Migrants inspire unity

By LeiLani Dowell

San Diego is a border city barricaded from its Mexican sister city, Tijuana, by an ugly, metal wall. Recent days here have witnessed a much greater than usual level of activity on the part of La Migra (the U.S. Border Patrol) in the area’s poorer communities, on public transport and at the supermarkets where Spanish-speaking people shop. New immigration checkpoints have popped up on the streets of residential communities.

The unprecedented level of repression is frightening. But the huge outpouring of angry, pro-immigrant San Diegans on Feb. 18 made it clear that President Trump’s racist, anti-immigrant program will meet strong resistance here. Thousands assembled at the County Administration Building that morning and marched downtown to the Federal Building, where their numbers filled the open plaza area and packed the street in front from curb to curb. Their message to President Trump was loud and clear: Muslim people and all immigrants are welcome here!

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Behind the ouster

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War, lies and NGOs

The truth behind FAKE NEWS Editorial
Puzder withdraws; Acosta also anti-worker

Thousands of workers all over the country led the charge against wage-thief, sexist-pig, anti-minimum-wage, multimillionaire-fast-food-owner Andrew Puzder as Trump’s pick for secretary of the Department of Labor. When Puzder withdrew his name from nomination on Feb. 16, it was a great victory for all U.S. workers — and a defeat for sore-loser Trump. However, this recent battle for the DOL, announced Feb. 16, is no better — and maybe even worse. The Ivy League-educated R. Alexander Acosta, the sole remaining pick for any other post in Trump’s cabinet, is currently a Florida law school dean and might be the first Latinx in the Trump cabinet.

It’s his actions as an assistant attorney general under President George W. Bush that expose him as a virulent racist. In an Ohio lawsuit in 2007 that case in 2007, Acosta sided with Ohio Republicans who engaged in a racially motivated, illegal tactic known as “vote caging” — challenging the credentials of 25,000 mostly black voters. (Rewire, Feb. 16) Time to mobilize once more to expose and defeat this blatant racist tool of the bosses and enemy of the working class.

Momentum workers vote contract

After striking since Nov. 2, the 750 workers at Momentive Performance Materials in Waterford, N.Y., agreed on Feb. 14 to a three-year contract that did not have massive health care or 401(k) cuts that the hedge fund bosses demanded in their “take it or leave it” offer. Even though the workers, many of whom carry millions on their heads.

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Back 27 workers fired during the strike for alleged misconduct on the picket line or for sabotage inside the plant before the strike. Their cases, to be heard by an independent arbitrator, could drag on for a long time. The vote of IUE CWA Local 1143 (Electronic Workers/Communications Workers) members was 357-211.

While Dennis Trainor, CWA District 1 vice president, who helped negotiate the pact with Gov. Cuomo officials, issued a statement recognizing that “some members felt they didn’t achieve everything they wanted or deserved,” he noted the workers and their families “can be proud of the battle they waged, and ... for the amazing support they received from the labor movement, the community and elected officials.” (timesunion.com, Feb. 14)

W. Mass Workers Center sets up “Sanctuary in the Streets”

The Pioneer Valley Workers Center just initiated an action network, called “Sanctuary in the Streets: the Rapid Response Team of Western Massachusetts,” to support immigrants and stand against hate and deportation. The center, which works with other labor groups in Western Massachusetts, including Pioneer Valley John With. Justice, Pioneer Valley Central Labor Council and the UMass Labor Center, will provide Sanctuary Responder trainings. After putting up a form on its website (pews.org), the organization will contact volunteers via email or text to join public actions in support of immigrant communities.

Labor organizations and progressive groups are setting up similar rapid response teams around the country. Taking action showing solidarity in a vital way the labor movement can put the long-standing labor slogan, “An injury to one is an injury to all,” into practice.

21,000 AT&T Mobility workers begin contract fight

Members of the Communications Workers rallied around the country on Feb. 11 in solidarity with 21,000 AT&T Mobility workers represented by CWA in California and Nevada whose contract expired that day. The workers are now under an extended contract that can be terminated with 72 hours’ notice.

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U.S. women plan for international women's strike

By Sue Davis

Women who took to the streets Jan. 21 in the U.S. and around the world in a massive show of solidarity and resistance against President Trump's anti-woman agenda have been asking: Where do we go from here? How do we keep the movement alive for the next 30 years?

A bold call for women in the U.S. to join a global women's strike on International Women's Day on March 8, 2017, has been answered. The call, issued on Feb. 6, was initiated by a diverse group of eight political active women in the U.S., including Angela Davis and Rasmea Yousef Odeh. It praised the new wave of militant feminist struggle. But they made it crystal clear it cannot be based on so-called "corporate feminism." It must be inclusive, "feminism for the 99%." (guardian.co.uk)

The statement noted: "(It) is not enough to oppose Trump and his aggressively misogynistic, homophobic, transphobic and racist policies. ... Women's conditions of life, especially those of women of color and of working, unem- ployed and migrant women, have steadily deteriorated for the last 30 years.

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The call then cited recent struggles for women's rights around the world: in Poland against the abortion ban, in Latin America, against male violence, in Italy for labor rights and in south Korea and Ireland in defense of reproductive rights. "Together, they herald a new international feminist movement with an expanded agenda: at once anti-racist, anti-imperialist, anti-heterosexist and anti-neoliberal.

Urging women in the U.S. to join with feminist groups at least 30 countries who are already organizing the strike, the statement declared: "The idea is to mobilize women, including trans women, and all who support them in an international day of struggle — a day of striking, marching, blocking roads, bridges, and squares, abstaining from all forms of economic, cultural, sex- ist, calling out misogynistic politicians and companies, striking in educational institutions."
Day without Immigrants: Trump/ICE say ‘get out’; immigrants say ‘walk out!’

By Teresa Gutierrez

One day after tens of thousands of immigrants and their supporters walked off the job in an unprecedented labor walkout, the Associated Press released an ominous plan from the Donald Trump administration that was likely leaked from a White House source.

The “Day Without Immigrants” took place throughout the U.S. on Feb. 16. The one-day strike was sponsored by the Senate cafeteria in Washington, D.C.

Communities were shut down as businesses and restaurants closed, either in solidarity or because not enough workers came to work. Actions were held in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Houston, Los Angeles, Chicago, Oklahoma City and a long list of other places. A Texas-based painting company, 18 workers skipped work to attend a rally.

“The Day Without Immigrants” was a way for us, on a weekday, we must come together and unite in absolute resistance in order to reject the system,” read a social media post promoting the campaign.

The work stoppage, which included thousands of students, is a sign of things to come as the Trump administration implements anti-worker and anti-immigrant policies affecting everyone but the super-rich.

Gangs, activists and progressives from immigrant rights, labor and other struggles are planning all other major actions in the coming months. This especially will culminate with May Day, International Workers Day, May 1, which this year is on Monday.

Throughout the country, diverse activists and organizations are saying that May Day 2017 is likely to be huge. Plans are being made now to shut things down starting at 5 a.m. — according to some groups.

Homeland Security retaliates

The “Day Without Immigrants” was slightly pushed off the headlines Feb. 17 after the White House leak dominated the news.

The Atlantic and other sources reported Feb. 17 on an Associated Press “bombshell” — an announcement that the Trump administration is considering “mobilizing as many as 100,000 National Guard troops to round up unauthorized immigrants.”

The news shocked immigrants and their advocates, even though use of the National Guard is not new. Both former President George H. Bush and former Gov. Rick Perry of Texas called on them, but not in such large numbers. Trump is also asking for more enforcement power than previous officials.

That proposal would further militarize immigrant communities already reeling from racial profiling and the constant threat of deportation.

Gestapo-like raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement have already begun. At least 17,000 people were picked up in recent weeks.

Entire communities are desperate, not knowing if or when they will be deport ed. Some work stoppages were spurred by the trauma that they may come home to an empty house because their parents have been picked up.

One of those was Daniel Ramirez Medina in Seattle, who is being detained despite his DACA status. When the youth was recently deported to his home in El Salvador, Ramirez, “It doesn’t matter, because you weren’t born in this country.”

Latinx, Black and Muslim immigrants are besieged under a tidal wave of anti-immigrant diatribe and actions; it’s a wholesale war on people of color.

The proposal aggravates this tense situation.

The memo stated that the National Guard would be used not only in large cities, but in “border states” or anywhere near the Mexican border.

According to AP, “The 11-page document described a unprecedented militarization of immigration enforcement as far north as Portland, Ore., and as far east as New Orleans, La.” Other states include California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Illinois.

According to the Pew Research Center, nearly half of the 12 million undocumented in the U.S. live in the 11 states targeted.

Within minutes of the leak, Trump officials and aides called in reporters.

Press Secretary Sean Spicer told reporters that this was not a White House document. The Atlantic correctly pointed out that this was “outrageous,” because Spicer wasn’t denying that the memo was real; he was only saying it came from outside the White House.” According to the AP report, it was written by none other than Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly.

According to two hours the full text of the memo was available online. The Atlantic reported that it was “full of bullet points, legal citations and footnotes.”

Within minutes from United Press International.

“John Kelly’s proposal will go. It would require a great deal of money, which must be approved by Congress. One of the memo’s main points, adding 5,000 new border guards, is indeed expected to be implemented.

But whether it is fully implemented or not, it will have a profound effect to further terrorize the immigrant community and create a climate of fear.

Immigrant advocates say that Trump will set the tone for an era of unprecedented enforcement. “The level of anxiety and fear has increased tremendously,” said Greenhouse.

Without limits from United Press International.

“What is clear under Trump’s executive order is that everyone is a criminal.”

Trump: the ICE Man

Raids, roundups and “knocks on doors” are all increasing under Trump. An anonymous immigration official told the AP that the tension was “unprecedented.”

An unprecedented development during Trump’s early time in office is the endorsement of Trump by the National Border Patrol Council, which represents about 27,000 Border Patrol agents. It had never endorsed a Republican before.

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Behind ouster of Flynn

Ruling classes reject Trump rapprochement with Russia

By Fred Goldstein

Feb. 19 — What is behind the ouster of Donald Trump's national security adviser, Michael T. Flynn, and the surge in attempts to generate panic over Trump's "ties to Russia"? And what is behind the struggle of the working class and the oppressed have in this matter?

A major struggle is going on over the diplomatic/military orientation of U.S. imperialist foreign policy. It is between the Trump White House, on the one hand, which has been seeking a rapprochement with Russia and, on the other hand, the military high command and is for an expanded war in the Middle East, allegedly against Islam.

The working class, the oppressed and the progressive movement should oppose both camps and seek an independent policy in opposition to Washington's aggressive stance toward Russia while at the same time not being lured into Trump's so-called "peace" camp.

For the working class and progressives to get a clear view of the matter, it is best to set aside all speculation about what Flynn and others might have said to Russian officials, who may have backed into whose emails or affected the election. It is not necessary to know any of that to understand this struggle.

But, for clarity, we cite Time magazine of Feb. 27-March 6. In an article titled "WaPo Calls for Flynn's Ouster," the magazine gave its version of the conflict with Russia and then continued:

"The most important front in this new conflict has been unfolding in the West Wing. Over the course of the past three months, according to senior Trump administration officials and others who have participated, but quiet consultations have taken place over whether and how to remove Russia from his new campaign or cede to Russia a sphere of influence in Eastern Europe [and,] in return for an alliance against ISIS, seek to reduce nuclear weapons stockpiles and help constrain China."

"Donald Trump has publicly enunciated parts of such a grand bargain, as have top advisors Steve Bannon and National Security Adviser Michael Flynn. The White House officials who have advocated such a deal ... see nationalism as the basis for a "grand bargain" with Putin against Islamic extremism and China's rise."

"Opposing a Russia deal are such Cabine of Defense and Homeland Security James Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson ... backed by virtually the entire foreign policy establishment."

"Flynn was the key to such a grand bargain, as his threats to upend the basic U.S. "peace" policy with Russia."

"Trump called for realignment during entire campaign"

Whether or not the Time article is correct in detailing all of its details, it is not difficult to understand the axis of the struggle. Trump has been saying it loud since his campaign began.

He has constantly pleaded from the platform, in between his racist, misogynistic, anti-immigrant diatribes and his wild attacks on the media: "Wouldn't it be a good thing if we got along with China? We could get together and fight ISIS ... and terrorism."

He's been saying for over a year, "We could reduce nuclear weapons, etc."

And not just in his ouster of Flynn in the Pentagon, in the spy agencies, in the anti-Russian mainstream media, in the political establishment and in the board rooms of military corporations.

Bannon, the ideologue behind Trump

Trump's attempted political maneuver with Flynn may already have failed, is promoted by his political guru, right-wing ideologue Steve Bannon. Bannon himself is not exactly a "peace" advocate, for he wants a clear chain of command report."

This struggle is basically over two different policies for imperialist aggression. The Trump group, which includes Steve Bannon, his strategy advisor, and National Security Adviser Michael Flynn (now fired), wants to use the pentagon and the CIA and begun by the European Union. Its progress was halted by the resistance in the Donbass region of Ukraine."

The seizure of Ukraine by Washington and the Pentagon were furore when the Putin government moved with lightning speed to take Crimea back for Russia, (Crimea, which has a majority Russian population, was originally part of the Soviet Union separate from Russia.) Then Russia then effectively supported the insurgency in the east against the pro-Western imperialist government in Kiev, backed by fascist storm troopers. Russia was seeking to prevent NATO from advancing further east to its borders. The taking of Crimea can be understood as a strategic move to block the Pentagon and CIA from seizing Russia's only Black Sea port at Sevastopol.

"The seizure of Ukraine by Washington had been preceded in 1999 by the incorporation of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic into NATO, in violation of Washington's pledges to do so.

For workers and oppressed the "enemy at home"

In the struggle between Russia and Washington, the workers, oppressed and progressive forces of this country must follow the Leninist dictum that "the enemy at home." We must reject against any and all war, the election of which is not only against our attempted reorientation to Russia, but also against his racist, authoritarian Muslim ban, and in general his threats to spend the basic foundations of bourgeois stability.

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Du Bois’ ‘Black Reconstruction’ and the lessons

The following is based on a talk given by WM Managing Editor LeiLani Dowell on Feb. 10.

By LeiLani Dowell

W.E.B. Du Bois’ “Black Reconstruction” is part of the effort that Black History Month engages in — the attempt to rectify the narrative and history of the lives and struggle of enslaved, formerly enslaved and immigrant black people in the U.S. from the founding of this country on stolen land.

Du Bois was born in Great Barrington, Mass., in 1868. He studied at Fisk University, Humboldt University in Berlin, and Harvard, where he was the first African American to earn a doctorate. He became a professor of history, sociology and economics at Atlanta University in 1897. In 1931, he began the research and writing of “Black Reconstruction.”

The book is a return to Marxist analysis. Du Bois had visited the Soviet Union in 1928, and while he had some critiques he was also impressed by the emphasis on workers there.

With “Black Reconstruction,” Du Bois was correcting the historical record. Almost all histories produced at that time either ignored or vilified the Civil War and Reconstruction, or defended the overthrow of Reconstruction as the fault of the South.

Du Bois’ book is also a plea for labor unity on the eve of the 1930’s Great Depression. He uses a specifically Marxist analysis to serve as an admonition. He writes, “The rebuilding, whether it comes now or a century later, will and must go back to the basic principles of Reconstruction ... — Land, Light, and Leading for slaves black, brown, yellow and white, under a dictatorship of the proletariat.”

Black workers, poor whites, planters

So Du Bois begins his book with a chapter entitled “The Black Worker.” And with this title, and this placement as the first chapter, Du Bois is laying the stakes. He wants his readers to know the importance of Black labor in the shaping system of capitalism on a global scale.

He writes: “Cotton grew so swiftly that ... with this increase, walked economic development in a dozen different lines. Black labor became the foundation stone not only of the Southern social structure, but of Northern manufacture and commerce, an artery system of European commerce, of buying and selling on a worldwide scale; new cities were built on the results of black labor.”

But if Black labor was foundational to the system, it is also foundational to the resistance as well. Du Bois states that “of all human development, ancient and modern, not the least singular and significant is the philosophy of life and action which slavery bred in the souls of black folk.”

Next, Du Bois discusses the poor white of the South, whom he says was used as a “special police force” to create “an armed and commissioned camp to keep Negroes in slavery and to kill the black rebel.” How and why were poor whites able to be used this way?

Well, Du Bois notes that “the new labor that came to the United States ... was not willing, after it reached America, to regard itself as a permanent laboring class. ... The more energetic and thrifty among the immigrants caught the prevalent (U.S.) American idea that here labor could become emancipated from the necessity of continuous toil and that an increasing proportion could join the class of exploiters.”

It’s what Du Bois calls the American assumption, and what we might think of in today’s terms as the American Dream. In pursuit of the American Dream, these poor white workers in the South allied with the planter in the hopes of ultimately becoming one.

In contrast, Du Bois notes that “the black worker was the ultimate exploited; ... had neither wish nor power to escape from the labor status, in order to directly exploit other laborers, or indirectly, by alliance with capital, to share in their exploitation.”

These divisions resulted in, according to Du Bois, one labor movement — one seeking the abolition of slavery, the other focused on bettering the condition of white workers. And each, Du Bois notes, either ignored or was unsympathetic to the other.

The third of the cast of characters in the South is the planter. For the planter, slavery represented not just profits, but potential for via a willingness to spend three-fifths of the population of the South, which was “used not only to de-grade Negroes in theory, but in practice to dilute the planter, South.” Planters were desperately hoping on an outdated mode of production. Du Bois says that “slavery was the economicлаг the 19th century carried over into the 19th century and bringing by contrast and by friction moral lapses and political differences.”

Harpers Ferry, cotton and war

This all came to a head in 1860, when the cotton crop began an all-time high in production. A year previous, John Brown had led the raid at Harpers Ferry, and the threat of further social upheaval forced a crisis. Beginning with South Carolina, Southern states began seceding. The Civil War had begun.

Du Bois notes that “southerners, Patrick Doughlass, who said the war was begun “in the interest of slavery on both sides. The South was ready to defend the survival of the Union, and the North fighting to keep it in the Union; the South fighting to get it beyond the limits of the United States Constitution, and the North fighting for the old guarantees—both despising the Negro, both insulting the Negro.”

Today, Lincoln is seen as the pres- ident who “freed the slaves.” But Lincoln was, in the beginning, intent on making clear that the war was not one of liber- ation for the millions of enslaved people. Lincoln even ordered Union troops to return enslaved people back to their “owners.” His motivation for war was to support the burgeoning Northern indus- trial system of capitalism, which needed a large geographical market and did not want to compete with the freed slave labor of the Southern states for international markets.

But in what Du Bois calls “a general strike,” droves of enslaved Black people began leaving the plantations and arriving at the Union encampments. The South, it was believed, had the advantage in the war because its white laborers were freed up to fight, since enslaved labor would supply food and supplies to the troops. The enslaved, however, made excellent spies and saboteurs for the Union side. And once they had turned the war into a war of liberation, they would fight un- til the very end, even while enduring the racism and discrimination of the North- ern troops.

It wasn’t until the enslaved forced upon the consciousness that the war was, in fact, a war against slavery, and that, in fact, it would not be won by the Union unless the Union emancipated them, that Lincoln issued the Emancipa- tion Proclamation.

And so the period of Reconstruction begins, and Du Bois once again highlights the centrality of Black struggle. In an ar- ticle in “Reconstruction,” entitled “Reconstruction and Its Benefits,” Du Bois writes: “How to train and treat these ex-slaves easily explains the most central problem of Reconstruc- tion. ... Three agencies undertook the solution of this problem ...: (a) the negro church, (b) the Negro school, and (c) the Freedmen’s Bureau.”

Here, Du Bois highlights Black leader- ship and organization. A whole chapter in “Black Reconstruction” is dedicated to the founding of the public school in the South, which he attributes directly to the desire of Black people to learn and develop intel- lectually. But in addition, he notes the importance of the federal Freedman’s Bu- reau, which he calls “an attempt to estab- lish permanent guardianship over the Negroes and insure their economic and civil rights.”

Its eventual rejection, and the eventual overthrow of Reconstruction as a whole, was, as Du Bois states, “chiefly because the new industry, the money-making financiers and organizers of a vast eco- nomic network, the enterprise, backed at a great cost, of re-guardianship of labor and control of in- dustry on a scale that might embarrass any modern corporation.”

While the federal government pulled its troops out of the South, leaving Black people de- fenseless, particularly in the face of Ku Klux Klan terror and violence.

The Trump era

I’ve been trying hard to consider what “Black Reconstruction” means in the Trump era. Certainly the connection between the overthrow of Reconstruction and the need for the Black Lives Matter movement to challenge the continued legal and extralegal murders of Black peo- ple is obvious.

Perhaps the “general strike” is one of the greatest lessons we can take. But it’s clear that the “Lincoln dream” that did not result in the end of slavery. What ended it was the mass of enslaved people taking to the streets and withholding their labor.

I’ve been also thinking about the re- treat of the Northern army. And in some ways, I think we can see this election as the beginnings of a retreat of the govern- ment on the issue of democratic rights. I don’t think it’s overblown to say that any- thing is up for grabs right now, unless we resist.

And I think that, rather than dismiss- ing Trump and his crew as “evil,” “wrong” or “stupid,” Du Bois’ careful delineation of the motives of both sides of capital in the Reconstruction struggle encourages us to think about what this political mo- ment says about the dead-end crisis of capitalism as a whole. Like then, the politi- cians of the two-party system, with dif-
The brutal assault on former New York Knicks basketball player Charles Oakley at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 8—which led to the ejection of the Knicks’ president and ex-New York Ranger James Dolan—was just one incident in a series of acts of violence against Black sports figures by white owners and media networks.

The Knicks’ white owner, James Dolan, had given orders to the security guards to remove Oakley from the Garden. Dolan had been a long-time critic of how Dolan was running the team, which has had a losing record for several years.

Charles Oakley and choked to death, Thabo Sefolosha’s leg being broken by NYPD, tennis star James Blake being tackled to the ground by NYPD and countless other cases, there was a disturbing racial component seeing security and police surrounding Oakley in the Garden, dragging him out of view and tackling him to the ground, Thomas said. (The Undefeated, Feb. 17)

Dolan has been compared to the former NBA commissioner Danny Sullivan, who resigned in 1992, and even to the former NBA commissioner David Stern, who was forced out by the league in 2014.

Oakley, an African American and a very successful African American man, had been a NY Ranger in the 1990s. He helped the team win the Stanley Cup in 1994. He was arrested and charged with criminal trespassing and three misdemeanor counts of assault for “hitting” security guards. None of the security guards or police were charged with assaulting Oakley, although the head of MSG security was subsequently fired.

This is a clear case of violence against Black athletes by white owners and media networks.

By Monica Moorehead
for today

Philadelphian

A Black Resistance March in Philadelphia on Feb. 17 to protest police terror in the era of Trump’s law-and-order policies was brutally confrontated by Philadelphia police near Temple University campus at the end of the action.

When demonstrators attempted to enter Morgan Hall, a symbol of the university’s expanding gentrification of neighboring African-American communities, police pushed back and tried to kettlize them using bicycles as weapons. In reaction, protesters shifted their focus to a Bank of America across the street, at which point the police began to pepper spray protesters.

Four protesters were subsequently arrested while several others were injured by the police, who pepper sprayed them at close range, pushed them to the ground and pulled some by their hair. One older woman, who was pepper-sprayed and pushed by police, suffered multiple injuries and was taken by ambulance. She was arrested.

Police continued their brutality against activists Feb. 18, when they suddenly arrested seven people who were doing jail time for a prior arrest on publicly exposed, stuck with the eggs of violence, and arrested those in a peaceful protest when police called out Temple police officers were the main source. The facts that Green, who was a involved with the Knicks as a player then and now, had made poisonous remarks against NBA Hall of Fame Magic Johnson and the Los Angeles Lakers rank number one in revenue is rooted in a $24 billion media deal that gives the teams that broadcast games on the ESPN and TNT networks over many years. The majority of this revenue is generated by the NBA’s 30 teams, mostly by their revenue from television and radio rights and by the rich fans that come to watch the games.

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As part of the Strike4Democracy, under the theme of resistance to the Trump administration, there is also, of course, a lesson about the struggle for the continued existence of the white supervision of Black workers. A possible end to the era of Trump’s law-and-order policies may be the first time in recent memory that pepper spray was used. Since police were not wearing gear to protect themselves against the caustic spray, three officers required treatment as well, victims of “friendly fire.”

To cover their mistakes and injuries of fellow officers, Temple University police officer Glen Ehly claimed that demonstrators “sprayed the officers in the face with some kind of chemical irritant like pepper spray.” (The Temple News, Feb. 18)

This lie was picked up by mainstream media stations, which made no mention of the injured demonstrators.

However, Megan Malachi, one of the organizers of the Black Resistance March, countered with: “We were attempting to continue our protest, continuing to assert our rights and protest and police did not want us to go to certain places and they decided they were going to stop by using violent means. There is much more than a peaceful protest when police are present.” (NBC News, Feb. 18)

Some demonstrators who witnessed the confrontation told Workers World that Temple police officers were the first to use the pepper spray. Just before the confrontation, the demonstrators had called out Temple police for covering up the murder of 24-year-old Joyce Quaway, who was beaten to death by two former Temple University police officers in August 2015.

The rally and march organized by the Philadelphia REAL (Racial, Economic and Legal) Justice Coalition started earlier that day at Thomas Paine Plaza near City Hall in front of a bronze statue of Franklin Rizzo, notoriously racist former Philadelphia mayor and police commissioner. Rally organizers seek to have the statue removed.

Speakers denounced Philadelphia’s current mayor, Jim Kenney, for backing down on his campaign promise to end the policy of Stop and Frisk. As the march of around 200 people made its way north on Broad Street, it passed outside the city’s 19th district headquarters, where speakers addressed a crisis of toxic water in West Philadelphia High School.

Further north on Broad Street at the site of the Divine Lorraine Hotel, a historic building now being converted to apartments, there was a rally focused on the theme of gentrification. At Broad and Girard, a U.S. flag was burned as REAL Justice organizer Erica Mines described the flag as a symbol of the long history of U.S. wars and imperialist invasions of other countries.

The REAL Justice action was one of hundreds of protests that day as part of the Strike4Democracy, under the theme of resistance to the Trump administration.
The Philadelphia Coalition for REAL Justice took to the streets on Feb. 17 to declare themselves “ungovernable” under a Trump administration. Former Phila-

adelphia police commissioner Frank Riz-

zo’s memory was honored by cops, who met the resistors with tear gas and mace and

police batons. Four were arrested, and three charged with felony riot — though no one was

injured.

The next day, activists chanted in the street to write messages in chalk in support of those being held at the police barracks and kept for ransom, and mocked them. In response, cops arrested them.

“I tried to pull my comrades back from the cops, but there were so many of them,” said one Workers World member. Six were arrested.

One of those kidnapped for showing solidarity for their comrades was a local leader of Black resistance against kill-

er cops. She was especially brutalized.

“They always throw her on the ground. They hate her and want her dead,” said our Philadelphia correspondent.

The unprecedented response to pro-
testers — to levy such heavy felony charges and to target jail support — is part of the Trump regime’s general strate-
gy to terrorize and intimidate protesters. Far from the eyes and ears of national in-

terest on Jan. 20th, 16 resistors in New Or-

eans were arrested for protesting Trump. They were also charged with felony riot.

At a status hearing for the J20 resisters in Washington, D.C., Judge Lynn Leibo-

vitz, described as “D.C.’s toughest judge” by local media, joked with Assistant U.S.

Attorney Jennifer Kerkhoff that there

could be a conflict of interest — meaning that the state expects defendants to snitch on one

another. They’re issuing these serious charges because they want to neutralize all resistance and

just keeping everyone alive and healthy.

They’re making sure there’s no room for resistance and that the state wants nothing more than for the

public to join us in coordinated, es-
calated actions nationwide leading up to May 1, 2017, the National Day Without

Latinos, Immigrants, and Refugees. As our Workers World correspondent in Milwaukee, said, “We have to remember to stay strong,不怕，他们已经见识到了我们力量。”
**Mundo Obrero editor disrupts Puerto Rico fiscal board meeting**

By Teresa Gutierrez

The Fiscal Control Board of Puerto Rico learned a valuable lesson in Philadelphi at a forum organized by the University of Pennsylvania School of Law on Feb. 16.

The lesson is that the saying, “There is no place in the world where there is not a Boricua,” is absolutely true.

Most importantly, the fiscal oversight board, which is imposing onerous austerity measures on Puerto Rico, learned there is no place where there is not a Boricua fighting for the island’s self-determination and independence.

By Joubert Ceci, managing editor of Mundo Obrero/Workers World, learned of the forum with two-hours’ notice. Nonetheless, she became the sole bold voice at the forum against the vicious austerity measures that are destroying Puerto Rico.

Joubert Ceci tried to organize others to go with her, but due to the short notice, she went by herself, with placards in hand.

At the forum she let the conservative, reactionary forces know what is really going on in Puerto Rico. She took the floor armed with the placards that stated the board’s role was solely to benefit rich bondholders and bring more misery to the Puerto Rican people.

She told the board, the students and others in attendance, “What this board has said are half-truths that hide what is really going on in Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico is a colony, and we do not have any sovereignty. The U.S. does what it wants with us, and this fiscal board is the tool to bring misery to the people.”

She spoke truth to power for seven minutes and stayed for another hour, commenting loudly about some of the board members’ statements.

As she exited the meeting, standing behind them, she shouted to the board, “Why don’t you go and tell these lies in the PA community? You are cowards, that’s why!”

A picture taken by an anonymous person who posted it on Facebook — which had excerpts on Boricua’s social media — shows Joubert Ceci exiting the meeting with board members obviously upset about her truth telling. It has sent a clear, bold message to Washington: Puerto Rican will fight back at every level until their island nation is free.

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**Philadelphia protest**

By Teresa Gutierrez

New evacuation order calls to resist

By John Steffin

Tensions are rising after North Dako- ta’s governor issued an order demanding that water protectors evacuate the Oceti Sakowin camp by Feb. 22. The Standing Rock Sioux Nation has protested construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline for over a year, joined by thousands of supporters, including military veter- ans.

The DAPL violates Indigenous sover- eignty and Native land and water rights. Oil leakage from the pipeline threatens to pollute the water supply relied on by up to 18 million people.

The pro-big Oil Trump administration approved resumption of the pipeline’s construction, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is spending millions to protect Energy Transfer Partners to do so.

A statement from Gov. Doug Burgum’s office argues that rapid snowmelt in the area is creating a risk of flooding that mandated the evacuation. The governor has also been made a march on Wash- ington, D.C., this March 30. More than an action against the Dakota Access Pipeline, the march will be an act of solidarity with all Indigenous peoples and a stand to protect Ute Maik (Grandmother Earth).

As of right now, the march has three demands, as found on standwithstand rock.org: “#TakeTheMeeting // President Trump must meet with tribal leaders to hear why it’s critical that the U.S. government respect tribal rights. This administration must work with us.”

“#ConsentNotConsultation // Tribal interests cannot continue to be marginal- ized in favor of the interests of corpo- rations and other governments. Consult- ation is not enough — we must require consent.”

“#NativeNationsRise // The Standing Rock movement is bigger than one tribe. It has evolved into a powerful global phenomenon highlighting the necessity to respect Indigenous Nations and their right to protect their homelands, envi- ronment and future generations. We are asking our Native relatives from across Turtle Island to rise with us.”

Local actions will also be planned for those who cannot go to Washington.

Workers World Party stands with the Standing Rock Sioux Nation and supports the self-determination of Indige- nous peoples everywhere. We look for- ward to rising in solidarity this March.

Feb. 23, 2017
Trump has labeled as “fake news” everything that doesn’t fit his bigoted, right-wing agenda. In a recent press conference, he called stabilized democracy in Med- dia “the enemy of the American people.” The New York Times, Washington Post, CNN and other indifferent voices of the establishment are exposing his in-consistencies and wildly false sources.

So where does this leave those of us who see the establishment media as potential crucibles for the truth, but as an arm of the capitalist ruling class that tailors the news to fit the interests of the exploiters? Not agreeing with Trump, of course. Climate change not real? Muslims a bunch of blood-thirsty criminals? His accusations of a liberal media conspiracy come straight out of Breitbart fake news.

“News” serves capitalist rulers

That should not obscure the fact that the “news” presented to us each day by the leading media outlets is carefully filtered to serve the interests of those who rule over this capitalist society.

The mechanism for this is not held se cret by a narrow group of conspirators. The methods are taught in every college course on journalism.

Most reports on politically sensitive topics come from press briefings by gov ernment officials. We’ve all seen and read many articles about what’s going on in the world are dateline Washington? That’s because that district abounds in agencies that create vast amounts of information and feed it to the media. Even when reporters go abroad, they check in with U.S. embas sies for their take on what’s happening.

The methods for how everyone comes mainly from outlets based in Wall Street or from government agencies like the Federal Reserve.

But there’s another very important step between the gathering of news — most of it based on press releases, press confer ences and not on interviews with prominent figures — and what gets aired or into print. While it’s reporters who gather the news, it’s the editors who decide how it will be presented to the public.

An article in the Feb. 4 New York Times about how the paper functions stated: “Right now, there are more editors in the newsroom than reporters, photographers and other journalists in the field.” It explained that an article might go through the hands of as many as six editors before appearing in print. Some of these editors check facts and style, but others make more political changes. What comes out at the end conforms to the editorial opinions of the paper, for the most part.

Of course, the U.S. ruling class is not all of one mind. There can be important differences and conflicts of interest on both domestic and international questions. This is so obvious with the Trump administration.

It is the job of politically savvy bour geois editors to understand this and present the news in a way they believe promotes the interests of the sys tem as a whole. And on what are those interests ultimately based? The efficient and reliable exploitation of the masses of workers and oppressed. That’s what capitalism is all about — and capitalism is the religion of this country.

Bias on journalism reflects this. When there was a socialist bloc of coun tries, the media here universally referred to the capitalist West as “the free world.” Not the freedom to have food and shelter, or a guaranteed right to education and medical care. Racist segregation was part of the “free world.” So was the freedom of bosses to lay off workers and break their unions.

For the establishment media, “free dom” was all about the freedom of a few to get rich exploiting the labor of the many. Any country that restricted that “freedom” — especially if U.S. corpora tions and banks were involved — autom atically became “the enemy.”

For how many decades did the U.S. media repeat the mantra that Cuba wasn’t “free” and that Fidel Castro was a “dictator” because the Cuban Revolution had kicked out U.S. corporate exploiters? It is only since Wall Street finally realized the U.S. could never overthrow Cuba’s government that the strategy in Washington changed, allowing a few more objective reports about life in Cuba to appear in the media.

No news of south Korea uprising

Here’s another example. For almost a year now, millions of people in south Ko rea have been demonstrating against the government. The protests have been held every week, even in the brutal cold. The parliament finally voted to impeach the president, who is embroiled in a huge cor ruption scandal. The head of Samsung, the largest corporation in south Korea, has been arrested for bribing the presi dent, who refuses to resign.

If this isn’t sensational news, what is? But where are the headlines here? Yes, there are articles about this in some U.S. newspapers, but no urgency of it. Certainly isn’t top of the news on CNN or any other electronic outlet.

If this were Syria or Libya or some other country the U.S. imperialists want ed to invade, wouldn’t we see screaming headlines every day?

But the U.S. military is already in south Korea. It invaded in 1945 and has never left. Washington has been behind every head of state since then, including several generals who took over through coups and revolutions.

The media here — both liberal and alt right — get the message. Don’t inflame passions against the rulers of south Ko rea. They’re “our” friends. Instead, go af ter north Korea, which refuses to give up its nuclear weapons.

It’s not a conspiracy. It’s business as usual for the capitalist media.
Working class or more privileged — is a battle of class.
Enseñanza de la nominación de Sessions

Por Deirdre Griswold

La incapacidad del Partido Demócrata para detener o por lo menos restringir el dramático giro hacia la derecha, repre- sentado por la llegada de Donald Trump y su hijo Jared Kushner, quien desde el gobierno, se demuestra una vez más cuan- do las/os democratas del Senado no re- accionaron a la iniciativa de una escuela de votación Ciudadanía, que fueron los que promovieron la ley de obligatoriedad de la bandera boricua. A pesar de los apoyos del Senado de Mitch McConnell, estas iniciativas no fueron supported, y muchos ciudada- nos, en particular los de ascendencia hispana, se sienten excluidos. Las leyes de Trump como la de la ley de Empleo Temporal, que establece que los solicitantes de empleo deben presentar su pasaporte en solamente una oficina de empleo, son vistas como una amenaza a los derechos de los trabajadores en el sector de la agricultura. Sin embargo, el Senado no ha respuesto a estas iniciativas, y el Partido Demócrata sigue sin tener una estrategia clara para enfrentar el cambio en la política nacional.

Liberación agrícola de Oscar López

By Berta Joubert-Ceci

En una acción sorpresiva, el pasado jueves y de febrero, regresó el presisionero político puertorriqueño Oscar López Ri- ver, que fue deportado a Puerto Rico, luego de que la pasada Administración Obama le comunitara su sentencia a mediados de enero. Pero lo que tanto personas ansi- aban fue su llegada a la escuela de un asilo boricua y consignar libertad, dejan- dónos saber su amor y agradecimiento, fue impedido por las detenciones crueles y ven- gativas del imperio estadounidense.

López Rivera llegó al Aeropuerto de Juan San Juan acompañado de su hija Clar- isa López, su hermano José López, su abogada Jan Susler, y las/el funcionar- ios electos Carmen Yulín Cruz alcaldesa de San Juan, la presidenta del consejo municipal uy de las grandes de la magistratura de Melisa Viverito y el congresista Luis Gutiérrez, representante demócrata por Chicago. Las personas que se habían congre- gado para recibirlo en el terminal donde llegaría Oscar, quedaron asombradas por la rapidez de los eventos y la abso- luta imposibilidad de saludarlo. Quienes le acompañaban a Oscar en su viaje desde Carolina del Norte a donde fue trasladada a la prisión Teras, en High Point, en su viaje desde Carolina del Norte a donde fue trasladada a la prisión Teras, en High Point, se encontraron con la sorpresa de estar en el avión con él, y el chovino de una reunión que se estaba celebrando en el aeropuerto. Aquellas personas tuvieron la oportunidad de tratar de saludarlo y por lo menos una grieta para tapar el rostro. Esta escritora pudo ver a través de las cámaras de un programa televisivo que pudo captar – no sin objeciones de las acompañantes de Oscar quienes manifestaron su desacuerdo con la cámara con la realización de la película del aeropuerto. Esas tomas, que lograron un acercamiento al rostro de Oscar, desesper- don de una manera intensa y que no tenía que una enorme indignación, sentimientos que fueron compartidos por muchas per- sonas a pagar por los múltiples comen- tarios en redes sociales. El gobierno, que quiere estar en Puer- to Rico, tiene que ser en conformidad democrático. El tiene que cumplir con las condiciones. Cuando me hablaron de las condiciones, el mayor, aparte de cumplir con la ley, es mantener un perfil bajísimo”. (endli.com)

El “perfil bajo” incluye arresto dom- iciplinar en casa de su hija Claris, de la cual sólo podrá salir para visitas médicas y al Negociado de Prisiones. No puede romper con sus personas a las cuales se llama “a los medios de comunicación social instando a la gente a protestar en la escuela”, repitió CNN.

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