By John Catalinotto

Charlottesville, Durham, Boston, New Orleans and more — anti-racist actions all across the country are proof of a sea change in the struggle against white supremacy.

It began on Aug. 12 when thousands in Charlottesville, Va., stood their ground against heavily armed fascist forces. Those antifa, communist and left activists who faced down the fascists also exposed the role of the police before the entire country — a role already understood by most Black, Brown and Indigenous people. They were the first heroes of the week of struggle.

Charlottesville shocked the country, too, with the beating and injuring of Deandre Harris, a Black youth, and the cowardly murder of freedom fighter Heather Heyer.

When the president, who is the ugly face of U.S. rulers, himself lined up with the Nazis and Klan, it made it clear to many that the pinnacle of the government itself is to blame for the racist crimes.

That the police did nothing to stop the racist and anti-Semitic thugs came as a shock to many in this country who want to end the plague of white supremacy, and now realize that they have to do it themselves and defend themselves.

Response to Charlottesville

Young people in Durham, N.C., including Workers World Party members, answered the Charlottesville outrage by ridding that city on Aug. 14 of its shameful Confederate monument. With their action they showed that the people can take the fight for justice into their own hands.

This people’s toppling inspired a mass movement to rid the entire country of these symbols of slavery.

When nine people were then arrested in Durham, charged with felonies for this bold act against white supremacy, many forces came together to show the defendants that they were not alone.

At a court appearance on Aug. 17 for a few of those arrested, some 200 people showed up at the sheriff’s office in a magnificent display of solidarity. Scores of them volunteered to “confess” to helping topple the statue three days earlier. They collectively accepted responsibility for the action, although the Durham prosecutor refused their “confession.”

The next day, when the Ku Klux Klan threatened to rally in Durham, many youth from Durham’s Black community joined the activists and spent hours seizing the space, stopping the Klan from showing its face. The...

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By Diva T. Williams

Boston

Revolutionary Black love saved Boston on Aug. 19. A group including queer, disabled, Afro-Latinx, working-class Black activists consolidated their resources, knowledge and radical discipline. Every intersection raised itself up, aided each by the others, to utterly crush a fascist onslaught.

Three months earlier, in May, a repugnant collection of Klansmen, neo-Nazis, “Proud Boys,” “Oath Keepers” and various unaffiliated white nationalists attempted to march on Boston’s Freedom Trail. The Freedom Trail is a popular tourist attraction that links historical landmarks in the city, including a number of Black heritage sites.

The May 2017 fascist rally was tenuously held at bay by a small group of daring Antifa defenders. In early August, those same defenders informed this author that the fascists planned to return in force.

Events in Charlottesville on Aug. 12 further galvanized intersectional, radical Black activists internationally, uniting those willing to organize co-ordinated militant resistance.

Monica Cannon-Grant, of Roxbury-based Violence Interrupted, sparked...

By O. Williams
Workers World Party is a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist party inside the belly of the imperialist beast. We are a multinational, multigenerational organization that not only aims to abolish capitalism, but to build a socialist society because it's the only way forward! Capitalism and imperialism threaten the peoples of the world and the planet itself in the never-ending quest for ever-greater profits. Capitalism means war and austerity, racism and repression, joblessness and lack of basic human needs.

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Generals over the White House

By Deirdre Griswold

When the news broke that Steve Bannon, the racist “alt-right” adviser to Donald Trump, had been forced out of his job at the White House and was returning to his home at Breitbart News, it was easy to feel elated. (This writer confesses to blurring out “Yeah!”)

Bannon is a far-right ideologue who feels comfortable with the Nazis and the Klan. He advised the president to blame “many sides” in Trump’s notorious press conference, equating Hamas, racist groups with the protesters who came out against them in Charlotteville, Va. Of course, Trump is perfectly capable of saying such vile and dishonest things without Bannon’s advice. Bannon’s ouster came on Friday, Aug. 18. The country was in the middle of the biggest uprising against white supremacist and fascism seen in decades. It was easy to interpret Bannon’s departure as a concession to the militant movement against the right, which has sprung up all over the country and brought tens of thousands of Black, Brown, Indigenous and white people into the streets in militant rejection of the Nazis and Klan, often at grave personal risk. So it’s great Bannon’s gone. But he was fired for the wrong reasons.

The White House is now largely in the hands of generals, both active and “re-tired.” The White House Chief of Staff is Gen. John Kelly. The national security adviser, and a major rival of Bannon, is Gen. H.R. McMaster (active duty) and his deputy is Maj. Gen. Ricky Waddell. In addition, the position of secretary of defense, usually a civilian, has been given to Gen. Jim Mattis. Trump is perfectly capable of saying such vile and dishonest things without Bannon’s advice.

This came at a time when the Pentagon was making daily threats against the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea over its nuclear defense. And it was preparing for huge, expensive-war “games” aimed at that country, which began on Aug. 21.

The generals in the White House certainly don’t want the public to think all this is futile, not when their buddies, the military contractors, are raking in hundreds of billions of dollars from the Pentagon war machine.

Another sticking point is the war in Afghanistan. Three days after allowing Bannon to be sacked, Trump got before the cameras and announced a big increase in U.S. troops to be sent to Afghanistan. Breitbart News, with Bannon now back at his desk, immediately attacked Trump for repeating the failed policies of his predecessor, President Barack Obama.

This whole struggle is a falling out among thieves. There’s only one way to fight racist reaction at home and imperialist war abroad: Build the mass movement, particularly based in the most oppressed sections of the working class, that has no stake in propping up this dying capitalist system.

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That’s why we’re devoting so much coverage to the rising mobilization against white supremacy that exploded in Charlotteville and is now sweeping the country. The thousands who flooded Boston in defense of Black Lives Matter and against virulent racism are a really welcome development, especially given the city’s racist history. And bringing down the statue in Durham, N.C., is having a domino effect, with statues being immediately removed in many other cities, as they were in Baltimore and Los Angeles.

But the action in Durham has special meaning to WW because it was our comrades who planned and executed that dramatic, watershed action. It’s an example of having our fingers on the anti-racist pulse, just as we have on so many anti-imperialist struggles, over the past 58 years. Most recently we’ve championed the Bolivarian Revolution in Venezuela and defended the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea’s right to self-defense.

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NY-WWP reportback on Charlottesville
Courage, discipline in face of fascists

By John Steffin
New York

The Solidarity Center in New York City was standing room only as impassioned anti-racist activists gathered Aug. 17 to hear reportbacks from the Aug. 12 anti-racist mobilization in Charlottesville, Va.

Members of Workers World Party and other groups — including Black Lives Matter Greater New York, GABRIELA-NYC, People’s Power Assembly and the Metropolitan Anarchist Coordinating Council — spoke about their experiences traveling south to shut down one of the largest gatherings of white supremacists in recent history.

While a shadow was cast on this victory when a white supremacist drove a car into counterprotesters killing Heather Heyer and injuring 20 others, this cowardly act only emboldened anti-racist forces in the U.S., as could be seen in the center that day.

These brave freedom fighters, who put their lives on the line that weekend, shared their fears going into the struggle, the determination and strength they felt on the ground, and the care they received from their comrades.

All the activists who were part of the Workers World Party contingent — led by members from Durham, N.C., Baltimore and New York — spoke of the party’s discipline, precautions and the sense of safety they felt fighting the Klan alongside our cadre. This discipline comes from years of experience in the anti-fascist and anti-racist struggle.

In 1962, in fact, the first action of Youth Against War & Fascism, the youth arm of Workers World Party at the time, was a huge counterprotest against George Lincoln Rockwell, founder of the American Nazi Party. Scheduled to speak in New York, Rockwell was a no-show. His motorcade turned around at the George Washington Bridge.

At the meeting on Charlottesville, a special telephone presentation was given by Workers World member and North Carolina Central University student Takyrah “Take Em Down” Thompson. Her action that facilitated the pulling down of a Confederate statue in Myrtle Beach has helped to ignite a nationwide people’s movement to destroy, deface and topple these altars to white supremacy. Some public officials, notably in Baltimore, Austin, Texas, and Los Angeles, have even begun removing Confederate statues quietly in the night in fear of this wave of popular, direct action.

A livestream of the New York event attracted almost 3,000 views that evening and, as of this writing, has reached over 5,000 views. A recording of this stream can be found on Workers World Party Facebook.

Mother of slain anti-racist: ‘Carry on her legacy’

By Kathy Durkin

Susan Bro, the mother of Heather Heyer, brought a crowd of 1,200 people to their feet several times at her daughter’s memorial in Charlottesville, Va., on Aug. 16 as she honored her slain daughter’s commitment to the fight for social justice.

She stressed that her death should no longer be. (NPR, Aug. 18)

Bro refused to speak to President Donald Trump because the “bigot-in-chief” equated anti-racist protesters like her daughter with the Nazis and KKK at an Aug. 14 press conference. Because of her principled stance, she has been the target of numerous death threats.

The 20-year-old racist James A. Fields Jr. rammed his car into the counterprotesters, killing Heyer and seriously injuring at least 19 other people. Among those severely hurt was African American Marcus Martin, who pushed his fiancee, Marissa Blair, away from the car. Martin was hit hard and sent flying into the air, resulting in several fractures in his left leg. Martin and Blair, friends of Heyer’s, were walking with her as the car crashed.

Martin emphasized that “racism is real, hate still lives,” as he called for those responsible for the racist rally to be held accountable for Heyer’s death and all of the injuries. (Newspapers, Aug. 13)

Eyewitnesses at the anti-fascist protest reported that white supremacists pursued African Americans. One of their targets was 20-year-old Deandre Harris, who had to fight for his life when several neo-Nazis brutally beat him with metal flag poles in a parking lot, while yelling racist slurs. Since then, Harris, who has multiple injuries, has received hateful messages and death threats on his phone and social media.

Cops and Klan, hand-in-hand

“No law enforcement stepped in to help me,” said Harris, a statement echoed by many anti-racists in Charlottesville. Moreover, despite explicit videos of the horrific attack on Harris, police have not arrested anyone as of a week after it occurred. (Daily News, Aug. 18)

Heather Heyer’s is the most recent murder by white supremacists in the long, hard-fought struggle against racial injustice and oppression. Often backed by the state, these bigots resort to intimidation, terror and the worst violence. Today they have been emboldened by Trump’s overt racism and encouragement.

Many African Americans and their allies in the 1950s-1960s Civil Rights Movement sacrificed their lives fighting Jim Crow segregation and discrimination. Besides the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, there were Medgar Evers, Viola Gregg Liuzzo, James Cheney, Mickey Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, Jimmie Lee Jackson, Clyde Kennard, Rev. James Reeb, Johnnie Mae Chapell, Benjamin Brown, Rev. Bruce Klunder, Henry H. Dee and Charles Moore.


Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley were the “four little girls” killed in the 1963 Birmingham church bombing. Mississippi vigilantes killed 14-year-old Emmett Till in 1955. Police fatally shot South Carolina students Samuel E. Hammon Jr., Delano H. Middleton and Henry E. Smith in 1968. (Southern Poverty Law Center, tinyurl.com/htgagdu)

It is important to also remember the 4,000 African Americans lynched from 1877 to 1950. Black Liberation Movement members killed by police, and today’s annual slayings of hundreds of African Americans, including children and youth, by racist vigilantes and police.

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Sea change in struggle to smash white supremacy!

In Baltimore, in anticipation of a popular action, the mayor and City Council removed four Confederate monuments in the wee hours of the morning of Aug. 16.

In New Orleans, Take ‘em Down NOLA, which has been campaigning to remove a Confederate monument for years, and other groups, including the Workers’ Party of New Orleans, organized a mass rally of 2,000 people on Aug. 20.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, the movement of hundreds of the multinational Longshore and Warehouse Union announced they are making plans to show the potential for working-class action in challenging the capitalist state.

In Philadelphia, Black and other organizations have targeted the statue of Frank Rizzo, a racist former police commissioner and mayor. This action brings the anti-racist struggle together with the history of resistance to police brutality and murders of people in the African-American community.

Durham activists, when many organizations, inspired and encouraged by the massive support they got during the week, are now coming together to form a united organization to fight racism. A success in Durham can inspire more of the same throughout the U.S.

It is encouraging for the building of a united struggle against racism that national figures like Dr. Cornel West and the eight other defendants in Durham.

In New Orleans, Take ‘em Down NOLA, an organization that is focused on people’s power. Not on voting people’s power away, or giving it away to someone who may or may not do what you want.

Even if you are still figuring out your political action, you can find an organization that is committed to building people’s power. Find an organization that is invested in returning power to the people.
Black organizing unites Boston, crushes fascist rally

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the flame. Her widely shared Facebook event page was meant to help put bodies on the line and physically block the planned racist rally at the Parkman Bandstand in Boston Common. “We can’t be compliant,” Cannon-Grant told Facebook viewers on a live video feed. “We need to show up and let them know we are not scared — this is our city!”

Overnight, thousands answered Cannon-Grant’s call, committing to show up for a rally in Roxbury and then march downtown to join with other counterdemonstrators and block the racist rally.

Black Lives Matter-Cambridge organizer DDS Delgado and an international collective of Black activists from Louisville, Ky., Washington, D.C., Baltimore, New Jersey, upstate New York and Toronto came together in solidarity with the Boston forces to coordinate this timely and necessary response. This author joined them as a queer, Black, Afro-Latina with disabilities and a representative of Workers World Party.

It is no secret that one of the sicknesses of this vile racist system is divisions and chauvinist exclusions that can seep into and infect our social movements. Boston is not immune to this. However, in the face of the impending violent attack on the people, which every-white supremacist, “free speech” rally has come to implicitly promise, a broad swath of radical and revolutionary currents came together in the name of anti-fascism.

In the week leading up to the rally and counterprotests, Boston’s establishment politicians had ample opportunity to deny permits for the fascist rally. They didn’t. Instead, the mayor’s office issued mild statements of concern for the fascists’ racism and then went to work with the cops, doubling down on a massive, military-style police operation to defend any fascists who wanted to show up.

Tens of thousands pour into the streets

The “Fight Supremacy” march, secured by volunteer marshals from the community and by Antifa, began with a rally at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in the Roxbury section of Boston. It was crucial to begin in the most oppressed among us. The cops and Klan had no way in here.” Demonstrators were beaten, pepper-sprayed and injured by blue shirts in riot gear. So much for the liberal Seattle government.

But at least 200 people managed to get past the cops and encircle and drown out the white separatist rally. Two Black men liberated the stage from the racists and led a Black Lives Matter chant for awhile. The racists were exposed as propped up by a government that routinely carries out racist repression and war.

Hundreds of Berliners demonstrate solidarity with the anti-racists of Charlottesville, Va., on Aug. 16 near the Brandenburg Gate. Three days later, Berlin’s anti-fascists out-numbered and stopped a group trying to commemorate Nazi leader Rudolf Hess.

The march poured onto Tremont Street, overflowing four lanes and stretching more than six blocks. People cheered from stools and windows, many joining the march from sidewalks, until an estimated 40,000 had massed with the procession. The iconic sound truck of Steelworkers Local 8751, Boston School Bus Drivers — a truck well-known to area activists and protesters — fulfilled its usual role of literally amplifying the voices of the most oppressed among us.

Before the contingent reached the contested Parkman Bandstand, the fascist threat had mostly been subdued. The sheer number of anticipated counterprotesters caused well-known bigots Gavin McInnes, “Augustus Invictus” and others to cancel their participation. Some had been escorted away from protesters by Boston Police Department bodyguards. Most had failed to show their craven faces. The remaining 20 or so were chased off by those already gathered on the Common.

Black-led organizing meets the people’s needs

At the heart and head of this action were Black women. The rallying cries demanded that the people trust, believe and follow Black women. These women tirelessly organized everything, from accommodations for people with disabilities to ensuring food, child care, shelter and transportation for the Black...
From Kaepernick to Charlottesville
Sports figures tackle Trump, racism

By Monica Moorehead

The Aug. 12 protest in Charlottesville, Va., where thousands of anti-racist activists united against armed white supremacist terrorists, has galvanized broad sectors of society to speak out against racism and fascism, including athletes and coaches.

Even before Aug. 12, it was Colin Kaepernick’s silent but powerful protest against ongoing police brutality by kneeling during the national anthem throughout the National Football League’s 2016 season that sparked an unprecedented wave of various forms of protest in U.S. sports, amateur and professional.

Those protests continue today as Kaepernick, who left the San Francisco 49ers, is still unemployeed as a quarter- back before the opening of the 2017 NFL season. Some prominent NFL players, including Richard Sherman, Michael Jenkins and Brandon Marshall, say that Kaepernick is being “whitewashed” by the 97 percent white NFL owners because they want to pressure others to remain silent on social issues, especially racism.

But this tactic will backfire, especially after Charlottesville.

For instance, during the playing of the national anthem at their pre-season games, a few white NFL players, including Chris Long and Justin Britt, put their arms around their Black teammates — Philadelphia Eagle Malcolm Jenkins and Seattle Seahawk Michael Bennett — who protested.

Long, a graduate of the University of Virginia in Charlovillelts, stated, “If you don’t see why you need allies for people that are fighting for equality right now, I don’t think I’ll ever meet it. My thing is Malcolm’s a leader and I’m here to show support as a white athlete.” (donation.com, Aug. 10)

During an Aug. 21 game, 12 predominantly Black members of the NFL’s Cleveland Browns took a knee during the national anthem, with one being white. This is the largest single number of players who have kneel on one team.

Other prominent athletes who have criticized President Trump’s support for the white supremacists include Kevin Durant, the 2017 NBA Finals Most Valuable Player and the 2017 National Basketball Association’s champions. Durant, who won the NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award, stated that he would boycott going to the White House if Trump was still in office. It is a tradition that amateur and professional championship teams pay annual visits to the White House for photo ops with the president.

Other Warriors players, such as Stephen Curry, David West and Andre Iguodala, stated right after they won the title that they would boycott the White House due to Trump’s racism and misogyny. Durant told ESPN, “I don’t respect who’s in office right now. ... I’m representing a lot of people. As far as what’s going on in our country, for one, as an athlete, you have to commend Colin Kaepernick, LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, CP3 [Chris Paul] and Dwyane Wade for starting that conversation last year. Russell Westbrook also said something in his speech. A lot of guys with platforms have drove the conversation in a good direction. And what’s going on in Charlottesville, that was unfathomable.” (Aug. 17)

LeBron James, recognized universally as the best NBA player today, stated on Twitter: “Donald Trump just made [hate] fashionable again!” (Aug. 13)

Malcolm Brogdon, a member of the NBA’s Milwaukee Bucks and a graduate of UVA, stated that Confederate statues “have no place in our society right now.” (rollingstone.com, Aug. 17) Since the presidential election, the Bucks have boycotted staying in Trump hotels.

Steve Nash, a former two-time NBA MVP who is white, referring to Trump’s win in Charlottesville, stated on Twitter: “To defend white supremacists and then slag his shitty ass grape juice pretty much sums the man up.” (Aug. 13)

David Fizdale, the Black coach of the NBA’s Memphis Grizzlies, said of Trump in a Aug. 16 interview, that equating the Nazi marchers with Black Lives Matter protesters was “disgusting.” “What are you taking about here, how can you even say that?” (Dime Magazine) Fizdale also expressed his solidarity with activists taking down Confederate statues in Durham and elsewhere.

Women’s National Basketball Association teams such as the New York Liberty, Minnesota Lynx, Washington Mystics, Seattle Storm and Los Angeles Sparks, the current WNBA champion, have linked arms during the national anthem at their recent games to show unity with anti-racist activists in Charlottesville.

The Klan and the government

In November 1982, the Ku Klux Klan announced it would be holding a demonstration in the heart of Washington, D.C. Ronald Reagan had run with the endorsement of David Duke and the KKK and was in the second year of his presidency.

A powerful anti-Klan demonstration took over the streets of Washington on Nov. 27, 1982, and drove them out. Below is an excerpt from the forward to this book by a leader of the Socialist Party, USA.

“Two great movements of the white working class, the police massacres in Memphis and New Orleans [in 1968] aroused less concern among the liberal bourgeoisie than did the Klan demonstration in Washington, D.C. Strange as it may seem, some of the liberals, pressured by the way the media handled the counter-demonstration against the Klan, turned their fire on the counter-demonstration rather than on the Klan itself.

For instance, a long letter in the Guardian of January 19, 1983, spent hundreds and hundreds of words attacking the counter-demonstration. It was written by a ‘so- cialist,’ no less, David McReynolds, a leader of the Socialist Party, USA.

His conclusion, like that of many others in the camp of the liberal bourgeoisie, was: The counter-rally would only result in “the level of violence within society increasing. ... Are we going to undermine our own right to speak fully and freely by calling for the selective enforcement of the Bill of Rights? Is there anything the Klan can say that is one-half as dangerous as our saying it should not be allowed to speak?”

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By Sam Marcy, the founder of Workers World Party, written in the midst of the struggle to smash the Klan. It can be read online at www.workers.org/marcy/klan/.
Farmworkers protest corporate murder, exploitation

By Jim McHahan
Seattle

Mexican farmworkers in northern Washington state struck Sarbanand Farms on Aug. 4 to protest the death of Honesto Silva Ibarra, who died of overwork and heat exhaustion in the blueberry fields, according to Communty2Community Development, a solidarity organization.

This was the first strike by workers since the brazer-type H-2A visa system was instituted in 1986. Some 15,000 agricultural workers in Washington are H-2A workers this year. These workers were brought up from Mexico and forced to work 13-hour days picking berries for Sarbanand Farms. Sarbanand Farms is owned by Munger Farms, a major agribusiness corporation in Delano, Calif., which is known for its abuse of farmworkers.

Honesto Silva Ibarra, the father of three children, had complained for several days about being so sick he couldn’t work. “They said if he didn’t keep working he’d be fired for ‘abandoning work’,” said a co-worker. Silva died several days later after being transported to a local clinic and then to Harborview Hospital in Seattle.

When the workers found out he was in the hospital, they formed a committee and demanded better conditions from management. When they went inside, they were met by six security guards and one more. The next day, they were fired for “insubordination.”

The farmworkers had complained for weeks about living in deplorable conditions, according to Ramón Torres, of Familias Unidas por la Justicia (FUJ), a local farmworker union. The food is bad with only small portions, the drinking water is warm, and the workers have to pay for both. The temperatures are in the 90s with no shade in early August. Also, plants were destroyed by fire from recent forest fires. Some workers have faint- ed while picking the blueberries.

After the 70 workers were fired, they packed their bags and vowed to march down the road and ban an occupation — despite receiving threats of being deported. They camped out on the property of a friendly Latinx family. Hundreds of local people donated tents, water, food, cookers, a generator and more. The workers were helped by the FUJ and the women-led Community2Community Development.

The workers from the camp marched on Sarbanand with solidarity groups on Aug. 8. When they reached the farm, 50 more workers came out and joined them. By now, the workers at the camp were receiving publicity and support from media across the country and in Mexico.

Questions remain for the workers. What will happen to their visas? Will they be able to work in the future under the H-2A system? They could be dropped from any future employment by the company that recruited them, CSI Visa Processing. At least the workers have supporters working on these issues.

The workers are now starting to return to Mexico, with their transportation paid by Sarbanand, as the law requires. The farmworkers have strengthened their standing by organizing and fighting back. They’ve exposed H-2A as a system of bondage set up for the advantage of the bosses and against the working class. Honesto Silva Ibarra, remember him.

Interview with Dick Gregory

“CIA is responsible for every death”

The following is excerpted from a conversation with Dick Gregory by WW West Coast correspondent and the 2004 WW candidate for president, Alex Bolchi. Gregory, the legendary, brilliant, socially conscious comedian who used humor to promote support for the Civil Rights movement, died Aug. 19 at the age of 84.

He continued to speak out against injustice until his death. Gregory was the first comedian to demand that African-American co- medians not only perform their routines, but be educated about the history of this country. His fight against U.S. imperialism, died Aug. 19 at the age of 84.

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Dick Gregory: Also during the 1960s and 1970s, gaugs were being created. You see, what happened to the Black community here is worse than anything that happened in America. It’s worse than slavery. It couldn’t be said that we performed the lynching or that we burned the crosses or participated in the Ku Klux Klan. But we’ve got blamed for it.

WW: They said we poisoned ourselves and that we were responsible for all the crack and the violence in the community.

DG: Right, because before now we didn’t have the knowledge of physical evidence.

WW: In spite of the physical evidence, the media say it doesn’t exist and that we in the Black community are perverts.

DG: Well, the last time I checked it wasn’t Black people who were talking about seeing Elvis on the corner or jumping out of windows from the voice of Orion Wolfe. Just ask yourself the question: Who owns NBC and ABC? The CIA was arguing for their right to keep CIA agents on staff for newspapers as journalists.

But we can still win without the press. In the 60s they weren’t with us. In fact they were bushing us. Go back and read the press reports. When King said to march on Washington, they said it was a bad idea. When white students came out against the Vietnam war, the press wasn’t there, but we still won. We won with economic boycotts and prayers and fasting and by going to jail.

You see, the fight against Jim Crow was so hard Continued on page 11

All out to support Charter/Spectrum strikers!

The 1,800 Charter/Spectrum workers have been on strike since March 28. Members of International Electrical Workers Local 3 have been pounding the bricks for five months all over the New York metro area. They’re fighting to continue their medical and pension plans and to stop Spectrum from blaming them for its failure to upgrade faulty equipment and for its inflated promises to customers.

To dramatize the strike, Local 3 has organized a march across the George Washington Bridge “against corporate greed and unfair labor practices” for Aug. 25. A strong showing there — particularly from the many unions that sent Local 3 solidarity messages (posted on NYCabletruth.blogspot.com) — will go a long way to help Local 3 in its next negotiating session on Aug. 29.

When it comes to corporate greed, Charter Communications CEO Thomas Rutledge is its poster child. Forbes magazine ("The Capital- ist Tool") identified Rutledge as the highest-paid CEO in 2016, with a total compensation package worth $98 million. His base salary is currently $92 million, but he receives millions in cash bonuses and millions in stock. (Aug. 11) Economist Les Leopold estimates the wage gap between today’s CEO and the average worker is 892 to 1.

Though Charter/Spectrum is offering the workers raises to “compensate,” it claims, for cuts in medical and pension benefits, Local 3 sees through that ruse. In the long run, higher wages won’t make up for benefits cuts, given soaring medical costs and switching from a pension plan to a 401(k), based on the Wall Street crash known as the stock market. “It’s union busting — 101 — definitely,” cable tech Ayobam Ouedalo told Labor Press. Sociologist professor Chris Rhomburg agreed, saying: “The Spectrum workers are at the forefront of a battle to defend good jobs across the economy, including the right to bargain collectively. The company is benefitting from its franchise agreement with the city, and should negotiate fairly with its workers. This is fundamental to our job at our peril.”

At spectrumstrike2017.com, in addition to learning more about the strike from a worker-made video, there are two ways to help the workers. Sign the petition asking politicians and local officials to “immediately pull Charter/Spectrum’s franchise agreement with the City of New York.” Then file a complaint against the company on the NY Public Service Commission website. For updates on the struggle, visit NYCabletruth.blogspot.com.

Supreme Court to address attack on labor legislation

Pro-corporate interests and Trump administration lawyers are setting their sights on an important lifeline for workers. In October, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in NLRB v. Murphy’s Oil (an Arkansas-based transnational corporation) which, if the business side wins, could have devastating effect on workers. The case seeks to strip us of our ability to navigate workplace disputes collectively in order to achieve a fair day’s pay for a day’s work.

This could have huge implications for the class struggle. The National Labor Relations Act codifies workers’ rights to act collectively, guaranteeing workers the right to stand together for “mutual aid and protection” when seeking to improve wages and working conditions, and that includes actions in court. However, corporate interests are arguing, bolstered by the business-friendly government tide, that workers should be forced to sign arbitration agreements. According to the EFF, “The court would force every single worker to hire their own private lawyer and navigate the legal process alone! If the Supreme Court rules against this case, it could have devastating effects for all U.S. workers. Stay tuned.

Teachers reach agreement with D.C. Public Schools

After five years of struggle, the Washington Teachers Union (American Federation of Teachers Local 6) has finally gotten District of Columbia Public Schools to negotiate a tentative contract. In a statement October 3, the WTU website announced: “We urge its 5,000 active members to vote yes on the deal, which includes 9 percent raises over the course of the three-year contract, upgraded benefits and more in the workplace. The agreement is retroactive to last October. Not every victory was won, Davis admitted, but the local fought to secure a much-deserved raise before the upcoming school year. Last year, teachers took to the streets to protest stalled union negotiations under the school board’s failing leadership.”

Washington Post, Aug. 14 Lesson learned: Direct action and input from passionate unionists brought the gains this contract offers.
As judge refuses to let her speak
Rasmea Odeh sentenced to deportation

By WW Staff

Palestinian-American freedom fighter Rasmea Odeh made her final court appearance in Detroit on Aug. 24 to hear the sentence agreed upon earlier: removal from the U.S.

Odeh had hoped to make her final public statement before the coming but in another of many violations of the rights of this political activist, Judge Gershwin Drain suppressed her reading of the statement in the courtroom.

Some 150 supporters joined Odeh in Detroit for the hearing. The defense, prosecutor and judge had already agreed in April to a plea agreement. Drain interrupted Odeh’s speech three separate times and even threatened to jail her for contempt of court.

According to the Rasmee Defense Committee, despite its insisting “for almost four years that the immigration case brought against her in October of 2013 was nothing but a pretext to attack the Palestinian support movement in the U.S. Drain tried to protect Israel and the U.S. government from Rasmea’s brutal description of their crimes against her, her family and the Palestinian people as a whole.”

“Forced to stop reading her statement, Rasmea ad-libbed: ‘I’m not a terrorist and my people are not terrorists. [The Israeli military] tortured me. They raped them. They destroyed my house. ... I will raise my voice to say this: we have the right to struggle for our country.’

“And at a post-hearing press conference, she added, ‘Really, I feel angry because of my story … but we will continue to struggle for our cause. We will liberate our Palestine, all of Palestine’.

‘Drain ended the proceedings by restating the agreed-upon sentence, which includes no further jail time, the revocation of Rasmea’s U.S. citizenship and deportation. He also fined her $1,000.’

On Aug. 12 in Chicago, a standing-room-only crowd of more than 1,000 people packed the International Union of Operat ing Engineers hall in solidarity with Odeh.

Statement to the court

Below is part of Odeh’s statement, which can be found in full at tinyurl.com/y8ud6nkb.

Dr. Jesús de los Santos, Renó Céspedes,

Five U.S. medical students from Cuba’s Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM) will join the Cuban medical professionals in Washington for a packed week of meetings with medical school students and public events. — Cuban students and U.S. doctors will join advocacy teams in the halls of Congress to press the need to end the U.S. blockade of Cuba.

A major public event at Calvary Baptist Church on Sept. 14 will host Cuban Ambassador Jose Ramon Cabanas. In addition, Canadian author Stephen Kimber, former U.S. diplomats and health-care activists will join the ambassador and the Cuban medical professionals and students.

Public programs are scheduled daily, including screening a new film about U.S. graduates of ELAM. “Dare to Dream: Can One Medical School Change the World?” Filmmaker Jennifer Wager will lead a question-and-answer discussion after the viewing. Find the full schedule of events at tinyurl.com/ybudnk.

Initialization endorsers include Health over Profit for Everyone (HOPE), Health Care Revolution (student organization at Georgetown University), Institute for Policy Studies, IFCO/Pastors for Peace, Climate, Jobs, and Justice, Labor Campaign for Single Payer, Birthing Project USA, Pan-American Community Action (PACA) and Do No Harm Coalition.

Organizers are asking for help in spreading the word: “No stone should be unturned in the struggle for universal health care to be in the U.S., as it is in Cuba, a human right.”


Thousands of Haitians flee U.S. to Canada

By G. Dunkel

Thousands of Haitians are fleeing from the United States to Canada, fearing deportation back to Haiti once their temporary protected status runs out in January. Some 60,000 Haitians got TPS after Hurricane Matthew in 2016 destroyed the Haitian economy and left around 300,000 people dead and hundreds of thousands severely injured.

Some of the Haitians crossing the U.S.-Canadian border are asylum seekers who were turned away from Brazil. And among the tens of thousands of homes the earthquake destroyed in Haiti have been replaced. There have been other recent blows to Haiti’s infrastructure.

Hurricane Matthew in 2016 annihilated much of Haiti’s agricultural production. The United Nations Office for Coor dination of Humanitarian Aid estimated that Matthew severely damaged 200,000 houses and caused a major increase in food prices.

The tens of thousands of people of Haitian descent recently expelled from the Dominican Republic still have not been absorbed into the Haitian economy.

In the view of Mona Peralte, who wrote an Aug. 17 column for Haiti-Lib erte, Donald Trump’s racist, anti-immigrant statements have panicked the fleeing Haitians. Though most of the U.S. president’s vicious diatribes are di rected against Muslims and Mexicans, Haitians say that his blatant attacks on people of color very easily extend to them. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement persecutes immigrants and much of the corporate media repeat his charges.

Since the beginning of June, some 6,500 Haitians have stealthily crossed the border between Queens Pool, N.Y., and Lacolle, Quebec. In the first two weeks of August, according to Canadian immigration, 3,800 people — the vast majority from Haiti — crossed the border without going through customs.

When they cross, a French-speaking cop from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police meets them. The police de tain them for a few days before they are moved to facilities in Montreal.

If someone crosses the border unofficially and requests asylum, a 2010 agreement between Canada and the U.S. requires that the person be sent back to the country where they first landed.

Richard Goldman, an immigration at torney with the Committee to Aid Refugees in Montreal, told the Aug. 17 Miami Herald, “The success rate for last year, 2016, was 50 percent, so you’re facing a very real risk of being refused.” The rate of refusal in the U.S. is much higher.

If Haitian citizens who are parents are deported to Haiti, their U.S.-born children will become wards of the state. It is a complex legal problem. Can they follow their parents to Haiti, or must they be returned to the U.S.?

The border clash is aimed mainly at Haitian Minister of Foreign Affairs Antonio Rod riguez and the minister for Haitians living abroad, Stéphane Auguste, as well as a public relations aspect, involving the Canadian government’s relations with the large Haitian community in Quebec. It also allowed the Haitian government to make clear how it will handle mass expulsions from Canada.
More than 700 Confederate monuments stand in public places in the U.S. There are 191 schools named after Confederate leaders, with 129,000 children attending those schools. More than half of those are young people of color, over 27,000 Black and 40,000 Latinx children. (See August 18.) U.S. military posts are named after Confederate generals. Thousands of roads are named after Confederate commanders and generals.

These are not memorials to some long lost ancestors. These are signposts to convey a simple but heinous message: white supremacy. That is why the murderous Klan and Nazis gather around them like carrion crows, backed up by cops, prosecutors, courts, legislators, governors and, of course, Boss Trump himself — all in defense of white supremacy.

The brave North Carolina activists who were able to get Confederate statue in front of the Durham, N.C., courthouse are being persecuted and prosecuted — because they defied white supremacy. Many were gravely injured in Charlotteville, Va., and a young woman activist was brutally murdered there — because they were dedicated to stopping white supremacy.

Most of the Confederate monuments were erected in the years between the 1950s and 1960s, when racist “Jim Crow” laws were put in place throughout the U.S. South.

The social and political gains of Black people had been dramatic after Emancipation and during Reconstruction. Federal troops were put in place throughout the U.S. to protect the newly freed people into the streets to create violence and disruption. Reports of dissenion within the Venezuelan military were overblown, in his opinion, with the military still firmly in the hands of the Bolivarian revolution.

Rodríguez-Espinoza emphasized that the greatest threat to Venezuela is the direct threat of U.S. military intervention, as expressed by President Donald Trump. Vice President Mike Pence’s weeklong Latin America trip starting Aug. 13 was devoted at least in part to gathering support for such military intervention by U.S. imperialism.

Cuba and the ‘spirit of resistance’

Rodríguez-Espinoza said that U.S. military threats against Venezuela are deepening the spirit of resistance and anti-imperialism of the Venezuelan people, who for years have looked to Cuba as the example for defending their revolution against these types of threats.

He stressed the importance of solidarity from the progressive movement in the U.S. in defense of the Bolivarian Revolution and answering the U.S. ruling-class barrage of slanders against Venezuela. He thanked the CWA for organizing the meeting and for the enthusiastic response he received at the Workers World Party Midwest conference last March.

Rodríguez-Espinoza concluded by expressing the solidarity of the Venezuelan people with the movement against white supremacy and fascists with the U.S. He emphasized the importance of struggle to isolate and defeat the right-wing ideologues when they take to the streets. A video of the Venezuelan presentation, with questions and answers, can be found at tinyurl.com/1y6ezzy8c.

The meeting was also addressed by Tyler Vogrichian and Koz Mo of Workers World Party, who went on trips to Cuba this summer. Vogrichian, part of a delegation of Pastors for Peace, gave a history of that group’s defiance of the U.S. blockade against Cuba and discussed the history of relations of the church to the Cuban Revolution. Mo went on the 48th Venceremos Brigade. He emphasized the spirit of internationalism and solidarity with all oppressed people fighting imperialism that emanated from the Cubans he met, including a deep level of solidarity with the struggle of Black and Brown people in the U.S.

Jesús Rodríguez-Espinoza speaking in Detroit, April 2015.
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While the threat to the existence of the Klan in liberal circles seems to be on the wane, the controversy which the count er-demonstration aroused among the bourgeoisie was, for a long time, a topic of more than merely academic interest. It is because in the eyes of the liberal bourgeois a militant struggle against the Klan is, that is, to drive it out wherever possible, violates the sacred norms of imper- sonal democracy.

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because Jim Crow was legal — yet we still destroyed it. This should be a cake walk compared to that since what the CIA did is illegal. ... These denials by the CIA and the FBI and papers are what is called “disinformation.”

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En primer lugar, la manipulación de los medios de comunicación y las maniobras financieras por parte de una importante sección de extremo derecha de la clase monopolial para posicionar a uno de los suyos en la Casa Blanca ha envalentonado a la escoria más racista, antiraniana, antimusulmana, antisemita, misógnata, supranacionalista y asesina de esta decadente sociedad capitalista. En segundo lugar, el movimiento progresista que ha crecido en defensa de los derechos de las/os trabajadoras/os de las comunidades oprimidas negras, latino y originaria, las mujeres, las personas LGBT y las/os inmigrantes, rechazaría ser intimidado por estos matones fuertemente armados. Las/os que protestaban contra los nazis y KKK lucharon con un valor increíble en Charlottesville. Y terceramente, la policía y otras fuerzas represivas de esta “democracia” capitalista no son protección contra la ultraderecha. De hecho, permitieron que los fanáticos armados llevaran a cabo un desfile de antorchas tipo Nazi y Klan a través de la ciudad, algo que habría sido imposible hace apenas unos años. El movimiento progresista necesita seguir siendo autodefensivo, combativo y unido. Los fascistas eran casi exclusivamente hombres blancos. Las/os contra-mani festantes representaban un frente unido en la acción de un amplio espectro de personas, predominantemente jóvenes, de todos los grupos demográficos de este país. Fue un atisbo inspirador de tipo de unidad y solidaridad que se necesita para vencer a los intolerantes y los clubes, poner fin a la violencia diaria contra las/os inmigrantes, y provocar un cambio so cial revolucionario.

Aquello de la clase gobernante que ven su reputación dañada, están hor rorizados por lo que pasó, pero no por las razones correctas. Quieren seguir explotando y dominando la mayor parte del mundo, pero detrás de un velo de “de mocracia” y “derechos humanos”.

Ellos se inmolaron cuando por pri mera vez Trump comentó públicamente sobre el ataque asesino de uno de los fascistas que lanzó su automóvil contra una densa multitud de manifestantes, matan do a la activista Heather Hayer e hirriendo a docenas más. El racista gobernante no pudo ni siquiera intentar mencionar a los grupos responsables, diciendo que con denaba “a muchos lados, a muchos lados”. Tres días después de la atrocidad, final mente, no lo obligaron a ir por segunda vez a las cámaras y leer de un guión en el que los racistas y los nazis fueron nombrados.

Los acontecimientos en Charlottesville hicieron recordar por mucho tiempo cómo un momento clave en el movimiento en desarrollo para derribar las mural las de la supremacía blanca y todas las formas de intolerancia y unir a las fuer zas populares que luchan por un mundo mejor. La gente está mostrando con sus acciones que sólo tomando la lucha por la justicia de sus propias manos, sin con fianza en los órganos del poder estatal, pueden lograr progreso.

Durham, Carolina del Norte, duró ciento, derribaron una estatua confederada con sus propias manos, expresando su furia por el asesinato en Charlottesville.

Vi a la lucha independiente de este nuevo movimiento progresista contra los fascistas, la policía y el establecimiento capitalista.

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Durham, N.C., 14 de agosto - Una multitud de más de 100 personas se reunió hoy frente a la estatua en el centro de Durham para protestar por la supremacía blanca. La protesta de solidaridad fue convocada dos días después de que supracapitalistas blancos y neonazis descendieran sobre Charlottesville, Virginia, dejando muchas personas heridas y la activista Heather Hayer, muerta. La manifestación fue organizada por la rama en Durham del Partido WW-Mundo Obre ro, en solidaridad con las fuerzas locales antirracistas y antifascistas. Hubo testimonios de primera mano de quienes lucharon contra la ultra derecha en Charlottesville – organizadores/es, activistas, madres y padres que estuvieron en la escena. Frente a la anti gua corte de Durham, la multitud gritaba “la policía y el Klan van de la mano” y “No Trump, No KKK, No USA Fascis ta”, mientras los coches de patrulla del sheriff bloqueaban las calles y la policía filmaba a las/os manifestantes desde las escalinatas de la catedral. Las/os luchadores por la libertad se reunieron frente al tribunal mientras los comentarios de los nazis y KKK llenaron la ciudad. Los comisionados de Durham han estaban bajo el escrutinio y la presión de organizadoras/os locales por su fracaso en acabar con asuntos policiales y de deportación en la ciudad. Organizadoras/es afrontémos negros locales hablaron de su lucha por elimnar una estatua de la Confederación en el campus de la Universidad de Carolina del Norte-Chapel Hill. Las/os estudiantes gritaron con la multitud “¡túmben esa estatua!”. Cuando la consigna reverberó fuera del tribunal, las/os manifestantes comenzaron a dar vueltas alrededor del monumento, exigiendo que se tumbara. En Carolina del Norte (CN) en 2015, el gobernador Pat McCrory firmó una ley que bloquea la eliminación de estos monumen tos confederados. La Asamblea General de CN continúa en su intento de suprimir la resistencia. Actualmente hay un proyecto de ley que prohíbe la eliminación de estos monumentos confederados. El progresista periodista deportivo y analista político David Zirin escribió, “Unidos para glorificar la Confederación confederada con sus propias manos, la estatua confederada se derribó con mensajes como “Muerte al Ku Klux Klan”; y bailaron y celebraron esta victoria”.

El 14 de agosto, una manifestación contra la supremacía blanca y solidaridad con Charlottesville, Virginia, derribó un monumento confederado. Ocho personas acusadas de ser participantes fueron detenidas más tarde. El Klan entonces anunció que marcharían al sitio donde estaba el monumento. Pero debido a la solidaridad y a la abrumadora respuesta de la comunidad local, el Klan nunca apareció durante el día. Hubo informes de algunos del KKK fueron por la noche a una zona no anun ciada, defendidos por la policía. La manifestación del 18 de agosto tuvo el carácter de un levantamiento. Duran te casi siete horas, la gente sostuvo las calles en el sitio del monumento derribado. Más tarde marcharon a la cárcel y se enfrentaron con las policías antiturbísti cas. La gente quemó banderas confederadas, derritaron la base del monumento derribado con mensajes como “Muerte al Klan”; y bailaron y celebraron esta victoria trasdental.

'Arréstame también'

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Durham, N.C., 14 de agosto - Una multitud de más de 100 personas se reunió hoy frente a la estatua en el centro de Durham para protestar por la supremacía blanca. La protesta de solidaridad fue convocada dos días después de que supracapitalistas blancos y neonazis descendieran sobre Charlottesville, Virginia, dejando muchas personas heridas y la activista Heather Hayer, muerta. La manifestación fue organizada por la rama en Durham del Partido WW-Mundo Obrero, en solidaridad con las fuerzas locales antirracistas y antifascistas. Hubo testimonios de primera mano de quienes lucharon contra la ultra derecha en Charlottesville – organizadoras/es, activistas, madres y padres que estuvieron en la escena. Frente a la antigua corte de Durham, la multitud gritaba “la policía y el Klan van de la mano” y “No Trump, No KKK, No USA Fascista”, mientras los coches de patrulla del sheriff bloqueaban las calles y la policía filmaba a las/os manifestantes desde las escalinatas de la catedral. Las/os luchadores por la libertad se reunieron frente al tribunal mientras los comentarios de los nazis y KKK llenaron la ciudad. Los comisionados de Durham han estado bajo el escrutinio y la presión de organizadoras/os locales por su fracaso en acabar con asuntos policiales y de deportación en la ciudad. Organizadoras/es afrontémos negros locales hablaron de su lucha por eliminar una estatua de la Confederación en el campus de la Universidad de Carolina del Norte-Chapel Hill. Las/os estudiantes gritaron con la multitud “¡túmben esa estatua!”. Cuando la consigna reverberó fuera del tribunal, las/os manifestantes comenzaron a dar vueltas alrededor del monumento, exigiendo que se tumbara. En Carolina del Norte (CN) en 2015, el gobernador Pat McCrory firmó una ley que bloquea la eliminación de estos monumentos confederados. La Asamblea General de CN continúa en su intento de suprimir la resistencia. Actualmente hay un proyecto de ley que prohíbe la eliminación de estos monumentos confederados. El progresista periodista deportivo y analista político David Zirin escribió, “Unidos para glorificar la Confederación confederada con sus propias manos, la estatua confederada se derribó con mensajes como “Muerte al Ku Klux Klan”; y bailaron y celebraron esta victoria”.

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