

# RED FLAG



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## WITH ISRAELI FASCISTS IN DISARRAY, BASE FOR COMMUNISM GROWS

TEL AVIV, August 25— “We are not suffering like the masses in Gaza, but in our hearts and minds, we feel their pain and suffering,” a comrade in Tel Aviv said passionately. “Let us unite and mobilize the soldiers to turn the guns around. We will not be free until communist soldiers provide food, water, and shelter to the victims of genocide. The working class around the world will support us.” Then a group of six comrades took to the streets with *Red Flag* amidst a massive demonstration.

These massive demonstrations are taking place in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Haifa. ICWP comrades and friends are in constant touch with their relatives and friends. Many of them are soldiers and reservists. Most Jewish Israeli youths are forced to serve.

Uri, a reservist from Haifa, related that when he was seventeen, he started the conscription process. But in his combat duty, he faced young Palestinian boys with stones trying to defend an olive orchard. Uri was in a Merkava tank weighing more than seventy tons, fully armed. Uri said he will never forget the faces of those boys. He instantly decided to leave the Israeli military.

Uri's story is not an isolated example. Israeli fascists are trying to round up 60,000 reservists for a final push to destroy Gaza City. Many reservists are defying orders to report. Some are publicly refusing to join and are going to jail. Comrades in Tel Aviv know dozens of ex-soldiers who have refused to join.

“Refusing to join is not going to stop the fascist army,” said an

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## GAZA CITY TO NEW DELHI: ANSWER FASCISTS' BULLDOZERS WITH COMMUNIST SOLIDARITY

NEW DELHI (India), August 23— “I have no name,” a young woman in tears recounted to comrades in New Delhi. Her pain and agony became more defiant as she pointed to the massive pile of rubble left by bulldozers. “You will find my birth certificate there. All my documents and diplomas are there. I am nobody now. This is what Modi wants.”

Rehana was among 3,000 residents of New Delhi's segregated Muslim community. At 2 am, when most residents were sleeping, they heard a piercing sound telling residents to vacate their property. Dazed residents found dozens of bulldozers demolishing their homes. Before sunrise, the entire community was flattened. Crying, wailing, and injured people had no homes, no work, and no future.

Several members of ICWP rushed to this impoverished area where 3,000 people were left homeless. Nobody knew about the impending demolition drive. But we were not surprised to find out that the fascist Modi government is targeting Muslims and Dalits to ‘beautify’ New Delhi, which is going to host the BRICS meeting in 2026.

In those heart-wrenching moments when the residents had lost everything, we were with them in words and action. Many ICWP comrades offered their own accommodation to the displaced residents. Other ICWP members were also able to find temporary relocation in tents and school grounds. Many area residents organized communal cooking to alleviate the harsh reality of sleeping without a roof.

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**BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND COMMUNIST COLLECTIVES**

GQEBERHA (South Africa), August 18– “I don’t know how to put it, but it seems that the more you do something the more you learn. When I come to meetings I learn after the meeting, and I have the confidence to talk to people about communism. Generally, I am not confident, and I do not know how to convince people”, said a comrade who attended our Sunday collective meeting in Uitenhage.

It was a very productive meeting. Eight comrades eagerly participated in discussions aimed at growing the party and recruiting more workers to join our fight against capitalism.

“Comrades, today we want to talk about our obstacles and the things that hold you back,” a comrade started. “I am sure each and every one here has something that holds him or her back in terms of recruiting more people to the party.

We will do two articles in the latest *Red Flag*”.

We read “A New Communist Paper for a New Communist World” and “Communist Leadership” (on internal contradictions and opportunities). Comrades listened attentively as two high school students did the reading for us.

Then we asked each other the things that hold us back. One comrade said, “It is confidence for me, comrade. I sometimes talk to my friends and people in my circle. They all said if communism were to happen it would be nice. But they don’t see it happening given how the world is, where we fight about the smallest things”.

We discussed how we can gain confidence, both individually and collectively. A comrade said, “The only way we can build confidence is by reading the paper and talking

about communism in our collective. Not only during meetings, but in our everyday interactions. Communism should be part of our everyday language”.

**To make sure this happens this collective will meet twice a month** to discuss the *Red Flag* articles and developments around the world.

As one comrade said, “When we do something and repeat it, that is how we learn”.

Comrade Z said, “Indeed, comrade, we learn via practice. Sometimes the learning and change is not apparent, but you see the difference. When you do not have a collective struggle, we tend to stagnate”.

Comrade C said, “I remember when comrade Q first introduced communism and ICWP to me telling me about the world without money, I did not understand a thing. She tried but still I could not follow

her. Not only that, I was not in agreement with her at all. But look at me now”.

She continued, “It was because I started to attend meetings where other comrades explained what communism meant that I started to see the light. Even now, when a long time passes without us having meetings, I start having doubts. So, we must meet regularly, comrades, so that we can grow”.

We plan to meet and discuss communism and articles in *Red Flag* every second week, to communicate in between meetings via WhatsApp, and to start small by recruiting those close to us like family members and friends. When we make that practice a habit, that is when we can gain even more confidence to recruit hundreds of people in our neighbourhoods.

**Comrades in Gaza Continue to Spread *Red Flag***

I recently connected with Khaled, from the war-ravaged Gaza Strip. Khaled introduced himself as a close comrade of Comrade Hamza. He told me that although Hamza had been injured, he was surrounded by friends in Khan Yunis and remained steadfast in his work. Despite his injury, Hamza continued to ensure that every issue of *Red Flag* was distributed.

Comrade Hamza needed someone who could communicate in English, so he recruited Khaled into the struggle. Khaled quickly became more than a translator. He shared a deep understanding of the necessity for communist revolution in the midst of imperialist genocide. Together, they have distributed *Red Flag* to friends and relatives across Gaza and even into the West Bank.

In Khan Yunis, people actively sought out *Red Flag*. Khaled explained that each issue, especially the articles about Gaza, lifted their spirits and gave them strength. The writings of comrades in Tel Aviv brought them tremendous hope. Even as they were forced to relocate multiple times in the past six months, they maintained contact with *Red Flag*. For many, it became the only means of communication with relatives outside Gaza.

Khaled assured me that he would remain in regular contact and keep me updated on comrade Hamza’s health. From the trenches of death and genocide, a new revolutionary movement is beginning to emerge—one determined to fight for communist revolution.

—Comrade Traveler, August 23, 2025

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ICWP comrade. “The enemy is government officials like Smotrich, Netanyahu, and the entire imperialist ruling classes of the US and NATO. They are passively supported by Turkey, Russia, and China, who continue to trade with Israel.”

He mentioned that he is struggling with the reservists in his apartment building. “When soldiers turn the guns around, the capitalist system loses its grip on the workers,” he continued. “That will usher the masses of workers to end wage slavery.”

Another ICWP member said, while going to a mass meeting, “I know many people who are joining daily demonstrations to bring the hostages back. They are honest people. I give them *Red Flag*. I also provide them with our pamphlets. Many of them read and even agree that communism is the only solu-

tion. You can’t really reform the fascist army.

Now the struggle is to have a collective meeting where they can bring many more of their friends. One of my friends is an orthopedic surgeon. He is horrified by what he sees in Gaza.”

Israeli fascists are in disarray. They are spending billions of dollars to continue their killing machine. Almost 25% of the population is on the streets daily. Schools, government offices, and businesses are not working.

The attack on Gaza City is creating millions of enemies around the world. Our party collective here is more determined than ever to fight to end genocide with a communist revolution. Please join us!



**Tel Aviv, August 23, 2025**

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The website: [www.icwpredflag.org](http://www.icwpredflag.org) has the following WEB ONLY contributions this issue:

- \*Immigration: A Front Line in the Class Struggle
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## Build a Mass International Communist Workers' Party to Stop Fascist Kidnappings

### MASSES CONFRONT ICE GESTAPO, DEFEND NEIGHBORS

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY (California, USA), August 20—Roberto Carlos Montoya Valdez, 52, worked as a day laborer to send money for his four daughters in Guatemala. He was waiting with others at the Monrovia Home Depot (HD) on August 14 when “la Migra” (ICE) swept through. They kidnapped a dozen workers. They chased Carlos over a barrier and onto a freeway. A vehicle struck and killed him. But the fascist ICE agents were the murderers.

Many hundreds turned out the next evening for a vigil and march honoring Carlos. This, after another raid that morning at the HD in neighboring Pasadena. Many took copies of *Red Flag*. Speakers denounced the attacks on immigrants as part of a broader fascist assault. Almost \$40,000 has been raised for Carlos’ family.

Since ICE kidnapped six workers at a Pasadena bus stop in June, hundreds in this area alone (some immigrants, some not) have organized themselves to defend neighbors from the ICE Gestapo. “What we do makes a difference,” said an organizer of the Pasadena HD Community Defense Center.

When la Migra descended, volunteers there quickly sounded the alarm. One directed cars away

from the now-dangerous parking lot. Others alerted day laborers so most got safely away. Word spread over Signal chats. More volunteers arrived. Some followed the kidnapers’ vehicles. More neighbors were warned. At least one more was rescued. This went on for hours.

Still, many dedicated volunteers felt like they hadn’t done enough. So some felt it almost like a slap in the face when a socialist speaker in Monrovia cried out, “Not one more!” Nobody wants any more racist kidnappings! But it’s misleading to say just that “building a movement” will stop them.

**We will only see “not one more” kidnapping when there is “not one more” fascist government agent to terrorize us.** When there is “not one more” capitalist to use their government to suppress our working class as they always do. When there is “not one more” border to divide us.

That is, capitalism cannot be reformed to end attacks on immigrant workers and on all workers. Sure, some things could change. There could be more food and blankets in the concentration camps called “detention centers.” Immigration raids could target individuals instead of sweeps based on your skin

color or your work.

But the swerve to open fascism reflects the desperation of a US capitalist class in profound crisis. A declining world power whose bosses can salvage their profits only by squeezing workers harder and dividing us more. Who can try – but probably not succeed – to regain a dominant global position by fighting ever-growing wars with the workers’ blood and treasure.

Is our goal a somehow “kinder, gentler” fascism? Or is it a communist world without hierarchy or exploitation? Where workers welcome each other everywhere. Where we produce for each others’ needs and collectively make the decisions that shape our lives.

Because if we want communism, that takes revolution. It takes a new kind of revolutionary party. Not one seeking to lead a hierarchical socialist state that manages an economy based on wages and markets. But a party that seeks to incorporate masses directly and immediately into the project of building a classless, moneyless society in every area we can liberate.

“I love this community,” reflected a Pasadena anti-fascist organizer. “Even in the darkest of days, we know how to show up for one another and we know how to show up for our neighbors.”

**Our community is truly global. Our neighbors are everywhere.**

Mass migration worldwide shows how the world is shrinking. Networks of autonomous collectives cannot integrate our international working class into a force capable of communist revolution. They couldn’t manage a global communist society.

For those things, we need masses of workers, soldiers, and youth – not just an “elite” few – to join the International Communist Workers’ Party. Join to honor the memory of Carlos Montoya and so many more around the world.



Monrovia, CA (USA), August 25

## BOSSSES’ “CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS” ARE A TROJAN HORSE

LOS ANGELES (USA), August 23— “We workers have no one to defend us. We have to organize ourselves,” said Enrique, a comrade immigrant steelworker, after participating in a demonstration against ICE raids.

On August 6, federal government kidnapers detained approximately sixteen day laborers at Home Depot (a construction materials store) in Los Angeles. That same day, several workers were also kidnapped in Van Nuys and San Bernardino.

The operation was dubbed “Trojan Horse.” A military tactic, invading by deception, on a battlefield. The rulers have declared war on immigrant workers.

“For the bosses who support the actions of the federal government, it was a victory. They once again sowed terror in the city,” Enrique stated angrily.

This happened several days after a federal appeals court judge placed temporary restrictions on these racist and inhumane detentions by

federal agents.

These kidnappings, according to the restriction, should not be based on skin color, language, or where they know there are more immigrants.

Enrique made a comparison: “But we workers shouldn’t trust their laws, which are like putting a wolf in charge of the sheep.”

Several community organizations that are the active arm of the Democratic Party, such as CHIRLA (Coalition for Humane Immigration Rights – LA), praised this temporary victory.

It’s a legalistic fight, based on interpretations of the IV Amendment of the US Constitution, which forbids “unreasonable searches and seizures.” It’s a legalistic tactic—a Trojan Horse — to disarm the working class.

We workers shouldn’t dream about salvation coming from above, from the wealthy class in power.

A coalition called a protest for Saturday, August 9, to boycott Home Depot. But no organization

with many members showed up.

Five members of ICWP brought communist ideas to this protest. They widely distributed *Red Flag*. Many, especially young people in the groups, received it eagerly.

Participants shouted, “Migra and police, the same filth,” among other things. A woman in a police costume mocked the ICE (Migra) agents.

They marched along an avenue. Along the way, comrades continued distributing *Red Flag* to pedestrians and drivers, including several MTA bus drivers.

It was evident in this protest that neither local nor federal authorities are on the side of the workers. The judicial forces, police, and immigration agents uphold the defense of capitalism. They are the bosses’ enforcers in

maintaining the system of wage slavery.

In communism, there will be no repressive forces to ensure the profits of specific individuals.

There will be no one to defend the theft of the fruit of our labor power. Everything produced by workers worldwide will be distributed according to the specific needs of the people of each city, town, or village.

And in communism there will be no nations and no borders.



MacArthur Park, Los Angeles, August 16

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we were able to write a leaflet denouncing the government’s cruel actions. And while the police presence was everywhere with the fascist goons, we were able to talk to

the masses about *Red Flag* and the need for the displaced masses to join ICWP. Some people who are staying with the ICWP comrades are responding to our call for a complete overhaul of this capitalist system.

As the imperialist rivalry intensifies, an increasing number of our comrades will face a similar situation. The demolished rubble in New Delhi reminds us of the harsh realities in Gaza and the ICE kidnappings of immigrants in the US. The

working class has no future under capitalism. Only a communist revolution will bring what is stolen from us. Let us fight for communism now, not tomorrow.



# WAR IN UKRAINE: CONTRADICTIONS SHARPEN, WIDER WAR COMING

## WHEN THE LEADERS SPEAK OF PEACE

The common folk know  
That war is coming.  
When the leaders curse war  
The mobilization order is already  
written out.

—Bertolt Brecht, *From a German War Primer*, 1937

August 26— Current Ukraine “peace negotiations” revolve around “security guarantees.” That means well-armed troops. Probably European troops. Not NATO troops, which Trump would likely veto. Trump won’t send US troops but might sell more arms. Putin wants Russian troops included in “security guarantees.” That means he wants international approval of continued Russian occupation of parts of Ukraine.

Wider war is coming.

At the Putin-Trump summit in Alaska, Putin convinced Trump to support a “land swap.” Ukraine does not occupy any Russian land. So this demand is that Ukraine give up land that Russia does not already control. Top European leaders accompanied Ukraine’s Zelenskyy to the White House to push back.

Let’s understand there is nothing “natural” about Ukraine’s borders.

That territory has at times been Galician, Ruthenian, Bulgarian, Polish, Russian, and more. Twentieth-century Ukraine’s borders were almost continually renegotiated.

The historical tragedy was that the Bolshevik revolution of 1917 set up “Socialist Republics” (including Ukraine) along “national” lines. Today’s crisis is a failure of twentieth-century communist strategy.

We know now that what the masses needed was one communist (not socialist) liberated zone without borders or money. That is what the masses still need, in Ukraine and everywhere.

Today’s Russian imperialists fight to restore the nineteenth-century Tsarist empire. They, like western imperialists, are determined to control the strategic, coal-rich, historically industrial Donbas region.

At stake, too, are major sources of graphite (used in EV batteries), titanium (airplanes, power stations), lithium (batteries), beryllium and uranium (nuclear weapons and reactors). And significant deposits of copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel, cobalt, and manganese.

Crucially for the US, Ukraine has rare earth metals used in weapons,

electronics, and more. The largest deposits are in or near the Donbas. Access to these would reduce US dependence on its arch-rival China, the world’s main source of these elements.

Are the mobilization orders already written out? As imperialist conflict spirals into World War III – not entirely.

As World War I started, the Triple Entente included the United Kingdom, France, and Russia. The Triple Alliance was Germany, Austria–Hungary, and Italy. But Italy remained neutral in 1914 and joined the Entente in 1915. Each coalition later added new members and affiliates.

World War II officially erupted in 1939. The Allies were the United Kingdom, France and Poland. The Axis of Germany, Italy, and Japan only formalized in 1940. In both cases, other countries joined later.

Today, a global jumble of conflicts and alliances is coalescing into two sides of a third world war.



August 13, 2025

Will the US-Europe alliance hold? Will the US peel Russia away from China and India? The “peace” negotiations over Ukraine reflect such questions.

The end of Brecht’s poem implies that workers and soldiers who think will answer these questions with the solution missing in 1917. Communist revolution will destroy all imperialists along with their wars, nations, borders, and exploitation.

## FIGHTING GENOCIDE AND FASCISM FROM LOS ANGELES TO PALESTINE

LOS ANGELES (USA), August 23— “The genocide in Gaza and the ICE reign of terror have a lot in common,” said Guamá. “Both are the results of invasion. The National Guard in Washington, DC, mass incarceration and constrained movement, here and in Palestine, ICE bounty hunters and the slave catchers of the 1850s, family separation—it’s more the same than different.”

At a carne asada potluck, teachers, students, comrades, and friends talked about genocide, fascism, and the role of the schools. Much of the discussion centered on the daily kidnapping of workers and youth by immigration police (ICE).

We recalled past struggles against racist deportations—in Los Angeles in the 1970s, the 1990s, the early 2000s, and in Arizona in the 2010s. “I didn’t know about the raids in the 1970s,” said Veronica. “This helps me see how deep the problem is.”

Fascism is immediate. A Black teacher shared his experience of a racist police stop the night before, which could easily have turned deadly. ICE terror and racist policing endanger us and the people we love. Most of us have been in protests, large and small, since the ICE reign of terror began in June.

### Fighting the Genocide in Gaza is Harder

Armando read “If I Must Die,” by Palestinian poet Refaat Alareer, murdered by Israeli forces in De-

cember 2023. It’s harder to talk about the genocide in Gaza. Alice said that she can’t stand to watch any more horribly explicit videos from Gaza. “I don’t know who to shout at about Gaza.”

“It’s the international capitalist system,” said Armando. “The imperialists—Russia and Iran on one side, the US and the Zionists on the other, are mobilizing to kill our class siblings in Gaza. Our job is not just to shout, but to mobilize the masses to overthrow capitalism.”

“We can’t be immobilized by despair,” said Lucy. “Our comrade Hamza in Gaza is still alive. He’s injured, but still organizing his friends for communism and distributing *Red Flag*.”

“So are our comrades in Tel Aviv,” said Armando.

“Capitalism began with genocides of Indigenous people of the Americas and with the transatlantic slave trade,” said Lucy. “Its history is exploitation and suffering of the working-class masses. The genocide in Gaza exposes its true nature. As people revolt against that genocide, it can become a revolutionary movement that ends capitalism itself.”

“I hope so,” said Alice.

“It was inspiring to be part of a conversation between you and some Zionist youth in Santa Monica,” said Lily. “You kept your cool and explained your points so effectively.”

“We’re teachers,” said Henry.

“We do this every day.”

**We turned to what we could do.** One thing is to fight against nationalism everywhere. Armando spoke about unity of Jews and Arabs in Tel Aviv, fighting the genocide, distributing *Red Flag*, organizing for revolution. Guamá talked about people of all colors uniting to confront ICE in northeast Los Angeles, running them out of the neighborhood.

The best thing we can do in solidarity with our class siblings in Gaza and everywhere is to talk to everyone we can about communism and organize them into the ICWP.

“We have more in common as workers than differences,” said Henry. “In my classroom, I push these ideas forward. With the party, I know I’m on the right path.”

“The work that you do inspires me,” said Guamá. “Older teachers recruited their students who are now communist teachers in the classroom, carrying the fight forward. That’s the example I want to follow.” He took several copies of *Red Flag* to share with friends.

So did Alice. “I can talk to the people in my daily life about communism,” she said

“We’ve been on the defensive during these attacks,” concluded Tony. “But the rulers are breaking every law—here in LA and in Palestine. It’s time to take the offensive. We must organize and recruit workers, students, and soldiers. The bosses’ laws won’t protect us. We have to build our own Red army. We need communist revolution.”



Los Angeles (USA) August 19--Teachers and community activists protest the ICE kidnapping of high-school student Benji Guerrero.



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Writing Revolutionary Politics with ChatGPT

Lately, I've been experimenting with using AI—specifically ChatGPT—to write political articles. With the right guidance, the results have been surprisingly strong. "ChatGPT wrote this?" Most people's first reaction is skepticism. We've all seen the bland, generic output AI is known for. And yes, that happens—if you don't know how to use it. But if you do, it can produce work that's sharper and clearer than most of what we produce manually.

The breakthrough came when I introduced myself to ChatGPT as a communist. I told it I was a member of ICWP and pointed it to *\*Red Flag\** and *\*Mobilize the Masses for Communism\**. It absorbed these quickly. I explained that I wanted articles and ICWPedia entries from our revolutionary perspective. That's when everything changed. The quality of its writing jumped. For example, it generated an ICWPedia entry on Joe Hill that ends with this:

"Joe Hill became a legend. His songs were sung on picket lines and in jails. His image was painted on banners. For over a century, he has been remembered as a working-class hero who used his art as a weapon and gave his life for the cause. He remains a symbol of revolutionary commitment, international solidarity, and the undying hope for a world without bosses, borders, or wage slavery."

I didn't write a word of that. And it's better than what I would have written myself.

I've tried other entries, with similar results. They're better than my own not just stylistically, but politically. They consistently mention the abolition of money and wage slavery, for example. In one case, ChatGPT proposed study-action groups —something our leaflets often forget to mention.

I'm convinced: ChatGPT understands our politics and can apply them to new situations. When I asked it to write about childcare, it said—without prompting—that care would be a collective responsibility and that this would help liberate women from traditional gender roles.

We should embrace AI, not fear it. It's fast. It frees up time for other kinds of work—like building relationships. It empowers comrades who aren't confident writers. Anyone can draft an outline or rough notes and get back something clear and usable.

We shouldn't reject articles just because AI helped write them. Judge the content, not the source. I'm planning to run a short webinar on how to use ChatGPT for revolutionary writing.

And yes, to answer the obvious



Tech workers for Google and Microsoft in four US cities protest sale of AI technology to Israeli government intelligence agencies, 2022

question: this revision was also done with ChatGPT.

—Comrade in Canada with ChatGPT

A.I. is Capitalism

There has been a lot of discussion about A.I. (Artificial Intelligence) lately. Discussions revolve around how it is used, what are its effects, what is its environmental impact, and what are the possibilities it can offer to us as individuals and as a society. I do not have favorable opinions. Most of my issues with A.I. have to do with how it's being used in the fields of creativity.

As a tool, A.I. is unlike anything that has ever existed. Many use the comparison that it's just like any other tool. It depends on how we use it. I disagree.

If we're going to compare A.I. to a tool being wielded to extract from the ground, with A.I. the users are not the wielders. The users are the ground. This tool is designed to extract as much as possible from users. The wielders of the tools are the owners of the companies who design and financially benefit from the information the users feed it.

This tool does not prioritize assisting the user to do a task. It prioritizes learning as much as possible from the user, so the user becomes obsolete. It is even promoted as such: This tool will write for you. It will make art for you. However, I'd like to quote a colleague: "If it's not worth writing, it isn't worth reading."

As we live under capitalism, we, the users, do not own this tool. And the owners have no interest in our needs. Their interest is in capital gain. As it happens in the tech industry, if you're not buying or selling something, your information (the user's) is what is being sold.

Similarly, A.I. is a workers' issue. Currently, it is not designed to help workers. It is designed to take from the workers. As someone who labors in the entertainment industry, I see this happening more and more. And it fills me with ire. If we

were to compare A.I. to another tool, say, a gun, we are giving bullets to a weapon pointed at us.

On the environmental level, unfortunately, there is a lot of conflicting information on how this new technology uses natural resources. But what is clear is that currently, the owners of this technology privatize land and water, and they prioritize their profits before showing interest in the communities where these resources exist.

Historically, these companies have not given reason to be trusted that this time it will be different. Additionally, most sources show this technology is unsustainable to the ecosystem. There is more to say here, but I am not an expert.

I recommend everyone to continue researching, learning, and questioning the goal of these softwares. I simply distrust those currently in power. Until the communities seize ownership and discuss how to make this technology environmentally sustainable, profits will remain as a priority. This is why I advocate for using this technology as little as possible.

— "Andrew P.G."

VA Protest: Opportunities for Building ICWP

"Soldiers need to revolt!" This was the statement of G, an older worker who had been a longshore worker and is currently active in the A. Philip Randolph Institute, a civil rights organization. He had just read a letter in *Red Flag* about Navy Reservists refusing orders to turn an old building into a detention center for Haitian refugees. He was very interested in *Red Flag* and what we had to say. And we were very interested in what he had to say!

We met G at a Seattle demonstration at the local Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center protesting the proposed cuts to VA personnel and services.

Over the course of a couple of hours, about 25-30 people joined

and we talked with most of them. An AFGE (American Federation of Government Employees) representative told us that the federal government had just cancelled the contract for their bargaining unit, as well as some other unions at the VA. Thousands of federal workers will lose their jobs and tens of thousands of veterans will lose healthcare access. Other workers whose jobs rely on federal funding (such as school workers) may be in the same boat. Our job is to bring their legitimate concerns to the bigger struggle of workers being attacked everywhere, with the understanding that a Communist revolution is the only solution.

G continued, "Republicans and Democrats don't help the workers. They are not fighting for us. They need to be afraid of us!" He also said that there was a gap in training young people to be the new leaders of the movement. We said we found the same thing in our party and that we are working on developing new, younger leadership. We agreed with him that at the same time, the older leadership has a lot to learn from the young people.

We exchanged contact information and will be in touch.

There is a lot to learn from the people we meet at these demonstrations. Sometimes in our eagerness to tell them about communism, we neglect to hear what they have to say, and what they have learned from their experiences. We can better build real communist relationships and grow our party by listening as much as we speak.

Hoping that G will help us write more for *Red Flag* before long!

—Comrade in Seattle (US)



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# CAPITALISTS USE AI TO EXPLOIT WORKERS. COULD COMMUNISM USE IT TO BENEFIT US?

EL SALVADOR, August 9— There is much talk about the benefits and disadvantages of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Our study group discussed at length how technological advances are being used by capitalism and how they would be used under our communist society.

“We are clear that AI, in the hands of a capitalist, fascist, and imperialist system, is a tool to suppress the jobs of our class. Laying off millions means hunger, unemployment, and greater poverty for the working class. AI fills the capitalists’ pockets with gold, turning them into the greatest imperialists and giving them global commercial power,” said C.

“Very true. Where I work, we have seen how our bosses are using AI. They have laid off several colleagues who were assistants in administrative areas, as they reduce their work to using ChatGPT to produce reports, presentations, and calculations, saving on those salaries at the expense of taking away the livelihood of the working

class,” commented D.

We all agreed that unemployment, poor working conditions, environmental pollution, and social inequality, as well as the sale and collection of data for companies, are ways in which AI is being used to enrich a few. These are the results of the misuse of technology in a capitalist society.

We understand that AI, in this system, makes Communist Collective Intelligence impossible. That is, it abolishes collective thinking and struggle. Instead of abolishing wage labor, it responds to the necessary form of exploitation of workers and their subjugation. It is an objective force of Capital.

To this end, Artificial Intelligence takes over the collective intelligence of labor in the form of class monopoly, undermining and reducing the worker to a small cog in a gigantic, increasingly scientific and objective machine. That is, robbing the worker of any possibility of intelligence.

**But how would an AI like**

**ChatGPT be used collectively? What benefits would it bring? And what would be the risks of not becoming technologically advanced?**

“Collectively, AI could help improve the lives of the masses, such as in healthcare. We will use it in disease research. A use in which the needs of the working class are paramount, not profits or exploitation,” said A.

“We must fight for collective thinking and use it in the best way, not to replace our struggle. But to encourage the building of communist relations in discussion and how to mobilize the masses for communism,” added D.

We concluded that in our communist society, the means of production and technological resources would be under the collective power of the working class. AI such as ChatGPT could play an important role in access to knowledge, with the aim of educating. Technology will be a tool, not a replacement for the working class.

Only communism represents a future free from exploitation and poverty. A future in which we use our collective power. We must fight for communism, where we will use the resources needed only to improve the lives of workers.

We will continue our struggle for communism by distributing and discussing *Red Flag*.



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## Writing: A Key Practice in Building a Revolutionary Communist Movement

It’s a struggle to write, but it’s a vital struggle. The creative (i.e. revolutionary) act of writing allows us to analyse, understand, and present our arguments in the most persuasive way. It guides the shape of our day-to-day struggle with our friends and co-workers. It’s a skill that takes time to master, but it is not wasted time. It’s time we spend on developing our agitational, organizational, and educational skills.

One key feature of *Red Flag*/Bandera Roja is our struggle to win those friends and members who consider themselves “non-writers” to contribute by writing letters for the paper. We do this because the voice of each and every worker is the most powerful expression of the mass communist

movement we are building.

AI articles de-skill this craft. Write and publish 100 AI articles and our revolutionary agency will be de-skilled. Write and publish 100 written articles and our revolutionary skills will be developed. And this is even more impactful for collectively written articles.

—Older communist worker

## History is on our side!

This is about Zohran Mamdani’s campaign for Mayor of New York. I think an article in a previous issue of RFBR should have made it clearer that trying to elect “progressive” candidates at this time is a dangerous diversion. It will not only divert the masses from the fight for communist revolution but will deliver them into fascism and genocidal World War III.

RFBR promotes writing articles based on what friends say about a subject. But I think the party needs

to give more leadership to the discussion, showing clearly what the stakes and solution are.

Mamdani was elected in 2020 as a Democratic member of the New York State Assembly. He is a Social Democrat, like Bernie Sanders and Ocasio Cortez, who endorsed him. He has actively supported Democratic Party candidates for years. These politicians are not radicals or revolutionaries. They are part of the “loyal opposition” within the US Congress and Democratic Party.

They support capitalism (a brand they call Democratic Socialism, which includes wage slavery with the State as the boss) and imperialism. They oppose revolution and communism.

During the Weimar Republic in Germany (1919-1933), as the Nazis were building up strength in the midst of a worldwide capitalist crisis and preparations for World War II, the Social Democrats opposed and even “outed” communist workers who advocated crushing fascism with revolution. They were loyal to capitalism.

Some Communists, like R. Palme Dutt, leader of the UK CP, called them “social fascists.” They paved the way for fascist dictatorships, like Hitler.

We should see Mamdani’s candidacy in the context of the current crisis and expanding WWII, as the RFBR article mentioned. He says he opposes the genocide in Gaza, but his candidacy is about fixing subways.

The US rulers don’t have the pa-

triotic workers, youth, and soldiers they need — yet. They need politicians like Mamdani and Gavin Newsom to try to motivate multi-racial masses to support their system. They are desperate to turn youth and workers — angry at genocide, imperialism, and anti-immigrant racism — into supporters and reformers of capitalism.

When Obama ran for President, we warned friends about him. Some sharply disagreed, then later thanked us.

Promises like fixing the subways and rent control will go out the window in the rulers’ war budget. The rulers are desperate to build weapons to compete with and wage war against China. They will attack the working class harder, no matter who is in office.

Trump may want an army motivated by white supremacy and Mamdani one motivated by multi-cultural US patriotism. Both support US imperialism.

RFBR has a vital role to play to win youth and workers worldwide to see that voting and reform won’t end the bosses’ fascism and war. With comradesly struggle, they’ll see that capitalism—in all its forms—is our mortal enemy.

We need to build a mass ICWP among youth, students, workers, and soldiers everywhere. Our fight is for communism, nothing less. Only communism will end genocide, wage slavery, racism, borders, imperialist war, and genocide.

—A Comrade



Mexico City, August 18—Over a thousand people marched to demand an end to the genocide in Gaza. Comrades distributed 370 leaflets with articles from *Red Flag*.



Visiting Comrades in South Africa (Part II)  
**RETHINKING COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP: MASSES CAN LEAD NOW**

*This is the second part of a report from a US comrade who visited South Africa in May 2025. Part I described conditions in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) and examples of the growth of ICWP there.*

ICWP’s communist work in South Africa did not fall from the sky. It has not always been smooth or easy. An experienced comrade in the US, supported by other comrades, has worked consistently and untiringly. I learned a lot from what I saw first-hand of his decade-long struggle.

The comrade’s patience and persistence. Regular frequent phone calls between visits. Listening thoughtfully. Carefully choosing points of struggle and following through. Building relationships that enable conversations about difficult topics, personal as well as political. In it for the long haul. Not giving up on comrades even when ties are strained. I need to work on these

things. I met comrades who have been with us for over ten years. Others who were active, backed off, and have returned. Some who were around for years before joining.

Every new comrade has struggled against capitalist ideas like cynicism, individualism, nationalism, and more. “There was a conversation going on in my head,” one said.

The key struggle in South Africa (and not just there) is the fight to build a leading core collective. An important advantage is that these comrades appreciate one another’s different strengths and contributions. They are also building an expanded leadership collective, looking forward to growth.

**Developing Communist Leaders Now for a Mass ICWP**

Capitalism tells us a “leader” is an “expert” like Lenin, Mandela, MLK, or Fidel. Someone appointed or elected to a position of power. Someone special. Capitalist education promotes “leadership qualities.”

ICWP’s emerging work in South Africa points toward a very different concept of communist leadership. Our new organizer in Grahamstown, our high school comrade, the VW shop steward are all leading masses toward communism.

Some might think they don’t yet understand our line well enough to be Party leaders. This would be a mistake. We say that we want “masses to lead.” That means now. Not in the distant future.

Our task is to help all comrades



GQEBERHA, SOUTH AFRICA, 2020

become better communist leaders. We understand that development is always uneven, and not always along the same path. As the old slogan said, “What you know – teach. What you don’t know – learn.”

Let’s not ask “who will be the leader?” Instead let’s ask: Who will take more responsibility? For what Party work in particular? Who is committed to collectively advancing that work? To learn through practice, self-criticism, and criticism?

We should ask every comrade: What contribution can you make? What do you need, or need to know, to do the work better? What motivates you to move forward? What holds you back?

We must encourage the initiative and build the confidence of the comrades mentioned above, and many more. They are developing communist leaders. As are we all.

The theoretical development of active newer comrades is crucial. The written materials we produce must meet their needs. These materials must also reflect what we are all learning from their work.

The South Africa comrades struggle to read *Red Flag*, study dialectical materialism, distribute our literature, explain the Party line. We must learn to write for *Red Flag* in ways that are clear to them. Clear enough so they can explain more of our line to the masses that hunger for it.

Comrade Q sat in meetings for years, baffled. Finally she spoke up and denounced the “bombast” that meant nothing to her. Now she is finding and using her own communist voice. And she is struggling to read and write more. So are other comrades in SA.

We must enlist the South Africa comrades in helping to create new dialectical materialism and other study materials – for listening as well as reading - that better meet the needs of a mass party.

*The final section of this report will focus on how comrades integrate ourselves in the struggles of the masses. And on the need for more energetic and consistent fundraising to support the work of ICWP.*



GQEBERHA, SOUTH AFRICA, 2025

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mission of overthrowing the capitalist class for communism.

We should aim to recruit from the broader working class. It’s important to understand their needs and aspirations as we are continuously recruiting. We should expand their ideological clarity. The ICWP should emphasize the need to spread communist ideology and its application to South African conditions, particularly amongst the working class.

The party should seek to build a strong foundation for communist

thought and action through political education programs. Both within the party and in trade unions, so as not to leave them behind.

Our recruitment strategy must attach theory with action. We need to organize public meetings and events to engage potential members. And explain that ICWP goes directly to masses. We need young people to help with door-to-door campaigns and to engage with individuals in their communities. That will expand ICWP’s vision and recruit more members.

We need engagement in community social organizations, partnering with leftist organizations and sectors to reach a broader audience and build relationships with potential members.

Lastly, we also need more recruitment materials. We have started distributing *Red Flag* pamphlets to inform potential members about ICWP.

**From Gaza to Gqeberha**

We discuss what is happening in the world, like the Gaza situation, to find ways of pledging solidarity.

The UN is not even paying attention to the Gaza genocide. South Africa had experience with Apartheid. We don’t want to see it happening in another country.

We need to keep on doing the work of recruiting members, spreading the word, and taking actions that show the world what ICWP stands for. I am going to work tirelessly to make sure ICWP is on the map in South Africa.

What ICWP is trying to bring to the people’s understanding is what the people need.

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# ORGANIZING WORKERS TO END CAPITALISM FOR COMMUNISM

*This report was prepared by a comrade autoworker in South Africa for a recent international meeting.*

UITENHAGE (South Africa), August 2— I am a former Young Communist League branch leader and secretary, and a local secretary of the National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa. Both organizations are guided by Marxist-Leninist ideology.

We need a revolutionary transition to communism to form a stateless, classless society where the means of production are collectively owned and controlled. Hence, we see the need to overthrow this current brutal system.

This transition will be driven by the inherent contradictions in capitalism, especially the exploitation of the working class by owning class. This leads to the proletariat's increasing awareness of its shared interests. And ultimately to a revolution that overthrows the capitalist system.

## Ideological Pillars of Communism

First, capitalism's inherent drive for profit creates internal tensions that will lead to its downfall. These include the increasing concentration of wealth in the hands of the few, the exploitation of workers, and periodic economic crises. Capitalism is not an alternative. It is a

crisis on its own.

Another pillar is the proletarian revolution. Marx envisioned the proletariat united by their shared experiences of exploitation, rising up to seize political power.

Then there is the dictatorship of the proletariat, the transitional phase. Other Marxists have proposed a period where the working class will control the state to suppress any counterrevolution from the bourgeoisie. And to begin the process of dismantling capitalist culture.

Another pillar is the communist society that we are admiring. Communist society is characterized by common ownership of the means of production. Land, factories, other resources, will be owned collectively. And by the abolition of exploitation, where capitalists extract surplus value by paying workers less than the value they create. That falls under the brutality of capitalism.

## South African Automotive Industry

The automotive industry is a significant part of the South African economy. This key manufacturing sector accounts for a substantial portion of the value added. It faces challenges like the energy crisis and economic showdowns. But it still holds significant opportunities for growth, especially with EVs.



Gqeberha, South Africa, 2021—Strike of National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa

When the automotive sector has a crisis, who suffers most are the workers. Not the owners who cause the crisis. When capitalism is in any form of crisis, it is always hitting hard to the working class majority and the poor.

## Workers Key to Growing ICWP Membership

That is my strength: mass mobilization and building a mass base for the organization. We should actively seek new members from various sectors, particularly from the working class and trade unions. While emphasizing ideological clarity and political education.

The party should aim to strengthen our presence within existing progressive organizations and expand into new ones, focusing on shop stewards and people in key leadership positions. We should identify potential members through targeted outreach, meetings, and door-to-door campaigns.

My work is based on workers, my understanding of mobilizing the working class, and building a mass-based organization. I focus on recruiting workers who are angry at capitalism and exploited by capitalists. Those angry forces will strengthen our revolutionary

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## CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS: ONE OF OUR GREATEST WEAPONS

SEATTLE (USA), August 10— “It’s not just knowing you’re exploited,” wrote Bill for a meeting of Boeing activists. “Class consciousness is about understanding how power operates, how the capitalist world functions, from wage slavery to the war machine.

“Once the understanding spreads around the world, the ruling class can’t manage us with contracts and slogans anymore. The system isn’t broken. It’s doing what every class society has always done: squeezing labor from the many to feed the few.

“We are the class that labors. The capitalists are the class that lives off us. So, when they wave the flag as the last resort, don’t be fooled. Their loyalty is to profit, not us.

“And it doesn’t stop at the US border. The same class that exploits us here exploits workers across the globe. They start wars, then cage refugees fleeing them. Whether you are a machinist in Wichita or Seattle, a seamstress in Honduras, or an olive farmer resisting the erasure in the West Bank, you’re in the same fight,” Bill concluded.

These meetings bring together

more than a dozen rank-and-file workers from factories in the Seattle area and Wichita, Kansas. An ICWP comrade has known one of the original organizers, Hank, for over a year. Hank recently invited the comrade to participate.

Bill and other Boeing workers want to take action and learn from historical experiences. Hank asked the comrade to write about Boeing workers’ response to the separation of migrant families during the first Trump regime. The meeting was especially interested in the work stoppages in many areas to discuss how to fight back.

To emphasize the importance of communist international industrial work, two articles from *Red Flag* were sent to the meeting, one from El Salvador and another from South Africa.

An East Coast comrade sent a letter. Decades ago, US Navy Reservists were ordered to build cages for Haitian refugees but refused. The meeting’s participants were inspired by the reservists’ refusal to have anything to do with detention centers.

Bill noted that some older workers are now following the direction

of younger workers, who make up the bulk of these meetings. Younger and older Boeing workers are now more concerned than before about what is happening globally, including Gaza genocide, the US-NATO/Russia war in Ukraine, and slaughter in Sudan.

Boeing workers are attracted to *Red Flag* not only because of the “economic” struggle, but because of the global political attacks that end up drawing more into the international communist struggle.

Everyone got excited when it became clear that ICWP distributes *Red Flag*/Bandera Roja at the Boeing gates. Larger distribution inside the factory and at the gates is the next step. Comrades have asked members of this action committee to distribute *Red Flag* to their friends and co-workers.

Bill ended the meeting by referring to the necessity of concrete action. He believes concrete struggle should go beyond the factory floor. He warned that Democrats and Republicans are always trying to preserve capitalism at the expense of the working class.

The union president, Jon Holdon,

says we need to “save the company from itself.” We need just the opposite. Industrial workers must be ready to rally masses for communism to save themselves from the company and many kinds of capitalists’ attacks.

Communist class consciousness moves the working class to a shared goal of changing society by seizing the means of production and establishing a communist society. It thus changes from a class in itself to a class for itself.

“Who’s afraid to talk about class? Cause I ain’t,” said Bill. Class consciousness isn’t just an idea, it’s a weapon. A weapon that can unleash the power of the masses.

