

We Are Human Beings – We Refuse to Accept Slavery In Any Form!

May Day, the revolutionary internationalist day of celebration and struggle of the workers and the oppressed of the world for emancipation, a time when a call from revolutionary communists in the US to fight for a radically new world cries out to be heard wide and far:

"Let's get down to basics: **We need a revolution ---nothing less!** To everyone who can't stand this world the way it is ... who is sick and tired of so many people being treated as less than human ... who knows that the claim of "liberty and justice for all" is a cruel lie ... who is righteously enraged that injustice and inequality go on, and on, and on, despite false promises and honeyed words from people in power (or those seeking power) ... everyone who agonizes about where things are headed and the fact that to be young now means being denied a decent future, or any future at all ... everyone who has ever dreamed about something much better, or even wondered whether that is possible ... everyone who hungers for a world without oppression, exploitation, poverty, and destruction of the environment ... everyone who has the heart to fight for something that is really worth fighting for: **You need to be part of this revolution.**

This revolution is not just 'a good idea'---it is actually possible."(From therevcoms, www.revcom.us *A Declaration, A Call to Get Organized Now FOR A REAL REVOLUTION*)

Why? For the masses of people, and ultimately for humanity as a whole, there is no future, or no future worth living, under this system. This capitalist-imperialist system—founded on slavery, genocide and war—has a deadly choke hold on the overwhelming majority of humanity, crushing people's lives and spirit. The rich imperialist countries feed on the labour of billions in the vast global sweatshops of Asia, Africa and Latin America condemned to most intolerable conditions, brutally imposed imperatives of the global rampage of the imperialist capitalist system. Vicious discrimination, bigotry and undisguised violence is unleashed against immigrants who flee death and destruction brought down on their countries and livelihood by this system. Thousands of our fellow human beings are deliberately condemned to death in the waters of the Mediterranean or to lose their lives and loved ones in the hostile desert conditions along the US-Mexican border, if they manage to survive being preyed upon in the refugee camps contracted to dictatorial regimes like Turkey. Male supremacy is tightly woven into its foundations and permeates every sphere of life, suffocating the half of humanity that's female and has intensified with a vengeance all around the world. From Portugal to Poland, across Europe the main stream bourgeois parties and political forces are not lagging far behind the fascist forces who move to brutally reassert the traditional forms of oppression and values for the patriarchal oppression of women, and LGBTQ people.

Western democracies, cops enforce white supremacy and the economic and social conditions of exploitation and oppression with bullets and batons in a never-ending reign of institutionalized police terror. And all the while the relentless drive of capital to self-expand and to chase ever more profits devours nature and lays waste to increasing swaths of the planet and pushes humanity ever closer to an existential crisis and the tipping point of climate catastrophe along with the threat of a nuclear war, spelling a species extinction for humanity.

Yet the illusions and self-delusions never tire— especially at times of crisis and tumult like now—this system can be reformed. That the best we can hope for is to get some "lesser evil" like Biden into power, or Labour, or the Social Democrats....forgetting that this logic itself had a major role for the current situation... That all we can hope to do is pressure or maybe even "terrorize" those in power to do better and to make this system act against its nature and inherent internal dynamics.. Let's call this what it is—unadulterated bullshit! The system; cannot be reformed or recycled against its nature. The only way humanity can get

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out from under these horrors is to make revolution to <u>overthrow this system</u> and defeat and dismantle the institutions enforcing its power.

And here's another reason why this isn't just a dream: This system is in real trouble, caught up in deep crisis and sharpening conflicts for which it has no easy or lasting solutions. Throughout the imperialist countries and the rest of the world, the workings of this system have given rise to deep divisions that cannot be resolved under existing conditions of this system. Society is being ripped apart. Fascists with increasing appetite and determination are goose-stepping their way towards the halls of power, into the state apparatuses, military and security forces not just in the US, but in more and more countries around the world – including here in Europe, with abortion wars raging in Poland, and Germany's AfD and France's newly branded National Front surging forward, as the old mainstream liberal rulers conciliate or accommodate ever more, hoping to carry on as before, even though it is clear that they cannot hold things together in the way they have in the past.

Although there are a lot of bad things connected with this situations and it could lead to something really terrible, yet it is also possible that we could wrench something really positive out of it—revolution, to put an end to this system and bring something much better into being. We have seen this very recently, against a most depraved manifestation of what this system dishes out to the oppressed, against the brazen execution of George Floyd, millions came to together worldwide in an uprising that brought into the open the potential, the possibility and the spectrum of forces for radical change.

But to do this, to do what enables this potential to mount the historical stage, to actually overthrow powerful forces like those ruling in these imperialist countries and carry on along the road to emancipating all humanity, requires a genuinely scientific approach to understand and to transform reality based on summing up the experience of previous revolutions and human knowledge in general. Such a science exists – the new communism, developed by **Bob Avakian**. So even as we fight against our oppressors and their criminal treatment of the masses, cast away illusions about making this system do something it never has and never will, and get serious about a real revolution. Check out Bob Avakian and **the New Communism**. Make this a May Day you'll never forget!

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