In answer to Trump, racists, Nazis

Freedom fighters topple white supremacy statue

By LT Pham
Durham, N.C.

Aug. 14 — A crowd of over 100 people gathered today in front of the Confederate statue in downtown Durham to protest white supremacy. The solidarity protest was called two days after white supremacists and neo-Nazis descended upon Charlottesville, Va. — where they left many people injured and one activist, Heather Heyer, dead.

The demonstration was called by the Durham Branch of Workers World Party in solidarity with local anti-racist and anti-fascist forces. There were firsthand accounts from those who took on the ultra-right in Charlottesville — organizers, activists, mothers and medics who were on the scene. In front of the old Durham courthouse, the crowd chanted “Cops and Klan go hand-in-hand!” and “No Trump, No KKK, No Fascist USA” as sheriff’s patrol cars blocked the streets and police filmed demonstrators from the steps of the courthouse.

Freedom fighters rallied in front of the courthouse while inside the county commissioners held a meeting. Durham County Commissioners have been under scrutiny and pressure from local organizers for their refusal to tackle issues of policing and deportation in the city.

At the height of the rally, local Black student organizers spoke to their struggle to remove a Confederate statue on the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill’s campus. The students led the crowd in a chant of “Fear that statue down!” As the chanting reverberated off the courthouse, demonstrators began to circle around the monument, demanding it come down.

In North Carolina in 2015, then Gov. Pat McCrory signed into law a bill blocking removal of Confederate monuments. The N.C. General Assembly continues their attempt to suppress resistance. Currently there is a bill under consideration that would make it legal for a driver to hit demonstrators with their car and face no consequences.

In Charlotte, lawmakers are attempting to make it impossible for demonstrators to rally by legislating that organizers must pay for all lost time on parking meters in order to receive a protest permit.

The fight against white supremacy is a fight against the ruling powers that be — the politicians and profiteers who have just as much blood on their hands as the Ku Klux Klan who showed up in Charlottesville.

Organizers and protesters in Durham sent a clear message: Love does not trump hate; only mobilized

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The latest attacks on affirmative action by the Trump administration and the Department of Justice aim to turn back the clock and heighten the divide among oppressed groups. While the current debate attempts to push through an agenda that purports an illusion of equal access for all, the facts reveal that institutionalized racism remains rampant across all areas of education and employment.

An Aug. 1 New York Times article reported an internal DOJ memo that could potentially redirect resources in the Civil Rights Division. The document doesn’t explicitly mention affirmative action but uses the phrase “intentional race-based discrimination.” This implies an attack on programs designed to recruit more students of color to university campuses.

“To fully grasp the gravity of what’s at stake in this struggle, we must go behind the veil and follow the intersections of white supremacy, education, money and power. In the book, “Classroom and The Cell,” Mumia Abu Jama states in his letter to the Board of Education decision, where the Supreme Court outlawed segregation in public education in America, powerful social forces have tried to defeat it...Something insidious began to be seen and not be stopped.”

Enter Edward Blum, a former stockbroker, long known for his “Model Minority” attempts to dismantle affirmative action and voting rights for people of color. Mother Jones writer Stephanie Mencimer revealed that Blum started his crusade in the 1990s.

In a follow-up to the infamous 1978 Bakke case, when a U.S. Supreme Court ruling pushed back affirmative action, Blum was one of the driving forces behind the 2015 Fisher v. University of Texas lawsuit. Under Blum’s sponsorship, Abigail Fisher, a 23-year-old white woman, filed a lawsuit challenging the use of race in college admission. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the basis of the law in a narrow 4-3 decision.

Now, with the election of Trump and his appointment of racist Jeff Sessions as U.S. attorney general, the Department of Justice is being used by right-wing forces to dismantle hard-fought protections for access to education for students of color.

In addition, earlier this year, Republican Sens. Tom Cotton and David Perdue co-sponsored and introduced the Reforming American Immigration for Strong Employment (RAISE) Act, also inextricably linked to the attacks on affirmative action and migrant rights.

These attacks are alarming, but we have also seen the emergence of a powerfulkveld against imperialism, capitalism and all forms of racism.

We salute the recent Constituent Assembly in Venezuela. The 545 seats of the Constituent Assembly are reserved for indigenous representatives and women. Indigenous peoples, students, persons with disabilities, communal councils, workers and others.

This is a revolutionary understanding of affirmative action in theory and practice.

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**Attacks on proactive health care for women and children**

By Sue Davis

It’s widely known that nearly 400 restrictions on abortion have been passed by states since 2010. Their purpose is to severely limit women’s options when choosing to have abortions. But what is not well known is that some states have also passed hundreds of proactive measures that improve women’s reproductive health and rights as well as children’s health.

A new study, released Aug. 1 by the Center for Reproductive Rights and the Reproductive Health, shows there is a direct correlation between an increase in maternal mortality and child illness when access to legal, safe abortion is limited and there are few or no laws affirming women’s health care. The study updates “Evaluating Priorities: Measuring Women’s and Children’s Health and Well-Being against Abortion Restrictions in the States” issued in 2014.

“Among states with 10 or more abortion restrictions, we see higher rates of maternal mortality, pre-term births and low birth weight as compared with the national average,” Terri-Ann Thompson, the co-author, told Rewire. (Aug. 2) She added that when Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women is increased, maternal and infant mortality decreases as well as babies’ low birth weight.

The scientific study scored states by comparing the number of abortion restrictions against nearly two dozen measures of maternal health and child welfare, ranging from mortality to food insecurity.

When variables were plotted on a graph, the study revealed that more restrictive states typically lack evidence-based health and welfare policies that support women before and after pregnancy as well as their children.

For instance, child mortality is higher than average in states like Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana that have a dozen or more abortion restrictions. The maternal mortality rate doubled between 2010 and 2012 in Texas, which has extreme restrictions on abortion and no laws affirming women’s health and wellbeing. (WW article, Sept. 18, 2016) In fact, anti-abortion legislators in Texas recently pushed 20 new anti-choice laws in a special session of the week of July 24. That immediately prompted CRR to challenge them in court; the center has also filed suits against retro laws in Arkansas and Louisiana.

“This report clearly lays out that politicians pushing extreme anti-choice laws at the expense of public health have their priorities exactly backwards,” concluded CRR President and CEO Nancy Northup in a statement.

**Stop cuts to teen pregnancy programs**

A related topic, teen pregnancy, has recently made headlines — but not because the number of teens having babies was cut by 50 percent between 2007 and 2015 (though that’s still higher than in other industrialized countries).

In a shocking and just plain stupid about-face, Trump’s Department of Health and Human Services announced it will end grants of $200 million to 81 local governments and health groups in its Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program in 2018. That is two years before the experimental program was scheduled to end in 2020. (New York Times, editorial. Aug. 13)

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**Trans woman killed**

Union honors slain shop steward

By Dianne Mathiowetz

Atlanta

In the early morning hours of July 31, 32-year-old TeeTee Dangerfield was found shot multiple times in her car outside her Atlanta residence. This is the 16th homicide of a trans woman of color so far this year.

TeeTee was a well-respected and loved member of UNITE HERE Local 23 who had worked for 12 years at various restaurants and a champion of her fellow staff, she was a well-respected and loved member of UNITE HERE Local 23 who had worked for 12 years at various restaurants and a champion of her fellow staff, she had worked for 12 years at various restaurants in the Atlanta airport.

On Aug. 11, UNITE HERE organized a memorial for TeeTee at the airport chapel, running from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to allow co-workers and others on multiple shifts to honor her vivacious, loving spirit and welcoming smile. Union members wore bright red T-shirts made especially for the occasion to “say her name.”

Her union issued a statement which read in part, “While we mourn the fact that her life was taken so soon and so violently, we are also angry. Angry that transphobia and hate continue to manifest in our communities, where all individuals have the right to live their lives as they choose.

“Our fight will continue to fight for workplace protections for our LGBTQ sisters and brothers, which is but one piece of the larger movement to end the discrimination and violence often directed at the trans and broader LGBTQ community. We honor TeeTee’s memory by lending our collective strength and voices to say: Enough is enough! Not one more!”

As of this writing, TeeTee’s killer has not been identified.

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**Poems by Lamont Lilly**

**Honor in the Ghetto**

**letter to pam africa**

you have lifted our wings
and armed them with resistance.
stirring the pot and armed them with resistance.
and armed them with resistance.

**rank and file**

bring your homemade signs
on cardboard and wooden sticks.

**urban renewal**

amazingly
all the ghettos are gone now.

**tell the black girls**

tell the black girls
we believe in their magic.

tell the black girls
how they were born
from a long tradition of black woman dream merchants.

**tell the black girls**

tell the black girls
how special powers are intervened
in their braids and cornrows.

god gifted
in the tips
of their twists and locs.

**tell the black girls**

tell the black girls
how the others
can only dream
and imagine their powers.

tell the black girls
believe in their magic and it’s real.

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Wilson spurns Black leaders

The NAACP appealed to President Donald Trump. Though he made an election promise to implement an- ti-lynching laws, he refused to do so. Af- ter the march, Black leaders involved in the protest went to Washington to meet with Wilson, who did not keep the ap- pointment. They left their petition for Wilson, urging him to prevent future rac- ists and lynchings. Federal discrimi- nation against African Americans actual- ly increased during Wilson’s presidency.

A year after New York’s 1917 parade, a silent parade took place in Newark, N.J. More terror came in 1919 with the “Red Sum- mer” of racist riots in Tennessee, Ne- braska, Chicago and Washington, D.C. In August 1919 another NAACP-sponsored silent march, encouraged by Director Benjamin Hooks, was held in Newark to protest recent Supreme Court decisions weakening anti-discrimination policies.

In June 2012, the NAACP organized si- lent marches across the country to protest police stop-and-frisk practices toward Af- rican Americans. A federal judge ruled in August 2013 that the New York Police De- partment practice was unconstitutional.

Prior to this year’s 100th anniver- sary in St. Louis, there was a week-long commemoration of the riots and march. Although few people are aware of its significance.

In New York, a planned anniversary re-en- actment of the silent march, set for July 28, was not granted access to Fifth Av- enue because Trump Tower is located there, so it was held on Sixth Avenue. Participants displayed portraits of cur- rent victims of racist police and vigilante violence from around the country.

Additional sources: Black Voices; Huffington Post, July 28; hyperallergic. com/392280; Yale University’s Beinecke Rare Books & Manuscript Library.

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100th Anniversary of Silent March of African Americans

By Dolores Cox

An estimated 10,000 African-American men, women and children partici- pated in a silent march in New York City on July 28, 1917, to protest racist vio- lence in Charlottesville, Va. The NAACP organized the march, as well as church and community leaders who saw the “dehumanization of Black people having their own demonstration because they were the main victims of recent violence.

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Service Employees International Pres- ident Mary Kay Hennessy issued a statement Aug. 12 on behalf of the union, which represents almost 2 million health care workers in the U.S. and Canada: “SEIU members condemn the violence spread by white supremacists in today’s deadly terror attack. Our hearts are heavy with grief for the families who are now dealing with the death or injury of a loved one.”

“This tragedy is a reminder that ... we have yet to address the long legacy of violence and slavery — a legacy that is still bedded in our history and experienced in our present day. We cannot be silent and must speak out against the violence that ´encouraged that the NAACP in Charlottes- ville and far too many other cities. Working people must, and we will, join together and organize our communities to eliminate racism at all levels and create a world where everyone, no matter the color of their skin, can participate, pros- per and reach our full potential.”

National Nurses United also con- demned the fascist violence in Charlott esville. NNU Executive Director Rose Ann DeMoro emphasized, “As a society, it is incumbent upon all of us to force- fully repudiate all expressions of white supremacy, racial hatred, and bigotry. Anyone familiar with the history of how white supremacy has stained our nation ... cannot be surprised that continued expressions of that virulent philosophy would lead to violence today.”

“All ... elected leaders,” said DeMoro, “starting in the White House, have a re- sponsibility to condemn racial hatred and the violence it encourages, and must disassoci- ate from those promoting it.” The union leader praised those who took a “a stand for cultural diversity and understanding among all people. We have a long ways to go to assure the equality, civil rights and civil liberties of all our people. There’s no time to waste.”

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A huge wave of anti-racist protest is sweeping through the U.S. in determined response to events in Charlottesville, Va. A “Unite the Right” gathering of a few hundred armed white supremacists, Ku Klux Klan units and neo-Nazis seized public space there in a torchlight parade on Aug. 11 and the next day attempted to occupy Emancipation Park, previously named Lee Park after Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

The white supremacists were met and pushed back by an anti-racist crowd of thousands. Young queer people of color were the leadership in the call to action. They were joined Aug. 12 by a wide range of people who understood the immediate mortal danger that the rise of white supremacists poses to people of color, migrants, Muslims, Jews, women, LGBTQ people, people with disabilities and others. As the crowd demonstrated one of the Nazis assaulted the marchers with his car, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injuring many others.

Within 24 hours, over 700 “Solidarity with Charlottesville” demonstrations were posted on the Vox Media website. Many of the demonstrations this weekend, from a quiet candlelight vigil in West Virginia to rallies all over the state of Wisconsin, were organized in response to attacks by Nazis in Charlottesville.

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The coming out into the light of day of an openly fascist movement in the United States, as happened on Aug. 11-12 in Charlottesville, Va., confirms at least three things about the state of this country.

First, the media manipulation and financial maneuvering by a significantly far-right-wing section of the billionaire class to get one of their own into the White House has emboldened the most racist, anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim, anti-Semitic, misogynist, male-supremacist, murderous scum of this decaying capitalist society.

Second, the progressive movement that has grown in defense of the rights of workers, oppressed Black, Latino and other communities, women, people with disabilities, LGBTQ people and immigrants refuses to be cowed by these heavily armed thugs. Those protesting the Nazis and KKK fought back with incredible valor in Charlottesville.

And third, the police and other repressive forces of this capitalist democracy’s “defence” are no protection against the ultra-right. Indeed, they allowed the organized thugs to hold a Nazi and Klan-type “torchlight” parade through the city — something that would have been unthinkable just a few years ago. The progressive movement needs to continue to be self-reliant, combative and united.

The fascists were almost exclusively white men. The counter-protesters represented a united front in action of a broad spectrum of people, predominantly young, from every demographic in this country. It was an inspiring glimpse of the kind of unity and solidarity that is needed to overcome the bigots and the photocops, the end violence against the oppressed, and bring about revolutionary social change.

Those in the ruling establishment who see their reputation in tatters are appalled by what happened, but not for the right reasons. They want to continue to exploit and dominate most of the world, but behind a veil of “democracy” and “human rights.”

They cringed when Trump first publicly commented on the murderous attack by one of the fascists, who gunned his car into a dense crowd of protesters, killing activist Heather Heyer and wounding dozens more. The bigot-in-chief could not bring himself to even mention the groups responsible, saying he condemned “many sides, many sides.”

Three days after the atrocity occurred, they finally got him to go before the cameras a second time and read from a script in which the racists and Nazis were named.

The events in Charlottesville will long be remembered as a watershed in the developing movement to tear down the walls of bigotry and unite the popular forces fighting for a better world. The people are showing by their actions that only by taking the fight for justice into their own hands, with no confidence in the organs of state power, can they make progress.

On Aug. 14, youths in Durham, N.C., tore down a Confederate statue with their own hands, expressing their fury at the state of affairs in Charlotteville.

Long live the independent struggle of this new progressive movement against the fascists, the cops and the capitalist establishment! □
SMASH WHITE SUPREMACY!

Charlottesville eyewitness:

‘Sticking together to battle white supremacy’

Workers World managing editor John Catalinotto interviewed WW correspondent Taryn Fivek, who was in the Workers World Party contingent at the counterprotest of the Nazi/Klan march on Charlottesville, Va., on Aug. 12.

Sent to scout ahead where people were forming up to march, my comrade Nate and I were consulting with a journalist we knew in the street. Suddenly there was a very loud noise, which I first thought was a bomb, followed by a lot of screaming. The noise turned out to be the sound of a car hitting bodies not more than 15 feet from us.

After the car hit the bodies, the Klansman put the car in reverse and you could see the car was toted from hitting the bodies at high speed. He also slammed into two cars parked along the street, waiting to go. I could see the people in those cars were also in shock. I saw someone comforting an elder, a Black woman, in one of the cars, like she might be having a heart attack.

I looked at the scene and tried to determine who might need help the most and ran to a woman, who later found out was Heather Heyer, to try to keep people from moving her. I could see by the way her eyes were moving that she had suffered severe injury to her spine and head, and shouldn’t be moved.

Your judgment of time in moments like these is never accurate, but it seemed to me it took a long time for the paramedics to arrive. I don’t think there were people there who were qualified to deal with that level of trauma. Heather, who was a 32-year-old paralegal worker and a volunteer at the local hospital, had suffered severe injury to her spine and head, and shouldn’t be moved.

Workers World contingent arrives at Emancipation Park, Charlottesville, Va.

groups were involved, some clergy, as well as anarchists and people from a lot of different tendencies. A huge diversity of people were there, including from the African-American community. Local people, even those who were not in the streets with us, were supportive, honking their horns at us and our banners.

As far as I saw, we were the only revolutionary Marxist tendency there for the entire day. Other tendencies like the Democratic Socialists of America showed up in the afternoon, and some were in the streets near where the car struck.

Given the balance of forces, the crowd of our people, the militant left forces, acted in a defensive way the entire day — at least up until the murder. The Klan and Nazis, on the other hand, knew they could act with impunity. They knew they had the state backing them up.

During the day a dozen racists jumped on and beat a Black youth, Deandre Harris, with clubs and kicks, injuring him severely, without intervention from the police.

Our side knew we faced the hostility not only of the Klan and Nazis but also of the state. I admire the fact that everyone in the movement acted in a defensive way, confronting the racists where necessary but not recklessly.

Workers World Party participation

The WWP contingent from three different branches — New York, Baltimore and Durham, N.C. — with many friends from other areas, including nearby Roanoke, Va., numbered at times 50 or more people, and acted in a coordinated way. Our political approach could be seen in the big, colorful banner, reading, “Make racists afraid again; Smash white supremacism!” We were vibrant, loud, unashamed.

The contingent was courageous and multinational, youth and elders alike. That gave me — and I’m sure others, too — confidence and courage because of how we stuck together, had each other’s backs, made decisions after a democratic discussion and then followed the leadership.

That our tactics were coordinated turned out to be a really wise approach, especially when Nate and I were sent ahead. That’s when the car struck the people.

There are no guarantees, but WWP does its best to plan its tactics as best as possible and not just do spontaneous actions. The decades of experience in street action is passed between the generations of WWP comrades. We make sure to do things intentionally and consciously.

Nate and I were in touch with the comrades responsible for our group. They asked us to come back to the delegation, so we left with them that night. It helped so much to be in the midst of our comrades’ solidarity.

Some in the WWP delegation from Durham stayed to make sure any of the anti-racists who might have been arrested were able to make bail. We feel this solidarity with all anti-fascist fighters.

The Klan & Government: Foes or Allies?

The capitalist government has overtly encouraged and promoted the Klan over decades. It is often overlooked in media reports that the durability of the Klan rests on long-term bonds to the state.

The capitalist government not only tolerates organizations like the Klan, but once the class struggle of the workers and oppressed people takes on the character of a mass upsurge, the capitalist government is more likely to encourage the Klan.

If the U.S. is resorting to naked armed force on a world scale, to threatening nuclear first-strikes, it is likely that the peace of the oppressed imposed on the superpowers will prevail! Read more at http://tinyurl.com/y48tkikok
by Cheryl LaBash

The government and corporate media unleashed a new propaganda offensive against socialist Cuba on Aug. 9 by making unsubstantiated charges that two U.S. and one Canadian diplomat in Cuba had lost hearing due to some device being used against them earlier this year.

The media’s source was U.S. officials who “spoke on condition of anonymity,” a bizarre leak. (New York Times, Aug. 9.) Also, two Cuban diplomats had been asked to leave the U.S. on May 23. The reports implied, without asserting it, that the Cuban government was somehow responsible for the ailments of the diplomats.

Cuban statement

On Aug. 9, the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs responded, saying: “On 17 February this year, the United States Embassy in Havana and the Department of State informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the occurrence of some alleged incidents affecting some officials in both diplomatic mission and their families.

“Cuba took this issue with the utmost seriousness and acted expeditiously and professionally in order to clarify the facts of this situation, initiating a comprehensive, priority and urgent investigation on the indications of the highest level of the Cuban government. To this end, it conveyed to the United States Embassy the need for information-sharing and proposed to establish an official ice roads. This year a number of official ice roads. This year a number of official ice roads.

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“Our country’s impeccable track record in this area is recognized internationally and Cuba is universally considered as a safe place for both visitors and foreign diplomats, including Americans.

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By G. Dunkel

Anchorage, Alaska

The Arctic is heating up twice as fast as the rest of the world. As its ice and snow cover melts and its glaciers recede, the newly bare soil and waters retain more heat, thus reinforcing the melting. According to the Canadian weather service, some areas of the Canadian Arctic are warming up at four to five times the world average.

Critical components of the Arctic’s infrastructure most urgently affected by global warming are roads, which aid transportation of goods, services and people and facilitate communication between communities.

Ice roads

An ice road is a winter road that runs on a naturally frozen water surface — a river, a lake or an expanse of sea ice — in cold regions like major portions of Alaska and Canada’s Yukon and Northwest Territories. The roads can also be built over land by using ice chips.

Ice roads open up access to isolated areas that have no permanent roads. Some 80 percent of Alaskan communities — but not a majority of its population — live in so-called fly-in communities without road access to the rest of the state. Many of them are almost entirely Indigenous.

Some of these communities have a water supply that they get supplies like fuel oil or snow machines by barge. But most need ice roads to connect to the outside world.

The Canadian Arctic has 3,300 miles of official ice roads. This year a number of communities in the Northwest Territories nearly ran out of fuel for generators because global warming meant their ice roads had to be built later and melted earlier.

Even in the depths of winter, frequent storms and blizzards made the roads dangerous with ice that was sometimes too weak. Alvin Fiddler, grand chief of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation, who represents 49 Indigenous communities in northern Ontario, told the New York Times, “These roads are the only way our people can survive.”

Permanant roads

There are a number of tweaks that can extend the usefulness of ice roads: using semi-submersible barges or trucks to clear off snow; spreading water from under the ice to layer it on top, making it thicker; and using ice-penetrating radar to accurately measure the thickness of the ice. But the only practical solution seems to be permanent roads.

The Indigenous communities are clinging to settlements that their ancestors established many years ago. They need a solution to preserve their homes and ancestral lands and to be able to get to mines and other jobs sites that need labor.

But permanent roads, which are expensive to build, have major difficulties due to permafrost. The frozen ground contains ice globs that melt at different rates, depending on how far they are below the surface. Such melting can open up big holes and slumps in the roads.

Bethel is a major town in western Alaska. It has a hospital and a fish-processing plant, is an administrative and transportation hub for the 56 villages in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. It is off the grid and only accessible by river or air, but it does have an extensive local road network.

The paved roads in Bethel resemble a roller coaster because the underlying permafrost has melted in some spots and not others. But guard rails, which prevent vehicles from falling into slips and slides from being deadly, tend to vanish as the permafrost underneath them weakens.

Permanant paved roads in Alaska require expensive, maintenance.

Unpaved roads like the one from Tok through Chicken and on to Dawson have the same waves, and are also very dusty in the summer and hard to maintain in the winter.

Capitalism and the Big Melt

The science establishing that global warming is mainly due to human activity is now generally accepted. The Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change warned in 1990 that if this warming goes 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial times, there will be deadly heat waves, extreme weather and catastrophic increases in sea levels.

What is just as established, but far less accepted, is that this warming is due to the capitalist drive for profits — quick, immediate profits at the expense of the environment and human life on this planet. Capitalism must expand or die.

The differences in approach to global warming between China and the U.S. are instructive. When the socialist revolution took power in 1949, China was terribly poor and underdeveloped. It has made big concessions to capitalism since then, but still has a strong socialist orientation because the economic policies, particular in infrastructure.

China is now a world leader in renewable energy and is implementing economic plans that shift away from fossil fuels as quickly as possible. The U.S. capitalist government, by contrast, has withdrawn all climate controls in order to remove any restraints on companies that profit from coal, oil and gas extraction.

The only truly permanent solution to the roads problem in the Arctic is to start the process of environmental sustainable ability, stop the production of heat-trapping gases and end global warming. These objectives can be only partially achieved under capitalism.
Trump targets Venezuela for invasion

By Chris Fry

Failing to shake the resolve of the Korean people when he proposed war, even nuclear war, on that small country, Donald Trump has now targeted Venezuela. "We should not have allowed Venezuela and by the way, I am not going to rule out a military option," he said on Aug. 11. "We have many options for Venezuela, including a possible military option if necessary." (theguardian.com, Aug. 11)

The Venezuelan government's response to Trump's threats was both swift and effective. In a joint statement by President Nicolás Maduro and the country's revolution sisters, they condemned any military measures against Venezuela.

While the U.S. military has not made any official statement regarding the possibility of a military option in Venezuela, the U.S. National Security Adviser, H.R. McMaster, has said that it would be a "possibility" at a meeting with his Venezuelan counterpart.

The U.S. military plans another exercise in November dubbed "Operation America United," as a "temper" base in Brazil, near the borders with Peru and Colombia and quite close to the Venezuelan border. Since the U.S. government's decision to mobilize the U.S. population to stop any U.S. intervention in Venezuela, many condemn the military threats.

Progressive organizations and governments in Latin America condemned the threats from #45, which can be expected. "Mindful of the many U.S. invasions and occupations of Latin American countries over the last century, however, even leaders of countries hostile to the social-ist-leaning Maduro government, criticized Trump's threats.

Chile's Foreign Minister Heraldo Muñoz said: "Reiterating all of the terms of the Lima Declaration on Venezuela, this government of Chile rejects the threat of military intervention in Venezuela." Mexico, Peru, and Brazil have also condemned Trump's comments.

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Trump's threats against Venezuela

Aug. 14 — Workers World Party-Parti do Mundo Obrero (USA) condemns the statements made by U.S. President Don-ald Trump on Aug. 11 against the people of Venezuela, especially his open threat to use the "military option," that is, to use U.S. military force against the sovereign people of that country.

We promise to do everything possible to stop the U.S. population to stop any U.S. intervention in Venezuela.

WWP/PMO also condemns as blatant lies the U.S. president’s slander against the Venezuelan government, which has been waging a peaceful revolution in the streets with the "guarimbas," violent demonstrations attacking supporters of the revolutionary government.

With his usual lying bluster, Trump demanded that Venezuela "release political prisoners," while the U.S. currently imprisons 2.3 million people, mostly Black, Latinx and Native, and imprisoning many political activists and freedom fighters who have been in jail more than three decades.

Meanwhile, Trump condemns both sides as anti-fascist demonstrators are killed and injured in Charlottesville, Va., by the racist project and froze Génération Identitaire, and is being used to try to turn back refugees seeking asylum in Europe. The white supremacist organization is working with an English far-right group, Defend Europe.

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No racist boats will dock in Tunisia

By G. Dunkel

The C-Star, a ship with a dubious past in smuggling, has been chartered by the right-wing immigrant organization Génération Identitaire, and is being used to try to turn back refugees seeking asylum in Europe. The white supremacist organization is working with an English far-right group, Defend Europe.

The refugees are attempting to get to Italy once they reach the nearby Tunisian shores off Libya. But forcing a boat in a interna- tional waters to return to a previous port is illegal, according to international law.

Francoinfo, a press service of all the French TV networks, looked into the fi- nances of the C-Star on August 10. After exposing some crucial facts about this racist project and froze Génération Identi-taire’s account, the group turned to its friend, TV journalist Chuck Johnson, a former editor at the far-right Breitbart News, David Duke, the former Ku Klux Klan leader, issued an appeal that brought in $200,000.

When the C-Star needed fuel and water, it was announced that it was going to go into the nearby Tunisian port of Zarzis.

The fishery workers of Zarzis said there was no way they were going to allow their port to be used by racist anti-Islamic ag-itators.

The C-Star had to go elsewhere. It is unclear at present how the C-Star is get-ting supplied.
We live in a world where there are oppres- sors and there are the oppressed. Inevitably, those who are oppressed and exploited will rise up and fight for liberation, will try to get to the root of their oppressors and their backs.

Right now the small country of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is trying to keep from being crushed by the immense force deployed by U.S. “capitalist democracy.”

What should we do, who live in this most powerful imperialist country in the world, do when the DPRK decides it needs a nuclear deterrent to keep the U.S. from trying to overturn its government?

Because that’s what the world has seen the Pentagon do to Yugoslavia, Afghan- istan, Iraq, Libya and is still trying to do to Syria.

Some governments as well as peace groups are calling on the U.S. to step back from its threats to attack the DPRK. But they are also saying the northern Koreans should “freeze” their nuclear weapons program.

If the DPRK were to agree, would they guarantee its safety? What if the U.S. at- attacked anyway? What would they say — “Sorry”?

War is very, very real to the Koreans. They don’t need to be lectured about its horrors. Some 5 million died during the Korean War, most at the hands of U.S. forces.

It has taken them years to rebuild their country, not only because of the devastation but also because of continued efforts by the U.S. imperialists to ruin their economy through sanctions and other measures.

It is the right of oppressed people to choose the form of their struggle. As the Black Panthers put it, they have the right to resist “by any means necessary.” It is up to the oppressed to decide what tactics is best suited to their conditions. Those who come from the oppressor nation must not dictate how it should be done.

And the same applies on the interna- tional arena. If the people of the Demo- cratic People’s Republic of Korea have decided that the only way they’ll be safe from another U.S. attack is to have a nuclear deterrent, the best thing we in the U.S. can do is try to make sure that such an attack by the U.S. never happens.

Those of us who live “in the belly of the beast” cannot put conditions on those living in countries oppressed by imperi- alism. Our job is to defend their right to liberate themselves.

We need to explain to our fellow work- ers how U.S. foreign policy, including the war machine, is crafted to set up the su- perexploitation of workers in other coun- tries. The billionaires who run Washing- ton, backed by Trump and his cronies, can then reap untold profits from war indus- tries and by cutting wages to the bone for workers here.

We need to explain how class oppres- sion, where the bosses exploit workers and smaller farmers across the world, is in- terlinked with national oppression under U.S. imperialism. Racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia — all are ideological tools used to justify the brutal subjugation and robbery of whole peoples. This is true of the oppression of people of color inside the United States as well as whole nations abroad.

Workers have a way to fight back. It’s called solidarity. We can rid the world of oppression and exploitation, but only if we realize in our own strength by rejecting every form of bigotry and uniting with all those fighting for liberation from capitalism.

‘Hands off north Korea, peace treaty now!’

By Greg Butterfield

New York

Eighty people turned out for a lunch- time picket at the United Nations head- quarters here on Aug. 14 to condemn President Donald Trump’s threats of “fire and fury” against the socialist Democratic- people’s Republic of Korea.

The action, “Tell Trump: No war with north Korea,” was called by an ad hoc group, Korean American Activists for Peace, and supported by U.S.-based anti-war groups, including the Inter- national Action Center, Veterans For Peace, Peace Action and National Antinuclear Coalition.

The crowd, about half from the Korean community and half from the anti-war groups, chanted: “No to war, no to sanc- tions, peace treaty now!” and “U.S. troops out of north Korea!” Chants in both Korean and English were led by protest organizers Rev. Tong-Kyun Kim, Hyun Lee of Nodut- dul for Korean Community Development and other Korean-American activists.

Several solidarity statements were giv- en. Speakers talked about the long his- tory of U.S. interven- tion and their own struggle against the U.S. government in the Korean peninsu- la, stretching back to the 1950-53 Korean war, and defended north Korea’s right to develop nuclear deterrence for self-defense.

Sara Flounders of Workers World Par- ty, who had just returned from the Char- lottesville protests, linked the struggle against racism and fascism at home with the struggle against war in Korea. She asserted that capitalism is at the root of these crises for the world’s workers, drawing loud agreement from the crowd.

Minh Ly, a socialist student activist from Germany whose family fought in the Vietnamese liberation struggle, ex- pressed her solidarity. Bernadette Ello- rin from BAYAN USA spoke of the unity of the Filipino and Korean people to kick U.S. imperialism out of Asia and the Paci- fic. Monica Moorehead of the Interna- tional Action Center read the statement of the Korean-American protest organizers. As the protest ended, organizers prom- ised to continue the fight to end U.S. war threats and defend the Korean people’s right to self-determination.

On Aug. 9, 1945, the U.S. dropped that second atomic bomb ever deployed in conflict, hitting the Japanese industrial city of Nagasaki.

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Why the DPRK needs a nuclear deterrent

By Deirdre Griswold

Since 1959, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea — north Korea — has lived under the shadow of a U.S. nuclear deterrent.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who com- mandered U.S. forces during the Korean War, told reporters in 1954: “I could have won the war in Korea in a maximum of 10 days... I would have dropped between 30 and 50 atomic bombs on [the] air bas- e and another depot around the neck of Manchuria.” (New York Times, April 9, 1964)

MacArthur’s shocking remarks won’t make public until after his death 10 years later. But his proposal to lay down a ra- diactive belt on the border between the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and China was known at the time of the war, President Harry S. Truman fired MacArthur in 1951 after the general openly pushed to extend the war to Chi- na.

Although MacArthur was removed from his command, U.S. nuclear ar- ms were, and still are, ready to strike north Korea — “locked and load- ed,” in President Trump’s recent boastful, gangster language.

Several times each year, the U.S. car- ries out war exercises close to the borders of the DPRK simulating an attack on that country and the “decapitation” of its leader- ship. Another is set to begin Aug. 21, involving tens of thousands of U.S. and south Korean troops.

The persistent U.S. threat of war is why the DPRK has allocated precious re- sources to become one of the world’s nine nuclear weapons states. It is now estimat- ed to have around 30 such bombs — out of the more than 15,000 nuclear war- heads in the world.

The U.S. accounts for nearly 7,000 of those warheads. Yet the DPRK is now the target of a screaming propaganda cam- paign accusing its leader, Kim Jong Un, of wildly leading the world into a nuclear war.

Think about it. The DPRK has no sol- diers or bases in other countries. It has no nuclear-equipped high-altitude bombers or submarines circling the globe. It has no drones in missile strikes on other countries. All its military prepara- tion is defensive.

The U.S. has bases all over the world. It has militarily occupied south Korea since 1954, keeping the Korean people divid- ed. It recently deployed a missile system called THAAD in the south, despite des- perate resistance from the people there.

This has intensified the worry of Kore- ans in the north and in the south that the U.S. could be planning a military attack on the DPRK. And Trump’s recent words that the U.S. is “locked and loaded” like the world has never seen” deepened that concern, even drawing public criti- cism from several officials of the Moon Jae-in regime in south Korea.

How Koreans look at Trump

Every since the election of the most openly right-wing president in recent U.S. history, the capitalist media have been full of speculation about Trump’s unpredictability, his ego-driven pro- nouncements and tweets, his obvious ignorance or denial about crucial issues, from climate change to international re- lations.

If even those “in the know” here are speculating about what atrocities Trump could be capable of, what are leaders of the DPRK to think? Is it absolutely their duty to do all they can to prepare for the defense of their people? Especial- ly since the White House is packed with military brass and the budget for war spending keeps growing at the expense of social programs.

The world is watching these develop- ments in the U.S. with horror, especially people living in countries that have been colonized, neocolonized and superex- ploited by the imperialist powers.

Korea is one such country. It was bru- tally colonized by imperial Japan from 1910 to 1945. During World War II, many Korean workers were forcibly moved to Japan to labor in the mines and other jobs to take the place of Japanese workers drafted to fight in the war. Some 30,000 of these Korean workers were among the hun- dred of thousands of people killed by U.S. atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshi- ma and Nagasaki.

To justify its hostile actions, the U.S. government has refused to sign a peace treaty ending the war that began 67 years ago. It has ringed the DPRK with military bases. In recent years, Washington has encouraged the rearming of Japan and has included Japanese armed forces in its annual “war games.”

How must that look to Koreans? After so many years of U.S. war, occupation and threats, it surely doesn’t seem to be a “game.”

It is perfectly understandable and ra- tional that the unrelenting U.S. threats of war have only added to the determina- tion of the DPRK to have a strong deter- rent against aggression.

See the editorial for a discussion of what people living in an oppressor nation can do.
Dear America, I am glad that you are finally paying attention to what is happening in Guam. Many of you, as I am reading online, are asking for the first time, “What is Guam?” Every day growing up here, we have been told all about you. I am sorry that it is only when we are the subject of bombs that you even attempt to say the word Guam; there are so many more interesting things I wish you would want to know about us.

We, on the other hand, are not as surprised by the latest bomb threat. We are quite used to hearing Guam and bomb in the same sentence. Every month or so, when another missile is tested, or rhetoric fired, we hear how North Korea, or China, or Russia could bomb Guam. I have even saved pictures of China’s infamous “Guam Killer” bombs on my computer so our Independence Group can use it in Independence 101 presentations as an example of why we need to free NOW.

Yes, there are people in Guam who want independence from you. But there are also people in Guam who hear these threats of bombs and cowards in the hype. They start to believe that we will be wiped out by the endless war games and by the mighty military bases and beg for more, because then they would not be bombed, right? But you have been the source of all our bomb problems.

The worst bombs that have ever been dropped on Guam were yours near the end of World War II. At the beginning of the war, you left us defenseless to the Japanese, knowing full well that they were planning to invade Guam all along. You SAFELY boarded your white military wives on ships and sent them home months before the attack, but did nothing to protect us. That’s right, the last time an invading nation that you said you would protect us from, attacked you surrendered in two days and left 20,000 people to suffer, many falling victim to the most atrocious of war crimes.

But we are strong and we survived, not just that ugly war but also the losses that came after. When you returned in 1944, you leveled our island, leaving most families without a home to return to. We were scattered and displaced so you could build your enormous bases. And we were so grateful to our people served and continue to serve your military and die for your freedom in higher numbers per capita than you.

Today you occupy nearly one-third of our island, and station bombers and nuclear-powered submarines here to flex your might to our neighbors. You play out endless war games, burning homes and dumping waste into our air, water, soil, bodies. We breathe in the fallout when you test your bombs on our sister islands upwind — those clouds make their way down here. We eat fish from the waters you bomb around us. [We] grieve the beached whales who rot at the shore, led astray by your sonar testing. We are being made to sacrifice – with no consent (and for many of us, against our will) — access to sacred ancient villages and a thousand acres of a lush limestone forest habitat that you want to destroy to build a firing range for your Marines. You fly bombers over my home at ungodly hours.

Come on, America, I am raising babies here. Little ones, who notice when your flag is flown above theirs, and don’t like it. Who hide under the slide at their playground and tell their friends to duck when your B-15, B-26, be everything in their safe zone. There is a sign on the road that reads, “Slow down, children at play.”

Will you please slow down and allow my children to play? I want them to grow up here. This is their/my/my mama’s/mama’s man’s man’s homeland. There is no other place in the world I want them to be. I understand that for many “Americans,” you had to flee your homeland. That America became your better life, or at least the promise of it. That many of you long for your homeland and can’t return. And sadly, many of you don’t think enough about the Indigenous Americans whose lands and lives were stolen to manifest this destiny.

But this land, this beautiful island every wants to bomb because of you, is my land, not yours. And I don’t want to live. I left my land once for your college education. But I ached for home the entire time. As soon as I got my degrees, I came back to use them here. My home is my better life. I am nourished by my land, where my family grows our own food. I am raising bright babies, with the jungle as their backyard, and this is the life my ancestors wanted for me and for them.

I want to go to sleep peacefully knowing that my family is safe in our home. So please, stop all this bomb talk. And instead, ask yourself why Guam is still your colony in 2017. Good night and good morning, Victoria-Lola Leon Guerrero 1:40 a.m. August 10, 2017 Yo’ña, Guåhan (Guam)
El Consejo de Seguridad de las Na- ciones Unidas votó unánimemente el 3 de agosto de 1953 una resolución sobre sanciones sobre armas nucleares económicas contra la República Popular Democrática de Corea porque se niega a renunciar al desarrollo de una capacidad de disuasión nuclear.

El Consejo de Seguridad está dirigido por cinco miembros permanentes con poder de veto: Estados Unidos, Francia, Bélgica, Rusia y China. Diez países más participan en el Consejo de Seguridad, pero sólo durante dos años y sin veto. Los cinco miembros permanentes del Consejo de Seguridad son también las potencias nucleares más fuertemente ar- madas del mundo.

Estados Unidos inició la carrera ar- mamentista nuclear y es el único país que ha utilizado estas temibles armas, incinerando a más de 200.000 civiles japoneses al final de la Segunda Guerra Mundial. A pesar de que la Guerra Fría ha terminado, los militares estadoun- idenses mantienen casi 7.000 ujivas op- eracionales.

¿Qué terrible hipocresía que estas po- tencias nucleares acusen a la RPDC de ser “irracional” y “agresiva” por buscar métodos militares horrendos? Y no eran estos, los B-36, que las protestas masivas por parte de la gente en el sur forzaron su remoción. Esto es lo que los medios de comuni- cación corporativos en EUA consciente- mente olvidan mencionando cuando acusan a los líderes de la RPDC de actuar irracio- nalmente cuando intentan reforzar sus defensas. ¿Hablamos alguna vez de esa manera sobre MacArthur, el presidente Harry Truman o cualquiera de los otros líderes imperialistas que han empleado métodos militares horrores? Y no eran para la defensa, sino para imponer la dominación imperialista estadounidense en gran parte del mundo.

El gobierno de Trump y los generales del Pentágono - que siguen apareciendo en gran parte del mundo.

Lejos de eso.

He aquí algunas citas de una declaración emitida por el gobierno de la RPDC en reacción a la votación del Con- sejo de Seguridad:

“La resolución de sanciones de la ONU - constituiría una flagrante violación a la soberanía de la RPDC y un abuso de- safía a ella.”

“El acceso de la RPDC a una fuerza nuclear más fuerte es una medida justa y legítima de autodefensa para proteger la soberanía del país y el derecho de la nación a su existencia ante los actos arbi- trarios de Estados Unidos ... Está tratando- do de impulsar la situación de la penínsu- la con el fin de provocar la guerra nuclear, procurando frenéticamente para llevar a cabo ejercicios de misiles contra la RPDC y desplegando equipo estratégico masivo en la península.

“Fue contra este telón de fondo que Estados Unidos manipuló al Consejo de Seguridad de las Naciones Unidas para maquillar la ‘resolución de sanciones’ más atroz que nunca, poniendo una pro- hibición total incluso en las actividades comerciales normales y el intercambio económico, revelando así al mundo en- tero sus viles intenciones para borrar la ideología y el sistema de la RPDC y extor- minar a su pueblo.”

“La RPDC ya ha ganado todo lo que necesitaba ... a través de una ardua lucha bajo el más severo régimen de sanciones - adoptado por la instigación de Esta- dos Unidos durante las últimas décadas. Es sólo una triste esperanza considerar cualquier posibilidad de que la RPDC sea saqueada un centímetro o cambie su posición por las sanciones de este nuevo tipo impuestas por las fuerzas hostiles. ...

“Considerar [las medidas defensivas de la RPDC] como una ‘amenaza para la paz y la seguridad internacional’ es una lógica de tipo gánster que indica que el resto del mundo debería convertirse en colonias de Estados Unidos o ser víctima de su agresión. ...

“Mientras continúe la política hostil estadounidense y la amenaza nuclear, la RPDC ... nunca reemplazará su disuasión nuclear de autodefensa en la mesa de ne- gociaciones o se alejará un centímetro del camino elegido por ella misma, el camino de reforzar la fuerza nuclear del estado. ...

“Ya una vez Estados Unidos emprendió una trágica guerra que hundió esta tier- ra en un mar de sangre y fuego, y no ha dejado piedra por voltear para borrar la ideología y el sistema de la RPDC siglo tras siglo.

“Si Estados Unidos no actúa con dis- creción, y persiste en sus temerarios in- tentos de someter a la RPDC, no vacilare- mos ni dudaremos en utilizar cualquier forma de últimos recursos.

“La RPDC se aferrará a la línea de un desarrollo simultáneo de los dos frentes, la bandera duradera de la defensa de la paz, y seguirá avanzando hacia el final del camino elegido por sí mismo sin la más mínima desviación”. 

“Defienden las amenazas de guerra! Estados Unidos, manos fuera de Corea!”

El pueblo venezolano,
Declaración del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Republica de Cuba

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Este domingo 30 de julio de 2017, du- rante las elecciones para la Asamblea Nacional Constituyente en la Repúbli- ca Bolivariana de Venezuela, el pueblo venezolano ha demostrado al mundo que es dueño pleno de sus derechos soberanos y que milita decidivamente del lado de la paz, en defensa de la seguridad ciudad- ana, de la independencia y la libre deter- minación de su Patria, como lo han hecho a lo largo de toda la historia de América Latina y el Caribe, desde Bolívar.

Venezuela se volcó a las urnas como nunca antes había ocurrido en un proce- so constituyente. Ese pueblo, que desafió los tranques, las guarniciones, los sabotajes económicos y las amenazas internacio- nales, derritió con sus votos la estrategia del imperialismo y las oligarquías y de una oposición que no ha titubeado para desatar las expresiones más brutales de crueldad. Ofrece el cimismo de todos los que pretenden culpar al gobierno y a los defensores del pueblo de los crímenes cometidos.

Venezuela denuncia la puesta en marcha de una bien concertada operación interna- cional, dirigida desde Washington, con apoyo del Secretario General de la OEA, destinada a silenciar la voz del pueblo venezolano, a desconocer su voluntad, a imponerle la rendición mediante ataques y sanciones económicas.

El gobierno de los Estados Unidos, por su parte, ha impuesto directamente al Presidente constitucional Nicolás Mad- uro Moro sancciones, violatorias del Derecho Internacional y arbitrarias, que repudiámos.

Conocemos bien todas estas prácticas intervencionistas. Creen que a través de eso lograrán la sumisión del pueblo a una opresión tísica que financió y que ahora promete hacer arder el país.

Una vez más, reiteramos lo expresado por el Presidente de los Consejos de Es- tado y de Ministros, General de Ejército Raúl Castro Ruz el pasado 14 de julio en la Asamblea Nacional:

“La agresión y la violencia golpista contra Venezuela dañan a toda ‘Nuestra América’ y sólo ben- efician los intereses de quienes se em- peñan en dividirnos para ejercer su dom- inación sobre nues- tros pueblos, sin que los importe generar conflictos de conse- cuencias incalcula- bles en esta región, como los que esta- mos presenciando en diferentes lugares del mundo.”

“Alertamos hoy que quienes pretenden derrocar por vías in- constitucionales, violentas y golpistas a la Revolución Bolivariana y Chavista asumir- rán una seria responsabilidad ante la his- toria.”

Nada puede detener a un pueblo dueño de su destino. Sólo los venezolanos pueden decidir cómo superar sus prob- lemas y trazar su futuro. Basta de injer- ciones, de conciliábulos, de traiciones al espíritu bolivariano.

Reiteramos nuestra inequívoca solidaridad con el pueblo y el gobierno bolivariano y chavista, y con su unidad cívico-militar que lidera el presidente constitucional Nicolás Maduro Moros.

Como dijo Fidel en la Universidad Cen- tral de Caracas durante su visita en ene- ro de 1959: “La postura del Gobierno Revolucionario de Cuba será una pos- tura firme y sin vacilaciones de ninguna clase, porque ha llegado la hora de que los pueblos sepan defenderse y sepan plant- ear sus derechos.”