John 20:16 – The other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also entered the tomb without clothing and saw and believed. Then they returned to the disciples outside the tomb and said, “We have seen the Lord!” But they did not believe the words of the women, for they lacked understanding of the Scriptures.
Fighting racism and imperialism
FIST national congress held in Detroit

By Ramiro Fúnez and Sara Benjamin

Detroit

Young revolutionary activists from across the United States met in Detroit May 15-16 for the Fight Imperialism, Socialism, Liberty, and Anti-Racism (FIST) 2015 National Congress. Attendees addressed the issues of racism and imperialism inherent in today’s global capitalist system. Along with establishing an organizational structure well-suited for tackling the tasks, FIST members also initiated plans to participate in several upcoming actions. These include the People’s Tribunal on Police Terror and Structural Racism, to be held in Baltimore, working alongside the People’s Power Assemblies and the Black Lives Matter movement, contingents in the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer Pride parades, and in women’s rights marches around the nation. FIST is stepping up to the challenge of the State of the Union address, as President Obama pledged to continue the war in ‘Iraq’ and Afghanistan. As a constituent organization of the Workers World Party, FIST is standing in solidarity with the millions of people in the United States and around the world fighting against all forms of intragovernmental oppression and exploitation.

In May 15-16 for the Fight Imperialism,
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mass youth movement to fight all forms of oppression, organize the Congress, FIST members from Rockford, Ill., Chicago, Janesville, Wis., and Milwaukee repre-
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Amtrak train disaster and the media

Rush to judgment

By Stephen Millies
Member, American Train Dispatchers Association and Transportation Communications Union

When Amtrak train No. 18 derailed in Philadelphia on the night of May 12, eight people were killed and over 200 were injured. Among those killed was Derrick Griffin, dean of student affairs and enrollment management for Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, N.Y. Two of the writers are co-workers at Amtrak’s 40th office — its New York dispatching center — were injured.

The wreck halted Amtrak trains between New York and Philadelphia and SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority) commuter trains between Trenton and Philadelphia. Tens of thousands of people had to change their travel plans.

Many wondered how this disaster could have happened. The train was going from Washington, D.C., to New York when it derailed on a sharp curve at Frankford Junction, near the eastern tip of Philadelphia’s 30th Street Station.

This was near the site of a 1943 wreck of the Pennsylvania Railroad’s Congressional Limited that claimed 79 lives.

Despite the devastation this train wreck caused, train service resumed a few days later on Monday, May 18. Union members worked around the clock to re-rail the tracks and install new catenary poles to carry the electrical power wires.

Capitalist media vs. engineer

The speed limit for this stretch of track was 50 mph. Yet the engine was going slightly more than 100 mph when it derailed.

Was the engineer incapacitated? Was there something wrong with the engine, which was a new model? What safety measures are needed to prevent this tragedy from being repeated?

Many in the capitalist media and political establishment ignored these serious questions and instead viciously assailed the engineer, Brandon Bostian.

Radio bigot Rush Limbaugh made homophobic attacks on Bostian and hinted that he wanted to commit suicide.

The New York Daily News’ charging front-page headlines on May 15 were “Engineer’s convenient concession” and “Did I do it?”

Bostian did indeed suffer a concussion and “received 14 stitches in his head and staples in his leg as a result of the crash.” (Newsweek, May 14)

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This train wreck will probably speed up the complete installation of Positive Train Control on Amtrak’s line between New York City and Washington, D.C. According to the NTSB, this safety system could have prevented the wreck.

The hold-up has been the years spent negotiating with private operators for the necessary radio bandwidth needed to operate PTC.

If ever there were a case for “eminent domain” — the taking of property with compensation by the government or utility for the public good — this is it. The Federal Communications Commission should have knocked heads and forced the private operators to deal with Amtrak.

The Amtrak engineers were dragging its feet on installing PTC and is lobbying Congress to extend the December 2015 deadline.

Bring back ‘fireman’ and hire ‘firewomen’

But there’s another safety measure that needs to be adopted. Engineer Brandon Bostian, like most passenger engineers, was operating alone.

Years ago there would have been a ‘fireman’ in the cab who could take over in case of an emergency.

As Doc White, a retired locomotive engineer for Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad, told Workers World: “This was a tragedy waiting to happen. You need two people in a locomotive. On freight trains you usually have a conductor riding with the engineer, calling out signals. But on a passenger train you’re all alone,” said White, who started out as a ‘fireman.’

In the Latin-American tradition of reducing crew size, which they denounced as “featherbedding,” one result was the deaths of 47 people in Lac-Mégantic, Que.-bec, in July 2013 when a runaway oil train filled with highly volatile crude oil exploded on July 6, 2013.

There was only a single employee — the engineer — in charge of this moving bomb.

The Philadelphia track tragedy could have been worse. The derailed engine stopped a few feet from a tank car.

Mumia’s life is STILL in danger! Act NOW!

The following excerpts are from a national appeal sent out May 17 by the International Action Center on behalf of Mumia Abu-Jamal supporters on his current medical condition and alarmed that he is being held incommunicado while his spouse, legal counsel and his private doctor are being denied any access to him.

When Mumia was first rushed to the emergency room this March in diabet- ic shock, a global network of supporters sprang into action to inundate phone lines of prison and hospital officials demanding that they allow visitation from his family and attorneys. ONCE AGAIN, IT’S TIME TO ACTIVATE THAT SUPPORT!

Just last week, supporters delivered a letter to Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf, calling on him to release Mumia from prison in order to get the proper medical care he needs. It was signed by numerous renowned journalists, including Mumia once again taken to hospital for his attorneys.

Act NOW!

To the Department of Corrections.

Wadiya prepared to visit Mumia at the hospital on May 13; however she was then told by Neal that Geisinger Hospital would not permit the visit because Mumia was not in critical condition, and the hospital has a policy of not allowing visits to prisoners.

Mumia’s family and attorneys have been giving conflicting reports that updates on his medical condition were released to authorities at SCI Mahanoy. Wadiya was told repeatedly by medical officials at SCI Mahanoy that no medical updates had been given to them. However, Donald Zaycosky, litigation counsel for Mumia’s family, told Rachel Woleben, an attorney representing Wadiya Jamal, that a medical update had been provided to medical health care.

Please call the officials below to demand:

• Unrestricted hospital visitations by Mumia’s family.

• Access for his attorneys.

• Let Mumia call family, supporters and doctors.

• Stop the state’s attempt to murder Mumia by medical mistreatment.

• Release Mumia from prison to be able to obtain needed health care.

DOC Secretary John Wetzel: 717-772-2573; tc-crdocsecretary@pa.gov

Pa. Gov. Tom Wolf: 717-787-2500; governor@pa.gov

Geisinger Medical Center: 570-271-6261

May 13 march commemorates bombshell of MOVE and defends Mumia Abu-Jamal.
Detroit

Fight continues against foreclosure, water shutoffs, banks
By Kris Hamel
Detroit

The struggle to stop mass tax foreclosures and water shutoffs continues in Detroit, along with the political struggle to place the onus of these outrageous acts squarely on the banks and the banks.

Many activists see this struggle as part of the worldwide fight against finance capital and its bloodsucking thirst for ever-greater profits at the expense of the world’s workers and oppressed. A well-covered press conference and demonstration outside the treasurer’s office in downtown Detroit on May 12, the day the mass tax foreclosures were to go into effect, announced the letter’s call for a moratorium.

As a result of community pressure and demonstrations, led primarily by Moratorium NOW!, the county treasurer was forced once again to delay the home seizures. The foreclosures of 20,000 to 25,000 occupied homes are now scheduled for June 8.

Community efforts to stop this wholesale displacement of families have already twice postponed the original March 31 foreclosure date.

Fighting for water, against banksters
At the same time that this struggle to stop mass tax foreclosures is in full swing, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has started shutting off water for non-payment in occupied homes. Last year, because of the struggle, the water department was forced to offer payment plans that were slightly better than those previously in place.

Past plans were unrealistic for low-income, unemployed or impoverished families, which make up the bulk of this oppressed majority-African-American family. They just delayed the crisis through the winter, when suffocating temperature tured water shutoffs anyway. Of 24,000 people enrolled in the plans, all but 300 are now in default and facing shutoffs once again.

To add insult to injury and human suffering, in the midst of this double crisis facing tens of thousands of families, JPMorgan Chase is arrogantly holding its board of directors meeting in Detroit on May 19.

Chase’s way of handling housing loans is a prototype for the racist, subprime mortgage fraud that robbed and devastated cities and communities across the U.S. starting around 2006. Chase is at the leading holder of interest rate swaps worldwide, including the swaps that bankrupted the Detroit water department and are behind the city’s mass water shutoffs.

A Moratorium NOW! leaflet for a demonstration outside the bank’s annual meeting states that Chase has made “trillions of dollars worldwide through its derivative unit, robbing cities and whole countries through its interest rate swap swaps. In Detroit, Chase and its fellow banksters were given $537 million out of the water department’s $1.1 billion bond deal in 2011-2012 marked for infrastructure repairs. These banks are the real culprit in the mass water shutoffs.”

Moratorium NOW! is demanding that Chase, Bank of America, Wells Fargo and all the banks be made to pay the relief the damage they have caused to the Detroit.

Currently federal monies earmarked for the Helping Hardest Hit Homeowners program, intended to keep families out of foreclosure and in their homes, are being used to tear down abandoned and vandalized structures. Administering these millions for further destruction is none other than Dan Gilbert, head of Quicken Loans, which is being investigated by the federal government for mortgage fraud.

The demonstration at the Chase annual meeting is set for May 19 starting at 9 a.m. outside the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel, corner of Michigan Avenue and Washington Boulevard, in downtown Detroit. For more information, call 313-680-5508 or visit moratoriummi.org.

The International Social Movements Gathering (ISMG) committed that slogan, visit apwu.org. (May 14)

Brooklyn carwashers’ strike pays off
A four-month strike at Brooklyn’s Vegas Auto Spa came to a victorious end April 6 when the car wash workers agreed to a labor contract with wage increases, paid sick leave and personal days, and a $1,500-per-person bonus. The workers, organized by the Detriot Auto Wash Service Local 226, joined the union in the midst of a militant struggle that included filing a suit charging at least $600,000 in wage theft, marches and civil disobedience.

On-the-Picket-Line

Mother’s Day: Let’s not go back. Tens of thousands, families and friends, residents and city officials were among those arrested during worker-led direct actions against the car wash management on March 4. These workers are the ninth group of immigrant, self-described “car wash workers” to win a labor battle in New York City since the “Wash New York Campaign” was started three years ago. (washnewyork.org, March 17; New York Daily News, April 5)
By Betsy Piette
Philadelphia

Right near the site where, about 30 years earlier, Philadelphia authorities had authorized the dropping of a bomb from a State Police helicopter on the MOVE compound, around 1,000 people rallied this May 13 to mark the 30th anniversary of the MOVE bombing.

The bomb contained militarygrade C-4. The resulting fire destroyed 62 homes in the Black workingclass neighborhood near 60th Street and Oxford Avenue, killing 11 men, women and children in the MOVE organization.
The police then gathered, over 500 police had fired more than 10,000 rounds of ammunition at the MOVE home in a racist onslaught against this Black urban community. This blatant act of police brutality, fully supported by public officials and whitewashed by the MOVE Commission, set back the fight against police terror in Philadelphia for decades.

In the 1970s, following state prosecution of the Black Panther Party, the MOVE organization had become the dominant anti-police brutality group in this historically Black city. Nine MOVE members were sentenced to 30 years in prison after a monthslong standoff against a police assault on their Powelton Village compound ended in 1978 when a police officer was killed — most likely by “friendly fire.”

Former IPP member and prominent journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal covered this conflict, subsequently coming into open conflict with then-Police Commissioner Frank Rizzo. Activists like Abu-Jamal who spoke out against police corruption and violence ended up targeted as well.

In 1982 Abu-Jamal was framed for murder of police officer Matt Kenny for the murder of Tony Robinson, an unarmed Black youth. FIST sees this as the continuation of justice denied to Black and Brown communities that face police terror and occupation.

“We stand in full solidarity with the Robinson Family and those who are fighting back against this injustice,” the statement concluded. “All out for May 13 protest actions in Milwaukee and Madison! Living wage jobs and other people’s needs, not police terror!” (walloilpeople.org)

Solidarity with Baltimore youth rebellion

For Philadelphia the movement against police brutality has come full circle. The 30th anniversary observation of the 1985 MOVE bombing was markedly different from earlier events. It united an historic struggle against police brutality led by MOVE with the emerging and youthful Black Lives Matter movement.

Participants included three generations of MOVE members marching side by side with anti-police brutality activists from Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, Boston and North Carolina. Many carried banners naming victims of police brutality, including Freddie Gray, Rekia Boyd, BrandonTate Brown, Frank McQueen, Michael Brown and Eric Garner, as well as the MOVE 9.

Speakers at the rally expressed solidarity with the rebellion of Black youth in Baltimore in the wake of the murder of Gray, who died April 19 after his spinal cord was severed by police. At a rally outside a police station, a solidarity message was delivered to demonstrators in Madison, who were marching there to protest the May 12 decision not to file charges against police officers who killed Tony Robinson on March 6.

Participants also included low-wage workers fighting $15 and a union, members of the Philadelphia Student Union fighting against school closing and education cuts, and Osage Avenue neighbors engaged in a 30-year struggle to save their community.

After the rally the crowd marched west through West Philadelphia, stopping for a speak-out at a police precinct. Some ran the same 3-mile route, others rode bicycles or walked.
The bicyclists and runners acted like Paul Rever, telling people that a march was coming. A caravan of cars bearing the names of the MOVE adults and children murdered by the state on May 13, 1985, followed the marchers. Students at a middle school and two high schools, as well as people on porches or standing outside stores in commercial districts, cheered as the march passed. Some joined in.

Outdoor event draws 1,700

A lateafternoon indoor rally at the First District Plaza on Market Street drew over 1,700 people; extra chairs had to be added. Photos of the 11 who died were arrayed on stage next to the message, “Never let it happen again.”

Messages of solidarity were delivered by video conference from Angela Davis, Alice Walker and Minister Louis Farrakhan. Imprisoned MOVE 9 member Jamine Africa called in, and a radio interview was aired from Mumia AbuJamal, currently hospitalized. Several speakers addressed the state’s latest attempt to murder AbuJamal through medical mistreatment and demanded his release from prison.

Rally speakers included Pam Afrika, Cornell West, Michael Coard, Gloria Casco, Amina Baraka, Suzanne Ross, Johanna Fernandez and Ramona Africa, the lone survivor of the bombing. Rebel Diaz, Chuck D, Impact Theater and the Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble provided entertainment.

Sharif ElMekki, principal of Mastery Charter School, brought students and staff to the program, noting, “We must teach the younger generation. We should never forget what happened.” Two longtime Osage Avenue residents, Connie Renfrow and Gerald Renfrow, voiced concern over attempts to gentrify their neighborhood and push people out of their homes.

Several speakers urged continuing the struggle to free all political prisoners, including AbuJamal and the remaining members of the MOVE 9, who still languish in Pennsylvania prisons, unable to gain parole. Two of the MOVE 9, Merle Africa and Phil Africa, have died under mysterious circumstances while incarcerated.

Conference backs U.S. political prisoners

By Judy Greenspan
Oakland, Calif.

“Justice for Tony Robinson!”

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Matter” forum on May 13 in Milwaukee.

Numerous other acts of solidarity took place on May 13, and many statements were issued, too, demanding justice for the slain youth. The Wisconsin Bail Out the Children Campaign issued a statement announcing a “nullification and outrageous decision not to indict Kenneth for killing Tony Robinson.” Their statement said: “We stand in full solidarity with the Robinson family and all families affected by their loved ones being murdered by the police. We stand in solidarity with the Young, Gifted and Black Coalition and the Coalition for Justice: We demand justice for Tony Robinson, Dontre Hamilton, Freddie Gray and all victims of police terror.”

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FIGHT Imperialism, Stand Together

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Jon Burge, police torturer

The torture inflicted by the Chicago police in Homan Squares is not new. In the 1970s and 1980s, police detective and commander Jon Burge ran routine tortu- rations that he had learned while in Vietnam. Burge framed up hundreds of people, sometimes on false confessions, of- ten to capital crimes.

Burge handed a head of police named the “Midnight Crew” between 1972 and 1987. The crew tortured and abused black and white women and men to coercive false confessions. Methods they used in- cluded suffocation, beatings, wire electrocution, cold water poured on their eyes, and electric shock with cattle prods, electric wires attached to the genitals, and other methods that caused severe physical and mental injury.

The Chicago-based Innocence Project uncovered so many coerced confessions and got so many capital cases overturned that Gov. George Ryan in January 2003 commuted all 163 death sentences in the state, emptying death row in Illinois. Some of those pardoned were Burge’s vic- tims.

Burge carried on for two decades before he was finally brought to court in 2010. He was sentenced to a light term for perjury and recently got out.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel was forced to concede to the demands of the Black and Latino/a communities for re- parations to Burge’s victims. He began to speak about doing so only to place the oppressed communities during the mayor- al primary campaign, when he was running behind Jesus “Chuy” Garcia, who mounted a strong campaign and was winning support in the Black and Latin- no/a communities. Even though Emanu- el was forced to apologize for the crimes of Burge, Homan Squares have not been up and running all through his mayoralty.

Imperialist war and torture at home

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Jon Burge and his “Midnight Riders” carried on their torture for two decades. Richard Zuley and his racist cohorts have been operating Homan Square for almost two decades. This takes place in plain view of the ruling class of Chicago, the Justice Department in Washington and the War on Terror, and makers and sharks in capitalist society.

The New York Times, the Chicago Tri- bune, the Wall Street Journal and all the other luminaries of the big business media establishment never lifted a finger to fire a really thorough exposé of the torturers. It took the Guardian newspaper of Britain which also publicized the revelations by Edward Snowden, to persevere and un- cover this ugly, racist torture den.

While the exposures of torture are a set-back for the cops, they will stay in the busi- ness of killing, torture and brutality unless and until there is a mass movement that is powerful enough to shake the foundations of the capitalist system. The ruling class is used to endless exposures. The publicists of the exploiters have mastered the art of riding with a wave of condemnation until it dies down, and then they go back to busi- ness as usual.

Only a strong assault from below can shake the cops and their paymasters in the board rooms and push them back. In the final analysis, mass incarceration, police occupation and racial repression must be swept away, along with the capitalist system they serve.
The rebels in both Ferguson, Mo., and Baltimore in response to state terror — more commonly called police brutality — define themselves as part of a growing wave of rising social upheaval in the United States. The Black Lives Matter movement that was born from the high-profile police killings of Black men, women and children is a continuation of the Black struggle for liberation.

Unlike the political climate today, it is growing, changing and learning. The rebellions, while part of the burgeoning political climate that is leading in a more radical direction, is not yet a new nature. Despite the calls for peace from more mainstream activists and bourgeois politicians, the rebellions will most likely spread to other cities, as the conditions of oppression, repression and economic warfare continue in oppressed communities. The foundation of the Black Lives Matter movement, as well as the masses who rebel — in this period and anytime — is rightly appraised in the context of a more proactive and principled approach.

Malcolm X gave a major speech at Columbia University, entitled “The Black Revolution and Its Effects upon the Negroes of the Western Hemisphere,” on Feb. 18, 1965, three days before he was assassinated. He stressed, “It is incorrect to classify the revolt of the Negro as simply a racial conflict or 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.” Considering the fact that May 9 marks the 90th anniversary of Malcolm’s birth, these remarks made three days before his assassination are as true now as they were then.

Of course, the times and political climate were different then. The capitalist system was at a different point: It was still expanding in the 1960s, despite the ongoing social explosions in the imperialist centers. Today we can see the reemergence of world capitalist social revolutions in the oppressed world.

However, there is much to compare between today and now regarding the international situation and, specifically, the movements within the internal colonies in the U.S. Change depends upon much conflict — social, political as well as cultural.

Capitalist state fosters terror

State terror is nothing new. Even when there are no social explosions, the terror of state forces, not merely the police, but the whole oppressive apparatus, has always loomed over the internally oppressed colonies of the capitalist state. State terror includes those of the U.S. — the Black, Indigenous, Mexican, Puerto Rican and other Latina/o peoples. It endangers immigrants who have been forced to migrate to the U.S. from other oppressed peoples. Immigration reform is it is nothing but a shift from conflict led or backed by Washington or its proxies or because of imperialist economic wars elsewhere.

In the Black, Brown and Indigenous communities or on Native reservations, this state terror has been the most acute. These are areas where electricity, clean water and sanitation are in short supply, where there is no public education, where there are no health care facilities and where there are no decent places to live.

In the U.S., this racist division is needed so capitalists can drive down wages and line the pockets of owners of industries that thrive off the imperialism of barely oppressed people. Oppressed people are vilified to justify their criminalization and incarceration by the state.

While police killings are the focus and the catalyst of the rebellions and the Black Lives Matter movement, they are not new developments. It is only that modern technology facilitates the instantaneous travel of news and because cell phone video camera-era are ubiquitous. However, the underlying oppressive conditions are what keep the ire of the Black community simmering.

Oppressed communities hit by system's changes

These conditions did not spring from nowhere. Those that prevail in many Black communities are a continuation of policies set in motion by the process of today’s capitalist system — with its profiteering of oil, gas and forestry and the resulting shrinking labor force, particularly impacts oppressed people. Governments at all levels deliberately neglect these communities. Paying back the people at exorbitant interest rates is the priority of government, the sake of people’s needs.

This is exemplified by the lack of jobs or the availability of only low-wage jobs with no benefits, the shrinking of the public sector and attacks on union rights, cutbacks in governmental programs, such as food stamps, unemployment benefits, housing subsidies, and the closing of schools and hospitals. Police terror reigns.

What the youth of Baltimore need right now is amnesty for any charges related to the rebellion, as well as increased investment into the most poor and oppressed communities in Baltimore. That means funding quality education, recreation centers, decent housing and examples with a livable wage. Youth do not need an increased presence of police to terrorize them, nor more jails to lock them away. When people are left without decent jobs, without the education required to get jobs (if they existed), without other basic services — and when they are left with is police and jails — they will demand systemic change. If the city and state governments continue down this path of apathy, they will be sowing the seeds of future rebellions.

Shell: No Arctic oil drilling!

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Polar Pioneer drilling rig platform, which had arrived only days before. A rally was held on land only a quarter-mile from the oil rig.

Some 500 demonstrators, organized by the Seattle Black Alliance for Just Immigration, gathered on the 50th anniversary of the Chukchi Sea oil spill) in the Gulf of Mexico. Eleven people were killed on April 20, 2010, in what is known to be the worst oil spill in the petroleums' history.

White House OKed Arctic drilling

The White House gave the green light on May 11 for the oil rig to come in, when Shell won conditional approval to drill in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska’s northwest coast. The oil giant intends to drill in 140 feet of water in an area with major storms and waves up to 50 feet high. The risks for a major oil spill are very high.

Shell’s record in Alaska is disastrous. In 2012 their drill rig Kulluk ran aground; Shell publiclyFriendly to eight offshore entities related to safety.

Washington’s easy approval is due to the oil monopolies’ tight control over the capitalist state. Shell Oil and allied oil corporations, together with the banks and the military-industrial complex, occupy the commanding heights of the capitalist system.

Shell made over $15 billion in profits in 2014. Petroleum products are contained in consumer and industrial commodities everywhere in the capitalist markets. Big Oil dictates the oil wars against the peoples in the Middle East and Africa.

Drilling for oil is an attack on the Indigenous peoples of the Arctic and oppressed countries across the globe who are struggling against rising oceanic from Bangladesh to Barbados. Arctic drilling is a direct assault on the Kyoto Treaty and other international agreements attempting to stop global warming.

The military-industrial complex is in control of the oil industry and profits must be met by the rising tide of working-class militancy and solidarity. The struggle must be aimed against this heinous system which threatens the planet and all its inhabitants.
Ten years after her death
Remembering Pat Chin

By Monica Moorehead

Pat Chin, a national committee member of Workers World Party and WW contributing editor, died on May 16, 2005, following a more-than-decade-long, heroic battle against breast cancer. She was 56 years old. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, she also included a Chinese grandfather. Chin moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., in the early 1960s. Following the September 11 Rebellion, she came out as a lesbian in the early 1970s and was a founding member of Salsa Soul Sisters, an organization of mainly Black, Latina and Latina/o lesbians.

Chin evolved as an anti-imperialist and internationalist, influenced by the Black and liberationist traditions. She was a member of the Venceremos Brigade.

The year following her first International Working Women’s Day event in 1986, she joined WW. Never forgetting her Caribbean roots, this talented photographer, activist and writer, who had been a unionist, a feminist writer and self-taught photographer, worked to expose U.S. crimes against the peoples of Haiti and Yugoslavia. She documented Haiti and Yugoslavia, starting in 1990, to meet with representatives of the Haitian mass organizations particularly in the Haiti Commission of Inquiry into the September 30 Coup d’Etat and the Haiti Support Network. She worked shoulder to shoulder with comrades engaged in the Haitian struggle, working to show solidarity with the Haitian liberation struggle.

On the tenth anniversary of the death of Workers World Party leader, Pat Chin, the editors of Haiti Liberté wrote this moving tribute to her important contributions to the Haitian liberation struggle.

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One of her last great contributions to the Haitian struggle was her collaboration with comrades Greg Dunkel in the publishing of the book “Haiti: A Slave Revolution,” Just this spring, we met a young Haitian man at a meeting in Canada carrying a dog-eared copy of the book. “It is my Bible,” he replied, when asked why had he it.

Comrade Pat, we miss your soft, witty laugh, your penetrating insights and your indomitable spirit. Fanm vanyan means, in Kreyol, a crusading woman. That is what you were, and you live on in our hearts and memories.

Kenbe la, kenbe fèmil apanmoun.
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The people of Haiti greeted French President François Hollande on May 11, 2015, with cries of “Long live Dessalines! Down with Hollande!” Jean-Jacques Dessalines was the radical Haitian general who led the final struggle of the victorious Haitian Revolution against the French slave masters and declared Haiti’s independence on Jan. 1, 1804.

The present Haitian government, led by President Michel Martelly and Prime Minister Evans Paul, met Hollande at the airport in the capital city of Port-au-Prince with a red carpet and full honors. Before coming to Haiti with his 300-member entourage, Hollande had travelled to the French Caribbean islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe. He briefly stopped in Cuba to look for business opportunities, met with President Raúl Castro and former President Fidel Castro.

In a speech in front of the crowd in Guadeloupe, Hollande saluted Martelly’s presidency as a representative of the first nation to end slavery by force of arms. He denounced the treaty that France had imposed on Haiti in 1825, forcing the country to pay 150 million gold francs as compensation for “lost” property — referring to Haitian people who had been brutally enslave by the colonial country before 1804.

Calling this the “independence ranage,” Hollande declared, “When I get to Haiti, I will in my turn pay the debt we have” to the country. (Haiti Liberté, May 13-19)

This is no small sum. In 2003, former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aris -tide’s government asked France to re -pay what was owed and was calculated to be $21.6 billion. The imperialist French government, of course, refused. Today, with interest, the total nears half a billion with food and the arts.

However, even before Hollande got to Haiti, he backtracked. He was only acknowledging France’s “moral” debt for slavery and the “ransom” extorted from Haiti’s people. As David McFadden wrote on May 11, “French officials stressed he was referring to a ‘moral debt,’ not a financial one.” (Associated Press)

But Norluck Dorange, a progressive Haitian journalist, said Hollande was only accepting part of the moral debt owed to Haiti. “You think you’ve paid what you owe, but you haven’t,” Dorange wrote in Le Nouveau Progrès.

Haitians demonstrated against French president.

The demonstrators were also enraged because while Martelly and Hollande personally laid a wreath at the memorial to Toussaint Louverture, a Haitian liberation leader who died in a French jail in April 1803, they avoided the memorial to Dessalines — the general who decisively defeated the French and declared Haiti’s independence.

Some university students were dressed and chained together, the way enslaved Haitians lived under French colonial rule. One person was dressed to resemble Dessalines and rode a horse, as the great leader did.

The crowd chanted, “Long live restitution! Long live reparations! Down with occupation!” They were objecting to the United Nations MINUSTAH military force’s occupation of Haiti since 2004.

Videos showed that demonstrators were militant and did not back down until the cops brought in water cannons and tear gas. The police forced protesters away from the official stand before Hol -lande arrived.

Martelly was hoping for an event to distinguish workers from the official stand while Hollande was hoping for an event to demonstrate his support for the people of Haiti.

Haitian people tell French President Hollande: ‘We want money, not empty words’
NYC tenants demand affordable housing

By G. Dunkel

Thousands of tenants demanding their right to affordable housing gathered in Manhattan's Foley Square on May 14 and marched across the Brooklyn Bridge. They were joined by labor allies: 1199SEIU United Health Care Workers East, the National Nurses Network, New York Local 1080, the Professional Staff Congress, the Hotel Trades Council and the Distributive Workers all had contingents. Workers at Amazon New York City that limit what landlords can charge their tenants are scheduled to expire June 15. A million apartments are covered, the largest bloc of rent-regulated housing in the United States.

New York City’s rent regulations are ensnared in the state legislature in Albany. The whole process is controlled by three men — Andrew Cuomo, the governor; John Flanagan, the leader of the Senate; and Carl Heastie, the speaker of the Assembly. What these three men agree to is generally what passes.

Real estate interests are major donors in New York and the daily wangle, the Gothamist, reported on May 15 that several of the state’s largest donors to Cuomo represent real estate.

Over the past 10 years, manipulations by developers and politicians have removed tens of thousands of apartments from rent regulations. Homelessness has increased because, even outside of Manhattan, with its astronomically priced housing, it is difficult for poor and working people to find affordable apartments. What politicians like Mayor Bill de Blasio consider affordable is questionable. What he is pushing is “inclusionary zoning,” which makes developers set aside some percentage — usually a small percentage, typically 20 percent — of the new housing they develop for “low-income” tenants. For instance, the latest development in the Bronx has low-income apartments for people making over $28,000 a year, or $57 an hour, for a 40-hour week. (Jacobin, Fall 2014) Thus, even these “low-income” apartments are out of reach for many low-wage, part-time and unemployed workers, landlords say.

A number of the speakers pushed going to Albany June 9, on the free buses 1199SEIU is providing, and several made the connection between struggling for affordable housing and “Black Lives Matter.” Other speakers raised the issue of a $15-an-hour minimum wage and a union.

Baltimore anti-police brutality protest says

‘Amnesty for all’ arrestees

By Lamont Lilly Baltimore

On May 16, hundreds of protesters gathered at downtown Baltimore’s McKeldin Square in a show of solidarity with more than 500 mainly African-American protesters who were arrested and jailed locally over the last three weeks. While some arrestees have posted bail, many are still caught in hell behind the walls of the Baltimore City Detention Center.

Organized by the Baltimore People’s Power Assembly, concerned community members spoke out and marched for three days through Baltimore’s downtown and oppressed community, including Latrobe Homes. Community members of all nationalities were there to call for justice in the torture-death of 29-year-old Freddie Grey by six Baltimore Police Department officers last month. It took more than a week — which included the rebellion and a five-day curfew — for these officers to be charged with Grey’s death.

In addition to honoring Brother Grey, others shared personal stories involving friends and loved ones who have also experienced negative encounters with Baltimore police — from racial profiling to beatings, to outright murder. It was obvious through the people’s testimonies that the city of Baltimore does indeed have a very serious problem with police terror.

A rally led by Sharon Black and Rev. C.D. Witherspoon of the Baltimore People’s Power Assembly had protesters continuously chanting: “What do we want? AMNESTY! When do we want it? NOW!” Rev. Witherspoon reminded the local media and attendees, “This is an uprising, not a riot. Our resistance is justified.” His inspiring comments were right on time as the local police attempted to derail the route by way of an armed barricade.

Their intention was to cut off the route from entering the Black community in order to disconnect the oppressed community from their supporters and allies.

In a spontaneous show of sheer bravery, marchers refused to be moved and simply went around the cops. This small but heroic stand was important because the route was specifically mapped to cover the Black community, as well as two stops, one at the Baltimore Juvenile Justice Center and one at the city’s Central Booking and Intake Center.

At both facilities community members spoke out against the state of Maryland’s recent approval to construct a new $30 million youth jail, which is only a result of the recent rebellion. Speakers and protesters were careful to highlight the connections among police terror, millilg and the perpetuation of the prison-industrial complex through private prisons and the school-to-prison pipeline. It’s unfortunate how the city of Baltimore can find money for more jails and prisons, but not money for better schools and recreation centers.

Protest attendees were very conscious of the fact that most of the inmates incarcerated in Baltimore are actually victims of racist, systematic disenfranchisement, poverty and police terror — all ills of the capitalist crisis. Protesters were very aware that prisons and jails are merely tools that aid the process of continued oppression and state-sponsored violence.

That is exactly the reason the Baltimore People’s Power Assembly is calling for full amnesty for all rebellion-related arrestees.

Capitalism has run its course, and the system now has failed — both workers and youth alike. Those incarcerated for speaking truth to power must be defended. Those detained for standing up for justice must be released. We say jail the “real thugs” — the judges and corrupt politicians. Free the people and jail killer cops! Revolutionary socialism for the poor and oppressed!

Come stand in solidarity with the first session of the Baltimore Tribunal & People’s Assembly on “Police Terror and Structural Racism,” Sat., June 6, 7–p.m. For details and additional information, contact the PPA at 443-221-3775.

Amnesty for all' arrestees

Meet one of the many arrestees who have been taken into custody by Baltimore police officers. This police incident occurred on May 25, 1987. She was arrested and taken to the Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center. She was not a suspect in any crime.

“Remember Maria Guardado”

By Workers World Los Angeles Branch

Workers World Party members and thousands of others — from Los Angeles to El Salvador — are deeply saddened by the death of María Guardado, who died earlier in May in Los Angeles at the age of 81. Friends reported that she died peacefully and without pain after a long battle with cancer.

For those who are unfamiliar with María, a documentary film entitled “Testimony: the María Guardado Story,” available on YouTube, is a good place to start to learn of her life.

In her home country, María had been a school teacher and an activist. As a worker, she was also an important activist in the national movement against U.S. domination. Like tens of thousands of others, she was caught up in the brutal campaign of repression carried out by the U.S.-backed right-wing government. In the late 1970s, she was kidnapped by death squads, brutally tortured and ultimately tossed out of a moving car and left for dead.

Her abduction was a cause among activists and sympathizers. In one of the last sermons given by Archbishop Oscar Romero, just before he himself was assassinated, he called on the death squads to release María Guardado. María survived and, with the help of a taxi driver, made it home to her family. She was then secreted out of the country and to the United States by co-activists. She won asylum and spent the rest of her life fighting against U.S. imperialism.

Her courage and energy throughout the years won the admiration and love of the entire progressive movement in Los Angeles — especially among the many Latino and Latina activists. María had become a symbol of what the U.S. has done to harm El Salvador, of the immigrant rights movement in the U.S., of the anti-war movement and of the struggle for justice in general.

Some of her injuries from torture were permanent — including trauma. When she spoke, she would lose her breath, pause, collect herself and continue. Her activism included trips for a number of years included trips to the annual mass actions at Fort Benning, Ga., by School of the Americas Watch.

Collage includes murals of Maria Guardado in South Central L.A. (left) and Mexico City, and photos of Maria in the struggle.

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Remember Maria Guardado
Free Oscar Lopez Rivera

By Abayomi Azikiwe
Editor, Pan-African News Wire

At the 2013 funeral of South African President Nelson Mandela, who had been imprisoned by the U.S.-backed apartheid regime in South Africa for 26 years prior to his release in 1990, Barack Obama said that “around the world—today, tomorrow and the day after—men and women are still imprisoned for their political beliefs.”

Former Puerto Rican political prisoner Oscar Lopez Rivera said earlier this year that the “victory” of the U.S. government in rescinding the death sentence on Lopez Rivera was an “empty victory,” and similar statements have been made by many other anti-imperialist prisoners in the United States and around the world. Obama has refused to release Lopez Rivera, who was allowed to return to Puerto Rico after 40 years of imprisonment.

In 1995, President Bill Clinton, who was a former fascism-baiter, ordered the release of Lopez Rivera, who had been imprisoned since 1969, for the release of 10 Puerto Rican prisoners in exchange for the release of 10 U.S. citizens who had been imprisoned by the Cuban government. This was a clear example of the U.S. government’s use of prisoners as bargaining chips in its struggle against socialism and anti-imperialism.

In a recent article, Workers World urged its readers to “support these demonstrations and meet- and-rally to demand the release of Oscar Lopez Rivera.”

“With regard to Oscar Lopez Rivera, one must take into account the fact that this man was imprisoned for 40 years for his political beliefs,” said Abayomi Azikiwe, Editor, Pan-African News Wire. “He has been refused his freedom by President Obama, who has said that he does not support the death penalty.”

“A woman, a worker’s newspaper!”

May Day began in the Caribbean island in 1898. Before that it had been a colony of Spain. U.S. citizenship was granted to Puerto Ricans in 1917, when the U.S. government seized the island from Spain. Since then, Puerto Ricans have been forced to pay taxes and provide military and law enforcement services to the U.S. government.

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As Saudi Arabia resumes bombing of Yemen

Let the Iranian relief ship pass!

By Caleb Maupin

May 19 — A Red Crescent Society cargo ship carrying medical supplies, food, water and other humanitarian aid to Yemen from Iran is presently in the Gulf of Aden, due to arrive at the Yemeni port of Hodeida on Thursday, May 21.

Human rights and antiwar activists on board the relief vessel, the Iran Shahed, are urgently calling on concerned people to contact the White House and demand that the ship be allowed to dock in Yemen so the aid can be delivered.

Two days ago, Saudi Arabia announced that, after a five-day pause, it had resumed the bombing of Yemen, begun two months ago with tactical support from the Pentagon. The oil-rich, reactionary kingdom has intervened in a long-lasting internal struggle in Yemen in order to restore a pro-Saudi political figure, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, to the presidency.

Saudi Arabia, a major U.S. ally in the Middle East, has also imposed an embargo on deliveries of food and water to Yemen, formerly a British colony and now the poorest country in the Middle East. Yemen is largely desert, and must import almost all the food for its 25 million people.

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“This is no question in my mind about the absolutely humanitarian nature of this mission. I have personally looked inside the cargo areas of this ship and seen nothing but humanitarian items like band-aids, disinfectant, food and bottled water.

“The Iranian Red Crescent Society, like all organizations affiliated with [it] the International Red Cross/Red Crescent Society in Geneva, follows seven guiding principles of work. Among them are non-involvement in military operations, non-partisan delivery of aid and voluntarism.

“The Saudis have already bombed the port of Hodeida in anticipation of our arrival. That, after a five-day pause, it had resumed the bombing of Yemen, begun two months ago with tactical support from the Pentagon. The oil-rich, reactionary kingdom has intervened in a long-lasting internal struggle in Yemen in order to restore a pro-Saudi political figure, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, to the presidency.

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“Let the hungry children of Yemen live! Let the Iranian relief ship pass!”

Caleb Maupin representing U.S. anti-war groups on humanitarian ship to aid Yemeni people.

Mani Baeck

Well over a hundred people, most from the local Yemeni community, marched and rallied on May 16 against the Saudi bombing and devastation of Yemen. They gathered at the United Nations Plaza in San Francisco, marched down Market Street to the busy shopping area at Powell Street, and then returned to the U.N. Plaza for a rally.

Their demands included: “Stop the Saudi bombing!” “Stop the war on Yemen!” “No to foreign intervention or imperialist aggression!” and “Yes to self-determination of the Yemeni people!”

Marchers chanted: “Everybody knows who we are! We are Yemen! We’ll stop the Saudis!” and (rough translation of an Arabic language chant) “With our soul, with our blood, we’ll redeem you, Yemen!”

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De Ferguson a Baltimore:

¡CÁRCEL PARA POLICÍA ASESINA!

Por Monica Moorehead

El asesinato de Michael Brown, un joven de 18 años de edad, el pasado 9 de agosto por el policía blanco Darren Wilson, encendió un levantamiento de casi dos semanas en Ferguson, Misuri. Liderada por jóvenes negros/os, esta rebelión inició el proceso de enfoques de las profundas atrocidades que han tenido lugar en Ferguson y los otros lugares de policía en todo EUA durante muchas décadas. El centro actual de este levantamiento es Baltimore.

Aunque el Departamento de Justicia (DJ) a principios de marzo no pudo acu- sar a Wilson por violaciones a los dere- chos humanos en la escena de la detección o a cualquier delito. Wilson no habría salido tan rápidamente si no fuera por la heroína rebelión que expulsó a la intimidación de la policía.

Abayomi Azikiwe escribió sobre el in- forme del DJ para este periódico: “Los datos recogidos por el Departamento de Policía de Ferguson del 2013-2014 demuestran que las/os afroamericanos representan el 85 por ciento de los ve- hículos detenidos, el 90 por ciento de las detecciones efectuadas por agentes de DPP, a pesar de que comprende sólo el 67 por ciento de la población. Las/os afroamericans tienen más del doble de probabili- dad que los conductores blancos de ser detenidos, el 90 por ciento de las/os detenidos y en- carcelados, así como más del 60 por cien- to de los/os detenidos menores de 18 años. Siete de 14 agentes de la policía de San Francisco fueron suspendidos el 3 de abril por enviarse entre mesas de textos racistas y anti-homosexuales, pidiendo incluso el linchamiento de perso- nas transgénero. Este movimiento dinámi- co tuvo sus raíces en el año 2012 antes tras el tiroteo de Freddie Gray en Baltimore. La rebelión de Ferguson encendió el Movimiento de Las Vidas Negras Import- (Black Lives Matter, BLM), inicia- do por mujeres negras y personas negras transgénero. Este movimiento dinami- co tuvo sus raíces en el año 2012 antes tras el tiroteo de Freddie Gray en Baltimore. La rebelión de Ferguson encendió el Movimiento de Las Vidas Negras Import-

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Por Joseph Pitee

Familiares, amigos y activistas de la Coalición Justicia REAL de Filadelfia, se reunieron el 9 de mayo en el lugar donde el 27 de abril, la respuesta del Gobera- dor de Maryland fue imponer un toque de queda de cinco días y llamar a miles de Guardias Nacionales. Al menos 900 personas fueron detenidas entre el 27 de abril y el 2 de mayo, cuando el toque de queda fue cancelado. Muchas de las/os detenidos aún siguen en la cárcel sin el debido proceso.

La policía de Baltimore es conocida por su brutalidad contra la población afroamericana. Desde 2012, el departa- mento ha pagado alrededor de 66 mil- liones de compensación a las familias de las/os víctimas que pusieron demandas contra la policía.

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Manifestación exige justicia para Frank McQueen

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Familiares, amigos y activistas de la Coalición Justicia REAL de Filadelfia, se reunieron el 9 de mayo en el lugar donde el 27 de abril, la respuesta del Gobera- dor de Maryland fue imponer un toque de queda de cinco días y llamar a miles de Guardias Nacionales. Al menos 900 personas fueron detenidas entre el 27 de abril y el 2 de mayo, cuando el toque de queda fue cancelado. Muchas de las/os detenidos aún siguen en la cárcel sin el debido proceso.

La policía de Baltimore es conocida por su brutalidad contra la población afroamericana. Desde 2012, el departa- mento ha pagado alrededor de 66 mil- iones de compensación a las familias de las/os víctimas que pusieron demandas contra la policía. Las/os trabajadores, especialmente en la clase obrera seguramente seguirán la lucha BLM ha ayudado a exponer la causa raíz de este terror policial endémico: el aumento del desempleo juvenil, sobre todo para las/os jóvenes de color. Mientras se dispara el desempleo y sub- empleo juvenil a un 40 por ciento y hasta un 60 por ciento más, aumenta también la violencia policial y el encarcelamiento en masa.

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