't see it as a loss. I saw it as practice. Practice in opening up conversations, in staying grounded while introducing radical visions of what the world could be.

Those moments built bridges—

not just with students, but with fellow community organizers who stood beside me, exchanging experiences and building deeper unity. In a city split by class lines and state violence, any space where we can organize and dream together is sacred.

As I organize, I'm also fighting my own contradictions—figuring out how to merge my personal life and my communist politics without collapse. There's no clean blueprint for living the politics we preach, especially in a world built to wear us down. I'm learning to be honest with comrades, to ask for help, and to be held accountable.

The internal struggle to stay rooted while navigating burnout, family, and capitalism's everyday chaos is real. But I know this work is about transformation—collective and personal.

—Comrade in Los Angeles



## COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP MEANS BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND RECRUITING WORKERS TO THE PARTY

GQEBERHA (South Africa), August 2—I have been in the party for some time. I have provided leadership according to my capabilities. Over the last two years, some female comrades have taken leadership to new heights and brought even more female comrades. However, challenges we face as we grow include complacency, lack of commitment, and consolidation. One of my strengths is my ability to explain communism to new comrades. I use that to recruit comrades and ensure that they come back to the meetings.

But one of my weaknesses is in the consolidation of new comrades. I have not been going out of my way to build relationships with them. Hence, we can't make sure that we understand them and the things that hold them back. That also prevents comrades from being comfortable to fully express themselves. We remain “strangers” when we don't build communist relationships.

I have tended to treat the party

like a football team or NGO I volunteer in. I created a separation between me and the party: the party is something separate from my life that I participate in when there is an organized event or meeting. So, my commitment has not been what it could have been.

**As I take leadership roles, it has become clear to me that I am a communist and a party member even when I am sleeping.** I do not have a personal life and communist life separately from each other. My personal life is that I am a communist and a party member every day of my life wherever I am.

This is part of our collective struggle as to what it means to be a communist leader. It means to sacrifice your time to serve the party and, by extension, to serve the working-classes and the masses.

In our workplaces we are workers and communists. At a social gathering I am myself and a communist. There is no separation of

the two. We must recruit and organize for the party wherever we are.

To overcome those weaknesses, I am working on building communist relationships with the comrades who have committed to organize for the party. I will make sure I talk to comrades regularly. To close the gaps between us and make sure we are comfortable with each other. That will make it easier to overcome shortcomings.

**I have also started to open up more and build friendships with co-workers.** I intend to recruit them to the party and join us in mobilising the workers for communism.

A recent meeting at work planned a team-building exercise, where we would go out for drinks and braai this Saturday. I stated, “Unfortunately, team, I won't be attending. I have other commitments”.

When we were out of the meeting, a co-worker asked, “Why, man, are you not coming?”

I responded, “I will be attending a meeting with my political party”.

“Are you in EFF or ANC?” he asked.

“No,” I answered. “I am a communist. I will be attending an ICWP meeting”.

He asked, “What is that? I have never heard of it”.

I told him “It is an international party that is fighting for communism to end this exploitation such as what we face here at work. Exploitation is where we produce a duvet inner that sells for 2000 Rand in seven minutes, but we get paid 30 Rand an hour. Can you imagine? We make like 8 or 9 inners in an hour, but we get paid 30 Rand. That is what we are against”.

That moved him and opened his eyes. He started to calculate. “Yerr bra!! In 8 minutes, one person produces something that pays our salary for the week. The rest of the other stuff is money for boss”.

I said, “Yes, that is what we are fighting as communists”.

And he said that I must tell him more next week. I promised to bring him the *Red Flag*.

I won't just bring him *Red Flag*. I will talk to him and build a communist relationship with him. Understand the things that he cares about and the things that move him and what holds him back. Understand more about him as a person.

And that way we can consolidate him to the party. This is our struggle. This is my mission at work: to recruit workers, as many as I can, to join the party. That is what it means for me to be a communist leader.



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