LYNCHED IN TEXAS JAIL

Justice for Sandra Bland!

By Gloria Rubac
Houston

How can someone, whose only mistake is to forget to use her car’s turn signal when changing lanes, wind up dead in a county jail just a few days later, with a medical examiner calling it suicide?

People from coast to coast are asking that question.

Sandra Bland, a 28-year-old African-American woman, drove from her home in a Chicago suburb to Prairie View A&M University, her alma mater in rural southeast Texas, to begin a new job as a student ambassador to the alumni association. She called it her dream job.

Bland was found hanging with a trash bag around her neck in a Waller County Jail cell in Hempstead, Texas, on July 13.

There have been almost daily protests, vigils, rallies and/or marches since the news broke.

On July 17, this writer joined hundreds who protested at the jail and then marched to the Waller County Courthouse. There a rally was chaired by Kofi Taharka, chair of the National Black United Front. Anti-racist activists from Houston and Austin were joined by local residents of Hempstead, Waller’s county seat of just over 40,000 people where 60 percent are white and 30 percent are Black. Speakers included friends of Bland, a sorority sister, PVAM alumni and outraged activists.

A few women from Hempstead who were unable to march set up a card table at the jail, offering free cheese sandwiches and sweet tea for protesters. One woman, who goes by Jen Jen, said she was 49 years old and could give 49 reasons why no one should ever want to find themselves inside the jail. “The last time I was picked up I was beaten black and blue, with splotches darker than this skin you see today.”

When asked what she was charged with, Jen Jen responded, “Oh, the cops didn’t charge me. After they beat me, they let me go, that’s all. And you don’t even want to hear the stories about things that happen right inside these walls,” she said, pointing to the Waller County Jail.

On July 19, PVAM students gathered at the school’s fountain to remember and honor Bland. PVAM was founded in 1876 when the Alta Vista plantation near Hempstead was bought and turned into what is now the second oldest state-funded school of higher education in Texas.

Bland was already familiar with Texas and its horrific racist history. She graduated in 2009 from Prairie View, a historically Black university.
Anthropologists confirm Engels

Sexual equality is in our genes

By Chris Fry

Marxists Dick from Frederick Engels to Dorothy Ballan have long maintained that, for most of human existence, the social structure was based on mother-right, or matriarchy, in which a fundamental equality existed between women and men.

Today this period of human social development is often called the primary commune. Some Indigenous communities still live in this social structure.

A recent paper written by nine anthropologists at University College London and published in the May 13 issue of Science magazine not only confirms this idea but adds a strong genetic component to it. Entitled “Sex Equality Can Explain the Unique Social Structure of Hunter-Gatherer Bands,” the study notes that “within-communal relatedness is reduced if men and women have equal influence in selecting camp members.” The lead author of the study, Mark Dyble, says: “It gives you a far more expansive social network with a wider choice of mates, so inbreeding would be less of an issue.”

Ballan’s pamphlet, titled “Feminism and Marxism,” was published in 1971 on the coup of the Women’s Liberation movement that had begun in the 1960s, and was a rest of the world at that time. Her pamphlet critiqued the bourgeois view that there was an “eternal” conflict between the sexes and that men had always dominated women in society.

No, no, wrote Ballan: “To survive and develop in the struggle against nature with little or no tools, men and women lived and worked cooperatively, equally and communally.”

Ballan noted: “The period of time that began with the transformation from animal to human, and known as the period of mother-right, was a very long and complex period. If we were to reduce the many hundreds of thousands of years of human development to the scale of one year, the equivalent scale would leave only a few years of historical time to the patriarchy; over 360 days would belong to the matriarchy.”

Ballan cited the work “The Family, Private Property and the State” by Frederick Engels, Karl Marx’s closest collaborator. Engels, in turn, studied the writings of Lewis Henry Morgan, an American scholar and anthropologist who had lived among the Iroquois and studied their social organization.

“At the dawn of humanity,” wrote Ballan, “group marriages evolved and separated into different units, the men would leave their groups to join the groups of the women, and descent continued through the mothers.”

Eventually, Ballan explained, the circle of marriage evolved from large groups to its last unit, the “human pairing.” “Although this sounds like the modern family unit, we must remember not to look at primitive society through property-tinted glasses. This pairing existed within the group, which meant that the woman was not materially dependent in any way on the man. The gen was responsible for the material subsistence of all its members, and also mother-right still prevailed.”

It is clear now that gay, lesbian and transgender relationships also coexisted along with these pairings.

Sexual equality, a ‘human norm’

The article in Science magazine mirrors these findings: “[I]n contemporary hunter-gatherer tribes, men and women tend to have equal influence on where they live and with whom they live. The findings challenge the idea that sexual equality is a recent invention, suggesting that it has been the norm for humans for most of our evolutionary history.”

Dyble told the Guardian newspaper, “Sexual equality is one of an important suite of changes to social organization, including things like pair bonding, our big, social-brained and language, that distinguishes humans. It’s an important one that hasn’t really been highlighted before.”

Just as Morgan came to his conclusions by studying the Native people living here, particularly the Iroquois nation, so the authors of this current article based their findings on studying the Mbutjende BaYaka people in the central African nation, and the Agta people in the Philippines. They arrived at astonishingly similar conclusions.

In each of these cultures, human pairings are the norm, but there is no domination by the man over the woman. The researchers even measured the food calories that each sex acquired for the community and found the amounts to be equal. Men are also active in child care.

The Science article continues: “Our results suggest that...”

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Stop Texas’ execution of Bernardo Tercero

Friends and supporters of Nicaraguan citizen Bernardo Tercero rallied outside of the Nicaraguan Consulate on July 9, to encourage the consul general to intensify efforts to stop Tercero’s execution in the United States. “We are here to urge the Honorable Samuel Trejos, consul general of Nicaragua in Houston, to step up and defend his fellow countryman, Bernardo Tercero, before any more injustices take place,” said Tercero’s friend Luz Alvarez.

The activists raised with the media the many troubling issues in Tercero’s case that must be settled before Texas carries out his execution. This action was extensive, including a TV station from Nicaragua as well as local Houston stations and La Semana and the Houston Chronicle newspapers.

Even though Tercero specifically requested to speak with the Nicaraguan Consulate and the authorities had full knowledge of Tercero’s status as a foreign national, they denied him his right, which he has under the Vienna Convention of Consular Relations (VCR; Article 36). Also, Tercero was only 17 years old when arrested for capital murder.

With this at age the time of the crime, he cannot be executed, according to the Supreme Court’s Roper v. Simmons ruling in 2005, which declared juveniles ineligible for the death penalty.

Tercero had totally incompetent trial attorneys. Rather than use the funding provided by the court to have a knowledgeable professional assist in obtaining records and conducting background and mitigation investigations in Nicaragua, attorneys instead refunded almost half of the funds to Harris County.

Although the trial court approved Tercero’s counsel’s request for a forensic psychologist in February of 2000, counsel did not attempt to contact a psychologist until Sept. 29, 2000, less than two weeks before Tercero’s trial was set to begin. No psychologist was ever hired, and counsel was any psychological or other expert evidence, records or testimony offered at trial.

By David Sole

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Rev. Pinkney was sentenced to two-and-a-half to 10 years and is currently in the Lakeview Correctional Facility in Coldwater, Mich.

The motion reminds the appeals court of the strong family and community ties that Rev. Pinkney has in his hometown. The document of the charges also argue in favor of Rev. Pinkney’s release on bond pending appeal. A ruling on the appeal itself might take up to one-and-a-half years.

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In the death row visiting area the day after the rally, Tercero told this reporter that his greatest regret was not being able to work to help him stop the August execution and bring justice to his case.

The judgment that corporate profits outweigh any environmental considerations is one that has been made by the Environmental Protection Agency, “that de”clares that corporate profits outweigh any environmental considerations and social injustices.

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Industry groups and 23 states had challenged a new Pollution Protection Agency’s ruling that limited mercury emissions from power plants. They argued that the EPA failed to recognize the cost of pollution to power plant corporations to comply with the new regulations, which had taken the EPA several years of study to formulate.

“Mercury is considered one of the most toxic pollutants because studies show that exposure to it affects the atmosphere, it readily passes from fish and other sources to a pregnant woman’s unborn fetus and the fetal brain, causing neurological abnormalities and delays in children. The EPA estimated that 7 percent of [U.S.] American women of childbearing age — millions of women — were exposed to the pollutant in dangerous amounts.”

In her dissent, Justice Elena Kagan pointed out that complying with the EPA rules would prevent 11,000 premature deaths annually, along with a far greater number of avoidable illnesses.

Of course, it was the right-wing majority that ruled against the EPA, Justice Antonin Scalia issued the majority opinion, stating, “It is unreasonable to read an instruction to an administrative agency to determine whether ‘regulation is appropriate and necessary’ as an invitation to ignore cost.”

The court majority agreed with the power and coal industries and the EPA that the cost benefits of compliance would amount to only $4-6 million. The analysts at the EPA did indeed estimate that compliance would cost the industry $86 billion, but also estimated the health and other savings to society would be $80 billion.

That’s the core of this ruling. Counter to Scalia’s claim, the EPA workers and analysts did not ignore cost — they calculated it through every stage of their research after they determined that studying the harmful effects of mercury emissions by coal-fired power plants was necessary.

No, the real problem for the right-wing court majority is that these increased costs to reduce poisonous mercury emissions reduces the corporations’ profits, whereas the benefits go primarily only to the women and children, to the working class. And for these justices, they count for nothing.

Small community groups and national environmental organizations have built a strong movement to try to protect the populace from industrial poisons like mercury, as well as a whole range of damaging emissions, like carbon dioxide, which is causing global warming. This Supreme Court ruling makes it clear that the fight over the environment is a key component of the global class struggle.

On the other side of this struggle are the coal and oil barons, the Wall Street banks and their service courts, all key parts of this social and economic system called capitalism. In the long run, the goal must be to replace it with socialism, which puts the people’s lives and health ahead of corporate profits.

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pair-bonding and increased sex egalitarianism in human evolutionary history may have had a transformative effect on human social organization. Many unique human traits such as high cognition, cumulative culture and hyper-cooperation have evolved in response to the social organization patterns unique to humans.

The authors also found that, by preventing the formation of the family into male-dominated units and by widening the community base, the genetic component of the human species is widened as well. Dangerous inbreeding is avoided, and favorable genetic traits can be more easily integrated into the community.

Private property & oppression of women

There is no recognition of Marxist studies, or even that of the capitalist Morgan, in the Science article. It suggests that an “imbalance” occurred simply with the dawn of agriculture and food surpluses. “Men can start to have several wives if they can have more children than women,” said Dyble. “It pays more for men to start accumulating resources and it pays better to form alliances with male kin.”

But Ballan pointed out: “When social production becomes transformed into private property, the outcome of the family changed from a socially cooper- ative foundation as it existed under the matriarchy to the private foundations of the nuclear family.”

Engels put it this way: “The overthrow of the mother-right was the world historic defeat of the female sex. The man seized the reins in the house also: the woman was degraded, enthralled, the slave of the man’s lust, a mere instrument for breeding and working children. This lowered position of women ... has become gradually embellished and ... clothed in milder forms, but no less as before.”

Thus it was the rise of the first class so- ciety — ancient slavery — that destroyed the egalitarian matriarchy. Slavery gave way to feudalism and then capitalism which sustains gender inequality to the present day, along with every other form of oppression.

Not satisfied with just academic re- search on this, Marxists view the legacy of egalitarian matriarchy, of the primary commune, to be a springboard into the present-day struggle against this outmoded, racist, sexist, anti-gay, oppressive class society.

Because of the early level of the produc- tive forces, humans in the original communes faced a tough, uphill strug- gle against the forces of nature. Yet they provided evidence that we humans can build a powerful social model in which to survive and grow, based on equality and filling the needs of the whole community.

Today, we humans have developed vast powers of production that could be used to satisfy our needs. Instead, in most countries, economic life is chained to the profit motive. To reach the next step on the ladder of social development — the construction of a society that meets the needs of all people on a much higher level — this rotting capitalist system has to be overthrown.

While New York’s Mayor Bill de Blasio goes out of his way to present himself as helping to provide affordable housing, developers build in and occupy a growing number of working-class neighborhoods. In a phony deal, Mayor de Blasio claims he is making luxury developments in 20 percent of their apartments as afford- able. But “affordable for whom?” asks the community. This 20 percent is based on the city’s market rate, which is not affordable for those with working-class incomes — and definitely not for the 60,000 who are homeless. As working-class families get priced out, they simply can’t afford to rent in “bed” with landlords and realtor.

The protest, which demanded the con- struction of 15,000 housing units for the homeless as well as a $15-an-hour mini- mum wage for all, exposed a system that is not working for low-income and unem- ployed people. They are uniting to fight, knowing the important need to take it to the streets. “No housing, No peace!”

Hundreds of activists par- ticipated in the “Oppose Scott Walker’s Wall Street Agenda” protest July 13 at the Wauke- sha County Expo Center, where Wisconsin Gov. Walker officially announced he’s run- ning for U.S. president. Besides the workers who make it run, the suburb of Waukesha near Milwaukee is a virtually all-white, right- wing, anti-union nest of racist politicians, bankers and bosses.

The day before, Walker announced his candidacy, he signed the 2013-17 state budget. It contains possibly the worst austerity measures for poor and working people in state history. The attacks in the 157-page budget pushed by Walker and the right-wing Legislature include elim- ination of the state’s prevailing wage; $320 million in cuts to the University of Wisconsin System; evisceration of tenure via state statute; and gutting many envi- ronmental state agencies and programs. It also requires drug testing for Food- Share participants and codifies a wide range of attacks on women’s reproductive freedom and on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities.

The legislation is a continuation of union-busting Act 10 rammed through in 2011 and the implementation of the right-to-work-for-less law signed on March 9. Walker’s ongoing pro-Wall Street pro- gram has resulted in a plummeting stan- dard of living for poor and working people in Wisconsin, especially people of color.

However, statewide people’s resistance has opposed Walker’s austerity program of racist union-busting, privatization, deregulation and attacks on women and LGBTQ communities — ever since he be- came governor on Jan. 1, 2011. To date, the high point of people’s resistance oc- curred when thousands of labor, commu- nity, student, other progressive and faith- based forces occupied the state Capitol in February and March 2011 to oppose union-busting Act 10.

Fight racist union-busting austerity

The Waukesha protesters showed the world that people’s resistance is alive in Wisconsin. They also appealed to all poor and working people to reject Walker’s pro- gram, which the governor intends to im- plement countrywide if elected president. The Wisconsin Bail Out the People Movement called on people to join the July 13 protest with their union-commu- nity based banners and “some noise,” as they continue to resist Walker’s reaction- ary program — or to protest in their cities if they couldn’t make it to Waukesha.

The WBOPM flier stressed, “Since his election as governor, Walker — on be-half of big business and the banks — has waged unremitting war on all poor and working people with the evisceration of a variety of progressive laws won in peo- ple’s struggles over the decades. Only a mass mobilization of all the people of Wisconsin and nationwide can stop and reverse the many attacks on us. We can and must tell those bankers, corporate bosses and their paid flunky politicians “No more!” We say no to Scott Walker for president!”

The protest’s comprehensive list of de- mands called for an end to police killings and jailing killer cops and emphasized that Black, Brown, Native and LGBTQ lives matter. Included was insistence on legalization for all immigrants. A crucial point called for attacks on the disabled, women, seniors, children and youth. Also tax and mortgage foreclosures must be stopped and Hardest Hit Homeowners funds must be used to keep people in their homes.

Other strong, pro-worker demands were for repealing Act 10 and right-to-work-for-less laws; an end to union-bust- ing, pension, wage and benefit cuts and for a living wage for all. While calling for an end to the destruction of public schools and universities, activists asserted that public education is a right and should be fully funded — instead of the government paying for prisons and wars. Protesters also demanded public lighting, expansion of public transit, free health care for all and an end to environmental dangers.

A diverse array of individuals and organizations urged people to protest Walker, his reactionary political cronies and his imperialist backers on July 13. These included the Coalition For Justice, the Latin American Solidarity Commit- tee, the Milwaukee County Labor Coun- cil, Queers Against Scott Walker and Vo- ces de la Frontera.

For more information see www.wibailoutpeople.org.
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Philadelphians march against police brutality

Twenty-two-year-old Tyree Carroll was stopped April 14th by Philadelphia police for riding his bicycle the wrong way on a one-way street. The stop escalated into a violent beating of the unarmed Black man by up to 24 cops, who charged him with assault and drug-related charges. A bystander released a videotape of the incident July 8, which has been widely viewed. (https://youtu.be/64S5-FRMO)

Family and friends have formed the Justice for Tyree Campaign, which has put together 14 demands, including the resignation of Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey, the immediate firing of all officers involved in the incident, and that Carroll be released from jail, where he is still being held.

About 100 community members marched July 18 demanding, “Not one more police beating of our children!”

Police brutality has a long history in this city. A recent U.S. Department of Justice report revealed nearly 400 deadly force incidents between 2007 and 2013, disproportionately against Black civilians. Police dropped a bomb on a home in order to oust a political group named MOVE in 1985, killing 11 men, women and children and burning down the whole neighborhood. Political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jalal was falsely convicted of the murder of a police officer and still languishes in prison 34 years later. And relatives are still demanding justice for Brandon Tate-Brown, killed by Philly cops last Dec. 16 during a traffic stop.

—Story and photo by Joe Piette

Justice for O’Shaïne Evans

On July 18 in San Francisco, the families of O’Shaïne Evans, Kenneth Harding Jr. and James Rivera held a “Celebration of Life” for their loved ones, whose lives were stolen by police terror, as well as to celebrate the birthday of Nelson Mandela, who was born on July 18, 1918. Evans was killed by San Francisco police on Oct. 7 just yards from the South Park neighborhood where the celebration was held. Harding was killed by the San Francisco police on July 16, 2011, and Rivera was killed by two Stockton, Calif., police officers and a San Joaquin County sheriff on July 22, 2010.

Other families who lost their loved ones to police terror came in support as well, including the families of Pedie Perez, killen by the Richmond police on Sept. 14, 2014; Antonio Guzman Lopez, killed by San Jose State University police on Feb. 21, 2014; and Idriss Stelley, killed by San Francisco police on June 13, 2001. A number of supporters came to share food, love and memories. Several people performed for the crowd, including Antoinette Gaggero, singing “It’s Been a Long Time”; Tereisa Smith, who sang “Amazing Grace”; and Carquinez, who did a social justice hip-hop song.

—Story and photo by Terri Kay

NEWTON KNIGHT: abolitionist guerilla leader in Mississippi

A hidden history of the Civil War

By Paul Wilcox

Ever hear of the First Alabama Cavalry, or the name Newton Knight? Not likely. The capitalist media have always promotet stories of “former Confederate soldiers” who loyally served the Confederacy, loved and so on. But there is another story, a hidden history, of poor white opposition to the Confederacy and to slavery.

Newton Knight was a poor white farmer who fought the Confederacy with all his might. The First Alabama Cavalry was an anti-slavery pro-Union cavalry, mostly white but also Black, about 2,000 in total, whose members fought the Confederacy and eventually were escorts for Gen. Sherman during his historic march through Georgia in 1864.

By far the greatest opposition to slavery came from the enslaved themselves, who had always escaped in mind, aided both the Union army and Confederate deserts, fought for the right to fight the Confederacy, and heroically struggled for their freedom at every turn. But there was also significant opposition to the Confederacy from poor whites in every slave state.

There is no better example than Knight, the leader of a guerilla group that fought the Confederacy and declared the “Free State of Jones” in Jones County, Miss. In 1921, Knight, aged 84 and living in obscurity, called on Meigs Frost, a reporter for the New Orleans Item, to tell his story and “get the true facts about Jones County during the war.” His life story was recorded in “The State of Jones” by Sally Jeffer- son and John Stauffer. (Doubleday, 2009)

Mississippi, a land of large plantations and small farms, was the largest cotton-producing state in the South — cotton produced by the backbreaking forced labor of enslaved Africans. It was a land of rich, slave-owning aristocrats, 500,000 enslaved people, and poor white farmers.

Jones County contained some of the poorest soil and poorest farmers in the state. It also had no sympathy for the slave owners. In 1861, the vote in Jones County was overwhelmingly for the anti-secession candidate. But the delegates in Jackson, Miss., represented only the powerful, not the popular, and Mississippi was the second state to secede. Many suspected of Union sympathies were lynched. It was a reign of terror.

Knight, well known for his anti-slavery views, joined the Confederate army under threat of arrest and served as a hospital orderly, deserting soon after. He hid out in the swamps of northern Mississippi, learning what life was like for a runaway slave, and that the enslaved people aided Confederate deserters. He wasn’t captured without a fight. Manacled, Bogged and taken to prison, Knight was given a choice: fight for the Confederacy or face a firing squad. But it wasn’t long after that he deserted again, after Vicksburg, Miss., fell to the Union army.

This time, Knight found company with large bands of fellow deserters and organized. According to Jefferson and Stauffer, “The Newton Knight who returned to Jones County after Vicksburg was a strike-first killer and dedicated en-emy of the Confederacy.” As many as 200 in number, the former soldiers elected Knight their captain, calling themselves “The Jones County Scouts,” and declared independence from the Confederacy.

It didn’t take long for the Scouts to make a name for themselves, raiding Confederates, burning down the whole neighborhood. The Confederacy reorganized. Eventually 53 scouts escaped to join the Union army.

Newton Knight must rank among the heroes of the Civil War. Thousands of poor whites throughout the South followed his example and became pro-Union. It is no accident that his story was drowned out in the mythology of the mediastud post-Reconstruction period. As false as the racist myth of the “happy slave of Disney cartoons is the myth that every poor white farmer of the Civil War South was racist and 100-percent loyal to the Confederacy.

Due to the Civil Rights Movement, the new Black Lives Matter movement and the campaigns against the Confederate flag of slavery, the truth about the anti-slavery struggle continues to surface. According to Jenkins and Stauffer, “Newton Knight had more in common with the slaves he had met in the swamps, who treated him better and showed him more basic hu-
Alabama: #JusticeForKindraChapman

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

In Alabama, a Black teenager has died in police custody under suspicious circumstances. Kindra Darnell Chapman, 18 years old, was arrested last week by the Homewood police city police, allegedly for stealing a cell phone on the street. Homewood is a suburb of Birmingham.

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

In a phone conversation with WW, an Operation I AM organizer said that in addition to holding police accountable, the effort is to warn the public that “the public eye is on you now.”

He added: “The time for action is now. We can’t wait anymore for it to happen next door. Birmingham is next door. This happened to somebody who had a life they were trying to live.” Paraphrasing Dr. Martin Luther King, he emphasized, “If you have injustice anywhere, it is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Organizers are discussing an added dimension to Chapman’s death: a hate crime. Local Black Lives Matter activists state that Chapman was part of the lesbian, gay, bi and trans community. Though how Chapman might define her identity cannot now be known, it is probable the Homewood police perceived Chapman to be a lesbian or trans* person. Chapman’s Facebook page, now down, featured a photo of her girlfriend, who was pregnant, and an ultrasound image. Friends affirmed Chapman was perceived by the police as being excited about the possibility of a baby coming, and strongly doubted her death was a suicide.

A record number of LGBT homicides have been reported in 2015. There were 14 in the first two months alone, with half of those victims dying of gunshot wounds. The deaths are by no means color. An earlier report recorded 18 LGBT homicides in 2013, with almost 90 percent of those killed being people of color.

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Rise in Alabama racist acts

Open displays of aggressive racism are on the rise again in Alabama. Two days after Chapman’s death, carloads of white men flying Confederate flags and yelling racist slurs terrorized a Black neighborhood in the small town of Clanton, 50 miles south of Birmingham.

The men were local, calling out the names of some of the neighborhood people in their threats. Residents defended themselves with baseball bats. (WLIW)

The attack followed a July 7 Confederate flag march in Clanton, one of more than 50 such rallies in the South, as reported by the white-supremacist group, Council of Conservative Citizens. (conservative-headlines.com)

The Saturday after Chapman’s death, Linn Park in Birmingham was the site of a pro-Confederate flag rally after the city’s Parks and Recreation Board voted to remove a Confederate monument erected there in 1904. (ABC 33/40)

That rally was sponsored by Alabama Flaggers, a chapter of a regional movement with the motto “This Flag Never Comes Down.” Speakers included Justin Burton, who has ties to the white-supremacist, anti-Semitic “League of the South,” as well as the CCC. (restoringthehonor.blogspot)

There are long-standing connections between white-supremacist groups and Alabama police. In June, the Southern Poverty Law Center exposed one member of the Anniston, Ala., police department as the chairman of a League of the South chapter, and another cop as having attended a League convention.

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Activists launch cop watch campaign

By David Card

Baltimore

The Baltimore People’s Power Assembly held a People’s Tribunal Against Police Terror on June 7 that brought many members of oppressed communities out to testify about their experiences with the police. One of the resolutions adopted by that tribunal was to launch a campaign to teach people in the oppressed communities of Baltimore about their legal rights with regards to the police, as part of the program to the communities themselves. Instead of holding meetings that community members have to travel to attend, the People’s Power Assembly has planned to set up educational programs on street corners inside oppressed communities themselves. In this way, the most exploited people, who may not usually come out to a political meeting, can be reached directly.

The importance and impact of this campaign is twofold. Firstly, the “Know Your Rights” portion of the campaign will give people some improvement in their individual legal circumstances. When a person refuses an unlawful search that would have incriminated them, or knows that they do not have to comply with the police, this can potentially lead to a more favorable conclusion to their legal situation. Beyond the immediate individual legal outcomes, when people collectively begin to know their legal rights within bourgeois law, they will start to discover just how much of what the police do is actually illegal, even in their system. This will show more and more clearly the necessity of changing the entire system.

The “Cop Watch” portion of the campaign, then, is an extension of that raised consciousness. In this modern period, cameras capable of recording video have become ubiquitous. In the hands of politically conscious people, these can be used to expose the brutality that the police commit on oppressed people every day. These videos will further increase the level of resistance to police terror by exposing the police for the lying terrorists that they are and drawing more and more people into the struggle.

These impacts ultimately reduce the moral and political power of the police. If the police know that they are dealing with an educated and organized group of people, and that they are being recorded, it could cause them to think twice about their actions. With such beating and murder committed by the police that is exposed, their support will continue to plummet.

In the end, however, this campaign will only make sense change as part of a broader struggle against police terror. That is why, in Baltimore, the People’s Power Assembly has raised the demand of placing the police under full democratic control. Only then, in conjunction with the education and political consciousness of the people, will we be able to defeat police terror.

One year after his murder

Struggle for justice for Eric Garner continues

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On July 13, the city of New York settled a $5.9 million claim for bringing this video to the attention of the entire world.

On July 17, various actions were held in Staten Island, Manhattan and elsewhere around the country. Demonstrations in New York, including die-ins during rush hour in Grand Central Station, and elsewhere around the country.

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In Manhattan, hundreds of activists gathered at Columbus Circle for a rally followed by a march to Union Square. Along the way, protesters blocked traffic at 34th Street and 7th Avenue, leading to the arrest of more than 20 activists on disorderly charges.

A grand jury refused to indict Pantaleo for murder or for any lesser charges last November, allowing this killer cop to walk free. This travesty of justice prompted large demon-
In response to a call for global actions in solidarity with the besieged people of Greece, protests were held in a number of U.S. cities. The Moratorium NOW! Coalition to Stop Foreclosures, Evictions and Utility Shutoffs organized protests outside a JPMorgan Chase bank in downtown DETROIT on July 15 for a busy lunchtime speech on the need for solidarity.

City of Detroit retirees whose pensions have been slashed spoke about the austerity they have gone through and why many of the same banks that destroyed Detroit are now going after Greece. Speaker after speaker appealed to the many young workers on the street, urging them to learn about what has happened in Detroit, is now occurring in Greece and is soon to hit the U.S. colony of Puerto Rico.

All the speakers and demonstrators educated the sidewalk audience about the onerous nature ofurious bank indebtedness and why worldwide solidarity is needed to beat back austerity and stop the insatiable greed of finance capital.

Also on July 15, a small but enthusiastic crowd, including a few Greek nationals, gathered at Oscar Grant Plaza in downtown OAKLAND, CALIF., to express solidarity. Signs included “Austerity for bankers, not Greek workers” and “Bankers: Hands off Greece. Cancel the debt.” Flyers explaining how only mass resistance can stop the bankers’ rule were distributed to pedestrians as they headed home from work. The rally was called by Workers World Party and endorsed by Marcha Patriótica as they headed home from work. The rally was called by Workers World Party and endorsed by Marcha Patriótica.

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The People’s Verdict, a Bay Area International Peoples’ Tribunal Event, was held at the Bayanihan Community Center in San Francisco on July 18. It followed the closing of the International Peoples’ Tribunal on Crimes Against the Filipino People, held from July 16 to 18 in Washington, D.C.

Tribunal attendees heard live, video and written testimony from the victims of human rights violations and their families. Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark was the lead prosecutor in the trial of accused criminals, headed by Philippine President Benigno S. Aquino and the U.S. government as represented by President Barack Obama.

The gathering in San Francisco heard a summary of the charges and then watched a video of the Tribunal’s jurors presenting their conclusions. As the crowd on the video broke out in cheers and applause, when a guilty verdict was read, so did those who assembled in San Francisco. The Tribunal delegation will deliver the verdict to the Philippine Embassy and White House in Washington on July 20.

For more information, see internationalpeopletribunal.org.

By Abayomi Azikiwe
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Even though the three states where the Ebola Virus Disease struck last year have been declared free of the epidemic, cases have been reported over the last several weeks in Liberia. This West African state has maintained close ties with the U.S. since its founding as a republic in 1847. Freed enslaved Africans from the U.S. and their descendants have constituted Liberia’s governments for nearly 170 years.

President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, one of only two African women presidents on the continent, continues to rely on funding and political direction from Washington. Thousands of Pentagon troops were deployed to Liberia at the height of the EVD crisis in 2014. They were downsized after the number of cases drastically declined.

Recently Liberia has recorded two deaths from the dreaded disease. On July 16, a nurse died in a hospital in the capital, Monrovia, soon after she was checked in.

This woman became the sixth case of EVD since it reappeared in June, after no cases had been reported for more than two months. The latest victim lived in Montserrado County, where Monrovia is located. It has been suggested that the Monrovia case is linked to five others from neighboring Margibi County.

Reports say that the nurse was caring for her son who became ill. Health authorities in the country are tracking up to 140 people who may have had contact with the latest victim.

“We have asked all county health officers to be on the alert,” said Francis Kethe, Liberia’s chief medical officer. “We are not saying the other counties have Ebola. But we need to alert them so that we wouldn’t experience the previous outbreak.” (USA Today, July 16)

Ever since December 2013, when the most recent epidemic was first recognized, there have been 27,600 EVD cases, with more than 11,000 deaths. Liberia was the hardest hit, with more than 4,800 deaths. EVD was first recognized in 1976 in Zaire, now known as the Democratic Republic of Congo. There have been several outbreaks in nearly four decades, with the 2013-15 epidemic the most widespread and lethal.

The outbreak of EVD in Liberia came only a decade after a 12-year civil war which killed thousands and displaced many others. The already-limited infrastructure located in the country was severely damaged during the conflict.

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Such an outbreak of EVD was bound to cause extreme distress on the population and the economy, given the country’s inadequate resources to build medical clinics and hospitals and to train healthcare personnel. The blocking of large swaths of urban and rural areas during the height of the outbreak took a devastating toll on agricultural production, local commerce and delivery of social services.

Sierra Leone and Guinea report cases

Sierra Leone and Guinea, the other two West African states which constituted the epicenter of the outbreak, have also reported several Ebola cases in recent weeks.

The political history of Sierra Leone, a former British colony, is similar to that of Liberia. The country was established in the early 19th century for the resettlement of freed Africans after the conclusion of the war between London and its 13 colonies that became known as the United States.

The Liberian civil war during the 1990s spilled over into Sierra Leone, doing damage to the society that it has not fully recovered from. With the conclusion of the war more than 10 years ago, the Pentagon has utilized the country as the training ground for the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM). Soldiers trained by the U.S. Army Africa, a wing of AFRICOM, have been deployed to Somalia as participants in the African Union Mission to Somalia (AMISOM), which is financed heavily by Washington and the European Union.

Ghana’s Daily Graphic reported, “The outbreak reared its head at a time when the country’s health officers were unprepared for the Ebola battle. The unpreparedness...”
The agreement reached July 14 between Iran and the “5+1,” the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (U.S., Britain, France, Russia and China) plus Germany, is a huge achievement — for Iran.

Whenever any oppressed country, besieged by imperialism, is able to gain a treaty, even a temporary agreement, it is a huge achievement outright war while maintaining its sovereignty, it should be acknowledged as a victory over U.S. intransigence.

Speaking with reporters in Vienna, Iran Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif referred to a “historic moment.” “We are reaching an agreement that is not perfect for anybody, but what we could accomplish, and it is an important achievement for all of us,” he stated.

U.S. imperialism and its Western clients, as well as of ever-tightening economic sanctions, endless forms of industrial sabotage, political subversion, assassinations, isolation, political subversion and all of their accompanying warships, divisions among the 5+1 nations provide numerous opportunities to use the International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors to continually investigate and gain access to all manner of Iranian facilities and to make new demands, create new crises or attempt to sabotage the whole agreement.

The agreement on the part of U.S. and Western corporate power is based on the arrogant hope of ensnaring Iran in a web of economic indebtedness, political promises and social instability to ultimately regain control of Iran’s rich resources. So the agreement is a half-finished product. It reflects an ongoing struggle.

U.S. military threats will continue and possibly escalate through constant movements of aircraft carriers and all of their accompanying warships, destroyers, jet bombers and Trident nuclear submarines, capable of destroying all life on earth in one launch, off the coast of Iran. U.S. wars in the region directly and through its proxies of Saudi Arabia, Israel and countless mercenaries, marauding bands will continue.

Sanctions = extortion

Sanctions are a form of warfare. They are economic extortion by a group of nuclear-armed pirates. The sanctions are an attempt to predate Iran and to revive a nuclear energy program that had begun, with full U.S. support, during the rule of the brutal, U.S.-backed Pahlavi monarchy. U.S. sanctions began soon after the overthrow of the Iranian Revolution along with the seizure of Iranian assets frozen. Over the course of 20 months of these sanctions, the U.S. Congress has attempted to sabotage the entire agreement. "Bomb Iran" is their theme. "War is inevitable" is their message. War profits are their motive.

It is the hawks like Sen. John McCain, funded by powerful corporations with a profitable stake in war and militarism, that are determined to sabotage even this short-term agreement. These are the hawks who have set up a multimillion dollar campaign to defeat the agreement in Congress and possibly to incite military provocations.

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But the problem U.S. banks and corporations face is that with this agreement finally set, there is a stampede to Tehran. Business hotels in Tehran are packed and U.S. corporations fear being left out of the deals being made, hence "Washington in Tehran." They desperately hope to weaken the alignment of Iran, Syria, Hezbollah and Hamas through sectarian division and destablization.

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We appreciate your help in growing the revolutionary movement. In applauding the new nuclear agreement, some U.S. peace forces describe it as a victory over Iranian “hawks” and an easing of a war threat from Iran. This is totally misleading. The war threat on a global scale, and most especially in the Middle East, and the responsibility for war, invasion, occupation and cyclical sectarian divisions lies with U.S. militarism. The most powerful U.S. forces in the Middle East are the military industries that profit from war — the right-wing forces mobilizing against any normalization of relations with Iran.

They realize that with the end of sanctions, foreign investors will not have gained unlimited access to Iran. As the March 30 Wall Street Journal laments: “The country launched a privatization program a decade ago that has, alas, failed, recently, to lure foreigners from companies that are directly controlled by the government into the hands of Iranian pension funds. Those pension funds are also controlled by government entities — leaving the bulk of Iran’s market for small and medium-sized government sway, a concern for some potential investors.”

Israel and Saudi Arabia, as dependent U.S. proxies in the region and whose position and billions of dollars in military equipment, based on their role promoting war and instability, are both threatened by any form of agreement with Iran.

These driving interests are the basis of the large militarist factions in the U.S. ruling class that are still determined to push for war with Iran. They have plans to mount a massive media and lobbying campaign in the hopes that the U.S. Congress has to approve the agreement. “Bomb Iran” is their theme. “War is inevitable” is their message. War profits are their motive.

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How someone can go from driving to a new

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home.

"Rubes is a longtime spokesperson for the

Contemporary Abolition Movement in Houston.

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Esperamos que los sucesos actuales ha-

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ticas Corp. y es supuesto a trabajar por

bloqueando genes que replican el virus.

In another trial ZMapp, an Ebola drug made in the United States and customi-

cured primate labs in experiment. Nonetheless, the primates were infected with

"We can’t say for certain that an experi-

mental drug that works against one strain

will work in another, even if they’re al-

though experimental. "The chief of the Uni-

versity of Texas Medical Branch, who is a senior investigator in the

study. (Reuters, April 22)
More hardship for workers, more money for bankers

By Fred Goldstein

July 20 — The bailout deal signed by Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and the European bankers has brought dire hardship to the Greek workers, more money to the bankers and shows that electoral politics without vigorous class struggle is a dead end for the working class. Cutting pensions and raising sales taxes on items needed to survive so that bankers can be paid is a crime against the working class.

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14 de julio - Con pistola en la cabeza, los dirigentes de Syriza encabezados por Alexis Tsipras, han cedido ante los poderes financieros de Europa en un gesto impresionante de federales por el control bancario en Grecia.

Este acuerdo reemplaza el "No" rotundo de las masas grietas a la resistencia en el referéndum del 5 de julio. El voto del 61% por contra en los bancos mostró que existe una amplia base para una resistencia masiva.

El objetivo debe ser el de obstaculizar la aplicación de las extremas medidas de austeridad dictadas por el capital financiero europeo, con Wall Street en el fondo, y dirigida exclusivamente por el BCE, el Banco Central Europeo y la Comisión Europea, dirigida exclusivamente por el BCE y el Banco Central Europeo.

El acuerdo obliga al gobierno llevar a cabo "reformas del mercado de productores" que eliminan cualquier protección de precios de medicamentos con receta, leche y pan, entre otras cosas; proceder a la privatización del깔 한국어 (Korean) 자막emploi (ADMIE); transferir "activos griegos valiosos" a un "fondo independiente" (en Luxemburgo), que privatizaría los activos públicos fuera del BCE, el Banco Central Europeo y la Comisión Europea.

No habrá reducción del principal, los cientos de miles de millones de euros contrajuto los bancoglos corriendo el flujo de fondos, amenazando con un caos financiero y estrangulación económica.

La "troika" - el FMI, el Banco Central Europeo y una ofensiva contra la oligarquía financiera en todo Europa para rechazar este acuerdo antes de que se aplique plenamente. Una reunión de emergencia podría ser llamada a la asamblea de masas, especialmente los jóvenes. La oligarquía financiera mundial está saliendo del euro.

Necesariamente la resistencia de las masas independiente de si el gobierno griego en actuar, es necesario que haya un nuevo liderazgo en la resistencia en Grecia para movilizar la lucha en masa, tanto en el país como para ganar la solidaridad de toda Europa para rechazar este acuerdo antes de que se aplique plenamente. Una reunión de masas de las masas debería ser llamada inmediatamente para decir Yes! No o una mayor austeridad, no a pagar esta deuda ilegítima.

Una reunión de emergencia podría ser convocada por los fuerzas izquierdistas. Las fuerzas de izquierda griegas y representantes de las fábricas y comunidades, jubiladas/os, escuelas y universidades, y del campo, así como los pequeños negociantes, para formular un programa alternativo y un plan de agitación con resistencia constante de las masas para revocar el acuerdo.

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Sólo la izquierda y las fuerzas revolucionarias pueden preparar el camino hacia el final - la lucha para revocar el acuerdo y para romper con el euro. Bajo un nuevo liderazgo izquierdista podría haber una campaña masiva para superar el euro y un nuevo liderazgo izquierdista debería lograr que la deuda sea ilegal, de huida y odiada.

Las posibilidades de sobrevivir a una ruptura con el euro podrían ser ilustradas concretamente. Por ejemplo, podría haber grandes planes para formar comités locales para asegurar el suministro de alimentos y llevar a cabo su distribución, sobre todo a las/os pobres. Estos comités locales podrían establecer relaciones de cooperación con otras masas de desempleados para suprimir el acaparamiento, monitorear a los capitalistas contra la especulación y el acaparamiento de beneficios, asegurar servicios médicos, etc.

Cabe señalar que una nueva moneda soberana podría ser empleada para poner las masas de desempleados/es, especialmente los jóvenes, de vuelta a trabajar; aumentar enormemente la producción; y resistir en las calles en la que Grecia se encuentra ahora.

Pero, suponiendo la nacionalización de las banca y de los sectores estratégicos de la economía sería pasos fundamentales para recuperar la soberanía de la economía.

Estos compromisos se requieren antes de negociar el futuro rescate. El gobierno debe presentar la legislación económica a la troika antes de que se presente al Parlamento al público. Estos compromisos se requieren antes de negociar el futuro rescate.

Tsipras recientemente hizo un viaje a Rusia para discutir un gasoduto, lo que también abre posibilidades de mantener comercio fuera del euro. Si fuera necesario, podrían establecerse relaciones de trade union con los países en la ALBA (Alianza Bolivariana para los Pueblos de América Latina y el Caribe) o de importación como de exportación. La izquierda tiene un futuro cuan- do de romper con el euro para liberar a Grecia del control financiero absoluto de la UE.

Vencedores en el férreo control de los poderes financieros del gobierno y del Partido Comunista Griego retomaron la iniciativa de renegociar el acuerdo. Como muchas fuerzas de izquierda han señalado, es mejor que pasar por dificultades temporales que someterse a la esclavitud de una deuda y saqueo financiero permanente.

Una reunión de masas debería ser llamada inmediatamente para decir No! a cualquier acuerdo de austeridad dictadas por el capital financiero Europeo, con Wall Street en el fondo, y dirigida exclusivamente por el BCE y el Banco Central Europeo.

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