‘Resist Trump’ goes global
Millions join women’s marches

By Monica Moorehead

It is estimated that more than 4 million people, the vast majority of them women, participated in women’s marches in more than 500 U.S. cities. They also protested in more than 100 cities outside the U.S. — on every continent, including Antarctica. These estimated numbers were compiled by Jeremy Pressman (@djpressman) at the University of Connecticut and Erica Chenoweth (@ericachenoweth) at the University of Denver based on numerous media reports, including Facebook and Twitter.

Not since the massive global protests on the weekend of Feb. 15-16, 2003, right before the U.S. war on Iraq, have so many people come out in the streets on the same day in solidarity and resistance — this time with women’s rights the major focus. Due to the sheer numerical magnitude of these demonstrations, the J21 marches could not be ignored by the mainstream media or the incoming Trump administration.

What started out as a modest call for a Jan. 21 march against Trump by one Hawaii-based woman on Facebook, on the night of the Nov. 8 presidential election, exploded into an earth-shattering phenomenon. Social media was used once again as the catalyst to catapult

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Chelsea Manning wins release

By Chris Fry

Over the strenuous objections of Pentagon chief Ash Carter, President Obama commuted the 35-year sentence of Chelsea Manning. She is now slated for release in May. Manning, who announced the day after she was sentenced by a military court that she is transgender, has spent the last seven years in a Marine stockade and federal male prison.

Manning was a U.S. Marine intelligence analyst in Iraq. She turned over some 750,000 military files, diplomatic cables and videos to the whistleblower website WikiLeaks. One video showed helicopter crews laughing as they machine gunned several civilians in Baghdad in 2007, including two Reuters news reporters holding cameras.

Additional files revealed that the Pentagon counted thousands more of its civilian victims than it had revealed to the U.S. public. Still others showed that the military knew after Manning that her work was not necessary for detaining prisoners at Guantánamo and that the detainees had nothing to do with the 9/11 attacks. Manning revealed pressure by Washington on other countries to maintain the infamous “rendition” torture chambers scattered around the globe.

Since Chelsea Manning was arrested in 2010, she has been supported by many progressive organizations as well as the LGBTQ community. In the last few months, more than 170,000 online petition signatures were collected, calling on President Obama to commute Manning’s draconian sentence and release her.

Faced with oppression so intense that she twice tried to commit suicide, last summer Manning conducted a highly publicized hunger strike. Although her jailers punished her for that by putting her in solitary confinement, she won key demands for hormone treatments and permissions to wear some makeup and female undergarments.

Manning has reported that she has not been harassed by fellow inmates at the Fort Leavenworth federal men’s prison. “I have friends,” she said.

Manning and her determined supporters had to overcome intense opposition from the imperialist establishment, the military brass and the same intelligence agencies that conducted the tortures that she exposed. House Speaker Paul Ryan called Manning’s commutation “outrageous.” Trump’s pick for deputy national security director, K.T. McFarland, called for Manning to be tried for treason and executed. (talkingpointsmemo.com, Jan. 18)

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Peltier clemency denied ‘but we will keep fighting’

The following email from the International Leonard Peltier Defense Fund appeared in the Jan. 26 WWP.

Brothers, sisters, friends and supporters:

Our hearts are heavy today. President Obama has deprecated Leonard’s application for a commutation. His name appears on the Jan. 18 list of commutations denied by Obama as issued by the Office of the Pardon Attorney. Leonard’s attorney, Martin Garbus, was also notified.

Garbus, in an interview with wwwworkers.org (should not receive clemency) then after we are locked in for the day will have a good cry and then pick myself up and get myself ready for another round of battles until I cannot fight [any more]. So, don’t worry. I can handle anything after 40 years.”

It’s hard to bear such a blow, though. And make no mistake — Leonard has been hit hardest of all. But let’s not mourn so very long. Instead, let’s move forward. Channel your grief and anger in a positive way. Remember that Leonard still needs our help. He needs quality health care and a transfer to a medium-security facility, among other things. We’ll always work toward freedom for Leonard, but these actions may help to make his life more bearable until freedom is won.

Now, we urge you to write to Leonard and help to build his spirits up. Tell him you won’t give up, that you’ll walk by his side, to make his life more bearable until freedom is won. With Donald Trump and many of his advisors openly advocating attacks on civilians, torture and other war crimes, Chelsea Manning’s hard-won release is an important victory. It means that these hard-core right-wing, despite all their forces of repression, will face exposure of their crimes by brave heroes like Chelsea Manning and, sooner than they think, will face the judgment of the workers and oppressed here and across the planet. □

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On the day of its release, Peltier sent the following email to www.workers.org:

Brothers, sisters, friends and supporters:

We are in a situation in which our people are being attacked, but we are not alone. We have the support of many people from around the world. We will continue to fight for our freedom and for the freedom of all those who are oppressed.

Thank you for your hard work and determination. Blessings to all of you. Please stay tuned.

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MLK Day in militant motion

By Dante Strobino

City workers in Greensboro, N.C., turned the tides of history when they packed a City Council meeting on Jan. 17. Those who rallied during the Jan. 14-16 march organized support after the massacre. Charles French, the new Greensboro chapter president, was then a youth who lived at Morningside Heights and witnessed the 1970 tragedy. In many ways, the union was born out of this atrocity. Yet, decades later, much of the racial tension and wounds from the massacre are reflected deep inside the city and its workers. (Continued on page 4)

Greensboro city workers form union

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

Fierce determination marked this year’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day actions. Those who rallied during the Jan. 14-16 weekend were inspired by the spiritual legacy of the Civil Rights leader whom they call Dr. King. They are focused on immigrant rights, pro-racial and ending racist rezoning. Sellout politicians were exposed for their plans to privatize public schools and turn them into for-profit charter schools. Yet, the Black community has increased more than seven times, and the South Bronx.

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By Kathy Durkin

While 3,000 of the world’s wealthiest people wined and dined on champagne and caviar in Davos, Switzerland, Jan. 17-20, 9 percent of the world’s people were hungry.

These millionaires, economists and government leaders met at the World Economic Forum annually, in pursuit of international trade agreements and other measures which will provide wider markets and lead to higher profits for their countries. In 2008 the world’s richest 1 percent lived on the same amount of wealth as the 3.6 billion people who form the poorest half of the earth’s population. Through evading taxes, driving down wages, financing unionbusting, influencing elections and pressuring governments to gain pro-business policies, the super rich are amazing enormous wealth at an incredible rate — faster than ever.

Who are these eight billionaires? Together they are worth $426 billion, equal to the wealth of half the planet’s population, said the Jan. 15 Guardian newspaper.

Three years ago, Workers World newspaper reported that 86 billionaires owned that percentage of wealth. But due to acquisitions, mergers, expansions and lucrative investments, wealth has become more concentrated in fewer hands. Monopolies develop and prosper as their competitors are pushed aside, often shrinking their businesses or closing them down with their workforce, leaving homes or jobs disappear. Companies must expand or die.

Take online bookseller Amazon, owned by Jeff Bezos, purchaser of the Washington Post. Now the mail-order conglomerate sells everything, even cookies from Australia. His company’s practices have forced independent bookstores to close, and pose a threat to other brick-and-mortar stores.

Six of the most affluent eight men are U.S. residents. Topping the list is Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, a company found guilty of violating antitrust laws. Gates established Cascade Investments LLC, think-tank bgC3; Corbis, a digital image licensing company; and TerraFlew, a nuclear reactor designer. Oxfam’s list includes corporate founders and CEOs Bezos, Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway, Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook, Larry Ellison of Oracle, and financial and news mogul Michael Bloomberg. The richest 1% owns more wealth than the rest of the world’s population, since 2015, says Oxfam. They benefit from the “jobless” recovery after the global economic crisis, garnering big profits, while U.S. and other workers lost ground. Despite reactionary economists’ pronouncements, no profits “trickled down” to the workers and communities here or abroad.

Examining the impact of corporate globalization shows that the vast majority of the world’s poorest 50 percent work very hard to get by. One in 10 people (720 million), mostly workers, struggle to survive on less than $2 a day. The increasing wealth concentrated in the hands of a few is not being shared with poorer countries or their inhabitants. There has been no “recovery” for them.

Can capitalism be reformed?

Panels in Davos discussed whether capitalism could be reformed. If so, what are the best ways, and how could globalization be improved to help the masses? Some crucial questions were not even addressed: Could workers be paid more? Can their bargaining power be strengthened? Can the super rich redistribute their wealth? Nor were education costs or access to health care taken up.

Nobel-Priest-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz explained that allowing more bargaining rights to workers is “where Davos man is going to get stuck. Globalization has reduced the bargaining power of workers, and corporations have taken advantage of it.” In Davos, he did not hear discussion of how to change globalization to address inequality, with measures like transferring wealth and power to workers, more union bargaining rights and labor protections. (New York Times, Jan. 18)

Will corporate moguls act on humanitarian appeals to share their wealth, to be generous to workers at home or abroad? No.

Human labor creates the capitalists’ wealth; workers are paid a mere fraction of the value they create. That is the basis of all profits; it is intrinsic to the system. Corporations search the globe looking for the cheapest labor. They suppress labor struggles for higher wages, sometimes brutally. Capitalists are not interested in raising wages or sharing or redistributing their wealth with their workers. They are spurred on to expand their businesses and buy up or merge with other companies — or they will be pushed out by bigger corporations, by monopolies.

To live under a kinder, fairer economic system requires that we — workers and oppressed people, immigrants, students and our allies — fight to get rid of heinous, inequitable and exploitative capitalism, based on private ownership of industry and the profit motive. We must establish socialism, with collective ownership, equal sharing of resources and true humanitarianism — and with equality, mutual respect and opportunities for all.

Other groups in attendance were Students for a Democratic Society at Marshall University; Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition; Marshall University Non-Alienated Students Association; Workers World Party; Alpha Kappa Alpha — the first sorority founded by African-American women, at Howard University in 1908; and the Appalachian Workers Alliance.

Some marchers from the communi ty came with shirts reading “Hands Up Don’t Shoot” and “I Can’t Breathe,” and with homemade signs reading “Black Lives Matter.”

“By the time the Dr. King and everything he’s done, and his dream lives on today and there is still a lot more work we can do in his name,” marcher Malcolm Webber told WCHS News. Jan. 16.

Contributing to this article were Terri Kay, Bob McCubbin, Jim McNahan, Nathaniel Peters, Anne Pruden and the WW West Virginia bureau.

Wealth more concentrated as poverty grows

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Oakland, Calif.

In Oakland, Calif., an estimated 1,000 people gathered outside Oakland City Hall for a rally in recognition of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Jan. 16. The rally, organized by the Oakland Interfaith Council and the Martin Luther King Jr. family, brought together a coalition of local organizations to celebrate King’s life. Speakers emphasized the need for continued social justice and equality in the United States.

Oakland police officers were on hand to provide security, but there were no incidents reported. The event was peaceful and focused on honoring King’s legacy.

In San Diego the “official” Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade has been a popular event for years, with thousands of people gathering to celebrate the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. The parade kicked off at 10 a.m. on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 16, and featured floats, performers, and community groups from around the city.

San Diego is known for its vibrant arts and culture scene, and the parade showcased the diverse talents of San Diego’s artists and performers. The parade also featured a variety of community groups, including youth organizations, labor unions, and religious organizations.

The parade was held along the city’s Main Street, which was closed to traffic for the event. The route was estimated to be about 1.5 miles long, and the parade lasted for about two hours.

In Seattle, the city also held a parade in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The parade started at the Seattle Center and ended at the Westlake Center, where a rally was held.

The Seattle police department was on hand to provide security, but there were no incidents reported. The event was peaceful and focused on honoring King’s legacy.

In Houston, the city also held a parade in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The parade started at the Hermann Park and ended at the Texas Southern University campus.

The event was attended by a large crowd, and the police were on hand to provide security. The parade was peaceful, and no incidents were reported.

In addition to the parades, many other events were held across the country to honor King’s legacy. These events included speeches, workshops, and community service projects.

Overall, the MLK Day in militant motion events were a success, and they served as a reminder of King’s message of equality and justice.

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Tens of thousands of people, unable to get to Washington, D.C., for the anti-Trump demonstrations there, took to the streets in their own cities on Jan. 20 as part of a wave of call for counterinauguration actions.

In NEW YORK CITY a Black, Brown and Indigenous peoples’ mobilization against white nationalism was held in Harlem at the Harriet Tubman Memorial. Rally organizers said they came out “to say no to racism. To say no to gentrification. To say no to white supremacy. To say no to Donald Trump.”

The action was organized by a coalition of activists, including Why Accountable, People’s Power Assembly, NYC Shut It Down, Jail Action Coalition, Black Lives Matter, #2020Resist Labor, Standing Rock activists, members of the International League of People’s Struggle, among others. Children just getting out of school were invited to join the march, and many did.

Following the rally, activists marched across 125th Street, stopping outside gentrified shops and calling out the police for their violence. From here the rally proceeded to Trump International Hotel in Columbus Circle.

Dull, drizzly weather in JERSEY CITY, N.J., didn’t dampen the spirit and militancy of the people who came out to a protest called by the Jersey City People’s Alliance. They marched from Journal Square to City Hall, past Dickerson High School, where they got a very positive response.

Speakers included Michael Kramer, of Veterans for Peace; Matt Smith, of Food & Water Watch; Narciso Castillo, of Action 21, a community organization; and members of the Jersey City Peace Movement, which represents the large immigrant Filipino community in Jersey City.

A militant SYRACUSE, N.Y., contingent marched with a #2020Resist in Washington, D.C. The group carried bold banners calling on people to “Reject and Resist” racism, capitalism, sexism, ableism, “wars and walls.” Protesters also condemned transphobia and lockstep gender conformity imposed on people who have completely gendered lives.

Hundreds of protesters marched through downtown BUFFALO, N.Y, to reject Trump’s inauguration and to stand up against war, racism, sexism, anti-immigrant and anti-LGBTQ bigotry. Loud chants of “No Trump! No KKK! No racist USA!” could be heard from vehicles and cheers from passersby. Many placards and speakers raised up Black Lives Matter and urged people to organize, fight back and unite in solidarity actions. The action was called by Buffalo Anti-Racism Coalition, co-sponsored by the Buffalo International Action Center and joined by the #UB Sanctuary Campus Movement.

On Dec. 11 Governor [name redacted], hundreds of protesters took to the streets of Philadelphia in several actions that included student marches from Temple University and the Community College and rallies at Thomas Paine Plaza and Independence Mall. A variety of organizations participated, including Philadelphia Coalition for Racial Economic and Legal Justice, Temple Feminist Major and Socialist Alternative. Immigrant rights groups and their supporters rallied on Independence Mall, denouncing Trump’s threats against immigrant communities and calling for Philadelphia to remain a Sanctuary City.

At the University of Pennsylvania, where Black students were targeted by racist email threats shortly after Trump’s election, several dozen students gathered in the rain for a protest.

In BLACKSBURG, VA., members of numerous labor, community and student organizations participated in a daylong Inauguration Resistance event. A series of workshops took place at the Lyric Theatre, followed by a street vigil and march of hundreds through downtown. Major organizational support came from the Coalition For Justice and professors, staff and students from Virginia Tech University.

Over 300 people turned out for a #2020Resist rally in DURHAM, N.C., called by the Triangle Unity May Day Coalition. Speakers included representatives from Electrical Workers (UE) Local 150, Fight for $15, Durham in Defiance, Alerta Immigrant, Jail Investigation Team, Duke University’s graduate student union and Workers World Party.

Some 500 marchers stepped off from Troy Davis Park (aka Wood跨度 Park) in downtown ATLANTA in an unpermitted, loudly defiant protest named The People’s Inauguration. Initiated by organizations representing those most targeted by racist, anti-immigrant, sexist, anti-LGBTQ and Islamophobic laws and practices, the Georgia J20 Coalition came to include faith, community and labor groups as well.

The chanting, drumming crowd passed through downtown, stopping at war memorials along the way, went by Immigration and Customs Enforcement offices and stopped briefly at the Atlanta Detention Center, where hundreds of poor and working people are jailed and dozens of undocumented immigrants await deportation.

The march concluded with a rally on the steps of the Atlanta City Hall. A cross-section of speakers outlined 19 demands to Mayor Kasim Reed and the City Council to enact measures that would guarantee human rights for all who live and work in the city.

The action was designed to serve as the launch of invigorated resistance to any attacks — whether from the Trump administration or from state and local entities — on the rights of workers, www.workers.org

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By Betsey Piette

In CHICAGO, thousands of protesters convened on Trump Tower and marched through the Loop (the downtown area). Participants included Rasmea Odeh, a Palestinian freedom fighter whom the federal government is trying to deport on trumped-up charges.

In SEATTLE actions countering Trump’s inauguration began with student workers at a sit-in at a campus across the city. A walkout was also held by students at the University of Washington, who also conducted a teach-in.

That afternoon a “Unidos Contra Trump” march, called by El Comite/May 1st Action and Socialist Alternative, took up traffic in the downtown area. Rallying at City Center, the crowd grew to 5,000.

Twelve immigrant students from Foster High School described being terrorized by Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Nicole Grant, of Seattle’s Martin Luther King County Labor Council, said, “Since the Eastside Islamic Center got arsoned and burned to the ground, labor is going to step up and help them rebuild.”

Protesters then marched six miles to the University of Washington campus to confront Milo Yiannopoulos, an editor of Breitbart News, who was giving a bigoted, racist speech there. A protest by other anti-racists had already kept attendance low in the hall where he spoke. Protesters had to escort him and his audience out through an underground parking garage.

In PORTLAND, OR, groups converged with upwards of 30,000 demonstrators, who rallied in defiance at the Trump inauguration. The crowd chanted, jeered and empa- thized as a diverse group of local organizers condemned austerity, patriarchy and white supremacy.

Speakers condemned resistance to capitalism, fascism, the Trump-Pence regime and offered resources to the community to organize and mobilize protests, with bilingual English and Spanish leads, marched through downtown Milwaukee. Red Arrow Park was where Donante Hamilton was murdered by Milwaukee cop Christopher Manney on April 30, 2014. The Wisconsin Bail Out the People Movement participated in the J20 action with their banner, reading “Build A United Front Against Trump.”

Hundreds participated in the J20 demonstration in MADISON, in which participants marched from Library Mall to the state Capitol. Speakers before and after the march touched on topics ranging from the wars in war to the struggle against colonization at Standing Rock, workers’ rights, why Black Lives Matter is essential to the struggles in Wisconsin, women and LGBTQ struggles, and the need to fight back against the biggest anti-immigrant administration every day.

Trump Tower target of thousands

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In LOS ANGELES a Unite Against Hate march and rally was organized by many organizations determined to send a message of defiance against Trump’s racist, anti-Latino, anti-Muslim, anti-woman and anti-immigrant agenda. Many were also in opposition to the imperialist policies of U.S. wars, proxy wars, occupations, and racist agendas enforced by both Republican and Democratic parties.

An anti-imperialist contingent of the International League of People’s Struggles that included the International Action Center, Human Rights Alliance; BAYAN-USA and its member organizations; Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador; Chinatown Community for Equitable Development; and more.

Earlier in the day the Community Service Organization, Mestizo Matters and other groups protested in Bel Air at the home of Trump’s cabinet pick for Treasury Secretary, Steve Mnuchin. Protesters were met with police who said who they had no right to protest. The cops claimed that the entire town of Bel Air was “private property.” However, the protest continued, and later some of the groups met up with the main march in downtown Los Angeles.

At the concluding rally, Romeo Hernandez, a member of Workers World Party and the International Action Center, raised the need to organize to confront the imperialist policies of both Demo- crats and Republicans, and on being in solidarity with struggles from the Philip- pines to Palestine, to struggles here in the U.S. against poverty and fascism.

Rebecca Jackson, a member of Work- ers World Party and the International Action Center, raised the need to be an anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist. She stressed the importance of connecting struggles and bringing together community of color, LGBTQ people, youth and students, immigrants and workers’ organizations in order to build a progressive movement for social justice and to continue the liberation of all peoples living in the U.S. and around the world.

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Thursday: Disclose, a transgen- der activist group and APTP Prez, held a “We Will Not Be Silent” action. About 75 sexual abuse survivors and support- ers marched from Oakland City Hall to the White House, but from here on out the masses will be in the streets. And the masses in motion are a more powerful force than any man and his cowards. This is why the real news of Inauguration Day was so encouraging: that there were millions of people protesting, not only in Washington, D.C., but in cities across the country and around the world.

The resistance has begun, and it will only grow from here. That much is clear. The billionaires may be poised to at- tack, to grab as much as they can, to enrich themselves even more, to strip away rights and benefits, to drive back the workers and oppressed. They may be confident that they can do it.

But they will have a fight on their hands. Trump may be the White House, but from here on out the masses will be in the streets. And the masses in motion are a more powerful force than any man and his cowards. Today they’re riding high. Tomorrow will be another story.

Bay Area: 120 hours of direct action vs. Trump

By Terri Kay

From Martin Luther King Day to In- auguration Day, the San Francisco Bay Area seethed with protests, shutdowns and other actions. The Anti-Police-Terror Project called for a day of direct action on Wednesday, January 18.

From the Bay Area Solidarity Action Team (which has a number of affinity groups) to send the message that there would be no business as usual after Trump's inauguration.

By Teresa Gutierrez

Work begins on the day after Trump's inauguration — code words for further border militarization.

This is Trump’s “America.” More rac- ist cops allowed to go about their ter- ror with impunity. It’s what he pledged during his campaign and it’s what he’s now setting out to do.

As for the wall he’s promised to build between Mexico and the U.S., he did say, “We must protect our borders” — code words for further border militarization.

Trump’s inauguration speech

By Teresa Gutierrez

He speaks and writes like a third grad- er. He’s boorish and crude. He’s a misogy- nist, a xenophobe and a racist. He’s good at grabbing “pussy.” He’s a racist and anti-immigrant and his only allegiance is to his lucrative brand.

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Palestinians protest Trump threat to move U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem

By Joe Catron

As thousands of demonstrators poured into Washington, D.C., to protest the presidential inauguration of Donald Trump, Palestinians mobilized across their occupied territories and in Israel to express their solidarity in opposition to the new U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem to Israel.

Successive U.S. administrations have supported, with billions of dollars in annual aid, Israel’s occupation of Jerusalem along with the rest of the Palestinian land set aside by Israeli forces in both 1948 and 1967. But they have refused to formally recognize Israel’s territorial claim.

Millions join women’s marches

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Great Again” theme, and one that stated “Sorry world — we will fix this.”

These marches helped to empower women who are justifiably angered and disgusted by Trump’s “pussy grabbing” and other degrading attitudes and actions against women, along with his anti-immigrant hate mongering. It was clear to this writer, who attended the New York City march, that so many women agreed that every social and economic issue is a woman’s issue, and with the need for solidarity, especially with the most oppressed and marginalized women.

Why is J21 so important?

It is becoming painfully clear that one day of massive global marches will not reverse the global attacks on women’s rights, rooted in worldwide capitalist austerity. In his first day in office, Trump is moving ahead with plans to gut the U.S. Department of Justice’s violence against women programs. If Congress and others agree that every social and economic issue is a woman’s issue, and with the need for solidarity, especially with the most oppressed and marginalized women.

Violence Hotline will be shut down. Already there has been an increase in sexual assaults, including rape, on women of all ages — on college campuses, in high schools, in the military and in the home.

Women’s groups are asking people to call on their local Democratic congressio nal representatives to vote against these cuts. But this is not enough.

The Democratic Party has proven itself to be impotent when it comes to fighting the extreme right wing in the Republican Party. That’s because the Democratic and Republican parties represent the interests of big business, not the multinational working class and especially not women.

The Democratic Party is more interested in retooling any lost congressional seats during the 2018 midterm elections and the reins of the White House in 2020. They are hoping to bring the millions of women who came out on Jan. 21 into their ranks for the vote.

The millionaire ruling class had their hopes and dreams on Hillary Clinton because she is an unabashed imperialist schooled to use diplomacy to carry out cutbacks at home and war abroad.

Now corporate America has to depend on the undiplomatic Trump to carry out the next round of austerity in the U.S. that the majority of the world has been experiencing since the 2007-08 banking crisis. This has led to an irreversible crisis of decline for worldwide capitalism.

While austerity for the working class is on a collision course with Trump’s campaign promises to increase U.S. jobs, his nominees for labor secretary — blisteringly anti worker, pro-austerity — falls right into line.

It cannot be that the more than 670 J21 marches here and worldwide show women, no matter where they live, are feeling the brute of political and economic attacks from the undiplomatic Trump administration. The Trump election is now fueling the flames of backlash. The challenge for revolutionaries everywhere is to unite to help guide those who want to turn the fightback into a worldwide movement for real revolutionary, systemic change.

Several longshore workers from Independent Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 10 attended the rally, announcing that their local had shut down all Bay Area ports to express their opposition to Trump. Several speakers from Labor Rising Against Trump addressed the rally, including Juan Garcia, a union em ployee, and Alborz Ghandehari, a leader in the fight for ethnic studies in the UC system. After the rally, they marched to the United Auto Workers local in downtown Oakland to join other protests there.

In Oakland at Oscar Grant Plaza, there was a Freedom Day Rally the morning, “March of the Working Class” up Broadway and down Telegraph, and then a speak-out for students in the afternoon.

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Honduras, migrants and Trump

By Teresa Gutierrez

With the advent of the ominous Don-
ald Trump administration, a look at the be-
lagued nation of Honduras is criti-
cal in order for the anti-war and solidar-
ity movement to step up its work — not
only with Honduras but for all of Latin
America and the Caribbean. Solidarity
with Central America is particularly key-
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many social movements mirrored in the
Caribbean. This drive continues, no mat-
ter how many times migrants and Trump
are organizing resistance. U.S. hands off
Venezuela.

Why is the U.S. attacking Venezuela?

By Stephen Millies

“No good deed goes unpunished” could be a motto for U.S. foreign policy.

More than 200,000 poor families in 23 departments are now receiving free
heating oil from CITGO, which is owned by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Former Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez.

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Meanwhile, millions of Venezuela’s people lived in dire poverty. Workers re-
belled in 1989 against cutbacks imposed by the International Monetary Fund. As
many as 3,000 people may have been shot down during the Caracazo Rebel-

American Indian Movement (AIM) leader Leonard Peltier, who’s been
imprisoned for 40 years, and Black liber-

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At least four strikers were killed, three were injured and 10 were arrested.

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By Berta Joubert-Ceci

After days of rumors and disappointed hopes, the Puerto Rican people joyfully received the news that they had been waiting for years: The incarcerated Puer- to Rican nationalist Oscar López Rivera will be released from prison on Jan. 21. Some leftists and anti-war people on social media have had nothing but criticism for the protests and skepticism regarding their participants. This was really a victory won by the Puerto Rican people who raised the campaign worldwide. The struggle for liber- ation was welcomed by the most diverse groups — women’s, environment — the U.S. supported a puppet govern- ment there — on behalf of the Provisional Revolutionary Armed Forces of Puerto Rico.” (Claridadpuertorri- co.co, Jan. 18)

Campaign to free Oscar

The promise to free him has also been celebrated in all corners of the Puerto Ri- can archipelago. When some radio or television program begins you will often hear that consistent distribution of information — whether for humanitarian and moral political grounds — can archipelago. The promise to free him has also been celebrated in all corners of the Puerto Rican people.

THE ANTI-TRUMP PROTESTS

Since the election of Trump, spontaneous protests have erupted as well as the massive ones. Inaugural marches on Jan. 20 and the Women’s Marches on Jan. 21. Some legal and social media have had nothing but criticism for the protests and skepticism regarding their participants. We republish here a response by Bill Dores, an activist since he joined Youth Against War and Fascism in 1968.

On Aug. 12, 1962, my organization, Youth Against War and Fascism, held the first protest in this country against the Vietnam war. About 70 people came to our picket line in New York. Few people in the country were aware that U.S. military “advisers” were fighting against the Viet- namese people at that time.

That was the beginning of a movement, which became an active in 1968, the Tet Offensive — when the Vietnamese National Libera- tion Front stunned the then half-mil- lion U.S. troops by seizing major parts of the country for a few weeks in February — and the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4.

By then the body count of U.S. troops killed and the cost of the war had sky- rocketed. Hundreds of thousands were marching in cities and towns throughout the United States. Students were shut down campuses. GIs were being drafted. Dr. King had spoken out against the war a year before his assassination. By the fall of 1969, Nix- on was in the White House and a million people filled the streets in National Mor- itation against the war. Students were shut down.

Bill Dores wrote: “Where were you clowns seven years ago, when we happily were protesting against the war? You Johnnie Come-Latelys are only here be- cause more GIs are dying, there’s a Rep- ublican in the White House and the Es- tablishment itself is split on the war?”

That would have been foolish. The point was not moral purity, but to actually respond first when they are attacked di- rectly. It opens their eyes. We said, “Wel- come to the struggle, let’s try and stop this war.” A few years later, when Bush Junior invaded Iraq, many of them joined the protest. So I find it incomprehensible that anyone on the left or who claims to be anti-im- perialist is complaining that people are in the streets against the war led by Bush Jr., our new commander. If you have been at the protests, you have seen that most peo- ple there were young and many from the communities most under attack. Others were from the Black Lives Matter and im- migrant rights movements and have been in the streets under Bush and Obama. (Why those who criticize the Trump protests there with them?)

A major aim of capitalist-run electoral politics is to direct popular protests and demonstrations to the confines of the bal- lot box. Now, people are in the streets. The fear of provoking a popular upsurge was one reason many in the ruling class state leery of Trump in the first place.

Do the anti-Trump protesters need to understand Syria and Libya to protest Trump’s openly proclaimed plans to es- tablish the war against Black and Brown people here? If we anti-imperialists are people in the United States, we have an opportunity to explain the other issues to them.

Are some of them misled by the Dem- ocrats? That’s the role of the Democratic Party — to mislead. It’s only by being in the struggle and by being in contact with rev- olutionary ideas that the protesters learn.

Revolutionary change depends upon people coming into motion who were not active before. The point is to get people into the streets.

Where else do you expect the human material for revolution to come from? It’s in the process of struggle and confronta- tion that people turn radical.

Russia’s revolutions

The 1905 Revolution in Russia began with people following a priest in a march that appealed to “the good czar, our father,” asking him for some reforms. The “good czar” policy continued on that march. Twelve years later, women in St. Peters- burg went out on strike on International Women’s Day, March 8, 1917, and there were demonstrations the next day. (The women didn’t scold them for not being there “yesterday.”) Five days later, together with Army troops, the women and men workers overthrew the czar and started on the road to the social- istic revolution eight months later.

My first political act, when I was very young, was giving out flyers for Sen. “Clean Gene” McCarthy, who had the reputa- tion of being against the Vietnam War, although he was for U.S. imperialism. Within weeks, I was supporting the Black Panthers and running in the streets with the flag of Vietnam’s National Liberation Front.

Come to think of it, we in Workers World Party organized the only demonstrations in the country that I know of against fas- cism in the Ukraine, needing the revolution in the eastern provinces now called Nov- orossiya, and supporting Russia’s annexa- tion of Crimea from the pro-fascist Kiev regime. We have also marched against U.S. intervention in Syria.

We wonder if the purists now so- cking up to Clinton, if the purists will come at these demonstrations. Probably not, or the demonstrations would have been much bigger.

But if they join now, we won’t try to keep them away.
Trump stirs the pot as Political turmoil deepens in so. Korea

By Deirdre Griswold

The political crisis in south Korea just won’t go away. The people are angry and fed up, and the ruling class continues to get rid of the corrupt dictatorship of President Park Geun-hye. After months of massive demonstrations, Parliament in December voted to impeach her, but she refuses to leave office. An impeachment trial is now being conducted by the Constitution al Court.

The grievances against the Park regime are many. Most explosive are the charges of collusion between the government and Park family to dominate the economy and have grown super-rich exploiting south Korean workers. Foundations set up by President Park and a friend, Choi Soon-sil, have received millions in donations from these corporations. In return, the president has pardoned 15 top directors of the North Korean Hyundai and other chaebols convicted of economic crimes.

Vigorous demonstrations continue all over the country. The one in Seoul on Jan. 8 had more than a million people. The struggle has opened up deep rifts within the state. When a special prosecutor announced he was seeking to arrest Jay Y. Lee, head of Samsung, on bribery charges involving $36 million given to Park, the country achieved through years of incessant struggle, he was overruled within days by a high court judge.

The latest scandal to be unearthed involves a government “blacklist” of artists and performers who have been critical of the regime.

The rally started with the acknowledgment that the event was taking place on the ground where the historic Million Man March was held, a wave of color, drew close to a million people, mostly Black women, in October 1997.

Women pour out in South, Midwest

In Roanoke, Va., thousands of women and allies flooded Elmwood Park for a speak-out of labor and community participants. The event was organized by the Roanoke Gender Action and the Onondaga Labor Rising Against Trump had connections to the Million Women’s March, Women’s March, in January. A high-energy crowd marched through downtown, one of the largest protests in Roanoke history.

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Women and others of all ages and nationalities formed a dense, multicolored demonstration that wound its way through the State Capitol. For many, this was their first protest, and whether 16 or 66 years old, all seemed to experience empowerment and solidarity, especially at news of similar marches around the world.

In Michigan, protesters came out by the thousands in the capital city of Lansing, where a breakaway march led by militant youth took place. Demonstrations were also held in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Saginaw, and other cities and towns large and small.

In Rockford, Ill., Workers World Party and Rockford Youth Activism organized a “March against Trump and Sexism.” A high-energy crowd marched through downtown streets to the hall, where speakers, representing youth, environmental, Indigenous, LGBTQ and other organizations, denounced the Trump administration and called on workers to continue to organize and build solidarity in their communities. A “Women’s March Rockford” also brought out hundreds to support women’s march. Hundreds took to the streets for a Feminie Solidarity March in Milwaukee.

On Jan. 21, over 25,000 women and their supporters poured into State Capitol. For many, this was their first protest.

Women in 2017 will not go back to the state capital. Speeches were made, bands played music and people spoke of creating a sustainable movement for women’s liberation. The speaker ended by making the appeal to the people in the streets: We’re not going to be the next generation that grows up in South Korea. Women march against sexism, racism & Trump

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RESIST the militarization of our lands, communities, bodies, and to UNITe for the liberation of all oppressed peo- ple.” Organizers called for an end to vio- lence against women and to “highlight the economic, political, and cultural aspects by showing how imperialism perpetu- ates and worsens violence against women in all its forms.”

In response, against Trump had con- tingents in both Oakland and San Fran- cisco marches. In Oakland, activists held a banner reading, “Workers’ Rights Are Women’s Rights.”

NY and East Coast women rise

New York City’s: Fifth Avenue surged with a multigenerational, multina- tional sea of angry, determined, energized women and men supporters who marched against Trump and for women’s liberation. The protest began at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza near the U.N. with a brief rally. The official estimate for the six-hour march was 50,000 marchers.

Families pushed strollers while some women rode in wheelchairs. Handmade signs included “Government in our hands, not in the hands of politicians,” and “POC again!” and “Don’t touch me” on a drawing of a cis woman’s reproductive system. Many signs emphasized equality, including the words “Black Lives Matter” and “Not My Presi- dent.” The color of the day was pink, with many women wearing pink “pussyhats” and carrying signs that read “This pussy grabs back.” Relatively few signs referred to Hillary Clinton, though some repeat- ed campaign slogans like “The future is female.”

The International Working Women’s Day Coalition had a lively contingent, which included women from Workers World Party, Picture the Homeless and the LGBTQ community and the Onondaga Nation. The event was followed by a political and cultural event, “People’s Inauguration” sponsored by the branch-new Central New York Solidarity Coalition initiated by the Workers’ Center of Central New York and the Syracuse Peace Council.

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Women and others of all ages and nationalities formed a dense, multicolored demonstration that wound its way through the State Capitol. For many, this was their first protest, and whether 16 or 66 years old, all seemed to experience empowerment and solidarity, especially at news of similar marches around the world.

In Michigan, protesters came out by the thousands in the capital city of Lansing, where a breakaway march led by militant youth took place. Demonstrations were also held in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Saginaw, and other cities and towns large and small.

In Rockford, Ill., Workers World Party and Rockford Youth Activism organized a “March against Trump and Sexism.” A high-energy crowd marched through downtown streets to the hall, where speakers, representing youth, environmental, Indigenous, LGBTQ and other organizations, denounced the Trump ad- ministration and called on workers to continue to organize and build solidarity in their communities. A “Women’s March Rockford” also brought out hundreds to support women’s march. Hundreds took to the streets for a Feminie Solidarity March in Milwaukee.

On Jan. 21, over 25,000 women and their supporters poured into State Capitol. For many, this was their first protest.

Women in 2017 will not go back to the state capital. Speeches were made, bands played music and people spoke of creating a sustainable movement for women’s liberation. The speaker ended by making the appeal to the people in the streets: We’re not going to be the next generation that grows up in South Korea. Women march against sexism, racism & Trump

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Luego de días de rumores y esperanzas fallidas, el pueblo boricua recibió con júbilo la noticia de que el exguerrillero y prisionero político Ramón López Rivera podría regresar a su tierra. La ley fue una de las condiciones del proceso de cambio en Cuba que impulsa a las/os cubanas/os que quieran venir a EUA. La solución que la política de la revolución cubana ha sido la de autorizar a las/os cubanas/os que quieran venir a EUA a partir del paso de la leyavirus favorables a las/os cubanas/os que quieran venir a EUA.

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