

Manifesto of the International Communist Workers Party



"Be realistic, demand the impossible!"

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Preamble

The community is plagued. It is infected with the various currents of reaction, liberal fencesitting, and of red tyrants disguised as liberators and champions of the people. The lack of a revolutionary party, founded on a strict adherence to its principles and programme has allowed this plague to go on mostly unchallenged. Without a cause to rally behind or the mere suggestion of genuine revolutionary theory and practice, people have made themselves content with second hand utopians, programmatically flimsy popular fronts, disorganised guerilla cells, and personality cults of charismatic, yet innately counter-revolutionary individuals.

It is our hope that, as per our past legacy, representing the historical development towards revolutionary thought and praxis, we can help to quell this plague and restore the communist movement to its former focal point as the force which opposes all others. We communists have already established ourselves as a major power. All factions, left and right eventually turn their eyes towards us and our destruction. In turn we shall oppose each and every one without fail, neutralising them and absorbing their more revolutionary sections into our ranks.

The Historic Legacy of the Party

The International Communist Worker's Party represents a long standing historical legacy, not only in regards to the tradition of the Communist Left that it adheres to, but within the Town Community itself. This legacy can be said to span back over eight years to the Free State of St. Paul and the creation of the Leninist Party. But our development as a truly revolutionary, communist party can be said to have begun with the creation of the Socialist Party of Paguaro. This section is not necessarily all expansive, only touching on some of the more major developments in our history.

Within the Republic of Paguaro, the Socialist Party was surrounded by opposition on all fronts, and in turn it was clear to see how the lines had been drawn. On the left we have the Communist Party of Paguaro, a foreign agent dedicated to making Paguaro a Stalinist puppet-state, no less violent and tyrannical than the parties on the right. On the right, we have a myriad of parties, all more or less the same as one another. At this time, the party was not yet mature in terms of its theory and practice. While we opposed both the Stalinists and Fascists, we openly participated in the established political system and had no real visions of changing it.

Another point in our legacy came in the form of La Commune de Chartreuse. Within Chartreuse, our programme and tactics began to take on a more revolutionary nature. We openly participated in armed conflict against the reactionary forces, and especially against the betrayal of La Lutte Ouvrière, which eventually put the nail in Chartreuse's coffin. We advocated the abolition of the principality in exchange for a Commune-state like the one present in Paris during 1871. In hindsight, the aesthetic of La Commune de Chartreuse presented itself as a sort of Mao-Spontex organisation, though none of us were aware of Mao-Spontex at the time.

Perhaps one of the most major points in our development was the creation of the Communist Workers Party of Marietta, the party which the ICWP gets its name from. The CWPM represented one of the biggest

theoretical developments of the party and can be said to be the point where we officially became more or less a part of the Communist Left. We began indulging in and being influenced by the writings of the Councilists. Paul Mattick was probably the most influential theoretician to us at that period. We began openly advocating a system of workers councils and questioning the role of the party in struggle. We stood on the frontlines against any and all injustice that presented itself, most notably the ANP-sponsored brutality of the police force. But we were not without our shortcomings, we had yet to effectively break away from electoralism, and our near-complete opposition to violence left us without an effective system of protection.

Lastly, we have the final period before our hiatus, constituting ourselves as Les Enragés within the nation of Rica Selva. We continued on our course of theoretical development, and found ourselves particularly interested in the Situationist International and Communization current, particularly around Gilles Dauvé. Once again we unwaveringly opposed the other “Communist” parties without fail, as well as the other parties such as the National Front. We began to break away more from electoralism, and experimented with organisation in a radical way by getting rid of any formal leadership structure. However this had the effect of diluting our principles. It was also at this time when we began making a dedicated propaganda effort, something that has continued into the ICWP.

Recognizing our past shortcomings, after a 3 year hiatus we reformed as the International Communist Worker’s Party. Now with more radical aims than before, and armed with knowledge and tactics both in the street and the rally hall we seek nothing less than all power belonging in the hands of all. The ICWP presents itself as the most genuine communist party in our age, opposing all aspects of the old society without compromise.

The Views and Aims of the Party

The ICWP holds a selection of basic positions. These positions are as follows:

Anti-Capitalism

Capitalism is a system based around commodity production, the value-form, and private property. Regardless of whether it is controlled by individual capitalists, the state, or by independent cooperatives. All of these are merely alternative forms of managing capitalism, which in itself is a system that is inherently alienating and exploitative. It has led to the degradation of the environment and the preventable deaths of millions.

Anti-Work

We support the abolition of alienated labour, including the division of labor. In exchange we envision a future society where all will have the freedom to develop every facet of their being, without having to pigeonhole themselves into the same degrading, mind-numbing existence day after day.

Anti-United Fronts

We do not support collaboration with the liberal bourgeois against the fascists. They are merely two sides of the same coin. Capitalism must be targeted if fascism is to be eradicated, and that can only be done by the working class in revolt.

Anti-Electoralism

We oppose the electoral/parliamentary system as an effective means of changing society. At best we may participate in elections to make our name known but our goal is and always will be armed uprising, and the formation of new modes of organisation on our own class terrain.

Anti-"Actually Existing Socialism"

We view all so-called socialist states (the USSR, China, Cuba, etc) as capitalist entities with red flags and labour slogans, they operate on all the laws of the capitalist mode of production. They failed either due to the isolation of the revolution to a particular country, or the revolution was nationalistic in character, not proletarian.

Anti-War

We do not support imperialist/capitalist war, as they profit off the deaths of the working class and leave nothing but destruction in their wake.

Anti-Nationalisms

We do not support national independence movements, as they would lead to just a new capitalist state. They pit the working class against each other in service of the national bourgeoisie of the country they reside in.

Anti-Substitutionism

A communist revolution is an act of the entire working class, not of a single party. The job of the ICWP as the vanguard is providing the proletariat with a communist programme, unifying workers' struggles, and the protection of the revolution against counterrevolutionary forces. It is not our task to take and hold power in the name of the working class but to work towards the working class taking power for itself and the creation of its organs of political power.

Pro-Workers' Councils

The ICWP believes in the necessity of the proletarian dictatorship in a revolutionary period. Historically this has been in the form of the soviets/workers' councils. It is not a state to exist after the revolution, nor is it the rule of the party over the proletariat. The proletarian dictatorship serves to suppress the bourgeois and provide a central organized body for the working class. Once the bourgeoisie ceases to exist the proletariat will also cease existing, as well as its dictatorship.

Pro-Centralisation

We support the centralization of production, not under the state, but the whole of society. Everyone would have access to the total production, and thus possess the capacity for free association in deciding how to use them.

Pro-Internationalism

As proven by history, the revolution must be international or it is nothing. It is not possible for the revolution to succeed in isolation, it always will decay into counterrevolution.

The Aims of the ICWP

- The Establishment of an International system of Soviet Republics in which all power is concentrated in the hands of the entire working class.
- The formation of a Red Army subservient to the will of the Soviets that rejects the officer-culture of bourgeois militaries as well as rejecting the fetishization of democracy over skill and experience.
- To engage in armed struggle against the bastions of capitalist and reactionary ideology.
- To quell the misinformation about the communist movement which has come about by the Red Scare and Stalinist propaganda machines.
- The eventual end of all systems of power and class rule in favor of a free and fair society.

Relationship to Other Parties and Organisations

Opposition

The International Communist Worker's Party stands opposed to both the left and right wings of capital. On the left we see the reorganization of capitalism either under state or cooperative ownership. Neither is a sufficient method towards actually abolishing capitalism. At best it may become slightly more humane on the surface.

On the Right, we see unwavering support for the classical form of capitalism, if not the nationalisation of a few key industries on top of it. The system ranges from fascist dictatorship to the unobstructed open dictatorship of the dollar in the case of "Anarcho"-Capitalism.

Comradery

The ICWP only seeks to ally with other revolutionary organisations who it finds to hold principles that are similar to, or the same as ours. This especially goes for unwaveringly supporting Internationalism, opposition to the USSR and company, and being generally against capitalism altogether. This means that we naturally align with other organisations in the tradition of the Communist Left as well as Marxist-Humanist groups and certain anarchists who meet the criteria. We recognise that revolution is created by classes, not by theory, and that the revolutionary theory and lessons of the past do not speak for the present, but rather speak towards it. Revolutionary consciousness and a philosophy of revolution is born as a result of the active struggle, thus while we must take lessons from the past we ultimately have to forge our own path forward.

The Organisational Structure of the Party

We make it apparent that this is not the most democratic of organisations. This is not in the interest of the leadership of the party being power hungry, the rest of this manifesto should be enough to show we do not desire power. But it is done in the name of preserving the programme of the party from those who may wish to dilute its revolutionary content.

Supporter

Supporters of the ICWP are those who have a friendly relationship and keep contact with and assist the ICWP in its efforts yet are not full members, likely due to theoretical disagreements on some basic tenants.

Party Member

A member of the IWCP, forms the backbone of the party. They agree more or less with the basic principles of the party and actively take part in its activities.

Party Recruiter

Party Members who have sufficient knowledge of the party's programme and stances who are tasked with putting rumors to rest and bringing more people into the party.

Party Assembly

An elected body consisting of one representative for every 5 party members. The assembly's job is to report on any concerns the party members and to assist in organizing activities for the party to engage in at the towns we are participating in. They however, do not possess administrative powers.

Party Officer

Party Officers are appointed by the chairperson and assist in directing the party's activities within a town, such as recruitment, protesting, or street warfare or other specified duties within the party itself. They are expected to know the programme of the party and to adhere to it in their decisions.

Vice Chairperson

Appointed by the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson is in charge of keeping party records and monitoring and managing the officers, along with general internal affairs of the party.

Chairperson

The head of the party. They reserve the right to veto any decision made if they deem it against our core programme and principles.