December 2016 CENTER FOR MARXIST EDUCATION

Sunday, December 4 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM What is Communism? A Discussion of the Communist Manifesto

Eddie Carson, CPUSA-Boston

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The Communist Manifesto is an 1848 political pamphlet by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. It presents an analytical approach to the class struggle and the problems of capitalism and the capitalist mode of production. Get ready for an engaging discussion! Buy your own copy for \$2.50 Listen to the free Audio Book

Saturday, December 10 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM **Changes and Challenges in China Forty Years After Opening Up and Adoption of Market Mechanisms** Zheng Zhifa, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Earth-shaking developments have followed since China opened up and adopted market mechanisms nearly 40 years ago. But only a few deputies in the National People's Congress are real representatives of workers and peasants. Protecting the rights of ordinary people has proved difficult. In addition, the ideals of the Chinese Revolution have weakened little by little, as the market mechanisms encourage people to get rich. There is a widespread crisis of the so-called "four faiths" of the Chinese Revolution.

Zheng Zhifa teaches in the School of Political Science at Nanchang University and is a special researcher at the World Socialism Research Center of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. His research interests are in education in Marxist theory.

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Wednesday, December 14

Committee for International Labor Defense Business Meeting and Educational Business Meeting | 6:30 PM (All are welcome.) Educational | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

"The case of Chelsea Manning" A review of her past year and the struggle to release this courageous soldier, who has inspired so many others. Presentation by Susan McLucas, a founder of Chelsea Manning solidarity effort in the Boston area.

Sunday, December 18 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM **China: A Century of Revolution** Part Two: The Mao Years 1949-1976 (1994) Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee

Ching: A Century of Revolution is a six-hour tour de force journey through the country's most tumultuous period. First televised on PBS, this award-winning documentary series presents an astonishingly candid view of a once-secret nation with rare archival footage, insightful historical commentary and stunning eyewitness accounts from citizens who struggled through China's most decisive century. Part 2: The Mao Years examines the turbulent era of Mao's attempts to forge a "new China" from the warravaged and poverty-stricken nation.

Save the Date! Sunday, January 1, 2017 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM The CME's Annual Open House!

CME Hours for December

Sunday (12/11 and 12/18): 4:00 - 6:00 PM Monday: 3:00 – 5:00 PM (Closed 12/12) Wednesday: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Wednesday (12/7 and 12/14): 4:15 - 6:00 PM Friday: 10:30 - 1:00 PM (Closed 12/23 and 12/30)