On post-election trip

Bush inflames world tensions

U.S. imperialism threatens Iran, North Korea and Venezuela

By Fred Goldstein

As the Bush administration prepares for its second term, it is attempting to overshadow its crisis in Iraq and its growing world economic contradictions by escalating international tensions over Iran and North Korea.

Even as the U.S. military was announcing its need for additional forces and the January elections in Iraq were in doubt, assurances by Ahmad Allawi and the puppet government there notwithstanding, Bush was in Latin America at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit promoting his phony “war on terrorism.”

Instead of discussing the economic crisis being pushed onto the APEC countries in Latin America and Asia by Wall Street’s war of the falling dollar, Bush converted the conference into a platform to denounce Iran and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK or North Korea) for having nuclear ambitions.

Powell opens up attack on Iran

It was outgoing Secretary of State Colin Powell who set the stage for Bush’s attacks on Iran. He astonished the world, while talking to reporters on his way to Chile, by reenacting the infamous UN Security Council speech in which he had made unsubstantiated and false accusations that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction as a run up to the war. Powell did a repeat, this time about Iran. He repeated unsubstantiated charges, made by a counter-revolutionary group trying to overthrow the Iranian government, that Iran was working on nuclear weapons. The Iranian version of Ahmad Chalabi and the Iraqi National Council suddenly turned up with aerial photos allegedly showing a nuclear weapons site. But who has forgotten the aerial photographs of so-called mobile chemical weapons factories in Iraq that Powell displayed at the UN? They turned out to be harmless civilian trucks.

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‘Transgender Day’ in 180 cities, 7 countries

By Leilani Dowell

Nov. 20 was the sixth annual Transgender Day of Remembrance. This year’s events were held in 180 cities and seven countries worldwide.

In the year since the last event, there have been 21 reported cases of murder against trans persons throughout the world, with 10 of those committed in the United States.

The victims of these brutally violent murders are predominantly trans women of color. Furthermore, most of these deaths receive little attention.

In the six years that the Day of Remembrance has been held, it has grown from a candlelight vigil in San Francisco to events around the world. River Arz-Edinh, organizer for Kalamaezuz, Mexico, which sponsors Transgender Day of Remembrance, told the Kalamazoo Gazette: “Some are given a place in life where just being who we are, staying alive, requires courage. So we want to commemorate trans people that have struggled, who have been martyred.”

Anti-trans attitudes, often enforced by the state, reinforce this violence. On Nov. 27, a school district in Spurger, Texas, gave up its “The Woman Is Requested to Pay” or “TWIRP” Day. During this year, female students dressed in male clothing and vice-versa. A parent brought a lawsuit against the school, saying that the event promoted homosexuality.

“Justice for Manuel Chametla!”

By Stephen Millies

Queens, N.Y.

Rain didn’t stop 300 people from marching down Queens Boulevard on Nov. 20 to demand justice for Manuel Chametla. The 18-year-old boy was killed “accidentally” on Oct. 18 by retired NYPD Detective John Malik while he was working in an Astoria, Queens, grocery store.

Malik hasn’t been charged. The ex-cop wasn’t even put in handcuffs after the shooting.

Like millions of Mexican workers, Manuel Chametla was forced to come to the United States to provide for his family. His widow and their child are now living in Queens, in 1901. None of these killers of a Dominican son Manuel Mayi was killed by a racist gang in Corona, Queens, in 1991.

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FIST: Youth want change now

From a talk given by Stephanie Nichols to the Nov. 14 National Fightback Conference

More voters overall went to the polls on Nov. 2 than they did four years ago—but only 17 percent of them were young people between the ages of 18 and 29. That was the same percentage as the youth vote in 2000.

The number of young voters increased only by 1.8 percent over the last election. And young people also voted at lower rates than for John Kerry and 44 percent for George W. Bush.

However, when you hit the streets with a radical, militant and politically charged protest such as the Million Worker March, the percentage of youths who come out to fight increases dramatically.

Youth want change. Now. Youth are the most affected by this destructive system. Our futures are being destroyed by imperialism and militarism. We are the ones being killed by war and globalization, on both sides.

Richard Lingard, a 19-year-old member of the North Carolina Republican Party headquarters that resulted in the arrest of three young activists on felony charges. In the wake of that incident, local and federal law enforcement began a campaign of harassment targeting the Raleigh/ Triangle area's young people. And that campaign is being increased dramatically by the intervention of state repression.

Elena Everett, chair of the North Carolina Green Party and an NC State student, said, “The outcome of the trial, if these three youths are convicted, could set a dangerous precedent for other activists and all political activity in the future.”

Everett and others say there is no valid evidence tying the youths to the felony charges.

Members of both FIST and SPAN felt that this news conference was necessary to show solidarity with the three young people accused of vandalizing the GOP headquarters and with the North Carolina activist community. Dan Foreman, co- chair of the NC chapter of SPAN, said, “The network of Runaway and Youth Services counselors, organizers, workers and political activists in general.

Many of the people who participated in FIST’s events felt that a show of solidarity with the three young people charged in the case was very important. Most of them were very clear that the youths’ struggle against police repression was everyone’s struggle.

Attempts by reporters at the event to eliminate references to the GOP incident were met with stiff rebuttals from all activists interviewed. People refused to contribute to the hypocrisy of popular dis- course of denouncing an act of petty van- dalism while the U.S. government continues its vicious military assault against the city of Falluja in Iraq.

Eaton Sprouso, ‘They (the state) are trying to make us feel frightened from them, and we are doing every- thing we can to fight back and reclaim the message.’”

Also on Nov. 19, in addition to the news conference and “Honk for Peace,” a mass contingent of bicy- clists, including Sprouso himself, participated in the FIST demonstration against Critical Mass, the widely popular interna- tional movement of bike riders who take back the streets from police traffic en- tity. Regularly held during the last Friday of every month in Raleigh, this Critical Mass protest was important and large enough this time out to force police “pro- tection” of the bikers in the form of two Raleigh motorcops.

Queeneta “Q” Allen, the leader of Raleigh FIST, said “The cops have been giving us some trouble lately, but this time they were there to escort us.”

A court-appointed lawyer for the Palesti- nian leader Yasser Arafat (1929-2004) was held by the Middle Eastern North American Students Association in the evening of Nov. 19. People observed a brief moment of silence for the long-time freedom fighter, who passed away in early November in a Paris hospital at age 75. The vigil for Arafat, a voice for oppressed peoples everywhere, was a more than fit- ting end to the historic events of the Friday evening.

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass.

Students fight police brutality

By Bryan G. Pfeifer

Springfield, Mass.

The vicious beating of an African American school principal by four white cops has surfaced in this city’s oppressed communities. Students from Springfield Technical Community College held an anti-police-brutality march and demonstration Nov. 20 because they are “so outraged at what happened to Mr. Greer,” said Andrea Bryant, chair of the newly formed Urban Awareness Group at STC. This is a group primarily of African American students dedicated to promoting anti-racist social change. Friday evening’s protest was the group’s first public action.

According to Douglas Greer, principal of Robert M. Hughes Academy Charter School, he was viciously beaten by four white cops Nov. 4. Greer, who has diabe- tes, drove his car into a South End gas station after feeling ill. A worker at the gas station called police and relayed that Greer, who had lapsed into the early stages of a diabetic seizure. Emergency personnel arrived, according to eyewitnesses, they smashed Greer’s win- dow, dragged him through it and beat him unconscious on the pavement. Greer said he was battered and bruised both about his medical condition, but the four officers accused him of being “on drugs” and used this as an excuse to beat him.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Workers force end to hotel lockout
By Brenda Sandburg
San Francisco

The struggle began Sept. 29 when workers at four hotels went on a two-week strike to force employers to negotiate a favorable contract. The hotel operators retaliated on Oct. 13, locking out the striking workers as well as those at two other hotels.

Since then the 4,300 locked-out workers have held loud picket lines at the hotels, chants from early in the morning into the evening. They had strong support from other unions and the community, as well as from Mayor Gavin Newsom, who joined the picket line in October when workers applied for his 40-day cooling-off period.

Two other developments had bolstered the workers. The state of California gave them unemployment compensation benefits and the three organizations providing their health-care benefits extended coverage through January.

Many businesses and organizations have refused to cross the picket line.

The ultimatums from Greenspan and Snow are signals that the Bush administration has deserted the economy's struggle against its imperialist allies. The president of the European Central Bank, Greenspan's counterpart, has called the shifting in currency exchange rates "fraud." If the imperialist allies and China decide to cash in the trillions of dollars of U.S. debt that they hold, it would lead to a run on the dollar. Their consequences would be earth-shaking for U.S. capitalism.

Forcing a devalued dollar, the world's reserve currency, on U.S. global competitors will cut short their modest economic growth. It will incite the transnational bankers and corporate bosses to intensify their attack on their working classes. Unemployment and cuts in wages and benefits will intensify for European, Asian and Latino workers.

Profits before people
Lecturing the world to put its economies in order is the height of arrogance and hypocrisy. The U.S. economy is out of control.

The annual U.S. government deficit has gone from zero in 1987 to nearly $600 billion this year. Congress has just increased the debt ceiling by over $800 billion, to an unprecedented $11.8 trillion.

The specter of inflation has returned. Too many cheaper dollars are flooding the marketplace. The corporate bosses and bank managers will be making less profit, following a bountiful four years. To maintain profit margins, prices on food, energy, transportation and other essential services have rocketed upward, excising the income of workers to offset the opressed.

Inflation has lowered standards. It takes more dollars to buy the necessities of life and working and oppressed people can't afford the goods and services they produce. So they borrow. Household debt is at an all-time high and interest rates are on the rise.

It won't be long before the worker/consumer will face more bankruptcies and defaults. Wall Street's money-lenders have sucked in over $50 million credit card borrowers, who accumulated a $2-trillion debt during the last downturn.

The urban workers have been hit hard. New York is a microcosm of what's going on around the country. According to GothamGazette.com, November 2004: "Last year about one in three low-wage full-time workers in this city experienced one or more of these hardships: their gas, phone or electricity was turned off because they couldn't pay the bills; they used a food bank or pantry to avoid going hungry; they couldn't pay the rent; or a prescription cost too much for them to fill it. ... Almost half had no health coverage, with the majority lacking prescription coverage for themselves and ... for family members." Bush plans to worsen these intolerable conditions to pay for his permanent tax relief for the wealthiest 1 percent. The increase in military spending for the Iraq War to $8.5 billion a month from $4 billion has diverted $200 billion overall that could be used to restore social services so desperately needed.

In Chile, at the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, thousands of protesters braved tear gas and water cannons to confront Bush and his global and euro- neral policies. They denounced Bush's geno- cidal war on Iraq and his designs on Latin America. Opposed to U.S. globalization, the demonstrators say that export of dollars (capital) and privé to privatize their land, they carried banners and pro-Cuba flags. This show of interna- tional solidarity and resistance to U.S. imperialism is a splendid example for advancing the class struggle at home.

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Workers face inflation & debt
By Milly Nienberg

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Clarence Thomas and Shane Hoff speak at S.F. rally.

According to a Local 2 representative, more than 90 percent of the workers have joined the March movement. "We need to build a national fighting movement," Hoff said. "We need to take the offense and build the Million Worker March movement.

Noel Bedeau, a Lutheran pastor who has encoun- tered solidarity on behalf of Bay Area Rapid Transit workers, and Eddie Rosario, vice president of Graphic Communications International Union Local 2, spoke at the rally.

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Fight brews over cuts
By Cheryl LaBash
Detroit

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In California, almost 40 percent of nationally oppressed working families are lowest paid and comprise less than 1 percent of white families. Forty-two percent of low-income working families have one

From a talk by Gloria Verdieu

the right of nations to self-determination, all oppressed peoples. It has recognized the need of nations to be self-determined. It is not true.

Gloria Verdieu

at the Nov. 19-24 National Fightback Conference.

Why is it the duty of a Marxist party to defend the right of self-determination for oppressed nationalities?

Since Workers World Party’s founding in 1936, it has fought for the right of all oppressed peoples. It has recognized the right of nations to self-determination, including the nationally oppressed peoples inside the United States.

Self-determination means recognizing that the people of oppressed nationalities must have the power to determine for themselves what is best for them. We cannot go into an oppressed community and tell it what to do. We respect the right of nationally oppressed working families to determine for themselves what is best for them.

In October, the California Department of Education released its 2004 Standardized Testing and Reporting Program Data and Accountability Progress Report. In the category of English Language Arts, 25 percent of African American and 21 percent of Latin@ students were at the proficient or advanced level, compared to 61 percent of white students.

In mathematics, 18 percent of African American and 21 percent of Latin@ students were at the proficient or advanced level, compared to 46 percent of white students.

What is the composition of the public school population in California? The ethnic breakdown is 67 percent non-white, 48 percent economically disadvantaged, 25 percent non-native-English speakers, and 10 percent Special Education students.

Looking at this breakdown, the overwhelming majority of the students in the state's schools come from nationally oppressed families. Many of these children have special needs.

We support organizations in oppressed communities that are not silo-minded and that address the specific educational needs of these communities. These communities need more doctors, more teachers, more social activists.

Shouldn’t the schools that train young people in these professions be located in these communities for the convenience of the people? Shouldn’t these communities decide how the schools are run, what is taught and who does the teaching? This is what self-determination means for oppressed people.

Racism & Three Strikes Law

Let’s move on to the so-called justice system.

In 2003, 44 percent of state and federal prisoners were Black, 31 percent Latin@, 2 percent were other nationalities of color, and 35 percent were white. When prisoners of all nationally oppressed groups are combined, we constitute 65 percent of the state and federal prison population. Yet we are less than 30 percent of the total population of the country. We are over represented in these communities constitute 39 percent of the total population. But nationally oppressed prisoners constitute 66 percent of the state prison population.

California’s prison population is escalating. A lot of it is due to the Three Strikes Law that has been in effect for 10 years now. A report examining the effect of the Three Strikes Law on African Americans and Latin@s was released last month. It reports that African Americans and Latin@s are imprisoned under Three Strikes at a far higher rate than whites.

Several people arrested on charges of first-strike felony arrests, compared with almost 36 percent for whites. With second strike arrests, however, the percentages that are reversed. Thirty-six percent of second strike arrests are of Black people, compared with 26 percent for whites.

With the third strike arrests, the percentage for Blacks increases to almost 45 percent. For whites, the percentage decreases to 25.

So who does the Three Strikes law target? The majority of those arrested under this law is a racist law. People of oppressed nationalities make up 70 percent of third strikers.

In the last election, there was a California ballot proposition that purported to “fix” the Three Strikes Law. If passed, Prop. 66 might have meant the re-sentencing and possible release of up to 4,000 out of more than 7,000 third strike prisoners, including many Black and Latin@ prisoners. The measure was defeated.

But who would have benefited most from the revision of the law? Who would have won the passage of the law? Who would have been able to come up with the money for a new trial?

The victory of the struggles of prisoners and their families for justice. We didn’t discourage anyone from voting for Prop. 66. But we went to the Prop. 66 meetings and tried to present the facts about the racist, inhuman, racist and unjust law. It cannot be amended or fixed to make it right. The only fix for Three Strikes is to abolish it.

Twentу-one other states have similar laws. Abolishing Three Strikes in California could set the stage for similar movements elsewhere. All these laws need to be abolished.

Instead, the capitalist government is determined to push for more of the same. The only solution is to continue to lock people up. The big business media offer the same solution.

A different view

We have a different view. We support the struggles of workers of all nationalities for an industrial complex and release all political prisoners.

We believe that in an important sense, all prisoners in the U.S. are political prisoners. When the power to imprison is in the hands of the working class and the oppressed communities, the people may determine their own liberation. In the struggle against oppressive conditions are not realistic at all.

We believe that these communities are perfectly capable of deciding what constitutes a danger to society. We think they may conclude that greedy landlords, racist bosses and lazy capitalists are much more deserving of incarceration than people who steal to eat or drugs to ease the pain of poverty.

We believe that killer cops? We support the struggles of oppressed people against police brutality and police terror. The tremendous revolutionary potential of the oppressed communities in this country haunts the ruling class.

It uses the cops in a non-stop war of terror to try to keep the oppressed movements elsewhere. All these laws need to be abolished.

We need class unity if we are to win the struggle. We need workers to stand in solidarity with workers of oppressed nationalities and take up the struggles of oppressed workers as their own, the victory of our class is assured.

Students fight police brutality

The Nov. 20 march began at STCC. Marchers went to the main Springfield police station three blocks away. There a speak-out took place.

Community member Ishmael Ali and others presented a citizens’ complaint about the police treating.

The multi-ethnic group of protesters, who came from throughout western Massachusetts, faced the police station from a traffic island, chanting, “No justice, no peace” and other slogans. Banners and placards declared: “Jobs for youth: Not jail.” “Stop racism, police brutality and racial profiling,” “Lynch law is no law,” and “Stop police violence.”

Protestors spontaneously decided to march from the station to State Street, a main thoroughfare to the heart of the oppressed community. Here another speak-out took place where speakers denounced police home invasions and the criminalization of the poor and oppressed.

Nick Camerota and Celid addressing the crowd.

Protesters stood on adjacent street cor-

ners and traffic islands with placards as mass passersby honked car horns in sup- port.

Members of Arise for Social Justice, the American Friends Service Committee, Springfield Copwatch, the Graduate Employee Organization, UAW Local 2322, the Industrial Workers of the World, the National of Islam, Western Mass International Action Center and Workers World Party took part in the protest.

The STCC students stress that this is the first of what they hope are many fight- back actions, including a possible people’s commission to investigate and protest police brutality and police occupations of oppressed communities in the city.

Uprising Group member William Russell connected the U.S. war in Iraq with the war on the working class and oppressed domestically.

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But who would have benefited most from the revision of the law? Who would have won the passage of the law? Who would have been able to come up with the money for a new trial?

The victory of the struggles of prisoners and their families for justice. We didn’t discourage anyone from voting for Prop. 66. But we went to the Prop. 66 meetings and tried to present the facts about the racist, inhuman, racist and unjust law. It cannot be amended or fixed to make it right. The only fix for Three Strikes is to abolish it.

Twentу-one other states have similar laws. Abolishing Three Strikes in California could set the stage for similar movements elsewhere. All these laws need to be abolished.

Instead, the capitalist government is determined to push for more of the same. The only solution is to continue to lock people up. The big business media offer the same solution.

A different view

We have a different view. We support the struggles of workers of all nationalities for an industrial complex and release all political prisoners.

We believe that in an important sense, all prisoners in the U.S. are political prisoners. When the power to imprison is in the hands of the working class and the oppressed communities, the people may determine their own liberation. In the struggle against oppressive conditions are not realistic at all.

We believe that these communities are perfectly capable of deciding what constitutes a danger to society. We think they may conclude that greedy landlords, racist bosses and lazy capitalists are much more deserving of incarceration than people who steal to eat or drugs to ease the pain of poverty.

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What drives imperialism, from Iran to the Philippines

From a talk given by Sako Sefiani, an Iranian member of Workers World Party, at the Nov. 13-14 National Fightback Conference.

People everywhere are awed and shocked at the shamelessness and brazenness of the U.S. ruling class as it razes Iraqi hospitals to the ground, slaughters thousands of civilians, drops one- or even two-ton bombs on population centers—and shamelessly brags about it all.

Some believe that imperialism is a mis-guided and aggressive policy, that we can have capitalism without imperialism and with less of a capitalistic fall-out and that imperialism is inseparable from capitalism. In fact, imperialism is capitalism at a certain stage of development.

Concentrated capital needs to be invested for even more profit. When the capitalists cannot find it domestically, they can subdue a nation without war, but from the very nature of capitalism. The shah suppressed and silenced any voice of freedom, democracy and justice in Iran for the benefit of U.S. multinational corporations. Together with the Zionist state of Israel, he acted as the U.S. police against national liberation movements in the region—which Israel continues to do to this day.

The creation of the Zionist state in the Middle East was the best thing that ever happened for U.S. imperialism. Through Israel, it has been able to keep Arab nations in check and put down numerous democratic and anti-imperialist movements. Considering what Israel does for U.S. imperialism, the billions of dollars Washington gives it are quite cheap.

Needless to say, losing the shah in the 1979 Iranian revolution was a major set-back for imperialism. Which explains why the U.S. government has continued to undermine the revolution. It imposed sanctions on Iran right after the revolution simply because the Iranian people had the audacity to fight for and win their freedom. Now it has decided that is not enough. It wants to weaken Iran. All the talk of nuclear weapons is just an excuse for accomplishing that goal.

When the U.S. attacked and occupied the Philippines in 1898, the Filipino people were dumbfounded to see so much anger and hatred in American troops. What they did not understand was their deeply rooted racism. We see that not only in the U.S., but wherever they occupy. You cannot shoot and kill an unarmed, wounded person without it. You cannot humiliate people, like they did in Abu Ghraib, without it. Back on the streets of America, you cannot empty 42 bullets into someone without it. It is fitting that Washington’s “closest ally” is a racist apartheid regime that considers Palestinians sub-human.

Like war, racism is perpetuated by capital...
Bush inflames world tensions

By John Catalinotto

President George W. Bush can’t set foot in a foreign capital without thousands of people standing between him and his war policies. And when Bush stays in Washington, D.C., or Texas, people around the world look for occasions to target the U.S. president and steal their resources.

Imperialism has to find new sources of profit, but it is literally running out of places and peoples to enslave. Right about now, imperialism must be wishing there would be life in other planets.

Long live the solidarity among workers and oppressed peoples of the world, now needed more urgently than ever.

Pentagon wants more troops for Iraq

By John Catalinotto

Lt. Gen. Lance Smith told a Pentagon news conference on Nov. 19 that U.S. commanders were considering boosting their troop levels in Iraq by up to 5,000.

Just before, a Marine commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. John Sattler, announced that the offensive in Falluja had “broken the back of the insurgency.” This arrogant statement sounded like George W. Bush’s “Mission accomplished!” speech on May Day 2003. In both cases, the U.S. insurgency exploded the lie.

According to a Nov. 18 AFP dispatch, “Marine intelligence officials have issued a report warning that any significant withdrawal of troops from the Iraqi city of Falluja would strengthen the insurgency.” U.S. forces use the word “insurgent” to describe those fighting to defend their country against foreign occupiers.

A Nov. 22 New York Times editorial draws the conclusion that U.S. troop levels in Iraq should be increased, not by a mere 5,000, but by 40,000. The editorial suggests that this troop increase will “detent[e] the insurgency, but it does not spell out just how that is to be done.”

The Nov. 22 Washington Post quotes an unnamed “senior military intelligence officer” as saying, “Our assessment is that the insurgency remains viable. One of the things we see the insurgents doing is moving to areas where we don’t have a lot of presence.” This means across the central part of Iraq.

According to a recent report by Inter Press Service correspondent Dahr Jamail, “the Iraqi resistance now controls large areas in Ramadi, Samarra, Haditha, Baquba, Hiyt, Quim, Latifiya, Taji, Khalidiya, and Baghdad, along with fighting in the holy city of Kerbala.”

And daily reports of the killing of U.S.-trained Iraqi troops by resistance fighters and attacks on occupation convoys demonstrates that the Iraqi insurgents, as guerrillas frequently do when facing a heavily armed occupation army, are responding to being driven where the enemy is weaker.

U.S. atrocities reflect a criminal war

Although the Pentagon claims military success in Falluja and says that the U.S. has completely occupied the city, other reports contradict this.

Defenders of Falluja are controlling 60 percent of the city and are encircling dozens of U.S. soldiers in the Jolan neighborhood, according to eyewitnesses who managed to sneak out. They say the southern part of Falluja is still under the control of the U.S. military.

Dahr Jamail in Baghdad, Al Jazeera and resistance sources also confirm continued fighting in Falluja itself.

Meanwhile, the U.S. has continued to lose “hearts and minds” of the Iraqis by committing war crimes and other atrocities.

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nuclear negotiator, Hussein Moussavain, responded, “This allegation is timed to coincide with the next meeting of the board of governors of the IAEA [International Atomic Energy Agency]. And every time just before the meeting the nuclear weapons allegations either from the United States or terrorist groups. And every time these allegations have proven to be false.”

The Bush administration recently announced it had suspended its refinement agreement with the IAEA negotiated by the Bush-Cheney regime, timed to coincide with the re-election of the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan.

The assassination of Anderson has its roots in Miami, home of the CIA-supervised counter-revolutionaries of Latin America, where the U.S. government has openly called for his murder on several occasions.

Another major development as the U.S. administration enters its second term is the assassination on Nov. 18 of Danilo Anderson, a Venezuelan attorney who was investigating the signers of the April 2002 declaration against President Hugo Chávez.

This assassination has echoes of a previous CIA assassination in Chile. Gen. Rene Schneider was killed in October 1970, just before elections which Salvador Allende, a socialist and head of the Popular Unity coalition, was expected to win. The assassination was a death warning to Allende from the U.S. government, timed to coincide with the re-election of the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan.

Goss has undoubtedly executed the orders of the Bush-Cheney regime, timed to coincide with his boss’s visit to Colombia. And just before Chavez was scheduled to go to the Inter-American summit, as well as to Iran and Russia.

Chavez, like Allende in Chile, who restrained the masses in their struggle and who was a civilian, Chavez has mobilized the masses and oppressed peoples of the world, now needed more urgently than ever.

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As Koreans seek to reunify
Bush uprates war threats

From a talk given by Yoomi Jeong, deputy secretary general of the Korea Truth Commission, to the Nov. 24-14 National Fightback Conference.

I thank you for the opportunity to share the Koreans’ struggle against Bush’s agenda.

But though most of us in the Korean movement didn’t place much significance on the outcome of the U.S. presidential election, we, like the rest of the world, were dismayed and disappointed by the election result.

For we knew that as soon as Iraq is not the hot issue, the North Korean nuclear issue would become a top priority for U.S. foreign policy makers, and that we may face a similar situation to that of the Iraqi people: another war waged upon us by the United States.

What do four more years of George Bush mean to security, peace and reunification? Here are three critical issues for Koreans?

The last four years of Korea-U.S. relations have been grim. Bush put North Korea in a “Axis of Evil” making it a target for preemptive nuclear strikes. He dismissed the “Sunshine Policy,” a reunification policy of the former South Korean President Kim Dae-Jung. Economic sanctions against North Korea continued. U.S. military occupation continued in South Korea. It is no coincidence that the U.S. invasion began with the destruction of two other cities the occupation has lost control over.

North Korea has promised to freeze all nuclear-weapon-related facilities and put it on the table if the U.S. abandons its hostile policy. It wants a peace treaty with the U.S., the lifting of the economic sanctions and blockade, and for Washington to remove it from its list of “sponsors of terrorism.”

But the U.S. has continued its policy of hostility against NK, even as the six-party talks were taking place, announcing there would be no “reward” for the freeze and dismantlement of the nuclear facilities.

Meanwhile the U.S. is not honoring any of its obligations, and instead stepped up the threats against the NK.

Of course NK learned the lesson. They will not give in to anything that will impinge upon their sovereignty. They will do whatever they can not to fall into the U.S. trap.

Just yesterday, South Korean President Roh Moo-Hyun, at the World Affairs Council meeting in Los Angeles, stated that since 1987 there is no evidence that NK supported or has ties to terrorist organizations, with regard to de-listing NK from “terrorist-sponsoring nations.” He added that NK has a legitimate reason to have nuclear deterrents, and that it would freeze in nuclear plan if its security is guaranteed by the U.S.

Despite U.S. threats, the reunification effort between North and South continues. Last year alone, 88,000 South Koreans visited the North and over 1,000 North Koreans visited the South. Railways and roads have been reconnected. There is an increase in joint economic development and cooperation. They marched together at the Olympics in Athens this fall.

The U.S. continues with its own sanctions, pretending U.S. occupation, repeal of the repressive National Security Law, and the reunification of Korea into one state.

We expect a fierce people’s struggle in Korea for peace, sovereignty and reunification. And your support and solidarity would mean a lot.

Yoomi Jeong

Iraq resistance

A public humiliation to U.S. imperialism

From a talk by WWP Secretariat member Sara Flounders to the Nov. 14-14 National Fightback Conference.

The U.S. siege of Falluja represents in the starkest and the most brutal terms the problems of U.S. imperialism and the potential for mobilized people’s resistance to the U.S.

The U.S. war machine makes it clear that they have the massive high-tech firepower to overwhelm any possible opponent. And their own think tanks are telling them that they cannot win the continuing war in Iraq.

This does not mean U.S. imperialism can or will decide to leave Iraq any time soon. These are the irrational and unconvincing contradictions that can tear the imperialist ruling class apart and inflame a global movement.

Falluja was to be an example of how the 22 other cities the occupation has lost control of would be reconfigured in order to orchestrate an election. The offensive there began with the destruction of two hospitals and occupation of the largest hospital. Al Jazeera and other Arab news media were shut down to try to control images of destruction comparable to the “invasion” of Falluja was to be an example of how the U.S. occupation would be perceived in the Arab world, and in Pakistan, the Philippines, Venezuela and South Korea, workers can go into an Internet café and scroll through thousands of images of Iraqis resistance fighters.

Instead communication takes on a different character when a U.S. platoon, which refused a direct military order to drive a convoy of trucks, was able to con- tact their families and contact the media in Jackson, Miss., before the top brass in the Green Zone had even heard of the mutiny.

Officers now worry that GIs can record and photograph illegal orders and war crimes with their cell phones.

All of this technology takes on a different character when citizens recall the words “rights in the military” or “anti-war” or “struggle against racism” or “Mumia” or whatever other words and web sites that activists have connected to us or that we help to maintain pop up. All of these web sites, like all of our printed literature, have a consistent theme of resistance to imperialist war and racism, solidarity with all peoples under attack, and promoting the power of working people when they organize.

A generation ago there was a song: “The revolution will not be televised.” Maybe it still won’t be televised, but we can be sure to catch it on the Internet.

Sara Flounders

The whole world is watching
U.S. imperialism’s biggest problem—greater than an insurgency that they can’t seem to defeat—is that this is happening in a floodlight of world attention.

Instant information and communications seem so powerful when marines can call in deadly strikes via satellite phones to jets far behind. But instant communications can be an embarrassment to the U.S. when high-tech weapons that they don’t consider that this higher technical level is now a world phenomenon.

Their weapons are only one aspect of high tech. Millions of workers who make this technology also must be trained to understand and use the technology. The companies that manufacture the capitalism marketplace in the form of millions of cheap gadgets.

No isolated, illiterate peasant, the Iraqi workers are technically sophisticated and conscious of the aims of colonial occupation. They are aware of the massive world movement that mobilized in the streets to oppose the U.S. war.

Thousands of engineers, scientists, tech- nicians, and mechanics are able to rig thousands of cell phones and remote-controlled doorbells to set off ambushes and booby traps.

The working class today, as Marx predicted 150 years ago, is educated, tech- nically sophisticated and truly a world class. When millions of jobs and work days are destroyed around global time zones, workers themselves begin to understand this.

Iraqi workers are technically sophisticated and truly a world class.
By Pat Chin

Rebellion in Haiti reached a pivotal stage on Oct. 24, when a well-organized group of guerrillas attacked the police station in Gros Morne, a north coast town dominated by the Bush-Cheney-Rumsfeld cabal. They succeeded overcame the police there and seized weapons. (Haitian Times, Nov. 10)

Before leaving, they spray-painted slogans on the station and other buildings, denouncing the occupation and the former soldiers who want to recreate the murderous Haitian army. “Down with the Macoutes,” they also said.

Next to a red star was written, “The De Gaulle’s Army of Liberation (ADLN).”

In 1804 Gen. Jean-Jacques Dessalines declared himself Emperor, defeating the once mighty French colonial army, set in 1802 to restore slavery in Haiti. Two hundred years later, President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was kidnapped in a U.S.-backed coup and forced into exile.

Aristide was Haiti’s first democratically elected president. He was overcoming for failing to bring, even as his administration’s International Monetary Fund and World Bank demands to privatize state-owned industries, among other Neoliberal capitalist measures. If implemented, the dictates of these imperialist financial institutions would benefit a few but further impoverish the masses already on the poorest in the Western Hemisphere.

Since the Feb. 29 coup, the Bush-White House-installed puppet government of President Gerard Latortue has unleashed a wave of murderous repression against Aristide’s supporters. Even Amnesty International has stated that, on Nov. 12, 10, 403 people have been killed in Gros Morne and 250 arrested.

In a statement, the group of radical politicians in the establishment for a shift towards the center are fading fast. “Let the loyalists, the hope of the moderate imperialism, almost complete monopolization of key positions by the Bush-Cheney hard-line loyalists, the hope of the moderate imperialists in the establishment for a shift towards the center are fading fast.”

But the moderates, seeing their right-wing opponents filling post after post, have found a straw to grasp onto. David Sanger, one of the New York Times’ top political reporters, wrote a lead story in the Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, Weekly in Review section entitled “Hawk Sightings Could Be Premature.”

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Indeed, Harry Truman launched the Korean War and billions of dollars, and said after the war “there was no right-wing opposition.”

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The Bush-Cheney-Rumsfeld cabal currently represents objectively the deepest aspect of the U.S. ruling class when they exert all their efforts, under the guise of preventing nuclear proliferation, to overthrowing the Iranian and the North Korean reforms and bringing about “regime change.” Both revolutions—the first bourgeois nationalist, the other a counter-revolutionary—have been covered by the capitalist media. Carmona the corrupt Venezuelan Workers Confederation, and corporate media. Carmona then ordered the suspension of the National Assembly and the Constitution, among other counter-revolutionary rulings and actions. But an uprising of the people ended the coup and rescued Chávez.

Since then, the government has repaid that trust by directing much of the income from Venezuela’s rich oil industry into housing, food and education for the people. To bring those responsible for the coup to justice, Anderson in October had begun subpoenaing 400 of the people whose signatures appeared on that day’s address book for the palace.

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The real bad apples

An Israeli officer is charged with “illegal” use of his weapon after killing a 19-year-old wounded Palestinian girl, Iyman Hams, to make sure she was dead. She was on her way to school when she was shot and killed. A dispute by Palestinian hospital officials said the girl was shot at least 15 times.

The U.S. Department of Defense opened a criminal investigation after televised reports show a U.S. Marine killing a wounded, unarmed Israeli inside a mosque.

There is no question that the right reproductive rights had forgotten the lesson of the Clinton era. During that administration, in the White House, the war on drugs was unleashed against abortion providers. It included assassinations, arson and other violent forms of intimidation.

The provision in the bill would bar reproductive rights rising in the West. And this is the first time the U.S. had a medicinal and health care, not for war!"

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Imagine if these forces converged on Capitol Hill, and held legislators under virtual “House arrest” until they removed that rotten rider? And think for a moment how the ranks of this protest would swell if its leaders called on the anti-war forces to join them, demanding, “Money for health care, not for war!”

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Venezuela, contras turn to terror

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Plymouth pepper-sprayed and brutalized hundreds of people on the critical attempt to have a peaceful march. Twenty-five of us were arrested on charges ranging from misdemeanors to assault and battery on a police officer.

By attacking us, the state thought that they could dissolve and isolate UAINE and the National Struggle, thousands of people nationally and internationally signed petitions, sent faxes, made telephone calls and wrote letters supporting us. We’ve been a successful tourist boycott of Plymouth.

This popular support forced Plymouth to drop the frame-ups charges against all 25. Furthermore, Plymouth had to donate more than $100,000 for a Native educational project and to erect historical markers on their own dime. Finally, Plymouth was forced to recognize our right to have National Day of Mourning every year and to march without a permit.

We have had other victories in the Native struggle in recent years—whether in Quebec or British Columbia or Minnesota. Every victory in Indian country is a triumphant for the entire progressive movement. And in every single case that I can think of, these victories were achieved at least in part because we were able to mobilize our people and gain support from non-Native people.

But in this period of protracted reaction, we have encountered many setbacks, as well.

We have spent many years trying to get our brother Leonard Peltier released from captivity. Leonard Peltier was framed by the FBI and has been falsely imprisoned by the U.S. government since 1976.

And the economic reality of Native people remains grim. We live in the most impoverished conditions on the reservations, but it is important to understand
that well over half of us do not live on reservations.

Indigenous people in the U.S. continue to lag far behind in virtually every measure of economic well-being, whether income, housing, level of education, or health. About one-third of Native people live in federal poverty lines, and many live in substantial food insecurity. We are four times as likely to die of alcoholism, three times as likely to die of tuberculosis, nearly twice as likely to die of breast cancer.

Fully one-third of Native people are children, and they suffer the consequences of poverty and racism the most. Approximately one-fifth of Native youth will attempt suicide.

One of the bitter fruits of our economic oppression has been a very high percentage of young Native women and men going into the U.S. military. It is a tremendous irony that we are so disproportionately represented fighting for a country that oppresses dozens of nations abroad as well as our own Native nations here.

The U.S. Department of Defense routinely scavenge through Native heritage to give names to its tools of death and destruction. The group is known as the "Tomahawk" cruise missile. Naming these weapons of destruction and intimidation after Native warriors and nations is an insult.

The U.S. says that it names its weapons after Native people and nations to be friendly, but if they truly wanted to be friendly instead they should name their weapons after scary people such as George Bush or John Ashcroft.

The focal point of our struggle is always the land. This is key to understanding our lives, just as this wrenching experience is key to understanding the history of our Palestinian sisters and brothers. The government of the United States will go to any length to keep control over control of our land and resources and to deny us our right to political and economic self-deter-
minal and sovereignty.

For Native women, every attempt has been made by the U.S. and the other occup-
ying governments in this hemisphere to strip us of our leadership role as women and to have us live in fear of our children—literally stolen from our families. We have endured a government-sponsored campaign against us from the moment we were born.

We rarely appear in books and media except as stereotyped images. Hundreds of sports teams around the country refuse to use Native names and mascots out of fear that they might offend us, or stop using racist team mascots. Another way in which this society tries to silence us is to insist that we exist only as exotic bear-
ers of cultural diversity. But we are discour-
ged from speaking about issues such as freedom for political prisoner Leonard Peltier, or about genocide past and present.

I want to stress that Indigenous people have enduring a government-sponsored "gathering storm" with regard to any and all attempts to defend Cuba and the Cuban 5. As a result, close to 200 groups formed under the umbrella of the church. These included lesbian and gay, environmental, disability rights, and the dubi-
vously vague category of "human rights." Specifically, the objectives of the gay groups suffering from the same repressions and educating parishioners about homo-

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In conclusion to her 1996, based on the results of a church-consulted commission, a bishops’ conference did conclude that biblical condemnations of same-sex love should no longer be used as justification for discrimination. However, she stressed, “Although the bishops settled one contro-

The group quickly spread to more than 20 cities, not just the big urban areas like Madison, Wisc., or South Bend, Ind., but in small towns like St. Ignace, Ont., Neustrelitz. The Leipzig and Dresden groups were founded by theologians who had been denied ordination because they committed the church hierarchy a wider social base from which to pursue their anti-communist opposition to the workers’ state.

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Una cosa es reunirse y discutir estrategias de resistencia contra la reacción política cuando todo el mundo lo está haciendo. Pero otra cosa es cuando una buena parte del movimiento progresista todavía se siente derrotada después de haber dedicado tantos esfuerzos inútiles en el intento de derrotar a la administración de Bush en las urnas electorales. Las delegaciones de Trabajador@s, jóvenes, y organizador@s se reunieron en el Auditorio Chelsea aquí el 13 y 14 de noviembre en una Conferencia Nacional de Resistencia para tratar de encontrar soluciones. El Partido Mundo Obrero (Workers World Party, WWP) está muy consciente de la amenaza en el escenario en la trayectoria de la lucha contra la guerra. Los Estados Unidos están siendo muy combativos en la lucha contra la guerra y el reclutamiento militar del ROTC en los predios universitarios y en las escuelas secundarias. En la primera sesión plenaria de la conferencia, una organiza-adora de FIST, Julie Fry de Nueva York, anunció que l@s jóvenes han decidido esta noche para proyectar nuevas acciones. Al día siguiente, Q Allen de en el estado de Carolina de Norte, informó que la reunión de FIST fue exitosa y se habían hecho planes para ampliar la lucha en muchas localidades del país. Al final de la conferencia, después de algunas interrupciones por parte de l@s asistentes habían tenido la opor- tunidad de oír los análisis del Partido Mundo Obrero sobre una amplia gama de cuestiones y podían ver cómo el Partido hace posible que las personas oprimidas puedan realizar todo su potencial como líderes y organizador@s, un último panel trató el tema “Por qué se necesita un par- tido revolucionario en los Estados Unidos”. Este fue seguido por una sesión especial en la cafetería para l@s que es- ban interesados en saber cómo unirse al Partido. Y estaba lleno. Para l@s miember@s del WWP/PMO que asistieron, fue una experiencia muy con- movernla el explicar a l@s que pregunta- ban, cómo la decisión de unirse al Partido fue la más importante de su vida. Alternando con las pláticas hubo también actos culturales. Desde las poesías de los artistas de hip-hop—como las de Jaime Roundtree, Billy Martin, Kahlil Khan y Hassan Salaam—a las bail- das de libertad cantadas por Pam Parker, Traducción al español y por las (ASL) estuvieron disponibles durante las reuniones.

Aviso al movimiento

La secretaría del Partido Mundo Obrero / Workers World Party cree que es necesario publicar la siguiente clari- ficación con respecto a cambios del per- sonal:

El 16 de Mayo de 2004, cuatro miember@s del Partido Mundo Obrero que a menudo eran identificados como líderes del Partido Mundo Obrero como Brian Becker de Nueva York, Richard Becker y Gloria la Riva de Los Angeles—dimitieron del PMO/WWP y de todas las posiciones que ocupaban en la dirección del partido. En su carta de renuncia enfatizaban quejas organi- zativas y críticas de los líderes del par- tido como sus razones para dimitir. Desde mediados de mayo de 2004, las cuatro personas nombradas arriba han dejado de representar al PMO/WWP en su trabajo político y en cualquiera de las organizaciones que hayan continuado trabajando activa- mente.

En una discusión del comité nacional del partido se decidió que los líderes fueron dimitidos, porque no cumplían con las expectativas que el partido tiene respecto a cambios del personal.