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ITALY REFUSE TO  
LOAD CARGO FOR  
ISRAEL!**

**PROTESTORS FILL  
THE STREETS OF  
TEL AVIV!**

**THE WORKING  
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THE WORLD IS RIS-  
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THE GENOCIDE IN  
PALESTINE!**

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### BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND RECRUITING MORE IN SOUTH AFRICA

GQEBERHA (South Africa), September 9—“We must have comrades, especially the young ones, confident enough in order to take leadership and organise for the party”. A comrade said this at a collective meeting of about a dozen comrades this last Sunday.

It was a follow-up to a previous one where we decided to meet every second week to discuss the *Red Flag* and the international situation. The things we can do to grow and accelerate the fight against capitalism.

The meeting started by reviewing our previous meeting and addressing the issue of commitment and respect for each other's time. One comrade said, “I am glad the comrades who were not here previously are available today. And glad that those who were late reported on time. This shows the seriousness of the comrades and the respect they have for the collective, as well as demonstrating their commitment to our collective decisions”.

We read the article “Fighting Genocide and Fascism from LA to Palestine”. After a young

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### US RULERS RELY ON IMMIGRANT SOLDIERS BUT DEPORT THEIR RELATIVES

LOS ANGELES (USA), September 15—“On the surface, the ruling class in the US may be divided. Some support the Democratic Party and others the Republicans,” said Carlos, a comrade from Mexico with many years in the US. He had just learned about multiple cases of deportations of people with relatives in the military.

“But the ruling class can move in favor of the most oppressive policies toward the working class if it suits them at a crucial moment. For war preparations, for control of the world market,” Carlos concluded.

“None of them will help the working class,” responded a comrade in El Salvador.

Alberto, a comrade and veteran who joined the military to organize for communism added, “I think Trump and his immigration policy are a clear step toward a fascist state. It's possible that immigrants in the armed forces wouldn't be reliable to advance their plans to repress workers.

“For both parties, immigrants are necessary as cannon fodder for the broader wars ahead,”

Alberto continued. “Both parties protect capitalism and their interests. We need multiracial unity between immigrants and non-immigrants. Not only to fight them but also to mobilize the masses for communism.”

More than 1.2 million immigrants, undocumented and legal, were deported from January through July.

Deportations affect families with relatives in the armed forces. In 2024, more than 40,000 non-citizens served in the US military. Another



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comrade had read the article, Comrade X commented, “Comrades it is important to see ourselves as the international working-class, not just as South Africans. We should not limit ourselves with nationalism and borders”.

He continued, “This makes it easy to see the interconnectedness in things, and how capitalism pits us against each other. The Gaza genocide and racist and fascist raids in Los Angeles are the case in point”.

Another comrade said, “What this article is describing is history and it is similar to apartheid. This is what they used to do here. The apartheid government killed and displaced people from their houses and jailed them. It’s so sad what is happening, comrade”.

An experienced comrade then said, “If, comrades, what is happening in LA is similar to apartheid, and the Genocide in Gaza is even

worse, what can we do about it? What is our role”?

**This question was key.** It made comrades think a bit more and internalise what is happening around the world and view those events as something that they must care about and do something to stand against.

Comrade S responded, “For me, comrades, what we can do now is spread the word and make sure people join our party and grow in numbers”.

Another comrade echoed that: “Yes, if we can be more around the world, we can stand against the police like in LA. If they come, we stand our ground. They can never kill us all. When we are united, we can fight them”.

This then brought out another question: How can we make sure that we talk and recruit more numbers to the party? Comrade X said, “We must build confidence and have confidence embuthweni (con-

fidence in the Party). We must make sure that we attend meetings to learn more about communism and make sure that we able to talk about it confidently to anyone we want to win”.

Comrade Sese said, “When I am confident and know a lot about communism I can talk to all three hundred students in my school. I have no problem”.

Another comrade said, “We also spread the word via *Red Flag* and distribute it in all the places we find people. Not only at VW but malls as well, and schools”.

Therefore, we resolved that our high school comrades will receive at least 20-50 copies of *Red Flag* to distribute in their schools. Comrades will visit industrial areas to distribute the paper. And we will host workshops and regular meetings to learn more about communism and dialectical materialism.

As comrades said, doing all of



**PORT ELIZABETH, (Now GQEBERHA), SOUTH AFRICA, 2015 “Workers of the world, unite for communist revolution!”**

these things helps boost their confidence and understanding of the party’s line and recruit more people to fight against capitalism. Red Salute!



NEPAL, September 12—Massive “Gen Z” youth protests erupted in Kathmandu and other cities on September 8 after a government ban on social media. Police fired into the crowd, killing dozens. Demonstrations swelled to tens of thousands even after the ban was lifted. In the next days, Parliament, the Supreme Court, political party offices, mainstream media outlets, and leading politicians’ homes went up in flames. Government leaders fled.

Many Nepalese youths had watched the uprisings in Sri Lanka (2022) and Bangladesh (2024). Again, a power vacuum existed. But instead of calling on working-class soldiers to join in communist revolution, student leaders called for new elections. They ran a poll on Discord and announced support for former chief justice Sushila Karki as interim Prime Minister.

Student organizers and media reports highlighted “anti-corruption.” But working-class youths were fired up by mass unemployment. They are enraged by #NepoKids whose wealthy parents get them cushy jobs and powerful positions. The masses of Nepali youth desperately need communism. Real communism, not the state-capitalism of the Nepali rulers’ Chinese allies. (More next issue).

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## FIGHTING FASCIST DEPORTATIONS WITH A COMMUNIST VISION AND PLAN

TACOMA (USA), September 1 — “It’s great to see you here!” said J to a comrade at a Labor Day demonstration at the Northwest Detention Center. NWDC is the site of thousands of deportations and/or jailings by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). It is the fourth largest immigration jail in the US, with a capacity of 1575 workers.

Over 850 people attended the “All Out for Migrant Defense” rally. Many traveled by car caravan and school buses from Portland, almost 150 miles away. The enthusiasm of the overwhelmingly young people, many immigrants or children of immigrants themselves, reflected courage and commitment to this fight against fascist detention and deportation.

J is an organizer for a group that fights for human rights in the Philippines. He met our comrade at a convention protesting the 2023 meeting of APEC, the Asia-Pacific Economic Conference. He has now invited the comrade to an upcoming conference in San Francisco.

Boeing workers and other International Association of Machinists union members talked not only about fascist deportations, but also about weaknesses of the union leadership. They are organizing a rank-and-file group to reform the union but have been very open to the ideas in *Red Flag*. They have consistently invited a comrade who worked at Boeing to their Zoom meetings.

The rally was very multiracial,

with speeches in English, Spanish and Tagalog. Melissa Chaudhry, the wife of Zahid Chaudhry, spoke out. Zahid, originally from Pakistan, has lived in the US for 25 years.

Zahid is president of a Veterans for Peace chapter in Olympia (WA). He sustained severe injuries while training to go to Iraq. Before that, he served in both the Army and the National Guard. He has been fighting against deportation and for citizenship since 2004, but the government has consistently delayed his case. His wife says it’s because he refuses to give names of Pakistani activists to the CIA. He is now imprisoned in the NWDC.

After looking at *Red Flag*, a minister told a comrade that she was brought up to stay away from communism. She acknowledged that the younger generation is open to communist ideas. In fact, some young activists have told her that they need more communism to survive!

“These interactions with people at the rally were encouraging,” a comrade reported. We distributed over 150 papers. We plan to attend these protests and rallies consistently. We expect to meet more people who recognize our Party and *Red Flag* and welcome us. We have plans to get together with people we’ve met so far.

We know that rallies and voting will not stop the fascist bosses’ plans for war and exploitation. We must get rid of capitalism. And to



TACOMA (USA), September 1

do that will require a communist revolution. As we build more communist relationships, the workers, students, and soldiers we are meeting now will be leading it!

”What will replace capitalism?” young activists ask. This is the one question the liberals and reformers cannot answer. But we know that the answer is communism. And that is the most important thing we can do: to explain communism. To show the possibilities of a world without exploitation, borders, wars, poverty, starvation, disease, etc. is essential.

People get discouraged and depressed if we just talk about the horrible condition the world is in without any answers. Our work is hard but important. We have a vision and a plan.

Join ICWP! We have a world to win!!



LOS ANGELES COUNTY (USA) September 1—Comrades distributed hundreds of copies of *Red Flag* and exchanged contact information with union members at the annual Labor Day Parade.

## DEPORTATION OF MILITARY FAMILIES FROM PAGE 1

115,000 non-citizens were veterans living in the US. An estimated 80,000 undocumented spouses or parents of military members live in the US.

**Democrats are preparing for war and relying on immigrants for it.**

Cases of military family members detained by ICE are mounting. Dozens of Democrats launched an investigation into the crumbling of traditional protections for noncitizen service members and their families under the Trump administration.

Elizabeth Warren, a Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, leads the group. She claims, “This is putting our national security at risk.” It represents “an unprecedented attack on our own military.” More than anything, “it undermines the credibility of the American military when it makes promises to its service members who risked their lives for our country.”

Comrade Carlos remarked, “For there to be no more wars, soldiers must stand with the working class,

who make up the majority of the army. Together, soldiers, workers, and students will make communist revolution. For a society without oppressors, exploiters, or bosses who profit from workers, who produce everything society needs.”

**Examples of the deportations:**

In April, ICE arrested the Argentine wife of an active-duty Coast Guard member when the couple moved into a home on a south Florida naval base.

In June, a father of two active-duty Marines and a Navy veteran was beaten by immigration agents after being detained while landscaping outside an IHOP restaurant in California.

That same month, the wife of a Navy veteran was detained during an immigration appointment.

There’s also the mother of an active-duty Marine who was detained while babysitting her two-year-old grandson at the Yuma Marine Corps Air Station.

And then the case of Army Sergeant Ayssac Correa and his wife, Shirley Guardado.

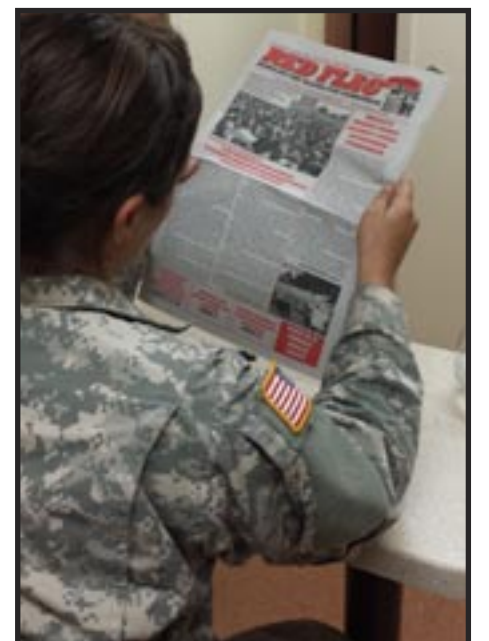
An agent called Guardado at her

job. He wanted her to come outside to talk. In the parking lot, three plainclothes men identified themselves as Department of Public Safety agents. They said that her car had been in an accident. Quickly they grabbed and handcuffed her, admitting they were ICE agents.

A comrade veteran had also joined the military to organize for communism. He said that the deportations of people with relatives in the armed forces “is a clear indication that we need to get rid of this capitalist system. It has historically betrayed all the workers of the world. If they can’t protect the soldiers who protect the US, if they can’t protect us, why protect this system?”

“They provide us soldiers with the most advanced weapons and training in the world,” he continued, “so we must use the technology and training to meet our own needs.”

Immigrant and citizen soldiers need to turn their guns around and make revolution!



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## Visiting Comrades in South Africa (Part III)

### COMMUNISTS AMONG THE MASSES: NEW LEADERS MOVE ICWP FORWARD

*This is the conclusion of a report. Part II focused on the development of new communist leaders and literature that serves their needs.*

“We must be involved in practical struggles of the working class and bring communist ideas into these struggles,” says a key summary of dialectical materialism.

Comrades in New Brighton organized to protect children walking to and from school. And organized to feed neighborhood kids. A comrade who led that work is now organizing neighbors for healthy food and exercise.

The fight (described in Part I) for a high school math teacher was a reform struggle around a specific demand. Some comrades might consider this a reformist error. I think it would have been a terrible mistake to try to discourage the young organizer. She and other comrades brought communist ideas into this practical struggle. They built the party around them. We must fight for our line amidst workers’ struggles, not stand aloof.

People in Grahamstown asked what communists can do about widespread hunger. They understood that in communism nobody will go hungry. But they are hungry now. Could people do better pooling resources collectively? Not everyone agreed. There were food riots in

South Africa during Covid where masses liberated food from markets and warehouses.

Many workers and youth in South Africa take us very seriously. Mobilizing them for communism includes communist study, mass distribution of *Red Flag*, meetings, and marches. But we need more action. Slogans aren’t enough. Comrades there and elsewhere are creatively finding ways to immerse our party and its communist ideas in the masses’ practical struggles. This is good.

#### ICWP Work in South Africa Requires Our Money

Unemployment is officially 40% but actually much higher. That includes many comrades. Those with jobs spend much of their meager wages on transportation. Everyone lives on the brink. The comrades have few contacts among better-paid professionals or others there. Of course, this is true also of many comrades elsewhere.

Few comrades or friends have cars. There is no “public transportation” worth the name. Rideshares, transports, and taxis are not cheap. The distances between townships are not walkable. There are real costs to organizing meetings, protests, distributions.

Meeting spaces must sometimes be paid for. We must subsidize cell-

phone and internet service so comrades can stay in contact with each other and with the rest of the party. *Red Flag* must be printed.

There are additional expenses when comrades visit. We want at least one younger comrade to visit there next year. We want key comrades from South Africa to visit other places.

*If you have discretionary income, please think hard about how much more you can give the party monthly. And about who else we will ask to give regularly.*

#### Resolving Contradictions Internal to ICWP

The contradictions of capitalism are starkly revealed in Gqeberha. Masses see them. Masses are eager to know more about our plan to resolve them with communist revolution. Dozens of workers, soldiers, and youths are stepping up to learn and to lead.

Speaking for myself: My work includes helping to guarantee that *Red Flag* explains our line carefully and clearly. Some of us came to this line the hard way. We did political work for decades around a line that we now see as wrong in important ways. I want us to save newer and younger comrades from making the mistakes we made. And they want to learn from us.

That’s fine. But seeing the work



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in South Africa first-hand has helped me to understand that we must focus on learning from their practice today. Our communist political line, like everything else, is a process, not a final result. I, and other older comrades, must reflect more on how *Red Flag* and our practical work can advance by learning from the rich experiences in South Africa (and elsewhere).

And the comrades (in South Africa, but not only there) who are breaking new ground are still too reliant on old-timers for guidance. Dare to struggle, dare to win!

*ICWP work in South Africa is critical to our entire international party. Let’s mobilize the whole party to study it critically, learn from it, and support it.*

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#### It is genocide in Gaza, and the US government plays an essential role

Lies come in many forms. One of the biggest lies comes from the Israeli and US governments. They defend their savagery in Gaza with the claim that accusations of genocide are false, and their critics are anti-Semitic bigots.

The basis for this lie, believed by fewer and fewer people, relies on the disputed definition of anti-Semitism from the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA):

*“Antisemitism is hatred toward Jews because they are Jews and is directed toward the Jewish religion and Jews individually or collectively. More recently, antisemitism has been manifested in the demonization of the State of Israel.*

*“Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for ‘why things go wrong.’ It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms, and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits. (It may also be manifested on people mistaken as Jews, or on non-Jews seen as sympathetic to Jews.)”*

The problems with this definition

of anti-Semitism are obvious:

- \* Some liberal Jewish groups, such as Jewish Voice for Peace and IfNotNow, are labeled as anti-Semitic.

- \* Opposition to apartheid, ethnic cleansing, and genocide is attributed to anti-Jewish bigotry, not principled opposition to the deliberate murder of Palestinians by Israel through starvation and US-supplied weapons.

- \* A majority of the American Jewish community, numbering between 5 to 7 million people, now believe Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians in Gaza.

The IHRA definition of anti-Semitism ignores Israel and the United States for deliberately slaughtering Palestinians. But the consensus among genocide scholars and human rights organizations is that Israel, with full US government support, is engaged in genocide in Gaza.

Unfortunately, both major US political parties — Democrats under President Joe Biden and Republicans under President Donald Trump — play an essential role in the extermination of Gazan Palestinians. Without US weapons, intelligence sharing, and diplomatic support, endless Israeli attacks in Gaza would not be possible. Fur-

thermore, less than one-third of the US public now supports its government’s policy of supplying Israel weapons and diplomatic support, a substantial drop from October 2023, when the current

Gaza conflict began.

An open question is, therefore, how much longer will both major US political parties ignore their supporters.

—Long-time anti-Zionist comrade



London (UK), September 13: Five thousand brave anti-fascists confronted a mob of one hundred thousand at Tommy Robinson’s anti-immigrant “Unite the Kingdom” rally. Robinson’s fascists have convinced masses to blame immigrants for the capitalists’ attacks on workers’ standard of living.

Some hoped for real change when Starmer’s “Labour” Party took power in July. Instead they got more austerity policies and attacks on people peacefully protesting the Gaza genocide. Now Corbyn is leading a new electoral party that split from Labour. It is quickly gaining support.

But workers in the UK and everywhere need communist revolution, not elections. Only communism can expose the rulers’ divide-and-conquer tricks. Only communism can unite the working masses to fight for the world we need.

## US and Chinese Imperialists Battle For Control of South America

### LET'S FIGHT FOR COMMUNIST WORKERS' POWER!

September 16— The US Administration has blown up a second Venezuelan fishing boat. They killed another three people in addition to the first eleven. They sent warships off Venezuela's coast and troops to the US-Mexican border. They lied that this was to "stop drugs."

Venezuela is in US imperialism's crosshairs for two main reasons. It has the world's largest oil and gas reserves and a growing economic, military, and political dependence on Russia and China.

The US-NATO imperialists are fighting through proxies against the China-Russia-Iran imperialists for world domination. They must expel these rivals from the Americas if they can. They aim for a Fortress America, from Argentina to Canada, denying their rivals the region's vast natural resources, including oil, and military bases.

Capitalist analysts emphasize that these incidents are about oil for immediate profits. They deny or downplay the question of World War III. It will take time and huge investments to fully develop Venezuela's oil deposits, which are harder and more expensive to extract.

The US warships off the Venezuelan coast and blowing up fishing boats in international waters (one was turning back!) are warnings to rivals. They show a US — unable to compete economically with China — desperately resorting to military force.

The successful recent BRICS and SCO summits, led by China and Russia, further fuel US desperation, propelling it towards open world war.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's recent visit to Ecuador shows the US "anti-drug campaign" to be a hypocritical farce. Seventy percent of the world's co-

caine, produced in Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia, transits through Ecuador on its way to the US and Belgium.

Workers in Ecuador know that bananas are exported in unchecked containers stocked with cocaine. Ecuadorian president Noboa's family is the biggest exporters of bananas. They profit from the drug trade.

Rubio's visit was to further integrate Ecuador into Fortress America. Noboa made it possible for the US to build a naval base in the Galapagos. More will come.

**But Fortress America is a pipe dream.** Latin America is moving towards China. For example, China, with Brazil, is planning a \$50B, 1700 Km Transoceanic Railway from Brazil to the Chinese-built port in Chancay, Peru. It will ship products and mineral resources directly to Asia. Chinese firms are investing in a record 39 projects in Brazil across diverse industries.

Mexico, Latin America's second largest economy, is also engaging with China. China recently helped finance the Tren Maya mega-project in southern Mexico. This will be extended to Belize and Guatemala. Chinese imperialism is increasingly involved in Mexico's mining, solar energy, and construction and transportation equipment, including car parts and EVs.

**Chinese imperialists are determined to replace US imperialists as the world's main imperialist exploiters.** Chinese imperialism's recent massive military parade in Beijing shows that it is also preparing to decide this on the battlefields of an already expanding World War III.

**US rulers are just as determined and more desperate.** They have a grave economic crisis while China is expanding its global markets, access to natural resources, and cheaper labor to extract maximum profits. US imperialism's only choice left is the military option to try to halt its global hegemony's decline.

**The imperialists want to force workers to kill and die for the rulers' empires.**

Comrades in Ecuador know that Rubio's visit and Noboa's ties with the US guarantee that Ecuador will play an important role. The US wants to use Ecuadoran workers against Venezuelan workers as proxies. Like the US uses Ukraine against Russia.

In Venezuela, masses of workers are ready to fight US imperialism.

They rightfully hate it for imposing inhumane sanctions that deprived them of their basic necessities. But instead of supporting Maduro and the Venezuelan capitalists who want oil profits for themselves and crumbs for the masses, workers need to fight to get rid of all capitalist exploiters.

We need a communist world where the masses share food and all resources collectively only to meet our needs —without money, profits, capitalists, or imperialist war. Workers need communism, not Maduro's state capitalism (socialism).

Workers and rank-and-file soldiers and sailors in Ecuador, Venezuela, and worldwide have the same interests and needs! We can't side with any imperialist exploiter. Our future depends on uniting against all the warmakers and their murderous system.

We need to fight for and build communism, where the masses worldwide will collectively produce everything needed for the dignified life we deserve, instead of producing for the murderous bosses' profits.



**QUITO, ECUADOR, September 16, Masses protest President Noboa's anti-worker policies.**

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### Cuba: Socialism or Communism?

For decades Cuba has been presented as the great "show-piece" of socialism in the Americas. But what does that mean for Cuban workers today? Their conditions are desperate. Most of the population live in extreme poverty. Housing is literally crumbling around people. Blackouts lasting hours and even days are common because the government cannot provide enough electricity. This is not the future we want for workers anywhere.

Defenders of Cuban socialism say that poverty itself is not the issue, since many countries in the region — El Salvador, Honduras, Haiti — are also desperately poor. They point out that imperialism is

the cause, which of course is true.

I initially found this response puzzling. Isn't socialism supposed to offer a better life for workers, not the same level of misery as their neighbors?

They argue that no small country could possibly resist the vast power of the imperialists. But this misses the point. We are communists, not socialists. The real question is not whether socialism can survive, but whether communism can. What would a communist Cuba, led by the ICWP, look like? Could a communist Cuba stand up to imperialism?

I believe the answer is yes, although it would not be easy. The root of socialist Cuba's desperation is that long ago it committed itself to operating within the world

capitalist market. It imports more than 70 percent of its food and pays for it selling sugar, rum, tobacco, and tourism. It must also buy gasoline, which is constantly in short supply. When gasoline runs out, the power goes off, the tractors don't run, and less sugar is produced — feeding a vicious cycle of dependency.

A communist Cuba could break free of this cycle by rejecting the world market entirely. Imperialism would impose a strict embargo anyway. The only real road forward would be self-sufficiency: producing its own food, building its own housing, and creating its own sources of energy. At first conditions might be primitive, but by mobilizing the masses, Cuba could guarantee that everyone is fed,

housed, and clothed. Its fertile soils, forests, and offshore oil deposits are resources that could be harnessed by a communist society.

Early on the Cuban revolutionaries wanted to diversify agriculture and become self-sufficient but that was abandoned in favor of allying with the socialist USSR.

A truly communist Cuba would be a beacon of hope. It would show that the working class can stand up to imperialism, not by retreating into socialism, but by boldly advancing toward communism. It would inspire millions across the Americas and the world to reject illusions and fight for the only real solution: communist revolution.

—Comrade in Canada

## Another Day, Another Shooting

September 10, 2025, Utah Valley University: Charlie Kirk, 31, right-wing political commentator, founder of Turning Point USA, was assassinated. Sniped in the neck and pronounced dead within a couple hours. The news rang across the globe with diverse reactions in waves of sorrow, joy, anger, and fear. These collided publicly, costing people their jobs and friends.

The irony of his assassination was not lost on most. Charlie Kirk, victim of gun violence, said in April 2023, “I think it’s worth it to have the cost of... some gun deaths each year so that we can have the Second Amendment.” He was discussing his perspective on gun violence as he was shot under a tent reading “prove me wrong.”

So people wondered – does this person deserve empathy or did the chickens come home to roost?

Social media comments flooded with opinions. Even ‘progressives’ AOC and Bernie Sanders condemned the shooting. California Governor Gavin Newsom posted on X stating he admired Kirk and will honor his memory through debate, calling his assassination vile and reprehensible. The sentiment of politicians came as: political violence has no place in America. With the level of gun violence in the US, a common sentiment among liberal citizens is this is an example of why we need gun control.

Communists and anti-Zionists pointed out hypocrisy in the outcry for Kirk, while there’s a genocide in Palestine, Sudan is facing mass starvation, and children die daily in Congolese mines. This hypocrisy is amplified by progressives praising Kirk’s legacy.

The political divide between liberals and conservatives is a sham. They all uphold the same system – capitalism. A system that exhausts the public, instilling fear of scarcity to maintain blind obedience. But with the internet, it’s become impossible to evade cognitive dissonance.

Kirk’s death overshadows tragedies in the US and across the globe. Rallies popped up such as in Huntington Beach, where neo-Nazis gathered, “honoring” Kirk, chanting “White man fight!” Supremacists are grieving the loss of a mouthpiece. Mourners threatened multiple historically Black colleges and universities, causing them to cancel classes. Though the shooter is alleged to be 22 year old white Utah man, Tyler Robinson.

While violence toward Kirk is condemned, Kirk commended violence against others. Thousands of his posts online and clips on

YouTube fuel the public’s divide.

Kirk promoted racist and homophobic values, calling George Floyd a ‘scumbag,’ slandering the gay community online earlier this year, calling Pride “cultural tyranny,” and going on tangents against Muslims, claiming they hinder society.

Leaving us wondering... Was the shooter waiting for a moment to ‘prove Kirk wrong’? What does it mean for the left as Trump continues his fascist crackdown on major cities? Will this accelerate our fall into fascism or serve as a turning point for Americans realizing that Kirk’s death is considered more

important than all the children who were shot or bombed that day? Where do we go from here?

Assassinations may provide shock value but do not serve the communist goal for the destruction of capitalism. Because for capitalism to fall, there must be systemic damage and the new system built from the ground up. Regardless of how we feel, at the end of the day, he is another dead person in capitalism’s pile of corpses.

Another round of thoughts and prayers will not save us. Only revolutionary change will.

—Sunflower

## Can We Use AI in the Fight for Communism?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a set of computer systems capable of performing tasks that normally require human intelligence. These include learning, reasoning, perception, and problem-solving.

AI systems simulate these capabilities in computers. To process data, AI relies on deep automatic learning to create algorithms (the steps necessary to solve a problem).

Therefore, we should be clear that AI is based on data. Without data, it is nothing.

“Artificial intelligence consumes a lot of resources, particularly water. It also causes unemployment, makes work environments more precarious, and strengthens the bosses’ control over us,” said a comrade during a meeting of the International Communist Workers’ Party.



Gordon as he entered our lines

Gordon under medical inspection

Gordon in his uniform as a US soldier

USA, September 17: The famous photograph in the center (from 1863) shows the terrible scars of whipping on a formerly enslaved man known only as Gordon. It is being removed from the National Portrait Gallery. President Trump has demanded removal of materials that he claims show the US in a bad light. But no US museum has ever shown all three photographs.

The series shows a man who escaped from slavery joining the fight to end chattel slavery during the US Civil War. But even this series doesn’t show the united fight of Black and white abolitionists, especially the raid led by John Brown on the Harpers’ Ferry Armory (then in Virginia).

Do you want the truth about the fight against racism in the US and globally? Read our pamphlet, ***To End Racism, Mobilize the Masses for Communism***. Available at [icwpredflag.org/rpe.pdf](http://icwpredflag.org/rpe.pdf)

Under capitalism, AI’s function is to increase the exploitation of workers. To do this, AI takes over the collective intelligence of labor. Or, rather, organizes that intelligence in the form of a class monopoly. This undermines the skills of each individual’s job. It reduces the worker to a small cog in a gigantic, more automated, and autonomous machine. It robs the worker of intelligence. It subdues them so they can focus solely on work, diminishing their capacities for resistance.

“Another risk of AI is the construction of nuclear power plants due to their high energy requirements. It increases the risk of a nuclear accident, since new plants are under the control of tech giants,” thought a young healthcare worker while listening to the virtual discussion.

This was an important point in the discussion about the environmental impact of AI. AI systems can consume up to 433 MWh of electricity when analyzing and storing data, enough to power forty homes for a year.

According to studies, AI data centers are responsible for up to 1% of greenhouse gas emissions. Their growth and demand use carbon and natural gas as energy sources. To meet their energy needs, large capitalist corporations invest in the construction of nuclear reactors for private use, without considering the risks of radioactive waste management and nuclear accidents.

**A worker in the United States**

**pointed out some advantages of AI.** “The use of artificial intelligence can help us analyze a greater amount of information to facilitate our communist work.”

“Artificial intelligence is like another tool that can help us with various tasks when we live in a future communist system. For example, the use of drones in high-rise building fires, climate predictions, and the analysis of large amounts of data whose synthesis and conclusions are determined by human reasoning. Furthermore, it is being used to develop and evaluate programs to combat desertification in China,” explained another comrade.

A health worker added, “With the triumph of communism, AI as a tool can help the human species travel through space and perform very complex and minimally invasive medical procedures (robotic surgery and the use of nanobots). Increased labor efficiency and reduced working hours would allow workers to use their time for recreation, culture, spirituality, leisure, and physical exercise.”

We must continue this discussion and look at all sides of the question. Practical and theoretical work, the study of communist dialectics, and the mass dissemination of communism through *Red Flag* will be the process that will give rise to the workers’ revolution. During this process, we must utilize all the tools and means at our disposal that will aid in the revolutionary effort.

—Comrade in El Salvador

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Mass Mobilisation: The Only Answer to Crime.

Three weeks ago, I was robbed. I work two shifts: one week, mornings; the following week, nights. I live in a poverty-stricken township, with 70% of the youth unemployed. Many, especially young males, are on drugs and in petty criminal gangs.

It looked like these petty criminal boys had been observing my movements because I leave my house at 05:00 in the morning and they broke in between 05:15 – 06:00. They took every electronic device to sell it to get a fix or the next couple bags of Tik (crystal meth) and cocaine.

After realising the damage, I contacted my comrades, neighbours and friends who live close to my house. I told them what had occurred and tried to get information about the break-in. My neighbours had heard and seen nothing.

But ICWP and my role in it are relatively known in the community. So, I was able to quickly spread the word to all the sections of the township that I was looking for any information relating to my electronics that I had lost. I would not have been able to do that without the network of comrades and friends of the party. They took it upon themselves to reach as many people as they could.

A day passed. Someone who fixes electronic devices came to comrade T about something unre-

lated and my lost electronic devices came up. This guy said that several guys came to him looking to bypass a laptop password. He described the laptop, and it was mine. Comrade T immediately called me. It was 22:00 (10:00 pm) and they told me the names of the boys. Comrade T knew where they stayed. We immediately went there accompanied by a newer comrade. The father said we must come back tomorrow as it was very late.

The following day I went to one of the street committee members and informed him about the situation. The person in question was not there, and the father said he had seen no devices. It looked like we had lost track.

The guy who fixes electronic devices told us that he just heard the boys who did it were in some base close to where comrade N lives. We immediately went there and found out where they sold the laptop for only R150 (US\$8.64 or 760 Indian rupees).

We went to collect the laptop. It so happened that the buyer knew me. He had, a long time ago, attended one of our May Day celebrations. And the petty criminal



Unionized metalworkers demand jobs for youth, 2014

came with rest of the stuff voluntarily because we told them that we were done chasing them and they must come with stuff by themselves.

I never involved the police. House break-ins, robberies, and murders are an everyday thing, and the police do nothing to protect the community. Police are primarily there to protect capitalists' private property.

I relied on the comrades, and the network of people who know me through ICWP. That's what led me to recover my devices. This is an example of how the masses can mobilise to fight criminal be-

haviour in our collective communities. Of how communists plan to fight crime.

Such examples can show the masses that we must rely on each other and not look at the police to protect our communities. The party's visibility, and the fact that many people know about it, aided me a great deal. It showed that spreading the *Red Flag* does make a difference. We plan to distribute the paper more in our township and expand the network of friends and comrades.

—Comrade in Gqeberha (South Africa)

Immigration: A Front Line in the Class Struggle

Immigration is not just a “border issue.” It is a front line in the struggle between the working class and the capitalist class, and it is directly tied to the US drive toward imperialist war.

The ruling class uses anti-immigrant propaganda to divide workers at home and prepare for capitalist wars abroad. Scapegoating immigrants isn't random. It's a tool to create the false sense of “national unity” they need when they want us to fight and die for their profits.

Think about the world we live in now: militarized borders, domestic surveillance, detention centers, and mass deportations. These are not just attacks on immigrants. They are test runs for broader repression. The same police, surveillance, and military infrastructure that terrorizes immigrants today can and will be turned against all workers tomorrow. This is how fascist repression grows—and how the war machine is built.

ICWP is fighting for a world without borders and for communism, where no worker is crimi-

nalized for where they were born and the entire working class unites against imperialist wars and capitalist exploitation.

On the weekend of the No Kings marches, a friend called to tell me about one near me. I attended. When I saw her next, she smiled and said, “I knew you'd go,” because she knows I'm a communist. She went on to tell me about how a lady that usually sells flowers on a corner is no longer there.

In the following weeks, I was hearing almost daily how ICE raids were personally affecting people I work with. One young man told me he quit his job because he was afraid. His family was also afraid for him. He has anxiety and became so fearful that he stopped leaving his home.

Another friend shared that she is a US citizen, but growing up as the darkest-skinned person in her family left her with shame and fear. Now, she worried that her darker skin as a Mexican woman would make her a target in these raids. These stories show how deeply this repression touches people's lives.

But we also know history. Im-

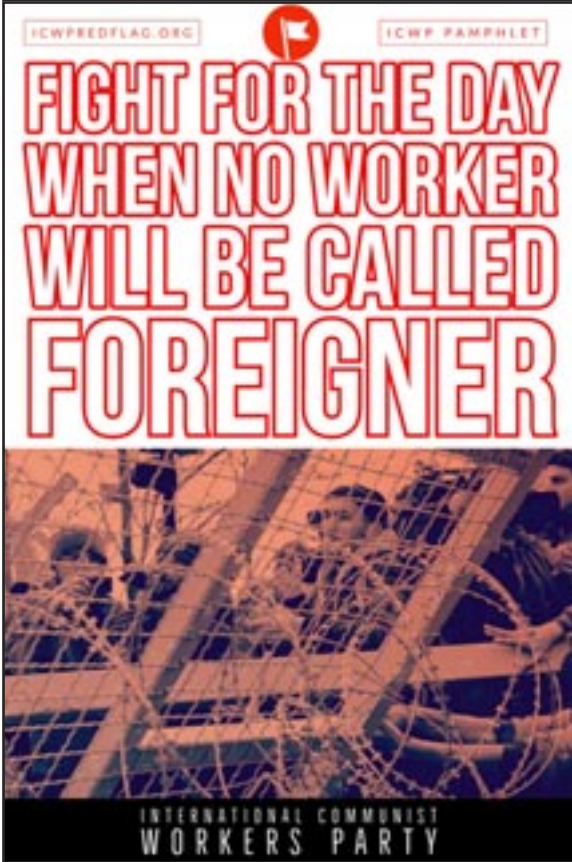
migrant struggles have often sparked broader working-class movements. When immigrant workers fight back, it inspires solidarity, and it challenges the system at its weakest point.

We should discuss how anti-immigrant propaganda and policies are connected to US war preparations abroad. How the criminalization and repression of immigrants lay the foundation for fascism and imperialist war. And most importantly, what practical steps we can take in the next months to support immigrant workers and oppose this wave of repression.

Turning theory into practice. Defending immigrants and building solidarity is defending the working class—and it's a step toward dismantling the system that creates war, borders, and exploitation in the first place.

—Comrade N

Read our pamphlet on the fight for a communist world without borders, available at [icwpredflag.org/ffde.pdf](http://icwpredflag.org/ffde.pdf)



Contradictions Sharpen in Occupied Palestine and the Middle East

MASSES RISE UP AGAINST GAZA GENOCIDE

September 16— Tens of thousands in Auckland (New Zealand) marched against the genocide in Gaza. Possibly one hundred thousand in Spain protested an Israeli team’s participation in the Vuelta a España, a major bicycle race. Hundreds blocked the finish line, forcing its cancellation.

An international fifty-boat flotilla has left Tunisia heading for Gaza. It intends to break Israel’s blockade with food and medicines. Dockworkers in Genoa (Italy) and Barcelona (Spain) have threatened to shut down those key Mediterranean ports if Israeli forces again attack the flotilla.

Mass outrage is growing globally. A quarter of Gaza’s population faces Zionist-engineered starvation. Over 680,000 are already dead. The complete destruction and ethnic cleansing of Gaza was a far-right fever dream last year. Now it is official policy, egged on by US president Trump. Fascist Zionism has never seemed stronger or bolder.

Last week Israel bombed the Hamas negotiation team in Doha, Qatar. Qatar has been a key US ally. It hosts the largest US airbase in the region. US imperialism, in turn, supplied arms. It helped shield the repressive Qatari rulers from international criticism and internal unrest. But Trump didn’t stop the Israeli attack or even warn Qatar be-

fore the attack. As we go to press, reports are emerging from Monday’s Arab-Islamic summit in solidarity with Qatar. The Gulf state rulers are convinced that the US chose not to stop the bombing. The US-Qatar alliance seems to be over. The Gulf states are activating their collective defense mechanisms. The greater part of US imperialist influence in the Middle East now rests on shifting sands.

Meanwhile, the US did not veto a UN Security Council resolution – as it usually does — condemning the airstrike on Doha. Its “no” vote failed to stop a UN General Assembly resolution supporting a “two-state solution” for Israel/Palestine.

But there is no chance now – if there ever was – of a Palestinian state existing side by side with a Zionist state (Israel). Israel never intended to allow one. The Zionist aim, all along, was a “Greater Israel” from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River and beyond.

Fascist Zionism has never seemed stronger, but appearances are deceiving. Its contradictions are sharpening. The tensions with the US over the Doha bombing are one example.



MADRID, SPAIN, September 14—Masses block finish line of Vuelta a España in protest of Israeli genocide

Within the US, the Zionist Hasbara (propaganda campaign) is losing its hold on workers and youth. That includes many Jews. Even as its bought-and-paid-for politicians, especially Christian Zionists, become more outrageous. Florida Representative Brian Mast, who chairs the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has introduced a bill to allow the government to revoke the passports of US citizens if they criticize Israel!

Too many Jewish Israelis support the present assault on Gaza City. But ICWP comrades in Tel Aviv have reported on the many Israeli reservists who are refusing to be called up for it. And on the masses in the streets who are calling for an end to the

genocide and welcoming Red Flag. Young people are leaving Israel in droves. Zionist policies fundamentally conflict with their Jewish values.

Underneath the appearance of strength, therefore, is increasing weakness. That is our opportunity. Revolution would still be possible in a Zionist state “from the river to the sea.” Communist revolution is necessary.

As ICWP comrades in South Africa remind us, every small step we take to build the party anywhere will advance that communist revolution in occupied Palestine and worldwide.

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Let’s Fight for Communism, Not “BDS”

“How ya doin’?”

“Fine,” I once said. Not anymore.

I answer, “How is anyone doing right now?” Everyone understands. We are outraged and heartsick about the Zionist genocide in Gaza. About the racist Gestapo kidnappings here.

Our shared activism keeps us going. Almost two years of weekly Gaza protests, and now months of anti-Migra rallies and patrols, have forged real communities.

I’ve given Red Flag to almost everyone I’ve met. Most – usually fifty or more – take the new issue when I see them or get it electronically. A few have given money. A

few have met with us.

“Red Flag talks about real things,” said one.

“I am grateful to have people in my life who don’t think communism is insane,” said another.

But even good friends have real disagreements. Many still think that lobbying “electeds” is their only chance to be effective. Even though they lack confidence in both parties.

One group, for example, campaigns for the city to divest its pension funds from companies most complicit in the Gaza genocide (Boeing, Caterpillar, Chevron). This is “Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions” (BDS). As comrades in India said last year, this strategy is intended to weaken the Israeli capitalists. But

the Zionist regime is not as strong as it seems.

A core group here has struggled to meet with city council members. Usually at least forty of us show up at council meetings. A dozen speak for the two minutes or one minute or thirty seconds they are allowed.

After months of this, something may happen at the next pension board meeting. It’s not clear what. Over a year ago, the same group pressured this city council into passing a “Ceasefire” resolution. The final resolution expressed more concern for Israeli hostages than for dead and bombed-out Gaza civilians. Then the Zionists used a “Ceasefire” to step up their attacks on the West Bank.

I have talked some – not enough – about what a revolutionary communist strategy would look like, in contrast to BDS.

I say that the best help we could give the masses in occupied Palestine would be to overthrow US imperialism. That won’t happen tomorrow. But BDS won’t save any-

one’s life tomorrow either. The small steps we need today are those that will build to communist revolution. Not more calls to politicians bought by Zionist lobbyists.

I try to model how we can talk to many people around us – especially workers and soldiers – connecting the genocide in Gaza to the oppression they themselves experience.

We link ICE (Migra) with the Israeli “Defense” Forces that help train them. Both connect with attacks on workers’ standard of living. With fascist attacks on everything from science to our trans siblings. All these assaults come from the same capitalist system. That can become the basis for a mass communist revolution to “free Palestine” and liberate workers everywhere.

BDS won’t do that. We need more activists to write for and circulate Red Flag. To join ICWP and become the ones who do it. Shared communist activism will keep us going. And change the world.

—Comrade in California (USA)



Read our pamphlet:  
Genocide in Palestine Demands  
Workers Revolution.

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