Defend Black Lives Matter
End the police war on Black & Brown people

A call from Monica Moorehead and Lamont Lilly, Workers World Party 2016 candidates for president and vice president.

July 12 — The time has come to open another front in the struggle against white supremacy. What happened in Dallas on July 7 has in the past, under different circumstances, provided the ruling class, the politicians, the mainstream media and the police with more weapons than they could possibly need to impose a chilling effect on the Black Lives Matter movement and the struggle against racist police terror.

The fall of 2014 was a high point for the Black Lives Matter movement. Thousands of marchers nationwide were shutting down highways, bridges and shopping malls across the country in the aftermath of the police murders of Eric Garner, Michael Brown and Tamir Rice.

But after two New York City cops were shot dead in December 2014, the pressure on the movement was so heavy that some activists canceled protests. It took months for the movement to recover from the political pressure orchestrated by the capitalist establishment.

However, in the aftermath of the Dallas shootings, the capitalist political establishment has so far not been able to freeze out or push back the movement. It’s not that they haven’t tried. The pro-cop talking heads have been all over the media trying to blame and demonize the movement for cops killed in Dallas.

Every politician who could find a microphone was eager to express solidarity with the police, call on everybody to support the cops and admonish the movement to stop the “anti-cop rhetoric.”

But the day after the Dallas shootings, the streets of Atlanta, New York, San Francisco, St. Paul, Baton Rouge and many other cities across the country, and even around the world, were filled with thousands of protesters demanding justice for Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, the two Black men executed by police last week and caught on video tape.

Since the killings of Sterling and Castile, over a dozen more people of color have reportedly been murdered by the police, including five Latinos. These killings have received little to no national attention, except via Twitter.

Up to this moment, the mass outrage over the latest victims of the police war against Black and Brown people is so deep, and so powerful, that the people are saying by their refusal to suspend the struggle, “No, this time we are not going to allow Dallas to be used as an excuse to blame us and stop us.”

Even high-profile athletes like Carmelo Anthony, Serena Williams and Colin Kaepernick are speaking...
By Workers World Staff

Milwaukee

Members and friends of Workers World Party from around the country joined WWPP members and supporters in Wisconsin June 30 to July 11 to assist in gathering the signatures needed for ballot status for WWPP 2016 national candidates Monica Moorehead and Lamont Lilly. Organizers, many of whom are students, report the signa-
ture-gathering blitz was a smashing success. Almost 4,000 signatures were obtained primarily in Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Madison. For ballot status, 2,000 valid signa-
tures must be certified by the Wisconsin Election Commis-
sion. WWPP should receive official notice by Aug. 5.

“The people of Wisconsin whom we met are enthusi-
astic about the Moorehead-Lilly campaign,” said Andrea Bauschke, who traveled from Reedville, Ill., and stayed five days. “Poor and working people here have a long histo-
ry of resistance against capitalism — from historic labor strikes to current Black Lives Matter struggles. Many spoke at length about Donte Hamilton, a Black man who was shot 14 times and killed by Milwaukee cop Christopher Manney on April 30, 2014. They had words for Scott Walker, who, on behalf of Wall Street inter-
est, virtually eliminated collective bargaining for public sector workers and ushered in right-to-work-for-less in Wisconsin. We talked about socialism as the solution for these horrific attacks on our class, and we look forward to bringing Moorehead-Lilly back here this fall!”

Stop the Bradley Foundation!

Organizers distributed thousands of palm cards and leaflets about two July 7 events in Milwaukee: a protest at the Bradley Foundation and a “Building People’s Power”

Volunteers gathered 4,000 signatures to get WWPP on the ballot.

Who we are & what we’re fighting for

Hate capitalism? Workers World Party fights for a society that embraces human rights and protects the weakness of production. It is a critique of imperialism’s wars and aggressions. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning back the clock to the bad old days before socialist revolu-
tion. WWP builds unity among all workers while supporting the right to self-determination. Fighting oppression is a work-
ing-class issue, which is confirmed by the many labor struggles and national liberation struggles liberated territory from their grip. We’ve been in the streets to oppose every one of imperialism’s wars and aggressions. Contact a Workers World Party branch near you:

Wisconsin: Petition blitz for Moorehead-Lilly campaign

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By Martha Grevatt

July 11 — Since launching his racist, vi- olate, hate-filled campaign for U.S. pres- ident, Donald Trump has met militant opposition at every turn. The Republi- can National Convention, taking place in Cleveland July 18-22 and where Trump’s nomination is expected, will be no excep- tion. There will be a week of resistance — starting days before the convention even opens.

People will be coming from all over the country to march on Monday, July 17. The march theme, “Shut down Trump and the RNC,” should set a fighting tone for the many protests — both planned and spontaneous — that will follow in the next few days. The march will gather at 4 p.m. at 90th and Euclid. (Visit icenter. org/2016 for updates.) Workers World Durham Bureau

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On July 5, protests confronted both capital- ist presidential candidates, who were holding campaign rallies in North Carolina. In Charlotte, N.C., Hillary Clin- ton held her campaign kick-off rally at the Quicken Loans Arena, while Black Obama at the first joint rally the two have held. They both spoke on the ne- cessity of stopping Donald Trump and leading their parties from progressive po- sitions on immigration and other is- sues. After their formal talks, they will resume the march and reassemble at Willard Park for the main rally.

By Workers World Durham Bureau

The statement below was issued on July 6 by Monica Moorehead and Lam- ont Lilly, Workers World Party’s 2016 campaign coordinator for president and vice pres- ident. Since then, a number of well- known Black football, basketball and baseball athletes in the U.S. have spoken out against police brutality, including Serena Williams, the world’s number one tennis player; Women’s National Basketball Association’s members of the New York Liberty and Minnesota Lynx; the National Football League’s San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick; Carmelo Anthony and Bradley Beal from the National Basket- ball Association’s New York Knicks and Washington Wizards, respectively; and Leonard Fournette, a running back with the National Football League’s New York Giants.

The #Not1More coalition held up a ban -

ner that read, “Release them now, stop deporting our students, #FreeWildin’ and chanted, “Stop deporting our students,” referring to the detention of various students who have been in Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, detention centers since May and June. Local 8751 voted more than 90 percent in favor of the resolution which was diffused by the RNC, “should set a fighting tone for the overt racism, Islamophobia and anti-immi- gration raids that is the Trump cam- paign. In May and June, Local 8751 voted to endorse and support, with resources, union members and members of the Boston community who want to join with the thousands of people who will be protest- ing both the Republican and Democratic national conventions. We walk the talk when it comes to union solidarity.”

Many protesters, including the Boston bus drivers, will not stop with opposing the RNC; they will be back in the streets of Philadelphia a week later opposing the Democratic National Convention. As Gil noted: “For months, we’ve heard that Clinton’s brother has received a $60-year contract for the profits of the largest gold mine in Haiti. “The drivers in March voted unani- mously to endorse the presidential cam- paign of Monica Moorehead and Lamont Lilly as they reflected on their priorities of bet- ter jobs, housing and health care for the drivers’ families and their communities.”

As athletes speak out against police brutality

An appeal to boycott Olympics

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The awful murders of Altior Sterling, Philando Castile and at least five other Black people by racist police, which continues the long, violent history of slavery and Jim Crow thereafter.

How can one represent one’s country with pride when a large section of the U.S. population is being treated as second-class citizens? — when Black and Brown lives are considered expendable by the police, es- pecially in centers of ICE detention centers by ICE? When it comes to union solidarity, we are so damn angry, along with millions of other Black people and peo- ple of good conscience, over the recent shootings of Delbert King, a Black man shot to death on July 4 by a racist off-duty police officer in East New York, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Alton Sterling, a Black man shot to death on July 6 by a racist police officer in Baton Rouge, La., police officer.

We are making a stand against police brutality, which continues to be a way of life for millions of Black and Brown people, and those who are loved, admired and respected by mil- lions of people, especially youth, here and worldwide — to boycott the upcoming Olympic Games in Rio. We urge you to take this stand in protest of the esca- lating war against Black and Brown people by racist police, which continues the long, violent history of slavery and Jim Crow thereafter.

By Workers World Durham Bureau

On July 8, in the Minneapolis- area gutted by Philando Castile, a 32-year-old Black cafeteria supervi- sor at J.J. Hill Montessori School in St. Paul. Castle was driving with his woman friend and her young daughter when he was shot by police officer allegedly having a faulty taillight. A cop fired point-blank at least four times at Castle as he reached for his wallet, with the killer’s aftermath shown livestream on Facebook by the woman friend, who recorded it. Millions of people have seen the recording, just as many as have seen the police officer’s blood. Protests sparked by the killings of police and Castle have continued all over the country.

Also on the night of July 9, Houston police executed Alva Brazy by shooting him near a gas station at least 50 times while his hands were up. His murder was captured by a surveillance camera. The are the latest victims on a long list of over 500 people who have been killed thus far in 2016 — an alarming
On July 8, "Black Solidarity with Palestine," a coalition of 40 Black organizations and nearly 1,200 individuals, released the following statement in support of Bilal Kayed, a prison leader with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. It has been on an open hunger strike for over a year, protesting "administrative detention" by Israel. His struggle is the focus of a global solidarity movement nationwide and worldwide, including a current week of global actions coordinated by Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network.

Today, on the 44th anniversary of the assassination of the revolutionary Palestinian novelist and activist Ghassan Kanafani, second anniversary of Israel's latest assault on Gaza, the 49th year of ongoing Israeli occupation and the 68th year of Palestinians' imprisonment in Zionist apartheid, we express our firm solidarity with Palestinian prisoner Bilal Kayed, who is in the 23rd day of his hunger strike against his indefinite detention by Israel.

Kayed completed a 14-year sentence in Israeli prisons and was released for slaver on June 23, 2016. Instead, Israeli authorities placed him in administrative detention for an additional six months without charge or trial, under the Israeli practice of "extrajudicial detention." Kayed and hundreds of his fellow prisoners are now on hunger strike in protest of this injustice. As people who live within the belly of a reactionary system that thrives off the incarceration of our bodies, we recognize the violence of Israel's ongoing use of administrative detention to create political prisoners and stifle Palestinian resistance.

Similar to the experience of our Palestinian comrades, hundreds of prisoners have been silenced and neutralized our own revolutionary movement through incarceration and targeted assassination. It is not just the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. A political war has been waged against us as communities as well, incarcerating millions of our people and violating many through police and state abuse.

This week in particular, we grieve the further loss of Black lives to extrajudicial violence in the United States. We press our solidarity in the midst of immense pain because we understand that these violent acts are not "isolated incidents" for us or Palestinians, but systemic to the U.S. and Israel.

In the midst of these wars on our existence, we submit all of our prisoners to the judgment of political prisoners, that all Palestinian prisoners are political prisoners, and that we have to fight to liberate them and everyone who is incarcerated in the myriad systems of Israeli oppression until every Palestinian can live without fear of losing their home, their land, their family to state violence. We refuse to believe that peace will only come at the expense of justice.

We stand united against prison, united we fight for Palestine, and united we fight for the people.
Agonized, militants protest coast to coast for more racial police killings!

By Workers World Staff

July 11 — Hundreds of protests, militant marches and highway blockades have been held across the country in the past week as the killings of black people by racist police continue with impunity. The July 9 murder of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, La., by two white cops was videotaped and seen worldwide. The day after police killed and shot and killed 32-year-old Philando Castile; his fiancee videod the aftermath of his death. Neighborhood gatherings have grown into marches to the police station. Peaceful protest has been met with cops in riot gear, pouring batons on shields. Hundreds have been arrested.

Five thousand marched in St. Paul, Minn., after Castile's death and hundreds protested at the Minnesota governor's mansion on July 7. An into-the-night blockade of Interstate 94 began on July 9 ended with police violence and more than 100 arrests. Scores have also been arrested and threatened by police in various cities as militant demonstrations took place. An Atlanta march organizer noted that police terror continues to grow. The following summaries from WW activists show the breadth and depth of protest in a few cit- ies across the U.S.

ALBANY, N.Y.: 'Enough is enough'

More than 200 people rallied July 8 in Albany, N.Y., by the Unite Against New York chapter of Black Lives Matter to protest the police killing of five Black and Latino men in the U.S. in the last seven days: Alton Sterling, Delrawn Murder, Anthony Hill, Kevin Davis, Nick Thomas, and Pedro Erik Villanueva. "We raise up our voices and say enough is enough," organizer Pastor Avery, pastor at Kingdom Reigning Worship Center.

The rally ended with a stirring speech by 11-year-old Alicia Clemente. "I'm afraid to walk to school," she yelled into a megaphone. "I'm scared. I'm scared. I'm scared to be next. I'm scared of being scared. I don't want to hear 'Say her name' every time I turn on the news. I don't want to see bodies go down in Afghan- stan. I don't want to see it anymore."

— Chris Fry

ATLANTA: 10,000 march

Determined demonstrators have marched, chanted, blocked traffic, shut down a freeway for hours and marched for hours every night since July 7. These protests covered miles of Atlanta streets, beginning in the early evening and lasting until the late hours. Despite attempts by police agencies to thwart movement with barricades and patrol cars, thousands of marchers have stayed in the streets, joined by new recruits and sup- ported by motorists caught in traffic.

On July 7, some 1,000 people, mostly young people, gathered by the Unite Against New York chapter of Black Lives Matter at a park between Peachtree Street and Centennial Olympic Park. For more than five hours, thousands faced off against a small arr of police and state troopers at the Williams Street entrance to the interstate. Participants represented every seg- ment of the Black community, including families, elders, and faith and Civil Rights organizations.

Black Lives Matter activists were key at six-to-eight-hour protests on July 9 and July 10. Dozen or so were arrested. A July 11 action is moving to the affluent Buckhead neighborhood, where two elite shopping malls are located. While many signs and chants refer to the killing and shooting of local victims of police violence — Anthony Hill, Kevin Davis, Nick Thomas, Alexandria Christian and others — it is clear that Atlanta families have suffered similarly and received no justice.

— Dianne Mathiowitz

BOSTON: 'Unite and fight'

Hundreds rallied July 9 for five hours of protests and two marches. They targeted the Boston Police Headquarters, located in the Black community, then marched through Boston's oppressed communities of Roxbury and Dorchester. Protesters remembered police brutal- ity and murders in New England. Many of the families of murdered Black victims attended and spoke, remembering Burrell Ramsey-White, Jeffrey Pendleton and others. Usamah Rahim's mother testified that her 26-year-old Black Amer- ican Muslim son, in a vicious Homeland Security operation, was gunned down by Boston police and FBI agents in 2015 in the Roslindale neighborhood.

The day was organized by MAS Mass- Action Against Police Brutality, Boston's Black community, other communities of color, the Muslim community and the Nation of Islam, unions, fast food worker-orga- nizers, Fight for $15 and other support- ers. MASS Action called for a protest on July 13 at Boston Police Headquarters to "unite and fight for our fallen."

— Stevan Kirschbaum

DE DES MOINES: solidarity with BLM

"De Moines in Solidarity with BLM" demonstrators rallied at Cowles Com- mon and marched through the streets of downtown on July 8. The event was hosted by Black Lives Matter activist Kaia Carter. Members of grassroots organi- zations such as Iowa Citizens for Justice and Iowa Citizens for Community Im- provement also attended. The rally was followed by a march to the Des Moines Police Department.

Attorney Tina Hassane Muhammad of Justice Law Firm, founder of Iowa Citi- zens for Justice, told WW that the organi- zers' goals were to stand in solidarity and to highlight the police terror and sys- tematic racism that are taking Black lives every 28 hours.

— Mike Kuhnlecken

HOUSTON:

Sandra Bland, now Alvia Brazel

Daily protests are taking place in Houston, sometimes two or three a day, since the killings of Sterling and Castile. Added to those outrages is Houston's last- est victim of "death by cop."

Alvia Brazel, a 38-year-old Afri- can-American man, was shot and killed in the early hours of July 9 as he was looking for his stolen horse. Black Lives Matter Houston called a press confer- ence July 9 at Discovery Green, a popu- lar downtown park. As the crowd grew, a decision was made to march to City Hall, where a large rally with an open mic was held. Community members, many of them young people, expressed anger, sadness and outrage. The multinational crowd continued to roar for several hours as Houston cops stood their ground. Events have been held at a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in MacGregor Park. Students for a Democratic Society at the University of Houston held a mili- tant protest in front of the Houston Police Department headquarters on July 9 and then marched through downtown. Lat- er that day, city officials and police held what amounted to a love-in for the dead Dallas cops. They weren’t pleased when BLM activists appeared and turned attention to the victims of the police.

July 10 was the one-year anniversary of Sandra Bland’s arrest in Prairie View, Texas. An event called “The Shout” was held at the site where the arrest took place. There is an ongoing memorial there with fresh flowers, stuffed animals and photos. Some of the activists went to the Walker County Jail, where they plan to spend the next three nights holding vigil until the exact time Bland’s body was allegedly discovered hanging in a jail cell on July 13, 2015.

— Gloria Rubac

LOS ANGELES: Black and Brown unity

More than 200 people responded July 9 to a call from Unidos del Barrio for an emergency demonstration in front of the Los Angeles Police Department. The pro- test called for unified responses to police
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out. There are also rumblings from below for other high-profile athletes, such as Team USA basketball, to either boycott the Olympics or carry out a symbolic protest at the upcoming Games in Rio.

Build broad anti-racist solidarity

Why is this so important? In order for the police to wage their war against Black and Brown people, the movement against this war must be marginalized, isolated, demonized and ultimately repressed.

The more it becomes clear that police repression is not only uncivil, but will no longer be tolerated by the masses, who face dehumanizing treatment on a constant basis, the more difficult it becomes for the police and the system to kill and incarcerate people of color on an ever-increasing scale. Even the call for disarmament is becoming more popular among the masses.

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killings of Black and Latino/a people in Los Angeles. About 10 organizations were represented, including Workers World, BAYAN-USA, Brown Berets, L.A. Community Action Network, as well as Black activists and spoken word artists. People blocked the intersection in front of the LAPD, which had an almost invisible presence even when the streets were taken.

ABC’s Channel 7 asked Maggie Vascasenno, of the People’s Power Assembly, why she was there: “I think it’s very important for white people especially to be here today, in solidarity with our Black and Brown sisters and brothers facing tremendous repression.” John Parker, of Workers World Party, talked of the horrific unity of Black and Brown peoples, from slavery to the formation of the Black Panthers, Brown Berets and Young Lords. Parker praised the Black Lives Matter movement for sparking a struggle that can only get stronger with greater unity.

Robert Riverton, spoke of the irony that the ambush of Dallas police was a tactic the shooter had been taught in order to kill police in U.S. wars abroad.

— John Parker

NEW YORK CITY:
‘No justice, no peace!’

For four consecutive days, thousands surged into the streets of Manhattan to express outrage over the police murders of Sterling, Castle and Delrawn Small. Marching at Union Square on July 7, protesters headed north on Fifth Avenue facing rush-hour traffic, tying up Midtown and outmaneuvering the cops. Motorists honked and waved support as marchers chanted “No justice, no peace! No racist police!”

The huge multinational and multi generational crowd headed to Ninth Avenue, then marched across 42nd Street to Times Square. They held that famous intersection until 8:20 p.m., when police arrested more than 40 people. Nonetheless, protesters stayed in the streets until well past midnight, marching north to Harlem, more than 100 blocks from the starting point.

On July 8, demonstrators took to the streets in anguish and rage in many parts of the city, including Harlem and Union Square. On July 9, 1,000 marched from the Brooklyn Bridge to Union Square, where they held a brief rally, and then marched throughout the city. There were a few arrests at Union Square. Demonstrators repeatedly went around the barricades that cops spread across intersections. Marchers took over Fifth Avenue and then 42nd Street until they reached Times Square.

On July 10, hundreds of demonstrators marched through Midtown with their fists raised, chanting “Black lives matter!”

— Bill Dorneys, Kathy Durkin and Brenda Ryan

PHILADELPHIA: ‘Racism and capitalism are intertwined’

On July 6, the REAL Justice Coalition (RJC) and the Black and Brown Workers Collective (BBWC) responded immediately by calling a “no business as usual” march through Philadelphia’s busy downtown shopping district streets, eventually occupying the on- and off-ramps of the I-676 expressway. Seasoned activists and first-time demonstrators spoke out against police terror for an hour before cops began threatening arrests. Twelve people sat down in a line across the on-ramp. After cops arrested the 12, 50 supporters waited outside the police station until they were released.

On July 8, hundreds marched for four hours through North Philadelphia, growing in numbers as they passed through many neighborhoods. Marchers held short rallies wherever there were crowds, and many who didn’t join listened and raised their fists. Outrage against police brutality, poverty and mass incarceration is so common that most people of color easily understand why someone would start shooting at cops, as in Dallas the day before.

At the intersection of Erie and Germantown, Shani Akilah of BBWC got the crowd chanting “Racism and capitalism

#Yes, ALL Cops:
Supporting the oppressed against the police

Statement by the Appalachian Workers Alliance, July 9

The Appalachian Workers Alliance stands uncompromisingly with the current movement against systemic police brutality and murder of Black and Brown men and women. These modern lynchings are not acts of isolated “bad apples” but part of the institutionalized practice. The police are the foot soldiers of national and racial oppression. The actions and perceptions of the police are as slave catchers and strike breakers. Their function is to protect the status quo, no matter how unjust it is, and the status quo is anti-working class and white supremacist.

The severe sentences handed out to Black and Brown workers in this country every day for minor crimes (if these “crimes” weren’t frame-ups, as they often are) stand in stark contrast to the inconsequential slaps on the wrists officers receive for their state-sanctioned murders of oppressed people — if they are even condemned and punished at all. We will show solidarity with the police or their so-called “unions.” The Fraternal Order of Police and the Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association are not unions. Police are armed enforcers of a state and economic system that exploits workers and oppresses people of color. Real unions pledge to not bust unions and break up picket lines. The PBA was founded with support from the Ku Klux Klan and the far-right John Birch Society.

The Appalachian Workers Alliance is committed to real change and real justice for all workers. As a part of these goals, the Appalachian Workers Alliance also upholds the right, individual and collective, of oppressed peoples to self-defense. The popular cliché that violence only begets violence is just a smoke screen used to disarm and endanger workers, especially workers of color. When racist police aim their guns at the people, the police must be able to defend themselves and each other.

#YesAllCops

The police depend on the political support of the people, or at least public indifference over their actions. The capitalist establishment, which depends on police repression to maintain its rule over the population, understands this very well, and devotes endless energy and resources toward maintaining political support for the police.

The police are acutely aware of this political need, particularly when it becomes apparent that they are losing a critical mass of support.

Racist police repression cannot be ended, once and for all, until the decay of the capitalist system, which is becoming more and more desperately dependent on police repression, is ended. It must be replaced with a system that is based on meeting human needs, not exploitation to make profits: socialism.

In lieu of that, recent events indicate that opposition to police repression has reached a turning point.

On July 10, hundreds of demonstrators marched through Midtown with their fists raised, chanting “Black lives matter!”

— Shani Akilah

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#YesAllCops
are intertwined.” Protesters then surprised the police by getting on the Broad Street subway bound for City Hall. When bicycle cops later confronted demonstrators at a Center City intersection, protesters briefly surrounded the police. When the cops saw they were surrounded, they quickly retreated.

In the third Philly protest in four days, RJC called a Rage Against Police Terror march on July 9 in the oppressed neighborhood surrounding the notorious 25th Police District. Hundreds of activists and Black and Brown area residents marched, stopping at intersections where people were congregated for short open mic rallies. Many residents raised their fists as marchers filed past with a banner that read, “You have nothing to lose but your chains.”

Up to 300 participants marched right up to the precinct steps, then stood toe-to-toe against a line of cops for an hour, chanting between revolutionary talks by RJC and BBWC activists, as well as North Philly victims of police crimes. Cops were visibly angry but did not respond.

— Joe Piette

ROCHESTER: Police riot

On July 8, 400 multinational demonstrators stopped traffic in a series of protests in Rochester, N.Y., which began about 4 p.m. at the Liberty Pole downtown and lasted until nearly 1:30 a.m. the following day. The demonstrations were led by BLACK (Build Leadership And Community Knowledge), a local African-American youth group affiliated with the Black Lives Matter movement.

The main confrontation came at about 10 p.m. when demonstrators blocked the intersection of East Avenue and Alexander Street in a gentrified part of the city filled with upscale nightclubs and bars. Although the protests were thoroughly peaceful, city police showed up in full riot gear. In a showdown of more than two and a half hours, they arrested 77 people, including two African-American TV reporters from the local ABC affiliate.

The station’s general manager, Chuck Samuels, speculated this was racial profiling: “There were white TV reporters standing right there near them and they were not handcuffed. Whether it was [profiling] or not, I don’t know. But how can you not raise the question?” (democratandchronicle.com, July 10)

The police used considerable violence. There were images of one demonstrator with blood pouring from a head wound and reports of demonstrators treated in nearby hospitals. The cops sent squads to forcibly take down individual demonstrators, even though they had complied with orders.

— Gene Clancy

SEATTLE: War on Black America

More than 1,000 protested the war on Black America on July 8. The multinational demonstration, called by Black Lives Matter, marched to the federal building, the federal courthouse and Seattle police headquarters. Marchers tried a quick rush to take Interstate 5, but were blocked by a huge force of cops, who used stun grenades and pepper spray to repel the militant action.

The march also protested the February police killing of Black community member Che Taylor. Investigations have revealed that the gun taken from Taylor’s car had been registered to a county sheriff, raising suspicion that it was planted. Taylor was out of the car, hands up, when he was shot.

— Jim McMahan
In October, the Pentagon will have occupied Afghanistan for 15 years. It is already the longest-running U.S. imperial war in history. And there is no end in sight.

Despite earlier presidents’ promises to end the U.S. occupation years ago, and Obama’s promise that the U.S. would completely withdraw its troops by the end of his term in office, the president announced on July 6, 2018, 8,400 U.S. troops would remain in Afghanistan “into next year,” through the end of his administration. Obama said that “the security situation in Afghanistan remains precarious. Pro-war senators like Republicans John McCain and Lindsey Graham hailed this decision.

After the 9/11 attacks, the use of the Taliban regime was “hosting” al-Qaeda in Afghanistan, the Pentagon in October 2001. A full six years of painstakingly slow research and procrastination, contains 2.6 million words — about 25 times that of the average novel — about the average annual income is just $760; the Pentagon has spent more than $330,000 for Afghan citizens to wage a war of aggression.

It was the Bush-Cheney administration, using the attack of Sept. 11, 2001, as a pretext to mobilize the U.S. for war, what has been dubbed the “apolitical” war.Bush’s homeland, the U.S. was $1 trillion. In a country of 30 million people, where the average annual income is just $760, the Pentagon has spent more than $330,000 for Afghan citizens to wage a war of aggression.

Families of some of the 179 British military personnel killed in the war have described Blair as a “terrorist.” In the July 8 Guardian, a British newspaper, Simon Jenkins wrote, “Blair emerges as one of the most treacherous and corrupt prime ministers in British history,” a statement with which Mr. Obama in awe of the transatlantic power.”

It is satisfying to know that the people of Britain are condemning Blair. The anti-war movement there knew of Blair’s war crimes for over a decade, but now everyone knows and no one can deny it. The exposure comes at a good time, as it implicates Blair’s allies in the right wing of the Labour Party. It opens a path for the next Labour Party leader, Jeremy Corbyn, to attack his rightist enemies as inculpable in crime’s Blair Report.

Whatever happens to Blair, there remains a bigger job for the anti-war movement in the U.S. That is to use the Chilcot Report in the best way possible to expose the war crimes of Bush and Cheney and put them on trial.

By Chris Fry

Chilcot Report confirms Blair is a war criminal (Bush, too)
Teachers of Mexico say: ‘Our education is not for sale!’

By Judy Greenspan

Morelos, Mexico

July 10 — Many public schools in the Mexican states of Oaxaca, Guerrero, Chiapas, Tabasco and others will remain closed tomorrow even though the school year has not ended. The real education will take place in the streets of Mexico, where teachers, parents and other supporters continue their strike against the privatization of public education.

On July 11, thousands of members of the CNTE (Coordinadora Nacional de Trabajadores de la Educación), has rejected President Peña Nieto’s demand that all teachers take a national exam in order to keep teaching. According to the CNTE, this evaluation is punitive, costly and has nothing to do with the educational system. In addition, like in the United States, students are now forced to take costly standardized exams. Parents are being forced to pay for school supplies, books and exams. Each “public school” now requires parents to give up at least one day’s pay per year for their child’s education. Parents are mandated to pay a fee or work at the school cleaning, painting or doing other tasks. For most parents in Mexico, these educational “reforms” are impossible to meet.

On June 19, the police opened fire on a group of protesters supporting striking teachers in the southern state of Oaxaca. Oaxacans have a long history of organizing to overturn the privatization of public services. Twelve protesters were killed by the police and at least 100 injured, although the government denies using bullets. (The Mexican government lives in a state of denial.) A number of leaders of the CNTE have been incarcerated for several months.

According to Jonathan Ackerman, a political analyst from TeleSUR, “We have, on the one hand, our completely unarm ed, peaceful teachers, who are defending their jobs, who are defending the tradition of humanist critical education in Mexico, and on the other hand, the government, which is doing everything possible to impose a so-called education reform on these teachers.”

The CNTE and the communities in Oaxaca, Chiapas and other states have responsibility by calling an indefinite strike until the Mexican government and its secretary of education (SEP) enter into a dialogue with striking teachers. In the first week of July, hundreds of pickets were set up by teachers, parents and their supporters in Mexico City, Oaxaca, Chiapas and other areas. The response of the state continues to be one of repression against the teachers.

In addition, the government has waged a disinformation campaign from the beginning of the teachers’ struggle, attempting to turn the people against the teachers. However, the recent massacre of unarmed demonstrators in Oaxaca, the indefinite incarceration of CNTE leaders and the government’s lies about the teachers are breaking through the government’s plans. One day, the SEP announces that it will pay reparations to the families of the murdered protesters. The next day, it withdraws the offer. SEP says it will meet with the CNTE, but has released no details about what it will offer. Teachers have allied themselves with the striking teachers.

This week, the Zapatistas of Chiapas (EZLN) announced full support for the teachers and are donating 10 tons of food for the struggle for justice. Many unions and communities of Indigenous people have joined the pickets, the blockades and the marches, despite the ultimatum of Interior Minister Miguel Ángel Osorio Chong that they must dismantle the roadblocks immediately.

The CNTE has called for a large protest in Mexico City on July 19, exactly one year after the state declared an emergency. Teachers will drive in convoy from Oaxaca and other areas starting on July 17 before a massive convergence in the capital.

The union will continue its indefinite strike until it wins changes from the government. International solidarity by teachers’ unions and others in the U.S. and around the world is needed for this important struggle.

France anti-labor law

A summer pause, but struggle will resume

By G. Dunkel

It didn’t take long to pass the new labor law in France. It took back to the National Assembly from the Senate. As soon as the July 5 session started to consider the bill, Prime Minister Manuel Valls took the floor and declared it passed, using some wrinkles in the French Constitution that allow the government to avoid a vote. Valls is expected to lose a vote on the bill itself, but the majority that would have rejected the new labor law didn’t have enough votes to block his move. The law is set to be fully implemented in August, when some enabling regulations are adopted.

The coalition of unions leading the opposition to this law, which has organized 11 national demonstrations and one-day strikes since March, had another day of protest on July 5 to mark passage of the law and call for its repeal. The cops did everything in their power to limit participation in the Paris march, from doing body searches of retirees three times to exercising police powers over the current state of emergency to keep named individuals from participating. Still, according to the CGT, the only labor confederation, 45,000 protesters came out in Paris and about 100,000 nationwide.

With teachers already on strike, many workers are angry and prepared to strike again. The government offered a “truce” to the unions and the government claimed it was calling off its summer breaks to the families of the murdered protesters. The next day, it withdraws the offer.

On the way back to the U.S., Obama visited Spain, including a stop at a U.S. military base in the south of the country. In response, thousands of people demonstrated in Madrid on July 10, saying, “Obama go home” and “NO NATO, no war.” (Email release from Red Roja, July 10)

In the United States, where anti-war demonstrations also raised slogans protesting racist police killings in the U.S., there were anti-NATO protests in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

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He ended his talk, saying, “A good way of starting our vacations would be skipping the tolls on the autoroutes.” (Force Ouvrière, July 8)

Jean-Claude Mailly, the head of the Force Ouvrière (FO) union confederation, was quoted in L’Humanité as saying: “My comrades, I am asking you to welcome government ministers as they should be welcomed when they make their indefinite visits. This law must be the chewing gum that sticks to their shoes in the weeks and months to come.” (The so-called Socialist Party (PS), which is currently running the French state for the French bourgeoisie, has lost popular support. Polls show that its favorable ratings are in the teens. The PS claimed it was calling off its summer mass meeting because of the threat of violence, but most French militants said the real reason was that no one was expected to come. Someone, probably angry workers, replaced the “Parti Socialiste” signs on 30 of their local offices with “Pourris Sa Lauds” (rotten pigs) during the night.

The workers of France, who are determined to enjoy their hard-earned vacations won by historic struggles, are equally determined to come back stronger to struggle in the fall. They intend to demand a new summer break that will make their work more to earn less, and to re-ject the job insecurity that their bourgeoisie and its European class allies — the government ministers — intend to put on their backs.
The Pentagon has announced it will deploy an advanced missile defense system, known as Thaad, in south Korea. Washington has also imposed sanctions on Kim Jong-un, the leader of north Korea — the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. In response, the DPRK has cut its diplomatic ties with the U.S. government. The DPRK, China and Russia have all opposed the Thaad as a destabilizing move by the U.S. that threatens the peninsula.

As usual, the corporate media here play down the aggressive role of the Pentagon, the world’s most dangerous military power with bases, ships, planes and troops circling the globe. They ignore the real reasons for the tense situation on the Korean peninsula.

Since the end of the Korean War in 1953 — 63 years ago — the DPRK has sought an end to the state of war with the U.S. There has been no peace treaty in all these years and the Korean nation remains divided.

Instead of seeking down with representatives of the DPRK and working on a solution to the dangerous tensions resulting from the war, Washington has stopped all peace talks, permanently stationing a large presence of U.S. troops in south Korea — still around 28,000.

For years, the Pentagon has been staging massive annual war “games” in south Korea that simulate an attack on the north, using nuclear-capable bombers. This is the hair-trigger climate that the DPRK has had to endure for an entire generation as it struggled to rebuild after the horrible damage inflicted by the U.S. Air Force in the 1950-53 war and the loss of so many of its people, civilians as well as soldiers.

Nevertheless, it’s worked wonders. Education and health care are universal in this small but advanced medical community, allowing it to forge ahead in many areas.

One of these areas is the north Korean nation’s strive for strength. This has been constantly thwarted by producing nuclear weapons. Was this their choice? Wouldn’t they have devoted all their hard-won scientific and cultural resources to solving other problems?

But the U.S. ruling class gave them no choice. As early as 1953, Washington was threatening the DPRK with nuclear weapons. An article in the New York Times on June 8, 1984, titled “U.S. Papers Tell of ‘53 Policy to Use A-bomb in Korea,” confirmed that plans had been released by high-level officials to use atomic bombs in South Korea if necessary, to “end the Korean War.”

The threat from the huge U.S. nuclear arsenal continues to the present. Meanwhile, a huge propaganda blitz, from print and electronic media to Hollywood films, has reviled the leaders of the DPRK for their efforts to defend their country. According to apologists for imperialism it’s “OK for the U.S., the one country to ever use them, to stockpile more than 7,000 nuclear warheads, but the DPRK is ‘irrational’ and worse to even think of building any bombs of their own!”

Analysts in the DPRK have reported in recent weeks on dangerous developments coming from Washington. A report from the Korean Central News Agency noted that the strategic bombers carried out an exercise in south Korea on June 15 that simulated the dropping of nuclear bombs on the DPRK. It concluded: “The U.S. and the DPRK and U.S. forces” presence in south Korea are aimed not only to bring down the ideology and social system in the DPRK but to dominate Asia and the rest of the world.

On June 28, the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK pointed out that joint military exercises by the U.S., Japan and south Korea, including the recent testing of a missile defense system in waters off Hawaii, represent the emergence of an Asian version of NATO that “will inevitably spark off a new arms race and a new Cold War in Northeast Asia surrounding the Korean peninsula.”

This threat is not in the headlines in the U.S. The Obama administration’s “pivot toward Asia,” together with NATO’s more aggressive stance in eastern Europe, are sobering reminders that global capitalism’s stagnation and decline are driving the major imperialist powers to wage war on each other.

Which makes it more important than ever to demand an end to these hostile acts: U.S. troops out of Korea! Sign a peace treaty now!
By Deirdre Griswold

Since the right-wing of Britain’s Conservative Party, together with the even further right United Kingdom Independence Party, initiated a referendum mandating that Britain leave the European Union, the capitalist media generally have spun the victory for “Brexit” as enriching only white workers in Britain. This certainly must be true of some, who were bombarded with the most vicious and false anti-immigrant propaganda, before the vote, in the same way that the constant drumbeat in this country’s tabloids and talk radio blaming immigrants for the layoffs and plant closings has panicked some white workers here to be for billionaire Donald Trump. But this is not the whole story. There is a healthy rejection of immigrant bashing and racism in both countries. It can be seen in the U.S. in the large numbers of young whites who have joined the Black Lives Matter movement to protest killings of Black and Brown people by police.

In Britain, the news that hasn’t been picked up by the U.S. media is that 200,000 people joined the Labour Party in the two weeks after the referendum. And they mostly joined in order to support the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn, who opposed the anti-immigrant campaign but then was censured by Parliamentarians in his own party. They charged that he couldn’t lead the party to victory in the next general election.

These politicians who hold down seats in Parliament don’t really represent the membership of the Labour Party. This was shown yet again when the rank-and-file members of the party then voted in their local constituencies to support Corbyn.

This comes from an online journal put up by the Red Flag group in the Labour Party: “The attempted coup launched by Labour’s parliamentary rebels has failed to oust Jeremy Corbyn — but it has provoked a renewed membership surge. “Figures confirmed by the New Statesman show 200,000 people have joined the party in the last two weeks, taking total membership to 600,000. Labour is now the biggest it has been for 50 years and the biggest left party in Europe. . . . “Local parties report that the bulk of new recruits are joining to support Jeremy Corbyn, Alan Johnson’s constituency party, Hull West, recently voted overwhelmingly to endorse Corbyn’s leadership,” said Angela Eagle’s branch in Wallasey. “Right wingers have been joining too, but the heirs to Blair who lost the 2010 and 2015 elections have been completely outmatched by the mass of people joining who want to see a new kind of politics.” (redflagonline, July 7)

This refers to Tony Blair, a former prime minister of Britain from the Labour Party, who went along with George Bush’s war against Iraq and also carried out austerity attacks on the British workers. He has just been exposed by a special commission as having knowingly accepted Washington’s lies about “weapons of mass destruction,” which Iraq never had, but which were used as the excuse for going to war against that oil-rich country. These developments could lead to a renewed struggle by workers in Britain, whatever their national origins, religion or language, to overcome the negative aspects of Brexit and unite to beat back the bosses’ plans for austerity and further job cuts.

Wisconsin: Petition blitz for Moorehead-Lilly campaign

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community meeting with vice presidential candidate Lamont Lilly, both sponsored by the Women’s Commit- 
teed email listserve with WW support.

A militant picket targeted the Bradley Foundation, an anti-worker think tank, which funded the racist tract “The Bell Curve” and has promoted many nationalist organizations. The Bradley Foundation, an anti-worker think tank, has also taken a stand against police murders of Philando Castile and Alton Sterling as well as the important role of the Black Lives Matter movement. You cannot reform capitalism. You cannot reform white supremacy. You cannot reform sexism. You cannot reform capitalism. And you sure as hell cannot reform the Democratic or Republican parties. Both of those f—ers are foul.”

Lilly stressed the need to fight for social- ialism to end poverty, racism and war once and for all: “If we want to survive, sisters and brothers — if we love the people — if we call ourselves revolutionaries; if we want our communities, environment, land, earth and water supply to all thrive — all of this is—has to go! “As Brother Malcolm X stated in his beloved ‘Message to the Grassroots,’ ‘NO- BODY can give you freedom. NOBODY can give you equality or justice. If you’re a man, woman or full human being, you TAKE IT! Down with the cops and up with the people. Workers and oppressed MUST unite. Revolution is the only solu- tion. All power to the people!’

During the discussion, many Black women called for action in response to ongoing police terror, occupation of their communities such as Sherman Park, and police harassment in areas like the Milwaukee lakefront. Members of the Latino/a community described Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids and deportations and pledged solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement. Others expressed solidarity with the LGBTQ people killed in Orlando at the Pulse nightclub.

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Detengamos el racismo de Brexit con solidaridad obrera mundial

Por FredGoldstein

El referéndum Brexit en Bélgica es el resultado de una campaña racista y por el ala derecha de la clase dominante británica, que impulsó la victoria de Salida y sacó a Bélgica de los 28 miembros de la UE.

La clase obrera y la clase media de Bélgica enfrentaron un referéndum solicitado por el primer ministro conservador David Cameron, en el que se les dio una opción oportuna: permanecer en un bloque económico imperialista que ha impuesto políticas de austeridad y anti-obreras a cientos de millones, o elegir la opción de Salida dirigida por una campaña racista y demagógica para salir de la UE basada en una retórica anti-immigrante.

El inicio de la posición política de Salida, fue Nigel Farage, jefe del Partido Independiente del Reino Unido, (PIRU) un partido racista. Las fuerzas pro Salida tomaron la campaña en un referéndum sobre Salida.

El PIRO se ha convertido en el tercer partido más grande en Bélgica, consiguiendo 456 millones de votos en las elecciones de 2014. Tienen 2.750 empresas en Bélgica, 4.000 más que con su chovinismo rabioso, ha perdido en el referéndum Brexit. Son fanáticos de asociación. Siempre ha habido una crisis económica que tendrá consecuencias para el movimiento Solidario de Bélgica, como el Abandono a Grecia y el “Puntos de ruptura.”

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Solidaridad internacional y con solidaridad de clase

La forma de dar un golpe desde la izquierda tendrá que ser más agresiva. No será en beneficio de la clase obrera, incluso si trae el caos al mercado y al capital financiero especiales.

La UE tenía $741 mil millones en inversiones en Bélgica para 2014. Todas estas inversiones están ahora fuera de la UE, los trabajadores/mujeres y obreros, los trabajadores estadounidenses y británicos. Los EU tienen 2.750 empresas en Bélgica, con $558 mil millones invertidos allí. Los trabajadores estadounidenses, los trabajadores estadounidenses, los trabajadores saudíes, los trabajadores irlandeses, los trabajadores estadounidenses, los trabajadores de la UE, incluso si trae el caos al mercado y al capital financiero especiales. Los trabajadores estadounidenses, los trabajadores estadounidenses, los trabajadores de la UE, incluso si trae el caos al mercado y al capital financiero especiales. Los trabajadores estadounidenses, los trabajadores estadounidenses, los trabajadores estadounidenses, los trabajadores de la UE.

El viaje de Cameron en el referéndum Brexit, fue un golpe que recibió en 2008 -09 - está sosteniendo el empleo, el mercado y las condiciones de trabajo en otras partes. La austeridad es una política universal, en Wall Street y en París, Londres y Roma.

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Jeremy Corbyn, líder del Partido Laborista, si se pronunció en contra del referéndum y la inmigración, y se pronunció a favor de mantener su ciudadanía. Esto hizo una gran controversia.

Las/os trabajadores británicos sólo tienen un campo de juego para mantener a las/os mexicanos fuera y detener la llegada de los/as mexicanos a favor de la inmigración. Boris Johnson, jefe del Partido Conservador, y ex alcalde de Londres, es el jefe de la campaña de Salida. Al igual que su secuestrador Salida, Cox, la campaña pasó cartelería con una imagen de miles de refugiados sirios y el subtítulo "El punto de ruptura." La foto fue tomada realmente en la frontera sur de EUA. La oposición de la Asociación Musulmana de Bretaña, aunque no fue abierta en marchas contra la retirada, fueron manifestaciones para protestar con solidaridad obrera mundial. ¡Proletarios y oprimidos de todos los países unios! Libertad para Oscar López Rivera, ¡YA! Correspondencia sobre artículos en Workers World/Mundo Obrero pueden ser enviadas a: WW-MundoObrero@workers.org

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