Football star sits for U.S. anthem to ‘Stand up for oppressed people’

By Monica Moorehead

Aug. 29 — When Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, two Black men, were murdered by police in Baton Rouge, La., and St. Paul, Minn., respectively, in early July, a number of prominent Black athletes condemned these atrocities.

Members of the New York Liberty, Minnesota Lynx and other Women’s National Basketball Association teams wore Black Lives Matter pregame, warm-up shirts with Sterling and Castile’s names on them. They and their teams were threatened with fines until the WNBA hierarchy was pressured to rescind them due to overwhelming mass support.

Without a doubt, the most outspoken male athlete after these murders was Colin Kaepernick, a 28-year-old quarterback with the San Francisco 49ers in the National Football League, who led his team to the Super Bowl in 2013.

Kaepernick stated on Instagram, along with the video of Sterling’s murder: “This is what lynchings look like in 2016! Another murder in the streets because of the color of a man’s skin, at the hands of the people who they say will protect us. When will they be held accountable? Or did he fear for his life as he executed this man?”

During a 49ers’ preseason game with the Green Bay Packers on Aug. 26, Kaepernick refused to stand during the playing of the U.S. national anthem. He told Steve Wyche from NFL.com: “I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses Black people and people of color. To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder.” He specifically raised how the police are getting away with murder without any accountability. (usatoday.com, Aug. 27)

He went on to say, “This is not something that I am going to run by anybody. I am not looking for approval. I have to stand up for people that are oppressed... If they take football away, my endorsements from me, I know that I stood up for what is right.”

Kaepernick’s heroic action has caused a firestorm of horrific racist reaction on social media. Some 49ers’ fans posted on Twitter about burning Kaepernick’s jersey and calling for his dismissal from the team. People are attacking his heritage: Kaepernick’s birth father is Black and his birth mother is white. Kaepernick was...


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This statement reflects the core of what the Black Panther Party stood for, and we stand today by these principles. We believe that Black liberation is one of the伟大的革命运动, and Black Power Movement is currently standing right in the middle of, comrades. As socialist and progressive leftists, we must support this movement with commitment and vigor. How could we not? In the last three years, it has, no doubt, inspired the poor and oppressed worldwide.

The Black Liberation Movement and the Black Power Movement are connected by the shared aspiration of freedom, justice and peace,” because they clearly realized that capitalism was an enemy to Black Liberation.

This is the same crossroads that the Black Lives Matter Movement is currently standing right in the middle of, comrades. As socialist and progressive leftists, we must support this movement with commitment and vigor. How could we not? In the last three years, it has, no doubt, inspired the poor and oppressed worldwide.

The Peace and Freedom Party has a long and deep history directly connected to the Black Liberation Movement. It was Eldridge Cleaver who served as the Peace and Freedom Party’s first official presidential nominee — a nomination that marked a direct connection to the boots on the ground, to the broader movement in a very militant and revolutionary manner.

That is what true socialism should reflect — a connection to the most oppressed — a connection to the working-class movement class — to the disenfranchised and most marginalized. The Black Panther Party considered themselves the vanguard, and rightfully so. And so many of the various factions of the Black Lives Matter Movement.

Those were the youth and working poor we saw in Ferguson and Baltimore — fighting back against tanks and tear gas, laying it all on the line, connecting their local struggles to Palestine and Libya, building on the revolutionary spirit of Cuba, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

The exact brand of theory, message and revolutional application that the Moorhead/Lilly campaign has been involved in is, among others, the right to life, the right to housing, the right to health care, the right to education, the right to freedom from police brutality and the right to be free from state violence.

She was there in Baltimore with the Baltimore People's Power Assembly. I was there, literally, when the Baltimore Rebellion first popped up — when the Baltimore police were pepper spraying tear gas and carrying women and children, when they were locking up more than 300 provokers. And we were still there when all of the cameras left, feeding and organizing, listening to the people, distributing pamphlets.

I am not telling you this to boast, sisters and brothers. I am simply sharing with you the kind of connection and relationship that the Moorehead/Lilly campaign shares with the broader movement, from the labor struggle, to the immigration movement, to Black Lives Matter.

We do not “wear the movement” as credentials. We wear it instead, woven within the movement as dedicated Marxist-Leninists.

Sisters and brothers, there’s a new generation that has naturally taken a liking to socialism, and they’re speaking out against state violence and police terror — against poverty, unemployment and the failure of capitalism — against global war and the military-industrial complex. They are speaking up for gender equality, queer and trans rights. They need us to speak with them, comrades.

If you open our 10-Point Program — which, hopefully, all of you have a copy of by now — I do believe it speaks for itself. Bold. Principled. Revolutionary. All power to the people!
By Martha Grevatt

“Constant revolutionizing of production,” Karl Marx and Frederick Engels wrote in 1848, “uninterrupted disturbance of all social conditions, everlasting uncertainty and agitation distinguish the bourgeois epoch from all earlier ones.” These words, written almost 170 years ago, are truer today than ever before, with the auto industry a prime example. Whenever the bosses at General Motors, Ford, Chrysler or their overseas rivals announce some new restructuring, the end goal is always the same: higher profits, fewer workers.

Only a month ago, the CEO of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA), Sergio Marchionne, said of that corporation: “I think we will be de-carried in the U.S. by the first quarter of 2017.” After being “de-carried,” FCA will build only trucks and sport utility vehicles in the U.S. By assembling products with the highest profit margin, FCA can “close the operating [profit] margin gap with our competitors.” (Detroit Free Press, July 28)

FCA’s major product reshuffling, which members of the United Auto Workers were told of during last year’s contract negotiations, involves taking the Dodge Dakota, Chrysler 200, Jeep Compass, and the Chrysler 220 out of the $25 billion, 500,000-vehicle-per-year South Gate, Mich., to Sterling Heights, Mich. The upheaval will move the Jeep Cherokee from Toledo, Ohio, to Belvidere, and the Ram truck from Warren, Mich., to Sterling Heights. The Warren plant will get a new, high-volume, high-priced Jeep. The Dodge VIPper will be discontinued, cut a third of FCA’s hourly work force.

Workers had assumed then that the Dart and the zoo, less profitable to build than trucks and SUVs, would move south of the U.S. border and be assembled by low-paid workers. But, by getting out of the small and midsize car business altogether, FCA has taken an even more drastic step.

Since July 5, when a shift at the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant (SHAP) was eliminated, 1,420 workers have been on indefinite layoff by FCA. Most had already been on intermittent layoffs during the first half of the year. After 20 weeks on layoff, they cannot collect state unemployment benefits. Union-negotiated supplemental unemployment benefits run out after 13 to 52 weeks, depending on years of service.

Supposedly, all of these workers should be called back when the next generation Ram truck is launched at their plant, but how do they pay their bills now?

Even when SHAP is back up to full speed, employment at the Warren Truck Assembly Plant is projected to fall from 140,000 to 1,000, which is drops the Ram. Only a portion of these workers will be picked up by SHAP. Technological advances will, as Marx put it, “revolutionize” the process to require fewer hands.

Overall, the FCA’s profit-driven overhaul is expected to cause a net loss of 900 jobs in metro Detroit — even at current sales levels.

Canadian, European autoworkers’ future uncertain

In 2013, the Canadian Auto Workers merged with the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers of Canada to form Unifor, now in contract negotiations with the Detroit auto companies. With no new product commitments from GM as yet, Unifor members in Oshawa, Ont., are worried about their plant closing. The chant on the floor is, “No product, no contract!” Oshawa already experienced the closing of GM’s truck plant in 2008. Now, Unifor has just 23,000 hourly workers at all three companies.

The future of FCA’s Brampton, Ont., plant, which produces the full-size 300, Charger and Challenger, is also uncertain. CIO Marchionne has stated that the 300 could be produced in Windsor, Ont., alongside the minivan.

Across the Atlantic, the impact on the auto industry of Britain’s exit from the European Union is the subject of speculation. Ford and GM have 25 percent of the British market and GM’s British Vauxhall division produces for export to the Continent. Now import tariffs could make vehicles more expensive, impacting sales and jobs.

Vauxhall’s Ellesmere Port plant, with 2,000 workers, could be on the chopping block. “GM indicated cost cutting” in the joint deal — “was on the cards as the effect of Brexit could cost it up to £400 million,” the BBC reported July 21. GM’s Opel division, which closed a plant in Bochum, Germany, in 2014, might also shutter more plants. Already Opel workers’ hours have been cut, with GM Maimbing Brexit.

Ford has no plants in Britain, but exports from the EU to Britain. The Brexit vote pushed down stock values at Ford, GM and even FCA, which has only 2 percent of the British market.

Ripple effect of a multiplier industry

Mass layoffs in auto are said to cost eight jobs indirectly for every job cut directly — in parts-supplier plants, steel mills, in-home service contractors and bars around the plant, and public jobs affected when the tax base drops. Unions and communities struggling over more than 30,000 jobs would be lost indirectly if either FCA’s Brampton or GM’s Oshawa plants close. In Detroit, suppliers affected by restructuring include Martinrea, which has already announced it will close due to the axing of the Chrysler 201.

The possible job loss projections are based on a current multiplier in the U.S. that has surpassed sales in 2006 — before the auto recession sent sales tumbling. Since then, tens of thousands of UAW jobs have been eliminated.

Over the decades, auto plant closings have had a racist, disproportionate effect on Black autoworkers, whose ranks were decimated when plants in Detroit and Flint were closed while newer suburban plants stayed open.

The latest rounds of layoffs will have a similar racist impact. Sales rebounded after the auto industry bankruptcy — with no small help from government loans to buyers that stretched payments out over up to eight years. The companies made record profits by hiring workers for less than the fair wage. Thousands of oppressed youth were able to get union jobs that, even with a lower wage, paid more than double minimum wages. Now they will be the first to be laid off in the latest restructuring.

Around the world, jobs are being cut even in the midst of record sales and profits. Another crisis of capitalist overproduction, accelerated by unpayable loans, would devastate autoworkers and their communities.

During the Flint sit-down strike of 1936-37, the UAW raised “30 for 40” — 30 hours work, 40 hours pay. Today, winning that demand cost 16,000 plus new union jobs at the Detroit Three’s U.S. plants alone.

The labor movement worldwide must revive the demand for a shorter work week.

From Serving Our Selves, Michael Kane from the Massachusetts Alliance of HUD Tenants, Maria Cristina from City Life and this writer from Workers World Party.

The overall housing crisis in Boston is assuming epic proportions. Half of the city’s inhabitants earn less than $25,000 a year. Private developers have the Boston Redevelopment Authority as their government conduit; the authority is only granted the building permits for high-rise, luxury condos and luxury apartments.

Billions of dollars of global capital are flowing into the coffers of real estate developers, making a massive gentrification campaign just as poor people are being forced to move out of the gentrification corridor to luxury condos and stadium by Mayor Walsh.

Eli Gerzon from Make GE Pay, Medical Workers.org
Legal challenges battle for Mumia's life and health

**Legal battlefield**

Fresh dispatches from the legal battlefield—by Brett Grote and Bob Boyle, lawyers for Mumia in this case, show that their measured arguments have been carefully looked over by presiding Judge Robert Mariani, who made suggestions that help Mumia's lawyers to further sharpen their focus of complaint and remedy.

Filed Aug. 5, in the form of judgment opposition papers against former and current Pennsylvania Department of Correction (DOC) officials, the complaint declared them responsible for “activating a climate of medical abuse and neglect.” Since 2014 and continuing through 2016, this climate has placed Mumia’s life in continual grave danger.

Sought after hepatitis C antiviral medicine remains out of Mumia’s immediate reach. Earlier, the authorities had used the high cost for treatment as another mean-spirited excuse. Yet informed experts contradict them.

Lawyers Grote and Boyle have indicated that they have met the 14-day resubmission deadline to file an amended complaint for Judge Mariani, who is seen as slow but methodical.

Judge Mariani dismissed one section of the complaint on Mumia’s behalf “because Mumia was transferred from Geisinger [hospital] and is no longer subject to its authority. [The] judge saw Mumia’s claim against Geisinger as moot, but did permit First Amendment association claim (based on the prohibition on visits and communications with his attorney, spousal, and family during his May court appearance) to proceed as a claim against defendant Kerestes.” (memo submitted by Mumia’s lawyers, circa Aug. 9).

In a related development, defense attorneys Judith Ritter filed a new Post Conviction Relief Act petition (PCRA) in Mumia’s case August 8th, 2016, based on the June 2016 US Supreme Court opinion in Williams v. Commonwealth in which the Court ruled that former PA Chief Justice Ronald Castille should have recused himself from Williams’ 2012 appeal of his death sentence given his role in authorizing the death penalty in Williams’ 1986 case as the DA of Philadelphia.” (lawyers’ memo)

Castille was the DA during direct appeal in Mumia’s case and refused to recuse himself in Mumia’s PCRA appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, according to Mumia’s lawyers.

Also included in arguments submitted to Judge Mariani are Mumia’s attorneys’ declarations by Dr. Joseph Harris that includes his assessment of Mumia’s guarded medical condition and prognosis to return Mumia to better and safer health.

The denial of the existence of political prisoners in the United States, by government at the three major levels, is not based on lack of evidence but refusal to recognize. It is designed to further criminalize dissent by denying capitalist society’s responsibility for the conditions that gave rise to dissent in the first place. We must never be fooled.

Brick by brick, wall by wall, we’re gonna free Mumia Abu Jamal and all political prisoners!

Henry Hagins is an active member of the Free Mumia Abu Jamal Coalition.

Wisconsin Prison authorities keep hunger strikers on brink of death

**Special to Workers World from Waupun, Wis.**

August 22 — According to a letter from hunger striker LaRon McKinley, the “Dying to Live” hunger strike in Waupun Correctional Institution, which began June 5, has reached a crisis.

On Aug. 15, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (WIC DO) decided to suspend the force-feeding they had subjected the prisoners to since June 17. They allowed McKinley and Cesar DeLeon — the two of the six hunger strikers who have taken the struggle the furthest, to go without food or water for 72 hours, until their bodies were completely dehydrated. Then they tube-fed them again.

“Presently, and for most of this week, we have been under relentless attack by our warden as a direct consequence of our political efforts ... to force an end to prolonged Administrative Confinement,” McKinley said.

On Aug. 13, a coalition of prisoner supporters from across the state gathered in Waupun to protest WIC DO practices and show solidarity with the hunger strike. They were greeted by offensive gestures, threats and insults by local residents, some of whom probably work at the prison.

The protest was organized by the Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition.

A sudden intake of calories by a starved and dehydrated person causes violent metabolic shifts, leading to a potentially fatal condition called refeeding syndrome. WIC DO has begun a regimen that is very likely to cause refedding syndrome.

According to the BMJ (formerly the British Medical Journal), “Refeeding syndrome can be defined as the potentially fatal shifts in fluids and electrolytes that may occur in malnourished patients receiving artificial refeeding.” Refeeding syndrome can cause heart or respiratory failure.

In Waupun, WIC DO only allows the prisoners to drink lead-polluted water available to the 165-year-old institution, which causes diarrhea and exacerbates their dehydration.

McKinley suspects WIC DO is intentionally keeping them on the brink of death. “After 42 hours without food or water — because they refused to drink Waupun’s polluted water — McKinley and DeLeon, were door-agonized as seriously dehydrated, and the tug of war between life and death was...”

Outside supporters are demanding that WIC DO subject the strikers’ central demand: a one-year halt to any form of solitary confinement.

They are asking people to contact Warden Foster, WIC DO Secretary Jon Litscher, and Gov. Scott Walker.

More information, including phone numbers and email addresses, can be found at SolitaryTorment.Blogspot.com.

Tribute to Black women killed by misogyny

**By Betsy Piette**

**Philadelphia**

Over 100 demonstrators gathered at North Broad and Cecil B. Moore Avenue near Temple University on Aug. 3 to pay tribute to three Black women who were victims of state violence and “misogynoir.” (Misogynoir is the word created by queer Black feminist scholar Maya Bailey to describe the racist and sexist hatred directed at Black women and girls.)

All three women were killed within the same week.

Kerryn Gaines was murdered by police in Baltimore County, Md., on July 31 during a shootout when police used a militarized SWAT team to deliver a warrant to her home. Gaines was killed and her 5-year-old son was injured. Police also scrubbed her social media accounts after the incident, removing the video she had posted of the confrontation.

The body of the young Black trans woman Shaye Mockabee was found in a parking lot in Cleveland on July 30. She was the seventeenth trans person killed in the U.S. in 2016. The average life expectancy of trans women of color is 35 years. Mockabee was only 26.

Joyce Quayeawu was murdered at home in Philadelphia on July 29 by her partner Aaron Wright, a former Temple University police officer, and his friend, Marquis Robinson, who is still on the force. She was beaten to death with fists and a police baton after Wright decided she wasn’t “submissive enough.” Her murder was witnessed by her children who were home at the time.

All the speakers at the rally were Black women and trans women of color. Toward the end of the rally, a long scroll with the names of dozens of women of color who were victims of state violence was carried into the intersection, which was blocked by demonstrators as the names were read.

(RW photo: Joe Piette, Philadelphia, Aug. 3.)
The three “Soledad Brothers” were being tried and Fleeta Drumgo and John Clutchette, on Aug. 7, 1970. armed, to free his brother, George Jackson, along with the age of 17, burst into a San Rafael, Calif., courtroom, “Black August,” freedom fighter Jonathan Jackson, at to the cries of pain and suffering — that torment the people, those who remorse-justice; that the hangman can be made to everywhere, that the jailer can be taken hands of Black revolutionaries. were not afraid to die for liberation. They formed for the people and for history. ers free by 12:30.” Their deed was per- circumstance.

The tactic of San Rafael flows direct- from the present stage of the struggle. The evolution, the war of liberation has sunk into the bones of the people. There is a universal desire to struggle. But the people have not yet created an army capa-able of dealing the enemy blow-for-blow on an equal basis, capable of smashing the power of the oppressor. Under these conditions, the people are forced to begin the struggle sporadical--ly and against vastly superior forces. At these junctures, groups and individuals scale the height of revolutionary hero-ism against the most overwhelming odds. Being unable to select the terrain of bat-tle, being unable to commit large-scale forces to equal-ize the conditions of battle — in fact, being powerless to neutralize any of the decisive elements which influence the mili-tary outcome of any major struggle — the people are nevertheless determined to fight and die for libera-tion. Therefore, they must begin the struggle under conditions handed to them by the class enemy — that is, under circumstances which must inevitably be unfavorable. It is at such moments in history that the most fear-less and determined representatives of the oppressed people come forward to do battle. They form the vanguard and their deeds become the inspiration and the foundation for future struggles and for ultimate victory.

It is to such an illustrious category that James McClain, Jonathan Jackson, Wil-liam Christmas and Ruchell Magee be-long. Their courageous sacrifice deserves nothing less than the highest tribute. The only tribute worthy of their example is to build a revolutionary fighting force which shall not only equalize the battle but which shall carry out a relentless and implacable struggle for the revolutionary destruction of imperialism and the capi-talist foundation on which it rests.

Epilogue: A year later on Aug. 21, San Quentin guards murdered author and revolutionary George Jackson. Enraged at his assassination and protesting race-“brutal, dehumanized” prison condi-tions, 1,200 inmates of New York’s Attica Correctional Facility rebelled on Sept. 9, 1971. Four days later, Gov. Nelson Rocke-feller ordered 600 state and National Guard troops to storm the prison. Within six minutes, they killed 29 inmates and 10 guards. Surviving prisoners were ferociously beaten, many injured with life-threatening injuries.

Soledad Brothers Drumgo and Clutch-ette were acquitted by a San Francisco jury on March 27, 1972.

By Fred Goldstein

August 7, 1970, shall go down in history as the day of the heroes of San Rafael. On that day four courageous Black liberation fighters gave the world a truly awe-in-spiring demonstration of revolutionary heroism and self-sacrifice in the struggle against the racist enemy of U.S. impe-rialism. Their deed has already become an imperishable part of the revolutionary heritage of the Black Liberation struggle and of oppressed people everywhere.

Three of these heroes were prisoners of war — captives in the war of the master class against Black America. The fourth was a young revolutionary whose brother was being held prisoner in the concentra-tion camp called San Quentin.

On Aug. 7, 1970, they broke loose from the very jaws of the monster. In a blaze of glory, these prisoners of war broke the iron grip of the slave master, struck him a surprise blow and captured the era in his own lair. By a stroke of historic justice they were able to capture a judge, a pros-ecutor and a juror — representing the three elements of the capitalist frame-up system which has consigned an endless procession of helpless victims to peril, to die a slow, agonizing death in the dun-geon-gray graves of iron and cement. Fate could not have planned a more fitting cir-cumstance.

Died for the people

“We are revolutionaries,” they proudly proclaimed. “We want the Soledad broth-ers free by 12:30.” Their deed was per-formed for the people and for history.

They showed that the people were not afraid to die for liberation. They showed the people a black-robed tyrant torn from his throne and trembling in the hands of Black revolutionaries.

They proved before the people, the oppressed and oppressed Black people everywhere, that the jailer can be taken prisoner; that the black-robed tyrant can be forced to reckoning with the people’s justice; that the hangman can be made to beg for his life; that those who torture and torment the people, those who mercilessly show no mercy and turn a deaf ear to the cries of pain and suffering — that these black-robed tyrants are determined by deter-mined and revolutiony representatives of the people. This is what the heroes of San Rafael wanted the people to see. This is what the people saw. This is what they will remember.

In a flash of revolutionary daring, the heroes of San Rafael breached the for-cess of the enemy where he thought he was impregnable — in the court. They showed that a human organ which has been held sacred and inviolable by rul-ing classes throughout history. Since the dawn of class society this institution has served the rich, the exploiters, as the arena of class discipline, where the poor are held to account for every act of rebellion, be it large or small, personal or political, against exploitation and class domina-tion. In all areas of life there is no place where the master class has grown so accustomed to submission as in the courts.

Therein lies a great political, moral and psychological victory won for the Black Liberation struggle at San Rafael. Political because the example has been inscribed indelibly into the minds of thousands of as yet anonymous revolution-arians who cannot but be inspired by such a heroic exploit. This example alone has already prepared a future augmenta-tion of the forces of liberation.

Morally, the people cannot but con-trast the heroic self-sacrifice of the broth-ers with the bestiality of the ruling class, which used overwhelming numbers to slaughter its own judge, prose- cutor and jurors. In this deed the pigs ex-ceeded their previous record for brutality. Who could have foretold the complete overwherew of all rational procedures of warfare? Who could have gauged that fear and rage would drive them to devour their own kind? These three warriors were hardly naive. On the contrary, having lived the caged existence of the dungeon, these fighters were on intimate terms with the system in its most brutal and sa-distic aspects.

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Korrin Gaines didn’t have to die!

By Carl Lewis
Baltimore

Korrin Gaines, a 23-year-old African-American woman, was shot to death on Aug. 1, by police in Randallstown, Md., in the predominantly African-American Carriage Hill housing complex in a suburb outside Baltimore. She was holding her five-year-old son, who had to have bullet fragments removed from his face and undergo surgery on his arm.

Baltimore County Police, without obtaining a warrant, entered her home after a long standoff. The BCP were after Gaines to serve her a warrant for a misdemeanor charge relating to a traffic violation.

It is illegal for a heavily armed SWAT team to break into a home and use deadly force to deliver a misdemeanor warrant.

The Baltimore County Police arrested Korryn Gaines’ mother and a registered nurse, who had been inside the apartment, as months earlier, claimed they were not due to “lack of training.” However, eyewitnesses said the police massed outside her apartment were clearly wearing body cameras.

Gaines had been livestreaming their illegal entry on both her Facebook and her Instagram account, but the BCP told Facebook to deactivate the media “until further investigation of the recordings.” Facebook did so, creating crisis and suspicion from the public about the social media’s complicity with the police response.

According to an Aug. 3 article on TheFreeThoughtProject.com, Gaines was able to transmit some of the recordings on Instagram in the final minutes before her death, letting the public know that she was not holding her son hostage but protecting him.

“Facebook has thus far refused to comment on their shutdown of Gaines’ social media accounts — but the fact that an individual can lose the ability to transmit an accurate record of what is transpiring in the world so easily during a rapidly escalating situation is dangerous for transparency and accountability. It inevitably leads to situations whereby the public is forced to rely on those that have killed someone to give a proper accounting of the events leading up to their death — an almost certain exercise in futility,” FTP concluded.

The FBI and local law enforcement, in standoffs involving armed far-right and white supremacists, usually end those situations “peacefully.” But when Philando Castile in St. Paul, Minn., complied with police instructions and provided his license, while notifying them that he had a concealed weapons permit, this African American was immediately shot to death.

Escalation of police killings of Black women

Wesley Lowery wrote about the Gaines

In Wisconsin, voters have a choice

By Workers World Staff

Poor and working people in Wisconsin will have a choice in November to vote for socialist Presidential candidate Monica Moorehead and her Vice Presidential running mate Lamont Lilly of Workers World Party. The candidates were certified to be on the ballot by the Wisconsin Elections Commission as of Aug. 25.

Neither Donald Trump nor Hillary Clinton represents the working people. Both candidates are wars, anti-immigrant, anti-Black, anti-LGBTQ, anti-disabled, anti-worker.

What a refreshing and much-needed contrast to have Moorehead as a choice, the only Black revolutionary socialist American woman running for president. The candidates were deeply committed to organizing support for the Black Lives Matter movement for the past two years.

In Wisconsin, voters have a choice

Under the hashtag #Socialists4Baltimore, they are demanding that Baltimore put people’s interests before those of the banks and big business.

In comments on the campaign, Andre Powell, who will be filling for write-in status, stated, “We fought an uphill battle this summer over collecting over 1,600 signatures in some of the worst heat and weather conditions, in order to qualify.”

He elaborated: “We took our campaign to almost every neighborhood in Baltimore more from Cherry Hill and Westport to West and East Baltimore. Despite the almost impossible threshold for independent candidates to obtain ballot status, we did it! Thousands of people enthusiastically signed up, illustrating that the people of Baltimore want real change.”

Sharon Black emphasized, “We are entering the next phase of our fight — to engage with the powers-that-be, the current establishment, to turn around the present paradigm of the rich first and poor and working class people last.”

Black continued, “Council President Jack Young needs to answer to the people who want and desperately need a livable wage, and to those who are sick of public financing tax tricks that serve to deepen racism and segregation in Baltimore.”

Powell and Black noted the significance of their socialist campaign: “Our campaigns have virtually no funds. We have no big business donors or special interests backing us. But that will not stop us from launching an amazing, viable, volunteer-based, on-the-ground campaign. We expect to win. In fact, we have already won! Because our campaign is not about personalities or individuals or even solely centered around the ballot box, but about the life-and-death issues facing the people of Baltimore.

Baltimore: You can vote for socialists

From an Aug. 24 press advisory from the Baltimore Campaign for People’s Power.

Baltimore voters will have the chance to choose two independent socialist candidates in November. Sharon Black has won official ballot status for the position as of Aug. 25.

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Football star sits for U.S. anthem to ‘stand up for oppressed people’

Mobilizing and organizing the people to exert their power is our ultimate goal, not just in November but year-round.” Both candidates have announced their support and endorsement of Seventh District candidate Nnamdi Scott, another independent candidate, who represents the Ujima People’s Progress Party.

Read Black and Powell’s “Ten-Point Plan for Baltimore” here: workercamps.org/ wwp/baltimore-campaign-for-people-power

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North Carolina

Communities unite against racist cop killings

By Dante Strohino
Durham, N.C.

Two successive actions took place recently across North Carolina as family members and community supporters continued to demand justice for racist police and prison guard murders.

On Aug. 25, supporters gathered at the office of Wayne/Lenoir County District Attorney Matthew Delbrich in Goldsboro, N.C., to demand justice for Deriante Miller. He was shot and killed by a state trooper, Trooper Greg Hardison, on March 27.

Supporters of Deriante Miller and Dominique Worrell converged Aug. 27 at State Attorney General Roy Cooper’s office in Raleigh to demand prosecution of those responsible for their deaths. The only eyewitness account says Miller was unarmored and shot without warning. The family now wants the State Bureau of Investigation report for his death, released to the district attorney five weeks ago.

“My son was killed by State Trooper William Hardison five months ago, and I have never heard from the state,” said Paula Sherrill, mother of Deriante Miller, at the Goldsboro protest. “Every day that goes by is a painful hole in my heart. I need the state to do justice by my son and prosecute this killer trooper. This isn’t the first time he has killed someone. When is this going to stop?”

Trooper Hardison was responsible for the death of Clayton James, who he tasered to death in 2010. “Hardison is a bull who thought he was God,” said Don Cavellini, co-chair of the Pitt County Coalition Against Racism, in a statement released after the protest.

During the Raleigh protest, Sheldon Dancy spoke out about the 2011 attack he suffered from Hardison. The trooper shocked him with a taser more than 70 times and beat on his head with a nightstick, resulting in hundreds of stitches. Dancy was left to bleed in a ditch, but he was never charged with any crime.

Dominique Worrell was a young Black woman murdered in her jail cell in South Carolina’s New Hanover County Correctional Facility. Her father, Guthrie Worrell, of Greenville, N.C., received a life sentence in 1994 for a crime he did not commit.

Organizing for justice

In the wake of the police murder of Deriante Miller, family members and community formed the King-Lenoir County Justice Coalition, which co-sponsored both actions. Additionally, the Pitt County Coalition Against Racism and Mothers of the Incarcerated organized the Aug. 25 event with support from Black Workers for Justice and the Durham Branch of Workers Party.

Members of these organizations are pushing for a broad statewide campaign to target Attorney General Cooper, who is running for the North Carolina governor’s seat. Cooper is running against much-hated Gov. Pat McCrory, who is responsible for passing House Bill 2 targeting transgender people, giving major tax cuts to the wealthy, attacking voting rights, limiting increases in the minimum wage for workers and gutting many other programs, including the Racial Justice Act.

Activists don’t want to let Cooper off the hook. He has the power to prosecute the police officers and prison guards responsible for these racist deaths. Twenty-five people have been killed by police in North Carolina in 2016, including the most recent, heinous case of Dear man Daniel Harris, 29 years old, killed by police on Aug. 18.

Houston

Big oil poisons working-class, oppressed communities for profit

By Taryn Fiek
Houston

The smog in the Manchester neighborhood of Houston is like hot coffee — nutty, bitter and acid. This smog isn’t coffee, though. It’s the byproduct of burning oil from the nearby Valero oil refinery at 1.5 to 4.7 parts per million. This is the threshold of what is considered a toxic waste factory. It’s toxic waste because it smells the chemical, and what the Centers for Disease Control calls a possible indication of “acutely hazardous exposure.”

Across the street from the refinery is Paula’s house, sparsely furnished with bright polished walls. There are heavy drapes over the window. Despite the bright sun outside, it’s dark and cool inside. The television flashes in the back ground on mute as her grandchildren play in the living room. The oldest grandson complains he has a split toe.

“My son works at a pharmacy, he could afford. The family has three adults and four adults live in the three-bedroom house was the best available that they could afford. That $700 gets them a house next to the community’s concerns by open- ing the high school in 2000 and naming it after her great-grandfather, a 4’10” woman murdered in her jail cell in South Carolina’s New Hanover County Correctional Facility.

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The human toll of global warming — Alaska to Louisiana

By G. Dunkel

What ties together developments in the Alaska village of Shishmaref, on Sa- richet Island in the Chukchi Sea, with the extraordinary floods in southern Louisi- ana is global warming. The mechanisms and geography are different, but the cri- sis of climate change drives the situation in each location.

Shishmaref Island has been falling into the Chukchi Sea for 35 years, said 18-year-old Esau Sinnok, Shishmaref in- habitant, in Paris. He was attending the 2015 climate change talks to raise the drastic impact of global warming in the Arctic. His commentary about this cri- sis was published in the Alaska Dispatch News on Dec. 9, 2015.

Iñupiaq communities like Shishmaref grew up hundreds of years ago when the Thule, their ancestors, developed the technology to catch and cut up whales to use for food and other essential needs. This process required large numbers of people who could live in fairly settled communities since these marine mam- mals swam by in open waters past the landfast ice (sea ice which annually at- taches to the coastline or ocean bottom). 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When a state trooper pulled over a driver on Aug. 18 for allegedly speeding, there was no reason to expect tragedy. But the driver was Daniel Harris, a member of the Deaf community, who could not hear the state cop’s orders and who used American Sign Language to try to communicate. 

The cop gunned down Harris.

The Deaf community’s reactions to this killing showed that this was far from a rare tragedy.

The National Association of the Deaf’s Vice President Melissa Dragane-Hawk noted that Harris wasn’t the first Deaf person “who was wrongfully shot by the police.” (time.com, Aug. 24)

An article in QG magazine posted Aug. 24 had the title, “The Deaf Are the Unheard Victims of Police Brutality, Until Now.” Its author writes of other confessions that if they try to avoid these kinds of incidents, police have opened a space for Deaf people, for people with disabilities, for all workers to raise protests against the police, as the National Association of the Deaf has done following the killing of Harris.

As Marxists, we at Workers World know that there is no role for the police — a specialized armed force protecting the capitalist property — in the socialist society we work every day to create.

Black lives matter! Daniel Harris’ life matters.

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U.S. war ‘games’ ramp up Korea crisis

By Deirdre Griswold

The people of the United States are growing weary of paying for this country’s multitude of foreign wars with their blood, toll and trillions of tax dollars. In addition to the expected progressive opposition to imperialist war, there is now a new phenomenon: A growing war-weariness can be detected even among the flag-wavers on the far right who have flocked to Donald Trump. This seems to have little effect on the Pentagon, however. They roll out the plans for new weapons, new war “games,” new bases — the military-industrial complex has too much money were no object, nor is the abject state of those veterans who suffer a myriad of physical and psychological problems.

Right now, the Pentagon is engaged in yet another of its many saber-rattling exercises against the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. This one, euphemisti- cally named “Ulchi Freedom Guardian,” involves 25,000 U.S. military personnel, based not only in south Korea but also on the U.S. mainland, Hawaii and Japan. They are coordinating operations with some 50,000 south Korean troops.

It’s a modern-day version of how colonial rulers used to lead into battle the foot soldier on whom they had relied. The oppressors gave the orders; the sub- ject peoples had to provide the bulk of the cannon fodder. Except today, with electronically organized warfare, those giv- ing the orders can be sitting comfortably on the other side of the globe.

For two Korean states — the Dem- ocratic People’s Republic of Korea (north) and the Republic of Korea (south). The north is committed to building socialism, while the south became part of the low- er-class, anti-communist people. North Korea, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, has continued to resist the U.S. determination to bolster their defenses, whatever the cost.

Ever since the Korean War ended in a stalemate 65 years ago, the DPRK has pursued a peace treaty as a goal and an end to the U.S. occupation of the south, so the Kore- an people can work out the steps toward reunification of their country. The U.S. answer has been the growing militariza- tion of the area and a demonization of the north that is on a par with the worst propa- ganda invented by the Nazis to debase those whom German imperialism set out to conquer.

The U.S. war “games” are rightly seen by the DPRK as practice for an invasion of their country. Were that to happen, the consequences would be inestimable. Alliances must be built here to pursue the progressive and anti-war movements: U.S. out of Korea! End the threats and state of war! Sign a peace treaty now! —

What’s behind the terror campaign on Crimea

By Greg Butterfield

While millions of people around the world have suffered under a brutal heat wave this summer, one of the most dan- gerous hot spots on the planet has noth- ing to do with the weather.

Over two consecutive nights on Aug. 7 and 8, a Russian government personnel thwarted a series of attacks aimed at sab- otaging the important tourism industry in Crimea, among other targets. These assaults are planned by groups crossing the border from Ukraine. A Russian sol- dier and a Federal State Security (FSB) agent were killed during these actions.

A Russian saboteur from the Republic of Crimea was arrested Friday in Moscow on charges of trying to carry out terrorist activities.

The FSB says the attempted attacks were publicized, Russian televi- sion broadcast a video confession by the arrested leader of the Ukrainian operation, an employee of the UDM who previously fought in the war against the independent Donbas republics.

Panov gave extensive information on the operation’s locations, methods and chain of command. (DONI News, Aug. 12)

At first, Ukraine denied knowing who Panov was, accusing Russia of kidnap- ping a random person and forcing him to make a false confession. The story didn’t hold up for long, though; resi- dents of Panov’s hometown in Ukraine’s Zaporizhzhya region reported seeing him leave home the day before his capture in Crimea. Kiev then changed its story and claimed that Panov was merely in Crimea to check on property he owned there when he was caught up in the FSB operation. (Colonel Cassad blog, Aug. 12)

At a press conference after the at- tempted attacks were publicized, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said, “We are not going to allow anyone to turn to our American and Euro- pean partners” — the backers and finan- ciers of the Ukrainian regime. “I believe it is already obvious for all that today’s Kiev authorities are not seeking to solve problems through negotiations but are instead looking for one way or another to increase the provocations.” (Tass, Aug. 10)

Besides the incursion in Crimea, Putin cited the Aug. 6 assassination attempt against Igor Plotnitsky, head of the Lugansk People’s Republic. He was seriously wounded by an explo- sive device in his car. (RT, Aug. 6) After surgery to remove shrapnel threatening his liver and spleen, Plotnitsky was ex- pected to recover. But many political and military leaders in Donbas have been killed or seriously wounded in similar attacks since the beginning of Ukraine’s “Anti-Terrorist Operation” in 2014.

At the August press conference, Putin discussed a planned meeting of France, Germany, Russia and Ukraine; the Nor- mandy 4, on the sidelines of the G20 meeting in China Sept. 4-5, to discuss the Minsk ceasefire agreement between Kiev and the Donbas republics. He said the situation was now “pointless,” since the Ukrainian government had demonstrated it was not interested in negotiating a political set- tlement.

This was a notable change in tone for the Russian government, which had pre- viously bent over backwards to keep the Minsk negotiations alive despite more than a year-and-a-half of constant cease- fire violations by the Ukrainian side.

Imperialist aims in Crimea

Russia also shrugged up its defenses on its Crimean border with Ukraine, and tightened border security in Crimea. In response, Ukrainian President Petro Po- roshenko ordered the Ukrainian armed forces on high alert near the Crimean border and along the entire front with Donetsk and Lugansk. (Associated Press, Aug.11)

The Crimean peninsula, located be- tween Russia and Ukraine on the Black Sea coast, is renowned for its scenic views, beautiful beaches and therapeu- tic waters. It was part of Russia before and after the 1991 socialist revolution. In 1954, during post-war economic reor- ganization in the Soviet Union, Crimea became part of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and remained part of Ukraine after the USSR’s breakup in 1991, although many residents still iden- tified with Russia.

On March 16, 2014, weeks after a U.S. backed and-financed coup overwhelmed the legitimate Ukrainian government and in- stalled a junta of oligarchs, pro-Western neoliberal politicians and fascists, the people of Crimea voted overwhelmingly in a referendum to leave Ukraine and re- turn to Russia.

The Crimean people’s quick mobiliza- tion and Russia’s securing of the region’s borders settled one of Washington’s key goals in the coup — to seize and oc- cupy the large Russian military base on the Black Sea, which had been leased by Ukraine to Moscow in perpetuity.

Part 2 will take up the U.S./NATO campaign against Russia

New York State Fair

‘Free Palestine!’ confronts Gov. Cuomo

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

Shouts of “Apartheid, no!” and “Free, free Palestine!” rang out at the gates of Syracuse’s Great New York State Fair, as thousands of students from across the northeast U.S. and eastern Canada streamed through the main gate on Aug. 25. It was the fourth year that New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo presented for opening day festivities.

Demonstrators from eleven Palestin- ian support groups converged at the fair to denounce Cuomo’s June executive order against the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement, which tar- gets nations that support state power to order the creation of an “enemies list” of Palestinian supporters. Those on the list are denied partnerships and trade agreements. They also are not allowed to sell goods in legislation that they “renounce” their support for Pales- tinian human rights and BDS.

The demonstration interrupted Cuomo’s opening day speech, denouncing his anti-BDS or- der as an attempt to “bring McCarthyism back to New York state.” Politically orga- nized and enthusiastic, it was the first part of the protest in the U.S. A flier handed out to fairs- goers pointed out that Cuomo is rewarding Israel for violations of international law and massacres of Palestinians.

The protest was a statewide effort with representation from Adalah-NY, CODE- PINK, NYC College Students for Jus- tice in Palestine, the Columbian Uni- versity Apartheid Divest Coalition, the Ihaca Committee for Justice in Palestine, Jew- ish Voice for Peace-International Jewish Voice for Peace-New York City, Justice for Pal- estine–Syracuse Peace Council, New York Freedom to Boycott, the Palestine Solidar- ity Collective and Vangans Against the Occupation.

El proceso es sumamente complicado y a la vez ambicioso. Se intenta terminar con más de medio siglo de conflicto armado causado por un estado criminal aliado al poderoso -y más aún- imperialismo estadounidense. De los seis puntos de la agenda inicial -Desarrollo Agrario Integral; Participación política; Fin del conflicto; Solución al problema de drogas; Puesta en práctica a tiempo; y la Implementación, verificación y refrendación- quedan los tres decisivos: participación política, fin del conflicto y la implementación del acuerdo.

Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

Hoy, 30 de agosto, el parlamento colombiano aprobó el plebiscito de “Sí o No” que refrendará, en consulta popular, los acuerdos alcanzados entre la guerrilla y el gobierno que incluyen la terminación del conflicto y la construcción de una paz estable y duradera en Colombia, llevadas a cabo en La Habana-Cuba. Ya se vidumbra el final, siendo éste el tramo más difícil, cuajado de los más delicados puntos que como peligrosos obstáculos, pueden determinar el éxito o el fracaso de este crucial intento por la paz.

La guerra entre el Gobierno y la guerrilla termina después de 52 años tras el anuncio de ambas partes de poner fin a los ataques. Arriba, guerrillas de las FARC en el campo.

Viajan a Colombia

Precisamente, para facilitar -una vez se firme el acuerdo final- la puesta en marcha de los protocolos presentados el pasado 23 de junio pasado sobre ‘Cese al fuego y de hostilidades bilateral y definitivo y la destrucción de armas’ como parte del punto ‘Fin del Conflicto’, una delegación viajó a Colombia el 8 de agosto, reunándose con otra de Colombia. Las delegaciones -50 personas en total- estaban compuestas por 33 miembros de la guerrilla encabezada por el miembro del Secretariado Nacional Carlitos Antonio Lozada; miembros del gobierno nacional, de la policía, ejército, los comandantes de los frentes en las áreas visitadas, además de gobernadores y alcaldes; la CICR, los observadores internacionales de la Misión de la ONU en Colombia, delegados de Cuba y Noruega (los países garantes de las conversaciones). El propósito de estas visitas técnicas fue identificar posibles sitios donde se ubicarían las zonas donde se alejarían miembros de la insurgencia armada durante el complejo proceso de destrucción de armas. Este sería uno paulatino que duraría 180 días luego de la firma del Acuerdo Final. La ONU será la responsable de recibir los armamentos, y al mismo tiempo se establecerá un mecanismo de monitoreo y verificación que velará por qué se cumplen todos los requisitos acordados. En este monitoreo participarán las FARC, el gobierno e instituciones internacionales mientras que observarán las condiciones organizadas. Además de los/miembros de las mencionadas delegaciones, se unieron equipos técnicos de ingenieros, cartógrafos y topógrafos que junto con el apoyo de tecnología satelital recogieron la información necesaria para que la Mesa de Conversaciones pueda hacer su recomendación final.

Aparte de la identificación de los lugares, un aspecto importante fueron conversaciones sostenidas con las/os residentes de las comunidades que por tanto tiempo han sido afectadas por el conflicto armado.

Logros Significativos

Un buen resumen de lo logrado hasta ahora en la Mesa de Conversaciones lo escribió Enrique Santiago, asesor jurídico de la delegación de las FARC-EP en la mesa, sus trazos en su artículo ‘Tres escollos a un acuerdo’.

“Estos acuerdos pretenden acabar con la desigualdad económica y social existente entre el campo y la ciudad y garantizar derechos de propiedad de los pequeños campesinos, poniendo fin al despojo de tierras; erradicar de la acción política la práctica del exterminio físico de los vendedores de drogas de las zonas más afectadas por la guerra; finalizar con el paradero de los más de 50.000 desaparecidos por motivos relacionados con el conflicto interno contabilizados desde los años 80 hasta hoy”.

Aparte de la novedosa inclusión de las víctimas del conflicto en las propuestas y decisiones finales, hay otra importante contribución, el enfoque de género. El 11 de septiembre del 2014 se instaló una subcomisión de género que tuvo su cargo revisar e incluir este enfoque en todos los acuerdos alcanzados. Esto queda reflejado en el Comunicado Conjunto 492 de las FARC y el Gobierno: “Los aportes de las víctimas que visitaron la Mesa de Conversaciones, 60% de las cuales fueron mujeres, de las 18 organizaciones de mujeres y de la comunidad LGTBI, de las 10 expertas colombianas en violencia sexual, de las expertas internacionales y de las mujeres en guerrilleras de varias partes del mundo, fueron fundamentales para enriquecer el trabajo de esta subcomisión”.

Este enfoque de género gira alrededor de ocho ejes: “el acceso y formalización de la propiedad rural en igualdad de condiciones; garantía de los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales de las mujeres y personas con identidad sexual diversa del sector rural; promoción de la participación de las mujeres en espacios de representación, toma de decisiones y resolución de conflictos; medidas de protección y protección contra el acoso y riesgos específicos de las mujeres; acceso a la verdad, a la justicia y a las garantías de no repetición; reconocimiento público, de hombres y mujeres, realizadas por la mujer realizada por mujeres como sujetas políticas; gestión institucional para el fortalecimiento de las organizaciones de mujeres y movimientos LGTBI, de su participación política y social, y sistemas de información desagregados”. (farre-co).

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