By Berta Joubert-Ceci

From the Ayacucho Hall of Miraflores Palace, Venezuela’s President Nicolás Maduro held a news conference on May 17 to report on the emergency situation and the dangers facing this South American country.

It’s the first time the Venezuelan government has made a call like this on a truly international level. Venezuelan embassy staff and consulates around the world in all time zones were at the conference, along with solidarity activists in different countries, connected by satellite, internet and various social media platforms such as Skype, Twitter and Instagram. Through those platforms, they sent pictures and asked questions of the president.

During the three-hour conference, Maduro explained and discussed in detail the urgent situation: “Venezuela is currently at the top of the list of key target countries of U.S. imperialist aggression.” The president accused the U.S. of imposing an economic blockade and diplomatic aggression that goes beyond the boundaries of what we have experienced in 17 years of the Bolivarian Revolution.” Maduro called for “worldwide solidarity actions seeking destabilization of Venezuela by violent means.

To fulfill his role serving U.S. interests, Secretary General of the Organization of American States Luis Almagro announced on May 13 from Miami that the OAS should apply its Democratic Charter against Venezuela. For the OAS to arrive at a decision, Almagro requested that the National Assembly of Venezuela report on the political situation. Almagro made the announcement at the two-day conference called the “Concordia Summit,” at which 200 rightist representatives of public and private sectors gathered to analyze the situation on the continent.

It’s enough to see the names of the participants to guess its agenda: Luis Alberto Moreno, president of the Inter-American Development Bank, and former presidents and prime ministers, including Luis Alberto La-calle of Uruguay, Sebastián Piñera of Chile, Jorge Qui-
Bond demanded for Rev. Pinkney, political prisoner

By David Sole

Michigan political prisoner Rev. Edward Pinkney had his appeal placed on hold May 12 following oral arguments in his case on May 11. A three-judge panel of the Michigan Court of Appeals in Grand Rapids ordered the appeal “held in abeyance” until the Michigan Supreme Court decides People v. Hall, which could have bearing on the severity of the sentence imposed on Rev. Pinkney. Rev. Pinkney was the leader of an election recall campaign against the mayor of Benton Harbor, Mich. He was charged with felony forgery when five dates on the petition were altered to be altered. No evidence was presented to the all-white jury except that Rev. Pinkney was a vocal and well known African-American activist. In December 2014, he was sentenced to 2 1/2 to 10 years in prison.

Appeal briefs were filed in the fall of 2015 by attorney Tim Holloway, along with amicus briefs from the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Lawyers Guild. On May 11 during the Court of Appeals hearing, Chief Judge Colleen O’Brien asked the attorneys many questions about the sentencing provisions of the law and the impact of the Hall case. The final decision in People v. Hall could be an important factor, separate from the issue of guilt or innocence, in challenging the excessive prison sentence handed down to Rev. Pinkney.

On May 16, Holloway filed a new brief and motion with the court requesting bond and freedom for Rev. Pinkney based on the new status of his case being left undecided, possibly for many months. In anticipation of granting of bond, many supporters have called for donations to be collected.

On May 28, supporters of Rev. Pinkney will demonstrate in his home town of Benton Harbor demanding his freedom. The protest coincides with the Professional Golf Association tour, played on a golf course built on land stolen from a public park given in perpetuity to the people of Benton Harbor. Over a decade ago Rev. Pinkney began protests against the seizure of land from the Jean Klock Park on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Continuing the fight: Justice for Jovian!

By Tommy Cavanaugh

Rockford, Ill.

After Valentina Freso (aka Jovian Blake) was killed by Metro Enforcement security officers on April 16 in Rockford, Ill., his family has held multiple demonstrations to demand charges be brought against the security guards who shot and killed him.

Keeping up the pressure on Metro Enforcement and the Winnebago County State’s Attorney, family and community members held another protest to demand justice for Jovian on May 13. The protest, led by Blake’s mother and other family members, marched around the block of Metro Enforcement’s local office to take the message directly to the private security agency that they will not be silent or let murderers patrol their neighborhoods.

The size of the protests continues to grow as more people in the community become aware of what took place on April 16 and relate that to their own experiences of mistreatment or loss of loved ones at the hands of the police and Metro Enforcement.

Two days later, on May 15, a memorial was held at the site of Blake’s murder. Family and friends spoke briefly of his life working hard to care for his children. Gathered there were also family members of other young Black and Brown men murdered by police, notably the family of Mark Anthony Barmore, whose murder by police outside of a daycare center of a church in 2009 gained national attention. Barmore’s family stated that they will stand with Blake’s family through their struggle with the loss of a loved one and their fight for justice.

Justice For Jovian Blake!

Mundo Obrero
Who are we & what we’re fighting for

Hate capitalism? Workers World Party fights for a socialist society — where the wealth is socially owned and production is planned to satisfy human need. This outdated capitalist system is dragging workers’ living standards while throwing millions out of their jobs. If you’re young, you know they’re stealing your future. And capitalism is threatening the entire planet with its unplanned, profit-driven stranglehold over the means of production.

Workers built it all — it belongs to society, not to a handful of billionaires! But we need a revolution to make that change. That’s why for 57 years WW has been building a revolutionary party of the working class inside the belly of the beast.

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

WWP has a long history of militant opposition to imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. 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The Supreme Court sidesteps birth control challenge

By Sue Davis

The Supreme Court on May 16 separated the consolidated case of Zubik v. Wande, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legaliz

ing abortion. (Washington Post, May 20)

The court ruled that religious nonprofits in California that serve women “without cost, the full range of FDA approved contraceptives.”

The justices also instructed the nonprofits that while litigation moves forward, the goal of the birth control benefit — to provide seamless contraceptive coverage — must remain in place. It also warned enterprises not to further interrupt contraceptive coverage for their employees and students.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote a separate opinion, joined by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, to provide further clarification:

“The opinion does not, by contrast, endorse the petitioners’ position that the existing regulations substantially burden their religious exercise or that contraceptive coverage must be provided through a separate policy, with a separate enrollment process.” Such a separate contraceptive-only policy does not currently exist, and the Government has laid out a number of legal and practical obstacles to their creation.” (Political, May 16)

This ruling is a legal sidestep in the battle over the ACA’s contraceptive mandate. Will the appeals courts be able to unite on a unanimous decision, ending the case, or will it come back to the court after a ninth justice is seated? Stay tuned.

Abortion rights: bad news in some states

A bold, direct attack on the constitutional right to abortion was passed by the Oklahoma Legislature on May 19.

The law would have made it illegal for doctors to perform abortions — which it called “unprofessional conduct” — except if needed to save the life of a pregnant woman. If physicians provided abortions, they would be found guilty of a felony and sentenced to one to three years in prison.

They would also not be able to obtain a medical license in the state.

Despite her opposition to abortion, Gov. Mary Fallin vetoed the bill on May 20, saying it was “so ambiguous and so vague” it couldn’t overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. (Washington Post, May 20)

South Carolina legislators passed a bill on May 17 prohibiting abortions at 20 weeks after fertilization, which Gov. Nikki Haley is expected to sign. The final bill includes no exceptions for rape or incest, but has an exception if a patient’s medical emergency would lead to death or in cases of severe fetal malformation.

The bill is based on copycat legislation authored by the National Right to Life Committee, which justifies the cut-off at 20 weeks based on medical, not religious, grounds. It would be the first such law to be passed in South Carolina.

The bill is not expected to take effect immediately, as the state’s highest court made a similar ruling in 2010.

Protests say ‘No!’ to new cop HQ

Durham, N.C.

Those struggling to shut down the city’s plans to build a $84 million police headquarters here held their seventh weekly picket outside Durham City Hall on May 16.

A coalition of groups known as “Durham Beyond Policing” opposes the new headquarters. Pickets are set to continue as the city debates its budget throughout June.

Earlier, Durham Beyond Policing had given the council May 16 as a deadline to respond to the call from the community to stop the plans to build the new headquarters.

The coalition includes the Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100) Durham chapter; the Durham city workers union, United Electrical Workers Local 150; the Say Her Name collective; Southerners on New Ground (SONG); and others.

Before the vote, Kroger had said its latest contract proposal was its “last, best offer.” After the vote, Kroger agreed to resume bargaining with Local 400 on May 23 but failed to remove the previous contract until June 4. 

UFWC members were backed up at the voting site by numerous labor and community leaders, including members of the Coalition For Justice from Blacksburg; Communication Workers Who are Engineers Union; and Southern Workers Assembly. All of them had support signs and held a banner reading “Solidarity Forever: We Support Kroger.”

A UFCW Local 400 statement after the vote noted, “Kroger’s latest proposals would have provided only slight wage increases and no real cost of living increases for associates. It also fell short of renewing the company’s commitment to providing health insurance for its retirees.”

“By rejecting the union’s offer and voting to authorize a strike,” the statement continued, “we sent a strong, clear message to Kroger: We demand a fair deal and we are willing to fight for it.” (ufcw400.org)

While Kroger offered Local 400 members a 2.5% increase over the next four years, the company gave CEO Rodney McMullen a 17 percent raise to $11.2 million a year. Other executives also received significant increases in pay raises. Kroger is now the largest retail food chain in the U.S., after buying Harris Teeter for cash in 2013. Kroger made $1.4 billion in profits in 2015.

Local 400 members are now engaging in a variety of workplace actions, including picketing at Kroger stores, and external community outreach as part of the current contract campaign. For more information and how to support the campaign, visit www.ufcw400.org.
Police chief fired; #Frisco500 win

By Dave Welsh
San Francisco

May 19 — It’s less than a month since the “Frisco Five” began a hunger strike with a demand: Police Chief Greg Suhr resign or be fired. For five years this chief has been crying crocodile tears while justifying every police killing of a Black or Latino person. For five years, this chief has been vigilantly protected by the mayor, the media and the city’s Dem- ocratic Party. Their only concern is for their re-elections.

This afternoon the mayor fired him.

“We know the power of the people made this happen,” said a spokeswoman for the Frisco Five, whose hunger strike lasted 27 days until they were hospital- ized. “We have won this battle, but the war is not yet over.”

The uppour of news followed a surge of furious, non-stop protests, including a march of 300, led by the Frisco Five in wheel- chairs, from Hunger Strike HQ at Mission Police Station to a rally of nearly 1,000 at City Hall. Their banner read it all: “Black & Brown Unity against Police Impunity.”

The Five in their wheelchairs then dis- rupted the Board of Supervisors meeting — challenging the board to go beyond generalities and actually demand that the chief be fired. A week later, four of the supervisors did just that, adding to the growing chorus.

What may have been a decisive mo- ment came on May 6, when hundreds of localish shooting protagonists took over City Hall and occupied it for seven hours, re- fusing to leave until the chief was fired.

Called the #Frisco500, they held their ground after closing time, until sheriff’s deputies brutally removed them by 10:30 p.m., making 33 arrests.

SFPD kills again: Jessica Williams — #SayHerName

Earlier today, a police sergeant fired one shot at Jessica Williams, 29, a Black woman, apparently after she refused to comply with police orders. She died in the hospital. Police claim she was driv- ing a stolen car in the historically Afri- can-American Bayview district.

“I was her executor and finally trig- gered Chief Suhr’s resignation,” wrote J.P. Massar, an intrepid blogger who puts out timely reports about the people’s welfare. Massar denounced “a police culture that allows firing-squad executions and then has the Chief claim immediately that they are justified.”

“The Anti-Police-Terror Project, based in Oakland, was on the job almost imme- diately as the news of the shooting spread across the twittersphere. They know that in cases like this the police are likely more interested in suppressing evidence and intimidating witnesses, not seeking the truth.”

A group of organizations, including the APTP, Frisco500, The Last 3% of SF, DoNoHarmCoalition and Black Lives Matter Bay Area, quickly organized a night rally for Williams near where she was shot.

The online publication 48 Hills posted this: “Another young person of color dead. Another one in cops’ custody.”

SF Public Defender Jeff Adachi wrote: “It is unacceptable for police encounters with unarmed citizens to end in bullet wounds and body bags… I am deeply disturbed by reports that the young wom- an gunned down today was driving away from police. She was entitled to due pro- cess and above all, she was entitled to her life.” Adachi has requested that the Cali- fornia Attorney General’s Office “open its own civil rights investigation into the SF Police Department.”

Unfortunately, current Attorney Gen- eral Kamala Harris, who is now a Demo- cratic Party candidate for U.S. Senate, has refused to prosecute any police officer in California for killing unarmed Black and Brown people, despite many requests.

Fort McMurray fire
An ecological and financial disaster for workers

By G. Dunkel

The fire that began on May 1 southwest of Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada, has consumed over a million acres of Canadi- an territory, the size of Rhode Island, and is still burning as of May 23. Only a huge soaking rain and cool weather will put it out — something unlikely until the fall.

When, after a few days, the fire reached Fort McMurray itself, diverse city of nearly 90,000 people, Alberta provin- cial officials then called for a “mandatory evacuation.” Those who hadn’t already made their way out of the city, which was created to house workers servicing the tar sands sites just to the north, were able to scatter throughout the town. Work camps near Fort McMurray were assessed as a precaution.

The Fort McMurray sands produce about a quarter of Canada’s oil. Econom- istic analysis expect this prolonged shut- down will significantly impact Canada’s gross domestic product. The fire spread so rapidly that 25,000 people had to flee to north; most evacuees went south, however, where the bulk of Alberta’s people live. Some people left with just the clothes on their backs, but there were no deaths due to fire. Two people fleeing died in a car crash. Fam- ilies were split up and scattered around, and many people needed counseling for post-traumatic stress disorder, especially those who escaped through a raging fire.

Some people from First Nation (Indig- enous) communities were evacuated to homes by boat.

The initial estimates for property lost that were covered by insurance was $86 bil- lion (Canadian). But the Canadian me- dia has stopped reporting the damage costs because the extent of the destruc- tion in Fort McMurray is still unclear. Some neighborhoods were completely destroyed, some partially and some were almost completely spared.

What this means is that nearly 100,000 people — mainly workers — lost their homes and now will have to discov- er what insurance companies will offer to reimburse them. These companies benefit from a policy of “deny, delay and dis- pute.” Renters and people living in the Fort McMurray First Nation generally had no insurance, and many of the First Nations offices and community buildings in the city were destroyed.

First Nation communities in Alberta, both north and south of the city, have provided significant amounts of aid — water, food, gas, and money — to the refugees.

McKay First Nation, about 90 miles south of Fort McMurray, sheltered 3,000 refugees. Alberta is about 6 percent In- digenous.

According to the May 22 Financial Post, many of the skilled trades who do summer work in the oil sands weren’t hired and are unemployed when they had expected to be working.

Firefighters were able to protect most of the infrastructure. About 50 percent of the existing homes in Fort McMurray have had their electricity and gas restored, and the Albertan premier has announced that a phased reoccupation of the city will begin around June 1. Air quality is still poor; one day it was so high that emergency workers in the city needed respirators.

Causes of the fire
Fort McMurray is in the midst of a boreal forest, similar to those covering about 60 percent of Canada’s land area. Boreal forests contain mainly conifers, whose needles, when they drop off, are highly flammable under dry conditions.

This past winter in western Canada, there was almost no snow. This spring’s warm weather due to climate change and a strong El Niño left the floor of the bo- real forests particularly dry. A few light- ning strikes were enough to set off this huge fire.

The carbon pumped into the atmo- sphere by the producing and burning of coal and oil, including from tar sands, is one of the root causes of climate change.

Washington state
Environmental, Indigenous groups protest climate change

By Jim McMahan
Anacortes, Wash.

From May 13 through May 15, the group “Break Free Pacif- ic Northwest” held a weekend of actions to oppose global climate change, on and around March Point, a peninsula where two huge oil refineries owned by Tesoro Corp. and Shell Oil are located. The peninsula, which is near Anac-ortes, sticks out for three miles into the Salish Sea, also known as Puget Sound. The actions includ- ed a march and rally by the Indigenous peoples of the area, a rail- road track blockade with 52 arrests, and a three-day climate conference.

Break Free PNW is composed of at least 40 environmental and social jus- tice groups in alliance with Native peo- ples from around the Salish Sea area. The movement is fighting to break free from fossil fuel use. But “the U.S. is the one’s who’s kept climate negotiations from having enforcement mechanisms,” said Sarrah Tekola from the allied organiza- tion, “Women of Color Speak Out.”

BreakFreePNW.org says, “A just tran- sition from fossil fuels provides real al- ternatives to communities dependent on dirty infrastructure, protects workers’ job security as fossil fuel use declines — supporting the communities most impacted by fossil fu- els, here and around the world.”

Some 150 participants seized the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) tracks leading into March Point as the weekend got underway. The next day, Saturday, May 14, was the Indigenous Day of Action. The local Swinomish Peo- ple and other Native peo- ples led a march of near- ly 1,000 people through April Point, where a rally was held with spea- kers, dancers and drummers.

Although March Point was on reser- vation land, the federal government took March Point from the Swinomish in the 19th century. At this action, people in a hundred kayaks came over from Anac- ortes to demonstrate and converged with the rally.

On May 15, state, local and BNSF cops with guns drawn came and arrested 52 demonstrators who had pitched their oc- cupation tents on the tracks for nearly two days. No trains had been able to come through during this time. The remain- ing 100 occupiers, in defiance, marched up the tracks a ways to attempt a second occupation, but the cops got in front of them. Those arrested were released after six hours.

Organizers are committed to stopping all ten large terminal or infrastructure projects for coal, liquefied natural gas, oil, etc., scheduled for the Northwest. The Lummi Nation was honored at the Saturday rally for stopping the building of a proposed massive coal port on their land by the SSA Marine company.

Break Free events were held around the globe from the May 13 through May 15, with 30,000 participants in 20 civil disobedience actions, according to the BreakFree2016 website.
Detroit activists oppose increased fracking waste

By Martha Grevatt

May 22 — “While union workers insist that the strike will impact Verizon’s customer service calls and equipment installation, Verizon has assured its consumers that this won’t happen,” wrote April 11 Wall Street Daily. “With little to no detectable change in service quality, the strike is seen as a minimal change, as the product itself won’t suffer any deterioration.”

This typical capitalist bravado, put out a day after the Verizon strike began, was based on Verizon’s claims of having trained 10,000 potential scabs to do the work of “those who have opted to picket.”

The initial optimism of Wall Street is now being pumped up by a highly effective strike, currently in its sixth week. Stock value is falling as customer complaints skyrocket. Verizon has acknowledged that large numbers of residential customers are switching providers. Municipalities, including seven in Massachusetts, are following suit. Small businesses are blaming Verizon, not the unions, for the harm caused them by the company’s failure to provide sufficient services.

The overwhelming majority of the 39,000 strikers, members of the Communication Workers of America and the International Electrical Workers, continue to “opt to picket,” with only handfulls here and there crossing the lines. In fact, picketing has become the core of these workers.

To counter the company lies in the media, the CWA launched a radio ad campaign last week. “Don’t let them get rich while the rest of us struggle to get by. This isn’t theory; it’s real,” Verizon makes $1.5 billion a month in profits and top executives pay themselves nearly 50 million a year while trying to take away jobs left by Verizon layoffs. “That’s why Verizon workers are on strike.”

The state steps in

The strike’s effectiveness prompted U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez to insert himself into the bargaining process. Both parties were called together to meet in the presence of Perez and experienced federal mediator Allison Beck under the auspices of the Department of Labor. There they agreed that no public statements would be made during the talks. Under what amounts to a gag order, the unions cannot inform rank-and-file members of how or if — the talks are progressing.

Why would such a high-ranking member of the capitalist state intervene in a labor dispute between a private employer and two private sector unions? One factor might be the location of the strike. New York is home to Wall Street. If the strike continues, it might not just be restaurateurs, shops and doctors’ offices having to get by without phone or internet service — press ranks could be affected.

Moreover, Verizon provides services to the Pentagon. Wireline workers are on the front lines with their 16,000 U.S. military bases across the country. If the strike drags on, war plans could be disrupted!

The CWA and IBEW should not put too much faith in the Democratic administration. It’s worth remembering that in 1978 President Jimmy Carter invoked Taft-Hartley over similar Harvard picketing — before him — and wanted to use federal troops against striking coal miners.

Community-labor solidarity keeps growing

Dozens of solidarity actions were held from coast to coast on May 21 as part of “Children’s Day.” Children of New York strikers took turns leading chants and picketing in front of a Brooklyn Verizon wireless store, while 200 CWA members and supporters chanted along from the sidewalk and street. One picket captain told Workers World, “People in the neighborhood don’t cross the picket line.”

The union treated the children to balloons, popcorn, cotton candy and ordered lunch for everyone.

CWA District 1 Legislative/Political Director Bob Masters introduced Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and NYC Central Labor Council President Vincent Alvarez and recognized guests from the United Federation of Teachers — guests also came from the Hunter College International Club, Parents to Improve School Transportation and the People’s Power Assembly. Announcements and conversations indicated that the unions are preparing for a long battle against Verizon’s “corporate greed.”

Members of CWA locals 2201 and 2204 continue to stand strong on the picket lines across Virginia, receiving broad labor and community support. The week of May 15 numerous solidarity actions took place. In Roanoke, the Citizens’ Convenience and Plowshare Peace & Justice Center began sponsoring a weekly picket line.

The Southern Workers Assembly continues to join picket lines, email appeals for strike funds and assist with visibility and outreach work. Many other unions and labor-community organizations are contributing by offering much-needed supplies for striking workers.

In a show of solidarity, CWA strikers came to support the Food and Commercial Workers Local 4200 during their strike vote May 18 in Salem, Va. Local 400 members voted down a horrendous contract proposal from Kroger and granted their bargaining team the right to call a strike if necessary.

This week, the Southern Workers Assembly and other labor-community organizations hoisted banners and placards to show support for the CWA-IBEW striking workers at Verizon and the UFCW Local 400 members in their contract battle. This solidarity boosted the spirits of CWA, IBEW and UFCW members and their supporters and received widespread coverage in both corporate and social media.

Members and leaders from Pennsylvania, Delaware, D.C., Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia will attend the next major solidarity action in southwest Virginia, a May 28 rally in Roanoke. For more information, visit bit.ly/2zk4HNB.

Sara Catalanotto and WW staff in Virginia contributed to this article.

Detroit activists oppose increased fracking waste

By Mike Shane

Detroit residents and community activists have been organizing since last year to try to increase processing and dumping of hazardous and radioactive fracking waste at a US Ecology facility, which is located in the middle of Detroit at 6520 Georgia St.

The fracking waste is composed of a new chemical, hydraulic fracturing the rock and releasing the trapped oil and gas. The sand and water solution is injected into the shale under high pressure, hydraulically fracturing the rock and releasing the trapped oil and gas. 

The sand and water that return to the earth’s surface have picked up an unknown mixture of metals and radioactive compounds and this fracking waste must be disposed of.

The fracking industry is exempt from the legal requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, due to the passage of the “Halliburton” loophole of the 2005 National Energy Act. This loophole, en-gendered by the same state agencies that played a major role in poisoning the water and the people of Flint. This is the same MDEQ that has allowed southwest Detroit to be the most polluted zip code in Michigan for decades, despite strong and vigorous opposition from residents. Many Detroiters have no confidence in the MDEQ to enforce environmental regulations and get their poison out of the environment.

The fracking waste originates in Penn-sylvania and is created by the oil industry in their intense drive to extract oil and gas regardless of the adverse effects on people and the environment. Unable to get by without hydrofracking the Pennsylvania or nearby West Virginia and Ohio, the oil industry came to Detroit to dump its poison.

The fracking waste is composed of a cocktail of poisonous “proprietary” or se-cret chemicals mixed with sand and water that is used to hydraulically fracture under-ground shale deposits containing oil and natural gas. The sand and water solu-tion is injected into the shale under high pressure, hydraulically fracturing the rock and releasing the trapped oil and gas. The sand and water that return to the earth’s surface have picked up an unknown mixture of metals and radioactive compounds and this fracking waste must be disposed of.

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Black Liberation & the re-emergence of Malcolm X

By Lamont Lilly

Lilly is WWP’s vice presidential candidate in the 2016 elections. The following article is based on a talk given at a Workers World Party forum in New York City on May 20. To view a video of the talk, go to youtube.com/AF2zrg-2I8CK.

Thursday, May 19, was the 91st revolutionary birthday of Brother Minister El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz — Brother Malcolm X. Born on May 19, 1925, he was brutally assassinated at the Audubon Ballroom on Feb. 21, 1965, in New York City. It would be just like Malcolm to request that we not only lift his name in love and respect but also the names of Yuri Kochiyama, Lorraine Hansberry and Brother Ho Chi Minh, all of whom share his birth date.

The way Malcolm was evolving, he would want us to recognize all their contributions to the struggle. This was the same Malcolm X who said, “I, for one, will join in with you. I can’t care what color you are, as long as you want to change this miserable condition.”

Unfortunately, comrades, we’re still living in many of the same conditions that Malcolm was preaching about in the 1960s. The reason is that the oppression of Black men, Black women and Black babies; church burnings; mass incarceration; poor housing; and third-class living conditions. Tamir Rice was no different than Emmett Till. The poverty then is the same poverty now, even worse. The same imperialism. The same police state.

But Brother Malcolm did leave a blueprint of what needs to be constructed through work and collective struggle.

New generation of freedom fighters emerges

That’s the time we’re living in right now — a renewed period of work and struggle. A new generation of young freedom fighters has stepped forward, comrades! We’re talking about teenagers and youth. And Brother Malcolm X is right back in the swing of things, right back on the front lines from the depths of his grave.

No one is being studied and paid more honor right now than Brother Malcolm X, at least among the movement’s Black youth. Sister Beyoncé put Brother Malcolm X front and center on her new album “Lemonade,” which instantly went global.

The album features Malcolm X live, as if we’re talking right in your ear. “The most disrespectful person in America is the Black woman. The most unprotected person in America is the Black woman. The most neglected person in America is the Black woman.”

When I heard that live vocal sample on the album, I couldn’t help but think of Sister Sandra Bland, murdered by police in a Texas jail cell; Rodney King; Renisha McBride; and seven-year-old Aiyana Stanley-Jones, murdered by Detroit police while she was sleeping. For all the criticism she’s received, for Sister Beyoncé to put Malcolm X on her album like that was actually quite revolutionary.

As of last month, you have Black girls — girls of color all over the world, as young as six years old — googling Malcolm X now, reading about him, writing about him, learning about him, listening to his speeches. Not in the public school system, but on their own independent, free-thinking terms.

Right here in Manhattan somewhere, there’s a crew of 12-year-old Black girls bracing each other’s hair now and discussing Malcolm X’s political theory. That kind of enthusiasm for Malcolm X hasn’t happened in 40 years, comrades.

A good friend of mine, Dr. Ashley Farmer, who’s currently working on her postdoctoral degree at Duke University, just published a major academic article on Malcolm X. It’s entitled, “The Many Women Mentors of Malcolm X.” A must-read; it was published via the African American Intellectual History Society on May 3 and has been widely circulated ever since.

Oppressed youth seek guidance from Malcolm

As the state has clamped down and decent employment has dried up — as the conditions have worsened and white supremacy has once again mounted an ugly surge via the Trump campaign and the Ku Klux Klan’s new membership drive down South — the oppressed youth have sought guidance in an old friend. The youth in Ferguson, the youth in Baltimore, the youth in Palestine, Black girls and Black boys are again discovering Malcolm X for the first time.

Not only was Malcolm ahead of his time regarding the role of women, he was thinking, traveling and organizing internationally in the early 1960s, long before social media or the Internet.

Today, we have Facebook and Twitter, which is how our Palestinian comrades were assisting the struggle in Ferguson during the 2014 rebellion. Malcolm didn’t have that, but he did organize a very similar network of allies, comrades and allies — in Cuba, Ghana, Egypt, Algeria.

When I was in Lebanon last year for the International Forum for Justice in Palestine, it was the youth from Algeria and Tunisia who knew all about Malcolm X. I learned firsthand that Malcolm X is still a bridge of international working-class struggle.

Malcolm stated in 1964, “It is incorrect to classify the revolt of the Negro as simply a racial conflict of black against white, or as a purely American problem. Rather, we are today seeing a global rebellion of the oppressed against the oppressor, the exploited against the exploiter.”

One of the current and most beautiful aspects of the Black Lives Matter movement is this new emphasis on things “Black.” Not only do Black lives matter, but the masses of Black youth are now “unapologetically Black,” redefining what Black Power means for a new generation.

Why the U.S. incinerated Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Barack Obama is scheduled to visit Hiroshima on May 27, the first sitting U.S. president to do so. Obama’s visit to the Japanese city has revived the question of whether killing hundreds of thousands of people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki by atomic bombs a half-century ago was the right thing to do.

Dwight Eisenhower didn’t think so. The former pres- ident and five-star general wrote in his autobiography “Mandate for Change” that dropping atom bombs on Japan “was completely unnecessary.” He claimed that he thought this said to War Secretary Harry S. Truman.

General Curtis LeMay told a Sept. 20, 1945, news conference, “The atomic bomb had nothing to do with the war.” Yet talking heads at Fox News still claim that burning the Japanese city has revived the question of whether dropping the bombs was the right thing to do.

The excuse for the Manhattan Project was that the U.S. wanted to avert an amphibious invasion of Japan. That argument fell apart when the Soviet Union entered the war. Teddy got a Nobel Peace Prize for his crime.

People’s Korea has found it absolutely necessary to develop nuclear weapons to defend itself against the Pen- tagon. This is not only because of U.S. nuclear missiles aimed at Korea.

At least 4 million Koreans were killed during the Ko- rean war. Using napalm and white phosphorous bombs on human flesh didn’t satisfy U.S. generals and politi- cians. Then Texas Congressman Lloyd Bentsen can be seen in “The Atomic Cafe” demanding that atom bombs be dropped on Koreans.

This didn’t stop Bentsen from being the Democratic candidate for vice president in 1988 or from serving as President Bill Clinton’s first Treasury Secretary. Korea also remembers the Hiroshima holocaust.

The Manhattan Project’s real target

More than 100,000 workers were mobilized by the U.S. Army’s Manhattan Project to build this new weapon. The Manhattan Project was the U.S. effort to “beat Hitler” at developing the atom bomb. This was the reason given to scientists like the young physicist and future Nobel Prize winner Richard Feynman.

But the real target of the Manhattan Project was the Soviet Union.

According to William Shire in “The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich,” U.S. brass had expected the Soviet Union to collapse within six weeks of Hitler’s invasion in June 1941.

A representative of Kansas City’s corrupt Pendergast Machine — Sen. Harry Truman — declared, “If we see that Germany is winning we ought to help Russia and if Russia is winning we ought to help Germany, and that way let them kill as many as possible.” (New York Times, June 24, 1943)

The Soviet Union didn’t collapse. At a cost of 27 million Soviet lives, Nazi forces were forced back from Stal- ingrad to Berlin. It was the Red Army of workers and peasants that liberated Auschwitz on Jan. 27, 1945.

Despite pleas from Treasury Secretary Henry Morgen- thau, War Secretary Stimson refused to bomb the rail-
Beautiful Black Power, Black pride
If you haven’t noticed, Black youth are now wearing their hair in natural coils and twists. It’s a reflection of politics that should be lifted. If you don’t have any pride in who you are, how in hell can you be a good freedom fighter? If you don’t love the people, how can you serve the people? Love yourself and love the people, then you’ll have a cause to fight for — a worthy cause, a noble cause, a righteous cause — the kind of cause that will make you sacrifice for the next generation — out of love, out of pride and solidarity. We learned that from Brother Malcolm X. Last year, during the Movement for Black Lives Convening in Cleveland, everybody was Black and proud in “Operation Unthinkable.” I don’t mean the arrogant kind of proud. I mean the “Shut Shit Down” kind of proud — the kind of proud that makes you stand up and fight back instead of laying down and begging. The kind of proud that makes you defend yourself, resist and hold your head high, despite the teargas, despite the tanks. The kind of proud that makes you get organized and take over highways and universities.

It was Malcolm X who gave us that, comrades — not only 50 years ago, but today in 2016. And the young people have taken that and run with it. So let’s help them go as far as they can with it. Counterculture government program which targeted progressives and revolutionaries, especially African Americans and other people of color) thought they had killed Malcolm, but the youth are keeping him alive. In the words of El-Haj Malik El-Shabazz, “The future belongs to those who prepare for it today. In all our daily lives, the proof of our value and respect for time determines success or failure.”

Vietnamese revolutionary leader Tribute to Ho Chi Minh
By L.T. Pham
L.T. Pham is a Vietnamese youth and a leader of the Durham, N.C., branch of WWWP.

May 19 marked the birthday of many revolutionary leaders, among them Ho Chi Minh, Malcolm X and Yuri Kochiyama.

They all shared a commitment to fighting imperialism and national oppression through an internationalist perspective. Ho Chi Minh, or Uncle Ho, was a Vietnamese Marxist-Leninist born in 1890. In 1944, he was the founder of the Viet Minh Independence Forces, a coalition of Vietnamese peasants and workers, which defeated the French out of the country in 1954 through a huge guerrilla force that took extremely strategic actions.

In this much broader life and work of Uncle Ho and the Vietnamese people’s struggle against imperialism that remains central to our fight today.

Opposed U.S. Lynchings
First and foremost, having an internationalist perspective is key. We should always strive to fight for and with workers and oppressed people globally. As imperialism takes root on every corner of this earth, so does resistance and militant action to defend ourselves and our communities. The massive violence that capitalism inflicts, the unending stolen labor, the growing destruction and extraction of resources, and capital made possible by the poor is not something we take lightly. Only a globally united front can resist the ongoing colonial repression and the unending war waged against Black and Brown people at home and abroad.

Ho Chi Minh drew these connections in 1924 when he wrote about the Lynchings of Black people in the U.S. He recognized that Black people experience a deep and unique national oppression caused by capitalism that has implications for all people all around the world. To know this means we should always be ready to defend the struggles for Black liberation.

Secondly, in studying the life of Uncle Ho, we see that it is extremely necessary, not only to have a political program, understand and practice organization and study Marxism-Leninism, but we must also bring this to the masses. Our duty is not only to teach but to learn from the people whose struggle, labor and sacrifice will bring about revolution. Communists and revolutionaries alone cannot fight this war. We must be where the people are, we must build up the skills of the masses to claim this war as their own, and we must believe the masses when they are in struggle, armed with their own tools and grasp of socialist revolution, will bring down this criminal system.

Ho Chi Minh died in 1969, six years before he was able to see the liberation of Vietnam, and probably the least known.

Global, multinational working-class solidarity
Lastly, we learn from Uncle Ho: solidarity forever.

For there is only one working class and that is the global, multinational working class. And we have a shared enemy and that is imperialism, which depends on fostering racism and national oppression, anti-LGBTQ bigotry and anti-immigrant bigotry that we see today.

Ho Chi Minh, through his support for the Black liberation struggle and the demand for communist parties to take action against the attacks on oppressed people living in colonies, emphasized the need for supporting oppressed people globally. Solidarity with Uncle Ho and the Vietnamese people made possible an impressive people’s army engaged in guerrilla warfare against the French and the U.S. This has inspired oppressed people globally to fight back with militancy and without apology.

The life and legacy of Uncle Ho live on and stand shoulder to shoulder with the life and legacy of Malcolm X, who fought to his very last breath.

May we continue to pay tribute to Uncle Ho and Malcolm X in our struggles in the streets. May we continue to fight in their spirit, as internationalists and revolutionaries. May we continue to make sacrifices, put our bodies on the line and dedicate our lives to revolution.

Long live Ho Chi Minh!
Long live Malcolm X!
Long live internationalism!

USSR deterred nuclear war
The Manhattan Project was Wall Street’s response to the great war. The atomic blast was first used by U.S. and British ruling classes dreaded Soviet forces marching all the way to Paris and being welcomed by workers.

Capitalists also feared a revival of the German working class that had been crushed by Hitler.

During World War II, Time magazine publisher Henry Luce proclaimed an upcoming “American Century.” The Pentagon was planning to confront the USSR not just with the bomb, but also with military forces numbering 16 million GIs and the biggest air force in history.

This immense power was also to be used against the Chinese Revolution and as a threat to all oppressed people.

Super-racist U.S. General George Patton talked about rearming Nazi SS troops and marching to the Volga. Winston Churchill considered an invasion of the Soviet Union in 1944 as an “Unthinkable.”

The U.S. had half the world’s industrial capacity in 1945. President Kennedy correctly noted in 1963 that the Nazi destruction of the Soviet Union would have equalled everything in the United States east of the Mississippi River being destroyed.

But the millions of GIs whom Wall Street wanted to use to conquer the Soviet Union wanted to go home. Even though it was still a Jim Crow army, tens of thousands of soldiers demonstrated in Paris, Manila and other cities demanding to go home. This GI revolt was the greatest gift of the U.S. working class to the world revolution — and probably the least known.

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Philippine elections and U.S. imperialism

By Carl Lewis

In the years following the Spanish-American War of 1898, U.S. imperialism consolidated its political and economic domination over Spain's former colony, the Philippines.

The Philippine revolution began in earnest in 1896 as a guerrilla movement against the Spanish empire. The U.S. posed as the "savior" of the people from Spanish rule, promising them "independence and democracy." Betrayal, arrogance, and duplicity have been the U.S. hallmark throughout, despite the heroic efforts of those resisting imperialism and racism.

The yoke of neo-colonialism was then laid in Latin America with the country now a U.S. client-state, whose ability to "defend European allies" or "challenge the Soviet Union" is adaptable to any missile, both to intercept a Russian missile or to attack ground targets. Each launch tube is equipped with Lockheed Martin's SM-3 interceptor missiles and MK-41 vertical launchers.

The two land-based installations are added to four Aegis ships (also equipped with SM-3 missiles and vertical launchers) which — sent out by the U.S. Navy from the Spanish base of Rota — cross the Mediterranean, Black Sea and Baltic Sea, while linked to a powerful radar system in Turkey and a command center in Germany.

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The function of the so-called "Scud" anti-missiles is actually offensive. If the U.S. were to have a reliable system capable of intercepting ballistic missiles, it could keep Russia under the threat of a nuclear first strike, relying on the ability of the "Scuds" (shields) to neutralize the effects of retaliation.

In reality, this is not possible at the present stage, because Russia and also China can take various countermeasures, which makes it impossible to intercept all nuclear warheads.

For what then is the Aegis system, which the U.S. is enhancing, being deployed in Europe? In the context of geo-political manoeuvres, allowing U.S. Naval, Air Force and Army bases throughout the islands. A pacification program as well as a counter-insurgency policy by U.S.-backed President Ramon Magasaysay hurt the movement, especially when a minority of the CPP opted for a non-violent struggle.

The further decline of the agrarian economy, massive inflation, obscene corruption and nepotism were hallmarks of Magasaysay's successor, Ferdinand Marcos. His military regime had forced the U.S. into the "Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement," signed in 2014 with the previous Philippines government. After years of mass opposition, the Pentagon was forced to evacuate its bases in the Philippines in 1991. The EDCA allowed the U.S. to use its former military bases as staging areas, consistent with the "Pivot to Asia" of the current Obama administration.

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U.S. missiles out Europe on nuclear frontline

By Manlio Dinucci

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the airbase in Deveselu in Romania, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg inaugurated the "Aegis Ashore" land-based installation of the U.S. Aegis missile system. Stoltenberg thanked the United States, which will also be equipped with Lockheed Martin's SM-3 interceptor missiles and MK-41 vertical launchers.

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France

Workers battling labor law occupy refineries

By Greg Butterfield

Some 220,000 workers hit the streets May 17, with thousands more on picket lines. Blockading fuel depots and occupying oil refineries in the ongoing battle against the new anti-labor law. The French government used a widely invoked feature of the French constitution to force the reactionary law through the National Assembly on May 10 without a vote.

Over 400,000 workers came out on May 19 to protest the law. These are the sixth and seventh national demonstrations against the regressive labor law in the past two months.

The demand of the workers is simple: They want the new labor law completely withdrawn.

Six refineries out of eight are occupied, and most fuel depots in the north and west of France are blocked. Major ports like Le Havre, Dunkirk, and Rouen are on strike, with other ports shut down. Truck drivers, who have particular grievances over working conditions, are still out. Even though the workers’ struggles have caused disruptions and aggravations for France, city, full of culture and wide boule-

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Dren, teenagers and grandparents in Lu-

gansk are remembering and thanking for

them.

For them — and for people through-

out the Donbass republics, in Odessa, in

Ukraine — the struggle against fascism is

not history. It is their life, now, today.

I've returned home. And while here, in

the heart of imperialism, in the belly of Wall Street, it is difficult to find anyone who has heard of the war in Donbass, and too many self-proclaimed leftists and pro-

gressives would rather ignore or even con-
demn the resistance in Donetsk and Lu-

gansk.

There everyone understands that the Ukrainian junta, the fascist gangs, the constant, murderous ceasefire violations could not continue for a simple day without the support of the United States.

It is time for the anti-war movement and the left to get serious about supporting this struggle and awakening the workers, the youth and progressive movements to their reality.

Because this war, this struggle, isn’t going away.

Everyone I spoke to during my eight-

day visit to Donbas agreed on this point — from soldiers to political activists, stu-
dents and parents, journalists and taxi drivers.

Workers-class Donetsk besieged

I visited the city of Donetsk, capital of the Donetsk People's Republic, for a few days before going to Lugansk for an International AntiFascist Conference in Krasnodon on May 7. While I was there, I had the opportunity to see firsthand what U.S. support for the Kiev junta means.

Donetsk is a beautiful city, a Soviet workers.org

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While the U.S. Congress votes hundreds of billions of dollars for military expansion, it is squeezing health programs vital to the people. As Congress's reaction to the threatened Zika epidemic shows, the capitalist health care model kills.

In recent weeks, Zika, the Obama administration requested in February that Congress allot $1.9 billion for emergency measures to prevent its spreading in the United States. The funds would be used to develop a vaccine, for tests and treatments, and to discover methods of containing the disease-carrying Aedes aegypti mosquitoes. The Senate voted to allocate $8.1 billion of new funds. Then House reactionaries reduced this to $622 million and insisted that money be diverted from funds earmarked for a possible recurrence of the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, which killed over 28,000 people. The White House calls this amount "woefully inadequate" and threatens a veto if the House vote carries. Even some right-wing Southern senators in North Carolina were more funding, as their states are vulnerable to Zika.

While not rendering most sufferers acute, Zika presents a danger to developing fetuses. The virus can cause microcephaly, characterized by small brains and brain damage, and even fetal death. It also associated with Guillain-Barré syndrome, a potentially paralyzing, even deadly, neurological disease. The virus can be spread by sexual contact.

First, third, eliminate all loopholes and gimmicks. Penalize all corporations that do not pay income tax. Last year, 27 profitable corporations did not pay a cent of this tax. (March 7, USA Today) Only 10.6 percent of federal revenue comes from corporate income taxes, reported the Pew Research Center on April 13. Tax breaks for the super-rich and big business reduce government revenue by billions, even trillions of dollars—money that could be used for health care and other human needs. It could fund research, prevention and treatment programs for Zika and every other disease—and still pay for expanded Medicare and/ or Medicaid for all.

The children of Lugansk, the elders...
Confirmation of United States efforts to prevent Africa from reaching genuine self-determination and national liberation has been reported by the international media circulated damning reports about the CIA’s pivotal role in the arrest of African National Congress and South African Communist Party official Nelson Mandela in 1962.

Donaldrick, who in 1962 was the United States vice-consul in Durban, said he had been informed that Mandela was “the world’s most dangerous communist outside of the Soviet Union.” And he had no reservations about alerting the apartheid regime about his location. (British Telegraph, May 15)

Mandela was stopped at a police roadblock in Howick, KwaZulu Natal on Aug. 5, 1962, and arrested. His capture provided the legal and political basis for trials that culminated with the Rivonia Treason Convention in 1963, which sentenced him to 27 years in prison. The CIA’s pivotal role in his arrest has been repeatedly documented since 1990, the eve of Mandela’s first visit to South Africa, noting that the ANC-SACP leader was planning to work on the rehabilitation of Umkhonto we Sizwe. (Mandela, “Conversations with Myself,” includes numerous extracts from his 1962 diary, all of which verify his military training at FLN facilities in Morocco.)

Around the same time Mandela also took military courses in Ethiopia then led by Haile Selassie I. According to an article published by the British Broadcasting Corporation, “In July 1962, Col. Fekadu Wakene taught South African political activist Nelson Mandela the tricks of guerrilla warfare and how to plant explosives before slipping quietly away into the night. Mr. Mandela was in Ethiopia to be a military man, a manda- cionary-in-chief of Umkhonto we Sizwe – the armed wing of the African National Congress.” (Dec. 9, 2003)

The former Portuguese colony of Angola was the scene of a broader U.S. policy extending from the 1960s to the present. In 1960, the CIA and South African Defense Forces and the South African Defense Forces and the CIA provided arms and other supplies in support of the National Liberation Front (FLN) on their bases across the border in Morocco. In his testimony during the Rivonia Trial in 1964, Mandela said, “I was in France I was promised support by ... Ben Bella, now president of Algeria.” (nelsonmandela.org)

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By Joe Catron

Israelis jailer release Palestinian hunger strike

In an act of political pressure, G4S, the regular site of the protests, has agreed to end its hunger strike by Palestinian political prisoners, as BDS was not a factor,” said Catron. “Don’t listen to them.”

The BDS campaign against G4S is the largest security company and second-biggest private employer, will continue until the implementation of its March announcement. These recent events are part of a broader trend that can be linked to the growing solidarity with the Palestinian cause. The BDS campaign is growing in strength and influence with the Palestinian$rs and others. The BDS campaign is growing in strength and influence with the Palestinian$rs and others.

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La visita del presidente Barack Obama a Hiroshima-Japón el 27 de mayo, será la primera visita de un presidente estadounidense a la ciudad que en 1945, el 6 de agosto, fue bombardeada con la primera bomba atómica usado en el conflicto mundial. Esta visita se produce casi 71 años después de que se produjo el ataque nuclear de Japón, que el presidente Obama, en su discurso, se comprometió con la paz y la destrucción de las armas nucleares.

La visita de Obama se produce cerca de 2.000 soldados, 6.000 marineros, en mayo del 2016, con la intención de liberar a gran parte de Asia del control imperialista. En una visita llena de contradicciones y dudas, el presidente Obama no visitó a una pareja que se casó el 25 de mayo, informó que la charla de Obama en Japón abogará por no usar armas nucleares en el futuro - a pesar de que se ha extendido a un pacífico como comandante en jefe del imperio imperialista estadounidense. Detrás de la fachada pacífica está el paladar "pivote hacia Asia" estadounidense. Incluso durante su apogeo de poderío en 1945, los EUA no podían dominar el imperio de forma unilateral. Relativamente más del año, pero aún poseyendo un enorme poder destructivo, el "pivote hacia Asia" de Washington significa fortalecer su alianza con el imperio de Japón para que, bajo el liderazgo de Estados Unidos, las dos potencias imperiales puedan intimidar, amenazar e intimidar a los demás países, de la región asiática.

Los gobernantes japoneses, reprimiendo tanto la gente de Shizuki Abe, han aceptado la insistencia de EUA para que aumenten la militarización como si fuera su propia política. El gobierno de Abe ha adoptado planes para permitir que las "Fuerzas de Autodefensa" de Japón intervengan en el exterior, a pesar de la masiva oposición popular. Washington ha instado a esta política en Tokio, del mismo modo que insta a sus aliados de la OTAN a gastar más armas.

A pesar de su doble discurso sobre el desarme nuclear en todo el mundo, la administración Obama ha empujado para que se modernice el arsenal de armas nucleares estadounidenses, planeando gastar tanto como $1 billón a través de tres décadas. Eso se produjo mientras que se modernizan los misiles balísticos y se construyen naves espaciales para que se modernicen los misiles de la era nuclear de los 1950s. En su cuenta pública, Presidente Obama defendió el plan de inversión en la base nuclear de Estados Unidos de la administración anterior.

Desenfocado como una paz como la visita a Hiroshima es realmente una obra maestra para consagrar una alianza imperialista agresiva. En el discurso al pueblo japonés, el presidente Obama elogió la necesidad de una paz mundial y el apoyo a la lucha del pueblo japonés para reforzar el agresivo armamento militar de Japón. En solidaridad con los demás países de Asia, el Partido Comunista Brasileño (PCB) promete con la solidaridad y el apoyo a los trabajadores de Japón y Okinawa. WW-MO se compromete a un plan totalmente neoliberal que haga retroceder cualquier avance logrado que haya beneficiado al pueblo japonés.

Los argumentos lógicos de senatoras/ores y del mismo abogado de la presiden- "dora que, bajo el liderazgo del Partido del Frente Popular (PPB), fue nombrado presidente interino. El juicio comenzará a mediados de mayo.

Aprobó el juicio con una mayoría de 55 votos a favor y 22 en contra, Rousseff fue removida de su cargo por hasta 180 días y el vicepresidente Michel Temer, del derechista Partido del Movimiento Demócratao Brasileño (PMDB), fue nombrado presidente interino. El juicio comenzará a mediados de mayo.

En su discurso, contra quien también pese una posibilidad de impeachment, de la política internacional. Respecto a los derechos laborales, busca un aumento de la edad de jubilación y altas tarifas para el sistema de jubilación. En un reciente artículo en La Nación, se critican a Lula por su "visión estrecha" y por su juicio político en un proceso de los que votaron por el juicio de la corrupción en la Petrobras.

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