Trump gang in crisis
Attacks on people spread

By Fred Goldstein

March 6 — The Trump administration’s crisis deepens as accusations of ties to Russia multiply and surround him and his aides. Meanwhile, this authoritarian, racist, misogynistic bigot is opening up a war on the people and what is left of gains won over the last 50 years. Especially under attack are the millions of undocumented workers.

The war within the capitalist state has reached a boiling point, with Trump accusing former President Barack Obama of wiretapping Trump Towers during the 2016 election campaign. It is being assumed that Trump heard this on Mark Levin’s right-wing talk show, promoted by Breitbart News. Steve Bannon, Trump’s special “strategy” advisor, previously ran Breitbart.

Trump made the accusations against Obama in a tweet after he flew into a rage when racist Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who now heads the Justice Department, recused himself from all investigations about the campaign. Sessions’ recusal came after he was found to have lied to the Senate Judiciary Committee about having contact with Russians.

What Trump did not consider, in his rage, was that electronic eavesdropping would have to be carried out by the FBI. Eavesdropping on the presidential candidate would be a crime, unless there was a warrant. Since there was no such warrant, according to James Clapper, the former director of National Intelligence, Trump’s charges against Obama would implicate the FBI in a crime.

Some 1,000 people defied a huge police presence to march to Trump Tower on March 4 to protest government actions clearing protesters at Standing Rock, N.D., and pushing through the oil pipeline that threatens water and Indigenous lands.

One of those speaking, Stephanie Hedgecoke, of Tsalagi, Huron and Creek descent, and a regular contributor to Workers World newspaper, told of the struggle at Standing Rock for Indigenous sovereignty and defense of the environment.

With no reason or pretext, cops arrested three people on the march, including two leading Black activists in the People’s Power Assembly. Charged with disorderly conduct, they were out after a few hours.

March 4 pro-Trump events took place all around the country, with the one at Trump Tower much smaller than the protest in solidarity with Standing Rock. New Jersey college student Heather Graham initiated the Standing Rock protest in New York on social media and asked the PPA to help organize the march after thousands of people indicated they might be coming.

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March 8: WOMEN STRIKE!

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

An International Women’s Strike has been called for March 8, International Women’s Day, by over 50 countries. The call states that the day of action is specifically “organized by and for working women, migrants and silenced by decades of neoliberalism directed towards working women, women of color, Native women, disabled women, women incarcerated in prison, political women, lesbian, queer and trans women.”

Organizers announce this March 8 as the beginning of “a new international feminist movement that organizes resistance not just against Trump and his misogynist policies, but also against the conditions that produced Trump, namely the decades-long economic inequality, racial and sexual violence, and imperial wars abroad.” (womenstrikeus.org)

March 8 has been identified as International Women’s Day since 1910. This emerging and exciting new radicalization has deep roots.

IWD in 1970

It’s March 7, 1970. A militant crowd of more than 1,000 women, including blacks and Puerto Rican youth, and multiple gendered people are surrounding the Women’s House of Detention in Greenwich Village, chanting “Free our sisters! Free ourselves!” Women prisoners wave from the windows, shouting, “Power to the people!”

Cops push against protesters holding banners demanding free and legal abstractions on demand, equal pay for equal work, no job discrimination and freedom for political prisoners.

The crowd yells, “Women, let’s unite and fight!”

On this day in 1970, the Women’s Caucus Against War & Fascism, a group of working-class women under the banner of socialism.”

Kollontai described IWD as “a day of action.”

Yet by the 1960s, a revolutionary wind began to blow. The day began with a spirited rally in Union Square, site of many historic struggles against war, fascism, imperialism and war.

At the Women’s House of Detention, prisoners gathered inside the jail and back on their feet financially. The Women’s Bail Fund. To show solidarity with workers in particular, and to women political prisoners. This revival of IWD was a creative response to the networked struggle of Workers World newspaper, says that of 1970 protest, “Marching from the rally to the House of Detention drew attention to the plight of women in particular and to women political prisoners. This revival of IWD was a creative response to the networked struggle of the 1960s, a revolutionary wind that began to blow. The Women’s Caucus emerged out of these efforts was not to establish a day of speeches and floral bouquets, but rather to bring poor and working-class women and women of oppressed nationalities into the class struggle and support the liberation of these women, as well as that of their sons, husbands, brothers, fathers and comrades.”

Reviving IWD as a day of struggle

Spanish women demonstrated against the fascist forces of Gen. Francisco Franco to mark International Women’s Day in 1937. And Italian women observed IWD in 1943 with militant protests against fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, who sent their sons to die in World War II. (WILPF Newsletter, feministstudies.com)

But in the U.S. during the Cold War, witch hunts of the McCarthy era, IWD demonstrations in the streets ended. By the 1970s, IWD celebrations were mainly small, indoor commemorative meetings.

Yet by the 1960s, a revolutionary wind was blowing new force into the struggle against women’s oppression. Many women of all nationalities were increasingly inspired by the power of a people’s fight — the Black Civil Rights and antiwar movements, La Raza and the American Indian Movement.

The women’s liberation movement emerged out of the confluence of these great mass movements. And many women began to study Marxism and communist history, inspired in part by Mao Zedong’s statement that “women hold up half the sky,” as exemplified by Vietnamese women armed and fighting in a communist-led war for national liberation.

In 1968, socialist Laura X wrote an article calling for a renewal of IWD after watching Padavikin’s 1959 Soviet film, “The End of St. Petersburg,” which highlighted the 1917 women workers’ demonstration on IWD. In 1969 she joined with members of Berkeley Women’s Liberation to organize an IWD street demonstration, which she believed to be the first in the U.S. since 1947.

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In 1970, 30 events took place worldwide on International Women’s Day. (Laura X, nemofail.org)

The 1970 IWD revival celebrating IWD as a militant day of struggle in the streets was followed by biweekly meetings of the Women’s Caucus. IWD women combined theory with practice. They read and discussed Dorothy Ballan’s “Feminism and Marxism” based on Fredrick Engels’ “The Origins of the Family, Private Property, and the State.” And they studied works by Zetkin, Kollontai and V.I. Lenin, that chronicled the revolutionary communist approach to women’s oppression and struggle for liberation.

Today, the importance of that 1970 rally and the march to the Women’s House of Detention blazes out of the past. With that event the IWD Women’s Caucus re-ignited the celebration of International Women’s Day in the streets of New York as part of the militant, communist tradition.

Remembering the fighting spirit of that day, Griswold explains how its lessons are crucial in today’s struggles: "Economic pressures today in the U.S. are forcing more and more women into the army or into prison. "They need an alternative — a multinational, international movement against women’s oppression that is part of a worldwide struggle against imperialism and war."

Monica Moorhead, Naomi Cohen, Sue Davis, Kathy Durkin and Sharon Ealis also provided information for this article, an earlier version of which was published in Workers World on Feb. 29, 2005.

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Midwest WWP Conference to link theory and practice

By Joe Mishahawar

Detroit

The Detroit branch of Workers World Party is co-hosting a Midwest Fightback Conference on March 25-26 at the Wayne State University branch of Students for a Democratic Society. WWP members from across the ravaged rustbelt will come together to put forward an analysis, forged in struggle, of the austerity, economic crises and national oppression that have come to characterize the region.

Confronting capital directly

The Detroit branch of WWP and its allies in the community have challenged this massive offensive head on, organizing revolutionary intervention and direct confrontations with the might of finance capital. Long before the municipal bankruptcy began, the very nature of capitalist relations were challenged. WWP raised the slogan “Make the banks pay!” — a demand that became the rallying cry of the movement.

Before the bankruptcy, during years of the on-going foreclosure crisis, WWP members and friends were in the communities physically preventing foreclosures when court struggles failed. Through-out this fight, activists maintained the demand for a moratorium on foreclosures and evictions, while raising legal precedents and analysis proving a moratorium is a feasible, no-cost demand. At every Detrot WWP cadre have faced down the guns of financial capital, forging a revolutionary analysis of late-stage capitalism through this struggle.

Detroit WWP, our allies in SDS and other Mid- west WWP cadre are holding this conference to bring our depth of experience to the new phase we have entered. Many officials in the Trump administra-tion are taking their devastating austerity poli-cies from the Midwest to the federal level, giving our cadre in this region a unique perspective on the new attacks facing the workers and oppressed. The conference will also dive into the deep crisis of the imperialist empire, bringing analysis on conflicts from Syria to Africa and tying them to the war at home against racism, fascism and exploitation. If you want to truly see the lengths capital will go to secure its profits, and the lengths the masses will go to resist, be in Detroit March 25-26 to hear it from revolutionaries on the frontlines.

Details: visit the conference registration page at tinyurl.com/hqcpc2h. For details, view the Facebook event page at tinyurl.com/hrhtzgj.
Protests erupt after Anaheim cop fires weapon

**By Dante Strobinio**
**Durham, N.C.**

Since the election of Donald Trump as president, activists across the country have been experimenting with various forms of resistance and power-building. As millions of women and their supporters marched on Jan. 21 in Washington, D.C., across the country and the world, tens of thousands demonstrated in cities across North Carolina to protest the administration’s far-right program.

Mass protests coast-to-coast denounced Trump’s Muslim ban, including at the Raleigh-Durham Airport. Tens of thousands of immigrant workers refused to go to work on Feb. 16. “A Day Without Immigrants,” including in this state.

Additionally, some 3,000 people earlier demonstrated against the Ku Klux Klan’s pro-Trump, so-called “victory-kayak-alcade” on Dec. 3 in North Carolina.

A broad formation of grass-roots organizations has come together in North Carolina to build a People’s Assembly, pulling together many of the local struggles for Black, immigrant, Muslim, worker, women’s, LGBTQ, environmental and electoral rights. The assembly seeks to turn spontaneous actions into sustained organizing.

One 100 people converged Feb. 25 at the third People’s Assembly since November in Durham. They came from throughout North Carolina’s Triangle region, including from Raleigh and Chapel Hill. Organizers seek to develop the People’s Assembly as the frontline of resistance, uniting all forces in local communities, schools and workplaces, and engaging newly active people.

Coming on the heels of the Day Without Immigrants, the assembly’s opening panel featured organizations which mobilize with undocumented workers, mostly Latinx. These included Comité Popular Somos Raleigh and Alerta Migratoria NC from Durham. Organizers opened up with this struggle to allow participating workers to draw out lessons of this important strike, including how it relates to the Black freedom struggle, Trump’s attacks on Muslims, the capitalist economy and all people’s movements.

Since the November election, police and state troopers in Durham have killed three Black men: 24-year-old Kenneth “Simba” Bailey Jr., 34-year-old Stacy “Scout” Clark; and 31-year-old Willard Eugene Scott Jr. The People’s Assembly will work with many forces to help organize future actions against police terror.

To continue developing mutual fight-back plans, the assembly works to pull together activists from four key areas of struggle. These include those organizing around Black Lives Matter, police violence and prisons; immigrant rights; Islamophobia, repression against refugees and anti-war issues; and workers’ rights, unionization and the Fight for $15.

At the assembly, participants broke down into these four areas and were encouraged to discuss how they could “go deeper” and reach out and build bases. They were asked to identify strategic workplaces, communities and schools where the movement should focus attention.

One example concerns a historically Black neighborhood in Durham, known as Lakewood. Due to recent gentrification, a lot of middle-income white people have moved into the area. The new residents are monitoring Inn On 4th, a Black-owned bar and community center, to document evidence of alleged wrongdoing in order to have the city shut it down. The People’s Assembly is discussing how building a presence in Lakewood as an act of solidarity with the Black community.

**Protests build mass action on May Day**

Protests building off the momentum from the Day Without Immigrants and hearing calls for a National General Strike—a day with no work, no school and no shopping—assailed by participants with discussed plans for local mass actions on May Day, International Workers Day. High school students discussed the potential for walkouts on May Day. Workers also talked about the possibility of calling in sick to work.

Teachers with Organize2020 and the NC Educators Association announced plans to have walking “wall-to-wall” rallies outside schools in front of their schools before the facilities opened in order to engage students, education workers and the community.

In fact, Chapel Hill schools have recently announced an optional teacher workday on March 8, International Women’s Day, because so many teachers have announced they will not be at work that day. Other actions are being planned in order to have a strong women’s struggles on that historic date.

These are stepping stones to bigger, broader actions on May Day. Others encouraged plans to disrupt business as usual.

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**Los Angeles**

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-by Terri Kay
Vallejo, Calif.

Angel Rico Ramos, age 21, was killed by Vallejo, Calif., police on Jan. 23. To add to the tragedy, his death was witnessed by many of his family members, including children.

The grieving family held a vigil for him in front of the Vallejo Police Department on Jan. 26, with the support of the Anti-Police-Terror Project. When the Aztec dancers used the street in front of the VPD for their ritual dance, the police viciously started to threaten everyone with arrest. Not willing to speak in support of the family’s demands, One of Ramos’ sisters talked about how her 9-year-old son was interrogated by the VPD all night long. Not believing the murderer and was not allowed to fall asleep. She said the boy still has nightmares about it and can’t sleep.

City Council members were put on notice that the community will not tolerate a cover-up or failure to investigate. —assembly participants discussed plans to have the city shut it down. The People’s Assembly is discussing how building a presence in Lakewood as an act of solidarity with the Black community.

Vallejo, Calif. Vigil demands justice for man cops killed

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By Martha Grevatt

The ultra-rightist president of this country gave his first speech to Congress on Feb. 28. In the opening paragraph he could have employed liberal-sounding platitudes about “condemning hate and evil in all its forms.” He then laid out a program of tax giveaways and deregulation for capitalists, union-busting school voucher schemes, a federal worker hiring freeze (blaming immigrants for unemployment and low wages) and “one of the largest increases in national defense spending in American history.”

Trump announced the obvious fact that the working class, especially the poor and most oppressed, will pay for this massive giveaway to the military and corporations. Everything is potentially on his chopping block —from food stamps, Medicare and Medicaid, to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

One would expect even the moderate labor leaders in this country to issue a swift condemnation. AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka or Change to Win General President James Hoffa Jr., who is also Teamsters president, could have shredded the ludicrous claim that “American companies are taxed at one of the highest rates anywhere in the world.” In fact, General Motors, General Electric, Pfizer, Citibank and others have managed to shield billions in profits from taxation and even obtain tax credits.

‘Class-collaborationist tradition’

Yet the day after the speech Trump stepped into the studios of Fox Business News and called the speech “one of [Trump’s] finest moments.” He gave the president credit for the demise of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, knowing full well that the anti-worker trade agreement was already dead before Trump took office.

Worst of all, Trumka agreed with the racist lie that immigration brings down wages.

Trumka is not alone in his treacherous positioning. In January, days after the inauguration, Hoffa made back-to-back statements praising Trump for having “taken the first step toward fixing 30 years of bad trade policies” and for “executive orders today that will advance the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline and the Dakota Access Pipeline, creating thousands of good union jobs.” Even before the president took office, leaders of the Building Trades unions, auto workers and steel workers unions all expressed a willingness to “give Trump a chance.”

This accommodationism is a throwback to the racist craft unionism of Samuel Gompers who founded the American Federation of Labor in 1884. Except for a brief one-year interlude, Gompers was president-for-life until his death in 1924. Though British-born himself, Gompers supported anti-immigrant legislation and advocated its strict enforcement, from the 1891 Chinese Exclusion Act to the 1924 Immigration Act.

Instead of uniting the whole working class, the AFL fostered division; many AFL unions denied membership to workers of color and women. The AFL eschewed organizing the vast industrial workforce, organizing primarily skilled trades workers along narrow craft lines. Gompers supported the imperialist war machine in World War I.

After Gompers’ death, William Green maintained the divisive orientation. Green denounced the heroic sit-down strikes of the 1930s and red-baited the Congress of Industrial Organizations, which organized the unorganized after splitting from the AFL in 1935. Green too served as president-for-life until his death in 1942.

It was Trumka’s United Mineworkers, which organized the miners who led the struggle against racist elements at---

Trump speech ‘his finest moment?’

Labor bureaucrats betray the working class

By Jerry Goldberg


Sterling Heights has also been a place where Trump decisively won the vote in Macomb County, a predominantly white working class area where Trump decisively won the vote in the presidential election.

Sterling Heights has also been a place of struggle against racist elements attempting to shut down the building of a Muslim mosque in the city. The MPDN rally took place downtown Erin Creek Park, as there is no room for free speech in Sterling Heights.

By Jim McMahan

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Let’s talk strike!

Even as hyper-speculation pushes the stock market to unseen heights, wages are falling, inflation is killing workers’ budgets, and millions are still unemployed and underemployed. Organized labor should be among those “Shutting Shit Down.” Trump’s plan to cut federal jobs should be answered by a demand for a shorter work week -- with no cut in pay -- to spread the work to more people.

Even with only about one percent of the U.S. working class in unions, labor represents millions of workers strategically positioned to bring the economy to a standstill. What a crisis it was for Wall Street during the last New York City strike!

If the labor movement supported a call for a general strike, not only for their own members but the whole working class, it would provide a safety net for all workers who walk out. It would say to immigrants and low-wage workers: If you are courageous enough to risk your jobs by walking out on May Day, organized labor has your back.

There are voices that support this orientation. SEIU United Service Workers West, registering over 40,000 property service workers across California, issued a statement that reads in part: “It’s time to stand up as a people against fascism and autocratic leadership.”

“It’s time to RESIST. It is time to defend all people, including workers, immigrants, Muslims, women, LGBTQ people. It is time to defend our climate, our schools and our unions.

“This is a call to all working people, to all communities: Join us in the streets in a general strike on May 1, 2017!

“The time has come to shut it down!”

Beating back billionaires’ agenda

By Jerry Goldberg

Sterling Heights, Mich.


At a rally after the MPDN demonstration, speakers emphasized they will not abandon the section of the working class to Trump and his billionaire cabinet, who are using racism, sexism and anti-LGBTQ bigotry to sow division among workers.

The billionaires are pushing an agenda of tax breaks for the rich, destruction of the minimum wage and destruction of public education and health care. Ten percent of Macomb County residents stand to lose their health care if the Affordable Care Act is eliminated.

A young woman summed up the significance of the spirited counterprotest: “I am a Muslim immigrant. I came to Sterling Heights as a refugee queer woman. I am from Sterling Heights, but Sterling Heights does not represent me [in the election]. It voted against my dignity as a human being. To have everyone come out in such numbers ... means a lot.”

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Youths disrupt pro-Trump bigots

By Jim McMahan

Anti-racist demonstrators besieged an “America First” rally in support of ruling-class President Donald Trump in Washington state’s capital of Olympia on March 4. The pro-Trump rally was in concert with other rallies around the country. The counterprotest of Olympia-area youth was attacked right at the beginning by state troopers, who arrested four demonstraters. Undeterred, the youth broke through the cordon and confronted the racist rally up close, with chants such as “No war! No KKK! No fascist USA!”

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Trump and his Islamophobic rants. Two Indian men, Srinivas Kuchibhotla and Alok Madasani, were shot in Kansas. Kuchibhotla died as the alleged killer, Adam Purinton, yelled, “Get out of my country.” Purinton also shot and wounded bystander Ian Grillot, who was trying to stop the attack. (New York Times, March 4)

A similar racist hate crime took place near Seattle a few days earlier when someone shot a Sikh man, Deep Rai, who was working on his driveway. The shooter also told Rai to “Go back home.”

Furthermore, during the past month there have been numerous desecrations of Jewish cemeteries across the country, as well as bomb threats at dozens of Jewish community centers.

In another ominous sign, Attorney General Sessions has indicated he will not enforce the Justice Department’s consent decrees, issued under the Obama administration, to rein in local police departments, most notoriously in Chicago. This can only be interpreted as a green light to police forces everywhere to step up already murderous repression.

In addition, Trump has rescinded protections for transgender students to use school bathrooms of their choice, and the Supreme Court has returned the case back to the lower court without a ruling.

Movement must deal with anti-Russi propaganda

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No, he's not crazy, he's a capitalist

By Avia Lipatti

The writer self-identifies as a person with mental illnesses.

A common insult hurled at President Donald Trump by the liberal media is that he’s “mentally ill.”

But what is the impact of using such insults against a fascist bigot?

Calling Trump ‘mentally ill’ implies that people with mental illnesses are inferior or that it’s shameful to have a mental illness. Capitalism already demonizes, excludes and oppresses people with mental illnesses. To call Trump mentally ill passively supports this oppressive system, which is inherently ableist.

The capitalist class demonizes ableism because they find it economically useful. People with disabilities may have more difficulty carrying out their labor, or they may require special accommodations to do so. The capitalist class, which values profit over people, seeks to streamline the labor process to cut costs and maximize profits wherever possible.

The needs of people with disabilities can throw a wrench in this simplification of labor. In an effort to break all peoples’ power, to cut costs and maximize profits over people, seeks to streamline the labor process to cut costs and maximize profits over people. Because people with disabilities are “useless” because they get in the way of profits reaped through exploiting workers. A measure of their being “expendable” under capitalism is that people with disabilities, especially those of oppressed nationalities, are disproportionately targeted by police terror. Nearly half of people murdered by U.S. cops are identified as “disabled.”

Abilism cannot be anti-fascist

In a fascist system, in a last-ditch effort to save capitalism, all systems of oppressions are intensified to crush the working class and oppressed. In Nazi Germany, an estimated 600,000 to 675,000 people with disabilities were sterilized or killed under medical rationalizations. This included an estimated 250,000 people diagnosed by doctors as having schizophrenia.

Nazi gave an ableist and racist reason for the genocidal extermination of people with disabilities, saying their deaths would purify the Aryan race. This bigoted rationale is called eugenics. The United States has a long history of ableism and eugenics, which was adapted by the Nazis.

In fact, the Nazi regime committed the crime of genocide against the disabled. Instead of defined and understood in business terms through what type of labor they hire.

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To demonize Trump as mentally ill is to fall into lockstep with fascism, capitalism, and white supremacy, because ableism goes hand-in-hand with all three.

Class interests, not personalities

Abilism attacks on Trump are not only bigoted, they’re also scientifically and historically incorrect. Marxists understand that imperialist capitalism isn’t about personalities or individuals, it’s a system. Analysis starts by understanding the social and economic relations that permeate all of society. Specifically, the history of society is tied to the system and the “haves” and the “have nots.”

Liberalism says that personalities, individuals and policies are decisive in making history, rather than class struggles. Thus, liberals focus on Trump’s personality, rather than his class interests.

Part of painting Trump as “mentally ill” is painting him as “irrational” as an individual.

But Trump is a capitalist billionaire. From his perspective, there’s nothing irrational about his worldview! He acts in the interests of his class, the capitalists, just as we act in the interests of our class, the working class, and oppressed.

As long as capitalism exists, the ruling class will promote bigoted views, because it is in their class interest to target and divide the working class.

Painting reactions to “crazy” or “irrational” will not make them change either their behaviors or beliefs.

In order for any revolution to occur, ableism must truly be crushed, and stigmas must be done away with. This means those who call themselves revolutionaries or communists, or dedicate themselves to a path of freedom and liberation, must also dedicate themselves to crushing all forms of oppression.

Smash ableism! Call what he is— a far-right-wing extremist, a racist and white supremacist, an Islamophobe and anti-Semite, a woman-hater, a vile bigot against LGBTQ people, a fascist friend of the KKK, an authoritarian xenophobe. But do not call Donald Trump mentally ill.

Devlin Cole, a trans organizer and organizer of the Pensacola Airport protest, is president of Pensacola STRIVE (Social Trans Initiative) and director of operations for the Florida Transgender Alliance.

This is a statement about what it is like to be mentally ill in a time when all of your “progressive” Democrat friends keep writing the “fascist president” off as being mentally ill. Trump’s characterization of confronting his own disability as “mentally ill” is to be ableism, which is inherently ableist.

Attention has been drawn to the sides of hatred, unity, and solidarity, which are key to the election of Donald Trump and his reactionary administration.

The truth is, out in the streets disrupting, organizing and struggling to get almost every day, as we should be. Communities are striving for the necessity of unity. Each day, solidarity across all oppressed communities grows more and more.

And there is nothing quite as dangerous as the power of the united people.

But in our communities there seems to be a unity-breaking trend in activist discussion. (I say “ours” as I see this in all of my own communities.)

Instead of continuing to confront the real reasons behind Trump’s rise, right-wing extremist views and actions.

I was 22 years old when I was finally diagnosed with bipolar disorder. I say “finally” because I had known for years. But due to living in a capitalist society, I often have to prioritize rent and electricity over my own health — both mental and physical. I could not afford not to see a professional for long enough to be diagnosed.

The diagnosis came after ten years of battling depression as a result of trauma.

And they are not.

Neurodiverse people lead!

Neurodiverse people are in the lead, not the fringe of the movement. But due to our intersecting identities, we have often had to put our own illnesses on the backburner.

If Donald Trump can say he is mentally ill, then neurodiverse people can say they are mentally ill, too. It is dangerous to assume that mental illness is the reason why they are the way they are.

This is like saying white-supremacist Dylann Roof was “crazy” because he murdered nine Black people in cold blood while they worshipped in their Charles-

town church. People who use this horrid rhetoric are not acknowledging and confron- ing their own place in white supremacy either. This is a practice all white people, myself included, must self-critize and work on changing if we truly wish to dismantle and destroy white supremacy once and for all.

Accusing Trump of being mentally ill comes off as either trying to distance the president of the United States from his own mental health issues, or trying to distract from the reality of prostate cancer.

Trump’s actions should be named what they are: white-supremacist, anti-immig-

rant, anti-LGBTQ, anti-woman, war-mongering and anti-worker!

We have so many reasons to fight Trump, and none of these have to do with mental illness.
Women workers opened Russian revolution

One hundred years ago the workers of St. Petersburg, Russia, began a strike on International Women's Day which opened the struggle that soon ended the 370-year rule of the czars and led in eight months and a half to the establishment of a socialist state. A key factor was the change in consciousness of the soldiers in the city's garrison. The following is excerpted from John Catalinotto's new book, "Turn the Guns Around: Mutinies, Soldiers Revolts and Revolutions."

On Feb. 23, 1917, by the Julian calendar used in Russia at that time — March 8 in the rest of Europe — a 25-year-old revolutionary named N.N. Raskolnikov — his party name was Raskolnikov, looked out his window in Petrograd, Russia's industrial center and capital. The Petrograd Soviet had decided calling the city Petrograd instead of Saint Petersburg would sound less German, as they were still at war with Germany. Raskolnikov thought, "Today is Women's Day. Will something happen in the streets today?" Something did happen. Some 120,000 workers were on strike. The whole city was seething.

As things turned out, "Women's Day" was fate to be the first day of the revolution. Working women, driven to despair by their hard conditions and prey to the torments of hunger, were the first to come out. They walked the streets chanting "bread, freedom and peace." The crowds were facing down police mounted on horses, who would push the people around or smash them with the flat side of their swords.

Wrote one observer: "[A]ls soon as the mounted policemen had returned to the roadway, the crowds in the streets had become a solid mass. In some of the groups we could see men, but the overwhelming majority consisted of working women and workers' wives."

Eight weeks earlier, as 1917 was beginning, Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov, whose party name was Lenin, was in exile in Zürich, Switzerland, where he had been organizing and speaking against the great imperialist war. In a talk to young students, he remarked that Russians as old as he was — forty-six at the time — would likely never see a revolution overthow the Russian czar, but that the youth would.

Even this most revolutionary leader of the working class was surprised by the explosive speed of change in Russia. One can only imagine how obvious Czar Nicholas II was at that time to his immi

As Raskolnikov wrote, the first of the two 1917 revolutions in Russia began on Feb. 23 with a strike of women workers on International Women's Day. The action grew into a general strike and mass political revolution in the capital city that overthrew the czarist monarchy that had ruled Russia for more than 300 years. The attitude and actions of low-ranking soldiers and sailors was a determining factor in the revolution's success.

Background to the revolution

The czarist empire had ruled over more than 250 million people — Finns, Ukrainians and Estonians in the North-west; Poles and Ukrainians in the West; Georgians, Armenians and many Turkic and mostly Muslim peoples in the Caucasus and South; plus Indigenous peoples throughout the Arctic and Siberian regions — all locked into the tsarist Philippines and the Comintern.

Czarist Russia was far less developed economically than the major imperial powers in Western Europe — Germany, France and Britain. Some five-sixths of Russia's 155 million people were peasants, who had been liberated from legal serfdom in 1861, but were still in the thrall of the landlords and the nobility. About twenty-six million of its people were wage laborers in 1917, including 6.5 million farm laborers and another six million in private and state-owned industry. 

Although a smaller part of the population than in Britain, Germany and the United States, the workers in Russian industry were more concentrated, totaling in recently established giant factories that employed thousands and even tens of thousands of workers. Russia was by far the poorest of the major countries, yet some fifteen million people were drafted and thrown into the battles of World War I, with little training or equipment. They were weary of this unpleasant duty. On July 17, more than two million had died and another four million were wounded.

With so many men under arms, a large number of women were employed in heavy industry in Petrograd; women made up about one-third of the workforce there. More than 100,000 of these women were at work in 1917, employed mainly in the czarist state, defying the cautions of their political parties, defying everyone. That first day, the striking women escaped clashes with the police generally unscathed.

Encouraged by this success, male workers joined the women the following day, and in all more than 200,000, or half of the city's workers, were in the streets. General Sergei Khahaloe, who commanded the Petrograd army garrison, was responsible for controlling the demonstration.

But the workers, and especially the women, many of whom were soldiers' wives, were talking with the garrison troops. They were even approaching the Cossacks, who were mounted troops often used in punitive actions against crowds, but who showed the workers they were ready to overthrow the czar. On the other hand, the workers were hostile toward both the regular police and the secret police; the latter especially were enemies of the people and staunch defenders of the czar.

A political intellectual named N.N. Sukhanov, who was in the international executive committee of the Moscow Bolsheviks, wrote a detailed eyewitness account of the 1917 Revolution. In this book, he described one telling moment when a Cossack became so riled up seeing a police inspector attack one of his procurators with his sword that he "flew at the inspector and slashed off his hand."

Soldiers turn the guns around

On Feb. 26, as ever-friendlier fraternalization between the workers and the troops went on, something special happened. Something like this has probably taken place in every successful revolution in urban society. Soldiers from the Pavlovsky regiment, a major military unit of the Petrograd Garrison, with-
Rally denounces anti-Semitic attacks in Philly

When news surfaced on Feb. 26 that hundreds of gravestones had been defiled and damaged at the Mount Carmel Jewish Cemetery in northeast Philadelphia and several Jewish centers had received bomb threats, area communities were quick to respond. On March 2, thousands turned out for a lunchtime “Stand Against Hate” rally outside the Liberty Bell at 6th and Market streets.

The Liberation of headstones at Mount Carmel followed a pattern seen earlier in St. Louis, Mo., and Rochester, N.Y. An increase in bomb threats against Jewish centers across the country has also been reported. These anti-Semitic attacks are taking place at the same time as a spike in hate crimes against Muslims mosques across the U.S.

All these attacks are a clear reflection of the agenda of far right elements now serving as advisors in President Donald Trump’s White House.

The new immigration ban order signed by President Donald Trump on March 6 is a continuation of the all-out assault on the multinational U.S. working class by the extremist far-right administration.

The Islamicphobic ban, tweaked from an earlier version to try to evade legal challenge, still bars entry into the U.S. of citizens of Iran, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, Syria and Libya. Iraq was exempted by rescinding of a ban by Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Mattis to aid U.S. military action there.

Omar Jadwat, the director of the Immigrants’ Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union, described the order clearly: “It’s just another run at a Muslim ban.”

This essential order is one more wave in a torrent of repression and terror against all immigrants unleased by the election of the xenophobic president.

The attack on immigrants had previ-
ously been ramped up under President Barack Obama whose agencies deported almost 2 million people between 2009 and 2014.

The bipartisan attacks on immigrants reveal a consistent ruling-class strategy of “divide-and-conquer” — an attempt to defeat a rising U.S. worker movement.

The U.S. working class is increasingly young, of color, multinational, multi-
gendered, working class, and quickly dom-
inated by Democratic Party politicians who have done little to expose the lies and protect the people of color.

Meanwhile, a horrific sweep of raids continues across the country. This un-
precedented operation includes hiring 10,000 new ICE agents, building more detention centers and “deporting” law enforcement to arrest and detain oppressed people. (For a detailed WW article on the raids, see Teresa Gutierrez, “Wave of Terror Unleashed on Im-
migrants,” Feb. 28).

The challenge for all revolutionaries, for all in the multinational working class, for all on the path to liberation and justice, is to forge solidarity with those being targeted.

We must live the old union slogan: “An injury to one is an injury to all.” If we hesi-
tate and understate this threat, we will weaken the struggle to smash racism and the threat of fascism.

If we unite and move boldly forward in solidarity against these attacks, we will strengthen working-class unity and the struggle for revolutionary socialism.

--- Report by Betsey Piette, photo by Joe Piette

Behind the new lies about Korea

By Deirdre Griswold

The establishment media are suggest-
ging that Donald Trump’s tweets accusing Barack Obama of tapping his phones are just a diversion to keep the media from focusing on why Attorney General Jeff Sessions had to recuse himself from a federal investigation into the Trump campaign’s connections with Russia.

It’s a likely assumption. Trump has a history of flooding the media with wild accusations.

But here’s the question: Why aren’t the mainstream media responding to the latest melodramatic story coming from the rule-
group in South Korea accusing the government of north Korea — the Demo-
cratic People’s Republic of Korea — of assassinating a half-brother of that coun-
try’s leader in an airport in Malaysia? Why do they report this bizarre charge with a straight face?

In both cases, there are compelling reasons to suspect that the stories given out are false and serving an agenda.

In the Ko-
ear case, it draws attention away from a much bigger scandal involving the south Korean ruling authorities.

Yet, in all the U.S. media reports of the Seoul regime’s accusations, there is not one word about the huge political cri-
sis now facing the ruling group in south Korea and the billonaires who are em-
broided in it.

The head of Samsung, the country’s biggest corporation, was arrested on Feb. 17 and charged with giving a $38 million bribe to the south Korean president, Park Geun-hye, who had pardoned the Sam-

The Pentagonal is also preparing to in-
stall THAAD missile system, which is aimed at China and Russia as well as the DPRK, in south Korea. China and Russia have denounced this escalation of mili-
tary threats in the region as raising the danger of nuclear war.

It shouldn’t take a rocket scientist to see that the U.S. ruling class — including both the Trump camp and those against him — has a great deal at stake in divert-
ing attention away from the mass up-
risings threatening to topple the corrupt Park regime in south Korea.

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**By Taryn Fiekew**  
**New York**

Dozens of musicians pretended not to know each other while carrying huge instruments and marching in sync. They took stops inside Grand Central Station, texting on their phones and keeping an eye out for notifications. About 50 musicians had been hired to perform the famous “Ode to Joy” from Beethoven’s 9th Symphony.

They were supposed to appear as a “flash mob,” an event that draws the attention of crowds by appearing spontaneous—like in a public space. Of course, the flash mob had been planned far in advance, but its success would depend on its secrecy.

However, when the musicians took their places and unpacked their instruments, about a dozen activists from different anti-racist, anti-imperialist organizations gathered nearby with a banner. It seemed part of the sudden event and no one needed to stop them. As Beethoven’s 9th rang out across the main hall of Grand Central Station, the multinational, multigendered ensembles held up the 9-foot banner with a yet powerful message: “USA Out of Everywhere.”

A firm called Big Hit Events had been contracted to pull off Beethoven’s 9th in Grand Central as part of a video propaganda campaign to promote the White Helmets. As reported in WW and other media, the New York action was called by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (based in New York), would be hard-pressed to interfere with the concert, allowing the activists to demand war. But, by portraying the Syrian government as evil, it is meant to discourage the anti-war movement from mobilizing to stop U.S. intervention. What the ruling class wants is for every- one to stay home.

As the banner wound its way around the musicians, three activists made their way into the impromptu orchestra pit, holding signs up that read “Hants off Syria!” “This is U.S. war propaganda” and “No U.S. bases in Syria.”

The activists were silent and did not interfere with the concert, allowing the music to serve as a powerful backdrop to the action itself. The PR agency that had spent tens of thousands of dollars to ar- gue for war was now providing a platform for an anti-war agenda instead.

“This was a really creative action,” said one organizer. “We made a big impact with just a handful of people, and nobody got pick uped”—meaning kid-napped by the police.

While the flash mob was contracted by PR agency, the actual client remains unknown. However, after the action, an army of journalists, writers and so-called activists all connected to a shady PR firm, The Syria Campaign, took to social media to loudly condemn it.

In the end, though, praise far out- weighed the negative feedback: Tweets from the action were shared more than 2,000 times, and video taken of the peaceful disruption received more than 70,000 views.

The musicians, who worked wonder- ful anti-war messages, expressed frustration that they hadn’t been informed of the purpose—or the true patron—of the performance. Activists were careful not to touch or disturb the musicians’ musical instruments at any time.

With Trump in the White House, only a suicidal left would support more im-perialist war. Anything that enables the capitalists to pass more guns off from the military to the police must be vigorously opposed. Anything that encourages more working-class and oppressed people in the U.S. to kill and oppress their sisters, broth- ers and siblings overseas, with a good chance that they’ll end up dead or hurt themselves, is completely reprehensible.

As the warm reaction to this most re-cent “peace” action showed, the working class and oppressed are waking up to the fact that the U.S. establishment has nothing to offer them under a capitalist system.

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**By Greg Butterfield**

Opponents of the U.S.-Ukraine war against the Donbass region of eastern Europe picketed at frigid United Nations headquarters in New York on March 5.

They chanted: “No NATO! No Trump! U.S. out of Ukraine!”

Signs demanded, “Trump: Poroshenko — Stop bombing Donbass” and “Down with oligarchs and fas-cists from Kiev to Washington.”

The protest was part of the Inter- national Day Against Genocide of People in Donbass, held in at least 16 cities worldwide. Demands in- cluded an immediate end to Ukrain- ian military attacks on the independ- ent Donetzk and Lugansk regions; an end to the economic blockade of the Donbass region; that the inter- national community force Kiev to respect the terms of the Minsk peace agreement; and an International War Crimes Tribunal for Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko.

In New York, activists also raised the case of Alexander Kushnarev of Odessa, who was detained by the Kiev regime on Feb. 23. He is the father of Gennady Kushnarev, one of 48 anti-fascists killed by Ukrainian na- tionalists on May 2, 2014, at the Odessa House of Trade Unions.

Larry Holmes of Workers World Par- ty emphasized: “We are opposed to the [U.S. President Donald] Trump regime and its attack on the workers and op- pressed here and around the world. And we are opposed to the campaign by Trump’s bourgeois opponents to whip up a war fever against Russia and our broth- ers and sisters in Donbass. International solidarity against imperialism is essen- tial to stopping the threat of a wider war.”

The New York action was called by the International Action Center.

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**By Jim McNahan**

A huge Black Lives Matter march of around 2,000 people took place in Seat- tle on Saturday, March 4. The young, multimonial, multiracial crowd overflowed the plaza at Seattle Community College.

Some in the march carried signs saying “Justice for Ben Keita,” an 18-year-old Black Muslim student in Lake Stev- ens, Wash. His body was found hanging from a tree in the woods on Jan. 9. The medical examiner and the cops ruled it a suicide, but his parents are skeptical since Keita was upbeat and ambitious about going to college.

The police investigation into Keita’s death has been very slow, and the medi- cal examiner has now called the cause of his death to be undetermined. The state Council on American-Islamic Relations has called for a federal investigation into this apparent lynching, especially due to the rise of hate crimes permitted and encouraged by the regime of U.S. President Donald Trump.

The demonstration marched to the site of a youth jail, where a long street meeting was held. Black Lives Matter leaders denounced the $210 million plan to expand and remodel the jail, including the expansion of a massive new youth courthouse. The complex, which is right in the Black community, jails a disproportionately high percentage of people of color.

Only days before, forces opposed to the youth jail were double-crossed by the liberal Seattle city administration. The city had promised opponents of the jail the right to appeal the construction permit, but that right was turned down in the permit hearing.

Losers in the march who marched to the Umoja Peace Center in Central District, a Black community. Omari Tahir-Garrett, a longtime activist and resident of the Peace Center, had recently been jailed for a week and evicted from the property, where he has lived for many years.

Tahir-Garrett spoke to the marchers from his front porch about the violence of his arrest and eviction, which was done illegally in the interests of new in- vestment under pressure. The Peace Cen- ter, which houses the homeless, has at- tracted interest as a center of opposition to the gentrification of the community over many years.

The demonstration then marched one block further to Uncle Ike’s, a high-end, high-volume, white-owned marijuana shop. Demonstration leaders pointed out that Uncle Ike’s flaunts its ability to peddle marijuana as the “face of capital- ism” while huge numbers of Black people remain in prison for selling marijuana nearly before the drug was legalized.

The demonstration remained in front of Uncle Ike’s until all the customers had left and the parking lot was empty.
Las ocupaciones son una táctica de la izquierda que las/os comunistas perfeccionaron en los tiempos antiguos. Como Sam Marcy explicó en el libro “High Tech, Low Pay” (Tecnología, bajo salario), “La incuestación y ocupación de las plantas y otras instalaciones tienen el efecto de acelerar una crisis en la relación entre empleadores y trabajadores. Puede cambiar la forma de la lucha, sacarla de sus estrechos confines e ampliarle una perspectiva más amplia. Realmente, saca a la luz la contradicción que la clase obrera debe avanzar para abarcar en sus filas a los trabajadores de todos los sectores.”

Un cuidadoso recuento de votos en las elecciones ecuatorianas del 19 de febrero demostró que Lenin Moreno, el candidato presidencial del actual partido gobernanza Alianza País, era el más cerca de la victoria en la primera vuelta, terminando muy por delante de los otros siete candidatos.

Como la elección para presidente pasará a una segunda vuelta el 2 de abril, queda la posibilidad de una intervención activa por parte de Estados Unidos y el imperialismo de la Unión Europea para impedir una victoria de Moreno, el candidato más progresista. La intromisión y subversión imperialista para apoyar fuerzas reaccionarias en América Latina ya ha resultado en una victoria electoral en Argentina y un golpe parlamentario en Brasil. También están maniobrando para derrocar a Nicolás Maduro en Venezuela y a Evo Morales en Bolivia, además del golpe de Estado contra Evo a través de Álvaro García Linera.

La victoria de Kyle Moreno ofrece lecciones valiosas para las/os trabajadores. Sólo han existido seis presidentes: Gompers en Estados Unidos y otros en Europa. ¿Estaría bien que el 30 por ciento de los votos. Moreno obtuvo más de 11 puntos por delante del banquero Guillermo Lasso, el principal candidato del gran capital ecuatoriano y el imperialismo, que recibió el 28,1 por ciento. Los neoliberales ecuatorianos se dividieron, con un segundo candidato pro-imperialista obteniendo aproximadamente el 16 por ciento de los votos.

Moreno tiene paralelo y ha sido un vintage defender de las personas con discapacidades. De acuerdo con la ley electoral del Ecuador, para ganar en la primera vuelta un candidato debe obtener más del 50 por ciento de los votos o recibir el 40 por ciento de los votos y estar por 10 por ciento del otro candidato. Así que ciertamente quedó muy por debajo.

Las/os trabajadores dentro de Alianza País ganaron la elección a la Asamblea Nacional, con menos del 60 por ciento de los votos. Entonces, más bien pido a sus empleadores dar a las/os trabajadores un día libre para protestar contra la ola anti inmigrante. ¿Estaría bien que el 30 por ciento de los votos.

Por Ed Childs

¿Estados Unidos no se meta con Ecuador!

Abraham Obama, está empezando a frustrar cualquier movimiento de los países al sur de la frontera hacia la soberanía y la independencia económica. Específicamente declaró que Hugo Chávez fue elegido presidente de Venezuela en 1998, Washington ha tratado todas las medidas prosiguiendo una intervención activa por parte de Estados Unidos y el imperialismo de la Unión Europea para impedir una victoria de Moreno, el candidato más progresista. La intromisión y subversión imperialista para apoyar fuerzas reaccionarias en América Latina ya ha resultado en una victoria electoral en Argentina y un golpe parlamentario en Brasil. También están maniobrando para derrocar a Nicolás Maduro en Venezuela y a Evo Morales en Bolivia, además del golpe de Estado contra Evo a través de Álvaro García Linera.

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