The system is the problem . . .

If you ever demonstrated against apartheid, U.S. intervention in Central America or Star Wars. If you walked a picket line to stop a wage cut or to defend reproductive rights. If you ever protested against racism or fought against budget cuts. Then the question should arise: What is the cause of it all and how can we get rid of it?

Why does the U.S. back right-wing dictators and finance mercenary "contras" everywhere? Why does the Pentagon war budget grow without bounds while there are an estimated 50 million people in the U.S. living at or below the poverty level? Why are there plant closings, take-backs and economic dislocation for millions of workers in spite of the economic recovery? Why do people go hungry when there are billions of tons of food in government warehouses? Why are there millions of homeless people during the biggest real estate boom in U.S. history? Why are billions of dollars poured into war research while people die of AIDS everyday? Why do Black, Latin, Asian, Arab and Native people face racism everyday while women and lesbians and gay men are denied equal rights in the so-called land of "democracy"? Why is anti-Semitism on the rise? Why do students and youth face cutbacks, job insecurity and unemployment in the richest country in the world?

Reagan is a right-wing reactionary. But is it just Reagan? Is it bad policy made by reactionary administrations? Or is it the system itself?

The problems we face today have their roots in the capitalist system. Capitalism promotes racism, sexism and bigotry to keep workers divided and wages down. Unemployment, hunger and homelessness come about because production—factories, mines, agribusiness, service industries, etc.—is privately owned by a handful of billionaires and organized for profit instead of human needs. Imperialist wars are fought to conquer new markets and protect super-profits abroad. And these horrors go on under Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals alike.

The only permanent solution to these problems is for the masses of people who create all the wealth of society to take it out of the hands of the greedy, profit-hungry exploiters. It should be taken over and run in a planned way for the benefit of all of society. In other words, get rid of capitalism and establish socialism.

A program for fighting back

On Memorial Day weekend, hundreds of organizers and activists from all over the country will attend the Workers World Party conference to analyze the current problems facing the movement and present a program for the struggle—all from the perspective of the fight for socialism.

Workers World Party is fully equipped to put forward a well-rounded revolutionary program. In its 27 years as a Marxist-Leninist party, WWP has made many theoretical contributions—including its all-embracing concept of the present era as one of a global struggle between two diametrically opposed social class camps. It has made both theoretical and practical contributions on the national question and the right of self-determination in the U.S., the women's struggle and the lesbian and gay struggle. It has a thoroughly internationalist outlook that includes the staunch defense of the socialist camp against imperialism and full solidarity with all national liberation struggles.

WWP members have given leadership in a multitude of struggles, from the anti-Vietnam war movement and the support of the Black liberation movement of the 1960's; from battling the KKK and the Nazis to strike struggles and the fight against plant closings; we have fought for food and heat and housing and against police brutality. All WWP's activities are part of the world-wide struggle for socialism—the same struggle that is being waged today in South Africa, Haiti, Central America and the Philippines. It is a struggle for a system that already has been embraced by over a billion and a half people and that is the social goal of hundreds of millions more all over the world.

Find out about new conditions that will open the way for the struggle in the U.S. Learn about the fight for the socialist future. Come to the Memorial Day conference.

Topics of the conference to include:

- A critical evaluation of the latest phase of U.S. capitalism and the socialist perspective in the U.S.
- Fighting racism, national oppression and building class unity.
- The rising struggle against the sexual oppression of women, lesbians and gays.
- AIDS: How the profit system creates political crisis over medical disease.
- The impact of the technological revolution on the working class today—high technology and low pay.
- The changing nature of the working class to a majority Third World and women—the revolutionary potential of this development.
- The strategy and tactics of workers' control.
- The relationship of the fight for reform to improve peoples' lives (jobs, food, housing, rights for the disabled) and the socialist transformation of society.
- Electoral politics and mass struggle.
- Revolutionary movements around the world in transition—the Philippines, South Africa, Haiti, Central America, the Middle East.
- The military-industrial complex, the nuclear build-up and a working class strategy to stop the war-makers.
- The capitalist state: cops, courts, prisons, military—guardians of the profit system.
- The problems of youth and students in society and renewed campus/high school activism.
- The state of U.S.-USSR relations today.
- The Peoples Republic of China: Where is it going? Its relations with the U.S., the USSR, the Third World.
- The newly emerging socialist countries: under the gun of the U.S.
- The IMF and the world debt: International extortion to financial crisis.
- The basic teachings of Marxism—the theoretical foundation of the struggle for socialism.
- The role of a revolutionary working class party, trade unions, mass organizations.
- Understanding the nature of capitalism and imperialism: the superiority of socialism.

Participate in workshops—Hear speakers and panelists