

# **Committee for a Workers' International (CWI)**

## **NO TO G8 WORLD DOMINATION!**

### **END CAPITALISM AND FIGHT FOR A SOCIALIST FUTURE!**

**W**e are here to say NO to the policies of the world's ruling elites. NO to the rule of the giant corporations. NO to the IMF and World Bank. NO to national, racial, sexual or religious oppression. NO to living standards being undermined to maintain the profits of the rich. NO to the capitalist system that puts profit before human need. And YES to building a movement which can fight back, take power from the capitalists and change the world.

For months now, tens of thousands of young people and workers internationally have been looking towards the Genoa G8 summit as a chance to demonstrate their opposition to the top representatives of capitalist globalisation. Genoa has become the latest focus for protest against the capitalist system that exploits the world's human and natural resources.

Fearful of the rising tide of opposition, governments have attempted to criminalise resistance to capitalism, and justify Genoa's virtual militarisation, by exploiting the clashes that the police provoked in Gothenburg. Yet the G7 is extending a warm hand to Russian President Putin - the man responsible for bombing Grozny, the Chechen capital, back into the Stone Age! Clearly for these leaders, business is business!

Global capitalism ruthlessly plunders the whole world, especially Africa, Asia and Latin America. Multinational companies account for 80% of world industrial output and over 66% of world trade. Despite economic growth during the 1990s, capitalism again showed that it could not offer a route to development for most of the world. Those few countries that saw economic advance in that decade are now in crisis. There is no longer talk of 'Asian Tigers'.

A decade ago in Eastern Europe many of those rejecting Stalinism were convinced that capitalism offered working people the best alternative, but their hopes for a better future have not been realised. Instead, for the majority, their living conditions have collapsed, while a small, largely gangster, elite has become obscenely wealthy.

A developing economic crisis is now spreading through the main capitalist countries. This is the background to the

growing wave of job losses in all countries and the capitalists' increasing demands that working people tighten their belts. It is one reason why Bush rejected even the limited environmental controls proposed under the Kyoto Protocol on the pretext that US big business could not afford them.

The Committee for a Workers' International (CWI), an organisation of socialists with members in 35 countries on every continent, is engaged daily in the struggle of workers, of young people, of the oppressed and of the poor, against capitalism and all its consequences. We fight for jobs for all, for a shorter working week, against privatisation, for decent pay, homes, education, health and democratic rights.

The CWI strives to channel the anger of all workers and youth against the capitalist system into a struggle for genuine socialism as the only way to eradicate the mighty problems capitalism has created. Many leaders of parties that once called themselves socialists have betrayed even the idea of socialism and are now champions of the market. In countries like Italy and Austria this has given room to extreme right parties to gain successes.

In Italy the Rifondazione Comunista now has the opportunity to become the pace setter in fighting the Berlusconi government, but this will need a fighting programme that presents a socialist alternative to both the 'House of Liberty' and the 'Olive Tree' coalitions. In most other countries working people and youth need to construct new parties, democratically run and kept free from careerists, in order to revive the struggle for socialist policies.

The CWI fights to take ownership and control of all major monopolies, banks and land out of the hands of the capitalists and landlords. Our alternative to capitalism is socialist planning. The combination of public ownership and the planned use and distribution of resources, through democratically elected committees of workers and poor people, would enable the world's resources to be used to meet humanity's needs, instead of the profits of a few.

**Join us in the CWI to fight against global capitalism. Fight together with us for a socialist future.**



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