

RED FLAG



MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR COMMUNISM

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ROME (iTALY), October 3—One million people marched in Rome, while Italian workers shut Italy down with a general strike, demanding an end to the Israeli genocide in Gaza



STRUGGLE FOR COMMUNISM LIVES IN GAZA, GROWS IN TEL AVIV

Tel Aviv (Israel/Palestine), October 8 — “We stand united against the US imperialists and their attempts to cut a deal with Hamas,” declared a member of ICWP. In a powerful show of unity, thousands of people gathered in Yarkon Park, Tel Aviv, to mark the second anniversary of October 7. Several members of ICWP and their friends joined this march in a defiant mood.

We reject the opportunistic deals being made with Hamas, a Palestinian militant group, with the approval of Israeli fascists. Our unity and resolve in this opposition are a testament to the strength of our movement.

ICWP sees the Israeli government as oppressive and violent. The deal would put Gaza under the direct control of a board led by imperialists Trump (USA) and Tony Blair (UK).

As US negotiators Kushner and Witkoff arrive in Egypt with Hamas representatives, we are unequivocally telling the masses that communism can be built in the face of the horrific conditions created by our class enemy.

We are hugely encouraged by so many workers and ex-IDF soldiers

who have not only supported us but are also actively building our party. We were elated to make contact with some people in Gaza and reach them with *Red Flag*.

Our members were able to contact a comrade in Gaza who has been organizing and spreading our ideas for the last two years. He reported, “My health is failing due to my injury, but not my hope that only communism will win. This is not a pipe dream. What I have seen in the middle of the genocide is that the masses I talk to are eager to organize our party.

“The young people don’t see genocide as a horror that will build villas in the Riviera of Gaza,” he continued. “Instead, they see an opportunity to carry on the struggle for communism. *Red Flag* is a valuable tool that advances our understanding of how to continue our fight. I promise that in the coming days, I will be able to report on a massive success in Gaza, where you will see the red flag of ICWP.”

Let us seize the opportunity to build a strong ICWP in Palestine and worldwide. Long live communism! Long live the unity of all workers and soldiers in Palestine!

Nepal Youth Revolt Inspires Uprising in Sikkim (India)

ICWP COMRADES SEE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REVOLUTION

NEW DELHI (India), October 3— Ravi, a member of ICWP, routinely takes *Red Flag* to the Seemapuri area of New Delhi. Overcrowded Seemapuri, where just one water tap serves hundreds of residents. Many immigrants work in garment and leather factories. The air quality is so poor that one in three residents has a severe lung infection.

In early August, Ravi told his collective that a regular *Red Flag* reader from Nepal said, “Something big is going to happen very soon.”

Indeed, less than a month later, young Nepalese schoolchildren in their uniforms stormed out of their classrooms, joined by unemployed “Gen Z” youth. They poured into the streets of Kathmandu. It started as a trickle and became a massive revolt not seen in the history of Nepal.

The traditional newspapers had no clue what was going to happen.

The Nepali ruling party was looking forward to a thumping majority in the next elections, months away. K.P. Oli, the Nepali prime minister, was so sure of his political grip that he dashed to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting in China.

Six days after visiting President Xi of China, Oli was humiliated and forced to resign. The parliament building, his own palaces, and major media outlets that had supported the government were all in flames and gutted to the ground. Several of his cabinet ministers narrowly escaped the masses’ wrath.

It was the first political experience for most of the thousands of youths who faced impenetrable barricades in the streets of Kathmandu. Undeterred by volleys of tear gas and water cannon, the masses pushed the barricades. Outnumbered cops fled for their lives, killing dozens in their retreat.

The young people didn’t panic.

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Demonstrators breach the federal parliament building in Kathmandu, Nepal in September, 2025.

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CAPITALISM’S CLIMATE CRISIS AND ENERGY WARS CREATE URGENT NEED FOR COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

October 5 – Continuous overnight rain has flooded North Bengal (India). At least twenty-eight people died in Darjeeling landslides. Dozens more in Nepal. The latest victims of capitalism’s climate change.

Flooding. Drought. Record high temperatures. Stronger hurricanes. Rising seas. Wildfires. Crops and marine life disrupted, threatening food supplies. More hunger. More disease. More inequality. All consequences of late-stage capitalism.

“Capitalism’s priority is financial gain, over everything else,” declared an activist who reads *Red Flag*. “Human life, environmental sustainability, and long-term quality of life will always come second. Whether it’s a close or distant one is irrelevant. Capitalism would rather implode than disperse wealth. The ones with their hands on the wheel do not care for human damage caused, as long as the system keeps benefiting their pockets.”

Ten years ago, 195 parties signed the “legally binding” UN-sponsored Paris Agreement. It aspired to hold the global average temperature to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. That would require greenhouse gas emissions (mainly CO2) to peak by 2025.

Carbon emissions have not peaked. Global temperature has already hit the 1.5°C mark.

The Paris Agreement is dead. So are hundreds of thousands more of our working-class siblings every year due to climate change.

“Paris has given way to an age of competition, renewed rivalry and the increasingly naked logic of national self-interest, on energy and warming as with everything else,” concluded a New York Times columnist.

The main rivalry is between declining US imperialism and rising Chinese imperialism.

Energy can’t be separated from AI, the fastest-growing consumer of electricity.

The current US system has bet heavily on AI. But the current administration opposes renewable energy sources, the fastest-growing energy sector globally. The US is close to denying even that greenhouse gases are dangerous.

Instead, the US is leading production growth in oil and liquefied natural gas. But global oil demand growth is slowing. This is mainly due to the slowing Chinese economy.

China’s rulers, in contrast, have emerged as a green-energy superpower. While overbuilding new cities and towns, it has vastly expanded its electricity network. Unlike the US, it’s positioned for the AI boom. Three-quarters of all solar and wind power projects globally

NEW DELHI (India), October 4—Massive, unrelenting monsoon rains flooded Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh. The rivers flowing from the Himalayas have been the source of food and civilization for thousands of years. Never in recorded history has such a monsoon occurred.

Scientists believe that dramatic changes in the Himalayas are the root cause of unprecedented rains. Climate change and the rivalry between Indian and Chinese rulers have led to building roads, bridges, and dams in the most fragile areas. The Himalayas are the world’s youngest mountain range. Their soil structure is not sufficiently compact to support these infrastructure projects.

Cloudbursts, with increasing frequency, drop over twelve inches of water (30.5 cm) in less than an hour. These cause massive flooding, destroying cities and villages, and damaging dams and bridges. Both India and China are building military infrastructure in these areas.

Fertile land south of the Himalayas feeds much of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. Small farmers struggle to cope with the flood destruction. For millions of them, losing one year’s crop means going deeper into debt. Corporate farms take advantage of this as impoverished farmers must sell their land for peanuts.

These farmers must join industrial workers, soldiers, and youth to mobilize masses for communism to end capitalism’s destruction of our lives and communities.

are in China or built by Chinese companies.

An example: The war in Ukraine diverted fossil fuels from Pakistan to Europe. Pakistanis started importing cheap solar panels from China. Pakistan is now the world’s sixth-largest solar market. Imports of Chinese solar panels have grown tenfold and even a hundredfold in countries across sub-Saharan Africa. Ironically, coal is used to produce solar panels.

As US imperialism withdraws

from international projects, the Chinese government is jumping in. It recently announced 101 new low-carbon demonstration projects. These include iron and steel, long-duration energy storage, and polysilicon (used in solar panels and semiconductors).

China has a near monopoly on mining and refining strategic minerals. That threatens US imperialism. The US can’t compete in green technology – or in AI. In the US – as in Europe and China – nuclear-

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Haridwar (India) youth climate protest, September 2020. Heavy flooding hit Haridwar, where the River Ganges exits the Himalayan foothills, in summer 2024 and again this month.

ON THE WEB:

As usual, we have more than we can print. The website: www.icwpredflag.org has the following this issue:
Letter: *Need Communist Organizing in the Bosses’ Armed Forces*
Poem: *There Will be War Again* by Regino Pedrosa, 1933, updated for 2025
CHECK OUT THE ICWPEDIA: the online communist mini-encyclopedia.
With entries on Communism, Nationalism, Revisionism, Unions, Racism, Sexism, and more. Available through ICWPRedFlag.org or at icwpedia.org and the QR code to the right





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BUILDING COMMUNIST RELATIONSHIPS AT THE PUB

SEATTLE (US), September 28—Exasperated Boeing workers, friends, and partners gathered at the local pub. Two ICWP comrades (International Communist Workers’ Party) also attended. Quickly, it developed into more than two hours of political debates and plans for concrete action.

The crucial discussion centered around the necessity of building for communism to end the ever-increasing horrors of capitalist attacks on the working class. Many of these Boeing workers have made up their minds that capitalism is unreformable. Everyone at the meeting believed that union leaders and Democrats are good for nothing.

Various left-wing plans for action entered the conversation. A woman who doesn’t work at Boeing wanted to organize an SEIU local where she works. A Boeing employee asked ICWP members to accompany him to a labor party meeting at a nearby community college. He wanted to meet more workers, even though he didn’t believe in all the

politics of a labor party election. These Boeing workers post all sorts of working-class struggles on social media. The Italian workers’ revolt against the Gaza genocide. The flotilla that tried to bring food to Palestine. Against Tacoma ICE deportation. The courageous history of workers fighting against racism and sexism. Rivalry between empires that leads us to war. And more.

The debates about how to deal with these attacks reached dozens more Boeing workers. As discussions spread though the factories, the rank-and-file looked for answers.

Before the evening ended, almost everybody had started to read *Red Flag* and our immigration pamphlet: “Fight For The Day When No Worker Will Be Called Foreigner.”

Another Boeing friend, R., couldn’t attend because he worked overtime. He did send us an interesting question from the shop floor. “Under an open borders nation,” he

asked, “how would xenophobia be combated?” He didn’t have an answer yet, but he had thought about it a lot. People at the pub offered political suggestions he could use with his fellow workers. He thanked the ICWP comrade for sending him the party’s immigration pamphlet. Our comrades look forward to the struggle for communist answers to this important question.

Nationalism or Communism

A union member from Wichita, Kansas, (U.S.), who knows a lot about Marxist politics, traveled more than 1,800 miles to discuss our plans. He wrote about the importance of understanding class consciousness in a newsletter called “May Day” for Boeing workers. He liked the article from *Red Flag* (Volume 16, Number 12) entitled “Class Consciousness: One Of Our Greatest Weapons.” We told him about an ICWP forum on class consciousness in El Salvador, where workers were talking, among other things, about the work at Boeing in

Seattle. He was inspired to learn that *Red Flag* is widely distributed at the company gates at Boeing in Seattle.

At first, when these Boeing workers judged what we should concentrate on in the coming months, a worker said that the “internal is primary.” In other words, he thought our global responsibility first rests on struggling within the industrial factories we work in.

But the ICWP is one International Communist Worker’s Party, not a collection of independent national chapters.

Industrial workers, including the younger Boeing workers at this meeting, must expand their efforts to build communist relationships in the plants and around the world. These relationships will help shape the foundation for a successful communist revolution. Our future depends on the international working class and the collectives our party builds, now and in the future.



Chicago (USA) —Angry masses are rising up against the fascist attacks of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) that are targeting Black US citizen workers as well as immigrants. In a military-style late-night raid, three hundred ICE Gestapo agents landed in Blackhawk helicopters on the roof of a five-story South Side apartment building. They rappelled down the walls and broke into apartments. Every resident, from small children to elders, was zip-tied (some almost naked) and forced to sit outside for hours. Later that morning, ICE raided a nearby church-run homeless center.

“There’s a spirit of shock, anger, fear, and fighting back,” reports a friend there.

Hundreds of protesters have surrounded the ICE detention center in suburban Broadview. In at least one Chicago neighborhood, dozens of cars and pedestrians have blocked ICE vehicles and prevented the kidnapping of a fellow worker. The fascists have responded with barricades, tear gas, pepper spray, and arrests. They have shot at least one protester.

Some residents compare the ICE assault on Chicago to a military invasion. In truth ICE’s budget is now larger than those of all but fifteen of the world’s armies. It will take a new Red Army of workers, youth, and rebellious military personnel to defeat fascism in Chicago and everywhere with communist revolution.

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generated electricity may be making a comeback.

The US ruling class, in short, is increasingly limited technologically as well as politically. Partly, this is Trump’s choice. Other US imperialists object to it. But US capitalists are also constrained by large investments in outdated technologies that can’t maximize their profits.

So Trump and Hegseth push “warrior” culture. They hope vainly

that a fanatical US military could defeat China and its allies in armed combat. Not at all a sure thing!

Our only hope – and our plan – is to turn the imperialists’ World War III into revolution for communism. “Gen Z” protests in Nepal, Mozambique, Morocco, and India show that workers cannot live in the old way. So do the outpourings against the US-Israeli sponsored genocide in Gaza.

Communism can’t immediately reverse the terrible destruction of climate change and world war. But we can quickly mitigate its effects by ending money and the profit motive. By organizing ourselves, instead, to contribute our labor to meet our urgent needs. By welcoming war and climate refugees to safer places. Today’s best small initiatives can be instituted globally.

“Disruptions of the global food

system owing to climate change threaten human well-being and social stability,” scientists say. “However, the degree to which humans around the world will effectively adapt their agricultural practices in reaction to these changes remains unknown.”

The future is in our hands. Let’s end capitalism and all its practices. Let’s adapt agriculture – and all production – to the communist principles we need to survive.

MAQUILA WORKERS DISCUSS COMMUNIST CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS

EL SALVADOR, September 29—"We have already received *Red Flag*. Now comes the most important thing: collective discussion of the articles," a young comrade commented.

"I'm in," added an ICWP teacher.

To this end, a videoconference was organized about an article in *Red Flag*. It was attended by maquila workers, health and education workers, and informal workers. This was the first videoconference organized by workers in El Salvador to discuss communist philosophy. Very enthusiastic comrades made time on their only day of rest and punctually attended.

They read and discussed the article: "Class Consciousness: One of Our Greatest Weapons." In it, Boeing workers talk about the exploitation of workers, the rivalry between empires, the increase in repressive actions worldwide by capitalists, and a historical review of workers' struggles in the face of injustices. It closes with a very sharp and pointed approach to class consciousness.

Each comrade read paragraphs of the article and then commented. The end of the reading marked the

beginning of the general discussion. "To talk about class consciousness is to talk about why we fight, why we are exploited and to realize what class we belong to," said a health worker. "It is to understand why the massacre in Gaza, the expulsion of immigrants in the United States, the attack on pensioners in Argentina and the repression in El Salvador are happening."

"These discussions motivate and strengthen us," said P, a maquila worker. "Since we started in the ICWP many comrades come up to us and tell us that they already know that the International Communist Workers' Party exists inside the factory, but they want to know: What is the party? What is communism? Why do they fight?"

"Sometimes we feel that we are going very slowly and it seems that the comrades do not understand communist ideas," P continued.

A former combatant during the revolutionary process in El Salvador added: "It is a misconception to believe that the working class is not ready for communism. In the past, during the Russian Revolution and in China, even during the civil war in El Salvador, the masses embraced communist ideas. They

joined the armed struggle, in addition to putting communist philosophy into practice."

"The process is: practice, theory, practice."

Another colleague from the factory, O, joined the discussion. "We need this to be massive, that the workers of not one but all the maquilas (factories) know communism and rise up against capitalism."

The article discussed the genocide in Gaza, Boeing workers' interest in learning about past experiences (strikes), the refusal of US Navy reservists to build cages for Haitian immigrants, and the massacres in Ukraine and Sudan

A comrade *Red Flag* reader mentioned: "We are seeing the attacks of capitalism here. In the schools of El Salvador, a dress and conduct code is being demanded to mold children into a mode of thought based on military doctrine. With the whole system of penances and punishments, this is creating conflict in families. It is an example of how they use education to manipulate us and make us believe that they are not the enemy."

It is important to understand that the development of each member of

the party is not the same. That there are qualitative and quantitative changes. That internal struggle (the internal contradictions, as an education worker put it) is the most difficult to wage. Collective discussion strengthens our communist work. We must unlearn capitalist ideas and concepts about the functioning of society and the economy. And throw ourselves into practice and the study of theory to develop communist class consciousness.

Understanding that we are the working class, that we are exploited and learning how capitalism exploits and divides us, will mark a before and after in ICWP's struggle directly for communism. Class consciousness is what drives us to build common objectives. It obliges us to carry out concrete actions (political struggle and armed struggle).

Thanks to the work of the ICWP collectives in El Salvador, this discussion was able to be carried out from beginning to end. It will correct difficulties along the way, helping to improve future experience and the fruits of the work.

Class consciousness is the weapon that will free us from our chains.

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Instead, they set up mobile clinics, worked their TikTok accounts, and urged the masses to storm the centre of repressive state institutions. Hundreds of thousands followed them to the "Himalayan Uprising".

Quantity Can Quickly Turn into Quality

Comrades in Ravi's collective invited the Nepali immigrant and his friends to a special ICWP meeting about Nepal. We acknowledged the comrade who recognized that Nepal was changing rapidly. We learned that quantity can quickly turn into quality. However, there are signs of

quantitative changes that the capitalist class does not see or is in denial about.

Our comrade from Nepal saw that the masses were restive. He saw that thousands of them were forced to go to the Gulf countries seeking slave jobs with horrific conditions. He saw that many thousands of Nepalese youths were promised lucrative jobs in Russia and Ukraine to fight wars. Many of them have been killed.

Mass unemployment in Nepal has forced millions to look for work in other countries. Many descen-

dants of Nepalese who supported the British in World War II stopped receiving veterans' benefits due to the crisis in the UK. Making matters worse, the Indian government, which once recruited tens of thousands of Nepalis to the Indian armed forces, started restricting them to give preference to the Hindu right-wing parties.

Masses saw this widespread discontent. But the ruling class media was busy spreading lies about youth escaping poverty in the Gulf states or mercenaries coming home from Russia with loads of money. The masses, disconnected from traditional newspapers, relied on social media outlets to express their frustrations and eventually to organize themselves to take to the streets.

Opportunities for Communism as Rebellion Spreads to India

India is ripe with opportunities as Modi tries desperately to sell the masses to fight for lower wages, un-

employment, the climate crisis, and wars. A month after the uprising in Nepal, in the Indian state of Sikkim, which borders Nepal, hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets and burned down the BJP headquarters. The state government ruthlessly cracked down, trying to prevent Sikkim from becoming another "Gen-Z insurrection" after Nepal.

"A spark can ignite a prairie fire." This is what our comrade from Nepal saw when he said 'something big' was coming. It reinforces our thinking that we must learn from the masses and listen to them.

The masses in Nepal were ready to start a prairie fire. It is now time for us to organize for a communist revolution. We are in a better position in India. We need to form more collectives and recruit comrades so they can turn opportunity into revolution. We will meet with our comrades from Nepal, distribute *Red Flag*, and recruit them.



October 2025: The "Gen Z" uprising in Nepal inspired similar youth-led protests in Madagascar, (above) Morocco, (right) and Sikkim (India). All target government corruption, growing inequality, and a declining standard of living, especially for young workers. These follow uprisings in Sri Lanka (2022), Bangladesh, Serbia, and Kenya (2024), and Mongolia and Timor-Leste earlier this year. As we go to press, young workers are rising up in Indonesia, Paraguay, Peru, and Philippines. Many share symbols of solidarity like the straw-hat pirate flag from the manga series One Piece. Let's spread *Red Flag* far and wide until rebellious young workers worldwide rally in solidarity for communist revolution.



FASCIST IMMIGRATION CENTERS SHOW NEED FOR COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

October 6—On September 6, more than 100 detainees protested against unsanitary conditions and mistreatment at the new 2,560-person Immigration Processing Center in California City, California. They staged sit-ins and refused meals. These protests reflect a broader wave of protests at immigration centers.

“It’s cheaper for them to deport than to fix the legal status of millions of workers because this way they avoid providing retirement payments,” said a friend. Many immigrant workers share this sentiment.

Another detention center on the east side of Youngstown, Ohio, is generating significant profits. These are driven by what it described as “unprecedented growth opportunities” stemming from an increase in the number of people detained by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

CoreCivic operates both facilities. The corporation’s second-quarter net income more than doubled to \$38.5 million over the same period last year. CoreCivic operates prisons and detention centers. It’s the largest private owner of real estate used by US government agencies, such as ICE.

The corporation’s CEO, Damon T. Hininger, a major Trump donor, noted that rising demand from ICE contributed to the strong results. And that the nationwide detainee population in ICE custody has reached an all-time high. CoreCivic’s revenue from ICE, its largest government partner, grew 17.2%,

reaching \$176.9 million in the quarter.

Globally, we have reached a crossroads where two paths intersect.

In front of us are the path to fascism and the path to communism. Which will we choose? However, in the end, it’s not a matter of choice, but of necessity.

The ruling classes impose fascism from El Salvador to South Africa, from India to Palestine/Israel, each with its distinctive deadly characteristics. A mega-prison for 40,000 inmates in El Salvador, massive and alarming unemployment in South Africa, rampant corruption in India, and an ongoing genocide in Gaza.

The goal of the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP) is to mobilize the fighting masses toward a new world, a communist world. And in every one of the areas mentioned above, ICWP is present and growing. Join us in this liberation project!

Here in the US, the face of fascism, for the moment, is mass deportations. Daughters, sons, mothers, fathers, and grandparents are taken from their families, kidnapped, and deported.

Everywhere, the masses are resisting, yearning for a different world. A fraternal one governed by the collectivity and the assurance of the well-being of every human being. A world without money or hierarchies, where money does not exist and all resources are shared among all humanity.

One characteristic shared by the capitalist rulers who advance fas-



LOS ANGELES (USA), October 4—“You have to bring the (communist) ideas so that the youth can continue with the revolution,” said an older man, when he received *Red Flag*. Young university students and workers enthusiastically received our newspaper in this march against deportations. Some voluntarily gave money for the newspaper. Others listened attentively in discussions. The man mentioned above and his friend gave us their contact information. In this demonstration of about 1,000 participants from unions and community organizations, we distributed 200 copies of *Red Flag*.

cism is the connection of corporations to the government.

In the 1930s, German corporations such as IG Farben, Krupp, and Volkswagen collaborated with the fascist Nazi regime. They benefited from state contracts for war production and the use of slave labor from concentration camps. In return, the government welcomed and empowered these corporations. It considered their success essential to national strength and militarization.

Earlier, in the 1920s, many Italian corporations, including Fiat, aligned themselves with the fascist ruler Mussolini.

In both cases, German and Italian fascism formalized a corporate state, generating enormous profits with

disastrous results. The bosses of the private prisons in the US are the descendants of these fascists, as is their boss in the White House.

But history has shown that it was the communists of the old Soviet Union, under Stalin’s leadership, who defeated Hitler’s fascist hordes, thus dismembering European fascism.

At the crossroads we face, driven by the need to free ourselves from fascism and the need to liberate the masses of the world, we will take the path towards communism, a world without borders, without fascist goons, whether police or immigration agents, nothing less and nothing more.

YOUNGER COMRADES LEAD DISCUSSION AT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST FORUM

LOS ANGELES, USA, October 4—Comrades and new participants in the US and El Salvador gathered for a lively and politically rich Zoom forum on “Immigration and Social Media.” The discussion focused on how immigration policies and US foreign interventions are shaping the conditions for an impending World War III and how workers can use social media to resist repression and organize across borders.

The initiative and collective preparation of the three comrades who led it reflect the growing leadership of the Party’s newer generation. Their opening remarks tied immigrants’ struggles to imperialism and the capitalist system that drives global conflict.

“We were able to get through most of our agenda,” said one. “Several examples helped clarify the main contradictions between the working class and the capitalist state. Using technology for interpretation made the forum more accessible.”

Another agreed that the discussion went well but noted the limits of time: “We didn’t get through Question 3. Zoom makes it difficult for the interpreter to also participate, and that created some confusion.”

At first, not all participants were eager to share. Many listened closely to the opening pre-

sentations. As the discussion deepened, more participants began contributing. They linked firsthand experiences and political ideas to the larger question of how capitalism uses both war and borders to divide the working class.

A third organizer reflected, “It was frustrating for some voices not to be heard, but we still managed to hold a solid discussion with good political energy.”

Several new participants joined, including a young worker whom we met at a recent rally against ICE. Their presence highlighted how the struggle in the streets can be connected to political education and organizing discussions.

A husband-and-wife team who have been part of immigration patrols also participated. He noted that we need to reach out to other groups and get organized with them to get bigger and stronger.

One opportunity is to join with others to patrol vulnerable communities including adopting a school. While patrolling, let the community know who we are and recruit. Many organizations are already doing this, but the community needs more support.

An ex-garment worker comrade emphasized the importance of distributing *Red Flag*. He and others used to distribute hundreds of papers at

garment factories. We need to do it more to bring more people to the party.

Comrade N noted that not enough people were called on to speak and that some chat questions went unanswered. “We didn’t get to know everyone in the room,” they said.

Comrade J took responsibility for that: “As a teacher, I should have had more confidence calling on people. I hesitated because I didn’t want to dominate, but I’ll do better next time.”

The collective mood was hopeful and self-critical in the best sense. Every event is a chance to sharpen our skills as organizers, interpreters, and facilitators. “We’re learning to balance technology, language, and participation all at once,” said one comrade. “Those are good problems to have.”

The forum also demonstrated the Party’s growing ability to connect local struggle with global vision. The bilingual format and the internationalist spirit embodied the principle that the working class has no borders.

As a comrade noted, “The most important thing was seeing younger comrades step up with confidence and humility. They’re taking leadership seriously and showing what collective responsibility looks like.”

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Egypt:
Workers Ready
to Explode

Working-class Egyptians form the backbone of the country’s labor force in sectors like construction, agriculture, manufacturing, and informal services. They are experiencing profound economic strain amid the ongoing crisis in Gaza.

As of September 2025, Israel’s military operations are intensifying in Gaza City. A UN commission has confirmed acts of genocide. Reactions among the working class blend deep solidarity with Palestinians, widespread anger toward Israel, and frustration with their own government’s treacherous inaction.

These sentiments are expressed mainly online or in private, due to severe government crackdowns on public protests. They could escalate into broader unrest given Egypt’s dire economic situation. There is 45% youth unemployment, hyperinflation, and widespread inability to afford basic household needs.

Public demonstrations are rare and heavily suppressed. But social media and anecdotal reports reveal a boiling undercurrent of outrage.

For instance, ordinary Egyptians, including workers, loudly reject Israeli proposals for Palestinian displacement into Sinai. They view it as a threat and a potential “new Nakba.”

This is amplified by the regime’s rhetorical hardening. Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty called Israel’s actions “genocide” in early September. But in reality, it masks complicity in restricting aid flows.

We are distributing *Red Flag* very carefully in the area where we live, not far from the Gaza border. I have a few comrades who are very passionate about communism. But they want action.

People are absolutely disgusted, enraged, and ready to explode at any moment.

The president is a paper tiger. He can only survive by duplicity. The harder he tries, the sooner the social explosion.

It happened in Nepal. And the



Gaza Border, October 3— Some 150 Israeli left-wing activists and international supporters blocked a Zionist checkpoint in a symbolic attempt to break Israel’s blockade of Gaza. They were in solidarity with the Global Sumud Flotilla, intercepted by the Israeli military while attempting to break the blockade by sea. A few youths did break through briefly before Israeli soldiers smashed the protest. “I can’t take it any longer,” said a protester. “A genocide has been going on, and it started long before the 7th of October.”

world is ripe for many such revolutions. Every day is an opportunity for us to turn the guns around for a final push to end these tottering regimes around the world.

—Comrade in Egypt

The Collective is
Crucial

Consistency is the key for a successful party. Building and maintaining strong relationships with comrades and the masses is very crucial for collectives’ progress and solidarity.

I am back by popular demand of comrades. I have to be self-critical, and I take full responsibility for my absence for a few weeks. Comrades cared for me, and they did not leave me alone. That gives me the strength to build the party in a much better way. I realized I was doing work alone. Now I understand the collective is crucial in keeping everyone thinking and acting in a communist way.

With consistent visiting, door to door visits, distribution of *Red Flags*, and reading of *Red Flags*, sharing ideas as collectives is what grows and will continuously grow the Party.

Nurturing relationships rooted in trust and transparency, empathy and shared purpose, strengthen the party not individually but in collective bonds.

Always leave a room for rejection and that should never discourage you from continuing going out there, spreading the word, and fighting for communism. There are low and high days and during those low days (rejection, lots of overwhelming questions, called names) that is all a learning curve . As they say in retail “dealing with a difficult customer” but you don’t quit your job because of that. In-

stead you get better each and every day when having to deal with such.

The same with fighting for communism. It’s a rollercoaster. It gets better the more you distribute, the more masses you get to meet, regular meetings, reading and writing of *Red Flag*.

CONSISTENCY is the Key. Red salute comrades Aluta continua.

—Comrade in South Africa

Against Capitalist
Layoffs,
Communist Workers’
Revolution!

“For all capitalists, workers are disposable, replaceable, and never indispensable,” said J in a meeting of the garment workers’ collective in El Salvador. “I gave ten years of my life to my exploitative work, with miserable wages, only to be fired one day without warning. Many others are just like me.”

“We live in a system that prioritizes profits over people. In capitalism, workers are often seen as trash, not as human beings with lives, families, and dignity. They play with our minds to make us feel like we need the bosses. Quite the opposite, they need us. We, the working class, produce the wealth that fills their pockets,” added A.

When a company lays off hundreds or thousands of employees to “cut costs” or “increase efficiency,” what it is really doing is sacrificing the livelihoods of many

for the benefit of a few, the “ruling class.”

Mass layoffs are neither mistakes nor “capitalist necessities.” They are simply a clear image of a rotten system that thrives on our exploitation. Capitalism is sustained by the sweat of the working class. When profits fall short of the goals required to satisfy the rotten capitalists, we are the ones who pay the price with unemployment, hunger, and misery.

“Every worker laid off is proof that in this system, life has no value, only profits. The capitalists talk about ‘restructuring’ and ‘efficiency,’ but what they really seek is to maximize their fortunes. They rob us of the fruits of our labor and then discard us as if we were useless tools,” added D.

We must open our eyes, make our voices heard, and fight to build a new communist society based on the well-being of all workers and no longer based on bosses’ profits.

At the end of our discussion, we concluded to continue it as well as the distribution of *Red Flag*. We are making it clear that the working class must understand that the dialectical materialism taught by our party, the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP), shows us the way to defeat the crumbs that the capitalist bosses give us workers. This will put an end to the rotten profit system of the capitalist ruling class.

It is necessary to fulfill our objective of bringing the ICWP’s political

line to more comrades for the construction of a mass party that will fight for all workers. For a communist system that meets the needs of all. Let us unite and fight for the working class. Let us fight for our communist revolution. Communism is our solution.

—Comrades in El Salvador

Questions about
Political Economy

I have been thinking about the questions I have about political economy. Here are some things I don’t feel that I understand well enough to explain it to a friend:

Why can’t machines create profits for the capitalists?

If they could replace every factory worker with a machine to do the job and sell those items, would they make no profit?

Why do capitalists invest in unproductive capital?

Why does capitalism need to grow in order to continue existing?

I hope other comrades can help provide clear answers and share other questions that have come up in their work.

—Experienced comrade who is still learning



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Revolution is Best
Served Hot

At a time when speaking your mind in the West is only allowed when you agree with the Right, my comrade’s dinner parties serve as a mental getaway where we can let ideas flow freely and discuss opinions and truths over delicious food and drinks. People from their 20s to their 70s have joined these dinner parties to share their life experiences and perspectives on the world. It has been fascinating to learn about comrades in other countries such as South Africa and different revolutions in recent history. To hear anecdotes of comrades from the 20th century who are no longer with us and their contributions. To learn what we younger communists need to do to continue the work and bring about revolution in our lifetime.

It’s been rejuvenating to attend and feel so welcome at a table and sit with comrades who I didn’t know before that evening and know that we are safe here.

Our host has traveled far and wide to support the communist agenda and brings a bit of the world to us at the table with her delicious cooking. Featuring meals from Palestine and India, often alongside a pasta dish or roasted chicken. Comrades bring drinks, bread, desserts, and fruit.

Through these parties I’ve formed deeper ties with comrades across Los Angeles County. I’ve realized that there are more of us than I thought. Bringing communist ideology to the table isn’t welcomed often in the US, but *Red Flag* has served as an ice breaker for folk who may not have interacted otherwise.

We chat and laugh. Learning about AI, exchanging stories about immigration and our families, sharing our careers and how they align with our values. We discuss politicians and enlighten each other without defensiveness. Holding space without judgement for those who may be less educated on a topic.

Because, through communism, community is built. Safety and love are forged through fire, knowing we are once again being actively persecuted by both sides in the US, where the general understanding of communism is ‘communism is when no iPhone’ and politicians throw the word left and right in attempt to degrade their opponents.

But the political tension only drives the point further home that community is necessary. So, as we revolve around the table, I hope to bring more along with me for the revolution.

—Sunflower

Who does the
President of Colombia
represent?

“Did you hear what the President of Colombia said in New York?” asked a new friend.

“Yes” answered a comrade.

“He said we need to fight for humanity!” said the friend.

“It sounded good,” said a second comrade.

“Yes, he said that. But we have to be careful. We have to look at the class nature of things. The President of Colombia represents the rich, not the masses of humanity as he pretends,” replied the first comrade. “When he said, ‘We have to fight for ‘humanity,’ he means for the rich who are opposed to the US imperialists and who support the Chinese imperialists.”

The other comrade said, “He hates Trump and US imperialism. But he represents the interests of Chinese imperialism that wants to take over from the US to be the new exploiters.”

“Ohhh. You are telling me that the Chinese rulers are the new rich people. They are taking over everything here and in the world,” responded our new friend.

“Yes. Chinese imperialism is rising, and US imperialism is declining. In the 1950’s the US looked like the “good” imperialists. Now China does. But there aren’t any good imperialists. They give some free things, like libraries and stadiums. But other projects are multi-billion dollars loans which must be paid back with interest. They are trying to convince the masses that they should support China.”

“I see,” said the friend. “It’s like the rich want to fool us into fighting for them because poor people will fight and fight hard, not like them.”

“Yes. We have to fight—but for our own interests, not for the interest of the supposedly ‘lesser evil’ rich people. We need to fight for a world where the masses produce everything for our own interests, not for the rich. Where all the oppressed people contribute what they can and get what they need.”

—Internationalist comrades

US- China
Inter-imperialist Rivalry
Amidst Economic Crisis

Capitalism depends on profit. Profit is the surplus value of workers’ labor not paid to the workers. Imperialism is capitalism extended to exploit another country’s working class and material resources. US profits have declined since the 1970’s due to increased automation. That means fewer workers to exploit for profits. And increasing global competition.



It’s not a war, it’s a GENOCIDE

COSTA RICA, October 2— Today many people, including comrades in the Movement of Workers and Farmworkers, participated in different activities in support of the suffering masses in Palestine. They expressed their sense of solidarity against genocide and for a better world.

US manufacturing is 10.2% of the economy and 8% of the employment. It has contracted for the past six months. In 1960, US manufacturing accounted for roughly 25% of the US nominal GDP and approximately 28% of US employment.

The seven industries that are slowing down significantly are paper products, machinery, electrical equipment, appliances, computers, and electronics. Construction is down 6.7%. There was a net loss of a million jobs so far in 2025. One million more unemployed workers. Only 22,000 new jobs were created in August, while more than 150,000 workers enter the market every month.

The effective US unemployment rate is over 22% of the workforce. More than 60% of the US workforce lives paycheck to paycheck. Twenty-five percent live in severe poverty.

The US government is increasing debt by printing money and borrowing. It is selling high-interest treasury bonds to raise funds. Many economists say that the US is in a recession, facing a potential full-blown depression worse than 1929.

Bankruptcy filings have increased 12% since 2024, continuing a two-year trend. An estimated fifteen thousand retail stores will close in 2025, doubled from 2024. Car dealers are refusing new car deliveries with an increasing stock that can’t be sold. Hundreds of showrooms have been closed. Public credit card debt has significantly increased since 2024 to \$1.21 trillion. Food pantries are experiencing critical shortages.

Some predict a huge recession

before the end of 2025.

Geopolitics of Imperialist
Rivalries

During the 1980s and 1990s, US capitalists sent many industries to China, Vietnam, Mexico, Costa Rica, and elsewhere to make up for lost profits in the US. Today General Electric has announced plans to close factories in the US and move them offshore. Now China is doing the same thing. It’s sending production to other countries to extract profit from cheap labor and to extract material resources like agriculture and oil.

US manufacturing is one third of what it was during the 1960s. It is a service economy which pays much less, is less predictable, and typically nonunion. Global economic hegemony through exploitation and war is the imperialist route to boost profits from the exploitation of foreign workers with lower wages. The reason workers migrate to the US is because the US and China destroyed the economic and political vitality of the nations they’re leaving.

Capitalism is showing that it is incapable of meeting workers’ needs!

Only communism will abolish unemployment along with wage slavery! In communism, workers will be needed everywhere. There will be work for all to meet the masses’ needs. Without bosses or supervisors, work will be a joy, with workers planning and producing everything collectively.

No borders! No imperialism! We are all workers of one class! Let’s fight together for communism.

—Comrade

US MARINES OPEN TO DISCUSSING COMMUNIST IDEAS

CALIFORNIA (USA), September 20— “In a few months, I have to decide if I’m going to reenlist or not,” said Joel, an active-duty Afro-Caribbean Marine. ICWP comrades met Joel in Oceanside, CA.

Joel’s decision is more poignant because his mother is an immigrant in constant danger of being deported. “I’ve been trying unsuccessfully to get her a green card for the last three years I’ve been in the Marines,” Joel said. “It comes down to this: if they deport my mother, I will not reenlist.”

This marine’s “internal conflict,” as he pointed out, comes during a period when his Commander-in-Chief, President Trump, activated the National Guard and over seven hundred Marines to help ICE (immigration enforcement) in Los Angeles. Trump has recently activated troops in Washington and Memphis, TN. He is threatening to send troops to Chicago and Portland. At the same time, the father of two active-duty Marines was kidnapped by ICE in one of hundreds of well-publicized terrorizing raids.

Another Marine told us that his unit is conducting briefings about not bringing undocumented family members into military bases because those family members could be deported. This could very well be undocumented mothers, fathers, guardians, and other family members wanting to attend a military graduation or simply visiting their loved ones serving in the military.

“I get it. They don’t want family members to get deported, but they also don’t want morale to go down,” said another Marine.

Clearly, this is not only an inter-

nal conflict in one Marine. It is an internal conflict in the US military. The bosses have historically relied on the most oppressed masses to fight their wars. Most of the Marines that we spoke to were in their late teens or early twenties—a couple of Black youth, the rest equally divided between Latinos and whites. As is always our experience with enlisted personnel, they were hanging out in multi-racial groups. Few had deployment experience.

Comrades shared their own experiences to connect with the Marines. One comrade shared his Army experience. It was very important to him that his mother, who was undocumented, came to his graduation from boot camp. He wouldn’t risk it today.

Another comrade took out his green card, to share his perspective. Another talked about having a boyfriend in the Marines who was deployed to Vietnam. She had gone from worrying about him to organizing against the war. These stories were good to share in order to break the ice, and to break down the anti-communism in these youth.

“I’ll just put it out there,” said a veteran comrade, “I’m a communist. And this is what a real communist thinks.”

A comrade told Joel, “The elites all over the world, whether China, Russia, or the US, send their militaries off to war for their own interests. They are in power and in control. But soldiers historically everywhere have played key roles



in uniting with workers and making revolution.” We went on to talk about the unity between workers and soldiers working together for the Russian Revolution during World War I.

Several Marines insisted that they had joined the military to follow orders. Even though some orders feel wrong, they felt that they had no choice. A comrade said, “There comes a time that some orders are outright wrong and immoral. Just remember that you ultimately have a mind of your own, regardless of being in uniform or not.”

One Marine, a white friend of Joel, said that he understood that there was a limit. “If they order me to shoot a kid,” he said, “I’m going to shoot the guy that gave the order.”

In total, three comrades reached fifteen active-duty Marines who either participated in extended political discussions or gathered nearby to listen and comment. The Marines who participated in these discussions all took *Red Flag* and our mil-

itary pamphlet.

When the National Guard was deployed in Los Angeles, we visited them, had good conversations, and were able to give them our literature even during a demonstration downtown.

But there are Marines an hour and a half away from where we live. We don’t have to wait for them to be deployed to our streets. This was ICWP’s first trip to Oceanside since COVID hit. It has sparked our motivation to make more regular trips.

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**SOLDIERS, SAILORS,
MARINES, CRUCIAL FOR
COMMUNIST WORKERS’
REVOLUTION**

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HONORABLE VETERANS, DISHONORABLE SYSTEM

The United States has always sold itself as a beacon of democracy and freedom. But as workers, we know all too well that this marketing scheme is only reserved for the elite. For the working class, it is the honey used to lure us into their trap of wage slavery.

The only value the working class has in the eyes of the elite is our labor. Once we can no longer serve their interests, we no longer have value for their system. This is true whether you are a janitor, researcher, or soldier.

The experiences of veterans Zahid Chaudhry and Bajun Mavalwalla are prime examples. Both

risked their lives in US imperialist wars abroad. Only to be discarded afterwards. And then find themselves facing persecution from that same government.

Their cases illustrate how the US government, regardless of party, exploits workers and immigrants for imperialist ends. And then turns its back on them once they no longer serve ruling-class interests.

These contradictions reveal the true nature of the capitalist state as an instrument of repression rather than liberation.

Zahid Chaudhry is a disabled veteran originally from Pakistan. He has spent decades fighting for US citizenship. He has legal pathways to naturalization through marriage, fatherhood, and military service. Instead, he was targeted by the discriminatory Controlled Application Review and Resolution Program (CARRP). This disproportionately delays or denies applications from Muslims.

Veteran Bajun Mavalwalla is also currently facing repression after protesting against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Spokane, Washington. He was indicted on conspiracy charges despite engaging in nonviolent civil disobedience.

Federal prosecutors treated Mavalwalla as a test of their power to stretch the law to criminalize civil disobedience. They use this tactic to send a message to all who plan to resist ICE’s brutal deportation regime. Despite his service to the imperialist war machine, once Bajun Mavalwalla decided to oppose the state, he became an enemy.

These cases reveal the disposable nature of workers and veterans in a capitalist system. Workers are only useful so long as they are producing for the continued profits of the bourgeoisie. Soldiers are useful so long as they advance imperialist objectives abroad and at home. Both are united in the struggle of capitalist oppression.

The hypocrisy of US democracy

is undeniable. It claims to uphold freedom of speech and to respect veterans. Yet it prosecutes peaceful protest. It denies rights to veterans who have risked their lives.

Under Trump, repression takes the form of aggressive prosecutions and weaponized conspiracy charges. Under Biden, discriminatory programs like CARRP remained intact. Both parties sustain the machinery of capitalist imperialism.

These stories are not anomalies, but systemic. They demonstrate that under capitalism, workers—even decorated veterans—are expendable once they challenge the interests of the ruling class.

True liberation will not come through reforming ICE or fixing immigration bureaucracy. It will come through dismantling the structures of exploitation and building a system that values human dignity over profit and power. This can only be achieved through communist revolution.

—Comrade US Veteran



Seen in
Los Angeles,
October 2