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MAINE
(USA)

Above: Maine workers protest ICE murder of Joan Sebastian Guerrero, July 13, 2026.

Below: Workers and youth in Houston, Texas march for Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, assassinated by ICE on July 7.

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Houston,
TX (USA)

WITH PATIENCE AND PERSISTENCE, COMMUNISM WILL WIN

LOS ANGELES (USA), July 10— “You saw what happened to the deported Venezuelans—what bad luck,” said a *Red Flag* reader in front of a garment factory.

“It’s not bad luck. It’s the capitalist system that kills workers in many ways,” replied the comrade.

The reader was referring to 146 Venezuelans—women, children, and men—who were deported by the fascist Trump administration. Upon arriving in Venezuela, they were sent to a hotel to be processed. While they were there, a massive earthquake struck, killing thousands of people. All the

deportees and hotel workers perished.

“Yes,” she said. “I wish the world were the way you say it should be.” Whenever we pass her the newspaper, we briefly talk about a world without borders, without exploitation—a communist world.

You can feel the anger over deportations under capitalism from many workers. But there are a variety of barriers to getting them to join or participate with the International Communist Workers’ Party.

There is a constant struggle with this reader to get her to attend

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HIND RAJAB DOCUDRAMA: “LONG LIVE REVOLUTION!”

NEW DELHI (India), July 10— “I am bringing all my friends to the Hind Rajab documentary,” said Anju, a member of ICWP. “Everyone I know has been eagerly waiting to see it. I think 40 to 50 people.”

This was no exception, nor an exaggeration. All our ICWP friends have dozens of people who want to see the documentary.

The fascist BJP government, with its pro-Netanyahu Zionist propaganda, has created all kinds of obstacles for the documentary to be screened in India. Its approval was delayed for months by the Censor Board of India.

The fascists have created extreme racism and hate towards Muslims. Any reference to the Gaza genocide is seen as anti-Zionist ideology. But the BJP fascists are also keeping their door open by shedding fake tears for the funeral of the Ayatollah Khamenei.

Censorship has created the opposite effect on the masses. Many people could view the full, uncensored version of the documentary online with a VPN. One comrade showed it to a small group three months ago. That is when the comrades decided to organize much larger participation at the theatre last month.

“You cannot watch the Hind Rajab documentary without reading our two pamphlets on the Gaza genocide. It opens our eyes wide, and you immediately grab several copies of the *Red Flag*. Genocide can only end with a communist revolution.” This is how comrades described it when it was shown to a small group.

The week when the documentary was officially launched, we had a big problem. We estimated that about 500 friends were interested in watching it. It is very expensive when the film is released

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Nablus (West Bank, Palestine), April 1— Palestinians marched as part of a continuing protest and strike against a fascist Israeli law imposing the death penalty on Palestinian (but not Jewish) prisoners.

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Immigrant Garment Workers Face Super-Exploitation
COMMUNIST REVOLUTION WILL END CAPITALIST WAGE SLAVERY

“Since we stay inside the factory, we don’t have to worry as much about being arrested by outside police,” said an undocumented garment worker from Myanmar in China. “But we cannot leave the facility at all. Without passports, we have to work and live completely hidden and cautiously.”

He works in a factory in Ruili City (Yunnan Province) along the China-Myanmar border. Tens of thousands of undocumented migrants work in Chinese border-zone apparel hubs.

They lack legal status. They are isolated and vulnerable to bosses’ abuse due to the constant threat of detention or deportation. Their super-exploitation generates super-profits. Not because of a few bad bosses. But because capitalism puts profit above human need and treats labor as a commodity to be bought as cheaply as possible.

The factory is part of a “shadow” supply chain that sub-contracts for larger textile companies. In this way cheap goods get to corporate distribution networks and international apparel supply chains. Shadow supply chains account for 70%-80% of China’s

total garment output. Almost half of all major global fashion companies like H&M, Gap, Nike, and Adidas are connected to them.

In 2024, a Chinese citizen, a long-time sewing machine operator, while working for a Shein supplier factory said, “Every day I work from 8 in the morning to 10:30 at night and take one day off each month. I can’t afford any more days off.”

Shein is an e-commerce giant multi-billion-dollar global corporation and the world’s largest ultra-fast-fashion retailer. China exported over \$150 billion of garments in 2025. Shein accounts for roughly one-third of that. Shein alone exceeds garment exports of countries like Bangladesh, Vietnam, and India.

Shein’s wealth comes primarily from shadow supply chains and the Hukou Migrant System. From excessive overtime, limited rest days, relentless production pressure, wage violations, and labor-law abuses.

The Hukou system is a Chinese government household registration program. It permanently classifies citizens as “rural” or “urban” based on their birthplace. Millions

migrate to cities for manufacturing jobs but can’t transfer their legal registration. Thus, they can’t access public healthcare, pensions, or state education. They are forced to accept grueling, low-wage factory work.

This happens in Guangzhou’s “Shein Villages,” a dense network of small garment factories and workshops

where both Hukou system workers and undocumented immigrants labor.

Same Enemy, Same Fight

An ICWP garment worker organizer in El Salvador said this: “This situation of Chinese garment workers exists here and worldwide. We can see the reality of life under capitalism. When we learn about Chinese workers—like those here, in Bangladesh, and elsewhere, who toil under this system and under that oppressor boss—it helps us to further extend the Party’s line. What we experience is what they experience on a global scale.”

He added that “in the factories here in El Salvador, while the rest periods differ slightly, the bosses’ repression and the cycle of production is the same. 100% of the profits end up in a few hands. Overproduction is rampant, yet they don’t give back any of the massive profits generated. They keep it all. We must intensify party work.

“We cannot stop or waste time when it comes to organizing the party,” he concluded. “Think of the millions we generate in the fac-

tories while we are forced to live penniless. The pittance they pay us barely covers our personal needs.”

A Los Angeles worker said, “I worked in the garment industry for fifteen years. All I got was sweat and a constant push for faster production. When the minimum wage went up, we had to turn out more pieces to try to keep pace, since we were paid by the piece. Rent was always high, and food prices too. Our wages were never enough.”

Competition among capitalist-imperialists worldwide is intensifying. Corporations search for greater profits. Workers are forced to produce more in less time and are forced to accept worsening conditions. Shein’s supply chain reflects the broader logic of capitalist production. Profit depends upon extracting more labor at the lowest cost possible.

Workers in China, El Salvador, the United States, and everywhere are tied together through the same global system of capitalist production and exploitation. The answer is not better regulation or corporate promises. Workers must organize collectively and build the International Communist Workers’ Party to overthrow the system. Let’s build an international movement for communism, a society organized around human need rather than profit.



London, UK, September, 2023



La Guaira, Venezuela, June, 2026—Volunteers and emergency workers search rubble for earthquake survivors. SEE PAGE 4

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- *Letter: The World’s Bosses Won’t Use Nuclear Arms**
- *Letter: The Seeds of Communism: Combining Intellectual and Manual Labor**
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“ISRAEL AS A CAPITALIST SOCIETY IS FINISHED”

TEL AVIV (Occupied Palestine), July 10— “I want a copy of *Red Flag*. My daughter is a reservist in Lebanon. We are extremely worried about her,” said Ethan. Samuel, who was distributing *Red Flag*, has known Ethan for a long time. Ethan was shaken when he saw the *Red Flag* with the picture of Iran’s national football team holding children’s backpacks to represent the killings of schoolgirls in Minab. He repeated, “My daughter,” as if he wanted her back.

“Ethan has occasionally gotten a copy of *Red Flag*, but I did not know his daughter was an IOF [Israeli Offensive Forces] reservist,” Samuel told our collective meeting. Comrades asked him to pay closer attention to Ethan because we are receiving reports that a large number of reservists are refusing orders to go to Lebanon.

Censorship in Israel prevents public reports of military casualties. But Israel’s mental health crisis is crippling its economy. More than 15% of IOF soldiers are reporting PTSD. Clinics and hospitals are refusing new patients. Many hospital support staff themselves are at a breaking point, unable to cope with depression.

During their duty, IOF soldiers receive compensation from the National Insurance Institute (NII) for lost wages. Many reservists work in IT and other skilled jobs. With the genocidal wars in Gaza,

Lebanon, and Syria, NII is nearly bankrupt. NII passes its debt to Israeli residents.

“Israel as a capitalist society is finished. It can only survive by expanding its borders, creating genocide, and imposing low wages in the occupied areas. Effectively, it is creating an angry working class. It is our duty to win these workers to communism,” an ICWP member concluded our meeting.

Samuel suggested organizing a screening of the documentary film *The Voice of Hind Rajab*. In Israel, public screening of the film is banned, but many comrades have seen it on streaming platforms. In the Tel Aviv metropolitan area, some underground theaters are screening it. Sixteen of us participated in one of these private shows with our friends and coworkers. Samuel invited Ethan and his wife.

Some of us had already seen the film at home, but being part of a large movie theater was riveting. Here, just 70 Kms (44 miles) from Gaza, we were watching the desperate voices, crying for help, dying. The IOF’s Armored Battalion firing from close range on the Red Crescent.

Hind Rajab’s story was multiplied in Minab, where US precision-guided Tomahawk missiles killed over 150 people, mostly children, in an attack on a school.

Everyone in the audience of about 200 came because they wanted some change in society. It



THE VOICE OF HIND RAJAB
(2025 DOCUDRAMA)

January 29, 2024: five-year-old Hind Rajab is trapped in a car under heavy Israeli military fire in Gaza. She is the sole survivor left among her murdered relatives. Hind’s emergency calls reach Palestine Red Crescent volunteers. They desperately attempt to calm and rescue her. But rescue is obstructed by Zionist military checkpoints and a hostile bureaucracy.

The award-winning film blends actual phone recordings with dramatizations of the emergency workers racing to coordinate paramedics who could save her. The film was made in partnership with Hind’s remaining family and Palestine Red Crescent.

was a perfect time to distribute *Red Flag*. We brought enough copies, and no one in the audience refused them. We got into very detailed conversations about communism with these new friends. Some older participants told stories of their parents’ lives as communists in struggle. We collected names of many who want to meet us.

Our task now is to continue meeting with young people who are of draft age for IOF recruitment and introduce them to communist ideas. We will invite these young friends to the next screening of the documentary, followed by an ICWP forum.

Read our pamphlet
**THE COMMUNIST
FIGHT AGAINST
SEXISM**
Available at
icwpredflag.org/sxse.pdf



This photograph, from the First Intifada in Palestine during the period of 1987-1991 shows the key role of women in the struggle against the Zionist occupation.



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in the first week. We had to choose a later date when prices dropped. However, we could not afford tickets for over 500 people. We decided to open a fundraising drive in the areas where our friends live. We went door to door asking the masses to donate money for “Communist Revolution and Support to End Gaza Starvation”. We carried *Red Flag*, the Gaza pamphlets, and a jar for collection. We openly said that part of the donation was for people to watch the film, and that anyone can join us. Many ICWP comrades who had participated in the farmer’s agitation had learned the skills to rely on the

masses. Our donation drive was a huge success. We reached so many people who would donate anywhere from R10 to R100 (US\$0.10 - \$1.05 or 1.7-17 ZAR). We had no big donors. We continued to sustain the drive for several days in many areas. We are also aware of the dangers of fascist hoodlums and undercover provocateurs. Our donations and numbers swelled due to frustration among unemployed youth. Some of them also joined us to watch the documentary. Suresh, who joined ICWP a few weeks ago, organized a contingent for the event. Finally, we had enough funds for

our main event. We decided to participate in two different showings. Each one had about 200-300 participants. Our weeks-long fund drive also made participants aware of *Red Flag*. We had nightly meetings as well. The reception after the documentary was overwhelming. The gripping scenes of helpless five-year-old Hind, cold-blooded murders of the ambulance drivers, and utter brutality of the Zionists had a stunning effect. From standing ovations to tears, to raised fists, our comrades shouted “Inqilab Zindabad” (long live revolution). Communism was alive in the audience.

We learned many valuable lessons. We can organize the masses for communism. And we can rely on the masses to advance our line. We need money to destroy our class enemy. But we learned that the masses would support us. The comrades in Chennai and Bengaluru will immediately follow our example. This is a clear message that all the imperialists/capitalists are the enemy of the working class. The fascists in New Delhi are flirting with capitalists in Iran one day and cozying up to the Zionist Israelis another day. They are all our class enemies. With this confidence, we are advancing our march for a communist revolution.

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES: “THE MASSES HELP THE MASSES”

LOS ANGELES (USA), July 3— The devastating earthquakes that struck Venezuela left thousands dead, many missing, families homeless, and entire cities facing one of the worst tragedies in their recent history.

The tragedy also affected 146 Venezuelans who had been deported from the United States by the Donald Trump administration just hours earlier. They were temporarily housed in a hotel that collapsed during the disaster. Many were left dead, injured, missing, or trapped in the rubble.

This tragedy shows how a system that prioritizes borders and economic interests over the working class leaves the masses ex-

posed to devastating consequences.

“This has been the main topic of conversation with my coworkers,” said a comrade in Los Angeles. “Someone mentioned what Nayib Bukele posted on social media about the aid sent from El Salvador. It was an opportunity to discuss how this tragedy once again demonstrates a simple truth: it is the masses who help the masses.”

She continued: “I told them that while some governments and leaders turn every action into an opportunity to bolster their public image or promote their administration on social media, thousands of people from all over decide to help without expecting recognition or political gain.”

This international solidarity shows that cooperation among the masses can transcend capitalist borders. When our class brothers and sisters are going through this tragedy, it matters little if a politician shows up with cameras to showcase their efforts. The urgent need is to find water, food, shelter, and medical care. And often, that aid comes first from grassroots organizations.

All this solidarity is no coincidence. History has shown that, in the most difficult moments, organized masses can respond quickly and humanely. Neighbors cooking for other neighbors. Workers donating what they have. Volunteer brigades cleaning streets and rescu-

ing people. Students organizing relief centers. All of this reflects that we workers have a powerful tool to confront crises.

We know that these natural disasters will also occur under communism. But the damage will be minimal compared to what we see today. In communism, homes will be built to be safer and will not be constructed in high-risk areas. Clearly, by not depending on economic profits, the safety of everyone can be prioritized.

As the International Workers’ Communist Party, we stand in solidarity with our class brothers and sisters in Venezuela. That solidarity means organizing for communism!

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meetings or to visit so we can talk more calmly about communist ideas. We distribute an average of 150 copies of each edition among the hundreds of people who work at this factory.

Our collective has been organizing social gatherings to invite these friends and begin building communist relationships with them. The struggle continues, and discussions about capitalism and communism are becoming increasingly open.

In this same factory, we had a friendly discussion with an African worker. He was collecting materials to take to another factory. We gave him the newspaper and said, “*Red Flag*, a communist newspaper.”

“Like Russia and China,” he said.

“No, in China and Russia, capitalism exists. We’re fighting for a world without racism or exploitation,” said the comrade.

“Look, I’ve lived through wars between my own countrymen,” the worker replied. “Racism, envy, and greed are in our genes. This damn world can’t be changed.”

“That’s what the bosses want us to believe—that it can’t be changed,” answered the comrade. “But history has provided many examples of struggles for a different world. This issue features an article on South Africa—comrades fighting for that new communist world.

“Have confidence in the interna-

tional working class,” he continued. “We’re going to win. Read the newspaper, and we can discuss this further later.”

“Okay, friend, thanks,” the worker said. And with a big smile and a handshake, he said goodbye.

Wherever we are, there are always opportunities to show the need to fight for a communist society. The results aren’t immediate most of the time, but perseverance is an essential part of our struggles.

ONLY COMMUNIST REVOLUTION WILL DEFEAT FASCISM

LOS ANGELES (USA), July 14— “Before this, I hadn’t gone to protests,” a young worker told a comrade as he took *Red Flag*. Federal agents murdered Lorenzo Salgado Araujo in Houston, Texas on July 7. Mass protests were already spreading across the USA when ICE agent David Brouillette murdered Joan Sebastian Guerrero in Biddeford, Maine a week later. It shouldn’t matter, but Lorenzo and Joan had legal status. Neither was the target of an investigation. Today, in Florida, a 28-year-old Mexican man was killed by a truck as he fled ICE. And at least twenty people have died in ICE custody so far this year.

The fascist US government advertised for ICE recruits using openly white supremacist language and images. We are seeing the results. Cold-blooded racist murders.

And massive outrage at the killing of our neighbors. From small, mainly-white working-class Biddeford to large, multicultural Houston.

Rally organizers call for “justice.” Militant youths declare “not one more!” But there is no “justice” for workers under racist capitalism. By the time you read this, there will likely have been more.

The only way to end fascism is by organizing workers and soldiers for communist revolution. Let’s do all we can to bring communism to the masses in motion.



PLEASE SEND YOUR LETTERS, RESPONSES, AND SUGGESTIONS TO
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A Sporting and Revolutionary Greeting

I’m a worker who enjoys some sports, including soccer (football). Before the 2026 World Cup began, I predicted that these sports both bring families and friends together and separate them. In the case of soccer, for example, fans rallied behind the national teams of their home countries or their favorite clubs. I think that’s normal.

The excitement comes from watching good soccer and seeing your favorite team shine. Sometimes you’re happy, and other times you’re sad. If they win, great. If they lose, oh well—you have to acknowledge that the opponent took advantage of their opportunities and that’s why they won. I think

that’s what it means to be a “fan.”

The problem arises when a fan crosses the line into fanaticism. This blinds your abilities to analyze and be self-critical. It leads you to blindly defend refereeing “mistakes” that favor your team and harm the opponent—or vice versa. Even in the face of clear evidence, just as in capitalist society, these dynamics manifest in class relations across all activities.

The ruling class, with its banks and big businesses, profits from the glamour of soccer—a sport that millions of us around the world have played since childhood.

On the other hand, the working class—that is, the masses—pays exorbitant prices to watch a game, buy merchandise from their fa-

vorite team, or purchase products advertised on TV.

The ruling class rubs its hands together and laughs, counting its profits. While at the same time encouraging the masses to turn against one another. In some cases, even resorting to insults and drawing swords against their own family and friends.

Is there corruption in FIFA? Those who analyze the issue will say yes; those who don’t will say no. Everything capitalism touches turns to corruption.

Fellow workers, I don’t expect these comments to change anything among the ruling elites. But let us, the masses, avoid falling into the trap of personality cults. Let’s place greater importance on

collectivism.

Family, friends, comrades—let’s not allow soccer to divide us; let’s make the sport unite us. Just as we united in the protests against the genocide in Gaza or on May Day.

In a communist society, sports will be for fun and promoting health, not a way to profit off the feelings of our class. Let’s fight for communism.

—Comrade in Los Angeles (USA)

Red Flag responds: Thank you for your letter! But we don’t think nationalism is “normal.” The capitalists created their borders and their nations. They use nationalism to divide our class.

WE WORKING-CLASS MOTHERS SAY “ENOUGH!”

EL SALVADOR, July 13— “I am a working mother. Like thousands of mothers, I get up early and work hard. I make sacrifices so that my children can have a better future than what’s possible under a system of exploitation where the poor will always remain poor. Amid everything we’re going through, it breaks my heart to see my son come home from school with his head down, silent, trying to hide the pain caused by taunts, humiliation, and rejection,” said J.

“No mother is prepared to hear her child say they don’t want to go back to school. No mother can remain indifferent when she sees how, little by little, the confidence, joy, and peace of mind of the one she loves most are being destroyed,” she concluded.

“I’m going through the same thing. My daughter started to believe that she was the problem. At first, I thought it was just a phase. Then I saw her slowly wither away. She stopped eating, cried at night, and no longer wanted to go to school. Every day she’d come home crying,” said A.

“She told me that her classmates insulted her, made her feel inferior, humiliated her, and encouraged others to do the same. How can a girl grow up with self-confidence when she lives surrounded by humiliation? We don’t need any more empty rhetoric,” A continued. “We

need a society where our children learn to help one another, not to tear each other down.”

“My son isn’t any less of a person just because he wears simple clothes. He isn’t worth any less just because he’s different. No child should suffer because of their appearance, their background, or their family’s financial situation,” said V.

“However, this kind of bullying is part of a sick society, built on inequality and a lack of solidarity. I couldn’t bear my son’s suffering any longer, so I took him out of school. He’ll lose a year, but I’d rather that than see him suffer any more,” she concluded.

It’s often said that bullying is a problem of ill-mannered youths or “crybabies.” The psychological damage it causes is downplayed, and everything is reduced to a lack of values. But how can we expect respect in a society that teaches children from an early age to compete, to assert themselves over others, and to measure people’s worth by what they have or how they look?

Bullying Is No Accident: It Is Capitalist Violence

Bullying doesn’t come out of nowhere. It thrives in a society based on competition, inequality, and individual gain over collective well-being. Capitalism perpetuates the logic of the strong preying on

the weak. That violence also manifests itself in schools.

It’s no coincidence that bullying often targets those who come from working-class families, have fewer resources, are different, or don’t fit the stereotypes imposed by the system itself.

Bullying cannot be dismissed as “just kids being kids.” It is violence that destroys self-esteem, causes anxiety, depression, and isolation, and, in some cases, has irreparable consequences. No child should be afraid of being humiliated.

As mothers, we realized that we are not alone. Thousands of working-class families face the same problem. That is why the fight against bullying cannot be limited to awareness campaigns or school regulations. It is also a struggle to transform the society that produces it.

Our children deserve much more than to merely survive in a system that pits them against one another. They deserve to grow up in a society where community replaces competition, equality replaces privilege, and solidarity replaces selfishness.



El Salvador: Studying the communist philosophy of dialectical materialism

“Thank you for sharing *Red Flag*. And for helping us raise our voices for those who suffer in silence. May our experiences help other families,” said J. “The struggle is not an individual one, but a collective effort to change society from its very roots.”

For communism and for the future of our children!

Join ICWP and distribute *Red Flag*!

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COMMUNIST EDUCATION FOR A CLASSLESS SOCIETY



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Letter from Tunisia

I was fourteen years old. My entire class got thrilling news that Hamas had launched a massive missile attack on Israel. Our parents and neighbors told us that Gaza was an occupied prison ruled by Israel. People were jubilant, chanting slogans. We all went around the city celebrating.

The news spread like wildfire. We were overjoyed.

My father had spent two years in jail during the Arab Spring. He told us that the people in Tunisia were fed up with hunger and starvation. He would always tell us that he was proud to oppose the oppressive government. That led to his arrest.

An uncle had been jailed in 1983. He was a soldier. Many soldiers like him sympathized with the hungry people. My uncle came from a very poor family. When people were marching in Tunis in search of food, President Bourguiba raised bread prices. He called the army. My uncle and many thousands refused to fire on people. My uncle was arrested and spent six months in a very harsh prison.

I never forgot those two events in my life. When Hamas organized

an attack on Israel, I immediately identified with the Palestinians. But what happened after October 7th was a horror movie coming to life. The genocide made many very angry, some confused, and everyone looking for an answer.

I asked my uncle. He still has a permanent injury from his prison life. He said he sympathized with the Palestinians. But he believed in Allah, that Allah was great, and Allah would take care of them. This was very painful for me. I felt betrayed by religion, and by the person whom I trusted – my uncle.

This is when I spent two weeks with a friend of my father. We formed a close relationship. He told me that capitalism was the root of the problem in Tunisia as well as in Palestine. He shared a copy of *Red Flag*. He said that we can learn from his uncle, who fought in the army. The more I read *Red Flag*, the more I was convinced that communism is the only way. My confusion cleared. I started to talk to my friends.

I even went to my uncle. I told him that I would like to know more about his fellow soldiers and their lives. I visited my uncle with my friend who had given me *Red Flag*. We spent several hours with him.

He was so happy that I was taking an interest in changing the world. He did not say anything about Allah.

He told me stories of the soldiers’ lives, their hard times, and how they refused to fight for the dictator. They all suffered atrocities and spent time in jail. I told my uncle that they should have fought for communism. My uncle thought deeply for a long time. He said we were angry; we had no ideology. I told him that I am very attracted to communism. Inshallah, my uncle gave me heartfelt approval as he firmly embraced my desire.

—High school student in Tunisia

How Will We Win People to Join Our Party?

We all know many potential party members. Some are industrial co-workers, school friends, relatives, and people we have met at rallies or distributing papers. They come from different places, are different ages, and have a wide variety of interests.

But they usually have one thing in common...they want to change the world. Some will agree that we must have a revolution, and others believe in fighting for reforms.

They want to know “Can we win?” and “How do we win?”

If we want to get them involved, we must find out what they are willing to do to build the party. Not everyone is comfortable going to a lot of meetings or demonstrations. We must build strong social ties to do this.

Right now, we are working with a person who we have known since they were young. A close family member was in the party. Both had worked at Boeing. This person is now the head of her family and working two jobs to survive. She comes to our social events regularly and to May Day. She has written letters to *Red Flag* and wants to write as often as she can.

She has attended several zoom meetings where comrades from South Africa have participated... and she made a connection with them. This has motivated her. It would be great for her to meet some young comrades in LA. Hopefully, she will be able to clear her schedule so she can go to a meeting in the near future and meet up with people who have similar responsibilities, but who were won to join the ICWP and are now taking leadership.

— Seattle (USA) comrade

REJECT REFORMISM – EMBRACE THE COMMUNIST PERSPECTIVE!

USA, June 14—A dozen industrial workers, some from Boeing, friends of ICWP, traveled together to the annual Labor Notes conference in Chicago. They were among thousands of rank-and-file union activists and union reformers.

On the way, a 26-year-old blue-collar worker summarized the program in a group chat. Others complained that his report did not include war or ICE. Frank, a Boeing worker, shouted in all-caps, “NO reform!”

Boeing is the biggest manufacturer of weapons and ammo for the US military. US “defense” spending is rising due to inter-imperialist conflicts around the globe, including continual wars in the Middle East and Ukraine. Now Boeing is hiring more than 140 blue-collar factory workers every week. Two hundred thousand industrial workers are on the frontlines.

Building a Communist Base is Essential

When our friends’ contingent arrived at the conference, it was packed to overflowing. Many couldn’t get into workshops. This would not have been a problem for ICWP members, who would have been prepared to distribute hundreds of copies of *Red Flag* and thousands of communist leaflets. Maybe next time!

Returning home, the contingent organized a Zoom meeting. Most of those in that meeting, which included ICWP comrades, announced their communist politics and revolutionary beliefs. One parent said it was his duty to reject the Labor Notes conferences because he had young children and war was on the horizon. He followed the might of proletariat and the will of the working class. Class consciousness was also necessary.

Our comrades and friends recognize the global power of class and the party. Meetings are full of struggle about how to fight to ad-

vance internationally, especially among workers who produce weapons for capitalist wars. Some want to contact activists in Italy and Brazilian factory workers. They are defying IAM union officials who want to indoctrinate tens of thousands of industrial workers with appeals for more weapons that will mean more deaths. These officials say, “Workers must sacrifice industrial support for US nationalism and allies.” As global wars escalate, International Association of Machinists (IAM) Union President Brian Bryant focuses on standing for a “fair contract” and nothing more. All contracts set terms of wage slavery. None are “fair” to the workers who produce the bosses’ profits. The reformist Labor Notes conference included and even featured programs about fighting ICE and opposing war and genocide. But most participants spent most of their time learning about how to

fight for that illusory “fair contract.”

Industrial Workers Reject Capitalism

The industrial activists who are friends of ICWP reject reformism. These comrades have witnessed the power of our class and our party. At meetings we struggle with the contradictions we face to win international advances, especially amid capitalist war production. They understand the need for communist ideas and revolutionary practice among blue-collar workers. They read *Red Flag* and appreciate the growing communist work. That includes discussions on the factory floor, distribution at Boeing gates, and workers’ meetings, debates, and struggle against useless reform. Communist revolution is on their minds. “I will never forget the needs of global industrial workers,” Frank pledged. “Industrial workers must eliminate capitalism.”

MAMDANI IS NO COMMUNIST! WE OUGHT TO KNOW!

USA, July 12— On the Fourth of July, Trump called out “those who peddle Marxist lies about our heritage, tell our children that we live on stolen land or that our heroes were oppressors... They are slandering and attacking our future.” This reflects a growing concern from the US ruling class that more and more young people are rejecting capitalism. A widely-cited recent survey done by the libertarian (rightwing) CATO Institute found that among 18-29-year-old Americans, 62% had a favorable view of socialism and 34% had a favorable view of communism.

This stance is reflected in recent electoral victories by the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) wing of the Democratic Party. These successes have opened a major rift among the Democrats, as some declare, “They (the DSA) should not be the face of our party.” And a number of friends have said, “Isn’t it great that Mamdani was elected Mayor of New York? Look at what he is doing!” They are referring to Zohran Mamdani, a self-described Democratic Socialist.

A friend of ICWP said, “Every-

thing socialists propose is a band aid. The whole system has to go down. Young people are waking up, but the messaging is mainly about fixing the system, rather than bringing it down. They don’t yet see communism as an option. It is not a real thing.”

The growth of the ICWP around the world is a real thing. Under the fascist conditions of Zionist occupation, ICWP has grown in Tel Aviv during the current phase of the genocide. From one comrade cautiously going to a May Day march to standing-room-only meetings and mass, but careful, presence in the growing opposition marches. Workers and students in the Eastern Cape of South Africa eagerly take *Red Flag* and organize neighborhood meetings to discuss it. Comrades in India go to the masses with *Red Flag* and are overwhelmed by the response.

There are particular obstacles to mobilizing the masses for communism “in the belly of the beast.” Trump’s Fourth of July speech reached back to a long tradition of anti-communism that began in the 19th century, spiked with the Palmer Raids after the Russian Revolution, and dominated US discourse during the Cold War.

DSA doesn’t want communism. They and others hope to evade anti-communism by espousing socialism: an electoral, piecemeal strategy of reforms. But this doesn’t address what the working class really needs. We need to end class society, wage slavery, and production for profit. That can only come with communist revolution.

Espousing socialism is a way to win people who are unhappy with the way the world is ruled to think that we can change the death, destruction, racism, sexism, homophobia, etc. that they detest while still basically maintaining a class society and production for profit rather than need.

Socialist ideology at best doesn’t understand (and at worst covertly supports) the racism and sexism that keep the working class from rising up and smashing wage slav-



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ery and the capitalist system. We can see fascism growing around us. But more and more young people understand the sordid history of the US, from the genocide of indigenous people to the horrors of the slave trade. Our work in ICWP is to make communism become a “real thing.” Building a mass, worldwide Party fighting for communist revolution is the only way to destroy the deadly capitalist system once and for all.

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COMRADES DISCUSS THE WORLD CUP, CAPITALISM AND IMPERIALISM WHEN FOOTBALL (SOCCER) BECOMES A COMMODITY

EL SALVADOR, July 13— The millions in profits, the racism, xenophobia, and violence surrounding the World Cup highlight how capitalism has turned the world’s most popular sport into a massive business.

“Soccer began as a popular game that brought together people from different countries and cultures. For ninety minutes, millions of workers forget the fatigue and hardships of daily life to share a common thrill with family and friends. However, under capitalism, that collective passion has been turned into a massive business,” says D.

“Access to the spectacle is becoming increasingly unequal. Exorbitantly priced tickets, exclusive areas for sponsors, and an industry designed for constant consumption show that the fan is no longer the focus but has become a consumer,” added E.

“The so-called ‘hydration breaks’ are a clear example of how capitalism transforms even playing time into a commodity,” noted A.

In the US alone, it is estimated that television networks could earn between five and six hundred million dollars thanks to these breaks, which add up to six minutes of advertising per game. Although protecting players’ health may be a real necessity, capitalism turns even these moments into new business opportunities.

The 2026 FIFA World Cup once

again demonstrates that soccer moves immense amounts of money. Broadcasting rights, sponsorships, advertising, tourism, sports betting, and merchandise sales generate billions of dollars around a tournament that belongs emotionally to the people, but economically to large corporations.

But business isn’t the only dark side of the World Cup.

During the group stage, FIFA itself reported that its monitoring system detected more than 89,000 offensive posts directed at players, coaches, and national teams. More than 11% contained racist slurs.

Controversial refereeing calls also fueled the debate. After the match between Argentina and Egypt, coach Hossam Hassan made the “X” gesture established by FIFA to trigger its anti-racism protocol. However, the protocol was not triggered. The coach ended up receiving a yellow card. He later criticized the refereeing. The controversy reignited the debate over impartiality, unequal treatment of certain national teams, and the enforcement of anti-discrimination measures.

This racism doesn’t happen spontaneously. Capitalism has historically divided workers along lines of skin color, nationality, or origin to justify inequalities and weaken their unity.

Violence was also present. The celebrations following Mexico’s victory left five people dead. Other

violent incidents occurred during the festivities.

These tragedies force us to ask: What kind of celebration has capitalism built around sports?

The greater the fanaticism, the higher the sales of jerseys, beverages, betting, subscriptions, and advertising. Public enthusiasm ends up being exploited just like any other commodity. The problem is not football, but a system that turns every human activity into a source of profit.

What would sports be like in a communist society?

Sports would continue to be an important part of social life, but they would no longer be a commodity. Their primary goal would no longer be to generate profits for sponsors, television networks, or business owners, but to contribute to physical development, health, culture, and collective well-being.

Sports would be accessible to everyone from childhood onward. Neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces would have adequate facilities so that anyone could participate in sports. Not just those who can afford it or aspire to a professional career. There would no longer be “stars” turned into commodities who generate fortunes through advertising and sponsorship.

Sports would no longer be organized to fuel consumerism or fanaticism. Rather, it would



strengthen solidarity, cooperation, and camaraderie among the working class. It would cease to serve capital and instead serve the collective interests of the working masses.

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FIFA, RACISM AND GENOCIDE

Open anti-Black racism and the genocide in Gaza were on the pitch, and on the minds of the fans after the July 7 Argentina-Egypt World Cup game.

We talked about this on a group chat (edited here for length).

B: The Egyptian team dedicated their July 3 World Cup win over Australia to the Palestinians. That’s why the FIFA leadership (owned by US imperialism) had the refs rule against them continuously in their next game against Argentina. To prevent them from advancing with that message. Don’t blame the Argentina working class. Blame FIFA and US imperialism.

S: What about the persistent racism from fans and non-African players toward Black or dark skin players during this world cup? And the US’ racist refusal to grant a visa to a highly qualified referee from Somalia?

B: Those comments are racist and despicable, used and pushed to divide and terrorize the international working class.

Racist ruling classes like the French rely on Black players to win for them but racist terror in

France runs rampant. England also. Both goals scored by England in its last game were scored by a Black player.

There is racism in Argentina against Black players. At the same time, there is a mass anti-fascist, anti-racist movement there. The struggle against all racism, including anti-Black and anti-Arab racism, and imperialism has to be international and communist-led.

S: The presence of the anti-racist movement in these countries is commendable. However the racism still exists. The racism is not diminishing. I’m tired of seeing fans in soccer matches calling Black people racist names. I’m called racist names at my job. I’m sick of it. Where I work, no one talks about it, but we can talk about it in soccer. I think that’s a good thing.

B: I agree. But do you think anti-Arab/anti-Muslim racism is also a problem to confront? Given the ongoing genocide against the Palestinians? Many people are angry about the clearly unfair refereeing against Egypt. But they are not necessarily seeing the link to the Egyptian team’s open, defiant



Burbank, CA (USA) July 8, 2026

support of the Palestinians. I think these twin attacks go together.

Racism has to be wiped out with communism.

S: Yes. Absolutely.

B: We should absolutely denounce and expose this open and disgusting anti-Black racism, anti-Muslim, and anti-indigenous racism in *Red Flag*! And explain that capitalism needs racism to divide and exploit us.

R: The ruling classes invented racism to extract super profits and

divide the working class and weaken their power.

B: Racism is the enemy of all the masses. It is used to justify terror, imperialist war, and genocide. Getting rid of capitalism, its wage slavery, competition, and imperialist genocide, will put an end to their material basis. The communist masses will continue the struggle until racism is abolished.

S: Down with racism! To the common struggle!

NATO Prepares for Wider War with Russia

WORKERS: PREPARE FOR COMMUNIST CLASS WAR!

July 8— US bombs rained down on Iran. Iranian missiles targeted US bases in Bahrain and Kuwait. Ukrainian drones struck Russian oil refineries. Russian missiles and drones attacked Kyiv.

All this while NATO leaders met in Türkiye to prepare for wider war against Russia.

This summit has been called “NATO 3.0 – a battle-ready coalition.”

Battle-ready.

Media coverage focused elsewhere. Trump’s attacks on NATO allies. His threats to leave NATO.

Leaving is an empty threat. It would require congressional action and majorities of both parties support NATO. European diplomats know that. They refused to take Trump’s bait. They ignored his brags, complaints, and insults to focus on results.

Like continuing to increase European countries’ war spending. Like a US agreement to allow Ukraine to build Patriot air defense systems.

Like expanding Europe’s industrial base for war production.

But the main contradiction shaped the summit. European rulers see Russia as an existential threat. The US doesn’t. So European capitalists need an orderly transition toward reducing their military dependency on the US.

Russian imperialism, in turn, sees NATO expansion into central and eastern Europe as an existential threat. That’s what provoked its invasion of Ukraine.

European leaders have called for Russia’s “strategic defeat” in Ukraine, Russia understands this to mean its destruction as a major power.

Europeans foolishly believe, declared Dmitry Trenin in the Rus-

sian outlet RT, that “Russia would rather accept defeat, degradation and disintegration than use the arsenal which it currently possesses. This arsenal is not limited to nuclear weapons, although the point may be reached when they will have to be used.”

“The US nuclear umbrella is ultimate guarantor of Europe’s security,” said NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte. Apparently, he still believes in “deterrence.”

Capitalist Competition Is Root of Imperialist War

What’s the material basis of this imperialist conflict? And why weren’t we hearing about China, Russia’s “silent partner” and Europe’s competitor?

“Central and Eastern Europe offer German companies an emerging sales market and a growing sourcing region. But Chinese companies are increasingly competing directly with the German economy,” explained a German consultant.

Western Europe is still more important to Chinese capitalists than Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). But their strategic outposts are Serbia and Hungary. German and Chinese finance capitalists compete to invest more in CEE.

Take electric vehicles. Germany is the world’s second-largest producer of EVs – after China. Chinese companies have now built factories in Hungary to produce components for, and to assemble, EVs. The Chinese and Hungarian rulers have agreed on plans for EV charging stations. As well as for railway construction, oil pipelines, and nuclear energy.

Meanwhile, Volkswagen reported a 20% drop in sales in China in the first quarter of 2026. It plans to cut 100,000 jobs and close four



Istanbul, Türkiye, July 27-- Protesters demand closing of NATO bases and denounce Israeli genocide in Palestine.

factories. To German capitalists, auto profits are worth fighting over.

Major US corporations fund the Asia Society Policy Institute. This institute recently called Spring 2026 “a turning point in EU-China relations.” European rulers are rethinking their policies of welcoming Chinese direct investments.

European capitalists worry about access to critical minerals. A French think-tank warned that Europe could be reduced to assembly operations while “value-creation” becomes concentrated in China.

European capitalists are running a trade deficit of €1 billion a day. A German economist argues that this growing trade imbalance “is eroding the core of German industry, especially in the car, machinery and chemicals sectors.”

Expanding Europe’s industrial base for war production means sharpening competition with Chinese imperialism.

Only Communist Revolution Can Defeat Imperialism and End Its Wars

Workers create all value. Wherever we are, we’re part of one international working class.

Capitalism’s core isn’t trade. It’s exploitation. The working class keeps in wages only a tiny fraction of the wealth we produce. The rest becomes some boss’s profits.

Capitalists fight globally to maximize their share of those profits. To them, we workers are disposable. To be hired, driven, laid off, and sent to fight wars that only benefit the capitalists themselves.

To workers, it’s the bosses who are disposable. Let’s get rid of them and their deadly system!

No more borders or nations to send us to war.

Instead of “trading” (buying and selling) we’ll share. We’ll produce what our class needs.

Let’s fight for a world where nobody anywhere lives better or worse than anyone else. A communist world.

We need to develop mass communist consciousness and prepare for armed revolution.

That’s how the working class gets “battle-ready.” By building an International Communist Workers’ Party that can lead masses to win the class war.

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Immigrants and Citizens: All Workers Deserve Dignity

South Africa recently struggled with protests against illegal migration, which have taken over the country. There was a call for all undocumented foreign nationals to go back to their country as they are seen as people who take jobs away from South Africans. Most of them run their own businesses in terms of hair salons, spaza shops, etc.

Immigrants are being blamed for the high unemployment rate which keeps climbing yearly as South Africa’s economy declines. They were given a deadline of June 30, 2026, to leave the country. Most of them gathered at designated points in different parts of the

country, scared for their lives. Even the ones who had their documents said they did not feel safe as this seemed more like a xenophobic attack rather than an exercise that is directed at those who are undocumented.

Some of the “foreigners” have been staying at designated meeting points for weeks. Heavily pregnant women have given birth to newborn babies with no access to a hospital. On the 30th of June, all South Africans watched as all the shops, hair salons, and businesses that did not belong to South Africans closed.

Walking in areas like Korsten, Port Elizabeth felt like a ghost town. All the shops were closed and there was no sign of any shop owners as this area is predomi-

nantly a foreign national business hub. Some of these scenes were very sad to watch, as our fellow comrades from our sister countries had to endure this difficult situation.

I personally feel that it’s not fair to chase people away that belong to our sister countries. Especially how they are doing it really strips people of their dignity. However, on some platforms, to have that kind of opinion when the state of our country is the way it is and they are apparently to blame for it, is not a very popular opinion to have. I see them as human beings, not foreign nationals.

We are one international working class. We should respect everyone’s humanity and dignity. We can’t allow ourselves to be di-

vided by the bosses’ borders. The capitalists, not other workers, are to blame for the state of South Africa and everywhere.

The state of the country now does not allow for this opinion to sit well with everyone.

—Comrade in South Africa

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