By Berta Joubert-Ceci

What is happening now in Puerto Rico can only be described as genocide — plain and simple! Hurricanes Irma and Maria have uncovered Puerto Rican reality for the world to see: the murderous and obscene cruelty of naked capitalism mirrored in the subordination of a population suffering from and victimized by global warming and its subservient Puerto Rican administration that have inflicted the most devastation. The motto “Actions speak louder than words” surely summarizes the situation.

One might even think that this is a well-executed recovery plan from both the U.S. government and its subservient Puerto Rican administration to distract the local and international public that the system has failed to protect its people.

And if Maria flattened the vegetation of this tropical region. Now, with the vegetation blown down, the forgotten and desperate have surfaced, giving evidence that the system has failed to protect its people.

Although some electric power has been restored to parts of Puerto Rico, it is not enough. Lack of electricity is a daily reality for most Puerto Ricans. The plan “dismantles” and restructures Puerto Rico’s economy for the benefit of a few — capitalists.

Let’s take a look at one of the areas to illustrate this.

Energy sector up for grabs

Of all the sectors, electricity is the most crucial. It has responded in militant action to the attacks on migrants, the LGBTQ community, Black lives, and to U.S. imperialism abroad. We have watched the colonization of Puerto Rico and other oppressed nations suffer from global warming and genocidal policies, the murder of anti-racist activists and state repression of freedom fighters with horror.

As the centennial of the Russian Revolution approaches, we are faced with an urgent need to unite and fight for our lives. The 50-year anniversary of the martyrdom of Che Guevara and the Newark Uprising offer critical lessons for going forward. Our comrades in the streets risking their lives to topple white supremacy need our support, need an army to back them up.

Workers World Party invites you to attend our 2017 conference in the heart of Newark, NJ — one of the largest and most impoverished cities in the Northeast as well as a historic site of resistance. We will be gathering hundreds of activists and freedom fighters from across the country to meet and discuss where our movement goes from here. As the battle against white supremacy and capitalism continues to intensify, we are strategizing our way forward in the fight for socialism.
The World Conference of Mayors is convening its 33rd anniversary conference in Detroit from Oct. 23 to Oct. 26. Was Detroit picked to host this event because of its long history of struggles against racism and capitalism? The city was chosen for this international conference because of the alleged “exemplary leadership of Mayor Mike Duggan and his administration,” which “transformed Detroit into a city of extraordinary opportunities and possibilities,” according to wemDetroit2017.com.

The Moratorium Now Coalition says the city was picked to host the WCM’s International Trade and Investment Conference because of a development resurgence in which “public revenues generated through ... taxation are being funneled to the capitalist corporations” and banks. Downtown Detroit has been gentrified. Sports arenas and commercial venues have proliferated at city taxpayers’ expense, while the neighborhoods and residents are forgotten and left to fend for themselves.

Once the hub of the world’s automobile industry, with a population over 1.8 million, Detroit now has fewer than 673,000 residents. The population was decimated by industrial production and bankruptcy. The city had over 1.8 million residents in the early 1970s and 1980s when the auto industry restructured by deliberately targeting the Black auto workers and closing virtually every plant in the city. The second crisis in the early 1990s and in the early 2000s and the 2008 economic collapse and the capitalist corporation bankruptcy “decimated” the population even further, according to the Coalition.

According to Moratorium Now, more than 1 in 3 Detroit homes were foreclosed between 2005 and 2013. Since 2005, 139,609 of Detroit’s 384,672 homes have been foreclosed because of home mortgage defaults or unpaid property taxes. The city has approximately one-third fewer occupied homes than it did just a decade ago. Detroiters once had guaranteed homeownership in the U.S., but now, abandoned and vandalized homes and other structures are the norm.

To bring to light the real situation facing the city and its residents, a “Real Detroiters Speak Out” event is being organized by an array of activists under the leadership of the Moratorium Now Coalition. They are inviting mayors from around the world to attend and hear directly from the people of Detroit. They are also planning tours of the neighborhoods so the invitees can see the corporate disaster imposed on the people of Detroit and “what the future holds for every major city if the banks get their way.”

The call by organizers says their alternative event “will fully expose the role of the banks, multinational corporations, the business media and political comprador elites in perpetuating the superexploitation of the people of Detroit. ... The People’s Summit will discuss a real agenda for the rebirth and rebuilding of our neighborhoods and communities. Real development in Detroit would focus on the rehabilitation of neighborhoods, and the guaranteeing of jobs, housing, water services, health and quality education for all. The banks that are responsible for the destruction of our neighborhoods must be held accountable through criminal prosecution and the payment of reparations.”

The Real Detroiters Speak-Out will take place Thursdays Oct. 26, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church, 8850 Woodward Ave., in Detroit. See the Facebook event page at tinyurl.com/yarcvetk or call 313-359-0870 for more information.

Join us in the fight for socialism!

Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black and Brown youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

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Workers World Party is a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist organization inside the belly of the imperialist beast. We are a multinational, multigenerational and multigendered 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 hope for the future. No social problems can be solved under capitalism.

The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it.
By Chris Fry

At least 40 people have died from some 16 wildfires ripping through California, as of Oct. 16. This is the highest death toll from wildfires in the state’s history. More than 200 people are missing, and the death toll is expected to rise. More than 5,700 homes and other buildings have been destroyed, with more than 241,000 acres burned.

Nearly all of those who died were elderly and asleep in their homes. The fires in the worst hit areas, the Sonoma and Napa valleys in northern California, began in the middle of the night on Oct. 8.

Many of the victims were disabled, often needing wheelchairs or unable in other ways to escape. Some of the victims were identified only by the serial numbers on their hip replacement hardware; even their teeth and bones were burned to ash.

When asked why people in the communities were not notified sooner of the approaching firestorms, authorities said they did not want to create panic that might clog the highways.

One can only contrast this response with the measures taken by socialist Cuba, where emergency evacuation routes and buildings are carefully prepared and announced beforehand, and where neighborhood committees take responsibility to evacuate the people, particularly those who need special assistance.

More than 90,000 Californians have been forced from their homes. In the city of Santa Rosa in the Sonoma Valley, 3,000 homes have been destroyed, with more than $1.2 billion in damage so far. The fire has created a homeless crisis in the middle of the night on Oct. 8.

The fire has been burning for 6 days and has destroyed 5.6 million acres of federal, private and state land burned. So far, 8.1 million acres of land has burned this year, or 1.8 million acres more than the ten-year average of 3.8 million acres burned by this time, the article continued.

Wildfires are a force of nature, like the powerful hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria that devastated Caribbean islands like Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Cuba, as well as parts of Texas and Florida. But the scientific community agrees that the extent and ferocity of wildfires, just like hurricanes, have recently increased greatly because of global warming.

California underwent a winter and spring of record snowfall and rainfall, generating a huge growth of grasses and brush. Then it endured the hottest summer on record, turning the underbrush into a vast tinderbox.

California has a large number of environmental activists, many of whom have waged powerful campaigns against industries that are huge sources of carbon emissions.

But those same companies, in their insatiable thirst for profits, have given the reins of political power to the Trump regime, which aims to overturn every bit of progress the environmental movement has won, both inside and outside the U.S.

Only the combined force of the workers and oppressed communities can stop these corporate parasites from turning the planet into a wasteland and threatening the lives and livelihoods of the people. Only by converting to a system based on planning and human benefit, rather than profit, can this threat be overcome.

By Terri Kay

The initiators of the rally, Asian American and Latino-Hispanic activists and leaders, planned and invited rail riders to join the fight to end all U.S. wars, end racism, poverty and repression here and abroad.

At a “Street Speakout Against U.S. War & Racism,” organizations representing struggles against U.S. imperialism on the Korean peninsula, the Philippines, Iran, and Central and South America, as well as here in the U.S., gathered on the United Nations Antiwar Coalition’s national days of action. These marked the 16th anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan

At its San Francisco rally, the organizers called on workers, youth and environmental activists, many of whom had been actively involved in the protests and demonstrations against the last U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, to convert to a system based on planning and human benefit, rather than profit, to end all U.S. wars, end racism, poverty and repression here and abroad.

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Michigan nurses outmobilize ‘right to work’

More than 1,000 registered nurses at the Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Mich., triumphed on Aug. 9-10. They not only organized the biggest union victory in a right-to-work (for-less) state, but succeeded where they’d failed 15 years earlier. What changed?

Since they won that earlier battle, the bosses ramped up anti-worker maneuvers — heaping on mandatory overtime, cutting benefits, shuttering professional development opportunities and pushing RNs around different departments and locations. So the nurses decided to organize with the Michigan Nurses Association, employing traditional, battle-tested methods. They held a day-long drop-in session at a coffee shop, as well as face-to-face lunchtime meetings, and organized meetings to accommodate workers’ schedules.

Organizers also used modern methods, such as team-based group chats in a testing application, which allowed them to drop in on management’s captive audience meetings and call anti-union cops. The process is documented in a Sept. 20 Labor Notes article. To communicate the benefit of the nurses’ winning tactics, it deserves a full read at tinyurl.com/mmenvu). Workers may need to adjust their approach to win a victory. But when they win a union contract in a RTW state, you know it paid off!

Oppose the Guestworker Act! Residency and citizenship for migrant workers!

A proposed farm bill might become a law threatening workers industrywide. Chair of the House Judiciary Committee Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) introduced the Agricultural Guestworkers Act of 2017 on Oct. 4. It is designed to do three things: replace the existing H-2A visa program, call it instead the “H-2C” visa program and put it under the Department of Agriculture. If passed, the law, according to the National Guestworkers Alliance, a project of the New Orleans Workers’ Center for Racial Justice, would drive down wages of all workers in agriculture, dairy, forestry, seafood and meat processing.

The proposed law would also drive a wedge between workers, as NGA director Saket Soni noted in an Oct. 4 statement: “The bill purports to address flaws with current guestworker programs. In fact it would exacerbate the worst faults of current programs, while creating a host of new problems that would hurt both guestworkers and U.S.-born workers.” Though the NYS Workers’ Compensation Board has proposed new rules and regulations that would reduce benefits for workers who lose use of a body part and increase uncertainty, delay and litigation for injured workers. What changed?

Every year benefits and care for injured and ill workers come under attack in New York state. Corporations and the Business Council of New York have been lobbying hard this year to gut workers’ compensation. The NYS Workers’ Compensation Board has proposed new rules and regulations that would reduce benefits for workers who lose use of a body part and increase uncertainty, delay and litigation for injured workers. “This plan is an insult to all working men and women,” said NYS AFL-CIO’s CIO President Mario Cilento. “Benefit cuts for injured workers are wholly unjustifiable.” To sign a petition opposing the changes, visit tinyurl.com/y7dtbg2b.

Unionizing at Orlando march

Thousands attended the “Come Out With Pride” march here on Oct. 14, an annual event that has become one of the largest Pride festivals in Florida, celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer lives. The date aligns with National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11 and the month of October as National LGBTQ History Month.

Organizers of the march included UNITE HERE Central Florida Locals 392 and 737. UNITE HERE has been a groundbreaker in securing equal protections for its LGBTQ members at work — union protections that exist in places where no state or federal laws afford LGBTQ people equal rights at work.

A UNITE HERE Central Florida statement rallied support: “March with us, Orlando, in our quest for fair and equal treatment of all individuals! We are stronger together than ever alone when combating wealthy individuals and corporations who stand in the way of us achieving full civil and economic equality.”

The march and parade through downtown Orlando and around Lake Eola were used to organize for an Oct. 19 “Rally for a Raise!” in support of workers at Walt Disney World Resort, who are in struggle for a living wage.

During the march, hundreds of flyers were distributed in support of anti-racist actions by people in Durham, N.C. Led by Queer People of Color, a group of people who succeeded in toppling a Confederate statue and protesting the Ku Klux Klan are now facing felony riot charges for their courageous actions. The flyer, titled “An injury to one is an injury to All — Defend the movement against white supremacy!” was enthusiastically received by marchers.

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Drivers and supporters picket company headquarters, Roanoke, Va., Oct. 10.

By Workers World Roanoke bureau

Workers at RADAR ParaTransit and their supporters joined together Oct. 10 in Roanoke, Va., for an informational picket line at company headquarters. Transportation services provided by the workers are primarily for older people and people with disabilities. The nonunion transit drivers at RADAR, a private company, are working to win union recognition with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1493.

The RADAR drivers held their first all-day informational picket on Sept. 26. The second all-day picket on Oct. 10 grew to include supporters from all across southwestern and central Virginia, as well as Local 1493 members from Greensboro, N.C. Other supporters joining the lines at multiple locations outside the RADAR company headquarters included members and staff of the Communication Workers union, the Roanoke People’s Power Network, the Virginia AFL-CIO and a variety of other labor and community supporters.

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Job destruction, overproduction and crisis in the high-tech era

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Colin Kaepernick files job grievance vs. NFL bosses

By Monica Moorehead

As the National Football League completed the sixth week of its 2017 season, Colin Kaepernick, the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback and Super Bowl star, still has not been signed to a new team. Kaepernick became a free agent in March.

Kaepernick ignited a wave of protest against police brutality and racial oppression during the 2016 season when he consistently took a knee during the national anthem before NFL games.

Before the new season began, Kaepernick’s lawyers announced plans to file a grievance against the NFL in 2017, but that has not happened yet. In his absence and in solidarity with his cause, many of his former teammates, including former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, remained on the sidelines.

The latter explicitly have told public workers that they have to do all the work and the political bosses that they are responsible for the public workers.

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400,000 workers hit the streets

By G. Dunkel

"Badly paid, scorned, our jobs in jeopardy, our pay low, our work insecure. Increased required deductions for teachers' pensions, salary freezes" are some of the reasons the Federation of United Unions (FSU) and the major union representing teachers in France, gave for a one-day walkout Oct. 10.

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French workers flood streets to protest capitalist austerity measures.

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All of the major progressive parties on the French left had contingents in the Paris march — the French Communist Party (PCF), the New Anticapitalist Party (NPA) and Unshowed Freedom (FI) were the most prominent, but even the Socialist Party had a presence.

Unshowed Freedom has been particularly active. Francois Raffin, one of its deputies, a prominent leader of Nuits Debout and a well-known movie director, took the floor in Parliament on Oct. 11 to accuse Macron, his prime minister Edouard Philippe and some other top government ministers of personally attempting to cover up a scandal involving a French pharmaceutical company, has been charged with selling a dangerous drug called Dékaphine.

The leadership of the French Democratic Confederation of Labor (CFDT), the labor federation vying with the CGT to become the largest, most influential in France, has been under increasing pressure from its base to actively oppose the new labor law imposed by the LREM government. The CFDT has also seen its allies in the French "Socialist" Party, a
**#DoItLikeDurham in smashing white supremacy**

By Deirdre Griswold  
New York

A public meeting on Oct. 14 on the theme “Do It Like Durham” lived up to its promise of bringing the revolutionary spirit of the struggle against white supremacy to New York City. The two main speakers — Takiyah Thompson and Loan Tran — had come from North Carolina with other activists to explain the significance of the movement there that is shaking the foundations of racism implanted in this country through the capture and enslavement of millions of African people to be super-exploited by rich Southern plantation owners.

Thompson is the iconic figure in videos viewed around the world. She climbed up a tall ladder on Aug. 14 and placed a rope around a statue of a Confederate soldier that stood in front of the old Durham County courthouse. A crowd of anti-racists then toppled this symbol of the Confederacy and the war to preserve it — the bloodiest war in U.S. history. Thompson and 14 others were arrested within days and given serious charges, including felonies. Thompson received a standing ovation as she explained how talking about the struggle is therapeutic and enhanced her “desire to learn and understand the path — and walk — from one pitfall to another.”

“I always fall back on friends and comrades,” she said. “Revolutionary love is for the liberation of others and oneself. It’s all the same.” Her modesty in not talking about her own courageous conduct was deeply felt by the audience. Loan Tran, another person arrested after the symbolic act against slavery and its virulent heritage in the U.S., emphasized that those arrested are proud of this struggle and “have done nothing wrong.”

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**Fight for justice for Abdul Burnette and all Durham County Jail inmates**

By Workers World Durham bureau

In another racist act of injustice in the Durham County police and court system, Abdul Burnette, 20 years old, was arrested Sept. 23 for three misdemeanor charges — but was given a $20,000 bond, typical of felony charges. His father, also named Abdul, a fast food worker and leader in the local Fight For $15 movement, is violating my son’s constitutional rights. I always fall back on friends and comrades,” she said. “Revolutionary love is for the liberation of others and oneself. It’s all the same.” Her modesty in not talking about her own courageous conduct was deeply felt by the audience. Loan Tran, another person arrested after the symbolic act against slavery and its virulent heritage in the U.S., emphasized that those arrested are proud of this struggle and “have done nothing wrong.”

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**Longshore unionist:**

‘Why workers must fight white supremacy’

By Monica Moorehead  
New York

Clarence Thomas, a retired rank-and-file member of International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 10 in the Bay Area, Calif., spoke at an Oct. 10 Workers World Party political discussion here on “Why workers must fight white supremacy.” Thomas was a founding member of Black trade unionists from around the world, a coalition of Black trade unionists from around the country who called for workers to speak in “our own name” and not as an appendage to the Democratic and Republican parties during the 2004 presidential election.

The MWM public call to action stated: “The time has come to mobilize working people for our own agenda. Let us end subservience to the power of the privileged few and their monopoly of the political process in America.”

At the Oct. 10 meeting, Thomas’ presentation focused on the struggle against white supremacy during the Great Depression of the 1930s, especially the role efforts made to bring Black workers into the ILWU, led by Harry Bridges, an Australian immigrant unionist. This was a revolutionary act since at the time most Black workers were forced to scab during strikes or else languish in low-wage jobs while locked out of all-white, closed-shop, skilled crafts unions.

Thomas also spoke about the heroism standing down the West Coast docks since the 1980s, mainly on May Day, International Workers Day, in political solidarity with oppressed peoples’ struggles around the world. These work stoppages were aimed against the apartheid regime of South Africa, the Zionist regime of Israel, police brutality, and for the freedom of political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Thomas stated that global capitalism exploits all workers, be they dockworkers, prisoners, migrants or NFL players. That is precisely why, he emphasized, all workers must unite and resist a system that relies on white supremacy for its very existence.

To hear Thomas’ talk, go to youtbe.be/fpKmxpVhko8.
Indigenous Peoples Day: ‘Debunking Columbus’

By Zac Fraser and Misha Litvak
Portland, Ore.

Scores of courageous protesters assembled outside the offices of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in southwestern Portland on Oct. 11. They then went into motion to stop a bus taking a group of immigrants to a detention facility in Tacoma, Wash., for deportation.

Five protesters chained themselves together and blocked the doors of the building. Cops arrived on the scene around 5:30 p.m. and began making arrests after ordering the protesters to disperse. When “the pigs got to the protesters who had chained themselves together, they placed hoods and earmuffs over the heads of the protesters. The cops used box cutters to sever their bonds. But witnesses say that they did not see or hear any power tools...

Mumia Abu-Jamal
‘An Abolitionist Life’

By Mumia Abu-Jamal

What does it mean to call oneself an abolitionist? This is not what it meant today what it meant 150 years ago. Then, it meant an end to what some have called “America’s Original Sin” — Slavery.

Today? Well, it’s not a common term today, but it should be. Abolition was the nation’s first biracial movement, built by both Blacks and whites, to oppose the evils of Slavery.

But it’s important for us today to recognize that when abolitionists were active, during the 1830s, 1840s and 1850s, they were portrayed in the press, and spoken about by prominent and powerful men, as madmen and crazy women, who dared to oppose something so fundamental to American wealth like Slavery.

Abraham Lincoln, speaking at New York’s Cooper Union before his election, deplored the radical abolitionist, John Brown, as a madman and not a member of the Republican Party.

It was only after the U.S. Civil War that abolitionists were regarded as sane people — not before.

There is a lesson here for you all, people at the Abolitionist Forum. That is, don’t worry about what people in power or media say about you. Ask yourself what you’re doing is right — then roll with it.

It’s right to oppose mass incarceration. It’s right to seek to abolish the racist death penalty. It’s right to fight against state repression. And the right time to do that — is Now! Mumia Abu-Jamal © 2017

This talk was originally delivered via recording to a Harlem Abolition Forum to counter police violence on Oct. 1. See Workers World coverage at tinyurl.com/36k77j9d.

ICE detainee inspires fightback

By Workers World
Boston bureau

A noontime crowd of immigrant rights organizers, community leaders and unions rallied on Oct. 13 in front of the Massachusetts State House to demand justice for Francisco Rodriguez on the three-month anniversary of his detention. The demonstrators also spoke out in solidarity with all 11 million undocumented workers in the U.S.

Groups representing immigrants and migrants and a broad array of union and community supporters are waging a campaign to pressure state officials to release Rodriguez from the Suffolk County House of Correction. They are also demanding a halt to Department of Homeland Security deportation proceedings against him and others languishing in detention.

Rodriguez is an active and vocal member of Service Employees (SEIU) Local 32BJ and a janitor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was detained by immigration officials during his check-in on July 13 at Immigration and Customs Enforcement offices in Burlington, Mass. While he was held in detention, his spouse gave birth to their baby, Josué Mateo. Rodriguez was not permitted to be present at the birth, nor has he yet held his newest child.

This kind of devastating separation from loved ones is a cruel reality for thousands of detainees. But fiercely determined people continue to fight to turn the tide and free Francisco Rodriguez and others.

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REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE ROUNDUP

Abortion access now!

By Sue Davis

The state of Texas is holding hostage a 17-year-old unaccompanied immigrant minor who needs an abortion.

In a federal judge’s order Aug. 15 to ensure the delivery of abortion care recently advanced on two fronts. The ACLU filed a federal lawsuit Oct. 5 to ban abortions 20 weeks after gestation. The supposed rationale is that anti-abortion zealots believe a fetus begins to feel pain at 20 weeks. However, all major medical groups in the U.S. and England assert a fetus cannot feel pain until the third trimester at 28 weeks. Legal experts contend this ban is unconstitutional because it violates a key provision of Roe v. Wade, which provides for a right to abortion until fetal viability, medically determined at about 24 weeks.

If enacted, which is doubtful because a passage in the Senate requires 60 votes, the bill would impose enormous burdens on women whose test results late in the second trimester show fetal abnormalities, as well as on anyone who postpones the procedure due to fear stemming from rape, incest or domestic violence or those trying to scrape together funding. Meanwhile, one of the ACLU’s co-sponsors of the ban, Tim Murphy, was forced to resign Oct. 11 after reports that he urged an extramarital lover to have an abortion in January. The text exchange occurred on Jan. 25, the day after Mur- phy had co-sponsored the Life at Concep-


The House exposed the overall hypocrisy of the Republican majority’s so-called pro-family stance when it didn’t renew funding on Sept. 30 for the Chil-
dren’s Health Insurance Program, which subsidizes health care for 9 million youngsters. That means children in some states will soon be forced to go without other health insurance, vaccinations, immunizations, sick visits and other services. Talk about a cynical move by legislators who appear to care more about defending lives of the “pre-born” than about caring for needy existing children.

Such blatant hypocrisy aligns with Trump’s cynical attempt on Oct. 13 to kill the Affordable Care Act. Saying it’s “time to negotiate health care that’s going to be good for everybody,” the liar-in-chief stopped payments, effective immedi-
ately, that keep health care coverage afford-
able for millions of low-to-middle-income families. (See article on p. 9.) That’s consist-
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Positive strides promote abortion care

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tion on where a woman may receive the medical abortion pill Mifeprex, which is a tested, safe and effective method of end-

ing pregnancy up to 6 weeks. Currently, patients may not fill a prescription at a retail pharmacy, but must be handed one at a specialty pharmacy by prescription providers who preregister with the drug maker and order and stock such medica-

tions at their facility.

The suit argues that FDA’s restrictions are medically unnecessary and that many qualified clinicians are unable to satisfy them, forcing patients to seek medical abortions elsewhere or resort to surgery. Such restrictions do not exist in other countries, are not medically man-
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Surrounded by a cabal of smirking small business owners, President Donald Trump issued an executive order on Oct. 12. This one outlined his administration’s policy to weaken key sections of the Affordable Care Act passed under the Obama administration.

This latest executive order threatens to drastically loosen the ACA’s requirements for the health plans of insurance companies are allowed to sell to both employees and individuals. It makes a push for expanding the use of employer-managed savings accounts for paying medical costs.

For now, this order is only a threat. Experts say it would take the Trump administration months of a full-throttle effort to develop this policy in detail. In addition, it would likely entail a third major health care battle in Congress. Two previous attempts to repeal and replace the ACA were already defeated in the Senate this year, though only narrowly and only after tremendous firefight from grass-roots movements, especially by people with disabilities.

Much more significant than the executive order, however, was Trump’s announcement on Oct. 12 that he would end federal subsidies that help millions of people afford health care.

This announcement comes just two weeks before open enrollment begins for people who need those subsidies to purchase insurance on the 2018 Health Insurance Marketplace.

The executive order and the announced subsidy cuts signal a looming danger for all workers and oppressed people, with the sickest and most-at-risk communities very likely to experience the brunt of this predatory attack.

Without these subsidies, monthly premiums for many people could cost as much as their rent. Initially, it is likely that insurance companies will absorb some of the increase from losing captive markets, and spread much more significant increases out over time. But insurers have already prepared to raise premiums in 2018 and 2019. Without subsidies, some insurers may withdraw from exchanges.

These subsidies, which total about $7 billion annually, are a federal guarantee to the insurance industry that Obamacare won’t infringe on their profits. The ACA requires Congress to appropriate the funds necessary to pay these subsidies. The Trump administration argues that because Congress failed to renew the appropriation this year, his administration had no choice but to end the subsidies. Eighteen states and Washington, D.C., are using his administration in an attempt to block cuts to the subsidies.

The way to generally try to find a way to pay these subsidies is likely to break out in Congress. Will Congress appropriate the funds necessary to keep those subsidies in place? This is just one immediate question. Another important issue is whether the far right will again match all of their reactionary anti-women’s right, anti-LGBTQ agenda to any bills that reverse Trump’s order and allocate funds for subsidies.

Why defend the ACA?

About 120 million people in the U.S. get health care coverage through social security net programs—Medicare and Medicaid. Nine million of them are children previously covered under the Children’s Health Insurance Plan, which Congress allowed to expire Oct. 1. Another 115 million people access health care using insurance plans they purchase through their workplace or on their own.

Sometimes, their employers pay some costs of the employer plans. Tens of millions more have historically been uninsured or significant ly underinsured. The ACA, which went into effect in 2014, was designed primarily to provide afford able health insurance coverage for the tens of millions of uninsured and underinsured people who could not afford to ensure a family, or individual plan and who did not qualify for social safety net programs. It did this by expanding Medicaid through the states to people earning above the poverty line, and by creating subsidies for people to purchase regulated individual or family plans. However, 39 states refused to expand Medicaid. About 11 million undocumented immigrants are ineligible for ACA coverage.

In order to subsidize these plans, the ACA required Congress to appropriate funds to pay the huge subsidies to insurance companies as an incentive for insurers to support the law, rather than lobby against it.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that during enrollment for the 2017 plan year, more than 20 million people enrolled in health plans through the ACA marketplaces and through expanded Medicaid in states where it was provided. The CBO reports that nearly 10 million of those who purchased plans on the marketplace qualified for subsidized pricing. The estimated premium subsidies bill that the federal government is paying in 2017 to insurance companies for those plans is about $7 billion. While the cost averages out to about $700 per person, some receive a small subsidy, though the poorest receive subsidies higher than $700.

The ACA made medical savings accounts (MSAs) available to those who purchased plans on the marketplace. An MSA is a savings plan, designed to guarantee that the funds are used for qualified medical expenses. The HSA limit is appealing for two reasons. First, for low-wage and middle-income workers, the HSA is yet another financial instrument, like the 401(k) retirement savings plan, designed to guarantee that a growing percentage of wages flow into the balance sheets of banks and financial institutions. There, they are turned into more profits before being paid out for people’s necessities.

Health care for profit

Because health care and related industries, such as pharmaceuticals and medical technology, are big business in the U.S., produced to generate profit and economic growth first, and meet human needs second, the larger crises faced by capitalism send shockwaves through the health care system. When costs get out of control, insurers can’t pay their bills because the economy is in recession and mass layoffs are on the rise, hospitals fail, merge, and some may close down. In hospitals that survive, emergency rooms are overcrowded, staff are stressed to the breaking point and collective bargaining units for workers are pressured to accept austerity contracts.

So plan premiums and the subsidies that help pay them aren’t the only things to worry about with the current attacks on the ACA. Out-of-pocket costs for even the basic care plan available could keep rising as a way for insurance companies to reap more profits. These costs include deductibles, copays and others. For workers, these can mean mobility equipment and breathing aids, not fully covered under many plans.

In addition, many other ACA provisions prevent insurance companies from rescinding policies that bolster Medicaid-based work force development programs that train providers and nurses to address health problems that most effect oppressed urban and rural populations, and measures aimed at addressing health inequalities faced by African-American and Latinx communities, as well as women and LGBTQ people.

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100th anniversary of October Revolution
Social gains in early years of Soviet power

By Deirdre Griswold

As we described in the first article in this series, the workers’ revolution that started in Russia in October 1917 was a result of a revolutionary wave that swept across the most underdeveloped countries of Europe, only recently emerged from feudalism. The majority of the people were impoverished peasants, and few could even read or write.

Nevertheless, it was a revolution that reflected the rise on a world scale of a working class capable of taking power in its own hands to socialize production for the benefit of all. The revolution automated the means of production—so as not to be for private profit but to liberate the people from the oppression of the bourgeoisie and capitalism. To be found in all countries.

We have a thousand times the right to be proud of what we have done in this field.

But the more thoroughly we clear the ground of legal formalism, of the bourgeois laws and institutions, the more we realize that we have only cleared it to build on, but we have not yet cleared it to live on.

“Notwithstanding all the laws emancipating women, she continues to be a domestic slave, because petty housework—cooking, keeping house—brides and degrades her, chains her to the kitchen and the nursery, and she wastes her labor on barabaraud productive work, petty, nerve-tracting, stultifying and crushing drudgery. The real emancipation of women, real communism, will begin when we can end all struggle begins (led by the proletariat wielding the state power) against this petty house-keeping, or rather when its whole-scale transformation into a large-scale socialist economy begins.”

The revolutionaries envisioned a proliferation of communal laundries, kindergartens and so on that would free women from household drudgery.

Now, a century later, course, in the sense of the capitalist countries, is in a spectacular decline after the revolution in its infancy. Once the monarchy was overthrown, the first workers’ state survived. It was able to beat back the invaders and won the war. The etcetera of capitalism resurfaced. The counter-revolution was in its infancy. Capitalism was in a spectacular decline after the revolution in its infancy.

The first world war, in which so many were killed, destroyed the working class, strangled the capitalists, butchered people, killed 9 million people in Russia. The most underdeveloped countries of Europe, only recently emerged from feudalism, were on an 1,800-mile front in Operation Barbarossa.

Yet despite the massive destruction and death at the hands of fascist-led German imperialism, the Soviet Union continued to outstrip that in capitalist countries.

Dorothy Ballan, one of the founders of Workers World Party, wrote the book “Punishment and Marxism” in 1971. She cited reports in the New York Times and other U.S. papers showing that 79 percent of the doctors in the USSR at that time were women.

Abortion was legal in the USSR. Women make up 47 percent of the working-age population of the universities are women. There are also women bus drivers, subway conductors, and women are in virtually every field of work. There is equal pay for equal work. In case of pregnancy, a woman receives two months paid vacation before delivery and another two months after delivery. Working women may take advantage of widespread nurseries and kindergartens and daycare centers. Abortion is legal at any age and virtually free of charge.

Abortion of anti-gay laws

The young Soviet Russia, which had established the most progressive laws and practices in the world regarding the rights of women, also took a stand against the oppression of lesbian and gay people.

Bob McCallin, in his book “The Rock,” explains how gay oppression was removed from the Russian penal code.

As paraphrased by Wilhelm Reich in “The Sexual Revolution,” the Bolsheviks’ position was that the problem of homosexuality was exclusively a scientific one. They believed that homosexuality was normal and that it was wrong to punish people for their sexual orientation. The Bolsheviks also expressed the idea that it was necessary to take down the walls that separated gay people from the rest of society. Such a revolutionary action was entirely in keeping with their defiance of bourgeois attitudes and practices in every area of social concern.

“A pamphlet called ‘The Sexual Revolution in Russia’ by the dr-was all about the Social Hygiene, first published in 1923, stated: Concerning homo-sexualism and other sexual relations, the Bolsheviks maintained that the law treated these as exactly the same as so-called ‘natural’ sexual relations. All forms of sexual intercourse are private matters. Only when there is use of force or durance, as in general when there is an injury or encroachment upon the rights of another person, is there a question of a criminal prosecution.”

McCallin’s book can be read online at workers.org/lavender-red.

Even as the Bolsheviks were making these great strides in defying bourgeois convention and eliminating the oppressions their existence alone carried, there were very few organized Red Army, with support from many hastily organized local militias, was able to beat back the invaders and home-grown counter-revolutionaries.

Nevertheless, in 1920 the Soviet republics emerged from the civil war and imperialist intervention in a state of economic collapse unparalleled in history. Industrial production was cut down by 14 imperialist countries, including the USSR, following the invasion by 14 imperialist countries, including the USSR.

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