

# **May Day is the Day of Revolution!**

## **The Challenges Faced by the International Working-Class Movement Today**

May day is neither a day of festivity nor a day of celebration. It is a day of the world proletariat to take a pledge. It is a day when the workers of Chicago in America spilled their blood for lessening the working hours, and handed over the red flag as the flag of the workers. It is a great day, which had filled the working-class of the world with inspiration and inspired them for much more struggles in the subsequent periods. This is the day for the working class of the world to review its activities, and to pledge to take forward their battle with much more effectiveness to its liberation and establishing socialist system!

With the inspiration of May Day, in the guidance of communism (scientific socialism) workers organised in to a class and basing on class-politics they were able to form the political party of the working-class. For the first time they were able to end exploitation and oppression and establish socialist system in which crores of people could live with freedom and independence, self-respect and happiness.

In Russia, China and in many countries of eastern Europe, socialist systems were established. They tasted great victories, which were not previously seen in the history of human-kind for lakhs of years. They stood as a compass for the struggles of the people of the world. During the post second world-war period, revisionism got upper hand in those countries causing a set back in the progress of the human-kind. As an imperialist super power America by wielding control on the world speeded up its domination and hegemony. It has been conducting the wars of exploitation and aggression.

Taking this as a chance the capitalist intellectuals speeded up their propaganda as if capitalism is the only alternative. They increased their veiled attacks on Marxism in various forms. Repression is used on the workers and mass struggles. They used military forces and caused blood-shed of proletariat. Even then it has not been possible for them to back wind the forward march of history. It is not even possible to them. That at a time of Karl Marx's birth bi-centenary, in great numbers the intellectuals and people of the world had revisited the Communist Manifesto and Capital of Karl Marx which in itself shows the relevance of Marxism.

Those capitalists who have stated that there is no alternative to capitalism, are disturbed and babbled due to the eruption of crisis from the very innards of capitalism. The imperialist capitalist countries have been keeping the weight of the crisis mainly on the working class and toiling masses of Asia, Africa and Latin America and making their lives much more

unbearable. The neo-liberal policies like liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation could not save them from crisis, but are leading them from one crisis to the other. This situation is again fuelling the dis-satisfaction and anger of the working masses and sharpening their class-struggles.

The economists of capitalist system are trying in many forms to prevent the anger and emotion of working-class people turning up into an organised form. Not only by imposing various restrictions and repression on workers to form their unions, they are also making every effort to keep the leadership of the trade unions in their pockets either through threatening or by corrupting them. The capitalist system is horribly deceiving the working class with its dubious tactics.

On the other hand, the capitalist forms of exploitation like wage cuts, worsening working conditions, increase in working hours, closures and lockouts of industries, layoffs etc are leading workers inevitably in to struggles. Once the demon of communism had haunted the capitalist class of the world. Today the devices of reformism, loyalism and class collaboration are gripping the workers movement in their herculean grip. Even in these conditions of poverty of thought of subservience to the bourgeois class, workers are conducting struggles and preparing to wage struggles throughout the world.

In USA, 90% of the 'defined pension policies' are cancelled. In Spain the retirement age is increased to 65 years. Like-wise in Germany and Britain it is increased to 67 years. In Germany they are thinking to increase it up to 70 years. Instead of paying the amounts of terminal benefits to the workers after their retirement, they are transferring all those amounts in the form of FDIs and FII's. Increase in the pensionable age is causing the increase of unemployment furthermore. This is causing for the unbridled people's anger. On the May Day of last year itself 10 lakh working people in France came on to the streets of Paris protesting the pension reforms and demanding to decrease the pensionable age to 43 years. Moreover, the workers in USA, Britain, Germany, South Korea and Italy and of other countries in the world are marching forward in great numbers for increase of the wages and betterment of working conditions. Protesting against increasing inflation and demanding to resolve the unemployment problem that reached to 24 %, the workers came on to the streets and conducting their struggles. Throughout Europe farmers are continuing their struggles. This is a positive indication, that can lead to the alliance of workers and farmers.

As the imperialist competition for sharing markets in the world for profit making led to the first and second world wars, today the imperialist super-power America instigated wars are keeping a great weight on the working-class and people of the world. In the Russia-Ukraine war, showing Russia as the demon, America is supplying weapons in a large quantity to Ukraine and the member countries of NATO. America is instigating Israel in conducting war on Palestine, and the attacks on Iran, it established instability and peaceless situation in Middle East, raising tensions and keeping them up. By doing so America is intending to come out of its crisis by selling its weapons to those Countries. But it is impossible. The

working class of the world and the oppressed people around the world stand as a united force opposing the wars conducted by imperialists with the slogans of Democracy–Peace–Socialism. They do not let the imperialists play at their will and wish.

In his writings on wages–price–profit, Karl Marx at that time itself had analysed that workers have completed their task of conducting so many agitations and struggles on their day-to-day issues: The working class shall not over estimate where these daily struggles will lead to. They shall not forget that they are fighting only against the results, but not against the causes for such results. They shall note that they are only preventing the conditions from further deteriorating but not changing the actual way and that they are trying only to decrease the seriousness of the illness, but not eradicating the illness. With such a warning he preached the workers to take up their real task. Instead of the conservative slogan 'just wages for just work' he called the workers to formulate the revolutionary slogan 'demanding the abolishment of the wage system and wage slavery' and to politically educate their movements.

The working class of our Country is not an exemption to this principle. The established and revisionist trade unions are limiting their struggles to the extent of economic demands only. Though workers have achieved many rights through their struggles in the past and though presently in the advent of implementation of imperialist globalisation policies the workers are losing many of their rights, the inability of conducting effective united struggles has remained as a weakness.

The immediate main task of the working-class of our country is to provide leadership to the democratic revolution. The inadequacy of preparing working class to take up its historical class task with responsibility had to be corrected and rectified. The working class has to be moulded as the leader of oppressed people of the society. It shall be moulded as a champion for fighting the issues of unorganised workers including the toiling masses in the agricultural sector.

But the workers themselves cannot be politicised in to its own class. The communist party – the vanguard of the working class has to take up the task of its political endeavour among the working class. Working class should come out of the approach and understanding that political effort in trade unions and the political efforts of the revolutionary party are the same. Working class has to be prepared towards new democratic revolution. Working class shall evolve itself as a leader of democratic revolution. This is the message the May Day is giving us today.