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COMMUNIST REVOLUTION WILL END IMPERIALIST WARS



End Wage Slavery and Imperialist War

INDIA: MOBILISE FOR COMMUNISM AMID STRIKE WAVE

CHENNAI (India), March 9— “Everyone halt work!” Thirty thousand workers at the state-owned Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in Panipat walked out. The largest refinery in India came to a grinding halt. The angry workers confronted two thousand heavily armed, specially trained police.

Two days earlier, two workers were killed in an industrial accident. This news spread like wildfire after thousands of workers went on strike. They demanded reduced duty hours from twelve to eight hours, timely wages, access to drinking water and toilets, and a hospital near the refinery.

The news of the IOCL strike spread quickly to Surat, five hundred kilometres away. More than five thousand industrial workers

from ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel (AM/NS) violently confronted police. They set scores of police vehicles on fire.

Our International Communist Workers' Party auto workers' collective met to discuss the strike wave spreading across India. Just as comrades were arriving, we heard that war had broken out in Iran.

Organize Industrial Workers into ICWP

A new comrade who proudly joined ICWP six months ago gave a short report:

“Comrades, our small collective can be a catalyst for mobilizing the industrial workers for communism. Through *Red Flag*, we know workers in Panipat and Surat. Their plight is our plight. We hear that capitalist bosses have created un-

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Destruction Mounts, Mass Resistance Grows

JOIN ICWP TO TURN IMPERIALIST WORLD WAR III INTO COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

March 10— A US Tomahawk missile murdered 165 schoolgirls in southern Iran. Then Israeli planes bombed oil and gas refineries in the capital, Tehran. Huge clouds of toxic chemicals poisoned almost ten million people and fell as acid rain. Water supplies, already scarce, are dangerously low after the US bombed a desalination plant in Iran and Iran attacked one in Bahrain.

US rulers lie that the war is to “liberate” the Iranian masses. But hundreds of thousands rallied defiantly against the attacks at 3:00 am after the refineries were hit.

The US and Zionist rulers try to hide the extent to which Iran has successfully targeted Israel itself and US bases regionally. The casualties and the physical destruction. The devastating economic impacts on workers

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everywhere. Comrades in Chennai (India) couldn't go to work because gas prices doubled. An Egyptian comrade reports that food prices have skyrocketed in Africa.

The capitalist system even in “peacetime” is deadly to the masses and destroys the environment. As global conflicts spiral into world war, we see more clearly the urgent need to end it.

Masses are starving, not just for food but for change. We must build a massive International Communist Workers' Party to smash this bloody racist system once and for all. Only communism can liberate us!

US and Zionist Regimes Want to Turn Iran into Another Gaza

“Netanyahu and the Ayatollah are butchers,” said a comrade sheltering in a Tel Aviv basement. “And Trump

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and Xi are super butchers.”

As US and Israeli bombs targeted Iran, the Israeli military sealed off Gaza. No food, water, or medical supplies got in. Starvation, typhus, and cholera spread. Fascist Israeli civilians are more aggressively driving Palestinians from the West Bank. Israeli troops fought Hezbollah forces to move into Lebanon as Israel bombed its capital, Beirut.

US/Israeli weapons have levelled much of Iran’s above-ground military and industrial infrastructure. They are threatening another wave of bombing that would likely target universities, hospitals, and neighborhoods. This would mimic the Zionist “mowing the grass” strategy in Gaza. US war secretary Hegseth made the genocidal intention clear when he mocked “Iranians that think they’re gonna live.”

But Iran, the second-largest country in the region, is not tiny Gaza. Russia and China, the two imperialist powers capable of challenging the US, actively support Iran.

“This is the best time to organize, because the rulers are losing their ideological grip on the working class,” said ICWP comrades in Tel Aviv. *They share Red Flag* newspaper electronically from the bunkers. Actual red flags are appearing in mass anti-war protests in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

“I was confused when we overthrew Mubarak fifteen years ago,”

said an ICWP comrade in Egypt. “Now I know we need communism. We have to organize! Especially in the armed forces.”

End Capitalism, the Root of War

This war escalates the imperialists’ fight to control Persian Gulf oil. It’s not just Trump and Bibi. It’s the global competition stemming from capitalism’s imperative to grow or die. Competition for markets, labor, resources. When finance capitalists can’t find profitable investments in productive enterprises, they invest in destruction. Destruction of their rivals’ productive capacity. That makes world war inevitable.

The world was already at war. Ukraine and NATO vs. Russia. India vs. a China-backed Pakistan. Pakistan vs. Afghanistan. Sudan. Myanmar. Venezuela. Yemen.

But this seems to be a tipping point in the decline of US imperialism. The Chinese rulers are arming Iran and negotiating with the Gulf states. The Gulf rulers see that US bases make them targets rather than protecting them.

The Russian rulers may be the main winners. With the Strait of Hormuz closed, Russian state-owned companies profit from high oil prices. Trump seems poised to lift sanctions to avoid domestic consequences of rising consumer costs.

We workers are the main losers.



Los Angeles,
USA
February 28

The enemy of your enemy isn’t always your friend. No capitalist, no imperialist, is a friend of any workers. Working people have no country. When communist revolution destroys capitalism everywhere, there will be no nations and no borders anywhere. Internationalism is the key to our victory. Nationalism is a barrier.

Workers Can Win the Class War by Mobilizing Masses for Communism

We see the power of industrial workers in the current strike wave in India. And in the apartheid GCC states, where almost 90% of the population is from South Asia, the Philippines, and Thailand. Airports, hotels, US military bases all rely on these abused and super-exploited workers. Many ICWP comrades in India have friends and relatives among them.

For the bosses to wage their war on the working class globally, they must

rely on the working class itself. Workers in the armed forces, oil fields, and industry are capable of turning this around into communist revolution.

From South Africa to the USA, soldiers often don’t make a living wage. As the Egyptian comrade said, we must win them to fight for our working class, not for the capitalists!

Young people, especially, must think deeply about today’s realities. They must become part of the solution by joining ICWP. Voting won’t save us. Nonviolent resistance won’t break our chains.

Only communist revolution can empower us to build a new world based on collectivity, sharing, sustainability, and respect. A world without money, where nothing and nobody is bought or sold. Where today’s endless wars will finally end.

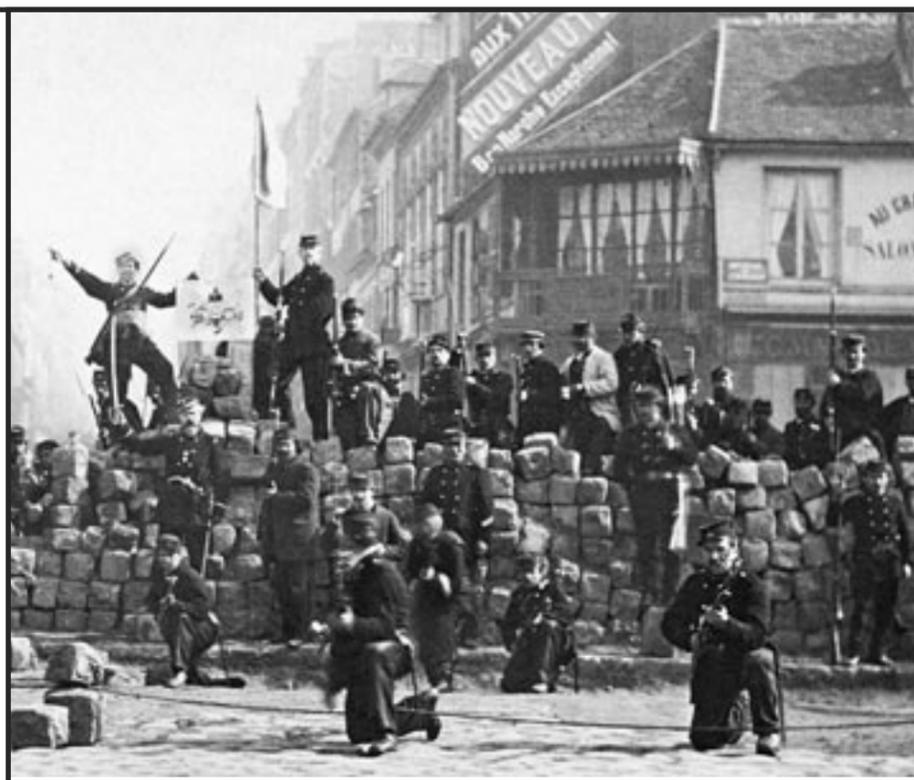
LONG LIVE THE PARIS COMMUNE!

On the anniversary of the 1871 Paris Commune, we remember one of the most heroic experiences of the working class struggle. For the first time in European history, the workers of Paris and the soldiers of the National Guard expelled the old power. They took control of the state into their own hands.

The Commune proved that workers can govern and organize society according to the masses’ needs, not capitalists’ interests. From March 18 to May 28, workers erected barricades and bravely defended their new popular power.

The Versailles government responded with brutal repression that left thousands of Communards murdered, imprisoned, or exiled. But it failed to destroy their historic legacy. The Commune taught a powerful lesson to our International Communist Workers’ Party and the entire international communist movement: the working class must organize, fight, and take state power to end capitalist exploitation and advance toward a truly communist society. The Paris Commune continues to inspire the struggle of workers around the world.

To read more see: icwpredflag.org/wp/wordpress/pamphlets-and-article-series/paris-commune-of-1871/



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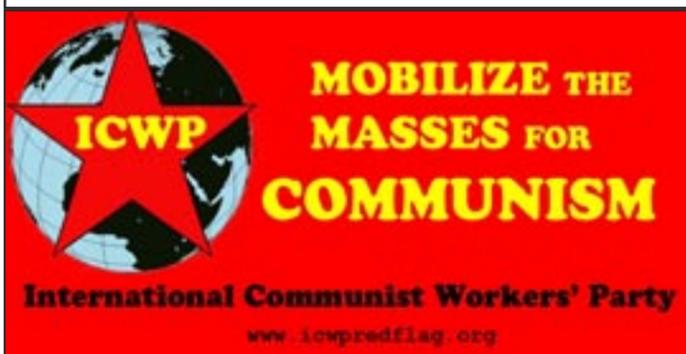
As usual, we have more than we can print. The website: www.icwpredflag.org has the following Need Collective Struggle Grounded in Theory and Practice; Drug Wars in Mexico: Capitalists Fight Over Wealth Produced by Workers; Letters: March 8, 2026: International Working Women’s Day; Reflections on the Role of Youth Against Fascism; Obstacles and Contradictions

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India: Mass Campus Protests Against Fascism

AS WORLD WAR BEGINS, STUDENTS TURN TO COMMUNISM

DELHI (India), March 6—“Every day, Dalits and Muslims are killed, raped, and their homes are flattened by bulldozers. Their families live in slums, and they work long hours,” said an angry protester at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). “And Vice-Chancellor Pandit says, ‘Dalits and Muslims are taking advantage. And they cannot play a victim card forever.’”

Pandit’s outrageous speech has infuriated thousands. Angry students demanded her immediate resignation.

Pandit is a hardcore member of the RSS, an extreme right-wing paramilitary organization. JNU, as a public University, attracts many oppressed Dalits, Muslims, and other working-class students. Pandit’s statements directly threaten all of them.

Fascist Modi appointed Pandit to set an example of purging progressive professors all across India. Pandit is particularly targeting JNU’s History Department, which has several Marxist professors. She wants to replace them with Hindu fanatics with fascist ideology.

Sharing Lessons of Farmers’ Mass Rebellion

Two ICWP members visited the protesting students. Both are JNU graduates. Back in their familiar setting, they took hundreds of copies of *Red Flag*.

“When I was on campus in 2021, hundreds of thousands of farmers had surrounded Delhi. The freeways were packed with farmers. I went to their rallies. They camped for months. We stayed with them, from freezing cold to scorching heat,” one reported.

“I learned that they wanted a better life for everyone,” the comrade continued. “They were generous. We shared communal meals. We learned to cook and clean. Meanwhile, the government was demonizing them and calling them terrorists. After spending weeks with them, I realized that the governments run by rich capitalists were the problem. And I started to see that only communism can put an end to this inequality. I joined the International Communist Workers’ Party (ICWP).”

The JNU students wanted to hear more. They all took *Red Flag*. We exchanged contact information.

Communism Unites the Working Class

When we returned the next day, the campus had become a combat zone. Barricades and water cannons blocked thousands of students. Students were teargassed. Many were violently attacked by BJP-supported goons and police. Undeterred, the students called for a “Long March.”

Later we met up with the students from the day before. They all had read *Red Flag*. Some said they are going to talk to more students about it.

One said that communism is the only way for the working class, but we have to destroy the discrimination the Dalits face first. An ICWP comrade’s story made a big difference in his thinking. When the comrade was at JNU, students were in a mass demonstration after the police killed at least sixty Muslims in Delhi. The fascist Modi was singling out Muslims.

“Many students thought that cre-



ating a separate body of Muslim students would highlight their struggle,” the comrade said. “That idea appealed to me. I was born into a Muslim family.

But then, in a protest that I will never forget, two Hindu women tried to shield a Muslim man facing a severe beating. Their bravery saved him from serious injury or death.

“I saw we can’t be powerful by forming a separate organization,” the comrade concluded. “I joined ICWP, which unites workers and students of all castes and religions. Our struggle is against the capitalist class.”

These two days of intense discussion amid the protest at JNU made many students think more seriously about our party. We asked them to join ICWP.

Fighting for Communism Requires an Organization.

When we visited campus the next week, the US imperialists and Israeli capitalist rulers had started



the war. We were there when an Iranian ship was sunk in the Indian Ocean. The students’ mood was very defiant. Fascist Modi was silent about the mass atrocities.

We brought the ICWP pamphlets on Palestine and copies of recent articles about Iran and the Middle East. About fifteen students listened to us. We said that this is the beginning of the world war. Students like you have to organize masses of workers, soldiers, and students into our party.

The students were very eager to learn. They expressed a desire to join if we could meet with them and explain more about our party. We are starting a formal biweekly meeting to organize for communism and ICWP.

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bearable conditions. The workers at the refinery who produce vital petrol have no clean water to drink. They have to wait months to get paid. The steelworkers in Surat live in overcrowded slums. These are the contradictions that capitalism has created. Only mobilizing for communism, ending wage slavery and surplus value, will make a permanent change.”

The most important agenda item was the beginning of World War III, which was just unfolding in Iran.

Many comrades and coworkers know many people living in the Gulf countries. They are construction workers and refinery workers. They work in warehouses and in cargo delivery. More than nine million workers save their wages to help their families.

Capitalists Are Killing the Workers Who Produce Their Profits

A young comrade, who just started work at Isuzu a few months ago, presented a clear vision for or-

ganizing for communist revolution:

“We want to develop a new generation of industrial workers to be communists. This is our biggest opportunity, as Gen Z has shown. The immigrant Gulf workers, those in Panipat and Surat, have the same material conditions as the refinery workers in Tehran and the garment workers in Bengaluru. They are accumulating enormous profits for the capitalists, and the capitalists use this profit to eliminate them. That is the contradiction. They want us to make a profit, but they are bombing us, as in Iran and the Gulf countries. You cannot make a profit by physically eliminating workers who produce profit. You see that in the ICE gestado in the US.”

We can reach out to thousands of industrial workers immediately. We distribute about five hundred copies of *Red Flag*. We have readers in Panipat, Surat, and, formerly, garment workers in Sri Lanka. We will immediately start distributing *Red Flag* to our friends in the Gulf

countries. The severe water scarcity there will be followed by food scarcity. The immigrants who make up 90% of the workforce can become a potent force for change.

The impending world war can only be opposed with a communist vision of the beginning of a new dawn, where the profit system will not exist. Our capitalist oppressors paint a gloomy picture because they are in decline.

“My grandfather told me about a navy ship in Chennai in 1946,” said a comrade. “It started with food riots. The British colonial power tried to divide Hindu and Muslim workers by offering preferential treatment. When the sailors united with the communists, it sent shock waves. It spread from Mumbai to Chennai and reached Iran. It ended the colonial domination.

“But it was not a fight for communism,” he concluded. “It replaced the British capitalists with Indian capitalists. We must organize for a communist revolution now.”



Deadly Conditions in US Immigration Detention Centers

IN COMMUNISM, ALL WORKERS WILL GET HEALTH CARE AND EVERYTHING ELSE WE NEED

USA, March 1 — Immigration detention centers nationwide are ratholes of medical neglect. Inmates are denied insulin. Most get no medical attention no matter how serious their needs. They are forced to compete for drinkable water.

The number of our working-class siblings held in these concentration camps increased by nearly 75% in 2025, to at least 68,000 humans. Many are in the US “legally” as green-card holders or asylum applicants. But nobody should ever be locked up for where they were born!

At least thirty-two people died in ICE custody in 2025. As of early March, there had already been ten such deaths in 2026.

One detainee suffered a heart attack after complaining of chest pain for days without treatment. Others had their inhalers and asthma med-

ication withheld. Detainees wait weeks for prescriptions to be filled.

Women at ICE detention in Baltimore are denied basic hygiene, forced to wear diapers, and are left lying in urine and feces. The whistleblower who reported this was fired.

At least three inmates died in the Texas Fort Bliss facility in just two months. Witnesses say that one was choked to death by guards. The federal government interned Japanese Americans in Fort Bliss during World War II.

Emmanuel Damas, 56, was a Haitian asylum seeker held at the Florence Correctional Center in Arizona. He died at a Scottsdale hospital from complications of a tooth infection.

His death comes just days after that of Alberto Gutierrez-Reyes, 48. His family said that Gutierrez began to feel seriously ill with chest pains and shortness of breath, but his repeated requests for medical attention were denied.

The DHS press release announcing Gutierrez’s death ends: “This is the best healthcare [that] many aliens have received in their entire lives.” What a cruel lie!

Capitalists Profit from Workers’ Misery

The two largest private prison companies invested in this fascist attack reported a \$2 billion increase in revenue in 2025. They have opened nine new ICE detention centers. For one company, Core-Civic, revenue from ICE more than doubled. The company’s chief executive boasted expected that 2026 would be “another year of strong growth.”

In a little over a year, the number of detention facilities used by ICE



Roxbury, NJ (USA), January 2026

nearly doubled to 212 sites in 47 states and territories. Federal officials are seeking more places to warehouse immigrants for their \$45 billion expansion of detention facilities.

Meanwhile, the US Department of Health and Human Services is laying off 10,000 workers. It is shutting down entire agencies, including ones that oversee billions of dollars in funds for addiction services and community health centers.

While building huge concentration camps, the US rulers are attacking the healthcare of the entire working class.

But the Working Class Always Fights Back!

Starving ICE detainees in concentration camps is capitalism’s “solution” for immigration. In sharp contrast, workers across the US have organized food distribution networks (often clandestinely) for neighbors, co-workers, and friends experiencing food insecurity or afraid to leave their homes. Immigrants aren’t the problem. Capitalism’s borders are!

In many cities, volunteers are trained as street medics. They learn basic first aid supplemented by spe-

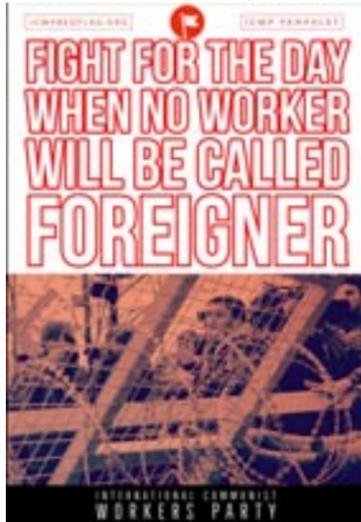
cific protest-related training. They provide medical and wellness care at protests and in mutual aid roles.

People are stepping up – young and old, employed and unemployed, US-born and immigrant – to fight the rising tide of fascism. We must also fight for a society in which everyone’s basic human needs are expected to be met. That includes food, clean air and water, decent housing, appropriate medical care – no matter our “status.” This is communism. Communist revolution is the only way to defeat fascism.

A communist society, built to meet the needs of our class, destroys wage slavery. In the current crisis, people are distributing food, learning medical care, and trying to protect their neighbors. They don’t expect a capitalist “reward” (money).

When the whole world is one class, everyone will give according to their ability and commitment and receive according to their need. No money. No banks or bosses. No nations or borders. Join us in the ICWP. We believe in and are fighting for this world. The need becomes more apparent every day!

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What is behind the “attack” on drug cartels in Mexico?

In capitalism, drugs are one of the most lucrative “illegal” businesses. Drug cartels in Mexico and the rest of the world are a structural part of capitalism. They are the armed wing of a US business group that controls the production, trafficking, and consumption of natural and synthetic drugs. They have illegally and by force seized control of mines, food production, markets, labor, and natural resources (water, land, forests, timber, soil, etc.).

They have established a state of terror among the working class through disappearances, murders, abductions, and kidnappings. Drug

cartels in Mexico represent a geopolitical and economic interest that is in dispute with other US business factions and the Chinese business presence. Trump and the business group he represents need to directly control the drug cartel system in Mexico in order to wage the imperialist war they are waging.

But what is the role of the working class in this situation?

In communism, there will be no production or consumption of drugs. Our main concern will be for everyone to have their needs met: food, housing, health, security, education, and leisure. Each person will contribute according to their abilities and receive according to their needs.

We, the workers of the world, must not take sides with any set of bosses. In these times of crisis, they promote nationalism and induce the working class to take sides. Are you with Claudia Sheinbaum or are you with Donald Trump? Neither of them represents our working-class interests. Rather, each capitalist faction looks out for its own interests.

The bosses try to make us believe that our salvation is in their hands. Only they, their laws, and their institutions can save us from capitalist terror. But the working class is awakening. In these times of crisis, we must show our class siblings the true face of capitalism. It is impossible to reform it into a more humane form of capitalism.

Reforms will not eradicate it. Only communism will.

Only through worldwide organization, without borders, nations, races, social classes, and through revolution, can the working class destroy this capitalist world and all its evils, root and branch, forever.

For that reason, we urge all our class siblings to discuss these communist ideas, to write and distribute *Red Flag*, and to organize ourselves in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, factories, churches, and the military. Let us organize study and action collectives around the International Communist Workers’ Party. We are a giant awakening. We will end this terror of capitalism forever.

—Comrade

Building Working-Class Unity Against Fascist Attacks

ONLY THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS WILL SAVE THE WORKING CLASS

PASADENA (USA), February 24— City Council chamber was packed. Anti-ICE activists came for an agenda city policy about federal immigration enforcement. They circulated a petition and handed out buttons. The regular anti-genocide activists distributed signs comparing ICE and the Israeli military. Some environmental activists, too.

City Council was late, as usual.

An ICWP comrade distributed twenty copies of *Red Flag*. Then she went up front and gave a short impromptu speech. “The same capitalist system attacks immigrants in the US and Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza,” she explained. “And destroys the environment for profit.

“We say ‘solo el pueblo...’ she continued. Others chimed in: “Salva el pueblo.” Only the village saves the village. “Only the international working class saves the working class,” the comrade concluded.

Applause. “That was good,” friends said.

Pitfalls of Reformism

The meeting began. A city official reported on Chicago and Los Angeles resolutions to prevent ICE and US Border Patrol from using city property to stage kidnappings. He claimed that Pasadena already prohibited police from aiding ICE. People were glad to hear that a proposed resolution would take that a step further.

Then came public comment. Anti-ICE legal observers described situations where Pasadena police had, actually, helped ICE.

And impeded anti-ICE protests. Speakers demanded to know where were the city funds that had been promised to families victimized by ICE kidnappings.

Another speaker spoke for the “ethical investment policy” campaign. They want Pasadena to divest pension funds from corporations involved in surveillance or the Gaza genocide. She noted that Flock shares license-plate data from traffic cameras with other agencies. ICE uses it to monitor and target protesters.

Several speakers objected to a provision of the resolution that seemed designed to rein in civilian legal observers. Council members denied that intent, but many were skeptical.

Especially after Mayor Gordo said, “Two legal observers were killed in Minnesota, and we don’t want that to happen here. Observers need to be trained.”

Many were outraged. “What an exercise in victim-blaming!” a friend commented.

City Council passed its resolution. Some saw this as a limited victory. “We can’t obstruct the federal government from enforcing federal immigration laws,” the vice-Mayor admitted.

But a reform victory like this can quickly turn into a political defeat.

The resolution was openly intended to foster “regular communication between police and community representatives.” The mayor said that federal policy is “intended to set a tone that is divisive, that pits our police officers and even members of this council



PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, February 17, Students walk out of school and march to city hall to protest ICE terror

and our community against one another. We can’t allow someone else to tear that apart,” he concluded.

Capitalism itself pits the working class against the cops and politicians who serve their oppressors. Communists fight for class consciousness. For class struggle. Against the mayor’s dangerous and phony all-class unity.

Anti-ICE legal observers know from their own experience not to trust cops. And one could see the USA rulers’ patriotism wearing thin. A quarter of the audience in City Council chambers refused to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Only Communist Revolution Can Destroy Fascism

Today we are reliving last century’s debate within the international communist movement. Do workers defeat fascism through a “united front” with supposedly benevolent (or “lesser evil”) capi-

talists? Or by mobilizing for communist revolution to destroy fascism’s capitalist roots?

In 1934, communists bet on a “united front” with Roosevelt and Churchill. But the Allies held off on launching a second military front against Nazi Germany until the Soviet masses had already beaten back the Wehrmacht. Meanwhile Churchill created an artificial famine in Bengal that killed up to three million people.

And with Germany defeated, US imperialism continued spreading fascist terror from Palestine to Greece to Iran to the Philippines to Guatemala. And in the US South.

Workers need communist revolution. We are not the only ones who see that. The ICWP collective here recently recruited two new members. With their help, we expect to expand our May Day contingent and our party collective.

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New ICWP Member Says: “Communism and No Less!”

A child of empire here in the United States, I was able to believe the anesthetizing rallying cries of reform for many years, even though I was raised by southern working class parents who I saw struggling. The US mythology told me that capitalism was a gift, and that any inequality it created could be ironed out through peaceful protest and democratic reforms.

However, with every passing year that story became harder to believe. I found and loved communist theory, but I continued to hope for socialist leaders to fix things. The last burst of reformist energy fizzled out in me when I saw United States openly fund the livestreamed genocide of Palestinians. This act of evil, despite the mass protests of their constituents, showed me that the reformists were never going to prioritize the people’s interests if it conflicts with the interests of capital.

I knew I was a communist, but I was without a party. I looked around and thought, “There’s no communist party I can vote for in the USA.” So electoral politics faded to a background obligation. My work focused on my interests and

strengths: building community, civil rights activism, and distributing resources through mutual aid. I connected to neighbors, socialists, and anarchists, and we collaborated where we could.

For my profession, I am a healer. But what is the point of mental health under this kind of oppression? It is no measure of a well mind to be well-adjusted to the alienation and exploitation created by capitalism. I can do my work with patients, but to provide lasting healing I have to commit to dismantling the systems that cause them trauma, damage their dignity, and make them want to kill themselves.

While living with these contradictions, I ran into an ICWP member at a church function. They handed me a copy of *Red Flag*, and I liked the articles. Through coming to their dinners and discussions, I realized I did not have to be a lone communist, watching the fascist state escalate its violent tactics as the years grind along. There is a party for me, and it has no nation or borders.

I can’t keep just providing mutual aid and patching people up from the ills of capitalism. I need connection to the other workers of the world and support from my communist elders,

so that I can start building power with my comrades for something bigger. I can say with my full chest, “Communism and no less.” I do not have to settle for the crumbs offered by liberal capitalists’ reformist slogans—None of us do.

I’m glad to have found you here, comrades, and thank you so much to the elders who have welcomed me. Now let’s build power together, in the written word and in the streets. I know I am not the only isolated young communist yearning for party. We just need a chance to connect in the struggle.

—New Comrade in Los Angeles (USA)

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Capitalists Start Wars, Workers Fight and Die in Them

STUDENTS CAN BECOME COMMUNIST REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS

LOS ANGELES (USA), March 6— “When something happens around the world, we know we can ask you about it, mister,” a high school student told his teacher.

And why not? After all, educators must teach students how to interpret the world around them in order to make the revolutionary change that ICWP seeks.

This week, a student asked about the 165 girls in an Iranian school who were killed by US bombs. This same student attempted to organize his friends to walk out against ICE three weeks ago but was stopped by the principal. The discussion about the Iranian schoolgirls led to talking about how during war it is always innocent civilians that are killed.

The next day, while reading a news article about the US/Israel at-

tacks on Iran, another student asked if it was possible for the atomic bomb to ever be dropped on anyone.

“How about here in the US, mister?” asked the student.

The teacher quickly changed the lesson to cover the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945. The student’s eyes opened wide in amazement. Why did we never learn that the US is the only country that has used an atomic bomb against another country. In one week, they killed 200,000 civilians. (In Iraq the US imperialists killed about the same number between 2003 and 2011 with conventional weapons.)

Since January, on the first school day after winter break, there have been intense political conversations in this communist teacher’s class, including discussions about the ICE murders. ICE accomplished its goal to spread fear and terror no matter the cost of lives, lawsuits, and legality. Fear is already deeply established in all working-class communities, immigrant or not.

The teacher led a discussion about the fightback against ICE raids, the deaths of immigrants in ICE custody, and the murders of Keith Porter Jr., Renee Good, and Alex Pretti. They are from exactly the same working class as the seven (or more) US soldiers that have been killed in this current war.

We talked about who is sent to fight and die in these capitalist



High school walkout, East San Jose, California (USA), January 28, 2026

wars. Soldiers on all sides are part of the international working class. Military men and women come directly from the working class. Trump has a 21-year-old son, Barron. Students wondered why he is not being sent to Iran in uniform.

The capitalists of the world make the decisions, and they give guns to people who had no say in starting the war. But those people can help make communist revolution that can end the system that inevitably creates all these wars.

From organizing an anti-ICE walkout to protesting imperialist wars, organizing will never stop. It is the role of communists to fight within these struggles for communist revolution.

These working-class students

can potentially become revolutionaries within this military infrastructure. Our party has a history of winning young communists to join the military to organize for communism.

Young people in high school are thinking about these world issues. They are teeming with energy to speak up about what’s happening and learn about how we can organize a better society. That society is communism.

We must organize these youth to attend our May Day dinners and march on May Day 2026 and join ICWP to build the revolution that can put an end to war and fascism for good.

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Teaching Critical Thinking and Developing Young Communist Leaders

“Hey Mister, did you hear we blew up Iran?” Johnny asked Monday morning in class.

I paused and asked back, “Who is ‘we’?”

That question immediately got students talking. Some wondered out loud if this meant we were heading toward World War III. Jackie raised her hand and asked, “Mister, how did all this even happen?”

By Friday, it was still on their minds. So before we started our

math work, I opened up a short conversation about it. After our discussion we watched two Tik-Toks. A lot of students were quick to blame Trump. Instead of arguing with them, I tried to shift the discussion.

I asked them, “If there is a wider war, whose kids will actually be fighting it? Trump’s kids? The leader of Iran’s kids? Or kids like you?”

“Kids like us,” Mark replied, unsure.

That question changed the tone of the room. Students started thinking about how wars are usu-

ally fought by working-class young people.

“My brother joined the military because he wanted a chance at college, job training, or some kind of stability after high school,” Jackie added.

Teaching in the United States, I see students trying to make sense of global conflicts that feel far away. I have to help students understand that these global conflicts involve them in real ways. Their understanding often comes from headlines, social media, or quick political takes. But when you slow the conversation down and

ask the right questions, students start thinking more deeply about what class they come from and the difference between the workers and the bosses.

Moments like that remind me that the classroom isn’t just about the material in the textbooks. The classroom is one of the few places where young people should be able to stop, ask questions, and think critically about the world they’re growing up in. It is also a good place to develop young communist leaders.

—Los Angeles (USA) high school teacher

We Need Armed Struggle for Communist Revolution

Many people liked Bad Bunny’s halftime show at the Superbowl in the US. But the liberal US imperialists who are desperately fighting for their empire also support the vision of people of all skin tones dancing together to great lively music. That says “God bless America” means the entire continent and all its peoples. They need a multi racial army to fight for

them. They think America—all of it—should belong to **them**. They want youth of all races to loyally fight and slave for them—with that vision of unity—especially unity with them. They want us to accept wage slavery as the only alternative.

Alexandra Ocasio Cortez is considering running for President of the USA. A Latina Social Democratic politician who supports US imperialism, wage slavery, and capitalism. Who promises “health-

care for all” while the US is preparing for global war, its economy is in sharp decline, the US Dollar is losing value, and unemployment is growing.

These liberal social democrats support capitalism and imperialism. Their capitalist sponsors think more government control is needed for war preparation and for war itself. They support capitalist wage slavery of immigrants and all workers. They condemn the “excesses” of ICE but not borders.

They will unite with the open fascists to attack the revolutionary masses.

We need armed struggle for a communist revolution to end all imperialist wars, genocide, racism, and exploitation. Let’s build ICWP everywhere to fight for a communist world without any borders or bosses or imperialists. One international working class, one struggle!

—A Comrade

Communism Versus Anarchism (Part IV):

FIGHTING FOR COMMUNIST WORKERS' POWER, 1917-1918

LOS ANGELES, February 2— “I think I’m more of an anarchist than a communist,” a *Red Flag* reader mused. “I don’t think I could trust any government.”

In 1917, Anarchists were working both with the Bolsheviks and against them. “Faced with the dictatorship of landowners or the bourgeoisie,” declared Anarchists, “we temporarily support the dictatorship of the proletariat!” But they demanded that the Bolshevik party should “liquidate itself after victory.”

The contradiction sharpened after the communist-led October Revolution. Did the working masses need centralized, disciplined leadership? Or could they spontaneously create a federation of communes?

Under Kerensky’s Capitalist-Led Provisional Government

Communists and anarchists allied tactically between the Czar’s overthrow in February 1917 and the October Bolshevik revolution.

In May, Anarchists hosted two conferences of Petrograd People’s Militias. These created a Council of People’s Militias that included Bolsheviks. Amid Kerensky’s new war offensive, Bolsheviks called a demonstration for a Soviet government. Anarchists told workers and soldiers to carry arms. The Bolsheviks carried banners.

Anarchists called for a July 3 insurrection. Bolsheviks warned of a fatal lack of preparation. A leading anarchist replied dismissively that “the street will organise us.” It didn’t.

Bolsheviks were among the soldiers, sailors, and industrial workers in armed “July Days” anti-government demonstrations. But they weren’t ready to lead a revolution either.

The government squashed the rebellion. Bolsheviks and anarchists, separately, regrouped among factory workers. Anarchists called for

workers to seize their own factories. Bolsheviks organized for “Peace, Land, Bread” and the seizure of power.

On October 25 (November 7 “new style”) the Bolsheviks mobilized tens of thousands of soldiers, sailors, and workers. They overthrew Kerensky’s capitalist government and took charge.

Workers and soldiers flooded the revolutionary headquarters, night and day. The Bolsheviks quickly defeated counter-revolutionary bands. They rebuffed those who wanted to bring capitalist parties into the new workers’ government.

Anarchists spoke openly of a third revolution.

War, Peace, and a Decisive Split

The Bolsheviks appealed vainly to the Allied Powers for a “just peace with no annexations or indemnities.” No response. Workers’ revolutions hadn’t yet materialized elsewhere. Russian soldiers were demobilizing themselves.

Only surrender would end the hated war. In March 1918, the new government, after heated debate, signed the humiliating Treaty of Brest-Litovsk. The Left Socialist-Revolutionaries (S-Rs) and some Bolsheviks howled that it betrayed “the nation.” Anarchists saw an opportunity for their Third Revolution.

The Anarchist Federal Council decided to form a Black Guard. This federation of armed workers’ militias would have a permanent centralized hierarchy. The S-R general Muraviev offered to bring his troops to support them. The purpose was likely to fight German troops occupying Ukraine. That would threaten the fragile peace.

The Anarchist Federal Council announced an April 14 meeting in Moscow. Bolsheviks feared an uprising against Soviet power. On the night of April 11-12, Bolsheviks disarmed and detained hundreds of



Pictured: Petrograd, June 18, 1917. The banners carry Bolshevik slogans: “Peace to the Whole World — All Power to the People — All Land to the People” and “Down with the minister-capitalists.”

Anarchists in a brief, bitter fight. The Moscow Anarchist organization was effectively destroyed.

Choose communism!

Anarchist criticisms of the communist-led government were not all wrong. For example, they objected to excessive pay inequalities. Some Bolsheviks agreed. But neither group denounced the wage system.

Anarchists and communists had celebrated the Paris Commune’s abolition of the standing Army. But they had not anticipated the full-scale civil war, nor the imperialist invasions, that erupted in 1918.

Anarchists rightly objected to a Red Army commanded by professional officers trained to serve the old regime. This rejected past Bolshevik practice of troops electing officers. But factory-based workers’ militias alone couldn’t have defeated counter-revolution.

Anarchists said the road to victory led “From worker-peasant soviets to local free communes [obshchiny]; from the congress of soviets to the federation of communes [kommuny]; from the Soviet Republic to a communist structure [stroj].”

The obshchina was a traditional Russian peasant community with common ownership of land. Marx had thought that it might “pass di-

rectly to the higher form of Communist common ownership” during proletarian revolution. But by 1917, 40% of peasants couldn’t survive on the land.

The Anarchist platform ignored the class struggle in the countryside. And how could it implement its call without winning the masses to communism?

Neither Anarchists nor Bolsheviks had fought to win the masses to fundamental communist principles. Workers and poor peasants followed the Bolsheviks’ practical leadership, but few had embraced communism itself.

Anarchists called for, but did not organize, “federation of communes.” They objected on principle to organizing any unifying structure.

In contrast, Bolshevik centralism had built communist relations based on collective struggle, across regions and (somewhat) across the city/country divide.

That’s how they defeated counter-revolution. And created a rich, though deeply flawed, experience of working-class power that we can learn from today.

Next article: *Civil war, famine, and a major retreat*

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Let’s Spread Communist Ideas and Recruit to the Party

Greetings to all international comrades and those connected from here in El Salvador. First of all, I would like to thank you for your efforts in making each conference, march, and collective possible, so that we can gain more knowledge about communism and thus learn to open our eyes to this capitalist world.

My experience at each conference is unforgettable. I still remember the first conference I attended of our ICWP and *Red Flag* party on December 27, 2022..

That experience taught me a lesson. It motivated me to continue fighting and to stop being enslaved by the capitalist world. From that moment on, I understood that this whole system can be changed.

At each conference, in each edition of our *Red Flag* newspaper, and during collective meetings, we have recruited new fellow workers who have joined the party with their families. We have to consider that if one member of the family joins, it is like a seed that will interest another member of the family cycle, such as the young worker, son of a maquila worker, who accompanied us for the first

time at last year’s conference, and other workers who joined us. All this happened thanks to the constant struggle to win more comrades for our party.

We gather in collectives to read *Red Flag* in order to grow politically. There is always an article or letter that impresses us. We then analyze it, as we understand that the newspaper is our source of information for the working class.

We know that the entire working class around the world lives under attack from the same capitalist system. The ruling class only seeks its own interests.

The political objective of our col-

lectives is recruitment for the party. After the international conference, we are stronger so that more workers can join communist ideas without leaving young people behind, as they are already active in the collectives.

We are organizing our political work for May Day in order to spread communist ideas to the entire working class. That is why it is so important to meet in collectives and conferences in order to grow and be an active and growing communist movement.

—Maquila worker comrade in El Salvador

Nuclear Weapons on the Table

SOUTH AFRICA: INTER-IMPERIALIST RIVALRY INTENSIFIES

GQEBERHA (South Africa), 7 March— “My cousin just joined the army,” a comrade reported. “Winning people like him will be key to making any revolution.”

South Africa is currently in a political and diplomatic rift with the US. Its government called the US killing of Iran’s Ayatollah Khamenei a violation of sovereignty. They also expressed fear and shock after the US captured Venezuela’s Maduro.

The real reason for this rift is the crisis of capitalism and the intensification of inter-imperialist rivalry. For most of its modern history, South Africa sided with western imperialism. Especially during Apartheid, when it had nuclear weapons.

However, more recently, South Africa has fully joined the Chinese-led economic development. It has sided with western imperialism’s opponents or competitors. This, although “BRICS” is now effectively dead since India and other countries are siding with the United States in the war between Iran and US/Israel.

South Africa “officially” stands against Israel and the genocide it is committing in Gaza. For that, the US has warned that it will sanction South Africa. It seeks to undermine it and change its policies. This threat was taken seriously in South Africa, especially after Maduro’s capture. A representative of the ruling African National Congress (ANC) International Relations department questioned if it is not the time for South Africa to revive its nuclear doctrine and weapons program.

South Africa’s Nuclear

Weapons

South Africa, in the 1990s, dismantled its missile program. More accurately, disassembled it. Often, we hear that Iran is weeks away from developing nuclear weapons. However, it can be said that South Africa is months (or a year) away from developing nuclear weapons. Its enriched uranium is still intact and has caused a headache in the US over the years.

South Africa does not have a ballistic weapons program. However, it is intensifying its development of air naval defence weapons, particularly at the Denel Overberg Test Range and the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

The South African ANC regime sees nuclear weapons as their ultimate defence against potential aggression from US imperialists. Most analysts and ANC forces on the ground are debating whether to revive this program.

None of this is done in order to better the lives of the working class. Rather, it’s to protect the capitalists and their profits inside the country as they pivot towards China, Russia, and Iran. One of South Africa’s most important banks (Standard Bank) has joined the Chinese payment system, the alternative to US-dominated SWIFT system.

South Africa hosted recent naval drills with these “eastern” imperialists off the coast of Cape Town. These were to prepare to protect



On Human Rights Day, Saturday 21 March, ICWP comrades in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), South Africa, will stand for communism and against genocide in Palestine and imperialism in the Middle East.

shipping in the case of imperialist World War III.

Organise for Communism among Industrial Workers and Inside the Military

We have to meet these imperialist rivalries with communism and communist organising. Soldiers and industrial workers are key for a communist revolution. Without industrial workers, like auto workers, we cannot build a communist system.

Industrial workers function in an ecosystem that makes Gqeberha, for example, a functioning city. They are key to the functioning of the capitalist economic system. They have knowledge of production.

Soldiers are important because if ever we are to have a revolution of any kind, we need soldiers trained to fight. Sometimes this might appear as a slogan because we haven’t

made great strides in recruiting soldiers. Our comrades are expanding and developing their contacts with comrades inside the military here in South Africa.

Some comrades, relatives and friends are stationed at an Air Force base in Gqeberha. We hope to make progress in getting them to read the *Red Flag* and recruit them to join our communist fight against imperialism and capitalism.

We tend to be apprehensive when trying to recruit soldiers. However, they are our class siblings. We are determined to turn this fear into courage and opportunity. We plan to revive contacts we have made in the past with soldiers and have conversations with them. We will talk about turning the weapons against capitalists and fighting for our working class. We must fight for communism in the face of imperialism and death.

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Boeing Workers Oppose Iran War, Nationalism, Capitalism

“I was working late Saturday night when the war became official,” said a Boeing friend in Seattle who works in the 737 factory. P-8 airplanes were built there to be used for surveillance and anti-submarine warfare, armed with torpedoes, anti-ship missiles, and depth charges. Quite a few were deployed. “Even the most conservative of our shop know this means nothing good for us.”

The Middle East war and developing World War III make it clear that industrial workers are vital. Frank, an aerospace worker and friend, agreed. He spent two hours with a comrade, discussing the need for Communism and how the Boeing workers are more open to communist ideas than ever.

Frank wants to read more about Lenin, Marx, and the Putilov

works, and how the working class tried to build industrial factories shaped for the needs of the masses. He was especially taken by the way the Russian industrial workers took the weapons they built to the front lines and helped defeat the capitalists’ armies.

Every time Frank talks about communism, he asks for more Red Flags to distribute to his friends.

He, like many others, is furious with the Middle East war. He calls it “unbelievable” and “disgusting,” especially bombing 165 school-girls. He even asked some US workers if they were ashamed.

He still wonders if comrades can also be “so-so” when it comes to war. Geopolitics has made him think more deeply about our conviction to fight for communism and nothing less. We fight for the working class and the masses all around the world.

Another industrial worker said,

“The Boeing workers and sub-contractors must understand they are commissioned to make weapons of mass destruction for the capitalists.” He, too, looks to mobilize masses, especially industrial workers.

Industrial workers we know have quickly responded to the war.

Young and old, they call for no capitalism, no imperialism, no country, no nations, no borders. ICWP aims for communist revolution to unleash the power of the masses with the help of industrial workers. We are asking them to join our party.

—Boeing worker for decades

What the hell is the P-8?

The P-8 is a maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft produced by Boeing. It operates in antisubmarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, and in intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance roles.

It is armed with torpedoes, and harpoon antiship missiles among others. It can operate in conjunction with Northrup Grumman MQ-4C Triton maritime surveillance unmanned aerial vehicles.

It is assembled at the Boeing Renton (WA) factory.

The biggest customers who have purchased the P-8s (besides the US Navy) are India, Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, South Korea, and the UK.

Places in the US where these war machines are stationed: Dallas Love Field (TX), Naval Air Station (Jacksonville, FL), Naval Air Station (Patuxent River, MD) and the Naval Air Station on Whidbey Island (WA), which has 7!

Source: Wikipedia