



ACROSS THE U.S. 'NO TO BIGOTRY'

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

Massive protests continue to sweep the country against the repressive and racist blitzkrieg mounted by the Trump administration, most recently with an executive ban on entry into the U.S. of people from seven Muslim-majority countries. Tens of thousands of people converged on airports in attempts to liberate immigrants and refugees being denied entry. Migrants and refugees are also being turned back at border crossings on land, like thousands of Haitians stranded at the Mexican border.

Perhaps as many as 100,000 people with legal visas have been refused re-entry to their homes, jobs and families in the U.S. Though a federal judge ordered the ban halted on Feb. 4, the Department of Homeland Security immediately announced it expected the Department of Justice to reinstate the ban with an "emergency motion."

Meanwhile, 6 million to 8 million non-U.S. citizens may also face deportation under Trump's anti-immigrant executive order, according to legal opinions in a Los Angeles Times' Feb. 4 exposé. The new order is broadly constructed to allow immigration officials to detain almost anyone they "come into contact with" who has no legal documentation to cross into the U.S. Such "contact" would include tracking people who collect food stamps or their children who receive federally subsidized school lunches. David Leopold, a former president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, declared, "[The government is] going to round up everybody they can get their hands on."

But masses of people coast to coast seem ready and determined to continue their own "emergency motions" to stop this rising tide of right-wing extremism and white supremacy. Here are reports from the front lines by Workers World and allied activists.

In the East

Thousands were out in **Philadelphia** on Feb. 4 for at least the sixth time since Trump's inauguration. An appearance by Vice President Pence was the catalyst, drawing demonstrators to a six-block, heavily fortified perimeter where Pence spread his anti-people propaganda. Then, 300 to 400 people marched ten blocks to the "March for Humanity, #SanctuaryEverywhere" gathering near City Hall. The combined crowd of over 5,000 later marched back to the Pence location.

Participants' political signs ranged widely. Some did not directly challenge capitalist democracy, like "Love Trumps hate" and "No president can ban love and tolerance." Other signs promised more militant confrontation: "Resist fascism," "Punch fascists," "Vaughn prisoners: we hear you."

The many homemade signs held by people from many different backgrounds affirmed the need for on-

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Unite to defend J20 protesters

On Jan. 20, more than 200 people protesting Trump's inauguration in Washington, D.C., were arrested by highly militarized cops who sprayed them with chemical agents and then detained them in the cold rain for many hours. They were charged with Felony Riot Act, which carries 10 years and a \$25,000 fine. As one arrestee from Industrial Workers of the World in Baltimore told Workers World, "[Prosecutor] Kirkhoff has never prosecuted protesters before. She does a lot of homicide cases. She specifically asked for this case. My lawyer said it would be 'consistent with her personality' if she had a political axe to grind."

Neo-Nazis (also known as alt-right) are licking their

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chops at the prospect of more than 200 front-line fighters spending years in jail instead of in the streets shutting down their rallies. Alt-right spokesperson and

Breitbart editor Milo Yiannopoulos was slated to speak at the University of California, Berkeley Feb. 1, but massive protests caused the university to cancel last minute. There was one arrest. Donald Trump, in response, threatened to pull federal funding from the university.

The next day, legions of cops arrested 11 freedom fighters at New York University. Anti-fascist activists were trying to shut down white supremacist and VICE brand creator Gavin McInnes from speaking. Inside

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Marissa Alexander: Against prison pipeline for women

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

Marissa Alexander is finally free after five years of de-tention for an act of self-defense. In 2012 Alexander, who is African-American, was sentenced to 20 years in jail.

Her “crime”? Firing a warning shot over the head of her estranged husband who was threatening to kill her. Alexander had given birth only nine days earlier in Jacksonville, Fla.

Alexander’s case gained national attention after George Zimmerman was acquitted of killing Black teenager Tray-von Martin in 2013. Zimmerman used Florida’s Stand Your Ground law to claim self-defense.

But when Alexander’s legal team argued she also had a Stand Your Ground claim of self-defense, the courts re-jected her, exposing the “justice” system’s racist and an-ti-woman bias.

In response to this denial of justice, a historic grass-roots campaign rose up to Free Marissa Now! This militant move-ment mobilized mass support to reduce Alexander’s sentence, make her case part of burgeoning Black Lives Matter march-es, and win justice for other scapegoated survivors.

The Forgotten Majority, a Florida prison advocacy



group, recognized the struggle to free Marissa Alexander with a #SurvivedAndPunished week of action that began Jan. 28, the day she was released. The week highlights survivors of domestic and sexual violence who have been criminalized, including Bresha Meadows in Ohio, Tonda-lao Hall in Oklahoma, Rasmea Odeh and Alisha Walker in Illinois, Ky Peterson in Georgia, and Ny Nourn and Kelly Savage in California.

In a press release celebrating Alexander’s freedom, the Free Marissa Now Movement stated: “The vast majority of people in women’s prisons, and many in men’s prisons, are survivors of domestic and sexual violence before they are incarcerated. There is a crucial pipeline between abuse and prison/detention centers that must be disrupted.” (tinyurl.com/hxg5b6x) □

Fight racism, ultra-rightism: Build WW

Racism is the centerpiece of Trump’s ultrarightist ad-ministration. And the progressive movement has come out swinging — whether at airports around the country against an illegal ban on peoples from Muslim countries, or at the University of California-Berkeley against a white supremacist. These actions give new meaning to the phrase “repression breeds resistance” and to the impor-tance of Black History Month this year.

Workers World always makes a big deal out of Black His-tory Month, as we commemorate the myriad sacrifices and valiant struggles of Black people to eradicate institutional-ized racism, root and branch, in this country, and the many battles to throw off imperialist chains in African countries.

Today’s reactionary era has elevated the struggle against racism to new heights and demands a united, mil-itant response. And Workers World has responded. Based on our Marxist analysis, we see the need for a general strike and for building a broad-based united front of all progressive forces in this country.

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degrading people because of their nationality, sexual or gender identity or disabilities — all are tools the ruling class uses to keep us apart. They ruthlessly super-ex-ploit some in order to better exploit us all. WWP builds unity among all workers while supporting the right of self-determination. Fighting oppression is a work-ing-class issue, which is confirmed by the many labor struggles led today by people of color, immigrants and women.

WWP has a long history of militant opposition to im-perialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning back the clock to the bad old days before socialist revolu-tions and national liberation struggles liberated territory from their grip. We’ve been in the streets to oppose every one of imperialism’s wars and aggressions. □

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Delaware uprising Prisoners cite abuse & Trump

By **Cody Webb**
Smyrna, Del.

The Vaughn “Correctional Center” in rural Smyrna, Del., made international news on Feb. 1 when prisoners set in motion an organized rebellion. They took several prison employees hostage, after having carried out a long and peaceful struggle in vain to improve inhumane conditions inside the prison.

During negotiations, while the hashtag #VaughnRebellion circulated online, prisoners were able to get a phone call out to a local media outlet, The News Journal. The paper reported that a prisoner said: “We’re trying to explain the reasons for doing what we’re doing. Donald Trump. Everything that he did. All the things that he’s doing now. We know the institution is going to change for the worse. We got demands that you need to pay attention to, which you need to listen to and you need to let them [be] known. We want education first and foremost. We want a rehabilitation program that works for everybody. We want the money to be allocated so we can know exactly what is going on in the prison, the budget.”

Early the next morning, a police task force caused heavy damage to Building C, using heavy machinery to breach and enter the building while prisoners and staff were still inside. Robert Coupe, secretary of the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, reported to media that during this entry prisoners shielded one of the hostages, a prison counselor, with their own bodies during the demolition and assault on the building. The other hostage, identified as Sgt. Steven R. Floyd, was found unresponsive and pronounced dead on the scene.

Later that day, Delaware police at a press conference declined to give any information about injuries prisoners sustained during the rebellion or the potential cause of Floyd’s death.

The Vaughn Rebellion ended the morning of Feb. 2. Within hours, members of Workers World Party, the Baltimore People’s Power Assembly and former Vaughn prisoners, as well as family members of current prisoners and local supporters, gathered outside Vaughn to stand in solidarity with the prisoners.

Demand investigation of inhumane conditions

The protesters demanded an independent investigation, separate from the police and prison administration, of conditions inside the prison, as well as of the events during the rebellion. A crucial aspect of such an investigation includes members of the community being able to conduct uncensored interviews with inmates in order to gather information without the prisoners facing reprisals.

Former prisoners spoke about conditions inside Vaughn. Isaiah McCoy, whose 2012 conviction was vacated because of prosecutorial misconduct and judicial error, said he was beaten, had his food spat in and his letters tampered with while there. James Green, another former inmate, said the rebellion was the only possible outcome given mistreat-

ment from correctional officers and the administration’s refusal to investigate the officers’ misconduct.

Shortly after the demonstration, a prisoner inside Vaughn contacted Workers World Party with information about their demands and some words for the general public. The prisoner emphasized that the narrative given by the media about Sgt. Floyd is false.

The prisoner stated: “I knew Sgt. Floyd for 10 years, he was involved in at least one attempted murder and one murder. He was around long enough to be an expert in using the system to attack inmates with write-ups for personal reasons. Inmates have no rights of due process inside the prison, and the administration always sides with the word of a correctional officer, even if they are proven to be lying. Sgt. Floyd has used his position to deny visits if family members who have traveled a long way are even a minute late, denied showers to prisoners, denied phone calls, cut recreation time on a whim which is supposed to be no less than 1 hour and 30 minutes, and frequently used unprofessional and foul language when talking to prisoners. He has consistently done all of these things to attack prisoners for personal reasons. Everyone here knows who he is, and they will tell you the same thing.”

The prisoner’s message to everyone on the outside was: “Now is the time for all of us to rise up together. A movement is growing and building everywhere. My dream is to see 1,000 people outside this prison with T-shirts, signs and banners.”

A full statement from the Vaughn prisoners will soon be released by Workers World Party.

Racist atmosphere in southern Delaware

In addition to heinous misconduct in particular by Sgt. Floyd, reports of racism and torture inside Vaughn are backed up by recent investigations of the Delaware prison system. These include racist remarks from hundreds of local citizens calling for the lynching and beating of inmates and demonstrators.

Delaware, the second-smallest state, has an incarceration rate 12 percent higher than the already bloated national average. Two-thirds of prisoners in Delaware are Black, and 86.8 percent are incarcerated for nonviolent drug offenses. African Americans also make up two-thirds of the 344 percent increase in Delaware’s prison capacity over the last 20 years.

Local right-wing Delawareans showed up at the solidarity demonstration to intimidate the protesters. They launched a massive campaign of harassment via social media and direct calls to organizers, sending racist messages and death threats before, during and after the demonstration.

One man from a right-wing group told media when asked why he was there: “After Obama came in, it’s all gone haywire. Now the blacks think they can run the prisons.”

Deteriorating U.S. prison system

The deteriorating conditions inside the U.S. prison sys-

tem are usually given a spotlight in the media only when there is violence involving prison staff, as in this case or the bloody Attica Rebellion, in which both prison staff and prisoners were gunned down by state police called in by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller in 1971.

Prisoners, former inmates and advocacy groups across the country have been working for years to improve conditions inside prisons for both inmates and staff, but have met with silence and reprisals by prison administrations.

Phone calls paid for by family members cost much more than normal collect calls due to contracts that provide kickbacks to the state prison system or county jails. Commissaries charge as much as double or triple what the same goods cost at most public stores — similar to the old “company store” system in which isolated or sharecropper populations were exploited for profit.

A common meal served in prison is Nutraloaf, similar to wet dog food in composition. The work of preparation and serving meals is given to prisoners as punishment, and has been the subject of many lawsuits for violating restrictions on cruel and unusual punishment.

As forced labor, legal under the U.S. Constitution and called the last holdover of slavery, millions of prisoners are made to work for pitiful wages. Substandard medical care meets the legal requirement for negligence. Prisoners must often wait 48 hours to speak to medical staff, even in urgent situations.

Recent years have seen extreme cutbacks of necessary services on the pretext of nebulous “budget concerns.” This does not explain why prisons are cutting services that are offered completely free by religious groups, nonprofits, community advocacy groups, education charities and organizations such as Toastmasters.

Delaware Gov. John Carney released a statement, saying: “This was a long and agonizing situation. Our priority now will be to determine what happened and how this happened ... and we will make whatever changes are necessary to ensure nothing like it ever happens again.”

But these horrible conditions exist in the context of a racist system that incarcerates people of color, especially Black and Latinx people at a far higher rate than that of whites. When asked about the rebellion and the four hostages who were taken, Sharon Black, a leader of Workers World in Baltimore, replied, “Rebellions, as Dr. Martin Luther King said, are the weapon of those who’ve been silenced. What about the 2,500 prisoners who are being held hostage to the worst kind of inhumane, subhuman kind of conditions? We must hold Gov. Carney accountable to his statement and make sure he makes the necessary changes to conditions inside Vaughn and elsewhere. We will be following up on this.”

Workers World Party and the People’s Power Assembly will be working to hold a community hearing in Dover, Del., so that an independent investigation can move forward. Former prisoners, family members and members of the community can present evidence, tell their stories and call for the changes that need to happen inside Vaughn Correctional Center and other prisons across the U.S. □

Delaware: a haven for ruling class, racism

By **Deirdre Griswold**

While the state of Delaware, where a prisoner rebellion has just been crushed in Smyrna, is not in the Deep South, the southern part of this small state has been a racist hell for generations.

Northern Delaware is industrialized, home to DuPont and other chemical corporate giants. As of 2012, more than half of all U.S. publicly traded companies and 63 percent of the Fortune 500 were incorporated in Delaware. The state has more than a million registered corporations — more corporations than people. All it takes to be incorporated in Delaware is a file drawer, not even an office. A 2006 survey found nearly 18,000 millionaires living in Delaware.

The southern half of this rich state, on the other hand, is mainly agricultural and poor. Workers in the large fields and poultry farms have been predominantly African American. And they have been terribly oppressed since the days of slavery.

The majority of Black people in Delaware, even before the Civil War, were “free” — free to starve, that is. “Black Americans in Delaware: An Overview” by

James E. Newton explains: “The number of slaves in Delaware decreased rapidly from almost 9,000 in 1790 to half that number in 1820. By 1860, the number had decreased to 1,798. The usual explanation given is humanitarianism and religious feeling, abolitionist efforts, and runaways. In reality, Delaware farmers found it cheaper to hire free black labor than to keep slaves.

“Furthermore, Delaware, the most northern of the slave states, had no great crop of tobacco or cotton to be looked after during all seasons of the year. The land was wearing out, and state law forbade the sale of slaves out of state. Thus, slave owners could not benefit from breeding slaves as in a state like Virginia.” (tinyurl.com/jplskbr)

Delaware is one of 12 states where way more than half the prisoners are Black, even though African Americans make up only 24 percent of the population. “Judicial corporal punishment” was on the books until 1972. That’s a euphemism for floggings and the whipping post, which was used almost exclusively against Black people.

One of the main demands of the prisoners in the Smyrna rebellion was for better job training. Otherwise, they will live in deep poverty — if they ever get out of jail. □

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Lessons of the victorious Harvard dining hall strike

The 750 striking Harvard University Dining Service workers — cooks, dishwashers, servers and cashiers — brought multibillion-dollar Harvard University to its knees on Oct. 25, 2016. After a three-week strike, the university bosses caved, giving the members of UNITE HERE Local 26 even more than they had initially demanded. Most importantly, all the health care takeaways the Harvard Corporation had demanded were off the table. The strike victory holds valuable lessons for the workers and oppressed in the age of global capitalism — particularly now under the Trump administration and the rise of ultra-rightist, racist elements. Workers World contributing editor Martha Grevatt interviewed Chief Steward Ed Childs, a cook and leader in Local 26 for more than 40 years. This is the second in a series of articles based on the interviews where Childs explains how the workers won.

By Ed Childs

Well in advance of the Harvard University Dining Service strike, we knew we would need to build a solidarity coalition to take on the Harvard Corporation. We spent months laying the groundwork. (For Part 1, about strike preparations, go to tinyurl.com/z3goecw.)

Once the strike began the coalition was critical. Harvard Medical School students staged two walkouts in support of the striking HUDS workers. The Student Labor Action Movement played a big role; they organized a dinner for us on campus where faculty, administrators, deans, parents and our workers spoke. Campus environmentalists saw worker health as necessary for a healthy campus environment. The Jewish group Hillel hosted meetings and fed us, and rabbis spoke at our rallies.

The LGBTQ student group wrote a long op-ed in the campus newspaper titled “This Strike Is So Gay,” because the fight for health care is so important to their constituency. We in Local 26 have always led by example; we won the first nondiscrimination language on sexual orientation at the university in 1983. Harvard caved in to this demand after we took a strike pledge that year.

Students from the Harvard School of Public Health and the medical school were in the forefront because they took their oath as doctors seriously: to not just treat illness in society but to prevent it. How can we prevent illness and promote good health when workers on our campus cannot afford healthcare? they asked.

The coalition also brought in the custodians whose contract was almost up; they had similar issues around health insurance and were themselves threatening to strike. In fact, after the HUDS victory, their union, Service Employees Local 32 BJ won a good contract that kept health care intact.

Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers, the largest union on campus, comprised of 4,500 workers, was poised to join forces with us earlier in the year. When Harvard got wind of that, they intimidated HUCTW and got them to ratify a new contract in May. Although HUCTW has higher fees for various health services in their new contract, management had to cancel plans to impose deductibles to avoid a clerical strike. Clerical workers walked the picket line with us.

Members and leaders from the Graduate Student Association, who were filing for union recognition, joined the strike lines.

Building broad solidarity

We met with Cambridge and Boston city councils, and they both endorsed the HUDS workers’ struggle — the first time before the strike began and the second during the strike.

We knew a striking union has to create activities that promote bonding between workers. We worked with New York UNITE HERE Local 100. They, along with locals in Atlantic City, Hartford and Philadelphia, sent large delegations to one of our biggest rallies. Local 100 expects to wage similar campus campaigns, and the International union is predicting a number of strikes

across the country stemming from the Harvard strike. This kind of struggle raises consciousness and encourages militancy.

The HUDS unit is the largest in Local 26. When you’re building a strike coalition, you have to be sure your union leadership — of the local and the International — is part of it. I don’t see a strike surviving without the union’s backing.

The local did not want to strike, but we knew we had no choice. so we rallied and called for the strike. Then the union leadership had to go along with us, because they couldn’t let Harvard destroy one of their stellar contracts. Losing would have had national repercussions with many contracts coming up. Hotels are becoming very difficult to organize, especially in misnamed “right to work” (for less) states, but universities are wide open.

Our group of workers in the local met often in order to steer the strike in a progressive and militant manner.

The International brought in full-time paid staff and member organizers from around the country as a support team to do things like write media releases. At first their organizers tried to undo our structure. It was a struggle to have our leaders stay in leadership — issues arose like who was going to give a speech. While we butted heads when staff tried to disempower the coalition, we worked with them. And we succeeded because we had our structure already established. In the end the union’s resources were indispensable.

Because we built the coalition the right way, we won!

Now we’re engaged in post-strike activism. We met with Islamic students and held a joint forum Feb. 4. There we discussed fighting Islamophobia as well as lessons learned on strike and where we go from here. We put both in the context of the fight against Trump and fascism. We won a huge battle, but the struggle continues every day!

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On the picket line

By Matty Stardust and Sue Davis

Uber: lies about driver earnings, attempts to break strike

Uber Technologies agreed Jan. 19 to pay out \$20 million to settle claims that the online ride-sharing platform lied about how much drivers could earn. Uber offers on-demand taxi service at lower rates than traditional cab companies by dumping the extra costs on its “independent contractor” drivers.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, Uber’s advertisements promised drivers unrealistic earnings in 19 cities and counties. In New York and San Francisco, less than 10 percent of drivers reached advertised income levels, while actual incomes were on average nearly one-third lower. Uber’s car-financing programs also ended up costing drivers more than advertised, according to the complaint. (phillytrib.com, Jan. 24)

But Uber’s contempt for workers goes far beyond the way it advertises for prospective drivers. The N.Y. Taxi Workers Alliance, mostly immigrants from Southwest Asia, called a one-hour strike at JFK International Airport on Jan. 28 to protest the detainment and deportation of Muslims traveling to the U.S. Rather than extending solidarity, Uber announced lower-than-normal rates for travelers to and from the airport, apparently in an attempt to break the strike.

Even before that, Uber CEO Travis Kalanick had joined Trump’s economic advisory council, the Strategic and Policy Forum, to help carry out the racist billionaire’s war on workers and the oppressed. After thousands joined calls to #BoycottUber, however, Kalanick announced Feb. 2 that he would step down from that post. Kalanick got the message loud and clear: He’d better not use racism to promote Uber, or he’ll get mass resistance! (arstechnica.com, Feb. 3)

Workers file 33 complaints against Puzder

Restaurant workers filed 33 complaints on Jan. 25 and Jan. 26 against Carl’s Jr. and Hardee’s franchisees owned by Andy Puzder, CEO of CKE Restaurants Inc. and Trump’s nominee for labor secretary. The complaints charged wage theft with state departments of labor, sexual harassment with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and unfair labor practice charges with the National Labor Relations Board. (nrn.com, Jan. 26)

Millionaire Puzder opposes basic workers’ rights — a living wage, paid sick leave and overtime, safe working conditions and benefits like health care and pensions — for some of the lowest paid U.S. workers, mostly women and people of color. No wonder restaurant worker and activist groups have mobilized nationwide against him. (Workers World, Jan. 19) After coast-to-coast protests on Jan. 12, Fight for \$15 organizers held protests on Jan. 26 at quick-service restaurants in 31 cities, from Los Angeles to St. Paul, Minn.

Raleigh, N.C., raises living wage

The Raleigh, N.C., City Council voted Jan. 17 to adopt a universal living wage. The measure will boost pay nearly 15 percent for the lowest-level, full-time city workers. Now all city workers will make at least \$13.76 an hour by the next fiscal year. The measure is expected to cost the city an additional \$500,000 annually for 215 security guards, mechanics and customer service reps. The measure makes Raleigh the tenth city in North Carolina to adopt a living wage measure. (Raleigh News & Observer, Jan. 17)

D.C. workers battle wage theft and win

Nearly two dozen mostly Latinx construction workers, hired by Genesis, a Washington, D.C., subcontractor, to build three large highrises in a mixed-use development, were owed tens of thousands of dollars in back wages. While work proceeded last fall, workers started receiving partial payments or had paychecks bounce; eventually, Genesis stopped paying wages entirely. So the workers quit and demanded payment, but Genesis stonewalled and general contractor Manganaro Midatlantic refused to accept responsibility for the stolen wages.

The workers turned to Trabajadores Unidos de Washington, D.C. The local advocacy group was able to use the District of Columbia’s 2014 Wage Theft Prevention Act, which holds both contractors and subcontractors liable. According to Arturo Griffiths, TUWDC executive director, the twenty-three Genesis workers were each owed more than \$46,000 in back pay. Manganaro finally paid them on Dec. 8, two months after their first complaint. “This case is an important lesson for all DC workers,” says Griffiths. “[It shows] how important it is for ... workers to understand the new law.” And why all cities not only need laws to stop rampant wage theft, but also workers’ organizations and unions to enforce them. (dclabor.org, Jan. 25)

Solidarity with Yemenis vs. travel ban

Over a thousand people demonstrated outside Brooklyn Borough Hall on Feb. 2 against the recent presidential order banning U.S. entry for people from seven Muslim-majority countries, including Yemen. A large number were owners and workers at local Yemeni delis that had been closed for the day to express outrage at the Trump administration’s travel ban. Groups of people, especially youth, shouted, “Build a wall? We’ll tear it down!”

— Caption and photo by Anne Pruden



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Solidarity grows for union fight at Nissan

By Martha Grevatt

After twelve years of a drive to organize workers at the Nissan plant in Canton, Miss., the company is still being accused of intimidating and firing union supporters.

Nissan opened the vehicle assembly plant in 2003. Within two years, the United Auto Workers began to organize the 5,000 workers, 80 percent African-American. These workers were already fed up with everything from racist abuse to life-threatening unsafe working conditions. They know only by having a union can they force the company to create a safe work environment.

Paint technician Morris Mock, on the UAW's Volunteer Organizing Committee, told Workers World: "Workers are steadily getting injured. Nissan is continuing to ignore health and safety conditions inside the factory."

Workers blame the injuries on a lack of basic safety equipment and the breakneck pace of the assembly line. They charge Nissan with forcing injured workers to return to work before they have recovered. Workers must decide whether to follow the doctors' orders or the bosses' orders. Doing the latter has aggravated the workers' original injuries or caused re-injuries.

Last Sept. 22, workers and clergy held a candlelight vigil on the one-year anniversary of the on-the-job death of 37-year-old Derrick Whiting, who collapsed while working. Workers considered the company's effort to save him inadequate. Many at the vigil wore shirts with Whiting's picture and the message, "Derrick Whiting's life matters."

Another issue fueling worker anger is the widespread abuse of "temporary" workers. Hired by Kelly Service, the Kelly workers expected to eventually become permanent Nissan employees. Now about half the plant workforce, they make as little as \$12 an hour, with no benefits, for the same backbreaking work as Nissan workers.

Workers not alone

While the workers are fighting an uphill battle, they are not alone. Several years ago, Congressperson Bennie Thompson founded the Mississippi Alliance For Fairness At Nissan. MAFFAN has brought together Nissan workers, civil rights leaders, clergy and elected officials.

Award-winning actor Danny Glover has attended many of MAFFAN's protests, including past demonstrations outside auto shows that drew worldwide attention. Grammy-winning rapper Common per-

formed at a MAFFAN benefit last year.

From Jan. 26 through Jan. 30, MAFFAN held protests outside Nissan dealerships in seven southern cities. In Marietta, Ga., north of Atlanta, the Jan. 26 action drew support from UAW Local 10, faith leaders, elected officials, the Communication Workers union, the Georgia AFL-CIO, the Teamsters and Students against Sweatshops. Low-wage workers with Fight for \$15 joined after protesting at a local restaurant against Hardee CEO Andrew Puzder's nomination to U.S. labor secretary.

Three dealership pickets in North Carolina included newly organized city workers in Greensboro, represented by Electrical Workers Local 150, and city workers in Raleigh who are also in Local 150. In those two cities and in Charlotte, the militant picket lines united labor and community supporters, who heard eye-opening testimony from current and former Nissan workers. The Change to Win labor federation helped organize the protests and others in Birmingham, Ala.; Nashville, Tenn.; and New Orleans.

The UAW has gone global to expose Nissan and partner Renault. In November, Mississippi plant workers and supporters demonstrated outside the Olympics in Brazil. In July, the UAW blasted Renault-Nissan for refusing to meet with

French parliamentarian Christian Hutin.

The company maintains its hard-line, anti-union stance, having refused offers of mediation from the federal government, but workers refuse to give up. MAFFAN has called a "March on Mississippi" to "End Voter Suppression" — meaning Nissan's intimidation of workers who would otherwise vote for the UAW. As Mock said: "We are steadfast and we are in it to win it. A movement like this will change how the South treats workers' rights and cheap labor."

Unionize the South!

The movement Mock envisions is crucial to union success. Unions have long neglected organizing Southern workers. As a consequence, companies have closed northern plants and relocated these "run-away plants" to Southern states. There, anti-union "right-to-work" (for less!) laws allow union members to withhold dues and thus weaken the organization.

All of the foreign auto "transplants," with the exception of two Honda plants in semirural Ohio, are in the South. None have been unionized.

The lack of a strategy to organize the South has had dire consequences for the labor movement. Northern state governments have passed Southern-style "right-to-work" (for less!) laws. Unions have

faced harsher demands that they concede on wages and benefits. The union correctly claims it will be hamstrung at the bargaining table until the Southern transplants are unionized.

While the UAW leaders rightfully confront Nissan's widespread use of temporary workers, the union's current contracts allow Ford, General Motors and Fiat Chrysler to hire more temporaries. By attacking Nissan while letting U.S. auto companies off the hook, the union leadership evokes its racist, chauvinistic "Buy American" campaigns, which break up international worker solidarity.

Many rank and filers believe the UAW has to restore its reputation as a fighting union before it can organize the unorganized. Nevertheless, as the Nissan campaign demonstrates, more and more workers are organizing in the South. The Southern solidarity rallies were part of a strategy to draw labor and the community together to build power.

Building Southern coalitions, such as the Southern Workers Assembly, will advance the movement to organize the South and move the whole working class forward in the struggle against capitalism.

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Deception in capitalist democracy: Police accountability

By Dave Welsh

Jan. 25 was the first time I'd ever attended a Police Review Commission meeting in Berkeley, a California university town across the bay from San Francisco. I went with nine other community members to the North Berkeley Senior Center, to express our opposition to three terrible policies of the city government and its police department. These were:

- The repeated police raids on homeless encampments, forcing people out of their tents into the cold, rainy winter, causing several recent deaths from exposure.
- The city's participation in the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center and its domestic spying operation, coordinated nationally by the FBI and used locally to spy on Black Lives Matter demonstrations.



PHOTO: DAVE WELSH

This tent city at Old City Hall, set up by First They Came for the Homeless in late 2015, was one of many demolished by the Berkeley Police Department.

- The city's participation in the Urban Areas Security Initiative, aimed at militarizing (and possibly eventually federalizing) local police forces under the baton of the Department of Homeland Security.

That night we heard several homeless people testify to the brutality (and smugness) of Berkeley Police Department officers when they had repeatedly raided the neat and well-regulated tent encampments organized by First They Came for the Homeless, a direct-action and advocacy group. The police broke up the encampments and confiscated property belonging to homeless camp residents.

One notable feature of the meeting was the presence of Acting Police Chief Andrew Greenwood and three other grim-faced officers, at a special table. Any time the chief wanted to speak, he just started talking and the chair yielded to him, for as long as the chief wanted to talk. In contrast, we community members had two minutes each at the start of the meeting (under "public comment") after which we were expected to shut up and listen.

As for the commission itself, a majority of its members supported the police on each of the three issues. I thought to myself: What if 50 or 100 community people came, took over the rigged meeting and let the people speak?

A flashback to the freedom struggle in South Africa

After the meeting, I went for a beer with a friend and described my first ex-

perience with Berkeley's Police Review Commission. It reminded him of something from the history of the African National Congress, at a time when they were fighting to free South Africa from settler colonialism.

In the apartheid-era South Africa of 1941, there was an augustly named Transkei Territorial Authorities General Council. The ANC described it as "a government-inspired creation, which had elected members ... and nominated chiefs, [and] which had very limited administrative powers in the Transkei."

Govan Mbeki, an ANC and South African Communist Party militant, served on the Transkei Council. Mbeki himself famously likened it to "a toy telephone — you can say what you like, but your words have no effect because the wires are not connected to any exchange." Similarly, toothless Bantustan "parliaments" set up by the settler regime were referred to contemptuously by ANC activists as "toy telephones" — giving the appearance but not the reality of participation in governance.

Nowadays, Berkeley has a proliferation of "commissions" designed to allow community input and advise the city council on various policy matters. Sometimes the commissions can play a useful role, and the people will righteously make use of them to push for needed changes. Still and all, if Govan Mbeki were around today, I bet he'd put our Police Review Commission squarely in the "toy telephone" category.

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Philadelphia activists: 'Divest from Standing Rock!'

Protesters picketed on Feb. 3 at Philadelphia's main office of Wells Fargo Bank, which has over \$400 million invested in the Dakota Access Pipeline. The action is part of a nationwide campaign calling on all the banks that are funding the racist attack on Indigenous peoples and their ancestral lands to divest from the Standing Rock, N.D., project immediately.



— Photo and caption by Joe Piette

Across the U.S. — ‘NO TO BIGOTRY’

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the-ground involvement to push protest demands and street actions into a movement that can challenge the whole rotten capitalist system.

In the South

Three hundred people converged at the **Pensacola, Fla.**, International Airport on Jan. 29 against President Trump's neo-fascist ban on immigration, despite the temporary halt on the ban. Chants of “Refugees are welcome here!” and “No Trump! No KKK! No Fascist USA!” could be heard in every part of the airport as people came together to fight against fascism, racism and xenophobia.

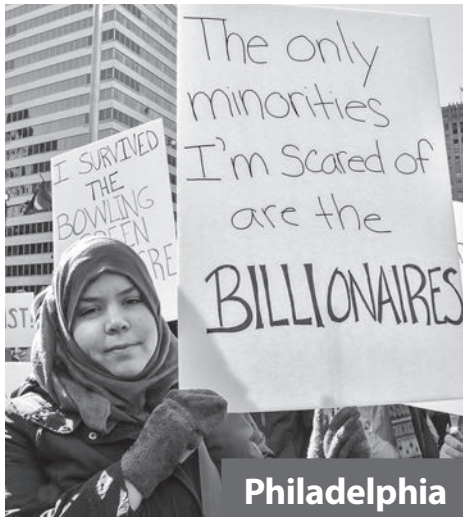
One reporter asked, “Why is it still important you protest even though no refugees are being detained here?” This can best be answered with the Leninist rallying cry: “Workers and oppressed peoples and nations of the world, unite!” For there to be global liberation, international solidarity among workers must be considered and practiced. Solidarity is the path to world socialism and to stopping U.S. imperialism, colonialism and racism in other countries, as well as in this country.

In **New Orleans** on Jan. 20, Southern revolutionaries, organizers and activists shut down Canal Street, one of the city's busiest streets. The protest of Trump's inauguration also shut down Magazine Street and Loyola Avenue. Over 1,000 people converged in New Orleans to protest fascism.

Throughout **Virginia**, protests from large urban metropolitan centers to rural communities have rejected Trump's Islamophobia and his attacks on poor and working people.

A “No Ban, No Wall” demonstration was held Feb. 5 in **Lynchburg**, the site of Liberty University. Its president, Jerry Falwell Jr., has been asked by Trump to lead a federal task force to “reform” higher education. Organizer Nick Castanes noted, “When the people are united, neither politicians nor big money can defeat us! If it can happen in Lynchburg, this can happen anywhere. Keep up the resistance!” The Seven Hills Progressive Society sponsored the rally.

In **Blacksburg**, over 1,200 participated Jan. 30 in a “No Ban, No Wall Solidarity” rally where students from Virginia Tech led chants and marched through campus. Many long-time activists commented it was the largest protest they had ever seen there. Margaret Breslau, chair of the Co-



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alition for Justice, said, “[I]t's young people, it's old people, it's students, it's community ... it's just touched everybody.”

In **Roanoke** on Jan. 30, over 100 attended a lunchtime solidarity rally with refugees, immigrants and the undocumented. An all-day “Refugees Are Welcome Here” solidarity protest took place on Feb. 1 at the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport. Additional protests rallied Feb. 2 at Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke and at Washington and Lee University in **Lexington**. Others are in the planning stages. (For more information, go to tinyurl.com/jybpzpk.)

In the Midwest

Hundred of demonstrators gathered Feb. 1 outside the Department of Homeland Security offices in **Chicago**. Speakers urged rescission of Trump's executive orders, release of all detainees in Chicago and across the country, and an end to all detentions and deportations. The Arab American Action Network convened the protest, which was supported by dozens of other organizations.



Blacksburg, Va.

A “Rally to Defend Families and Democracy” took place on Feb. 4 in **East Chicago, Ind.**, to demand “No Wall! No Ban!” and to unify this economically hard-hit region against the Trump administration's racist agenda. The diverse crowd applauded speakers from Black Lives Matter-Gary, Asamblea Popular Nacional, Antiwar Committee in Solidarity with the Struggle for Self-Determination, and other local organizations. Workers World Party sent a delegation from Chicago, which met with organizers after the rally to plan further actions.

At the John Glenn International Airport on Jan. 29 in **Columbus, Ohio**, between 600 and 1,000 multinational participants marched a quarter mile to the airport terminal and staged a sit-in. The militant protest lasted three hours and targeted the Trump administration's recent immigrant ban and proposed “wall.”

In **Milwaukee** on Jan. 31 there was a student-led protest called “Alto a la separación de familias! End the separation of families!” On Feb. 2, the Milwaukee Coalition Against Trump rallied as “Milwaukee Trumps Hate” at the county courthouse. Demands included stop separating families, end the Muslim ban now, sanctuary city now, no more deportations, and indict and convict Sheriff Clarke.

The gathering was also a victory celebration of the coalition's organizing against a Trump appearance scheduled for Feb. 2 at the Harley-Davidson manufacturing plant in Menominee Falls. The expected mass turnout, especially of poor and working people, resulted in Trump cancelling his speech.

Over 1,000 people showed up Feb. 4 at

a #NoBanNoWall picket at the office of Paul Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, in **Janesville, Wis.** Participants traveled from across Wisconsin and northern Illinois to build solidarity and show that the racist, anti-immigrant policies by the Trump administration can be stopped by the people.

Students at the University of Wisconsin, **Madison** rallied on Jan. 31 against growing right-wing U.S. extremism. They specifically targeted the founding of a local chapter of the American Freedom Party. The AFP, like all “alt-right” groups, is little more than a fascist gang. In 2005, the founder of the UW branch, Daniel Dropik, admitted in a court of law that he had burned historically Black churches in Milwaukee and Lansing, Mich.

The campus-based Student Coalition for Progress convened the demonstra-



Milwaukee, Wis.

PHOTO: JOE BRUTSKY

tion, which included a number of community members. Speakers addressed the root causes of the “refugee crisis” — the bloody imperialist wars both U.S. capitalist parties have waged in the Middle East and North Africa. A wide array of organizations were represented, including Students for Justice in Palestine, International Socialist Organization and Industrial Workers of the World. A Wisconsin Bail Out the People organizer and three supporters attended the event.

Speakers rejected Chancellor Rebecca Blank's call to conduct criminal background checks on prospective students. All speakers stressed the need to build popular movements against the reactionary tide. Only a working-class movement, with leadership from representatives of oppressed nations, can put an end to the fascist groundswell.

In the West

In **San Diego, Calif.**, over 2,500 people came to Terminal 2 at the city airport on Jan. 29 to protest “No ban! No wall!” Local residents were there who originated from all over the globe: Africa, the Caribbean, the Near and Middle East, Asia, Europe and all across the Americas. On this second day of protest, the crowd had swelled from about 1,000 the day before.

There was drumming, chanting and marching back and forth across the airport entrance. Cars circled while passengers held signs and drivers blew horns, expressing unity. The most repeated chant was “No hate! No fear! Refugees are welcome here!” But another crowd favorite was “Hey hey! Ho ho! Donald Trump has got to go!” Now the question is “What's next?”

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For more on Wisconsin protests, go to facebook.com/MilwaukeeCoalitionAgainstTrump, wibailoutpeople.org and facebook.com/wibailoutpeople.org.

Super Bowl activism against racism

By Gloria Rubac
Houston, Texas

Activists and football fans transformed Houston leading up to the Super Bowl. After the city and Harris County doled out undisclosed millions to get ready for hundreds of thousands of sports tourists, activists also prepared. They held planning meetings, banner-making parties, anti-Trump interviews with media and demonstrations at the nine-day “Super Bowl Live” festival.

Houston is truly a city of immigrants. One out of five people here were not born in the U.S. Harris County welcomes about 30 of every 1,000 refugees resettled by the United Nations anywhere in the world -- more than any other U.S. city and more than most nations. If Houston were a country, it would rank fourth in the world for refugee resettlement, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Trump's anti-immigrant rants and or-

ders are not popular here. On Jan. 29 and 30, thousands rejected his anti-Muslim travel ban at the George Bush Intercontinental Airport. At one point, crowds became so large that police closed the terminal. Demonstrators arriving late gathered outside for another protest.

On Feb. 3, the Muslim community rallied at a main business intersection. Hundreds carried signs welcoming Muslims to the city. Speakers included a leader of FIEL (Familias Inmigrante y Estudiantes en Lucha), who expressed solidarity with Muslims. FIEL representatives, with 600 other activists, mainly undocumented youth and DREAMers, had testified for over 12 hours the day before at a Texas Senate Committee hearing on SB6, a bill that would allow the state to withhold funds from sanctuary cities and campuses.

On Feb. 4, crowds gathered at Houston City Hall for a militant protest that included many young activists energized to oppose Trump's bigoted politics. The

crowd marched to the Super Bowl Live Festival to demonstrate there.

On Super Bowl Day, Feb. 5, there were three protests. Over a thousand people rallied and then marched three miles to NRG Energy Stadium, site of the Super Bowl. This demonstration, sponsored by the Democratic Party, included a wide array of civil rights, social democratic, revolutionary and Black Lives Matter organizations.

At the stadium, this march joined two other groups, Houston Stands With Standing Rock and the Water Protectors, that had come from rallying at another location. This convergence nearly doubled the size of the demonstration outside the Super Bowl.

Every demonstration this week got lots of honking and wild cheers from passersby, showing that Trump's racist, Islamophobic, anti-LGBTQ, misogynist actions are not welcome in Houston. Now, plans are circulating for a pre-President's Day, Feb. 17, general work stoppage in Houston. □

Trump under siege from above and below

By Fred Goldstein

Feb. 6 – Donald Trump is struggling to stabilize and consolidate his authoritarian, ultra-rightist, racist, misogynistic, anti-working class regime. His government is under siege from below and criticism and legal challenge from above.

Trump is down in the polls and falling lower. He had an anemic turnout for his inauguration, which was drowned out by the national Women’s March of 3.3 million the next day. He is now reeling from the sea of demonstrations across the U.S. and worldwide hitting his Islamophobic travel ban on people from seven majority-Muslim countries.

All the countries targeted have been attacked by the Pentagon. All have either U.S. imperialist troops or Washington’s puppet forces intervening on the ground.

Excluded from the ban are Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Pakistan, the Gulf oil states, Afghanistan and Jordan. They are all props of U.S. imperialism in the region.

The ban was temporarily halted by Seattle federal Judge James Robart on Feb. 3. After it was appealed by Trump’s Justice Department, Robart’s order was upheld by the Ninth Circuit Court in San Francisco on Feb. 5.

The inhumane ban has prevented students from returning to classes, turned away workers trying to get back to their jobs, kept families separated, harmed patients coming for medical procedures, barred doctors from getting to hospitals, and in general has caused widespread suffering.

Ruling-class interests also harmed by ban

The mass movement against the ban, the border wall and other odious parts of the Trump program has generated so much pressure that sections of the ruling class and the military, who are also being undermined by the ban, want to contest Trump’s order. They have no other way to legally intervene right now, other than through the federal court system, since the other two arms of the capitalist state, the executive and the legislative, are presently unavailable. Furthermore, the Trump administration remains hostile to the established capitalist media, has sought to discredit it and remains impervious to bourgeois media criticism.

The ban is being contested in a dozen states and by the entire tech industry, including corporate giants Google and Microsoft. Hospitals, universities, scientists and a wide section of bourgeois society have been affected.

The ban has also upset sections of the military, which continue to be fiercely engaged in a campaign to reconquer the Middle East. The ban complicates U.S. relations with puppet forces, for example, in Iraq. It also further inflames anti-U.S. sentiment in the region.

The ban affected between 60,000 and 100,000 people whose visas were revoked late at night on Jan. 27. This is, of course, a potentially impeachable offense. However, a move to impeach is not on the agenda for now.

Building an ultra-rightist circle in the White House

Trump has brought into his administration ultra-rightists who have been outside the capitalist establishment and on the fringes. He has also brought in forces whose roots are in the establishment, but who are willing to work in the Trump administration.

It has always been the goal of the ultra-right to topple the conservative politi-

cal establishment. The goal was to reduce taxes for the rich; destroy regulations on corporations; attack Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid; defeat the minimum wage; enact anti-union “right to work” laws; and so on. This is what the Tea Party was about. Now this current is in the White House and is even further to the right.

Steve Bannon, Trump’s chief strategist, is a far-right, extremist ideologue. He ran Breitbart News online — a platform for fascist, racist and anti-Semitic elements. He is an Islamophobe, with an apocalyptic vision that includes war on China.

Trump violated long – standing bourgeois practice by elevating Bannon, a civilian policy ideologue, to a chief position on the National Security Council principals’ committee, a seat usually reserved for the military, the CIA and high national security officials.

Senator Jeff Sessions from Alabama has been nominated attorney general. He is an arch racist who has opposed voting rights, civil rights and immigrant rights. Nominated to become a federal judge by Ronald Reagan in 1986, his virulent racism caused the Senate Judiciary Committee to reject him, only the second such rejection in 48 years.

Trump’s national security adviser, former three-star Army Gen. Michael Flynn, was ousted as director of the Defense Intelligence Agency in 2014 because he was a volatile, ultra-militaristic Islamophobe who spread false information.

Others nominees include Andrew Puzder, a fast-food executive who hates unions, regulations and the minimum wage, to head the Department of Labor; Tom Price, a congressperson from Georgia who opposes the Affordable Care Act, for Health and Human Services; Rick Perry, who has campaigned to abolish the Department of Energy, to head that department; Scott Pruitt, the attorney general of Oklahoma who is in the pocket of the energy industry and signed on to 14 lawsuits against the Environmental Protection Agency, to head the EPA; and Betsy DeVos, who wants to abolish the public school system in favor of charter schools, to head the Department of Education.

This is a short list of the fringe elements who want to destroy the gains of the masses. While the capitalist establishment sympathizes with many of the goals of the ultra-right, many are fearful of a mass uprising should the ultra-right get its way.

Trump also has members in his cabinet with roots and connections to the establishment, especially the military.

Trump struggles to build base in ruling class

Because Trump is in a precarious and deteriorating position in regard to capitalist politics and corporate support, he is racing to hand out concessions to the bosses. He wants to seduce and neutralize them with rewards while putting in place his ultra-right program.

He quickly extended sanctions on Iran for exercising its right to self-defense by developing a ballistic missile. The sanc-

tions were hailed by the entire ruling class. But he was sure to take care that Boeing was exempted from the sanctions, so that billions of dollars worth of its airliners can be produced and shipped to Iran.

He is also rewarding Lockheed by endorsing the sale of hundreds of F-35s to the U.S. government. Lockheed had long ago lowered its price for these most expensive planes in the U.S. arsenal of death, but the company allowed Trump to take credit for the reduced prices. And he signed an executive order calling for a major buildup of U.S. military forces.

One of his first acts was to issue orders to start up the Dakota Access and Keystone XL pipelines. He also cancelled restrictions and regulations on the coal industry, including a rule that protects streams from pollution caused by mountaintop mining

These were not only concessions to the fossil fuel industry. They were also aimed at building support among sections of the labor bureaucracy. He invited the building trades unions and the Laborers’ International Union to a meeting, and the bureaucrats left with praise. He also brought in leaders of the United Auto Workers and United Steelworkers to discuss NAFTA.

Sitting between Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPMorgan Chase, and Stephen Schwarzman, CEO of Blackstone, which manages \$361 billion in hedge funds, Trump announced his intention to do away with the banking regulations spelled out in the Dodd-Frank bill. The regulations prevent banks from speculating with their depositors’ money. Trump is also going to do away with the fiduciary rule designed to protect workers’ pensions by preventing financial sharks from investing pension funds in risky financial institutions.

When he met with pharmaceutical industry bosses, Trump kept his mouth shut about “negotiating for drug prices,” which he had promised during his campaign. The man who “makes deals” forgot to bring it up.

This is only the beginning of Trump’s plans to destroy banking regulations while lowering taxes and restrictions on corporations in general.

Movement must stop Democratic Party from taking over

Democratic Party leaders are rushing to get in front of the burgeoning anti-Trump movement. Some have shown up at demonstrations. They are making an appeal to the movement to focus on rebuilding the party along more popular lines.

The surge in the popular movement against Trump poses both a danger and an opportunity. The danger is that it will be channeled into a harmless path of reliance on the Democratic Party and the capitalist courts. The opportunity is for the revolutionary movement to reach out to hundreds of thousands of people, especially youth, and offer them an independent working-class path to struggle.

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An example of a trap is the way the Democrats hailed the acting attorney general whom Trump fired and the dissenting letter by State Department officials denouncing the travel ban. The fact is that the State Department officials who complained about the ban were actually complaining that Trump was messing up their carefully laid diplomatic plans to strengthen U.S. imperialism’s stranglehold on the world. It had nothing to do with solidarity.

The same goes for Democratic Party leaders who have started wars, gone along with the so-called “war against terrorism,” allowed the police to murder Black and Latinx youth with impunity until the Black Lives Matter and similar movements arose, and refused to protect immigrants until the mayors of several big cities were forced to take a stand as sanctuary cities. The Democrats have let the big banks and corporations rule.

The Democratic Party is actually the enemy of the movement. Because it has a mass base, and because it is loyal to and controlled by the capitalist ruling class, it is the instrument to mislead the working class and the people.

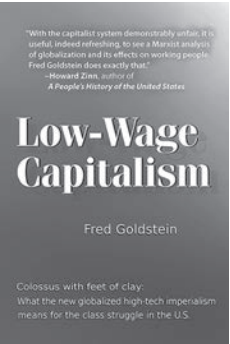
The only way to stop Trump is to organize mass resistance on the ground, in the streets, in the communities, on the campuses, in the workplaces.

It is completely timely for youth especially to organize anti-fascist, anti-racist and anti-war fighting organizations. Even if the Trump regime is not fascist itself, it has stimulated the development and the confidence of fascist, racist and ultra-right groups all over the country. These groups pose a threat to the masses.

Trump himself has flirted with fascist symbols. He refused to denounce David Duke and the KKK. He tweeted a Jewish star with dollar signs on it. His regime refused to name Jews as part of the holocaust and suppressed his own State Department statement on the Holocaust that mentioned the Jews. He supports the fascist Breitbart propagandist Milo Yiannopoulos, who was properly driven off the Berkeley campus. And his chief strategist Bannon is an open anti-Semite, who told his spouse during a divorce fight that he didn’t want his children going to school with Jews.

For these and a hundred more reasons, the time is now to launch a revolutionary, anti-fascist, anti-racist movement and attract the best people from this new surge of resistance to Trump.

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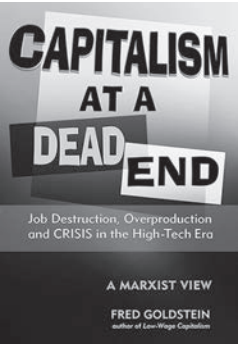


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MLK’s legacy

Class character of the freedom struggle



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Abayomi Azikiwe
Editor, Pan-African News Wire

Jan. 30 — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. sought to articulate a deeper program for the movement against national oppression and economic injustice from 1967 until his death in 1968.

Three weeks prior to his assassination, on March 14, 1968, Dr. King, co-founder and president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, gave a talk titled “The Other America” at the invitation of the Grosse Pointe Human Relations Council. He was to examine the debate over “open housing” for African Americans amid an unprecedented wave of urban rebellions across the country.

Seven months before Dr. King’s visit to Grosse Pointe, an affluent Detroit suburb, the city had exploded in a five-day rebellion, starting July 23, 1967, and led by the African-American community. It resulted in 43 deaths, hundreds injured, 7,200 arrests and property damage worth millions of dollars. The social unrest was sparked by the abysmal conditions fostered by police brutality, labor discrimination, overcrowded housing districts contained through de facto segregation, and inadequate schools with bulging classroom sizes and declining infrastructure.

Dr. King addressed “the other America” at Stanford University in California on April 14, 1967. After the Civil Rights Movement’s enormous gains between 1955 and 1965, the focus of the SCLC and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee shifted to northern and western municipalities, where depressed neighborhoods housed millions of African Americans, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, Native Americans and poor whites.

White backlash and opposition to the Vietnam War

SCLC moved into Chicago in 1966 to test its evolving program centered around jobs, housing and income. A year later, the organization publicly opposed the U.S. war in Vietnam, which Dr. King saw as an enemy of African-American and poor people.

In Chicago, white working-class and middle-class people, backed by Mayor Richard Daley’s administration, resisted the Freedom Movement’s demands. Daley rejected the call for drastic action to eliminate slums, housing discrimination and poverty there.

A four-day rebellion, which erupted on July 12, was blamed on SCLC’s work, despite the organization’s commitment to nonviolent methods of struggle. Although the Chicago Freedom Movement won only limited results for the city’s people, it portended much for future developments.

An audience of 2,700 people met Dr. King at Grosse Pointe High School.

Some 200 Breakthrough racist neofascists protested Dr. King’s appearance, denouncing him as a “traitor” and a “communist” for opposing the Vietnam War. They repeatedly interrupted his speech. Dr. King said that they would never discourage him from linking the Civil Rights and anti-war movements together.

Dr. King identified the African-American struggle as having a class character due to the economic exploitation of the people, which he addressed: “We find in the other America, unemployment [at] astronomical proportions and Black people ... living in a literal depression.” Official 8.8 percent Black unemployment rates omit those “who have had so many doors closed in their faces that they feel defeated,” and stop looking for jobs, feeling “that life is a long and desolate corridor with no exit signs”, he said Black unemployment is 16 or 17 percent, reaching 40 to 45 percent for youth.

Underemployment leaves millions poverty-stricken despite working daily at such low wages they cannot function in U.S. economic life, explained Dr. King. A vast majority are “perishing on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity,” causing much anguish. “We have seen the angered expressions of this despair and bitterness in the violent rebellions” across our



country. (Read “The Other America” at tinyurl.com/yc7ypma.)

Towards a united front opposing racism and fascism

During the Labor Day weekend in 1967, Dr. King spoke at the National Conference for New Politics held in Chicago. Thousands attended the event, which sought to draft Dr. Benjamin Spock, renowned Vietnam war opponent, as a 1968 presidential candidate with Dr. King as his running mate.

The NCNP sought to build a broad-based alliance purportedly independent of the Democratic Party, which would oppose the Vietnam War. However, other issues hampered the smooth operation of such a united front strategy.

Paralleling the NCNP was the Black Congress, also held in Chicago, which demanded that African-American liberation be placed on the NCNP agenda, and that nationally oppressed conference delegates be granted veto power over all resolutions and platforms.

Elements of the Black Congress program were manifested in the NCNP Black Caucus’ demands. These issues included taking a principled stand against Zionism; support for armed struggle in the liberation of Southern Africa; and recognition of African-Americans as the vanguard of the people’s movement in the U.S. There were grave concerns that appeals to adopt this agenda were conveniently left off the NCNP agenda.

James Forman, then Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee international affairs director, addressed the NCNP Black Caucus on Sept. 2, 1967,

raising the demands for veto power and solidarity with oppressed peoples’ struggles. He emphasized the exploited labor of all Black people “who tilled the fields without pay while the white man reinvested the capital from our labor. Therefore, even today [in the U.S.], we are the lowest class on the economic ladder.”

Forman noted: “There can be no new concept of politics, no new coalitions unless those of us who are the most disposed assume leadership and give direction to [it].” Or, he warned, we will see the same old treachery of rich white folks and Democratic-party-oriented individuals determining “what they can do for us.” (See tinyurl.com/htxxadz)

These words are useful in today’s developing struggle following President Donald Trump’s assumption of power. Millions have taken to the streets supporting women’s and immigrant rights, self-determination for Indigenous people at Standing Rock, and opposing police brutality and suppression of the African-American vote.

However, unless the new alliances are based on principled political positions, these efforts will inevitably lead right back into the Democratic Party with its betrayal of the working class, poor and nationally oppressed peoples. A revolutionary leadership must emerge to provide a program aimed at exposing and defeating the exploitative and dictatorial capitalist, imperialist system.

Azikiwe covered the 49th anniversary commemoration of Dr. King’s speech at Grosse Pointe South High School on Jan. 14 for Workers World. The Grosse Pointe NAACP chapter sponsored the program.

‘We Want Freedom’

Mumia Abu-Jamal on Black Panther Party



By John Steffin

This past fall marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Black Panther Party. To celebrate the occasion, Common Notions, a publishing house in Brooklyn,

N.Y., republished Mumia Abu-Jamal’s acclaimed history of this revolutionary organization. At a time when white supremacy is emboldened and capitalism is in crisis, “We Want Freedom: A Life in the Black Panther Party” is a more timely read than ever.

In writing the book, one of Mumia’s goals was to fill in the gaps in the existing literature on the party. Much had been written about the party leadership, but what of the rank-and-file Panther? There is more to the life of a party than great speeches and mass uprisings, but the everyday struggles that sustain a party often get lost. Mumia centers on these struggles, rooted in his own experience as a rank-and-file Panther in the Phila-

delphia chapter.

Mumia also brings to light the struggle of women against sexism in the party and the party’s progressive efforts to overcome sexism in its ranks. Women held positions at every level of the party, and Mumia traces the experiences of several Panther women, from relatively more privileged members like Barbara Cox to Naima Major, one of the thousands of Panther women engaged in revolutionary organizing and study.

One of the most radical claims in “We Want Freedom” is about the relationship of the party to the legacy of Black liberation. In the words of Kathleen Cleaver, who wrote the book’s introduction, Mumia’s scholarship roots the BPP in a

“disfavored history.” He links the BPP to the long tradition of Black self-defense that is often erased from the defanged histories of Black struggle written by the ruling class and its lackeys.

To push back against these revisions, we must arm ourselves with the proper history. “We Want Freedom” is just that, and it offers today’s militants a lot to work with as we continue the struggle. While the state, through the FBI’s COINTELPRO operation, may have systematically undermined the party, it did not have the last say.

The book can be purchased at the Common Notions website, commonnotions.org. A 50 percent discount is offered to all prisoners. □

Thousands protest massacre in Quebec mosque

By **G. Dunkel**

A white supremacist named Alexandre Bissonnette walked into the Grand Mosque in Quebec City, Canada, on Jan. 29 and allegedly killed six people and seriously injured at least nine more while they were praying. These were the first murders in Quebec City in the past 21 months.

Bissonnette used a high-powered rifle, for which he received training from gun clubs in the Quebec City area, and a pistol. According to a video on VTA, a Canadian news service, the rifle had enough power to propel bullets through walls in the mosque.

The names of the victims are brothers Mamadou Tanou Barry and Ibrahima Barry, Abdelkrim Hassane, Khaled Belkacemi, Aboubaker Thabti and Azzeddine Soufiane. Although all were Canadian citizens, two were from Algeria, two from Guinea in West Africa, one from Morocco and one from Tunisia. Between them, they had 17 children, most of them young. (TVA, Jan. 31)

Most of the victims had professional or skilled jobs, which goes along with Quebec's deliberate attraction of educated

immigrants who are French-speaking, particularly from West Africa and Haiti.

Fox News and the alt-right media immediately reported that it was two Muslims shouting "Allahu Akbar" that carried out the massacre. This report was picked up thousands of times and was trending as a top story. Fox News didn't retract its false story until the office of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called them.

Once the fact that the massacre had been committed by a white French Canadian was revealed, imbued with the rants of Donald Trump and Marine Le Pen, the leader of France's soft fascist National Front, U.S. media coverage of this massacre plummeted.

Biased news didn't stop solidarity

But in Canada, one night after the massacre, thousands of people, many from the tight-knit Guinean community in Quebec City, filled the square in front of the mosque, in bitterly cold weather — in the low teens — for a memorial vigil and demonstration. The prime minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau; the premier of Quebec, Philippe Couillard; and the mayor of Quebec City, Régis Labeaume,

spoke after some prayers were offered by Muslim religious leaders.

There weren't a lot of signs, but the ones on the video clips from La Presse (Jan. 31) read: "Unity and Solidarity against islamophobia," "Let us unite against hate" and "We are all Québécois." It was a solemn march. La Presse quoted a teacher from the University of Quebec at Rimouski (UQAR) that the words of Donald Trump had called out a monster.

Smaller vigils took place in the regions of Quebec to the east of Quebec City, on both sides of the Saint Lawrence River: Bas-Saint-Laurent, Gaspésie, Îles-de-la-Madeleine and the Côte-Nord (North Coast). The North Coast has significant First Nation (Indigenous) communities. Both Rimouski, a city of 50,000 on the Gaspé Peninsula, and Sept-Iles, a terminus of a First Nation-owned rail line to the iron mines of Labrador, have mosques.

UQAR is trying to figure out how to protect some 350 students who are Muslims.

There has been quite a sharp, vigorous campaign mounted against "trash radio" ("radio poubelle"), which spews racism, sexism, xenophobia and Islamophobia and has called for the assassin to be pardoned.

There were more vigils/commemorations held throughout Canada. The DawaNet Fund announced that it had raised \$135,000 for the bereft families and received thousands of messages of support.

The three victims from North Africa are going to be buried in their home countries. The other three are going to be buried in Montreal, since there isn't a Muslim cemetery in Quebec City. The mayor of that city announced at the funeral service for the three, which was held in a hockey rink and drew 5,000 people, that he would guarantee that one would be constructed.

Canada has accepted 40,000 Syrian refugees in the past year. While there are certainly some Canadians with reactionary, backward opinions, they have been met with vigorous opposition on many different levels. A number of Canadians are urging their country to accept more refugees.

While accepting tens of thousands of Syrian refugees practically challenges Trump's freeze on Syrian refugees in the U.S., Canada is not going to say anything much about it, given the tremendous influence the U.S. has on its economy. □

U.S. condemns ‘Russian aggression’ as Ukraine escalates war against Donbass

By **Greg Butterfield**

In late January and early February, the two formerly eastern Ukraine republics of Donetsk and Lugansk faced their worst wartime conditions in nearly two years. The U.S.-backed Ukrainian government of President Petro Poroshenko escalated terror-bombing of homes, schools, hospitals and essential services in the capital city of Donetsk and all along the front line.

At the same time, contradictory statements and belligerent actions by the Donald Trump administration in Washington have undermined lingering hopes in Donetsk, Lugansk and neighboring Russia

for a significant change in the U.S. posture towards Ukraine that could lead to a de-escalation of the war.

In February 2014, a U.S.-backed and U.S.-funded movement called Euro-maidan, led by neo-Nazis and right-wing Ukrainian nationalists, toppled the elected government of Ukraine. In its place, this movement installed an open dictatorship of oligarchs, neo-Nazis and politicians oriented to the U.S and the European Union.

This Kiev junta declared war on the primarily Russian-speaking and working-class population of the country's southeast. This led to uprisings in many cities and the secession of Crimea — which rejoined the Russian Federation by referendum — and Donetsk and Lugansk. People in the Donbass mining region declared independent Donetsk and Lugansk "people's republics."

The Obama administration condemned Russia's reintegration of Crimea, imposing sanctions and using the same pretext to put the NATO military alliance on a provocative war footing in eastern Europe.

Armed and funded by the West, the Kiev regime declared war on Donetsk and Lugansk. Fighting raged for almost a year. Popular anti-fascist militias decisively defeated Ukrainian forces in early 2015. The "Minsk II agreement" was then brokered by Russia, Germany and France. However, the Kiev junta and its U.S. backers have dragged out negotiations while constantly violating the ceasefire agreement.

The United Nations reports that nearly 10,000 people, including more than 100 children, have died as a result of Ukraine's so-called Anti-Terrorist Operation. The West's economic blockade has increased the suffering of Donbass residents.

School, homes and hospitals targeted

According to Col. Eduard Basurin, deputy commander of the Donetsk defense forces, Ukraine launched over 15,000 attacks on the republic in the space of a week. This includes attacks by banned heavy weaponry like "GRAD" and "Hur-

ricane" missiles on the capital on the night of Feb. 2. Observers of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) confirmed the attack.

Ukrainian attacks targeted the city's water treatment facility, as well as residential buildings and a busy highway. Water, electricity and gas were cut off in the dead of winter. Russia's Foreign Ministry denounced Kiev for violating the Geneva Convention for the Protection of Civilians in Time of War. At least 10 civilians have been killed in the capital.

Basurin reported that 33 towns and villages were hit during the week. Targets included Makeyevka's elementary school and a local hospital. (DONi News Agency)

Meanwhile, in Lugansk, Ukrainian attacks also escalated in late January, killing civilians and anti-fascist fighters.

Now Ukraine has opened up a new front of attack in the south of Donetsk, with "battles ... taking place along the whole southern front." (DONi News Agency, Feb. 6)

With the buildup of tanks and heavy weaponry by the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Donetsk Deputy Commander Basurin warned that the two republics expect a full-blown military offensive by Kiev.

Trump's stance: imperialist continuity

What has been the response from Donald Trump, who claimed on the campaign trail that he wanted to improve relations with Russia?

At first, while the killings were mounting, Trump's administration was silent. Instead of addressing the Ukrainian military aggression, it was crowing over its first military foray in Yemen, where at least 30 civilians, including children, were killed.

Then on Feb. 2, Trump's ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, in her first official statement, condemned Russia for "aggressive actions" in Ukraine. This was the very same lie trotted out by the previous U.S. administration. (AFP, Feb. 2)

The following day, news site Politico broke the story that Trump had held a private meeting with far-right Ukrainian politician Yulia Tymoshenko on the sidelines

of the Feb. 2 National Prayer Breakfast. According to Tymoshenko and other sources who briefed Politico, Trump promised Tymoshenko that he would not lift sanctions on Russia until it "returns" Crimea and ends support for the Donbass republics. The White House later denied this report.

In a Feb. 4 phone call with Ukraine's President Poroshenko, Trump mouthed the familiar U.S. line to "cooperate with leaders of Russia, Ukraine and other nations to restore peace in war-torn Donbass." In a call the same day between Trump and Jens Stoltenberg, the U.S. oligarch reassured the NATO secretary general of his support for NATO and that he would participate in the 2017 NATO summit in Brussels. (Sputnik News, Feb. 6)

The contradictory statements emanating from the White House may reflect internal struggles within the administration regarding relations with Russia. Meanwhile, Trump is launching threat after threat against Iran and China. But the overall picture is one of continuity of U.S. militarism also in Eastern Europe, not the hoped for "breakthrough" to ease the war crisis.

Now more than ever, the heroic people of Donbass need the support of anti-war and anti-fascist forces in the U.S. and around the world. Educating the newly awakened movement that is fighting the attacks of the Trump administration in the spirit of internationalist solidarity will be key. □

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WORKERS WORLD

editorial

Unite to defend J20 protesters

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the safety of a building, McInnes was captured on film crying while making a report to the cops. A Workers World Party member reported, “The vibe in the crowd was a unified front against fascism. It was good to see young communists and anarchists working together. For example, we commandeered a ‘Make America Great Again’ hat from a hubristic white male who decided to walk through our crowd. We worked together to take his hat and start that f*cker on fire, using communist flyers and an anarchist’s lighter.”

The right wing knows its best champion is the state. Killer cops who gun down thousands each year and lock up millions of Black and Brown people take no issue with white supremacists or neo-Nazis. Go to a Klan rally to see for yourself who the cops are protecting and serving. After the murder of Alton Sterling this past summer, Black Lives Matter activists were hunted through the streets of Baton Rouge, La., tackled and beaten by cops. The streets of D.C. on Jan. 20 were mainly bereft of right-wing paramilitaries, such as Bikers for Trump, because they knew, rightly so, that the state was now in the hands of out and proud neo-Nazis. The cops were the real fascistic paramilitaries.

Many whites, finding themselves for the first time on the other side of a police baton, chanted at cops during airport shutdowns against the Muslim Ban beginning Jan. 4: “Take off your riot gear! I don’t see no riot here!” This is an erroneous chant that could be misunderstood as separating the new masses in the streets from the struggles at Standing Rock and in Ferguson, Mo. It is right to resist, and whether they realize it yet or not, they are standing against the same state as the Black Lives Matter movement and the Water Protectors.

Now the state wants to bring heavy charges against J20 resisters. Different collectives and affinity groups have started raising money, and the strategy seems to be using busy public defenders. Since defendants come from all over the

country, it’s difficult to get everyone in the same room for a meeting, much less to agree on a unified legal strategy. The fear is that while some white defendants may be able to secure decent legal representation, those who are poor or of color may not be able to do that. What an absolute tragedy it would be to have what was a multinational, multigender group of freedom fighters split as they are on the job, at school or in the eyes of the cops.

Unions were created so that individual workers could unite to form one fist against the bosses. Collectively presenting demands and undertaking direct action were the only way to defeat the bosses. Defense committees work in much the same way. Instead of saying “everyone for themselves,” defendants unite to come up with a common political, tactical and logistic strategy. Instead of a handful of people in New York organizing separately from a handful of people in Baltimore, all can agree on common principles and basic ground rules, such as no snitching and transparency about defense funds and how they are used.

These issues and tasks may be difficult to undertake, but the clock is ticking as hearings have already begun and will continue over the coming weeks and months. Taking on the most notorious empire on the face of the planet is no easy task, but it’s up to us to do it. The state is united in its purpose to smash resistance to white supremacy and imperialism, and that means first smashing unity between freedom fighters in the streets. We must show unified support for these defendants, and the defendants themselves must show unity among their ranks. A single individual is nothing to a state that spends billions tearing up whole societies both at home and abroad. We are stronger together — not just in our action, but in our defense of one another.

Please show support for those arrested on Jan. 20. Encourage unity and demand that ALL CHARGES are dropped by signing the petition at tinyurl.com/jkxpwad. □

At UC Berkeley

Rebellious youth shut down white supremacist

By Carl Lewis

Thousands of student, community and other activists shook up the University of California at Berkeley campus when they militantly protested an event featuring notorious ultraright mouthpiece, Milo Yiannopoulos, on Feb. 1. They succeeded.

The demonstrators’ determination “by any means necessary” to stop the tech editor of the white supremacist Breitbart tabloid from spreading his vile bigotry pushed the administration to cancel the meeting. Despite police repression, the activists scored a victory. Yiannopoulos was whisked off campus.

Mukund Rathi issued a call on Jan. 31 in The Daily Californian to UC Berkeley students and community members to protest the administration’s decision to allow Yiannopoulos to speak. University officials claimed it was a “free speech” issue. They refused to cancel the event despite strong opposition by students, alumni and community residents.

Rathi said: “The Berkeley Against Trump Coalition, previously ... the J20 Coalition, invites all solidarity-minded students and other members of the campus community to protest with us against the far right agitator, Milo Yiannopoulos, on Feb. 1. We will ... show our unwillingness to allow our campus to be used to spread [his] vile bigotry [now] when the forces of oppression are ascendant nationally.”

Hate speech is not “free speech”

Unfortunately, some liberals violence — baited the protests and criticized the alleged restrictions of “free speech” as an assault on “democracy.” But hate speech — whether racist, xenophobic, sexist or anti-LGBTQ — should not be tolerated anywhere.

Terri Kay, a Workers World Party activist in California, responded to the criticisms: “The action’s purpose was to stop hate speech, which terrorizes the most vulnerable in our communities. This successful action let the fascists know that they won’t be tolerated here. Unions like the International Longshore and Warehouse Workers and the United Electrical Workers in Connecticut have organized workers defense guards to defend their members and other community members threatened by the Nazis, the KKK and their ilk.

“The best defense is a strong offense,” stressed Kay. “The large crowd cheered

when the barricades were taken down and the bonfire was lit. They cheered even louder when it was announced that the event was cancelled, which was why we were all there in the first place. Kudos to the antifa [anti-fascist] and anarchist forces who took the lead on this militant and righteous action.”

Yiannopoulos revealed

Milo Yiannopoulos, born into privilege, built a scam-ridden and scandalous empire in the world of social media and technology. He is notorious for his reactionary diatribes against Islam, immigrants, LGBTQ people, women and people of color. He assails Black Lives Matter activists. A misogynist, he promotes “rape culture.”

Describing himself as a “cultural libertarian” and “free speech fundamentalist,” he opposes social justice, “political correctness” and leftwing movements. (See Kristen Brown’s article in Fusion, Oct. 27, 2015)

A narcissist obsessed with self-aggrandizement and publicity, it’s no surprise that Yiannopoulos is an ardent Trump supporter. Laurie Penny calls him “one of the worst people I know,” and “a professional ‘alt-right’ provocateur,” who enjoys abusing women and people of color. She says, “Milo believes in almost nothing concrete — not even free speech,” as is “true of Trump, Ann Coulter, Boris Johnson and Nigel Farage.” (medium.com, July 21)

This bigot should be taken seriously and countered. Yiannopoulos’ Twitter account was deactivated permanently because he led a racist, misogynist Twitter attack on Black actor Leslie Jones, causing her to close her own account. Remorseless, Yiannopoulos bragged about it.

Neofascists like Yiannopoulos resemble the pro-Brexit and other European ultraright forces who scapegoat immigrants for capitalism’s failures. These far right hucksters pretend they present an antidote to the economic crisis, unemployment, low wages and austerity — as they whip up racism and Islamophobia and push “law and order” — all aimed at the oppressed.

The militant protest by brave young activists in Berkeley stopped a neofascist from spewing his racist venom. Their action contributed to the building of international solidarity with workers and oppressed people. □

Philippine gov’t launches attacks on peasants, Indigenous

By Deirdre Griswold

Rodrigo Duterte, the Philippine president described in the West as a “populist,” has shown his class allegiance to the big landowners and mining interests in the Philippines by unleashing his military against the New People’s Army. The NPA, formed in 1969, had declared a unilateral ceasefire last August, when the National Democratic Front of the Philippines entered peace talks with the government.

At the end of January, the NPA announced that government killings of four peasant and Indigenous leaders were forcing the group to end its ceasefire, beginning Feb. 10. But the government showed no interest in preserving the ceasefire. On the contrary, since the NPA announcement, Duterte has designated the group as “terrorist” and his soldiers have launched offensives in several ar-

eas, killing and arresting people suspected of being insurgents.

The U.S. organization BAYAN-USA explained in a statement the background to the government’s offensive, calling the killing of peasant and Indigenous leaders “politically motivated,” adding that “the Philippine government unveiled its new counterinsurgency plan Operation Plan Kapayapaan (Peace) at the end of January, giving a new name to an old campaign of attacks targeting activists defending their land, livelihood and fundamental human rights. BAYAN-USA condemns the establishment of Oplan Kapayapaan and demands justice for the killings of Venie Diamante, Veronico Delamente, Alexander Ceballos and Wencislao Pacquiao by suspected private henchmen of mining corporations and landlords backed by the state.”

BAYAN-USA chair Bernadette Ellorin

explained that “the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) can try to repackage its counterinsurgency programs with nice-sounding names like ‘Bayanihan’ and ‘Kapayapaan,’ but this is nothing but a marketing ploy. At their core, counterinsurgency programs employ violence, intimidation and lies meant to smash dissent and uphold the status quo. The dubiously named ‘Oplan Peace’ is the exact opposite of peace.

“Diamante, Delamente, Ceballos and Pacquiao were protecting their people from the incursions of big palm oil plantations and mining corporations. They had every right to stand up for the people’s right to land, food and work — the very things that build a foundation for genuine peace in the Philippines.

“BAYAN-USA also sees the Philippine government’s counterinsurgency program as one reason the New People’s

Army decided to terminate its unilateral interim ceasefire with the GRP [Philippine government], which went into effect last August when peace negotiations began between the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) and the GRP.

“The AFP’s continuing occupation of indigenous people’s communities, illegal arrest and detention of activists on trumped-up charges, and active military operations under Oplan Kapayapaan are sabotaging the efforts to achieve a just and lasting peace in the Philippines. If the Duterte administration is serious about peace, it should scrap all counterinsurgency programs including Oplan Kapayapaan, rein in its AFP, and pursue the fundamental socio-economic and political reforms that are needed to address the grave inequity that is at the root of the armed conflict in the country.” □

U.S. ports welcome Cuban delegation

By Cheryl LaBash

The Florida governor's tweeted threats to cut funding for Florida ports that do business with Cuba couldn't stop the warm reception for Cuba's port representatives nor the first Cuban exports to the U.S. on Jan. 24.

A Jan. 27 Tampa Bay Times editorial responded that "Gov. Rick Scott undermines the ports he promoted," although he "calls himself the jobs governor." According to a Florida International University 2016 poll, Scott does not even represent the views of Cuban-Americans in Miami-Dade County, long seen as the center of opponents of revolutionary Cuba: "A majority of respondents favor increasing economic relations with the island." (<http://cri.fiu.edu/research/cuba-poll/>)

Secteu.com reported Scott's tweet campaign interrupted the formality of an agreement with the visiting delegation, but not the discussion toward better relations: "The National Port Administration of Cuba has indicated to Port Everglades administration that there is no need for a Memorandum of Understanding at this time. However, today's business meeting and related activities will continue as planned."

Eradis González de la Peña, president of Almacenes Universales, a Cuban logis-

tics company that oversees the Mariel Container Terminal, said they would continue working toward the MOU: "The U.S. is our natural market and very close to us." On Scott's comments, she said, "As a governor, he has the right — and what's more, we respect that." (MiamiHerald.com, Jan. 26)

But Scott stands alone. Gov. Terry McAuliffe announced Virginia's Memorandum of Understanding with Cuba's National Port Administration, saying, "Virginia enjoys a uniquely productive economic relationship with Cuba, and this MOU will generate additional opportunities for economic and cultural exchange." (tinyurl.com/h9ta2b9)

WorldMaritimeNews.com explained: "Cuba's \$1 billion port project will make Mariel the largest port in the Caribbean, with a capacity to handle approximately 1.3 million shipping containers a year. It will also allow Mariel to serve as a trans-shipment hub for the region."

According to CBS12.com, "Cuban leaders visiting the Port of Palm Beach ... invited Gov. Rick Scott to the island."



PHOTO: CUBAN EMBASSY IN THE U.S.

Mayor Thomas Masters (second from right) gives the Cuban business delegation the key to the city of Riviera Beach, Fla., Jan. 27.

Ten governors have visited Cuba since the re-establishment of U.S.-Cuba diplomatic relations, including those of Louisiana and Virginia, whose ports are on the itinerary of the National Port Administration of Cuba.

More than 15 percent of the 4.8 million metric tons of food and humanitarian supplies sold to the Republic of Cuba since 2010 shipped from Florida ports. Crowley Maritime ships to Cuba three times a month from the Ft. Lauderdale port. (Miamiherald.com, Jan. 26)

On Jan. 24, the first Cuban export to

the U.S. was received at Port Everglades, two containers of artisanal hardwood charcoal made from marabu [a dense, woody weed] by Cuban cooperatives. Cuban marabu charcoal has long been exported to Europe. U.S. retailers will sell it under the Fogo Charcoal brand.

U.S. longshore workers have a long history of internationalism and collaboration with Cuban longshore and port workers. In 1961, an International Longshore and Warehouse Union delegation from the West Coast traveled to Cuba, defying the U.S. hostility to the revolutionary process then unfolding.

The International Longshoremen's Association represents port workers on the East and Gulf Coasts. Royce Adams, former vice president of ILA Local 1291 in Philadelphia said: "Trade with Cuba is the centerpiece of normalization. Genuine class interest for ILA members and Cuban maritime workers will create job opportunities for their families and communities. ILA family members are farmers in the South and want to trade with Cuba. Normalization of trade with Cuba enhances interregional trade among ports in the Caribbean islands." □

New Central of Mexican Workers takes the offensive

By Berta Joubert-Ceci

On Jan. 1, 1994, the heroic Indigenous rebels of Chiapas under Zapatista (EZLN) leadership launched a call for struggle after being forced into the NAFTA trade pact. Now, in 2017, a larger part of the peoples of Mexico is engaged in various resistance struggles.

Many of these struggles are the result of a reaction to that nefarious "free-trade" agreement that turned Mexico into a neocolony of international but predominantly U.S. capital. Having lost its economic sovereignty, Mexico is at the mercy of Wall Street and, consequently, the crisis of big capital, led by the U.S.

The resulting economic and social deterioration has provoked on one hand, misery and consequent migration to "the giant of the north," but on the other, mass indignation and a strong drive for popular struggle. From the struggle of the teachers and the miners, the fight demanding justice for the Ayotzinapa 43, to the recent and widespread protests extended throughout the country against the imposition of a 20 percent increase in the price of gasoline — called "the gasolinazo," the people have been demonstrating in the streets.

As comrade Teresa Gutiérrez wrote in her article, "Warning to Trump: Bash Mexico, Incite Revolution," in the Feb. 1 Workers World/Mundo Obrero: "Mexico is ripe for revolutionary change. The Mexican government could be toppled at any moment were it not for the billions of dollars the U.S. sends under the guise of fighting drugs."

It is in this historical context that on the weekend of Jan. 27-29, the Second National Ordinary Congress of the New Central of Workers (the NCT) of Mexico was held. In a press release, José Humberto Montes de Oca Luna, coordinator of the Executive Structure and exterior secretary of the Mexican Electricians Union (SME), said: "With the presence of numerous international guests from Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, the United States,

Nicaragua, Australia and Switzerland, as well as about 300 delegates from more than 50 organizations from 20 states of the [Mexican] Republic, our Second Congress successfully concluded."

Prior to the congress, the document, "About the Current Situation," was sent out widely for analysis and political discussion. After an analysis of the capitalist crisis, the text explained the national situation, ending with the "Tactics of the NCT in the Critical Juncture of 2017."

Some of the resolutions included in the communiqué illustrate the essence of this new labor central. These include the statement: "Against Donald Trump for his anti-Mexican, racist, anti-immigrant, misogynist and retrograde policy, based on his protectionist and neo-Nazi discourse, we:

- Strongly reject the gasoline price hike imposed by the government of Enrique Peña Nieto and pledge to support the popular protests ... proposing that on Feb. 5, popular assemblies be held in all public squares to organize a great National Day of Struggle, a National Day of Protest on Feb. 16 ...
- Express solidarity with all the main struggles and demands that the 43 students of Ayotzinapa reappear alive ...
- Launch a campaign for individual and direct membership for unorganized workers ... who are willing to form

trade unions or struggle committees to join the New Central ...

- Will also carry out a campaign for the organization of working youth.
- Support the struggles of Mexican migrants in the United States, with whom we will seek a binational coordination, to jointly fight against the massive deportations that Donald Trump intends to carry out.
- Call for a women's strike on March 8, International Working Women's Day, organizing a great mobilization against femicide and for women's rights."

The resolutions also include solidarity with the struggles of Latin American peoples against neoliberalism and the Trump offensive. The communiqué concludes, "The NCT is beginning a new stage in its construction of the social, political and economic emancipation of the working class of Mexico and the world."

How did the NCT come about?

In 2011, during a national trade union conference, the SME presented a paper titled, "For a new center of workers of the countryside and the city." After deliberations, the proposal emerged for the construction of an inclusive, democratic and class-conscious central that would unite the diverse sectors of the working class.

The program's proposal has been based on an in-depth analysis of the situation in Mexico, not only since NAFTA, but historically since the revolution of 1910-1917,

within the international context and the advances of capitalism towards more predatory forms. The complete program can be read at nuevacentral.org.mx.

It is important to emphasize the class-based character of this labor central and its commitment to the unity of Mexican progressive forces, the effort for ideological formation represented in two trade union training schools supported by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, and the work of political dissemination through its printed newspaper and the use of virtual social media.

The NCT describes itself as an autonomous, democratic, internationalist, independent and anti-capitalist central with emphasis on solidarity. It is made up of 60 organizations, among which are two trade union centrals that together comprise 12 unions. In addition, there is a confederation of cooperative organizations, the National Cooperative Alliance, with about 200 cooperatives.

Montes de Oca told Workers World — Mundo Obrero: "The congress was successful in that it was able to bring together 50 trade union and popular organizations from 22 states of the republic. Above all, its political definition will allow us to launch a new stage of construction that will include the organization of non-organized workers, highlighting the fundamental role of women and young people in this process." □

Student occupation says 'all walls must go!'

By Anne Pruden
New York

Demanding "This place is sanctuary!" three students were lead organizers of the Jan. 30 occupation at the New School. One of their many chants was "From Palestine to Mexico, all the walls have to go!" With 100 other students and supportive faculty, a "mic check" was called.

Sage demanded that New School Pres-

ident David Van Zandt declare the college a sanctuary for undocumented students, and that the school offer these students legal and financial aid. She asserted that "Trump's executive orders are not the final word! No human is illegal!"

A Palestinian student spoke of her family's persecution and the denial of their rights. Other speakers mentioned the increased attacks on students since Trump's inauguration. A speaker af-

firmed that students are refusing the registration of immigrants "by any means necessary!"

After the militant rally, these New School leaders continued their protest with an unpermitted march to a nearby park. There they met with students from at least four other campuses for an outdoor rally, where the crowd chanted, "No hate! No fear! Immigrants are welcome here!" □

Bannon, ¡lo Peor!

¿Qué está haciendo Stephen Bannon en el Consejo de Seguridad Nacional? El CSN es el comité ejecutivo del complejo militar-industrial e incluye un panel de asesinatos secreto. (Reuters, 5 de octubre de 2011)

El proto-fascista Bannon es el principal estratega político de Trump y ex jefe del derechista Breitbart News, el medio de comunicación preferido de los supremacistas blancos. Fue Bannon quien anuló la decisión del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional de eximir a titulares de tarjetas verdes [de residencia] de la prohibición de Trump a las/os viajeros de países musulmanes. (New York Times, 29 de enero)

Mientras que a Bannon le dieron un asiento permanente en el CSN, la posición del general de Marina Joseph Dunford, nombrado por Obama y quien dirige el Estado Mayor Conjunto, fue degradada. Dunford asistirá a las reuniones del CSN sólo cuando sea invitado. También lo hará el Director de Inteligencia Nacional.

El CSN ya está dirigido por el ex teniente general del ejército Michael Flynn, ex jefe de la Agencia de Inteligencia de Defensa, quien fue despedido de ese cargo por el presidente Obama en 2014.

Desde entonces, Flynn ha tuiteado acerca de Hillary Clinton estar involucrada con el “tráfico sexual de niños” y haber “secretamente librado la guerra” contra la Iglesia Católica. Flynn también acusó a Obama de haber “lavado” dinero para terroristas. (Político, 5 de diciembre 2016)

Hacer Flynn Asesor de Seguridad Nacional y promover Bannon, mientras se degrada al Gen. Dunford, significa que el CSN puede llevar a cabo reuniones sólo con los aliados de Trump. Esa es una fórmula siniestra para establecer un estado policial, tal vez en coordinación con el FBI.

Esto podría ser una opción real si hay una nueva guerra o simplemente para aplastar cualquier oposición a Trump. En los últimos 75 años, el capitalismo estadounidense no ha salido de una crisis económica sin una nueva guerra.

Ayudando a este escenario de pesadilla están los demócratas del Senado. Sólo un senador votó en contra de la confirmación de “Mad Dog” (perro rabioso) James Mattis como Secretario de Defensa de Trump.

Kirsten Gillibrand, de Nueva York, fue la única que se opuso a poner al ex general de la Marina a cargo del Pentágono, lo que es una burla al control civil de los militares. El resto del “mejor cuerpo deliberativo del mundo” no tuvo ningún problema con el militar que ha declarado: “Es divertido disparar a algunas personas”. (ABC News, 1 dic. 2016)

Sólo unos 11 senadores votaron en contra de confirmar a John Kelly – otro ex-general de cuatro estrellas de la Marina – como el Secretario de Trump para Seguridad Nacional. Los policías de Kelly en los aeropuertos han violado las órdenes de los tribunales federales llevando a cabo la directiva racista de Trump para evitar la entrada de inmigrantes musulmanas/es.

No es tan sorprendente que el líder demócrata del Senado Chuck Schumer votara por Mattis y Kelly. Pero también lo hizo el senador Bernie Sanders. No es por eso por lo que millones de votantes votaron por Sanders en las primarias demócratas del año pasado.

El voto de Sanders apoyando a “Mad Dog” y Kelly no era tanto una capitulación al militarismo, como un voto de alianza con él. Los liberales como Sanders realmente creen que rodeando a Trump con “adultos” como estos dos ex-generales de alguna manera restringirá a la Casa Blanca.

Esa ilusión fue arruinada cuando Trump nombró a Bannon al CSN. Sólo el pueblo puede detener a Trump. ¡A permanecer en las calles! □

Protestas en aeropuertos establecen nuevo nivel de solidaridad

Por Fred Goldstein

30 de enero — La ola de protestas en los aeropuertos contra la prohibición musulmana de Trump representa una nueva marca en la solidaridad con las/os musulmanes en Estados Unidos. Estas manifestaciones son un rechazo político a la feroz islamofobia alimentada durante año y medio por Donald Trump, junto con su discriminación contra México y muchos otros temas reaccionarios.

De hecho, la islamofobia ha reemplazado el anticomunismo en el siglo XXI como la principal estrategia divisiva, racista, y de divide y vencerás para fomentar la guerra, la intervención y la vigilancia policial. Ahora los islamóforos están siendo rechazados.

Desde el 11 de septiembre del 2001 y los bombardeos del World Trade Center, las/os musulmanes y aquellos en el movimiento que les apoyan contra el prejuicio de la clase dominante y la persecución, han estado a la defensiva. Las actividades solidarias han sido relativamente pequeñas y han permanecido en las sombras.

Pero Donald Trump, Stephen Bannon, el General Michael Flynn y compañía, ahora apoltronados en la Casa Blanca, cambiaron todo eso al dictar una prohibición por 90 días contra las personas procedentes de seis países predominantemente musulmanes: Irán, Irak, Libia, Somalia, Sudán y Yemen – y prohibiendo indefinidamente a nacionales y refugiadas/os sirios.

Al parecer, este círculo reaccionario de la Casa Blanca no recibió el mensaje de las 3,3 millones de personas que se manifestaron en todo el país el 21 de enero en la Marcha de Mujeres. Esa marcha estuvo marcada por un alto grado de solidaridad con las mujeres musulmanas. En su lugar, Trump y su círculo reaccionario, que se mueve rápidamente en una dirección autoritaria, provocaron un movimiento masivo que ya estaba en movimiento.

100 manifestaciones en 42 estados

Hasta la fecha, se han llevado a cabo o se planean 100 demostraciones en 42 estados. Decenas de miles ya han ido a los aeropuertos para protestar. (Getgroundgame.com/airportprotests)

Las redes de televisión han cubierto las más grandes y prominentes en Nueva York, Los Ángeles, Dallas-Fort Worth, Chicago, Boston, Atlanta y así sucesivamente. El movimiento ha sido lo suficientemente poderoso como para obligar a los tribunales en cuatro estados suspender la deportación de inmigrantes atrapadas/os en la prohibición y en su aplicación repentina.

Solicitudes de medidas cautelares se han concedido en Nueva York, Seattle, Virginia y Massachusetts. El mandato de Massachusetts va más allá de los otros, que bloquean la deportación, pero permiten la detención. Massachusetts no está permitiendo la detención.

La prohibición original incluía a todas las personas con tarjetas de residentes. Esto equivale a una prohibición de cientos de miles de personas de todo el mundo. En un intento por aplicar la

medida rápidamente, Trump y su consejero de estrategia nacional, Steve Bannon, un ultra-derechista, islamófobo y antisemita, comunicaron la prohibición a los Servicios de Aduanas y Protección de Fronteras e Inmigración de Estados Unidos (SAPFEU) la misma tarde en que fue promulgada. Sólo la lucha masiva que estalló en los aeropuertos al día siguiente forzó al jefe de Seguridad Nacional, general John Kelly, a rescindir la prohibición de la tarjeta de residencia.

En su fanatismo, Trump, Bannon, Reince Priebus, Flynn y compañía no mostraron preocupación por todas/os los estudiantes de los siete países islámicos cubiertos por la prohibición que regresaban para continuar sus estudios. No les importó las/os trabajadores, científicos y técnicos que regresaban a sus puestos de trabajo. Mostraron un desprecio total por las personas que venían a estar con sus familias. Incluso después de que se obtuvieron varias órdenes judiciales, los funcionarios del SAPFEU se negaron a permitir que los abogados vieran a algunas/os detenidos y rechazaron a miembros del Congreso que estaban tratando de averiguar el estatus de las/os detenidas.

Esto refleja el sello autoritario del círculo interno de Trump.

Avance político e ideológico

La lucha legal para erradicar totalmente la prohibición tiene un largo camino por recorrer. Se necesitará una gran lucha política en las calles, en las universidades y en las comunidades para hacer retroceder al gobierno de Trump. Pero la lucha ha comenzado de una manera muy inspiradora.

Un nuevo sentido de solidaridad ha arropado al movimiento, que experimentó un sentido de su poder en la Marcha de Mujeres del 21 de enero. Ese poder se ha transformado en solidaridad y rechazo militante de la islamofobia.

El sentimiento anti-musulmán ha sido un apoyo ideológico y político fundamental de la clase dominante y gran parte del establecimiento político desde el 11 de septiembre.

Al salir en masa en todo el país, las/os manifestantes del aeropuerto han puesto resistencia decidida a la prohibición de refugiadas/os de Trump. Pero también han dado un golpe ideológico y político contra el veneno islamofóbico de la clase dominante. Estas manifestaciones han sentado las bases para futuros avances políticos.

La islamofobia se ha utilizado para construir la Seguridad Nacional. Se ha utilizado para militarizar la policía en ciudades por todo el país. Sobre todo, se ha utilizado para promover la llamada “guerra contra el terror”.

Bajo el pretexto de la “guerra contra el terror”, el imperialismo estadounidense y el Pentágono han intervenido en Afganistán, Irak, Libia, Siria, Somalia y últimamente en Yemen. El complejo militar-industrial – fabricantes de drones, bombas inteligentes, satélites militares, bombarderos, aviones de combate, helicópteros, tanques, municiones de todo tipo, robots militares, etc. – han prosperado produciendo ar-

mas para la “guerra contra el terror”.

De la solidaridad al antiimperialismo

La solidaridad mostrada con las/os musulmanes puede hacer que muchas/os cuestionen la base ideológica y material que condujo a la prohibición en primer lugar. Se supone que debe proteger a EUA contra organizaciones terroristas como al-Qaida y el grupo Estado Islámico (EI). Pero la prohibición es parte de una ofensiva más amplia contra el mundo musulmán rico en petróleo y geoestratégico de Oriente Medio y Norte de África.

Es precisamente el Pentágono y la CIA quienes son los responsables del surgimiento de grupos como al-Qaida y el EI. Washington ha bombardeado 11 países islámicos en los últimos 25 años. El Pentágono ha infligido destrucción, sufrimiento y muertes incalculables en países desde Afganistán a Somalia. La CIA ha destruido todas las fuerzas nacionalistas seculares progresistas, todas aquellas abiertamente antiimperialistas, todas las fuerzas socialistas y comunistas en el Oriente Medio.

Pero los imperialistas no han detenido su saqueo y su opresión. Han tomado el petróleo de Irak. Han destruido a Libia y tomado su petróleo. Han financiado una devastadora guerra tratando de derrocar al gobierno independiente de Siria. La región está sembrada de millones de refugiadas/os que escapan de la destrucción de la guerra de los drones, de los F-16 y de las mortíferas máquinas A-10. Los señores del petróleo están perforando buscando petróleo en las zonas costeras del África del Norte islámica. Las tropas estadounidenses están repartidas por toda la región.

Bajo tales condiciones, con todas las fuerzas progresistas y seculares debilitadas o destruidas, es inevitable que el vacío de la resistencia sea llenado por fuerzas reaccionarias. El grupo EI es una organización patriarcal, medieval y teocrática que se comprometió a expulsar a las potencias occidentales de Oriente Medio, las potencias que dividieron a la región en primer lugar.

Tales fuerzas son al mismo tiempo enemigas tanto de las masas como del imperialismo. La “guerra contra el terror” no tiene nada que ver con ayudar a las mujeres o liberar a la sociedad. Tiene que ver con la reafirmación del dominio imperialista sobre el Oriente Medio y África, ricos en petróleo.

Junto con la lucha contra Trump y sus reaccionarias diatribas anti musulmanas, el movimiento debe intentar hacer coincidir su dinámica resistencia política con la determinación de llegar al fondo del problema. El movimiento debe ver la concordancia del racismo, la misoginia, la anti LGBTQ y toda opresión de género, el veneno anti-inmigrante y la lucha contra la clase trabajadora multinacional como basadas en la misma sustancia que la islamofobia.

En su raíz está el imperialismo, el sistema de ganancias y la dominación del mundo por los monopolios capitalistas.

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