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EDITORIAL

Founding Declaration of the Revolutionary Front

In commemoration of International Workers' Day, and the unity of revolutionaries and masses that this day represents for our class, the revolutionary organizations of masses in the United States have chosen today to announce the formation of a new united body: the **Revolutionary Front – Frente Revolucionario (RF-FR)**.

RF-FR

The impetus for the founding of the Revolutionary Front (RF) is obvious for any class-conscious worker or masses in the United States to see. The kidnapping of President Nicolas Maduro from Venezuela on January 3rd, the war on Iran, the choreographing of an invasion of Cuba, the offensive on the immigrant and nationally oppressed masses, the rollback of women's and LGBT rights, the rising cost of living and endlessly tightening surveillance, repression, and exploitation of workers: all of these things and more and mark milestones in the accelerating tendency towards fascism in our country, which is a reflection of the general economic, political and social crises US imperialism faces.

As the spontaneous rebellion of the masses explodes, and the revolutionary movement grows in magnitude and multitude, the need to coordinate different components of our common revolutionary effort has become increasingly urgent. Ultimately, this coordination will allow the movement to fight and resist as one, and allow for the building of a broad anti-fascist and anti-imperialist united front under the leadership of the multinational working-class. A coordination of revolutionary mass organizations should be formed as an alliance of masses based on shared principles and majority rule. This coordination shall serve to organize a united front of classes in the United States for the cause of socialist revolution, lead by and mainly organizing members of the multinational US working-class. The member organizations will operate with initiative and independence within the centralized structure of the broader coordination. This will ensure specialization and focused campaigns on one hand, and general coordination and unity on the other. Furthermore this will alleviate the problem of information sharing, the delegation of tasks or pooling of resources, the organization of national, international, and local solidarity actions, and many other issues which have arisen in the course of joint work over last decades of revolutionary workers.

We must avoid a sectarian "silo"-mentality at all costs, viewing all of our organizations as part of one cohesive, collective, and broad revolutionary movement, as in service of one goal, one class, and one revolution.

To take up this task, we, the undersigned organizations, have in common formed the **Preparatory Commission of the Revolutionary Front**, starting with the following allied organizations: Jal-Jangal-Jameen (USA), League of Struggle of

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Compatriots in North America (Meidoutong), New Labor Organizing Committee, People's Defense Committee, Revolutionary Student Union.

The Preparatory Commission is composed of two representatives per allied organization with 3 or more chapters, and one representative per allied organization with 1-2 chapters. Individuals who are representative of publications, presses, or other auxiliary organizations and activities of interest may be invited by the Commission to become advisory members, however they shall have no voting rights within the Commission. The Preparatory Commission shall represent the revolutionary movement here and abroad with the explicit consent of the allied organizations.

The Preparatory Commission shall coordinate campaigns and planning on a national level and approve the entry of new organizations and invite outstanding individuals for inclusion in the Preparatory Commission, upon the agreement of the constituent organizations. It shall secure the basis for the formal founding of the RF at its First Convention. Decisions of the Preparatory Commission shall be made on a majority-basis. The RF is not based on democratic centralism, and the different constituent organizations maintain their own autonomous and separate disciplines.

The purpose of this body is to centralize coordination between class-conscious mass organizations, with a particular focus on coordinating:

1. Repression defense campaigns (either here or abroad)
2. Organizing joint events and actions for key proletarian holidays (IWWD, May Day, Black August, etc.) and in response to major events (wars, crises, etc.)
3. Answering international calls from fraternal and revolutionary organizations abroad
4. Writing joint statements and joint calls stemming from the above
5. Political education and joint study
6. Joint promotion, artistic/musical/cultural production, and agitation/propaganda
7. Information sharing and general adhoc discussion and as joint problems emerge

The political unity of the RF is based on its draft program. This program has been formulated by the Preparatory Commission based on the demands of our class, on basic class-conscious principles, such as anti-reformism, anti-opportunism, and support for class struggle and the democratic rights of multinational working masses.

Regional, state-wide, and municipal Preparatory Commissions of the RF should be established where there are two or more allied organizations present. This will re-organize, strengthen and rectify the already existing coordination work going on between the revolutionary mass organizations in some regions.

Incorporation of new revolutionary, class-conscious and progressive organizations into RF is based upon unity with the following 10-point program:

Draft 10-point Program of the Revolutionary Front

1. Unite the multinational working class to fight and resist US imperialism.

2. Uphold the rights of all oppressed nations and national minorities to self-determination and autonomy.

3. Support all anti-imperialist struggles of oppressed nations across the world and strive for the termination of all unequal treaties and relations.

4. Develop independent struggle of the working class against reformism.

5. Uphold and promote the people's democratic rights and develop popular power.

6. Improve the people's working conditions, standard of living, and suffering caused by social and economic illnesses of capitalism.

7. Advance the revolutionary emancipation of women in all spheres.

8. Promote sustainable and ecological socio-economic development.

9. Adopt a comprehensive and progressive social policy, in particular struggling against US "patriotism", nativism, patriarchal and anti-LGBT, and other reactionary policies**.**

10. Promote a revolutionary and socialist mass culture.

Build the Revolutionary Front of Masses!

Strengthen the Leadership and Coordination of the Class!

Workers of the World Unite!

Signed,

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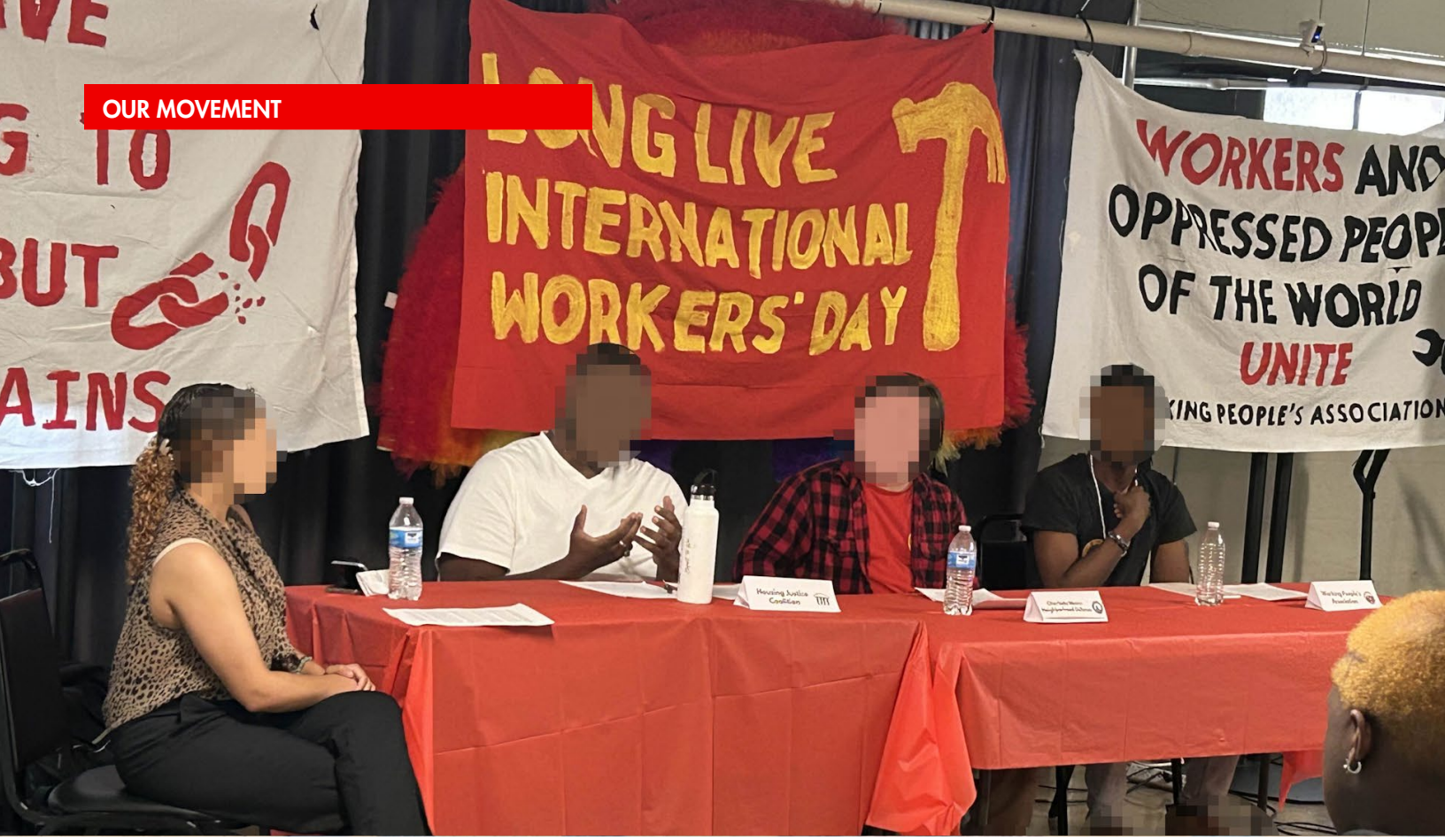
League of Struggle of Compatriots in North America (Meidoutong/在美侨胞斗争同盟)
New *Labor Organizing Committee*
Gig Worker (U.S)
New Day at UPS
New Day at Amazon
New Day at USPS
Organization of Class-conscious Service Workers
Strike the Stage
People's Defense Committee
Revolutionary Student Union



NLOC Statement on May Day 2026

On May 1, 1886, hundreds of thousands of workers in the US went on strike or walked off the job in support of the eight hour day. A few days later, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a rally was held in support of the eight hour day. The rally ended in violence when an unknown person threw a bomb into the crowd, which subsequently led to a frame-up trial in which multiple militant workers were prosecuted for the bombing despite the fact the majority were not present at the rally in the first place.

One hundred and forty years later, the economic demands that birthed that movement have still not been won. Let May Day 2026 serve as a reminder that the final resolution of our grievances can only come about through the conquest of political power by the working class. Imperialism strives for domination, not freedom: until the working class overthrows imperialist dictatorship, even the most generous and far-reaching concessions to the workers remain in danger of being revoked. The state unions, as government-backed managers of these concessions, have overseen the transfer of billions of dollars from the workers back into the pockets of the imperialist bourgeoisie. The struggle for concessions must be brought in line with the struggle for power, not counterposed to it. The state unions sacrifice both the short and long-term interests of the workers on the altar of labor peace. They promote the lie that the only way to make “real gains” is by abandoning the class struggle, integrating within the imperialist system, and maintaining labor peace at all costs. This can only sabotage both the labor movement and the revolution.

The labor movement in the US has been in decline for decades now. This is due to the internal contradiction of the movement, which remains trapped within the dogma of state unionism and suffers from both right and ultra-left deviations. While the ultra-left denies the possibility and necessity of struggling for the daily demands of the masses, the right promotes every sellout contract and reformist caucus victory as “progress”. In fact, the corporatist schemes of the establishment unions such as Trump’s Great American Economic Revival Industry Groups, labor banking, and cooperation with Democratic and Republican Party machine politics is evidence of the growth of fascism within the labor movement. The NLOC fights against these deviations by relying mainly on the consciousness of our class and the initiative of the masses, who are mostly unorganized. In contrast to the state unions, who divide the workers by firm, bargaining unit, and job classification, and limit the scope of their demands, the NLOC promotes industrial unity and the broadening of the struggle beyond the arbitrary divisions created by the bourgeois legal system. Also in contrast to the state unions, in which career NGO employees and Democratic Party functionaries dominate the masses, the NLOC develops new leaders from among the rank-and-file workers.

May Day is a day to celebrate the awakening of workers to class-consciousness, show solidarity to all the toiling people of the world, and advance the struggle to overthrow exploitation and oppression in general. That is why today, the New Labor Organizing Committee says: workers of the world, unite!

INTERNATIONAL

India: Revolutionary Slogans Appear Around Delhi on May Day

One month after the Indian Old State declared March 31 as the “end of Maoism” in the country, revolutionary graffiti was documented in the capital city of Delhi. For the sake of meeting this self-imposed deadline, the State unleashed military tactics on the Indian people over the last two years. Thousands of adivasi/indigenous people have been killed, injured, or displaced from their traditional lands under this justification, with the State and Bureaucrat Capitalists using this as a way to engage in land-grabbing. In the cities, repression against workers and activists has greatly intensified, with basic opposition to the Hindu Fascist State being treated as grounds for imprisonment and torture.

Earlier in March, 12 activists were abducted and tortured by the Indian National Investigation Agency collaborating with Delhi Police. Many of these activists were part of the international call to make March 28 an international day of action against Operation Kagar and Imperialist Loot. In spite of the repression faced by thecomrades, revolutionaries around the world mobilized to show solidarity with the people and activists facing constant attacks from the Indian Old State. Upon release, these activists released a statement which reaffirmed their determination to continue in the struggle:

In times of deep ideological-political-organizational crisis and setback of the New Democratic Revolutionary movement, Nazariya serves as an important means to deepen our ideological clarity and reaffirm our commitment to struggle in the path of the New Democratic Revolution until final victory. The Indian state only further deepens our conviction every time it attempts to crack down on our movement and our organization. Thus, we repeat what we said in our October 2025 statement — we shall continue to publish our magazine no matter what, and we will never cower down in front of state repression.

With this in mind, the images below are an affirmation that repression only breeds more resistance until oppressed and exploited people win final victory. Despite all claims to have ended the Indian Revolution by the Old State, it is clear that revolutionaries, activists, and working people in India will continue to take up the path of New Democratic Revolution more and more. In the words of our anonymous contributor: ***Blood of the fallen people’s warriors will nurture the people’s war!***

"They Say, They Say, They Saw Farabundo Martí Passing By..."

On May 5, 1893, the birth anniversary of Karl Marx, a boy was born in La Libertad department of El Salvador: he was Farabundo Martí, leader of the Communist Party of El Salvador and the first Communist-led armed struggle in the Americas. While Martí is relatively unknown in the United States, he is a model servant of the people, a proletarian internationalist, and an overall important figure in the rich history of people's struggle throughout the continent.

Farabundo Martí was born into a wealthy landowning family in El Salvador. From childhood, however, he questioned the stark inequality he saw between himself and the children of poor peasants living on his parents property. In 1920, as a college student, he was arrested by the US-backed Melendez dictatorship for protesting and deported to Guatemala after refusing to betray fellow activists. There, he lived and worked among laborers and indigenous communities, gaining firsthand experience of their struggles and deepening his political outlook.

By 1925, Martí returned to El Salvador after again being expelled from Guatemala, where he became a leading labor organizer, known for his powerful speeches and role in strikes during the country's early labor movement. Because of his revolutionary activities, he was repeatedly imprisoned by the dictatorship and spent most of his time in prison. Despite this, Martí never gave up his deep commitment to the working class and revolution. Martí was respectfully referred to by his comrades as "El Negro" ("the black one" in Spanish), a nickname attributed to his dark complexion, which resulted from his work as a proletarian and his extensive travels throughout the country in support of revolutionary organizing.

In 1928, Martí traveled to New York at the invitation of the Communist International and became an important activist in the Anti-Imperialist League of the Americas, working alongside Communists from different countries of the Americas – from the US to Haiti and Colombia – and would again be arrested by the New York police. Subsequently, he would join in the guerrilla war of General Augusto Sandino against the US invasion and occupation of Nicaragua, eventually becoming his secretary and linking up the revolutionary democratic struggle in Nicaragua with the International Communist Movement.

A year later, on March 30, 1930, Martí, alongside other advanced elements that emerged out of the people's struggles, established the Communist Party of El Salvador, section of the Communist International, on the basis of five years of untiring work to unite the working class. Martí was elected the General Secretary of the Party.

By the early 20th century, El Salvador was a semi-feudal, semi-colonial country, with the majority land controlled by a small group of feudal landlords (including the so-called "14 families") and the majority of the population, being peasants, bounded to land through coercive labor agreements and usurious debt. The integration of El Salvador into the world market as a coffee exporter also made it vulnerable to the Great Depression, which ravaged the nation: the sharp increase in unemployment, poverty, and hunger; the

collapse of small and medium-sized merchants and workshop owners; the loss of small properties to big landlords and big comprador-bureaucratic capitalists in both rural and urban areas; together with repression and electoral fraud in the face of the people's hardships, led to a growing political activity among the masses, culminating in the insurrection of 1932.

On January 22, 1932, tens of thousands of Salvadoran workers and peasants rose up in arms under the leadership of the Communist Party. In its manifesto to the Salvadoran people, the Party declared powerfully:

> The arming of all workers and peasants and the establishment of the General Headquarters of the Red Army of El Salvador. The general insurrection of workers and working women until a government of workers, peasants, and soldiers is established. Comrade workers: arm yourselves and defend the Proletarian Revolution! Railway workers: take the railways and put them at the service of the revolution! Comrade peasants: take the lands of the large estates and farms, protect those who currently have a piece of land, and defend your revolutionary gains with weapons, without mercy for the rich! Comrade soldiers: do not fire a single shot against revolutionary workers and peasants! Kill the chiefs and officers! Place yourselves under the command of the comrades who have been named Red Commanders by this Central Committee! Comrades: let us form councils of workers, peasants, and soldiers! All power to the councils of workers, peasants, and soldiers!

Farabundo Martí was the recognized leader of the revolution and its chief planner. Due to the inexperience of the Communists and lack of understanding of the protracted nature of the revolution, Martí was arrested in the nation's capital alongside a majority of the Central Committee. Lacking a leadership, the insurrection was quickly suppressed by the Old State after 10 days. An estimated 30,000 Salvadoran civilians (4% of the population) were killed in the white terror that followed, which called for the killing of not only suspected participants of the uprising, but of those who were thought to have "not protested" against it. Most of the murdered were poor peasants and the indigenous Pipil people. Martí, along with other leaders of the Party was executed on February 1, 1932.

While the revolution only lasted 10 days, it remained a monumental event for both El Salvador and the entire Americas: it was the first attempt, although immature, for the working class to seize State power under the leadership of the Communist Party. At its heights, the revolutionaries captured multiple towns in the western parts of the country, establishing organs of political power, destroying big properties owned by US imperialism and big landlords, as well as liquidating hated class enemies.

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Farabundo Martí gave his life for the cause of the Salvadoran people and the people of the world. In El Salvador itself, he would be remembered as a great leader and a source of inspiration for all revolutionaries. In 1970, the People's Liberation Forces –Farabundo Martí (FPL) was established by Salvador Cayetano Carpio, raising the flag of revolution and Protracted People's War in the name of Farabundo Martí. The People's War in El Salvador would mobilize tens of thousands of Salvadoran people and control large swaths of the Salvadoran countryside. However, the revisionists within the FPL later assassinated Cayetano Carpio and murdered many Communists who refused to capitulate, ultimately surrendering to the Old State in 1992.

Today, El Salvador remains a semi-colony of the US imperialism with extreme inequality. The US continues to almost completely control the Salvadoran economy, enforced by unequal treaties such as the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement and the US-El Salvador Agreement on Reciprocal Trade. The US continues to be the biggest trading partner of El Salvador, flooding the country with surplus goods and capital. In the countryside, 73% of the land is held by the big landlords and multinational corporations according to official statistics.

Furthermore, the fascist dictatorship of Nayib Bukele has turned El Salvador into a state of siege under the pretense of combating crime, suppressing worker and peasant movements while opening up the country more to US imperialism. In April, Bukele eliminated income taxes for non-resident foreign investors in the Salvadoran securities market, which effectively gives US investors a more favorable position than national capitalists by removing the 3% withholding tax previously in place. In the US, many Salvadorans – who left the country due to reactionary violence during the People's War and the subsequent poverty and instability – have become targets of the offensive on the immigrant masses.

As the revisionists in El Salvador (under the falsely named "Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front", formerly representatives of the bureaucratic faction of the big capitalists) remain powerless in the face of fascism and US imperialism, genuine revolutionaries in El Salvador are again retaking Farabundo Martí's revolutionary road, forging themselves in the struggle of the workers and peasants. Today, the teachings and example of Farabundo Martí remain vital and timely for all revolutionaries-in-formation: to live with, work with, and struggle with the masses, always loyal to the cause of revolution despite hardship and defeats, and never forgetting we are part of the same struggle of workers and oppressed people across the world.

Labor: Unskilled Workers are the Key to an Industrial Union

Word travels quickly, and no doubt many workers in the Pittsburgh live event industry have already heard about the mass resignations at Flyspace. Several skilled workers at the head of different departments decided to quit all at once. A few already left, and a few more are threatening to quit within the month, which would almost totally drain the company of skilled production workers. Several managers (including upper managers, like the director of production) have also quit.

A couple months before this, Flyspace upper management fired a few key skilled workers and lower managers. Considering that management was interviewing candidates for similar positions when these firings happened, this is more likely about capitalizing on the seasonal nature of live events than about money, by purging their most outspokenly discontent workers and replacing them with people who don't know any better.

The reason for this is obvious to anyone who has worked for or alongside Flyspace Productions on an event. If it's worth saying once, it's worth saying a thousand times: years of stagnant wages, poor treatment of workers, unsafe working conditions, understaffing and terrible hours with no overtime can only be withstood for so long. The company's owners and investors are struggling so severely to increase their profits that they can't even hold onto their managers. After years or even just months of enduring these conditions, their employees finally decided to shove it back in their face.

Different logic of skilled vs. unskilled workers

Why is it that the skilled workers chose the tactic of making plans to simply quit, instead of uniting with the unskilled workers to organize a strike? We in the Live Event Workers' Committee (LEWC) tried to agitate for the latter tactic, to unite instead of quit, but without much success. Some of this is because we're new and still have to prove ourselves. But the different roles of skilled and unskilled workers pushes them to see things differently, too.

A skilled worker is someone in a responsible position which requires technical knowledge, and who generally oversees the work of unskilled workers who assist them. By "unskilled" we mean what we like to call "neck down" work: pushing boxes, using muscle more than brains. Obviously, an audio engineer could work a shift as a stagehand or a barback, for instance. Generally skilled workers at Flyspace also work full-time (whether or not they're actually salaried). They have more individualized roles, and work with fewer people but more often. Because skilled workers direct unskilled workers on the job, they may not see the point in uniting with the unskilled and part-time workers, who are hired by the event and have less contact with management. And because of the disorganization and understaffing at Flyspace, skilled workers are forced to learn quickly and take on extra responsibility, which makes their role look good on a resume.

Unskilled workers lead the way

The unskilled, part-time workers, on the other hand, do the most social labor. It takes many people to load shows in and out, to move truss, heavy carts, move stage decks, set chairs, clean up a venue, etc. They're also likely to have more contact with different areas of the live event industry, because they need to have multiple employers.

As laborers, the unskilled workers don't get much credit for their work, and their job doesn't look as good on a resume. They are kept out of decision-making and looked down on, and they get paid worse than the skilled workers because it takes less time to train an unskilled worker. But the work of large numbers of unskilled laborers is absolutely necessary for events to happen.

So, the logic of the unskilled workers is to organize: to unite together and improve conditions by withholding their labor (by going on strike, walking out, sitting down on the job until demands are met, slowing down their work). This doesn't mean the skilled and unskilled workers can't unite. We have a common enemy, and we know that skilled workers in our industry, at least in theory, support what we want to do, even if they're not so sure they want to get involved yet. What it does mean is the unskilled workers are the most progressive force in our industry. They're the most numerous and the quickest to support us.

Form an all-industry union

We have to put more effort into organizing and getting Strike the Stage to workers in other aspects of production: catering, food stands, bartenders, cleaners, ushers, ticketing, laborers. We can start doing this by talking to the other workers we see on the job. Some venues have extras lists for event labor, like hotels and museums. All Occasions, Allied Universal and Compass Group hire event labor, security and catering respectively. Aramark, A1 Resources, Legends Global, OVG, ABM Industries, and a few others hire labor at stadiums and arenas.

Our goal with the Live Event Workers Committee is to form an independent, industrial union: ALL live event workers in a single union. To get there, we organize committees of workers on social lines: areas where the same workers work together most often. These committees build their strength and support through struggles of confrontations between workers and management, starting small and building up. Finally, committees will organize elections with these workers to form a trade union. The election is about proving our coworkers support us, not necessarily getting legal recognition from the Department of Labor. The creation of a trade union is a leap forward, moving to open conflict between the union and different company owners. Once we have a few trade unions, they can unite into the Live Event Workers Industrial Union.

Organize through struggle

Some people on the left think we need to focus on reforming the state unions – those registered with and regulated by the US government, like IATSE. We think this is a lost cause, and that the only way to unite all workers is to devote ourselves to organizing the unskilled, unorganized workers. Past editions of Strike the Stage have exposed, in detail, IATSE's historic role as a strikebreaking union, its role in organized crime, its support for US imperialism and fascism, and its focus on the needs of a few, white, skilled workers at the expense of others. That the vast majority of IATSE workers are white, while Black workers are much more numerous in unskilled live event labor at the same venues is no accident.

Independent organizing is possible! Another workers' organization in the New Labor Organizing Committee (NLOC) that we're a part of, New Day at Amazon, led a small campaign during the holiday rush before Christmas. They had to do mandatory 12-hour days back-to-back while management worked them faster and faster. New Day at Amazon united their coworkers around an achievable and iron-clad demand: either give us less mandatory overtime, or pay us more. Workers flooded management with complaints around this demand. Then a couple dozen workers walked out of a distribution center at the same time! The workers held a rally. Almost immediately, management met their demand: they got paid double OT for the rest of peak. Then other Amazon workers started joining New Day in large numbers.

Workers at a cafe in Michigan whose tips were being stolen by the owner did something similar: in contact with an NLOC member, a member of the Revolutionary Student Union and their coworkers got together and figured out how much the owner owed them, then presented a demand letter saying you have one week to pay us our stolen wages and make sure this doesn't happen again. The owner refused, so when the time was up, they refused to work. They organized a picket line outside the cafe, and again, almost immediately got all their demands met. (Read online for more details)

Call to action for live event workers

We can apply these tactics immediately. Because our work is temporary and day-based, we need a creative approach. We encourage all our readers and supporters to do the following:

First, decide with some workers you trust on some hard lines in the sand that we won't let management cross when we're at work: we need breaks and 15's and have sufficient time for them. We need parking and meals paid for. We need to work the hours we agree to, and not for too long without overtime. We deserve respect: won't tolerate racist, anti-gay or anti-trans comments, suggestive or degrading comments towards women, or unequal treatment. We need to have enough people working and enough time to do our work safely. We need motor controls to be called out before any truss, video walls, etc. get lifted or lowered around us. We will not accept being pressured to work too fast.

The second one of these lines gets crossed on the job, class-conscious workers need to rally as many of their coworkers on the job as they can and confront the on-site lead together. Prove that we are willing to stand up for ourselves and our coworkers! Practice taking collective action!

Celebrate and rally for May 1: International Workers' Day

Our problems are not unique. No matter where you work – a warehouse, a restaurant, an assembly line, a coffee shop, a school campus – wages are getting worse, the pace of work is getting faster, and more and more people are out of work. Improvements in technology lead to unemployment and poverty instead of less work and more leisure for everyone.

It was common in the 1800s and early 1900s for workers to put in 12-16+ hour days in dangerous and inhumane conditions (not unlike today..). On May 1st, 1886, over 300,000 workers went on a general strike across the United States for an 8-hour work day. At Haymarket Square in Chicago, a bomb from an unknown source went off during a rally, and the US government used that as an excuse to round up and execute organizers who supported the 8-hour workday, including some who weren't even at Haymarket that day!

May 1 has since spread around the world as the day of the international working class. Communists, socialists, unions and workers in all countries remember the anarchist martyrs of Haymarket and the many millions of workers who fought and died in the class struggle. The NLOC has a campaign to celebrate and rally for May 1st. Talk to one of us to join in on our events for May Day in Pittsburgh!

Long live International Worker's Day!

For a revolutionary workers' movement!

INTERNATIONAL

May 21: One Year Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Comrade Basavaraj

"The politicians, police officers and media who are spreading false propaganda about our movement and leadership should realize this. All those who are spreading false propaganda that the leadership has abandoned their responsibilities should be ashamed. Real revolutionaries will never be afraid. We are worried about the future of the country. The government and the reactionary forces are celebrating victory. They are describing it as a big victory. We believe that this is a big victory for them. If their plan to build a corporate Hindu nation is implemented, this is a clear victory in the direction. Crores of people in the country who disagree with the RSS and BJP plan to turn the country into a corporate Hindu nation in the name of New India, Developed India, are worried about this loss. This is a huge loss for the Indian revolutionary movement. May 21 will go down as a dark day in history. Revolutionary movements are likely to suffer such losses when faced with a strong enemy. This movement was built on the strong ideology and long-term cooperation of Comrade Basavaraj. A strong cadre working under his guidance has developed. There is a Central Committee with experienced comrades. Based on these, revolutionary movements emerge from this negative situation. The government is using its full power, not only this, but also receiving help from the imperialists. The army is being used in the country, violating national and international laws and regulations. Large artillery and tanks are being used. This may be somewhat successful in physically eliminating the armed revolutionaries, but it is not possible to eliminate revolutionary ideas."

(Excerpt from the official press release by Comrade Vikalp, spokesperson of the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee of the Communist Party of India (Maoist), May 25, 2025)

DOMESTIC

Homelessness Rises Across the Country Amid Economic Crisis

The general impoverishment of the working class grows as homelessness quietly rises across the country. As the economic crisis deepens, the number of homeless population, which has risen since the COVID-19 pandemic, has reached a record high.

According to the latest national reports from 2024 (during the Biden administration), there was an estimated 32% surge in homeless population between 2022 and 2024 to over 771,000 people, since the enactment of the "Build Back Better" programs. A growth this rate has been unprecedented at least since the 1980s. Trump, however, merely continued this trend. While comprehensive statistics has yet to be produced by the Old State and bourgeois think tanks, new, worrying reports are already emerging from across the country. From Massachusetts, to Washington D.C., and to Florida, investigations revealed the continued rise in homelessness, with families with young children and seniors being the most at risk.

The continued rise of homelessness is a natural consequence of the current economic crisis that is developing by the day. In New York City, homelessness grew by 53.1% from January 2023 to January 2024, more than four times than the national average. While the nominal wage has risen from $15.00 (2019) to $17.00 (2026), it has struggled to keep pace with the high inflation. In terms of 2019 purchasing power, $17.00 today is roughly equivalent to $13.80–$14.10 back then, which has fallen greatly in comparison. at the same time, rent in the city has increased for generally 6% per year and gradually increasing. Available rental homes have likewise been decreasing. The lack of affordable housing is not unique to New York City. According to Florida representative Lindsay Cross, "People have seen [property insurance premium] rates double, triple, sometimes even more than that, and it's causing our housing prices to be even more severe." In the Metro Washington DC area, while statistics showed no meaningful change in the city proper in the last year, homelessness has increased in the surrounding suburban counties, where more and more workers, the majority of which being Black, have been pushed into throughout the previous years.

Like a Chinese proverb goes, "the wages go up like snails, and the prices go up like balloons." The rising rent, alongside inflation, are all means by which the capitalist class plunder the working people. As inflation worsens, the money becomes less and less valuable, and the price of everything will go up. With the accelerated process of fascistization to resolve the economic crisis, the Old State continues to use inflation as an important weapon to attack the working people and further their general impoverishment. A July 24, 2025 executive order, titled "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets" in full reactionary positivist fashion, revoked the failed housing-first policy pushed by Biden and instead adopted an "order and progress" approach to jail drug users and people with mental illness. This decision came at an ironic timing, as the overwhelming majority of shelter residents have been newly homeless. Instead of defeating poverty, the capitalist aim at defeating the poor.

In 2024, one-third of infants and toddlers were in struggling families, and more families have joined the ranks of homelessness as time goes on. In Central Florida, it was reported by a local non-profit organization that the number of seniors or teenagers in need of housing has multiplied more than threefold since 2021. In Los Angeles County, California, 1 in 3 students was identified as "experiencing homelessness" during the 2023-24 school year. Aid programs under the Biden administration did not and could not stop the rapid growth of poverty. Like the newly expanded "heavy-hand" programs attacking crime and drug use under Trump, both parties are interested in expanding the role of the executive branch of the State and accelerate the process of fascistization, in order to further exploit and oppress the working class. Under this bloodthirsty system, the youth and seniors, who are less efficient in producing profit for the capitalists, are the first ones to be thrown under the bus.

These attacks against the people are not new: consumer prices continued to grow in all but one economic crises since the Second World War. During the Great Recession of 2008, while cost to buy a house crashed (to plunder the wealth of the lower and middle petit-bourgeoisie), rent, education, and food cost continued to increase, much like the situation today. "No sooner is the exploitation of the laborer by the manufacturer, so far, at an end, that he receives his wages in cash, than he is set upon by the other portions of the bourgeoisie, the landlord, the shopkeeper, the pawnbroker, etc.," pointed out Karl Marx 179 years ago.

As US imperialism wrecks havoc across the world in its vain hope to resolve the ongoing crisis from Venezuela and Iran and now to Cuba, it only redoubled its attacks against "its own" working class.

Just like in the struggle against ICE, opportunist and reformist positions in the housing struggle are renewing the circus to trail behind the Democratic Party that has produced so much misery for the working people. In the final analysis, all calls for building "dual power" or "support networks" end up in begging the State for new aid packages and housing coupons. Not only do these measures deepen the illusion in the reactionary Old State and conceal the real nature of capitalist exploitation, they serve to facilitate the general attack against the working people as more and more fall into homelessness.

Facing these difficult situations, it is important for workers and oppressed people to wage militant struggle in the housing and neighborhood sectors. In the face of rising homelessness, it is important to form and strengthen solid, militant, and class-conscious organizations of the masses, wage militant struggles to lower rent and even to occupy properties – like what the Communist Party did in the "Hoovervilles" of the 1930s – in order to take back living space of the working people, conquering them from the hands of the capitalists and the State that safeguards their interest.

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The Communist: May First 1930

[*Editorial note: As International Workers Day 2026 draws closer,* The Partisan *is republishing an article from the May 1930 issue of The Communist, theoretical organ of the Communist Party USA, which analyzed the situation faced by the working class and people in the US during the height of the Great Depression under the correct guidance of Marxism-Leninism and the International Communist Movement. In the following years, the Party will go on to organize hundreds of thousands of workers, peasants, unemployed, and oppressed people and create a genuine, class-conscious and militant mass movement, before being usurped by Browderite revisionism. Today, much like 98 years ago, US imperialism finds itself in a period of troubles, as many themes analyzed in the article – from the tendency towards fascism to the task of the working class – remain vital and important for the mass movements to grasp. At the same time, facing the complex conditions of US imperialism in its last and general crisis, it is crucial for revolutionaries-in-formation today to rediscover and learn about the rich history and practice of our class and its movement.*]

Originating in the United States during the workers' struggle for the 8-hour day, *May First* has become an international day of strikes and demonstrations against militarism and war, for the shorter work day, for the workers' demands generally, and for revolutionary working class unity in the struggle against capitalism.

The workers of the United States, the originators of May Day as a day of struggle, the exponents of the mass political strike as a weapon, have many heroic struggles to their credit. In recent years, however, they have lagged somewhat behind the world labor movement, due to the dominating influence of the highly paid labor aristocracy in the organized labor movement and to the poisonous class collaboration policies of the American Federation of Labor and Socialist Party leaders. The first Monday in September was accepted as a symbol of class peace from the bosses' government and used to nullify both May 1 and the class struggle. Only on too rare occasions, following their brilliant beginning in the 8-hour fight, have the American workers thrown off the deadening weight of the official leadership and demonstrated their class power on May First. On those rare occasions they have put up splendid battles, as for example the demonstration of the Cleveland workers led by Comrade Ruthenberg in 1919.

A far-reaching and deep-going change, however, has taken place among the workers in the United States which gives the May First demonstrations this year tremendous significance. We are entering into a period of struggle now which will equal and probably greatly surpass any traditional struggles of the American workers.

The much heralded "permanent prosperity" of American capitalism has collapsed. The country is in the throes of an economic crisis. Over seven million are jobless. Actual starvation is everywhere rampant. Rationalization in the shops and factories is being intensified at a brutal tempo. Wages are being cut. Hours are being lengthened. The bosses are attempting to force the workers to bear the burden of the crisis.

The workers have already replied to this offensive of the bosses with numerous strikes and demonstrations, only to be met by a strike-breaking, fascist united front of the bosses, the government, the A. F. of L. and Socialist Party bureaucracy, the American Legion, etc. The workers' struggles have been brutally and bloodily

crushed. Several workers have already been killed; hundreds have been viciously clubbed and beaten. But still the workers' counter-offensive continues to gain strength and momentum.

The struggles take on a political character. Starting with demands for "Work or Wages," for social insurance, or for the 7-hour day, 5-day week, the workers find themselves in struggle against the bosses' state. They find the A. F. of L. and the Socialist Party fighting on the side of the bosses in alliance with the police. The workers more and more are becoming disillusioned; more clearly they understand the role of the State. They are breaking away from and fighting against the so-called "labor" organizations which serve only the bosses. They are accepting the leadership of and joining the Communist Party and the revolutionary Trade Union Unity League.

The demonstrations on March 6, in which a million and a quarter workers rallied in the streets and fought under our slogans and leadership is the most outstanding example of the new spirit rising among the American workers. These demonstrations, which were really national in scope, will themselves prove to be further factors in deepening the workers' revolutionary determination and will to struggle. The fighting spirit of "86" is returning; the traditions of the 8-hour fight will be fully reclaimed by the American workers on May First, 1930. And in the present struggles, new fighting traditions will be established.

This sharp turn—this revolutionary upsurge on the part of the American workers comes primarily as a result of the development and constant deepening of the economic crisis in the United States and from the efforts of the bosses to place the burdens of the crisis on the backs of the workers.

The continuous increase in the productive capacity of American industries since the war and the actual surplus production already reached as early as May last year, on the one hand, and the continuous shrinking of the internal market, due to the agricultural crisis, to the large increase in the permanent army of the unemployed resulting from rationalization, to the constantly decreased buying power of the mass of unskilled and semi-skilled, etc. on the other hand, in a period when the possibility of securing foreign and colonial markets for American goods is sharply limited by all the contradictions and antagonisms within and between the various capitalist countries, is the primary cause for the development of the economic crisis. The various "solutions" for the crisis put forward by the Hoover administration have so far failed to "solve" the crisis. The propaganda statements about "returning prosperity" are regularly exposed as lies to deceive the masses and to increase the opportunities for the big capitalists to fleece the smaller ones.

The "Annalist" index of business activity shows a continuous, though irregular decline for the first three months of this year, contrary to Hoover's promised business revival.

Because of America's dominant position in the capitalist world (as banker and industrialist, as well as principal consumer of the products of many colonial countries), the economic crisis in the United States sharpens immeasurably all the contradictions of world capitalism in the present period, while at the same time the economic crisis itself spreads throughout the capitalist world effecting each country in varying forms and at varying tempo. In a number of countries (Germany, Japan, China and the colonies) an economic crisis is already maturing. In other countries (England and France) chronic depression is being accentuated or the first symptoms of the crisis are beginning to appear.

The spreading of the economic crisis thruout the capitalist world augments the permanent army of unemployed in all countries by millions which, together with rationalization and wage cuts still further impoverishes the toiling masses and also large sections of the agrarian population and even sections of the petty-bourgeoisie, thereby still further narrowing the market possibilities and sharpening the struggle between the imperialists for control and domination of the existing world markets.

American capitalism is therefore in the position today where it can and does produce more goods than can be consumed in its own internal market. The surplus production can not be marketed in the colonies or in other countries because the markets which it already controls are also too limited and the others are already "firmly" controlled by America's imperialist rivals. The development of the crisis still further narrows what markets are available.

This, simply put, is the chief problem confronting the financiers and industrialists of the United States. The "solution" of this problem for American imperialism, which by the way, would only intensify the problem for the other capitalist countries and sharpen the imperialist antagonisms, can only be achieved by a combination of three principle methods (supplemented by tariffs, etc.) all of which are now being vigorously carried out with the aid of the Hoover regime.

The first method is an offensive directly against the workers with the objective of lowering greatly production costs, thus increasing America's competitive power in the market at the expense of the workers and of destroying the workers resistance to the imperialist offensive as a whole. The throwing of thousands of workers out of the factories, mills and mines to join the permanent army of unemployed which is used as a club to force the workers still employed to accept the speed-up, wage cuts and longer hours; the introduction of new and faster machinery, the brutal intensification of the speed-up, wage cuts and longer hours; the utilization of reformist labor organizations (A. F. of L., S. P., Musteites, etc.) as tools to force or befuddle the workers into accepting this worsening of their conditions; the attacks against and efforts to crush the revolutionary organizations of the workers; and the use of fascist police terror to crush strikes and demonstrations, to destroy all workers' resistance, all these are the principle forms of the bosses' offensive now being vigorously carried thru. Gastonia, the Southern Illinois coalfields, the March 6 events are outstanding examples of the *new* and sharper methods of the bosses in this period.

The second method is an offensive against the colonial peoples with the objective of securing political domination in the colonial and semi-colonial countries, guaranteed sources of cheaper raw materials, fields for the investment of surplus capital with super-profits, and markets for American goods to the exclusion of the goods of other countries. The crushing of the recent revolts in Haiti and the open naming of a new president by Hoover satisfactory to Wall Street; the Wall Street manufactured revolt in Santo Domingo; the political domination of the present governments of Cuba, Nicaragua, Mexico and other South American countries; the ruthless cutting of wages on American owned plantations in these countries; the control exercised by American banks over their economic life; etc., etc., are all examples of increased aggressiveness on the part of American imperialism in the colonial world in an effort to solve the economic crisis and secure permanently America's position in these countries.

The third method is that of imperialist war. America's rise to power took place after other imperialist powers, notably England, had already secured economic and political domination over large sections of the world, over trade routes, sources of raw material, etc. Expanding American imperialism to continue to expand must wrest this control from these powers—must secure a re-division of the world. As Wall Street puts

more and more money in European and colonial investments and to an increasing extent thereby attempts to dominate the financial policies of these countries, as American industrialists open up branch plants and unload more and more products into these countries, and as the deepening economic crisis in the United States makes a still more aggressive policy of foreign expansion necessary (as Owen D. Young put it, "the economic integration of the world"), the imperialist antagonisms leading to great increases in armaments and war are sharply increased. The London Naval Conference shows clearly the depth of these antagonisms and the closeness of war. After over three months of negotiation the only agreement reached is that armaments must be still further increased. America will now spend over a billion dollars for new cruisers and auxiliary craft. With the spreading and deepening of the world economic crisis these imperialist antagonisms will be still further sharpened. Another imperialist war is clearly on the order of the day.

In the forefront is the danger of imperialist war against the Soviet Union. The great need of the imperialists for markets, on one hand, and the great progress being made in the carrying thru of the 5-year plan, in the industrialization of the country and in the collectivization of agriculture, inspiring the toiling masses of both the imperialist and colonial countries to sharper and more determined struggles, makes the Soviet Union a special point of capitalist hatred.

So, arising from the general contradictions of capitalism, now accentuated by economic crisis and the need of America for greater expansion in a capitalist world already "closed" to expansion, the American bourgeoisie and their government, fully supported on all fronts by the A. F. of L. and the Socialist Party leadership, are waging an offensive against the workers, against the colonial peoples and against their imperialist rivals which must lead to still sharper class struggles in the United States and to an imperialist war in which the workers will also be the victors. In all events, the American, as well as the world bourgeoisie, in the last resort are expecting the toiling masses both of the imperialist countries and the colonies to be the sufferers in any and all "solutions" which they bring forth to overcome the shaky, tottering capitalist "stabilization."

The "permanent prosperity," the "golden era," etc. of American imperialism, theories so militantly defended by the renegades Lovestone and Pepper, has passed. We are at the beginning of an era of sharp class battles. The strikes in mining, textile, shoe, auto and many other industries; the big demonstrations which have been held during the past few months, and especially the March 6 demonstrations are signs of the changing times—of determination of the American workers to resist the bosses attack. The significant feature is that to an increasing extent these fights are taking place among the unorganized, the unskilled and semi-skilled, independent of and against the A. F. of L. and to an increasing extent also against the government.

All this gives opportunities to our Party which we must energetically grasp. The struggle against unemployment, demands for "work or wages," for social insurance, for the 7-hour day, 5-day week; against rationalization, against the vicious speed-up, for regular rest periods, against wage cuts and for higher wages; against the lengthening of hours and for the 7-hour day, must be kept in the foreground—made the starting point and at the present time receive the greatest emphasis in our campaigns. Closely linked with these demands, and brought forward in every struggle, must be the broader political slogans: Complete equality for the Negroes, against lynching and Jim Crowism; against the fascist terror of the government, the workers' right to the streets, the right of workers' self-defense, the release of class war prisoners; support for the struggle of the colonial masses, colonial independence; against imperialist war, the defeat and overthrow of "our own" bourgeoisie; the turning of imperialist war into civil war; the defense of the Soviet Union; for the overthrow of capitalism, for the proletarian revolution, for the proletarian dictatorship.

Our Party, because of its militant fighting leadership in the growing struggles of the workers, has won great mass influence. It is on the road to becoming a mass Party. But the increase in our influence is much greater than our direct organizational strength, and the strenght which we are able to mobilize organizationally thru other workers' organizations (Trade Union Unity League, Workers International Relief, International Labor Defense, etc.). Because of the rapid tempo with which mass struggles are developing and the character of the period which insures the maturing of this struggle over a considerable period of time, the task of overcoming this disparity between our growing political influence and our lagging organizational abilities becomes a major political problem.

In carrying thru the preparations for May First (and after) the greatest attention must be given to strengthening the Party organizationally, and to setting up wide united fronts from below thru special committees, in the factories and thru existing workers' organizations. The factory work of the Party, the building of shop nuclei, putting out of shop papers, the holding of shop conferences must occupy first place and linked up directly with this must go the building of the T.U.U.L. and the revolutionary unions.

There are already many indications of extreme fascist terror on May First. In New York, prohibition of the demonstration has been announced. In Chicago, a new set of arrests have been started. But the masses are ready to respond to our slogans and fight for their demands in the streets on May First. The new fighting spirit of the masses, already taking the form of a counter-offensive, is clearly shown. By exerting our maximum efforts in the organizational phase of the preparatory work monster demonstrations will be held May 1 which will equal all the traditional struggles of the workers on May First and give the workers a great impetus on the road to the revolutionary struggle for power in the United States.

Iran: US Imperialism Trapped in Quagmire

On March 28, the government of the Ansarallah movement in Yemen announced that their armed forces had begun "immediate intervention in support of the Islamic Republic of Iran" by striking targets in Israel. Earlier that week in Bahrain, the recent murder of Shiite activist Mohamed al-Mosawi, who had tortured to death after being detained on charges of spying for the Iranian government, sparked widespread street protests. Elsewhere, the strait of Hormuz remained closed to most oil tanker traffic for the fifth week, and in Lebanon, the Zionist settler government announced on March 31 it planned to occupy all Lebanese territory below the Litani river indefinitely. From these and many other events of the last few weeks, since the United States attacked Iran unilaterally on February 28, it is clear that US imperialism has found itself caught in another strategic military quagmire overseas, with the main beneficiaries being Russian imperialism and Chinese social-imperialism.

Despite US president Donald Trump's statements, which have begun to contradict each other even more frequently and fragrantly since the war's start, there is no simple way out of America's latest imperialist expedition in the Middle East. The Iranian State is determined to inflict as damaging and powerful a blow as possible on the United States in order to seriously deter against any future attacks. Israeli expansionism, on the other hand, wants to continue any war of plunder, bloodshed and conquest it feels it can benefit from as long as possible with the final aim of neutralizing the Iranian Islamic Republic, its top rival in the region. The war has also proliferated regionally in ways the United States, paper tiger that it is, has been caught seemingly off guard by. Iran and supportive paramilitary groups, like the Iraqi Popular Mobilization forces, continue to successfully strike US bases and embassies with impunity, as well as the bases and key infrastructure installations of American-aligned governments in the region. Rather than defeat these attacks, the United States has opted to partially or fully evacuate most of their installations in Iraq and the Gulf, leaves the local puppet regimes to fend for themselves.

In his most recent speech on the night of April 1, Trump changed his rhetoric and unilaterally declared "we're getting very close" to defeating Iran, preparing the ground for an exit to the war. In this sense, the US imperialists have quietly admitted their defeat in the goal of regime change, while military aggression will continue to force a more favorable deal on the negotiation table and to exhaust the Iranian State to dropping its "intransigent" demands – for example, Trump's resignation and the evacuation of US military presence in the Middle East.

Contrary to Trump's claims, the Iranian big capitalist-landlord class itself has so far weathered various US-Israeli blows, re-consolidated around Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's son, the new Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei, and launched tit-for-tat daily retaliations for US-Israeli bombings. Materially the US war, as all imperialist wars are, has been brutal and barbaric. The US has bombed schools and universities, hospitals, world-renowned historical and cultural sites, and other civilian infrastructures. The bombing campaign has killed thousands, according to the Iranian Ministry of Health. Meanwhile, pro-government rallies continue to draw tens of thousands throughout the country, demonstrating how the American war actually has rallied segments of the masses

around the current theocratic Iranian government during its war of resistance, not further alienated them in order to pave the way for some kind of pro-US/Israeli puppet. Like Chairman Mao said, “When imperialism launches a war of aggression against such a country, all its various classes, except for some traitors, can temporarily unite in a national war against imperialism. At such a time, the contradiction between imperialism and the country concerned becomes the principal contradiction, while all the contradictions among the various classes within the country (including what was the principal contradiction, between the feudal system and the great masses of the people) are temporarily relegated to a secondary and subordinate position.” Objectively, Iran continues to wage a national war of resistance and creates troubles for the US imperialists.

Economically, the average price of a gallon of gas in the United States reached $4.00 on March 31, a level it has not reached since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022. In India, Europe and elsewhere, the war has sparked an oil and natural gas crises. Many corporate firms and forecasters are cutting their their US and global GPD growth predictions for 2026 as negative data flows in, and recession concerns are once again on the imminent horizon. The immediate economic question on many workers’ mind is whether or not the war will cause a new wave of broad-based price inflation. The war has also caused a renewed push toward “de-dollarization” globally, with Iran demanding toll payments from certain countries’ oil tankers, so that they can pass through the strait of Hormuz, in Chinese Yuan. For example, according to the Atlantic Council: “monthly averages for daily transaction volume remained within a $85–105 billion (600–750 billion yuan) range over the past year”, however in March, “daily observations rose to over $130 billion.” All of this occurs amidst the already existing international crisis of overproduction which worsens each year alongside the decay and stagnation of the imperialist system at large.

Politically, the war has also been an unmitigated disaster for US imperialism. Internationally, the US War on Iran has caused major fractures and confusion among its allies. The European imperialists were not involved in the planning of the war, but are expected provide support or accept potential delays in promised arms sales, leading imperialist Powers such as Spain publicly refusing the US military from using its bases for the Iran war. The Gulf States, who are receiving a significant part of the retaliatory blows from the Iranian armed forces, are reported to be significantly frustrated by the Americans’ inability to meaningfully protect them and their apparent lack of an exit strategy from the war. It has been reported that the Gulf States, US vassal States and regional expansionists at the same time, have been some of the strongest proponents for a US-led ground invasion to ensure the opening of the Straight of Hormuz. Other US allies like fascist India have been left to deal with their own natural gas crisis due to the closing of the strait of Hormuz, forcing the United States to lift certain sanctions on Russian oil and gas to assuage countries like India.

Within the United States itself the war has remarkable unpopularity, with only around 28-29% of respondents being in support of the war according to both recent YouGov and University of Massachusetts (Amherst) polls. Just as it has provoked fractures among US imperialism’s international allies, the war has also caused severe discord within Trump’s political coalition, with the most public split occurring with influential reactionary media figure Tucker Carlson. Imperialist misadventures like this war will drive the masses towards rebellion, particularly a war such as this one where there has been no such “rally-around-the-flag” effect as happened during Iraq and Afghanistan. As the quagmire continues, the economy worsens, Israel escalates, and Trump commits more and more resources, the masses in the US will combine their anti-war sentiment with their already spontaneous anger towards ICE, poverty, repression, and the other daily injustices of working-class life under imperialism, into a likely new wave of mass rebellions this Spring and Summer.

Although there is yet to be a final settlement to this war, and much awaits to be seen in terms of how would the war be concluded, it is clear enough that, among the imperialist powers, China and Russia have gained the most so far. First of all, both countries benefit from a weakening of the US military’s arsenal and ability to effectively project power, which strengthens their own power and influence relative to the United States. Similarly, both imperialist powers also benefit from the generalized discontent and fracturing of the United States’ camp of allies, who will be more likely to “diversify” and consider other options in terms of economic, political, and military patronage in the future. Finally, both countries benefit from a distracted United States’, who is bogged down in a barbaric conflict of its own making, and is unable to respond as effectively in theaters such as Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, and Africa.

In light of all of this, revolutionaries-in-formation in the current moment have a duty to infuse their work with an additionally anti-imperialist and proletarian internationalist fervor. Even as they march towards important days such as International Workers’ Day, they should continue to organize and mobilize around the war of aggression in Iran and in support of the Iranian resistance, launching separate events or creatively combining the demands and slogans with already existing plans and campaigns. This work should then be assessed and summed up, and a new cycle of anti-imperialist work continued in part on the basis of previous lessons and fruits.

Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. ▶

India: Statement by Nazariya Magazine on State Repression

We are republishing a statement by Nazariya Magazine which expresses their commitment to continue their important work in spite of ongoing state repression. This round of repression was timed just before the Forum Against Corporatization And Militarization's People's Convention Against Imperialist Loot was to occur. In spite of this repression, revolutionaries around the world mobilized in solidarity with those comrades facing repression and against Operation Kagaar. While the Indian Old State is trying to find any excuse to end the work of revolutionaries struggling in the New Democratic Revolution, this repression has not ended the comrades' commitment to their work, which they affirm will continue.

Repression Will Not Halt Our Work—Nazariya Magazine's Statement on the Brutal Detention and Custodial Torture of 11 Activists by Delhi Police Special Cell

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"*We should rid our ranks of all impotent thinking. All views that overestimate the strength of the enemy and underestimate the strength of the people are wrong. If everyone makes strenuous efforts, we, together with all the democratic forces of the world, can surely defeat the imperialist plan of enslavement, prevent the outbreak of a third world war, overthrow all reactionary regimes and win lasting peace for mankind.*"

— Mao Zedong, The Present Situation and Our Tasks

Recently, 11 students and young activists, most of them in their early 20s, were illegally abducted, detained and tortured while in custody by the special cell of the Delhi police of the reactionary Brahmanical Hindutva Fascist Indian state. Four of them, Ehtmam (anti-displacement activist), Baadal (anti-displacement activist), Gaurav (member of Bhagat Singh Chhatra Ekta Manch) and Rudra (Editor of Nazariya Magazine) were formerly abducted in July 2025 by the same special cell of the Delhi police. The comrades were subjected to inhumane torture, sexual abuse and dehumanisation. All the while these foot soldiers of the Brahmanical Hindutva Fascist Indian state made it strikingly clear that their goal was to criminalise their activism.

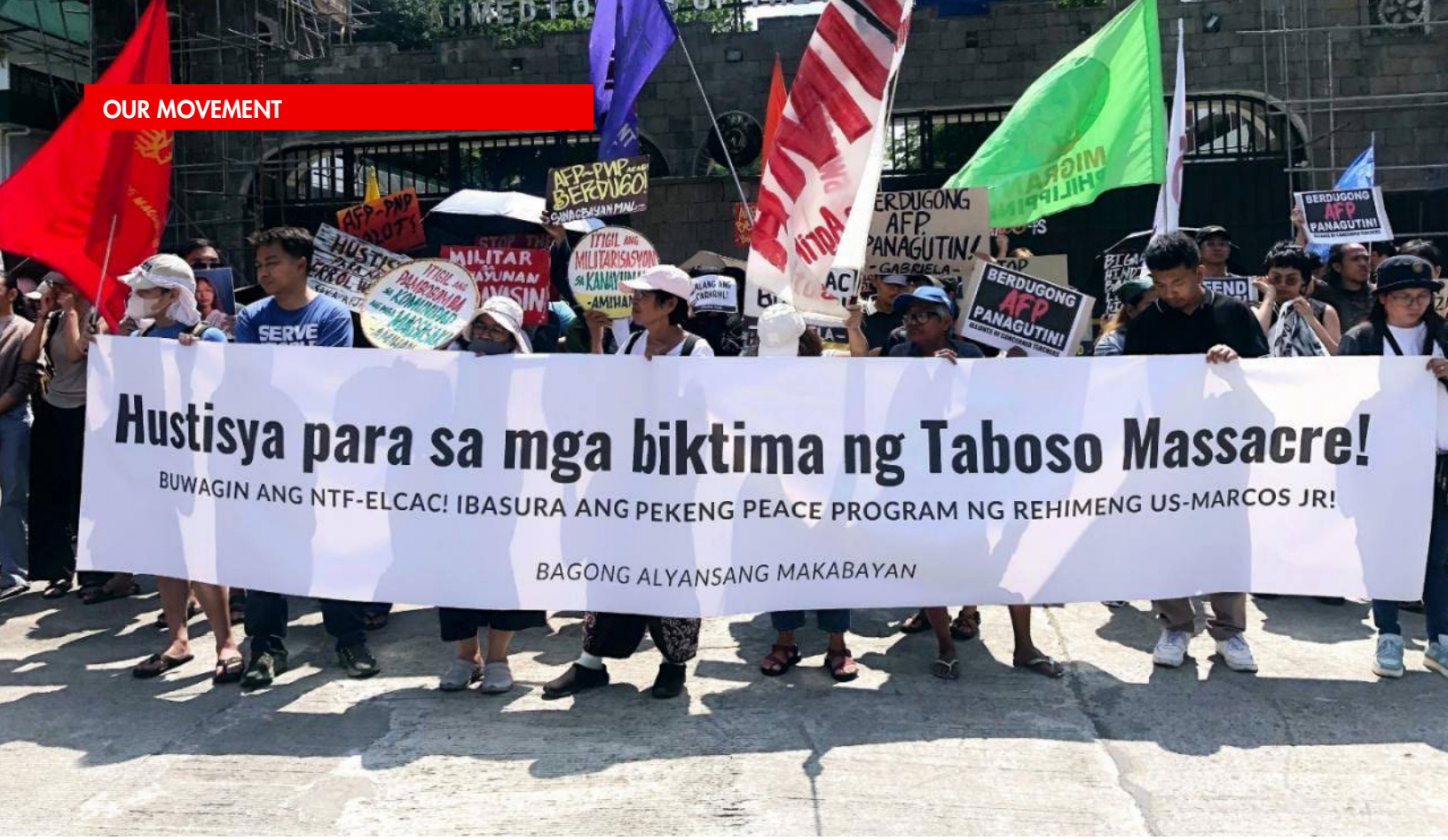
The comrades picked up were Shiv Kumar (member of Mazdoor Adhikar Sangathan), Manjeet (President of Mazdoor Adhikar Sangathan), Ilakkiya (member of Bhagat Singh Chhatra Ekta Manch), Dristy (member of Bhagat Singh Chhatra Ekta Manch), Kiran (political activist and currently an editor of Nazariya Magazine), Akshay (member of Bhagat Singh Chhatra Ekta Manch), Aman (friend of Manjeet who was picked up from near his home because he had come to Delhi to help Manjeet's mother file a Habeas Corpus petition for Manjeet), Gaurav, Ehtmam, Lakshita and Rudra.

The officers kept cooking up bogus theories that Rudra knows the whereabouts of former editor of Nazariya Magazine, Vallika Varshri, and that he supposedly "manages the magazine under her guidance and communicates regularly with her on Reddit." They kept beating him and subjecting him to psychological harassment, saying that he will soon be electrocuted and "when you'll be

electrocuted, you will confess something, even if it's false, but you'll confess". Officials repeatedly claimed that our independent, openly run Marxist-Leninist-Maoist magazine is a front for CPI (Maoist), threatening Rudra and questioning how we can uphold such an ideology. They also interrogated him for coordinating legal aid for activists arrested during the November 2025 India Gate air pollution protest and for publishing articles on Hidma. This exposes how the state disregards its own constitutional and legal norms while demanding the oppressed and exploited masses to uphold them. This shows how little the rule of law matters to the state except as a means for reproducing the decadent, moribund class rule of the foreign imperialists and Indian comprador bureaucratic capitalists and big feudal landlords.

The timing of reopening the missing persons' case for Vallika Varshri was perfectly planned by the Indian state. Alarmed at the fact that FACAM had given an international call to observe anti-imperialist week from 23rd to 31st March and was going to organise a people's convention against imperialist loot in New Delhi on 31st March on the date of the supposed deadline for ending the maoist movement, the Indian state used the pretext of this case to abduct the activists and threaten them to leave their politics and to stop organising for the anti-imperialist week. We hold that the case is a bogus one and was only filed to crack down on the Revolutionary and people's democratic movements in Delhi. This is proved by the fact that the Special Cell, a supposed counter-terror department, is investigating a missing persons' case! All of this was in fact done at the directions of Vallika's mother, IAS officer Archana Varma.

Comrade Rudra especially was constantly questioned for working in Nazariya Magazine and asked to leave it. He was threatened to halt the work for Nazariya Magazine until at least 31st March. This shows how the Indian State is scared of our magazine as it provides scientific clarity and a sharp Marxist-Leninist-Maoist political line on the burning questions currently facing the movement. Indeed, Nazariya continues to be a thorn in the eyes of the Indian ruling classes and their imperialist masters much like the Iskra was to the Tsars and big capitalists and landlords of Russia. In times of deep ideological-political-organizational crisis and setback of the New Democratic Revolutionary movement, Nazariya serves as an important means to deepen our ideological clarity and reaffirm our commitment to struggle in the path of the New Democratic Revolution until final victory. The Indian state only further deepens our conviction every time it attempts to crack down on our movement and our organization. Thus, we repeat what we said in our October 2025 statement — we shall continue to publish our magazine no matter what, and we will never cower down in front of state repression



Joint Statement: Justice for the 19 Massacred in the Philippines!

[*Editorial Note: We are republishing a joint statement by the People's Defense Committee, New Labor Organizing Committee, and Revolutionary Student Union on the recent massacre of 19 activists and members of the masses in Toboso, Negros Occidental, by the Old Philippine State. The Philippines is a semi-colonial, semi-feudal country under the rule of US imperialism. As of writing, it has been confirmed that an American citizen, Lyle Prijoles, has also been martyred in the massacre.*]

On April 20th, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the armed thugs of the Philippine Old State and puppets of the US government, massacred 19 civilians and displaced 653 residents in the peasant communities of Toboso in Negros Occidental. Among the victims, the mass activists RJ Ledesma, Alyssa Alano, Maureen Keil Santuyo, and Errol Wendel have been identified. The AFP in Negros Occidental has a long track record of attacks on activists under dubious justifications. In this case, the AFP and the US-backed Marcos regime have been quick to misrepresent this massacre as an attack against "armed rebels" and members of the New People's Army (NPA).

In reality, these murders are part of an intensifying process of terror, militarization, and repression against the just and righteous anger of the Filipino masses against their oppressors. The people of Negros Occidental are exploited on all sides by the feudal hacienda system, corrupt politicians, and imperialist aggression from the USA, and it is completely justified to organize for a better world. We extend our utmost solidarity to the National Democratic movement in the Philippines which RJ Ledesma, Alyssa Alano, Maureen Keil Santuyo, and Errol Wendel gave their lives to.

The workers of the US have every reason to take interest in and support the struggle for the liberation of the Filipino people. These attacks are carried out using American weapons, with training and assistance by the US military, funded through money taken out of American worker's wages. The very same tactics of terror and repression deployed in the Philippines are also deployed in the US as part of the overall fascistization and militarization of our society. Therefore, the People's Defense Committee, New Labor – Organizing Committee, and Revolutionary Student Union condemn in the strongest terms these brutal attacks on the Filipino masses, and we join the call to demand justice for those killed and displaced, and demand an end to US military involvement in the Philippines.

U.S OUT OF THE PHILIPPINES!

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GLORY TO THE MARTYRS!

THEORY

Mariátegui: Admonition for May First

[*Editorial note:* The Partisan *is translating and publishing an article by Peruvian revolutionary José Carlos Mariátegui on the importance of struggle on the occasion of May Day. Mariátegui was the founder of the Communist Party of Peru who outline the path of revolution in semi-colonial, semi-feudal countries of Latin America, and one of the most important socialist thinkers in the Americas. This article was first published in* Labor *No. 8, May 1, 1929.*]

The commemoration of May 1 has, in the process of the struggle for socialism, been acquiring an increasingly profound and precise meaning. For a long time now, it has not been reduced to the commemoration of the Chicago martyrs. That was its starting point. Since 1888, when the Congress of Paris instituted this commemoration, the world proletariat has traversed a considerable part of the path leading to the realization of its class ideals. During this time, many days of mourning and also many days of glory have followed one another in its history. The working class has come of age. The chronicle of its economic and political ascension always records great events, which prevent the proletariat from limiting the significance of May 1 to a single anniversary. The experimentation, the implementation of socialism has begun since 1918. The most difficult and longest battles are yet to be won. But in the struggle, the working class incessantly increases its capacity to create a new order: the socialist order.

May 1 affirms every year the international solidarity of workers. It is the international, universal date par excellence. In its celebration, the vanguards of the proletariat from the five continents coincide. In this fact resides its greatest revolutionary significance. Reactionary nationalisms feel this clearly when, like Fascism in Italy, they strive to proscribe this date from the sentiment of the working class. A futile endeavor, because nothing will give a more religious and profound character to the commemoration of May 1 in the spirit of every worker than reactionary persecution and condemnation. Fascism is resurrecting the heroic age of the catacombs in Italy. This day passes today in Italy without rallies, without strikes, without revolutionary hymns, without red flags; but in a thousand hidden homes, faith in socialism is sworn with more fervor and resolution than ever.

Everything that May 1 has had, and still has, of the mechanical rite of a simple anniversary must be banished. The struggle for socialism is not nourished by sorrowful or angry evocations, nor by exalted hopes. It is, above all else, concrete action; present reality. Those who work for the advent of a new society are those who, throughout the year, disciplinedly and obstinately fight for socialism; not those who, on this or another date, feel a momentary impulse for riot or uprising.

For our workers' vanguard, each May 1 would represent very little if it did not mark a stage in its own struggle for socialism. Year after year, this date raises concrete, current questions. What have been the results and the experience of the action developed? What are the tasks of the future? The problem presented today in the foreground is, without a doubt, a problem of organization. The workers' vanguard has the duty to promote and direct the organization of the Peruvian proletariat—a mission that demands a sense of responsibility, to which it is not possible to rise except to the extent that one breaks with anarchoid individualism, with the explosive and intermittent utopianism of those who previously, at times guiding the masses, imagined they were leading them toward a new order by the sole virtue of negation and protest. Let us reclaim entirely, absolutely, the workers' right of association, their freedom of legal organization in the cities, the mines, and the plantations. And let us assume the task that the claiming of this right be the affirmation of a capacity. Here is the work to be fulfilled; here is the mission to be discharged. Let May 1 serve this time so that, by understanding it, we affirm, without useless declamation, the will and the aptitude to realize them.

News from the Labor Struggle

Striking Workers Win Demands

Organizers with NLOC and RSU helped direct a strike at a local coffee shop in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Workers at Moka&Co coffee shop were systematically denied tip payments for months on end. Workers delivered a demand later early in March, but were met with continued lies from management regarding what was owed. On March 11, workers went on strike with the explicit demands of tip payouts, transparent tip payments going forward, and more. Management refused to meet the demands.

On March 15, workers and allies organized a sit-in of the cafe, packing every single seat while workers negotiated with management over renewed demands. These demands included payout of several months of unpaid tips totaling in the thousands, payout for each worker for damages, and more. Through the effort of workers and allies, management was forced to accept all demands except for one, which was the demand for payment for damages.

Declaration of the League of Struggle of Compatriots in North America

[*Editorial Note: We are publishing an unofficial translation of the statement by the League of Struggle of Compatriots in North America (Meidoutong), originally in Chinese. We welcome any correction of the translation from the readership. A PDF of the Chinese original that we have received can be found attached at the end.*]

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Exactly fifty years ago, the bourgeoisie within the Communist Party of China launched a counter-revolutionary coup, transforming the Communist Party founded by Chairman Mao himself into a revisionist party, and turning our great socialist country into a capitalist country. Across the vast territory of our motherland, capitalism was restored, and a fascist bureaucratic-bourgeois dictatorship was established. The Chinese people, who had once stood up, were once again subjected to oppression and exploitation; the socialist revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat in our country suffered a temporary defeat.

Today's China is a social-imperialist country, an enemy of our country's proletariat and the people of the world. Since 1976, the revisionist traitor group has implemented a fascist dictatorship and brutally suppressed the laboring people of our country. The so-called "Chinese Miracle" is built upon the blood and tears of workers and peasants. According to official records, the average national working time in 2026 reached 48.6 hours, while in reality, working hours in many factories exceed 70 hours per week. Since the 1976 coup, the revisionist traitor group set out to implement the "one-man management" system. By concentrating management power in the hands of technocrats and cadres, they undermined the political power of workers and peasants in factories and communes. Through continuous bourgeois "reforms," the revisionist traitor group dissolved the People's Communes, abolished the *Constitution of the Anshan Iron and Steel Company*, and established a highly centralized monopoly system centered on finance capital and military-industrial capital. Leveraging state-owned enterprises and political institutions, two factions formed within the grand bourgeoisie—the bureaucratic bourgeoisie and the private bourgeoisie—firmly control the national economy, using state apparatuses to mediate their interest disputes. Among them, the bureaucratic bourgeoisie controls land resources and other sectors generating the most profit, while the private bourgeoisie controls most of the industry and service sectors. The bourgeoisie willfully destroyed the proletarian-centered economic policies of the socialist period. Using "profits in command" as an excuse, they dismissed workers in large numbers, closed factories, and destroyed basic rural industries. Simultaneously, a large number of "sweatshops" sprang up like bamboo shoots after rain; brutal management and industrial accidents have become the norm for hundreds of millions of laboring people. Since 2018, to alleviate increasingly severe economic problems, the revisionist regime began to aggressively push so-called "flexible employment" policies. Large numbers of contract workers were forced to become temporary workers, allowing the bourgeoisie to oppress the laboring people at will, turning the so-called "Labor Law" into a mere scrap of paper. To mediate the increasingly fierce class contradictions since the capitalist restoration, the revisionist regime began constructing a national welfare system in the mid-1990s, essentially to further monitor the poorest laboring people while masking the increasingly extreme wealth gap and urban-rural divide. In the past few years, as the capitalist crisis has further worsened, large numbers of people have fallen into unemployment. In ethnic minority regions, especially Xinjiang, the revisionist regime has implemented ethnic oppression, undermining the rights of ethnic minorities to autonomy and self-determination. The essence of the national question is a class question. In short, the primitive accumulation of Chinese social-imperialism is achieved through the savage oppression of the proletariat and the people.

Internationally, Chinese social-imperialism both colludes and struggles with US imperialism, attempting to replace it and become the number one enemy of the people of the world. In 1979, only three years after the capitalist restoration, the traitor Deng Xiaoping brazenly invaded Vietnam, murdering countless Vietnamese soldiers and civilians under the instruction of US imperialism. Today, under the banners of the so-called "Community with a Shared Future for Mankind" and the "Belt and Road Initiative," the revisionist traitor group runs rampant everywhere, practicing neo-

colonialism and suppressing the anti-imperialist and anti-hegemonic struggles of the revolutionary people of the Third World. From Myanmar and Sri Lanka in Asia, Ethiopia and Congo in Africa, to Argentina and Ecuador in Latin America, the revisionist regime exports capital everywhere, carrying out expansionist infiltration, control, and interference in the name of "aid" to Asian, African, and Latin American countries, willfully interfering in internal affairs and plundering the resources and wealth of oppressed peoples. The revisionist regime seeks to re-divide the world, creating contradictions with other imperialist countries. Therefore, the contradictions between the revisionist traitor group and other imperialist countries, especially US imperialism, are irreconcilable.

To maintain its reactionary rule, the revisionist traitor group brutally suppresses the resistance of the broad laboring people and bloodily crushes the progressive struggles of the people, intensifying the implementation of fascist rule domestically. To meet the needs of suppressing the people, the revisionist traitor group continuously strengthens the state apparatus, including the military, police, prisons, and courts. In 2026, China's military spending reached 1.974 trillion yuan, a year-on-year increase of 7% from last year. Nationwide, the revisionist regime has built the world's largest video surveillance system, attempting to strangle all people's struggles in their cradle.

The great leader Chairman Mao taught us: "Where there is oppression, there is resistance." This is an irrefutable historical truth. After the counter-revolutionary coup of 1976, proletarian revolutionaries across the country had already launched heroic armed struggles, sacrificing their lives to defend socialism. With the development of bureaucratic monopoly capitalism, our country's working class has also gradually grown through struggle, increasingly recognizing its historical mission. City-wide and national strikes, as well as revolutionary violence against exploiters, are no longer anything new. In 2024, according to statistics from bourgeois media, there were nearly two thousand strikes across the country, expanding from traditional construction and manufacturing to the service and logistics industries. Under the major trend of informatization, emerging industries such as food delivery workers—leveraging the internet—have also joined the ranks of struggle, thoroughly sweeping the "theory of weapons only" and "theory of technology only" advocated by the revisionists into the dustbin of history.

"The four seas are rising, clouds and waters raging; the five continents are rocking, wind and thunder roaring." As the global economic crisis further develops, people worldwide are increasingly subjected to brutal exploitation and oppression, and all contradictions of imperialism are daily intensifying. Throughout the world, especially in Third World countries, a storm of revolution is brewing. In the Philippines, Turkey, Peru, India, and other countries, revolutionary people's wars led by proletarian parties are developing. In China, as in other countries, only through the seizure of political power by revolutionary armed forces led by the proletariat can the capitalist crisis and the entire capitalist society be swept into the dustbin of history, and a socialist society where the proletariat and laboring people are the masters be established. Without the leadership of the Party, without a revolutionary party armed with Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and tempered in struggle, the proletariat cannot achieve victory. Today, the most urgent task facing the revolutionaries of our country is to reconstitute the great, glorious Communist Party of China to lead the socialist revolution and to completely eliminate Chinese social-imperialism through People's War.

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The glorious task of constituting the Communist Party of China is one that history has entrusted to us. This task can only achieve victory within class struggle. Overseas Chinese in North America cannot lead this task; we are merely a relatively secondary component of it. However, abroad as at home, laboring people everywhere are subjected to the exploitation and oppression of imperialism. Since the 1990s, as Chinese social-imperialism further entered the world capitalist system, hundreds of thousands of the Chinese proletariat and laboring people left their homes for a better life and came to all parts of the world. The task of revolutionaries is to organize, to integrate with the broad masses of the people, and to take root and sprout among the masses like seeds. Only in this way, amidst the great winds and waves of class struggle and the struggle between two lines, can revolutionaries gradually grow and make due contributions to the cause of reconstituting the Party in the future.

The struggle of the Chinese proletariat is an important component of the world proletarian revolution. We must not forget the examples of Chinese communists and revolutionary people living abroad in the 1920s and 30s. In countries like Thailand and Myanmar, Chinese communists established communist cells among overseas Chinese worker groups with the same language and culture, which later became the prototypes of the Communist Parties of Thailand and Myanmar. In countries like Malaya, the Philippines, and North Kalimantan, overseas Chinese played an important role alongside the local people in the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the national liberation struggles. After the liberation of the whole country, many overseas Chinese returned to the motherland and contributed to our country's socialist construction. The descendants of Chinese who had long taken root in Southeast Asian countries, as indispensable ethnic minority components of those countries, also played a certain role in the subsequent New Democratic Revolutions. In North America, overseas Chinese laborers joined the Communist Party of the USA, the Communist Party of Canada, and the Communist Party of Mexico, fighting side by side with people of all ethnicities, while supporting China's New Democratic Revolution through propaganda and material aid.

In the 1930s, Chinese communists studying in the US formed the Chinese Bureau of the Communist Party of the USA. Subsequently, people's organizations led by it were established, such as the Chinese Hand Laundry Alliance (CHLA, or "Yi Lian Hui") and the Overseas Chinese Anti-Imperialist

League of America. Under the leadership of the Chinese Bureau of the CPUSA, overseas Chinese workers fought side by side with American workers of all ethnicities, actively participating in economic and political struggles including opposing racial discrimination and striving for better working conditions and wages, achieving many victories. The "Yi Lian Hui" at one point grew to over 2,400 members. In California, Hawaii, and elsewhere, overseas Chinese workers joined the fishery and farm worker movements led by the CPUSA alongside immigrants from the Philippines, Japan, and Mexico. As the War of Liberation approached victory, members of the CPC organized or led organizations such as the Chinese Students' Christian Association in North America and the Chinese Association of Scientific Workers in the USA, propagating progressive ideas among students and scholars in the US. The communist movement of overseas Chinese in America contributed a series of communists to the Chinese revolution, such as the revolutionary martyr Shi Huang and the diplomat of New China, Xu Yongying.

In Canada, overseas Chinese workers joined the Communist Party of Canada, established Chinese branches, and organized long-term fundraising activities for the Chinese people's revolution together with Chinese communists in the US. Chinese communists in the US and Canada also participated in coordinating the work of the internationalist fighter Comrade Norman Bethune's mission to China. In Mexico, the Communist Party of Mexico organized against the anti-Chinese movements of the old Mexican state in the 1930s. In other North American and Caribbean countries, overseas Chinese also actively participated in the revolutionary struggles of the laboring people. In Cuba, CPC member Huang Taobai established the Overseas Chinese Socialist League of Cuba, leading the struggle of overseas Chinese workers and merchants against bullying and oppression. In 1930, the old Cuban state, in collusion with Kuomintang agents, brutally murdered Huang Taobai, but the progressive struggle of the overseas Chinese laboring people in Cuba was not intimidated. Many overseas Chinese communists participated in the Cuban Revolution.

In the 1960s and 70s, Chairman Mao personally led the great struggle in the international communist movement against modern revisionism headed by Soviet social-imperialism and led the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, greatly inspiring the revolutionary movements of people worldwide. Under the guidance of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought, People's Wars in the Third World surged, and anti-revisionist movements in the First and Second Worlds shone brilliantly. In the United States, hundreds of thousands of revolutionary proletarians, Black people, and students took to the streets, launching a powerful struggle against violent repression. Black people in America organized the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army, creating a new climax in the revolutionary armed struggle in the US. In this environment, overseas Chinese students living in the US (all from Taiwan, sent by the Kuomintang reactionaries occupying Taiwan) were also deeply moved by the revolutionary atmosphere and responded to the great call that "It is right to rebel." In 1970, the People's Socialist League of Taiwan was established. On April 10, 1971, massive overseas demonstrations to defend the Diaoyu Islands were held in major US cities like Washington, Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, with tens of thousands of overseas Chinese participating. In September of the same year, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the US organization of students from the Taiwan Kuomintang reactionaries passed a series of resolutions by an absolute majority, taking the People's Republic of China, rather than the "Republic of China," as their motherland, supporting New China's entry into the United Nations, supporting the unification of the motherland, and taking the principles of Mao Zedong Thought as the basis for their actions.

Although these struggles eventually failed following the counter-revolutionary coup in our country, they left a brilliant page in the history of the revolutionary movement in North America. The history of overseas Chinese in North America is a history of struggle, a history of integrating with workers, peasants, and revolutionaries of all ethnicities.

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The heavy responsibility of conducting propaganda and agitation for the revolutionary movement of the motherland rests on our shoulders. As workers, students, and all progressive personages, we have the responsibility and obligation to propagate the history of the struggle of overseas Chinese in America, the history of our country's revolution led by Chairman Mao, and the struggle of our country's laboring people against Chinese social-imperialism for socialism and the reconstitution of the Party. Within overseas Chinese groups and communities, we must make every effort to create materials, launch actions, and propagate the situation of the Chinese revolutionary movement to both our compatriots and the American laboring people. We must at all times arm ourselves with the three great styles of work—integrating theory with practice, forging close links with the masses, and practicing criticism and self-criticism—and establish progressive organizations belonging to the overseas community everywhere. At the same time, we must not drift along with the propaganda of US imperialism. US imperialism is the number one enemy of the people of the world and the sole imperialist superpower.

Chairman Mao taught us: "Our Communists ought to face the world and brave the storm; the world of mass struggle and the storm of mass struggle." The Chinese social-imperialism we face is a vicious enemy of our country's proletariat and the people of the world. It is not enough to call oneself a revolutionary or a Marxist-Leninist only in words. This applies both at home and abroad. In the past decades, precisely due to the leadership of the petty bourgeoisie, the revolutionary movement of our country has failed to master the correct methods of struggle, leading itself to repeated defeats. Only in the fires of class struggle, by closely following the proletarian revolutionary line, can revolutionaries grow, become familiar with society, with the masses, and with class struggle, endure great winds and waves, and receive all kinds of tempering. Only in this way can we avoid wasting our time and, upon returning home, establish merits for the cause of the proletarian revolution of the motherland and for the reconstitution of the Communist Party of China.

Today, the number of overseas Chinese in the US is not small. In 2026, there are more than 300,000 Chinese students studying in North America, composed of children of the petty bourgeoisie and the bourgeoisie. It is estimated that there are over one million overseas Chinese workers in the US, mainly engaged in occupations such as catering, domestic service, nail salons and beauty, and logistics and warehousing. A significant portion of them are undocumented immigrants. As the economic crisis in the US continues to deepen, overseas Chinese workers have suffered brutal oppression from the ruling class. In New York City, overseas Chinese domestic workers and Latino workers have launched a struggle against the 24-hour workday. US imperialism attempts to use immigrants and ethnic minorities as "scapegoats" to obstruct the great unity of the proletariat. Therefore, many overseas Chinese suffer persecution from the US imperialist state apparatus targeted at immigrants.

The struggle of overseas Chinese in America cannot be separated from the righteous struggle of the American proletariat and oppressed people against

oppression and exploitation. Our direct enemy at present is US imperialism. Our history tells us that today, as in the past, overseas Chinese in America must unite with the North American proletariat of all ethnicities and their progressive organizations, "coming from the masses and going to the masses." Students must integrate with the struggle of the overseas Chinese working class, taking root and blossoming among the masses. Progressive children of the petty bourgeoisie and bourgeoisie must remold themselves in the great winds and waves of revolution, tempering themselves into proletarian revolutionary fighters who dare to struggle and dare to win. Only in this way can we become true proletarian internationalist fighters, taking practical internationalist actions to oppose imperialism instead of remaining at the level of words.

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Although we are on the other side of the ocean, thousands of miles away from the motherland, we are still part of the proletarian struggle. Lenin once remarked: "A conscious worker, no matter what country he comes to, no matter where fate throws him, no matter how much he feels himself a stranger, without language, without relatives, far from his motherland—he can find himself comrades and friends by the familiar tune of the *Internationale*." Let us sing the *Internationale* and find ourselves comrades and friends!

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Chairman Mao taught us: "Correct things always develop in the process of struggling against wrong things. The true, the good and the beautiful always exist in comparison with the false, the evil and the ugly, and grow in struggle against them." Ahead of us is a tortuous road. But as long as we dare to struggle and are good at struggling, we will certainly be able to thoroughly overthrow the fascist rule of the revisionist traitor group. On the vast territory of the motherland, the working class is rising in struggle—let us join their ranks! Today we are few, but tomorrow we will be tens of thousands.

Down with Chinese Social-Imperialism!

Long live the struggle for the reconstitution of the Communist Party of China!

Long live Marxism-Leninism-Maoism! Long live, long live, long live!

OUR MOVEMENT

Activists Across the Country Demand Justice for the Negros 19

On May 5, the International League of People's Struggle (ILPS), alongside BAYAN-USA, called for a national day of mourning and rage for the 19 Filipinos massacred by the Philippine military on April 20, 2026 in Toboso, Negros Occidental. BAYAN-USA is a multilateral and multisectoral alliance of Filipino National Democratic mass organizations in the United States.

The day of mourning of rage is a part of the week of action under the slogan of "migrant workers, unite to fight fascism, exploitation, and war."

Across the United States, multiple Filipino organizations held vigils, rallies, and marches on this day to honor the memory of the Negros 19 and demand justice. The activists demanded a transparent and thorough investigation of the encounter and repudiated the lies of the Philippine Old State that all victims were part of the armed New People's Army.

The actions especially highlighted Lyle Prijoles and Kai Dana Sorem, two Filipino-American victims of the Toboso massacre who were both active in the Philippine National Democratic movement in the United States. Prijoles was the founding solidarity officer of Anakbayan-USA and later, a country council member of the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines. Kai Dana Sorem was a co-founder of the Anakbayan chapter of South Seattle.

Mass activists from the Revolutionary Front and its allied organizations responded to the call for the national day of mourning and rage, attending the actions and joining in the demand for justice. The organizations previously stated in a joint statement: "The workers of the US have every reason to take interest in and support the struggle for the liberation of the Filipino people. These attacks are carried out using American weapons, with training and assistance by the US military, funded through money taken out of American worker's wages."

"We extend our utmost solidarity to the National Democratic movement in the Philippines which RJ Ledesma, Alyssa Alano, Maureen Keil Santuyo, and Errol Wendel gave their lives to," said the organizations.