ISIS, Netanyahu, Iran – U.S. imperialist plans unravel

By Fred Goldstein

Two deeply related issues that are of concern to anti-imperialists have been stirring U.S. capitalist politics. The first is the speech by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu given to a joint session of Congress and his subsequent victory in the Israeli elections. The second is the nuclear talks involving, on one side, the U.S., its imperialist partners plus Russia and China and, on the other, the Iranian government.

Along with the nuclear talks, another development that has drawn the attention of anti-imperialists around the world is Iran’s recent intervention, along with the leader of the Iranian Quds forces and Iranian-allied militias, in the struggle inside Iraq against ISIS.

The controversy in the ruling class is generated by fear, on the part of the camp of the right wing and conservatives, that the Obama administration has used the nuclear talks to engineer a rapprochement with Tehran. On the other hand, it is obvious that the Obama administration and the active U.S. military high command are desperate to find some points of support to keep their military strategic situation from completely unravelling in the region, from Afghanistan to North Africa.

Hypocritical U.S. uproar over Netanyahu

The uproar caused by the rift between the Obama administration and the settler regime in Tel Aviv was inflamed by Netanyahu’s desperate campaign speech pledging never to recognize a Palestinian state. The Likud party, a party whose program clearly states:

“a. The Jordan river will be the permanent eastern border of the State of Israel.”

“b. Jerusalem is the eternal, united capital of the State of Israel and only of Israel. The government will flatly reject Palestinian proposals to divide Jerusalem.”

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“d. The Jewish communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza are the realization of Zionist values. Settlement of the land is seen as part of the defense of the vital interests of the State of Israel. The Likud will continue to strengthen and develop these communities and will prevent their uprooting.” (Informed Comment, Aug. 4)

The Zionist ruling class of Israel always aimed to establish complete sovereignty over the West Bank, Gaza and all the land up to Jordan — even before it expelled the Palestinians from their homeland by force and violence, including the use of unspeakable terrorism.

The U.S. ruling class has always known this, but has never exposed it. The U.S. has carried on “negotiations” between the Israelis and the Palestinians with full knowledge that the Zionist leadership was pledged never to yield any genuine sovereignty to a Palestinian state.

Now Washington is stuck with a “partner” that openly acknowledges the fraudulent nature of any negotiation for a sovereign Palestinian state involving the U.S. imperialist plans unraveling, on one side, the U.S., its imperialist partners plus Russia and China and, on the other, the Iranian government.

Activists with the revolutionary youth group FIST (Fight Imperialism, Stand Together) at the Spring Rising march in Washington, D.C., March 21. See page 8.

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YOUTH TAKE PART IN ‘SPRING RISING’ ACTIONS

UVA protest against police brutality.
By Dianne Mathiowetz
Selma, Ala.

Among the many tens of thousands of people who marched in a sea of humanity across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on March 8 were some of Selma’s heroic freedom fighters of today.

“They are the workers at Lear Selma, a plant owned by a Fortune 500 company that pays poverty wages and produces car seats for multinational auto giant Hyundai. Its nonunion assembly plant in nearby Montgomery, Ala., employs 4,000 workers.”

Between Selma and Montgomery along U.S. Highway 80 — the route of the historic 1965 march following “Bloody Sunday,” which forced the passage of the Voting Rights Act — are several small auto parts plants that supply Hyundai.

The largely female, African-American workforce at Lear Selma says that they are “allowed to freely organize” and that workers are paid “for the foam cushions are making them sick. They charge the company with failing to provide sufficient ventilation and protective gear, resulting in chronic asthma, bronchitis and other respiratory illnesses.”

In addition, production workers make $12 an hour or less despite the fact that some have worked there for 10 years, since the opening of the plant. In 2008, they filed a lawsuit against wage theft, proving that the company had failed to pay them overtime. They are actively organizing to join the United Auto Workers union.

On March 7, a delegation of Lear Selma faith leaders and other supporters travelled Highway 80 to Hyundai’s corporate headquarters in Montgomery to personally deliver a letter detailing the hazardous working conditions and poverty wages paid by Hyundai’s supplier.

The workers were callously turned away by company security, which refused to even deliver the letter. Back in the bad old days before socialist revolutionaries tried in conjunction with the 50th anniversary commemoration of the 1965 march, these courageous workers told their story, making it clear that the fight for jobs and justice continues today in Selma. In a town of fewer than 20,000, some 40 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. This includes many of the workers at Lear Selma.

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Kim King, a Lear Selma auto worker.

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By Sue Harris

A Senate Select Committee on Intelli-
gence report on the CIA’s use of torture at Guantanamo Bay and other locations states that much of the torture was super-
vised and inspired by psychologists.

The American Psychological Association answered this report by stating: “The doc-
ument reflects a complete lack of under-
citizens’ right to know about the prior action and is the best way to ensure that the United States engages in national security pro-
grams that safeguard human rights and comply with international law. The new del-
tury psychologists and others to ban psych-
ology, and public safety communities.”

Despite this pious disclaimer, James Risen’s book, “Pay Any Price: Greed, Power, and Endless War,” reveals that the APA has not always been able to allow such interrogations. Despite many efforts by the Coalition for an Ethical Psycholo-
gists to bring to light the extent and barbarity of torture tech-
iques used by the CIA are sickening and most shocking.

Both Mitchell and Jessen had doctor-
at least in their fields unrelated to interrogation techniques. However, they had ties to the CIA and military, and had been recom-
mitment for their work. They have suggested for eliciting information from detainees was to use the concept of “learned helplessness,” which was de-
developed by E.P. Seligman in his research work on dogs and animals.

In 2009, Democracy Now interviewed Salon national correspondent Mark Ben-
jamín and Vanity Fair journalist Kath-
een Egan, both of whom worked for the CIA in 2007 on Mitchell and Jessen. Egan said, “Psychologists loaned their names and trained their credentials and their Ph.D.s to this kind of activity and essentially were used by the Bush administration to provide a kind of ‘get out of jail free’ card for the people who were, you know, doing these interrogations.” (democracynow.

By Leslie Feinberg, author of Stone Butch Blues

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Capitalists swarm in as Arctic warms up

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Summer temperatures in Alaska have increased by 5 degrees Fahrenheit in the past 30 years, while median winter temperatures have increased by 4 degrees. Southeast Alaska, during this past January and February, was consistently 8 to 10 degrees warmer than normal. This has resulted in the melting of ice, which has had a significant impact on the marine environment. The Arctic is not just a wilderness, where companies can rush in and reap massive profits. People have lived there for the past 5,000 years, mainly in no-

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It is molded to fit the purpose of those in power. For that reason, the most lucrative positions in the field of scientific research and engineering are in the military. The U.S. military, through its eco-

The skills of scientists, information technologists and engineers are also hortized to fit the needs of other corporate indu-

Rainbow Solidarity in DEFENSE of CUBA

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Protesters demand $15 minimum wage in Philly
Philadelphia, named the poorest big city in the U.S. by a recent census report, has become the poorest city to discuss a $15-an-hour minimum wage. On March 4 more than 150 workers, activists and faith leaders, organized by 15NOW, packed Philadelphia City Hall to urge officials to legislate against poverty wages. Dozens of low-wage workers in Philadelphia, all about the urgent need to raise the minimum wage, which is a paltry $7.25 in Pennsylvania. Despite a state law that makes it illegal for cities to raise minimum wages locally, supporters are hoping that such a resolution will trigger a legal and legislative challenge to the state. (Eyewitness report from Scott Williams)

Papa John's delivery workers in NYC to get $2.1 million in back pay
A New York City Supreme Court judge on March 3 ordered the owner of five Papa John's restaurants in the Harlem section of Manhattan to pay out more than $2.1 million in back pay and damages to hundreds of delivery workers. The court found that franchisee New Majority Holdings and owner/operator Ronald Johnson consistently paid workers less than the minimum wage, stole workers' wages and illegally withheld overtime. This judgment comes less than a month after a New York court ordered another Papa John's franchisee, paying about $800,000 in back pay for stolen wages. Luis Suarez, a worker at a Manhattan Papa John's restaurant, urged more workers to stand up against wage theft, stating, "I ask my colleagues not to remain silent against injustice, and to demand payment for the hard work they do." (ag.nyc.gov, Mar. 5)

Senate Republicans move to block pro-union regs
The U.S. Senate voted on March 4 to block a newly enacted National Labor Relations Board regulation which reduces the amount of time workers have to wait between signing union cards and holding union elections from a median of 38 days to 11. The regulation, which was first reported by Workers World on Dec. 28, is designed to prevent companies from using worker intimidation to influence union elections. The House of Representatives is expected to follow the Senate in blocking the regulation, but President Barack Obama has vowed to veto the block and uphold the NLRB ruling. (RIRealitycheck.org, Mar. 5)

Women's economic status: mostly worse or same after 10 years
The study “Status of Women in the States: 2015,” published in March by the Institute for Women's Policy Research, reports that women workers’ economic status has gotten worse or stayed the same in almost half the 50 states and the District of Columbia over the last 10 years. The IWPR used four indicators to evaluate women’s economic status based on full-time, year-round work: the percentage of women in the workforce, the number of women in professional or managerial positions, women’s median yearly earnings, and the gender wage gap. Women constitute the majority of the low-wage workforce, while higher paid technology and engineering jobs remain dominated by men. White women are paid on average 22 cents less than white men, or 78 cents, though the gap increases for women of color, with Latinas earning the least. The gap is closed for women in unions by almost 60 cents. Women workers in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic states fared the best, while those in Southern states fared the worst. Based on current statistics, the survey estimates the wage gap will not close entirely until the year 2058. (RIRealitycheck.org, Mar. 12) That means we need to do some really major things soon!
By Dianne Mathiowitz

Philadelphia

Classrooms where they are needed.

Many participants wore the brightly colored T-shirts of their area’s campaign to support economic justice and a livable wage.

Underlining the confidence that they will win, program speakers listed the achievements of their movement — such as legislation in states and cities across the country raising the minimum wage to $15 an hour in Seattle and Los Angeles, and decisions wrestled across the country raising the minimum wage to $15 an hour.

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Most speakers were young people of color whose stories of hard work and poverty conditions resonated with an audience that cheered them on when they confessed to being nervous about speaking before such a large crowd.

The answer lies with the profit motive.

The city’s economist, Michael J. Burt, was in a session that connected the fight against racism with the struggle for union rights, decent pay and safe working conditions.

Expressing their enthusiasm for the upcoming national day of action in April, when many tens of thousands of low-wage workers and their allies will march and rally in hundreds of cities, the conference spilled out of the church and took to the streets of Atlanta.

The activists took over Atlanta’s famous Auburn Avenue on the way to the McDonald’s next to Grady Hospital.

This surplus came to light after one teacher, tired of using textbooks that students needed to pass its tests, McGraw-Hill, which produces the branded math curriculum used by most of Philadelphia’s K-5 schools, is part of a Pennsylvania consensus on standardized tests have. CTB McGraw-Hill, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and Pearson Education, who write and grade these tests, also publish the books students need to prepare for them. Test questions are often taken verbatim from these textbooks.

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The chant “The people unite against police violence!” became the rallying cry of the day.

Workers World received news early in the morning on March 23 that protesters seeking justice for the police killing of Alex Nieto had chained themselves to the headquarters of the San Francisco Police Department in protest, effectively shutting it down.

On March 21 people had gathered at the top of the hill in Bernal Heights Park for a one-year community commemoration at the site where young Nieto was killed by San Francisco police in 2014. Nieto’s mother and mother were both present. The authorities had decided in February not to charge the police who killed Nieto. An altar decorated with white, pink and red flowers marked the spot where Nieto was killed.

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What you can do for the Boston school bus drivers

By Joe Mchawar

Victory may still be in the air with the “not guilty” verdict on March 5 in the trumped-up felony case against union leader Steven Kirschbaum, but the uphill battle facing the school bus drivers in Boston is not over yet.

The four fired leaders of United Steelworkers Local 8753 — Vice President and Pension Administrator Steven Gillis, Recording Secretary and Charlestown Chief Steward Andre Francois, Steward and former three-term president Gary Murchison and Grievance Chair and founding member Kirschbaum — have been out of work since October of 2013.

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Police violence sparks campus protests

By Monica Morehead

Martese Johnson, a 20-year-old African American, has been added to the already too-long list of victims of brutal, racial profiling by the police. Unlike the stolen lives of Michael Brown, Tamir Rice, Marley Garﬂam, Jessie Hernandez and countless other children, Johnson survived to bravely tell the world that his Black life matters.

Johnson, a University of Virginia (UVA) junior and an elected representative to the Honor Committee, where he serves as vice chair for community relations at the school, claimed that he was among three white police agents of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) in the early morning of March 18 outside the Trinity Irish pub, adjacent to the campus. In Virginia, there are 100 statewide agents who have been assigned full police powers to deter underage drinking and enforce liquor laws in the state’s bars and restaurants. The campus administration requested that the agents monitor underage drinking mainly among fraternity and sorority students, where women are routinely sexually assaulted during parties.

In this instance, Johnson was arrested on an accusation of “obstruction of justice” and “public intoxication” after he was refused entrance to the pub. The ABC claimed that Johnson attempted to show a fake ID to get into the pub. Johnson’s lawyer, Daniel Watkins, refuted that argument at a March 19 press conference. The ABC also claimed that Johnson was “belligerent” and “intoxicated” following his arrest.

The co-owner of the pub, Kevin Badke, stated that Johnson was “cordial” and “respectful” and was not intoxicated when he was refused entrance to the pub because he did not verbally give the ID that exactly matched that on his Chicago ID. (absnews.gom, March 22)

Moments later, Johnson was attacked by ABC agents.

A video was taken of Johnson, with his head bloodied, forced to lie on his stomach with three police officers’ knees on his back, and being handcuffed. He said repeatedly, “I go to UVA,” and, “This is racist,” as horrified onlookers saw the assault. Johnson was so badly hurt that he required 12 stitches to his head.

As the images of the police assault went viral on social media, especially on Twitter under the #BlackLivesMatter, at least 1,000 angry students spontaneously gathered outside of the bar in solidarity with Johnson. The protest marched to UVA’s Virginia Union to demand a degree that an emergency meeting was held at Newcomb Hall on UVA’s campus between mainly Black students, local police chiefs and even Virginia’s Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran. The students wanted to know why three white ABC officers beat Johnson and why did not get the answers they sought, more than 100 of them stormed out of the meeting shouting “Black lives matter!”

Protests reached to the African American Affairs Office across campus, chanting “No justice, no peace! No racist police!” Johnson was marching with them and spoke at their rally.

Not an isolated incident

Arryn Frazier, an activist in the campus-based Black Student Alliance, stated at the same rally, “These incidents are not isolated. Not in Charlottesville, not in New York and not across the nation. Instead, they are products of a very sick justice system. Though what happened to Martese is horrific, it has been a problem in Charlottesville long before this. If we don’t do something right now, we are going to have it long after.” (Washington Post, March 20)

What happened to Johnson is part of the ongoing racist legacy of the UVA, which was founded in 1819 by Thomas Jefferson, a slaveholder. The school was built on the backs of enslaved African people. In 2007, the university’s governing board approved a resolution of “re-gret” for the school’s superexploitation of slaves.

But as the treatment of Johnson shows, the legacy of white-supremacy is alive and well on UVA’s campus and in the Charlottesville community. For instance, in 2004, the Charlottesville police asked Black men to “voluntarily” provide their DNA samples as part of a search for a serial rapist.

Black students also point to the double standard of treatment by the police and the media, as in the cases of two missing youth. Hannah Graham’s case gained much notoriety. She was a white student who was missing for five weeks in 2014 until her body was found. A similar case in 2012 concerning a missing local Black teenager, Dashad “Sage” Smith, has gone virtually unnoticed.

Due to the pressure of the growing protest by Black students and staff, and the pressure the school administration has called for an investigation of the ABC’s intimidating tactics.

The Johnson incident brought to light that what occurred in April 2013 with another UVA student, Elizabeth Daly. The ABC confronted her at gunpoint for supposedly illegally transporting beer. It turned out to be sparkling wine. She won a lawsuit against the ABC and was granted $200,000.

Black students, who are about 6 percent of the UVA’s 16,000 undergraduate student population, have complained of being racially profiled in the bar area known as the “The Corner” and also in the fraternity house section.

Black Lives Matter activists arrested

By Scott Williams

Philadelphia Police Chief Charles Ramsey and District Attorney Seth Williams planned to address a local Town Hall on March 19 with the intention of white-washing recent police killings which have led to the movement against police brutality in the city and the country.

Before the event could start, however, around 40 demonstrators from the Philadelphia Coalition for REAL Justice (Radical Action, Democratic and Legal) Justice as well as Action against Black Genocide, the Trayvon Martin Organizing Committee and others confronted these establishment ﬁgures with chants of “No justice, no peace, no racist police.”

When the protesters stepped in front of the speakers, top civilan affairs police started aggressively pushing them. The scene erupted as more police attacked protesters. The Philly police, long considered a violent, criminal organization that has been called “the poorest big city in America.”

This explosion of violence by the police was posted immediately online on the Internet. Media from across the U.S. showed that the Philadelphia police in 2008, he has trained 1,500 police in the use of AR-15 assault rifles. That means the Philadelphia police in 2008, he has trained 1,500 police in the use of AR-15 assault rifles. That means the police were ready at any moment to wage war against this majority African city, which the Philadelphia Inquirer describes as “the poorest big city in America.”

Arrests in tradition of racist Rizzo

The Philadelphia police are historical- ly violent, criminal organization that crushes its opposition. Frank Rizzo, the right-wing police chief-turned-mayor in the 1960s and 1970s, used terror against the Black Panthers, anti-war activists and anyone building a strong political movement on the left.

Rizzo’s legacy is not a thing of the past. In the 1980s, the Philly police framed Mumia Abu-Jamal and tried to legally Lynch him through the courts. In 1979 and 1985, the Philly police laid siege to the MOVE house from helicopters and Round of ammunition and dropped explosives on the MOVE house from helicopters, eventually killing 11 people and burning down 65 leases in West Philadelphia.

The vicious machinations of the Philadelphia police did not end 30 years ago. Heavy repression in the buildup to the 2000 Republican Convention, the November 2011 eviction of Occupy Philadelphia and the current attacks on Philadelphia Black Lives Matter movement proves that the Philadelphia police — no matter how progressive their leadership wants to appear — is still a wildly repressive, anti-democratic organization.

In response to the latest incident, the Philadelphia Coalition for REAL Justice immediately released a statement condemning the police violence. “This is just another example of cops abusing their power. We have the right to peacefully assemble and question those in positions of power. Tonight, Philly police responded with arrests and threats of arrest,” said Deandra Jefferson.

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The movement against racist police brutality will continue until the killer cops are charged and justice is won for Brandon Tate-Brown and all victims of police brutality. Now the struggle includes justice for the “Philly 10” and all those whose democratic rights are stolen and abused by police.

Williams is one of the 10 people targeted and arrested by Philadelphia police at the March 19 Town Hall.
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Study exposes racism & why Black girls matter

By Dolores Cox

All human life matters. But throughout U.S. history, that reality has been overshadowed by the doctrine and practice of white supremacy, the law of the land. Racial hatred victimizing people of color has always permeated U.S. society and dictates its policies, public discourse and individual behavior.

Black children become targets at an early age. Public schools are one institution where the lives of Black children, particularly girls and youth, have not mattered sufficiently enough to protect them from an oppressive, punitive educational system.


The report focuses on excessive disciplinary action by public school officials in the form of suspensions and expulsions of Black girls in New York City and Boston school systems. In those schools, suspension rates were more than 30 times higher for Black girls than for white girls. Nationally, suspension of Black girls was six times higher than for white girls.

In New York City, 90 percent of girls expelled were Black. In Boston, it was 63 percent. Black girls’ disciplinary cases were even higher than for Black boys in that city. This racial inequality and disparity affects the lives of Black girls in a multitude of ways, one of which is being in the school-to-prison pipeline. The arrest rate for Black girls was 90 percent higher than for white girls. Statistically, Black girls are the fastest growing population in the juvenile “justice” system.

The AAPF report highlights proven negative impacts on the lives of Black girls and youth caused by zero-tolerance disciplinary policies, and reveals that routine punishment of Black girls is being ignored legislatively and by communities.

Testimonies reveal effects of racism

Testimonies of Black girls in New York City and Boston schools in the 2012-13 school year reveal their concerns. They feel that punishment takes priority over education, teachers and counselors are disinterested and don’t care about them, the curriculum lacks relevance, the teachers lack cultural competence and the policies are unfair. They perceive their teachers as not valuing them and acknowledging their achievements, and say they lose confidence and become discouraged.

Regarding their safety and security, Black girls relate that they feel metal detectors are intimidating, and search routines make them feel violated and like they’re in jail or treated like animals. They fear they may be arrested and actually go to jail due to school administrators referring them to law enforcement.

Many school-age Black girls also experience a high incidence of interpersonal violence. Most live in segregated and/or poor neighborhoods of racially traumatized communities where Black people are concentrated and don’t have access to high-quality education, jobs, adequate housing, food or safety. Additionally, the girls are often burdened with family obligations and caretaking responsibilities, which serve as obstacles to school performance, coupled with racial and gender disparities that create opportunity gaps later in life.

Harsh punishment in school at an early age often leads to poor attendance or dropping out, which results in such long-range ramifications as low-wage jobs, unemployment, poverty and diminished life opportunities. Unemployment rates for young Black women are twice as high as for young white women. Also, Black women workers earn 64 cents on the dollar, while white women earn 78 cents.

Advocates for Black girls state that structural factors contributing to this crisis have to be acknowledged, actively addressed and ameliorated. Administrators and lawmakers must increase their willingness to revise and develop new intervention approaches and policies. This includes a commitment to change security protocols to ensure the protection of girls. Recommendations also include public discourse and community gatherings and listening sessions to break the silence.

The needs and challenges girls face cannot be ignored. Studies of and reports on Black boys facing racial and class gaps must be expanded to include Black girls. Increased resources must be provided for research and supportive programs to less- en their vulnerabilities. More attention must be given to improve girls’ quality of life and eliminate racial bias.

Information in the AAPF report was obtained from the federal government’s ‘My Brother’s Keeper’ Task Force Initiative (2014), Institute for Women’s Policy Research, U.S. Census Bureau, Office of Civil Rights Data Collection and the U.S. Department of Education.

Event marks women's global federation at 70

By Sue Davis

New York

The call for international solidarity in the fight for women’s equality and justice was loud and clear on March 17 as representatives of the Women’s International Democratic Federation (Federación Democrática Internacional de Mujeres) held its annual meeting at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York City.

The accomplished actor, educator and activist, Vinie Burrows, the WIDF-FDIM representative to the U.N., opened the meeting with a short video and led a rousing cheer celebrating the freedom of the Cuban 5, whom the U.S. unjustly imprisoned for so many years.

Alicia Campos Perez, a member of the Cuban Women’s Federation and a coordinator of the American and Caribbean Regional Office of the WIDF-FDIM, chaired the meeting. She noted that the organization, founded in 1945 by socialist and communist women, was marking its 70th anniversary dedicated to international solidarity and the struggle for peace. WIDF-FDIM’s mission is “to promote the presence of women in decision making at all levels, combating discrimination and violence against women, and denouncing inequality practiced against women.” She added, “We have a long way to go to achieve those goals.”

Campos introduced a panel, entitled “Beijing + 20, Women and Work: Equal Pay for Equal Work,” which assessed women’s progress in their countries 20 years after the U.N.’s Fourth World Conference on Women held in China in 1995.

‘A strong women’s movement is a must’

Maria Gabriela announced that the Angola Women’s Organization is countering economic inequality with a national educational campaign at the community level. Viviane Prado, representing the Brazilian architects union, noted that women are fighting an uphill battle for equal wages there. Delia Selene de Dios, of the National Union of Mexican Women, stressed that the Mexican economy is going backwards because the current neoliberal government is in service to the world banks. She condemned the “eminization of low-paid work.”

Pointing out that the U.S. prison population is the largest in the world, Berta Joubert-Ceci, of the Women’s Fightback Network at the International Action Center, noted that poor women of color, jailed mostly for crimes of survival, are the fastest growing segment of prisoners and often encounter widespread sexual abuse and inadequate medical care like many incarcerated women. She denounced the latest U.S. hostility toward Venezuela, saying, “This country, with so many crimes against women, dares to attack the Bolivarian Revolution!”

Joan Salvador, of the organization Gabriela in the Philippines, pointed out that 69 percent of those not in the labor force are women; that the minimum wage is $1 a day, with women earning 35 percent of what men make; and that women contract workers earn a dollar a day. “No wonder there are 12 million Filipino migrant workers all over the world,” she stated.

Two women were recognized from the floor: Layla Naffa Hamanreh, of the Arab Women’s Organization of Jordan, who thanked everyone for their support of the Palestinian struggle. Cheers erupted when she said, “We stand united behind Palestine and all liberation movements.” Bathabile O Dlamini, of the Department of Social Development of the Republic of South Africa, said, “WIDF must work to make the Commission on the Status of Women vital again. A strong women’s rights movement is a must. We cannot allow the CSW to talk about us without us.”

Globalize solidarity with women’

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Antiterrorist operations in the regions of Donbass and Novorossiya are considered illegal by Ukrainian civilian society. It is challenging to determine the exact number of casualties and damaged property since the conflict began in 2014. The situation on the ground is complex and constantly evolving.

The town of Kostiantynivka in northeastern Donetsk exploded in rebellion March 16, following a decision by the city council to withdraw from the AUMF and join the Russian-backed Novorossiya. The protest was initiated by the Answer Alliance, taking place on the anniversary of the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq. On the morning of March 19, seven members of the Upstate Coalition to Ground the Drones and End the Wars were arrested after trying to deliver a “citizen’s indictment” for war crimes to Hancock Air Base commanders. Demonstrators also blocked the main gate of the base with giant books, including “Living under Drones: Death, Injury, and Trauma to Civilians from U.S. Drone Practices in Pakistan,” a report from New York University and Stanford law schools.

Soldiers dragged the books away as “evidence,” opening the possibility that their anti-U.S. war information could be inserted at future anti-drone tradeshows.

“Hellfire” Reaper drones targeting Afghanistan are piloted out of Hancock by soldiers in the 174th Attack Wing of the New York Air National Guard. Drone pilots, sensor operators and maintenance technicians are also trained at the base. Common Dreams estimates that over 2,900 people have been killed by U.S. covert drone attacks in Pakistan, Somalia, Syria and Yemen. (commondreams.org)

On Feb. 17, the Obama administration okayed the widespread export of U.S. armed drones, as U.S. defense corporations push for bigger profits in the global drone market.

The Upstate Coalition has waged a nonviolent campaign against drone warfare at the base since 2010; there have been over 160 anti-Reaper arrests at Hancock in the last five years.

In the afternoon, a crowd gathered at a downtown Syracuse, N.Y., street corner and held up signs protesting past and present wars, including Obama’s request for new war powers from Congress. One speaker talked of being in Baghdad in 2003 as part of a U.S. peace delegation that confronted U.S. Marines who entered the city during the U.S. “Shock-and-Awe” offensive.

A Syracuse University student denounced extensive military funding at the school, including the new Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism and the AUMF, asking the University’s security defense contractor, Syracuse Research Corporation.

As a steady stream of workers driving home honked in support of the rally, a military veteran spoke of the dreadful effects of war on U.S. soldiers. In addition to post-traumatic stress disorder, he named sexual assaults on 25 percent of women soldiers by other U.S. soldiers and homelessness. Twenty-five percent of homeless people are vets, who are disproportionately people of color.

From reports by Sara Flounders, Terri Kay and Minnie Bruce Pratt.
Behind the police killings of people with disabilities

By G. Dunkel

The European Central Bank decided a few years ago that to properly enforce its policy of harsh austerity on countries like Greece, Ireland, Italy and Portugal, it needed a spanking new, luxurious headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany, that cost $1.4 billion.

When Blockupy and other progressive anti-capitalist organizations issued a call to put pressure on the ECB and, therefore, to bring about a financial crisis, the 350 protesters were arrested. A demonstration indicating there is a serious run on the euro, banks, unable to pay their mortgages.

In an appeal to the demonstrators, the organization Red Network (Red Roja) of the Workers World Party People with Disabilities Caucus, is a person with an emotional disability is "Do you own a gun?"

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the case of Sheehan v. San Francisco, after a woman with psychological disabilities, Teresa Sheehan, was shot and almost killed by the police. She successfully sued the city for violating her civil rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Now San Francisco is asking the high court to abolish its annual march to protest against austerity policies that work in our own favor.

The state of Greece is in a state of emergency and has been under austerity measures for five years, have been refused hospital care and/or have lost their homes to the banks, unable to pay their mortgages.

Eighty-five thousand students have voted to support a province-wide strike. This coalition is planning to call a provinccwide general strike on May Day.

Montreal students against austerity

For Quebec, it wasn't that cold — negative 32 degrees Fahrenheit, with a 10-mile-per-hour wind and only light snow. Some 5,000 students came out March 21 to an "illegal" march to protest the effects of austerity and the oil industry, according to Camille Godbout, the spokesperson for the Association of Solidarity of Unions and Students (ASSE), which called the action.

Godbout told the La Presse Canadienne that 45,000 students will walk out over the next two weeks and that 145,000 are considering what to do. The ASSE has called for protests in Montreal every other Saturday.

Austerity met with mass, militant protests

By Edward Yudelovich

In a Jan. 29 letter, Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey noted in the autopsy report she had reviewed of her father, Billy Beaird, that "there is insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt" that police officers Armando Ornelas, Leonar-do Ortiz and Michael Alesandri did not act in self-defense and in defense of others" during the Dec. 13, 2013, fatal shooting of a 91-year-old man who was described as a "family friend of a Guard veteran with disabilities, including diagnosed paranoia, schizophrenia and post-traumatic stress syndrome. (Los Angeles Times, Feb. 23)

The DA's decision not to press charges came despite Los Angeles Police Department Chief Charlie Beck's 2014 statement that the use of force by police was "justified," and despite the LA City Council vote that taxpayers — not the cops who killed Beaird — pay a $5 million federal settlement. "I would killed Beaird — pay a $5 million federal vote that taxpayers — not the cops who identified," and despite the LA City Council that the officers' use of force was "not jus-

"Why do cops kill so called 'mentally ill' people?"

Was this an isolated incident? Or is it part of U.S. law enforcement policy for treatment of people with emotional, psychologi-cal and mental disabilities? At least half of the people [annually] shot and killed by [U.S.] police ... have mental health problems," stated a 2013 report by the Treatment Advocacy Center and National Sheriffs' Association, which assessed 1980-2008 data. (Justifiable Homicides by Law Enforcement, tarecports.org) Why?

On May 1, 2013, Wendy Brennan, National Alliance on Mental Illness of New York City executive director, testified at an American Psychiatric Association hearing that "there is a strong belief ... that people with serious mental illness are danger-ous and [commit] ... a significant amount of the violence in this country," according to an American Journal of Psychiatric study [said] only 5 percent of violent crimes ... can be attributed to people with mental health problems."

In July 2012, the American Psychiatric Association stated: "This position state-ment was proposed by the Workgroup on Violence Risk of the Council on Psy-

"The vote is not enough. The people need to organize. The people need to rule. The people need dignity."

Frankfurt, Germany, March 18.
For most people, it should be enough to point out that black people are much more likely to be shot by cops than white people. That pretty much proves the cops mete out violence with a racist dou-
ble standard. For black people there is still no doubts about that overwhelming bias, another simple comparison should finish the argument.

Although we know police lie a lot to protect their interests, for this compar-
ison it’s unnecessary to go far beyond the cops’ own reports. In 2013, an American-African wom-
am named Miriam Carey was driving in Washington D.C., with her 1-year-old daughter in the car. She allegedly drove into a security checkpoint. After a chase, U.S. Secret Service and Capitol Police officers killed her by firing a volley of shots at the car. They hit Carey with five bullets, kill-
ing her. By some miracle, her daughter wasn’t hit.

In mid-March, someone in or near Mesa, Ariz., went on a shooting ramp-
age, wounding six people and killing one. A 图片中的人s, officers and others identified as a skinhead neo-Nazi, was the cops’ only suspect. He was suspected of murder, armed robbery, kidnapping and aggravated assault.

If you see the pictures of Giroux, whose facial tattoos accurately identify him as a neo-Nazi, you might think the cops would fear this person who their su-
perior officers said had shot just six peo-
ple. Whether he really did what the police claim is unproven as of March 24. We can assume that the cops sent to hunt down Giroux believed he might well be danger-
ous, certainly more dangerous than the del-
inquent gunned down in Wash-
ington, D.C.

But despite this, the SWAT team sent after Giroux did not gun him down in a hail of bullets — at least not yet. He is still alive, as far as we know.

What this difference in police proce-
dure probably comes down to is the case
where the suspect is charged with or suspek-
ted of violent crimes, including murder, and is considered dangerous, the cops have ways to capture him without killing him. We can only suppose those were their or-
ders and they obeyed.

That neo-Nazi Giroux could be brought into alive and well — while Carey was killed and people of color are routinely gunned down and killed by cops around the country — is itself evidence of systemic racism so endemic to police throughout the U.S.

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Israel. Netanyahu has blown their cov-
er.

What has been offered to the Pales-
tinians in the past by Tel Aviv and its U.S. brokers has been肤肢肉 in the U.S. ex-
pressing an apartheid-like bantustan, crisscrossed by Israeli-only highways, Israeli checkpoints and Israeli domina-
tion of the air space and the economy. This has been the version of a “Palestine-
ian state” that they have put on the ta-
ble — and that has been rejected by the Palestinian leadership.

The Zionist leadership would never agree to any genuinely sovereignPale-
tstinian state, for the simple reason that it would become a beacon for the mate-
rial, political and social support of the entire Palestinian diaspora, for the en-
tire community. A Palestinian state would be a threat to the imperialist Arab 
ululation and would eventually challenge the very existence of the Zionist state.

Washington’s political rift with the Netanyahu leadership, however, should not be mistaken for any military/stra-
tegic divergence. Washington and the Pentagon have reiterated during this ex-
treme political crisis that the $3 billion a year in military hardware and strategic coordination of intelligence, spy satel-
tites, etc., will continue without a hitch. Israel is, and always has been, tied by an umbilical cord to U.S. and Western impe-
rialism. It is the only reliable military ally of the rich and geographically vital Gulf region. Tel Aviv has proven this time and again.

ISIS brings havoc to Washington’s position

Now, in light of the advance of ISIS in Syria, Iraq and other parts of the Middle East, and in light of the nuclear talks with Iran, a sharp divergence in political strategic interests has emerged between the Obama administration and the Netanyahu administration.

But a deep difference also exists be-
tween the Obama administration and significant sections of the U.S. ruling 
class. The Washington Post, Henry Kissinger, Gen. David Petraeus (retired and diagnosed) and many other pundits are baying the Obama administration for supposedly catering to Iran. They point to the fact that the Iranian Re-
publican Guard commander, Maj. Gen. Qasem Saleimani, is helping direct the struggle in Iraq to oust ISIS from Tikrit.

John McCain, Lindsey Graham and other militarists are denouncing this as collaboration between Washington and Tehran. They say that it is part of an Obama administration ploy to improve Iran’s position in Iraq in order to facil-
itate the nuclear negotiations, and that this could be a prelude to a realignment in the region.

From the vantage point of the an-
ti-establishment movement in the U.S., it is not possible to grasp the diplomatic and political implications of the Iranian military intervention in Iraq. Only time will tell what has been going on in full sig-
ificance. But for now there is an alternat-
ive interpretation of events.

First of all, ISIS is a mortal enemy of the Muslim religion and Iran. Second, Iranian forces are operating in alliance with Baghdad in order to diminish U.S. imperialist influence and to strengthen Iranian influence in the country. And third, Iran is operating as an indepen-
dent country, and its forces are taking advantage of the cooperation and the con-
promise of the U.S. military on the ground in Iraq. (Of course, it would be highly detrimental if the Iranian forces lent themselves to anti-Sunni reprisals of any sort and did not reach out to the Sunnis in the struggle against ISIS.)

The administration is also being crit-
ized for not guaranteeing the rights of the reactionary, pro-Western, bourgeois and feudal regimes in the region, in addition to endless imperi-
alist aggression, have created a world-
wide basis for ISIS, which is growing in scope.

In this context, the struggle over the nuclear negotiations is more than a struggle over centrifuges and inspec-
tions, although those core issues are visible. The real issue is whether this deal will lead to sectarian strife. Dempsey, of course, cannot afford the luxury of attacking Iranian intervention when the U.S. is preoccupied with what’s going on between victory and defeat for forces backed by the U.S. and Baghdad. Mc-
Cain and Graham immediately criticize these developments, but they do not see the full picture, nor have they said what should be done at the moment on the battlefield.

The Obama administration is be-
tween a rock and a hard place. It has
pledged to destroy ISIS. But it knows the U.S. cannot send in massive U.S.

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Instability in Libya and Tunisia caused by U.S., NATO

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A combined task force of Oakland Po- lice Department, FBI and U.S. Marshals on March 9 chased respected Black community leader Jabari Shaw, causing a crash that injured Shaw’s four-year-old daughter and the driver. Shaw’s friend Mary Valencourt, who was driving, and little Anniyah each have multiple fractures in their legs and other serious injuries. Police later claimed it was a case of mistaken identity. The task force of officers had originally stopped Shaw in plain clothes with weapons drawn. The terrified driver, Valencourt, fearing for their lives, took off and the still un- identified officers gave chase. When one in the fleeing car finally saw some red and blue police lights inside one of the cars, Valencourt tried to stop, but the car was pushed into a para-transit van. The victims say the officers violent- ly pulled them from the car, including Shaw’s daughter, according to an account regarding to aggravating injuries caused by the crash. Officers put guns to the heads of both Shaw and Valencourt. Shaw has muscles torn in his chest and sprains in the rotator cuff in his shoulder. The suspect in both killings of leftists was said to have been Boubacar Hakim, who was sought in connection with the illegal transport of weapons from Lib- ya. ISIS forces are said to have training camps in Libya while engaging in sev- eral high-profile attacks in the capital of Tripoli, as well as in the eastern and southern regions of the country. The Tunisian government claims that the two had gone to neighboring Libya for military training. (New York Times, March 22) Imperialists brought down Libya Extremist organizations based in Libya are a direct outcome of the for- eign policy of Washington, London, Paris, Ottawa and their allies, which co- ordinated the advances of these groups across Libya through massive aerial bombardments that lasted over eight months. Between Feb. 27 and Oct. 31, 2011, NATO planes flew some 26,000 sort- ies and dropped approximately 10,000 bombs on Libya. Tens of thousands were killed and millions more were displaced amid the destruction of the national infra- structure and the plundering of the country’s wealth. Yet the imperialists who carried out the destruction of Libya and empow- ered the extremist groups now wreak- ing havoc on the country are never cited for their culpability in current Western media reports, which ponder how stability can be restored to the oil-rich state on the Mediterranean. Portraits of the two victims of police violence to refer to him in news articles as “the suspect.” According to a public statement on the matter by the Community Ready Corps, “increased collaboration between OPD and federal agencies like the FBI and U.S. Marshals is part of the militariza- tion of local law enforcement.” Mayor Libby Schaaf is working hard to portray her aggressive policing strat- egies as “cracking down on crime” and “helping Oaklanders sleep at night,” but this incident reveals what the “Black Lives Matter” movement has been saying all along: Police are danger- ies as “technocratic administration.” The European Union has reportedly been deliberating over whether it should establish another military force to sup- pressedly secure the Libya-Tunisia border and challenge ISIS and other rebels op- erating in both countries. The EU plan would involve a stronger naval presence in the region, as well as the deployment of ground troops backed by air power. However, the EU announced on March 20 that it would continue to seek a political solution to the Libyan crisis and did not plan to send troopers. But U.N.-brokered talks between the two competing rebel regimes in Libya have failed to bring about the creation of a government of national unity. Adherents to the former Jamahiriya political system under Col. Muammar Gaddafi are barred from participation in the current U.S.-imposed political ar- rangement in Libya. Neither of the two factions working with the imperialists — one based in Tripoli and the other in the eastern city of Tobruk — represents the aspirations of the workers and youth in the country or throughout Africa. Under Gaddafi, African unity to raise up the masses had been the focus of Libya’s foreign policy. A progressive national unity govern- ment cannot be imposed by the impe- rialists, who are only interested in diverting the people into “leftist” or “rightist” camps in Libya while engaging in sev- eral high-profile attacks in the capital of Tripoli, as well as in the eastern and southern regions of the country.

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Shaw says he is still having a hard time breathing normally.

Police filed no charges against either Shaw or Valencourt. Despite this, Shaw says it is hard to turn his attention to him in news articles as “the suspect.” According to a public statement on the matter by the Community Ready Corps, “increased collaboration between OPD and federal agencies like the FBI and U.S. Marshals is part of the militariza- tion of local law enforcement.” Mayor Libby Schaaf is working hard to portray her aggressive policing strat- egies as “cracking down on crime” and “helping Oaklanders sleep at night,” but this incident reveals what the “Black Lives Matter” movement has been saying all along: Police are danger- ies as “technocratic administration.” The European Union has reportedly been deliberating over whether it should establish another military force to sup- pressedly secure the Libya-Tunisia border and challenge ISIS and other rebels op- erating in both countries. The EU plan would involve a stronger naval presence in the region, as well as the deployment of ground troops backed by air power. However, the EU announced on March 20 that it would continue to seek a political solution to the Libyan crisis and did not plan to send troopers. But U.N.-brokered talks between the two competing rebel regimes in Libya have failed to bring about the creation of a government of national unity. Adherents to the former Jamahiriya political system under Col. Muammar Gaddafi are barred from participation in the current U.S.-imposed political ar- rangement in Libya. Neither of the two factions working with the imperialists — one based in Tripoli and the other in the eastern city of Tobruk — represents the aspirations of the workers and youth in the country or throughout Africa. Under Gaddafi, African unity to raise up the masses had been the focus of Libya’s foreign policy. A progressive national unity govern- ment cannot be imposed by the impe- rialists, who are only interested in diverting the people into “leftist” or “rightist” camps in Libya while engaging in sev- eral high-profile attacks in the capital of Tripoli, as well as in the eastern and southern regions of the country.

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Por Fred Goldstein

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