

## New Communist Party

# May Day on the march!

Working people all over the world are celebrating May Day this week. In every continent millions upon millions of working people are raising the Red Flag in honour of the international working class holiday that is the spirit of determination, solidarity and resistance.

On May Day working people unite across the globe to demonstrate the solidarity of the class and demand an end to exploitation. In the socialist countries it's a people's holiday marking the gains of the revolutions that swept out the hated old order in China, Korea, Cuba and Indo-China. In Africa, Asia and Latin America it's the call of the oppressed masses in the fight against imperialism and their local hirelings. And in Britain and the other heartlands of imperialism it's the rallying point of organised labour in the struggle for peace and socialism.

We raise the Red Flag to honour those dark days of the 1880s when American workers united against grasping employers who would have them work all day, every day but Sunday for a miserable pittance of a wage. We remember the fight for the eight-hour day and the struggle that took place in Chicago in 1886 that ended with workers gunned down in the street by the police and their leaders hanged on trumped-up charges of conspiracy and murder. We march with the masses all round the world heralding the new era that will end capitalist exploitation once and for all.



The path that the Chicago martyrs trod was followed by millions in the years that came to pass. Russia's workers and peasants took up the gun to end Czarism in 1917 and founded the Soviet Union. They beat off the White Guards and the imperialist armies in the civil war and fought tooth and nail to defeat and destroy Nazi Germany in the Second World War.

We remember the Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese people who defeated Japanese and US imperialism to build a better tomorrow in Asia and the countless millions who fought for freedom in the struggle to smash the old colonial system that enslaved so much of the world in the last century. Now as the guns blaze in Iraq we stand side by side with the heroic people of the resistance defying the might of Anglo-American imperialism.

Imperialism wants war because that is the only way it can preserve its rotten system of corruption and oppression. Now

the spectre of defeat hovers over their legions just as the spectre of communism haunts the exploiting classes in every corner of the world. Imperialism is brutal and oppressive because that is the only way it can ensure that the rich can continue to live the lives of Roman emperors on the backs of workers and peasants.

Imperialism fears and loathes organised labour because it knows that the entire wealth of the world comes from workers in the factories and peasants in the fields.

Imperialism fears the spirit of May Day because it represents the unity of working people that sooner or later will sweep the whole rotting system to the oblivion it richly deserves.

“There will come a time when our silence will be more powerful than the voices you strangle today” - Last words of August Spies, one of the four Chicago labour leaders executed by the American ruling class in 1887.

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