Storms from Puerto Rico to Florida

Profit system drives disaster

By Workers World Editorial Staff

Oct. 23 — Even as a delegation of prominent activists from Puerto Rico is making preparations to come to the United States to demand justice for the horrors inflicted on their beautiful island by Hurricane Maria last fall, increasingly deadly storms have hit the Gulf states and southeastern U.S.

Deaths from Hurricane Maria were first reported as 64. That was a huge lie. The official figure is now 2,975.

Of those killed in Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia earlier this month by Hurricane Michael, the latest body count stands at 39 and is still rising. As we write this, Willa, now a Category 4 hurricane, is dropping torrential rain on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, causing floods and mudslides in addition to wind damage.

It is criminal to deliberately ignore what is going on. These are not “natural” disasters. How the new threats posed by a warming planet are being handled by governments is not “natural” either. Both result from the fact that capitalism is destroying the planet. For the owners of capital, the overriding motive in every situation is how to make the biggest buck. The current U.S. government is only the most unabashedly crude example of what political power in the hands of billionaires leads to — like denying climate change. This isn’t just a Trump thing. It has been going on for decades, even as scientists proved global warming was happening and cried out for something to be done about it.

The Tribunal on Puerto Rico, which takes place in New York on Oct. 27, is about the hurricane disaster, of course. But it will also look at Puerto Rico’s history as a colony of the United States.

The inability of the colonial government in PR to react as it should to the intense suffering of the survivors of that terrible storm, the way it tried to cover up the severe loss of life while allowing profiteers to pour in and secure fat contracts for “reconstruction” that never happened — all that is directly linked to the fact that the many strings governing the economy and politics of PR are held by Washington and Wall Street, not by the people of Puerto Rico.

There are many progressive movements on the rise in the U.S. There is growing fury over racism, police violence and mass incarceration; the subjugation and abuse of women; the denial of the most basic human rights to LGBTQ people, who have to fight every day just to be themselves; the

Continued on page 10

Political prisoner Mike Africa Sr. (above, right) was finally released on Oct. 23, after more than 40 years in prison. He is one of the MOVE 9 who were unjustly convicted and sentenced to 30 to 100 years in prison following the 1978 police attack on the MOVE organization in Philadelphia. With son Mike Africa Jr., who took this photo, he is shown on his way home after leaving SCI Phoenix. MOVE 9 member Debbie Africa, Mike Sr.’s spouse, had been released this June 19. Also, the Campaign to Bring Mumia Home reports that MOVE leader Ramona Africa is in full remission from cancer, after being hospitalized since August.

— Report by Joe Piette

ONAMOVE! Free at last!

Emergency International Peoples’ Tribunal
Put the U.S. on trial for colonial crimes in PUERTO RICO

Saturday • Oct 27 • 9 am

715 W 179 St • New York City • 10033
[A Train to 181st]

all day until verdict
Holyrood Church/
Iglesia Santa Cruz

IRELAND • BRAZIL • HAITI

ONAMOVE!

Free at last!

Struggle vs. racism and incarceration 6-7

‘Down with fascists, cops’ s

Migrant struggles 3

Worker solidarity across borders

EDITORIAL 10

subscribe to workers world

DM 4 weeks trial $4 | 1 year subscription $30

Sign me up for the WWP Supporter Program:
workers.org/donate

Name ____________________________
Email ____________________________
Phone ____________________________
Street ____________________________ City / State / Zip

Workers World Weekly Newspaper
147 W. 24th St, 2nd Fl, NY, NY 10011
workers.org 212.627.2994
Get on the bus to National Day of Mourning!

By Kathy Durkin

The 49th National Day of Mourning will take place on Thursday, Nov. 22, the so-called “Thanksgiving” holiday, in Plymouth, Mass. Participants will gather at noon on Cole’s Hill above Plymouth Rock, which marks the beginning of the town’s historic district. A speak-out, where Native people tell of their history and today’s struggles of Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas, will be followed by a potluck social.

United American Indians of New England, organizer of the day’s commemoration, issued an appeal on its website for “respectful allies to unite with us in our struggle to create a true awareness of Native peoples and demonstrate the unity of Indigenous peoples internationally. Help shatter the untrue, glass image of the Pilgrims and the profit-driven destruction of the Earth.”

Since 1970, UAINE has planned the National Day of Mourning on “Thanksgiving,” a day that is a reminder of the colonization, theft of Indigenous lands and assaults on Native culture. Participants honor Native ancestors and the struggles of Indigenous peoples to survive. This is a day of remembrance to all our relations and all our roots, to maintain the spiritual and political connection as well as a protest against the racism and oppression which Native people continue to experience,” says UAINE.

Workers World Party is a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist party 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, attacks on im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQ oppression and mistreatment of people with disabilities. It means joblessness, increasing homelessness and impoverishment 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. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decent living wages and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people’s movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge the capitalist system.

WWP fights for socialism because the working class possesses all wealth in society, and this wealth should re-main in their hands, not be stolen in the form of capitalist profits. The wealth workers create should be socially owned and its distribution planned to satisfy and guarantee basic human needs.

Since 1959, Workers World Party has been out in the streets defending the workers and oppressed here and worldwide. If you’re interested in Marxism, socialism and fighting for a socialist future, please contact a WWP supporter near you.

This year the group vows: “We will show our solidarity with Indigenous struggles throughout the world. We will defend Indigenous sovereignty in all territories, from Mashpee to Maya and Mapuche lands. We welcome all of our Indigenous relations who have been crossed by the US: workers and Immigration Customs and Enforcement.”

There will be a special message from 74-year-old Na-tive political prisoner Leonard Peltier.

This very important annual day of solidarity draws Na-tive people and their supporters from throughout Mas-sachusetts, other New England states and beyond. Here is information on buses traveling from New York City to Plymouth.

**Manhattan:** The International Action Center will send a bus to Plymouth, leaving at 6 a.m. sharp from the Solida- rity Center at 147 W. 24th St., 2nd floor, in Manhattan. It will depart from Plymouth at 4:30 p.m. and return to New York at about 9:30 p.m. Purchase tickets in ad- vance at the Solidarity Center from 2 to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets cost $80-85/delayed sale. Buy your tickets now! For information, call 212-639-6648.

**Brooklyn:** Ertye Papa Desalin is organizing a bus, which leaves at 6 a.m. from 208 Parkside Ave. (between Flatbush and Ocean avenues). Tickets cost $30. Contact Dahloud Andre at 347-730-3620 or email erityepapadesalin@gmail.com.

Workers World

147 W. 24th St., 2nd Fl.
New York, NY 10011
Phone: 212.627.2994
E-mail: ww@workers.org
Web: www.workers.org
Vol. 60, No. 43 • Oct. 25, 2018
Closing date: Oct. 23, 2018
Editor: Deidre Griswold
Managing Editors: John Catalinotto, Leili Dowell, Monica Moorehead, Minnie Bruz Pratt; Web Editor Greg Wilson
Production & Design Editors: Coordinador Lalo Rooshk; Andy Katz, Cheryl LaBalsh
Copyediting and Proofreading: Paddy Colligan, Sue Davis, Bob McCubbin, Jeff Sorel
Contributing Editors: Greg Butterfield, G. Dunkel, K. Durkin, Fred Goldstein, Martha Grevers, Teresa Gutierrez, Berta Joubert-Coci, Alberto Garcia, Teresa Gutierrez, Carlos Vargas
Supporter Program: Coordinator Sue Davis
Copyright © 2018 Workers World. Verbatim copying without royalty provided this notice is preserved.
Immigrant rights, workers’ rights!

Honduran migrants march into Mexico

By Sam Ordóñez

Oct. 22 — A caravan of thousands of migrants — young children, drivers as independent contractors, transport workers and truckers — arrived at the United States reached the Mexico-Guatemala border on Oct. 19. The caravan had formed on Oct. 13 in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, and arrived in Guatemala a few days later.

When the caravan reached the bridge that connects the Guatemalan city of Tecún Umán to Ciudad Hidalgo in Mexico, immigration authorities refused to let it pass as a group and demanded each person enter alone and register with the authorities.

Refusing to be divided, the caravan members managed to break through the barricade onto Mexican soil, where riot police met them with tear gas and rubber bullets. Nevertheless, the people in the caravan courageously made it across the border, which is marching northward, as of Oct. 22.

Imperialism and migration

Recent years have seen a huge influx in migration from Central America’s Northern Triangle (Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador) to the United States. What has led so many people to pack up their homes and risk death to travel through Mexico to the U.S.?

One migrant interviewed as the caravan passed through Guatemala described conditions in Honduras: “What’s hard is waking up in the morning and your child can’t be hungry and you start counting lempiras (the currency of Honduras), while the big companies are throwing away food. When we pay taxes, when those who work can’t even afford transportation, because when gas prices go up, transportation prices go up.”

(Quote posted on Twitter by plazapublica.com.gt)

Extreme poverty and violence in Central America are the result of over a century of coup politics, civil wars and military interventions, all aimed at securing the region for U.S. business interests such as the former United Fruit Co. — now Chiquita Brands. And the pro-U.S. governments violently repress any attempt by the workers and peasants to organize to keep labor cheap and profits high.

In 2009, a military coup ousted the progressive, anti-imperialist-oriented government of Manuel Zelaya, over claims he was planning to hold a referendum on debt in 2013. The new regime arrested and tortured government supporters, and the U.S. government gave the coup leaders $50 million dollars in support.

The country has since been run by right-wing governments accused of killing activists and journalists. Current President Juan Orlando Hernández actually changed the constitution in 2017 to allow him to be elected to a second term — an election accompanied by widespread fraud.

Migrant trafficking and corruption

In the past year, authorities have arrested more than 100 people for human trafficking. A group of migrants arrested in Tijuana recently told authorities they had been forced to work on Mexican ranches, and then sold to U.S. companies as cheap labor.

Prison conditions have been brutal. This month alone, two prisoners were placed on hunger strike at the NWDC in Tacoma, as of this writing. One prisoner is now on the 61st day of a hunger strike at the NWDC, as of this writing.

By Jim McMahan

Tacoma, Wash.

Immigrant detention breeds resistance

It was “Free Saja” Day on Oct. 24 at the Northwest Detention Center as people rallied to stop Saja Tunkara’s threatened deportation and to support his immediate need for health care. Tunkara is from Sierra Leone. He and his partner, Shacorrie Tunkara, have two children.

His partner told the rally that Tunkara had been scheduled for surgery to remove a tumor at a hospital when he was picked up and imprisoned last January. He was not let out for the scheduled surgery, and the detention center allowed him to suffer for three months. The detention center is located next to the prison on the Tacoma tidelands.

Another prisoner is now on the 61st day of a hunger strike at the NWDC, as of this writing. A Me dendral man from Russia, he is demanding health care for himself and others as well as his freedom. Other prisoners have fasted with him.

There were two mass medical emergencies at the NWDC in September. One was a slag fire at Simon Metals, which has probably helped hold up Saja’s deportation so far.

The rally was called by the Northwest Detention Center Resistance, which is also fighting to stop his threatened deportation. Shacorrie Tunkara thanked the crowd for supportive phone calls, Facebook support and love, which has probably helped hold up Saja’s deportation so far.

Continued on page 4
Advance Auto Parts workers in Pa. vote union

Advance Auto Parts workers in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., cast their ballots overwhelmingly in favor of joining the Laborers’ International Union of North America (LIUNA) Sept. 9-10. With 476 workers eligible to vote for Local 1310, the union won 291 to 131.

This reversed an election the union lost in 2017 after AAP’s anti-union campaign. Warehouse worker Mario Cabrera said AAP used a smoke-screen of “empty promises” to win, but the workers soon realized their mistakes when they began to perform. “Our situation didn’t improve after the first election, and that’s why so many more of us voted for LIUNA in this election and are excied for LIUNA representation,” said Cabrera. (berksmontnews.com, Sept. 14)

Less than 1 percent of AAP’s total 71,000 full-time and part-time workforce at 5,000 distribution centers and retail stores in North America are union. These workers, who make $12 to $18 an hour, are struggling under rising health insurance costs and mandatory overtime demands. (Labor, Sept. 16) The next step for Local 1310 is demands for better pay, health insurance and working conditions. AAP can afford it; the Fortune 500 company had sales last year of approximately $9.4 billion and a net income of $7.6 billion. (Morning Call, Sept. 13) This victory shows AAP bosses that workers’ solidarity beats back empty promises!

Bourbon goes down easy, but workers don’t

As thousands swarmed Bardstown, Ky., Sept. 16-22 to celebrate the Kentucky Bourbon festival, 53 workers at Four Roses Bourbon in Lawrenceburg and Cox Creek went on strike. They’re represented by Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Locals 101D and 230 and Service Employees 32BJ National Conference of Firemen and Oilers Local 320. The workers were totally opposed to Four Roses’ proposal to create a two-tier health care system, which would give experienced workers better benefits than new workers. (Fighting News, Sept. 22) Jeff Royalty, president of UFCW Local 101D, told In These Times that the proposal was designed to “short change the next generation.”

Other unions, such as UFCW Local 91A, pledged support through press releases and petitions. To paraphrase one union flyer: “Four Roses Bourbon goes down easy; its workers don’t.” Two weeks later, on Sept. 21, the Four Roses workers won an agreement that included two choices for health care coverage for all workers, as well as wage increases of 30 to 50 cents an hour and a signing bonus totaling $3,500. (Louisville Courier-Journal, Sept. 21)

Union victory for Columbia U. postdoctoral workers!

Over 2,000 postdoctoral and research workers at Columbia University in New York City created history on Oct. 2 when they became the first group of such workers to unionize at a private university. The National Labor Relations Board “determined that the work of a postdoc — a person who holds a doctorate degree and works to perform further research in collaboration with faculty members — is indistinguishable from that of other University employees,” noted the Columbia Spectator on Oct. 4. The new labor union will be known as Columbia Postdoctoral Workers-United Auto Workers Local 2110.

Despite the university’s strenuous opposition to CPW-UAW, Alvaro Cuesta-Dominguez, CPW organizing committee member, told the newspaper: “We made history. We would like to expand our voice to the national level,” particularly for federal science funding and making research “more equitable and diverse.” In addition to fighting for higher pay, the union wants more detailed sexual harassment grievance procedures and assistance with immigration and visa issues. Meanwhile, the university has refused to negotiate with graduate students, who voted to unionize in 2016, struck last April and are threatening to strike again.

EEOC sues Texas resort for discrimination

La Cantera Resort & Spa in San Antonio, Texas, was slapped with an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission suit Sept. 24. The suit alleges the resort created a hostile work environment by discriminating against Latinx workers in violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. After the resort was taken over by DHI San Antonio Management LLC and Destination Hotels and Resorts LLC, Destination instituted a policy in fall 2014 forbidding Latinx banquet staff from speaking Spanish on the premises, though other languages were forbidden. The head manager mocked workers for speaking Spanish, while another called it a “foul language.”

After more than two dozen workers protested, some were harassed and then fired. EEOC regional attorney Robert A. Canino noted that instituting a discriminatory language policy on top of verbal abuse “strongly indicates workplace prejudice rather than a legitimate business need.” (eoc.gov, Sept. 24)

Immigrant detention breeds resistance

The Buffalo Anti-War Coalition held a protest on Oct. 21 in solidarity with the Women’s March on the Pentagon in motion that day in Washington, D.C. The local demonstration was endorsed by many activist groups, including the Buffalo International Action Center, Burning Books, Workers World Party-Buffalo, Buffalo Spring Action 2018 and the West New York Peace Center. Speeches confronted U.S. wars at home and abroad, military spending and the two-party war machine, along with demanding an end to the war on communities of color by police terror in the U.S.

Buffalo Workers World bureau

WHY COLIN KAEPERNICK IS RIGHT

Articles from Workers World/Mundo Obrero

Excerpt: ‘Last October, Colin Kaepernick, the African-American former quarterback for National Football League’s San Francisco 49ers, was asked after a game why he was wearing a Muhammad Ali t-shirt. He said, “To pay homage. [Ali] fought a very similar fight and was trying to do what’s right for the people.”’

End the wars, here and abroad

Continued from page 3

Industrial site. The fire burned for 10 hours before the fire department finally put it out. Prisoners reported coughing and vomiting, but were not even told what caused the fumes.

The other emergency was a severe measles outbreak. NWDC Resistance charged the prison with negligence and estimated the epidemic could have reached 400 out of 1,575 prisoners.

All these incidents have increased demands on the Tacoma City Council to shut the immigration prison down. Medical neglect is the top grievance of prisoners in immigration prisons, according to Freedom for Immigrants, a prisoners advocacy group. ICE announced in June that it would seek to open 15,000 additional beds in privately run detention prisons. A huge prison built to hold up to 3,800 children has been opened in the desert at Tornillo, Texas.

The increase in the torture and bondage of immigrants is bound to fan the flames of resistance, as seen by mass demonstrations against detentions in June and the current Central American migrant caravans.

Invest in Workers World!

• If you’re angry at Congress after confirming liar, racist, sexist, anti-worker, anti-LGBTQ, lying Trump to a job.

• If you’re anger at Congress after confirming liar, racist, sexist, anti-worker, anti-LGBTQ, elitist Brett Kavanaugh so he can rubberstamp the ruling-class’s reactionary agenda via the Supreme Court.

• If you hate the Trump administration because it’s deregulating laws when you want to heal the environment and promote human life from the cradle to the grave.

• If you don’t trust ruling-class bankers and CEOs because you’re a member of the working class and know you’re oppressed by this system based on capitalist private property.

• If you believe from reading WW that capitalism is at a dead end.

• If you consider yourself lucky to still have a job.

• If you want to fight for a better way of life based on economic planning and the equitable distribution of wealth the workers create.

Then invest your hard-earned dollars in Workers World and help us put out the only remaining progressive weekly in the U.S. that’s both printed and on the web. We plan to keep issuing a printed edition to hand out to people we meet on demonstrations, picket lines and street corners. We invite you to sign up today!

For the past 41 years, WW subscribers have helped maintain the paper by joining the WW Supporter Program. For a donation of at least $75 or $100 or $300 a year — and much more if you’re able — members receive a year’s subscription to WW, a monthly letter about timely issues and free subscriptions to give to friends. Write checks (either monthly or once a year) to Workers World and mail them, with your name and address, to 147 W. 24th St., 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10011. Or sign up to donate online at workers.org/donate; it’s easy to set up monthly deductions. Know that we’re grateful for your help in building Workers World — for today and for the future.

Learn more. Available online at: www.workers.org/books

WHY COLIN KAEPERNICK IS RIGHT

 experiential learning. The data collected during this learning experience is crucial for developing a comprehensive understanding of the workplace culture. This awareness can contribute to fostering a more equitable and inclusive work environment. The survey results could also highlight areas where the company is excelling or falling short in terms of workplace diversity and inclusion goals.
By John Catalinotto

“The police will not keep us safe. We keep us safe.” That was the refrain to a news conference held Oct. 19 that drew about 40 people to the corner of Lexington Avenue and 67th Street, near the 95th Precinct of the New York Police Department on Manhattan’s Upper East Side.

Three speakers emphasized the danger posed by “alt-right” groups that are a menace to the entire community. The meeting was the latest venue for acts of unrepentant hate.

Activists expose collaboration of cops & fascists

By Greg Butterfield

“OPT — get the kids to school on time!”

By Sofia Adams

“They were escorted and protected by the police.”

By Betsey Piette

“The police will not keep us safe. We keep us safe.”

By Luis of the CSFR

“The police will not keep us safe. We keep us safe.”

By Greg Butterfield

“OPT — get the kids to school on time!”

By Sofia Adams

“They were escorted and protected by the police.”

By Betsey Piette

“The police will not keep us safe. We keep us safe.”

By Luis of the CSFR

“The police will not keep us safe. We keep us safe.”

By Greg Butterfield

“OPT — get the kids to school on time!”

By Sofia Adams

“They were escorted and protected by the police.”

By Betsey Piette

“The police will not keep us safe. We keep us safe.”

By Luis of the CSFR

“The police will not keep us safe. We keep us safe.”

By Greg Butterfield

“OPT — get the kids to school on time!”

By Sofia Adams

“They were escorted and protected by the police.”
By Betsy Piette

Philadelphia

On Oct. 29, Mumia Abu-Jamal’s appeal will be back in court in Philadelphia for a final hearing on the seventh hearing since April 2017 and the fifth since District Attorney Larry Krasner took office. Supporters are a growing people to pack the courtroom on Mumia’s behalf and email and call Krasner’s office urging him to do the right thing.

The appeal is a new hearing stems from a 2016 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, Williams v. Pennsylvania. That decision affirmed it was a violation of due process for a higher court judge, Ron Castille, to rule on a death penalty appeal case in which he played a direct or significant role.

As one of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court judges hearing Abu-Jamal’s appeals cases, Ron Castille repeatedly refused to recuse himself, despite requests by Abu-Jamal’s attorneys that he do so. He contends he signed appeals against Abu-Jamal “simply as a hands-off administrator” and that he knew nothing about the case — which is highly controversial, as it involved the killing of a police officer.

However, Castille campaigned for state Supreme Court judge as a “hands-on manager.” He boasted of his support for the Fraternal Order of Police, which helped finance his campaign. He also campaigned in favor of the death penalty, especially where it was used against people accused of murdering police.

Abu-Jamal’s current attorneys have now produced evidence of Castille’s involvement, including memos and letters he signed urging implementation of the death penalty in Pennsylvania capital cases involving police shootings. Documents show that DA Castille tracked the status of capital cases and that he sent a letter to former Gov. Bob Casey that “urged” him to sign execution warrants for criminals.

Since that hearing, Krasner’s office has repeatedly asked for more extensions, claiming they could not locate the documents. At the most recent hearing, on Aug. 30, they admitted that hundreds more boxes of files had been “found” and additional staff were hired to do the search. This smokescreen of endless searches is really a cover-up to mask the fact that proof of Castille’s role is clearly evident.

While campaigning for DA, Krasner stated that, if elected, he would investigate and overturn wrongful convictions. Throughout this stalling process, it is clear that Krasner’s primary concern is to defend the current system of incarceration and use his transition as “progressive,” has openly sided with the FOP and Castille, with whom he appointed to his transition team.

Shane Kavanagh, the former DA took office, Pama Africa and international representatives of the movement to free Mumia requested to meet with him and email him to not oppose Abu-Jamal’s pending petition. After initially agreeing to meet, Krasner’s office reneged, yet later met with Maureen Faulkner, widow of slain police officer Daniel Faulkner.

Krasner’s office became recommending, despite never meeting with her. Representatives from the DA’s office in court for the April hearing went out of their way to assure FOP members present that they were on their side. At both the April and August hearings, members of the Faulkner family and the FOP were given preferential seating in an effort to keep them off the floor. After Aug.

This smokescreen of endless searches is really a cover-up to mask the fact that proof of Castille’s role is clearly evident. While campaigning for DA, Krasner stated that, if elected, he would investigate and overturn wrongful convictions. Throughout this stalling process, it is clear that Krasner’s primary concern is to defend the current system of incarceration and use his transition as “progressive,” has openly sided with the FOP and Castille, with whom he appointed to his transition team.

Shane Kavanagh, the former DA took office, Pama Africa and international representatives of the movement to free Mumia requested to meet with him and email him to not oppose Abu-Jamal’s pending petition. After initially agreeing to meet, Krasner’s office reneged, yet later met with Maureen Faulkner, widow of slain police officer Daniel Faulkner.

Krasner’s office became recommending, despite never meeting with her. Representatives from the DA’s office in court for the April hearing went out of their way to assure FOP members present that they were on their side. At both the April and August hearings, members of the Faulkner family and the FOP were given preferential seating in an effort to keep them off the floor. After Aug.

This smokescreen of endless searches is really a cover-up to mask the fact that proof of Castille’s role is clearly evident. While campaigning for DA, Krasner stated that, if elected, he would investigate and overturn wrongful convictions. Throughout this stalling process, it is clear that Krasner’s primary concern is to defend the current system of incarceration and use his transition as “progressive,” has openly sided with the FOP and Castille, with whom he appointed to his transition team.

Shane Kavanagh, the former DA took office, Pama Africa and international representatives of the movement to free Mumia requested to meet with him and email him to not oppose Abu-Jamal’s pending petition. After initially agreeing to meet, Krasner’s office reneged, yet later met with Maureen Faulkner, widow of slain police officer Daniel Faulkner.

Krasner’s office became recommending, despite never meeting with her. Representatives from the DA’s office in court for the April hearing went out of their way to assure FOP members present that they were on their side. At both the April and August hearings, members of the Faulkner family and the FOP were given preferential seating in an effort to keep them off the floor. After Aug.

This smokescreen of endless searches is really a cover-up to mask the fact that proof of Castille’s role is clearly evident. While campaigning for DA, Krasner stated that, if elected, he would investigate and overturn wrongful convictions. Throughout this stalling process, it is clear that Krasner’s primary concern is to defend the current system of incarceration and use his transition as “progressive,” has openly sided with the FOP and Castille, with whom he appointed to his transition team.
Get ready for the upcoming elections by understanding how voting rights have evolved in the United States. Voting rights activists have been fighting for equal access to the ballot box since the post-Civil War era. However, voter suppression tactics have been used to disenfranchise certain groups of people, particularly those of color, during the Jim Crow era and beyond. Today, voter suppression still exists in various forms, including voter ID laws, purging of voter rolls, and gerrymandering. It is important to stay informed and get out to vote on Election Day. If you need help finding your polling place, check the Voter’s Rights Project website. Remember: Voting is a right and a duty. Exercise it responsibly to ensure that your voice is heard.
REVIEW OF ‘BLACK ‘47’

A glimpse into British atrocities in Ireland

By Christian Noakes

The film “Black ’47” is a dramatization of the ethnic cleansing of Ireland that resulted from the brutally oppressive conditions of British occupation and extraction. In Irish, it is known as An Gorta Mór — the Irish Famine.

The title refers to the height of this atrocity in 1847. Spanning 1845 to 1851, British imperialist policies and practices caused the death of 1 million Irish and the emigration of another 1.5 million to North America and Britain. While the impact of this event on the trajectory of modern Ireland is undeniable, the dominance of British revisionism on both sides of the Atlantic has created the widespread belief that this disaster was natural or unavoidable.

In fact, as “Black ’47” shows, it was brought on and exacerbated by British imperialism and absentee landlordism.

The story follows an Irishman — Martin Feeney (played by James Frecheville) — from Connamara, the west of Ireland who deserts from the British Army. He returns home to find that his mother has died from starvation, and his brother has been hanged for fighting the eviction of the starving family.

Initially, Feeney plans to emigrate to Canada or spend time in a Philippine prison. As the film shows in grim detail, this was not limited to Ireland, was to blame for the crisis — and impede the supposedly free market, which was in fact in place by the British courts and military.

Before “Black ’47”, no film had portrayed the harrowing of this historical event. The film reveals the contradiction of being oppressed by the British imperialist system of global dispossession. Nevertheless, it is the first-ever conviction of a U.S. military officer for a crime committed in the Philippines. That victorious verdict is seen as having tremendous implications for the mass movement fighting for a politically independent Philippines.

Since the trial, Pemberton has been protected by the U.S. military, which refuses to surrender him to Philippine authorities. He remains in U.S. custody. The mass movement, using the hashtag #justicejenner, continues to demand he serve the sentence.

The documentary is presently shown at film festivals in various cities across the U.S., as well as at screenings presented by GABRIELA USA, an organization dedicated to the liberation of Filipino women and trans and gender-nonconforming peoples. A full list of showings can be found at calharganda.com.

Note: The film contains graphic content, including some images of Jenner’s body and the bodies of other Filipinx martyrs throughout history, as well as screenshots and audio of violently transphobic comments concerning Jenner.

Find them at: www.workers.org/books

By Cosmia Bohannan-Blumke

Jennifer Laude, known as “Ganda,” was a Filipina trans woman and sex worker in Olongapo, a port city for U.S. Marine vessels. In October 2014, she was murdered by a 19-year-old U.S. Marine Scott Pemberton, upon discovering she was transgender.

Now documentary director P.J. Raval has released “Call Her Ganda” to widespread acclaim. The film begins with Laude’s life, showing she was a daughter, a sister, an aunt, a fiancee and a mentor to other trans sex workers living in Olongapo. Her nickname, Ganda, meaning “beautiful,” was given to her by her ever-supportive mother.

After her death, those seeking justice for Laude were primarily three women: her mother, a trans activist and organizer in the Philippines and a Filipina-American trans activist as well. They found sympathy in some sectors for Laude were primarily three women: her mother, a trans activist and organizer in the Philippines and a Filipina-American trans activist as well. They found sympathy in some sectors.

The documentary also raises the history of Filipinx peoples whose identities did not conform to colonialism’s gender binary rules and were thus oppressed by the Catholic Church during centuries of Spanish rule. This history is linked to the island’s modern sex industry, which, driven by poverty resulting from imperialism, both cis and trans Filipina women are forced to join.

Perhaps most crucially, the political narrative of the film shows how Laude’s case is part of a larger struggle for the freedom of the Philippines’ LGBT community into a key part of the country’s present mass movement against U.S. occupation and imperialism.

In one of the film’s most profound moments, one of Jennifer’s advocates is trying to explain the concept of justice to a small child, who doesn’t understand why they are fighting if it won’t bring Jennifer back. She says, in an almost lighthearted tone, “If there is no justice, not only will Jennifer be dead, we will be all dead.” Ultimately, a Philippine court ruled Pemberton guilty of homicide, but not murder.

Nevertheless, it is the first-ever conviction of a U.S. military officer for a crime committed in the Philippines. That victorious verdict is seen as having tremendous implications for the mass movement fighting for a politically independent Philippines.

Feeney’s book documents revolutionary Cuba’s inspiring trajectory of progress towards liberation of sexualities, genders and sexes. This history is linked to the island’s modern sex industry, which, driven by poverty resulting from imperialism, both cis and trans Filipina women are forced to join.

This ground-breaking book reveals how the Cuban Revolution has grappled with the pre-revolutionary legacy of 450 years of persecution and exploitation of homosexuality. Rainbow Solidarity answers the demonization of the 1959 Cuban Revolution by Washington, Wall Street and Hollywood by demonstrating that the process of solving these problems is the forward motion of the revolution.

Feinberg’s book documents revolutionary Cuba’s inspiring trajectory of progress towards liberation of sexualities, genders and sexes. This history is linked to the island’s modern sex industry, which, driven by poverty resulting from imperialism, both cis and trans Filipina women are forced to join.

A compilation of articles from the Workers World series entitled Rainbow Solidarity. The book is available at major online booksellers.

Feinberg’s book documents revolutionary Cuba’s inspiring trajectory of progress towards liberation of sexualities, genders and sexes. This history is linked to the island’s modern sex industry, which, driven by poverty resulting from imperialism, both cis and trans Filipina women are forced to join.

A compilation of articles from the Workers World series entitled Rainbow Solidarity. The book is available at major online booksellers.
Tens of thousands of demonstrators in Brazil’s large and small cities mobilized on Oct. 20 in an attempt to stop ultra-rightist Jair Bolsonaro from winning the second round of the country’s presidential election, taking place on Sunday, Oct. 28.

Anti-Bolsonaro women’s demonstrations on Sept. 29, known as #EleNão (Not him), inspired this new round of rallies, supported this time by a broad united front of organizations and parties and led in many cities by women’s organizations.

Bolsonaro is an openly misogynist, homophobic,转账, anti-Indigenous, racist and anti-communist candidate. Those are not just words to insinuate him. They describe his very being. People worldwide are in solidarity with Brazil’s workers and poor are asking, how did he arise and how can he be stopped?

This time some armchair analysts in his blatant insults against people who have to bear every form of oppression, salutes the military dictators who ran Brazil from 1964-95, and backs military and police killings in the shanty towns, called favelas, that surround big Brazilian cities.

Like a classical fascist politician, Bolsonaro pretends to be anti-rich and a political outsider. Unlike classical fascists, he has no mass fascist party backing him. He counts instead on support from the militarized police, the army and many of the evangelical churches, to which a fifth of Brazil’s population belongs.

During a serious capitalist economic crisis that has impoverished hundreds of millions of people, Bolsonaro has ridden a wave of ruling-class and middle-class hostility to any state assistance for Brazil’s poor.

This ruling-class hostility has been directed mainly at the reformist Workers Party (PT) and has led to a popular rejection of all the usual politicians as corrupt.

The militarized media, like the O Globo network, have been pouring money on corrupt politicians and especially blaming the Workers Party, which governed Brazil from 2003 to 2016. In 2016, PT President Dilma Rousseff was impeached and pushed out of office by a movement in Congress that framed her up for alleged corruption.

Most politicians who campaigned against Bolsonaro were themselves under investigation — for corruption.

The most popular PT leader, Luis Ignacio “Luiz” da Silva, who was president from 2003-2011, was planning to run for president again. Bolsono had him leading all the other candidates in the first round.

But Brazil’s judges brought charges against Luiz to jail him and keep him from running and winning the election.

With Luiza unable to run or even campaign from prison, the PT nominated Fernando Haddad in a united campaign with Manuela d’Avila of the Communist Party of Brazil (PCdoB). They are now trying to reach out for broader support.

The PT-PCdoB alliance in no way represents a revolutionary break with Brazilian capitalism. Thus, even if it wins the election, the economic and political crisis will continue, as will the attack by Brazil’s oligarchy upon its workers and poor people.

Nevertheless, nearly all left and revolutionary parties support election of PT-PCdoB as the best way at present to defend democratic rights as they continue to organize to make more gains for the working class.

United Front backs Haddad-d’Avila

This time, many organizations joined to call the Oct. 20 demonstrations. They included some of the smaller left parties like the Socialist and Liberty Party (PSOL) and the Brazilian Communist Party (PCB), as well as the Brazilian Socialist Party (PSB).

Some of these left parties ran their own candidates or for other reasons didn’t support Haddad-d’Avila in the Oct. 7 first round. Now they give at least critical support to electing Haddad.

The landless movement ( MST ), the homeless movement, LGBTQ forces and other social movements also joined in the Oct. 20 mobilizations.

In the capital, Brasilia, according to the Oct. 21 edition of the web newspaper Vemelho, “Women for Truth and Justice” held a public event that brought together more than 10,000 people in the center of the city. The paper reported that while the Federal District “has a conservative majority, it can count on finding great resistance from popular movements and defend democratic rights.”

A meeting in Belo Horizonte was organized by the “women of the Popular Brazil Front in Minas Gerais” state. In Fortaleza, where Haddad himself spoke, 50,000 people came out. Both cities have populations of about 2.5 million people.

According to the PT website, meetings of some sort took place in 180 cities. These mobilizations encouraged those hoping to reverse Bolsonaro’s apparent advantage. Whether they will succeed in doing this is still a big question.

Brazil’s rich back Bolsonaro

Bolsonaro got 46 percent of the first round valid votes, as opposed to 29 percent for Haddad. The usually favored neo-liberal candidates who represent Brazil’s ruling class have been so discredited by corruption charges that most of the rich have thrown their support to this former army captain. They much prefer him to the PT, even though it is reformist.

The result is that media giants like the O Globo network continuously attack the PT and thus aid Bolsonaro, who also dominates the social networks, publishing slanders against his opponents. The Haddad campaign must use enormous resources to launch a broad, U.S.-imperialist and especially the current right-wing administration in Washington of course favor Bolsonaro. They want a president in Brazil who is hostile to Cuba, Bolivia and especially Venezuela. It is telling that the ultra-rightist ideologue Steve Bannon offered electoral advice to Bolsonaro in the first round.

With its population of about 208 million people, an area of more than 3 million square miles, and a border with every other country in South America except Chile and Ecuador, Brazil is equivalent in size to about half the continent.

The Oct. 28 election, while it will be an important step for the struggle of Brazil’s workers and all its oppressed peoples, is not the final step. Neither the pro-fascist Bolsonaro nor the reformist Haddad will be able to solve the crisis of world capitalism.

The class struggle will continue.

By John Catalinotto

October 27 is a national holiday in Haiti, marking the assassination in 1806 of Jean-Jacques Dessalines. He led the Haitian people to victory in 1804 against the French slave masters.

The politicians and lawyers who called a protest for this date were hoping for a peaceful, legal protest, respectfully put forth people’s concerns, not only in the capital, Port-au-Prince, but also in Petit-Goave in the west, in Jeremie in the southeast, Jacmel in the south, St. Marc in the west, and Gonaïves in the center, Cap-Haïtien in the northeast. These are most of the major Haitian cities.

The protests were the largest in Haiti since one in 2004 supporting then-President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a few weeks before his overthrow by forces that included a U.S. Seal team.

But as soon as people’s feet hit the pavement, their anger and militance burst out. Videos available on YouTube show thousands of people filling the streets of Port-au-Prince, demanding to know where the money from PetroCaribe went.

PetroCaribe is the program of the Venezuelan government that offers petroleum products at a discounted price, financed by a 1 percent loan due in 25 years. Governments that got the deal were expected to devote their profits to economic development. The Haitian Senate reported last year that $3.8 billion of PetroCaribe profits had vanished and pointed to some of the politicians and business people who took it.

The slogan “Kot Kòb Petòw Karibe a?” (Creole for “Where is the PetroCaribe money?”) was a common chant. Some T-shirts worn in the protests pointed to Sophia Martelly, wife of Michel Martelly, Haiti’s last president.

The crowds of mainly young people danced and chanted as they ran alongside bands during the march. In an interview on the French channel TV5, one protestor condemned the low minimum wage — which the government recently raised to $6 a day! — the high cost of living and the lack of education and jobs.

By G. Dunkel

October 27 is a national holiday in Haiti, marking the assassination in 1806 of Jean-Jacques Dessalines. He led the Haitian people to victory in 1804 against French slave masters.

The politicians and lawyers who called a protest for this date were hoping for a peaceful, legal protest, respectfully putting forth people’s concerns, not only in the capital, Port-au-Prince, but also in Petit-Goave in the west, in Jeremie in the southeast, Jacmel in the south, St. Marc and Gonaïves in the center, Cap-Haitien in the north and Ouanaminthe in the northeast. These are most of the major cities in Haiti.

The protests were the largest in Haiti since one in 2004 supporting then-President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a few weeks before his overthrow by forces that included a U.S. Seal team.

But as soon as people’s feet hit the pavement, their anger and militance burst out. Videos available on YouTube show thousands of people filling the streets of Port-au-Prince, demanding to know where the money from PetroCaribe went.

PetroCaribe is the program of the Venezuelan government that offers petroleum products at a discounted price, financed by a 1 percent loan due in 25 years. Governments that got the deal were expected to devote their profits to economic development. The Haitian Senate reported last year that $3.8 billion of PetroCaribe profits had vanished and pointed to some of the politicians and business people who took it.

The slogan “Kot Kòb Petòw Karibe a?” (Creole for “Where is the PetroCaribe money?”) was a common chant. Some T-shirts worn in the protests pointed to Sophia Martelly, wife of Michel Martelly, Haiti’s last president.

The crowds of mainly young people danced and chanted as they ran alongside bands during the march. In an interview on the French channel TV5, one protestor condemned the low minimum wage — which the government recently raised to $6 a day! — the high cost of living and the lack of education and jobs.

Haitian youth protest government corruption.

Haitian youth protest government corruption.
Workers need solidarity across borders

Thousands of migrant workers and their families from Honduras have marched through Guatemala into Mexi- co, a river of people flooding the roads. They are bound for what they hope could be a better life in the U.S.

President Trump has threatened to call up the military and close the U.S. southern border against them. Closing a border is usually the last act a nation takes before declaring war.

But the U.S. has already declared 25 immigration-related laws and policies under the Obama administration and is now being implemented even more cruelly and outrageously under Trump. Has it really been forgotten that ALL the people in this country, other than the Indigenous peoples and the Africans dragged here in chains, are immigrants or their descendants? [Please examine this history.]

For over a century, U.S. capitalists have been waging brutal, devastating colonial wars against the Indigenous peoples of Central American countries in order to extract billions of dollars in profit from their land and their labor.

The Hondurans who live in our encampments are simply flinging the blows of poverty, violence and death that U.S. aggression has dealt their country.


When Hondurans who worked resisted, as 40,000 did in the General Strike of 1934, there was still the threat of U.S. intervention. That was followed by the administration of Dwight D. Eisenhower. The U.S. secretary of state was John Foster Dulles, whose law firm represented the United Fruit Co. His brother, Allen Dulles, was director of the CIA as well as a United Fruit board member.

The current destabilization of Hon- duras started in 2009, again under the protection of the U.S. Manuel Zelaya, a relatively progressive president, intro- duced minimum wage laws that reduced the minimum wage by 80 percent and decreased poverty by 10 percent. He was quickly deposed in a violent coup.

U.S. intervention has been a tool for Honduras, Gren. Romeo Vázquez Velásquez, who graduated from the notorious School of the Americas, the U.S. Army training program better known as the School of the Assassins.

A horrific wave of assassinations and murders followed the 2009 coup. The U.S. corporate media refer to this as a period of “violence,” without explain- ing that the violence came from the reactionary government put in place by collaborators with U.S. imperialism — including Indigenous activists, peasant leaders, trade unionists, journalists, envi- ronmentalists, judges, opposition political candidates, LGBTQ and women’s advoca- cies, human rights activists and others — who have been killed by right-wing death squads for the sin of demanding basic human rights, like a living wage.

U.S. officials — most significantly then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton — were influential in guaranteeing the coup and then the murderous junta and preventing Zelaya’s return to office, which was demanded by the Honduran people in massive nonviolent protests.

Hondurans are continuing to fight for their country. In May 2017 over 2,000 campesinos took up 10 farms belonging to the Telal Railroad Co., a subsidiary of the former United Fruit, now known as Chiquita Brands International.

They are continuing to struggle as they march across borders, aiming for a U.S. that has taken so much from them. They are coming to demand a future they can survive in.

It is our responsibility in the U.S. to fight our urge to stop the deadly inter- ventions carried out by the corporate establishment that runs this country and support the self-determination of Honduras — and all other countries. It is the right thing to do. But in addition the brutal impoverishment of workers in other countries eventually means lower real wages here, too.

It is our responsibility to fight to open the southern border to the Honduran migrants.

Imperialism respects no borders in its interventions all over the globe. Profits squeezed from workers and farmers around the world have fattened the billionaires here, who then try to pit us against other working people in other countries in order to steal their wealth.

U.S. imperialist exploiters.

There must be no borders in the workers’ struggle.

Princess Harmony
Carteles de ‘SE BUSCA’ apuntan a ‘mercenarios’ de la Junta de Control Fiscal de Puerto Rico

Continúa de página 12

plebeyo afectó a las/os trabajadores del sector público al establecer al gobernador como un empleador único que podía trasladar a los/as trabajadores de una agencia a otra, incluso al sector privado. Las/os trabajadores que se mudan en- frentan la pérdida de proveedurías gana- das en virtud de acuerdos de negociación colectiva, incluida la anuencia de las/os trabajadoras y/o trabajadores.

Además de los ataques draconianos contra los derechos de las/os traba- jadoras, la JCF también impuso más im- puestos y aumentos de multas y peajes en general, al tiempo que recortaba los sub- díos municipales y las asignaciones para programas de arte, cultura y deportes y programas que protegen a las mujeres. PROMESA abrió el camino para la venta de propiedades de público, para que el capital privado pudiera ob- tener ganancias imprevistas en millones. Las posesiones públicas rentables se lle-varon a la bancarota y se vendieron a “precio de baratillo”.

En el frente ambiental, PROMESA pro- puso la “transferencia” de la responsabili- dady de la limpieza de la contaminación masiva de Viques del Departamento del Interior de EUA al gobierno de Puerto Rico. La contaminación en ese municipio insular provino de 60 años de prácticas de bombardeo de la Marina de los EUA. Este plan limitaría el gobierno de PR, el costo de la inmunización de las operaciones de la Marina.

Un mes después del huracán María, madres, padres y maestras/os se reunieron para reparar escuelas y hacer malabares con los salones de clases debido a que mu- chas familias se fueron a EUA. Las/os maestras/os se volvieron a la normalidad hasta que Keleher golpeó. Las/os maestras/os fueron despedidos, cientos de escuelas cerradas, y las/os niños, incluyendo aquellas/os con necesi- dades específicas, fueron agrupados en los salones de clases. Cuando protestaron por estas “reformas” en manifestaciones calle- jeras, maestras/os y estudiantes fueron brutalmente atacados por la policía.

La tesis de este libro es que la crisis económica, que se inició en agosto de 2007, marcó un punto de inflexión en la historia del capi- talismo. El autor sostiene que el sistema no se recuperará, no volverá al ciclo capitalista normal de auge y caída. Durante decenios, la clase capitalista ha utilizado la revolución tecnológica digital para aumentar la productividad del trabajo a un ritmo récord. Menos trabajadores producen más bienes y servicios en menos tiempo con salarios más bajos. El resultado es una serie de crisis y reversiones al ciclo capitalista normal de auge y caída.

El continuo estancamiento y el desempleo generalizado provo- carán inevitablemente un resurgimiento de la lucha de clases que no se ve en EUA desde la década de 1930; esta vez se dirigirá contra el capitalismo como Skeel y Keleher. Se demostró que es un organismo que respeta los derechos de las/os trabajadoras/os; Se demostró que era completamente ignorante acerca de los derechos de las/os trabajadoras/os.

El continuo estancamiento y el desempleo generalizado provo- carán inevitablemente un resurgimiento de la lucha de clases que no se ve en EUA desde la década de 1930; esta vez se dirigirá contra el capitalismo como Skeel y Keleher. Se demostró que es un organismo que respeta los derechos de las/os trabajadoras/os; Se demostró que era completamente ignorante acerca de los derechos de las/os trabajadoras/os.

Continúa de página 12

reconocimiento con el gobierno sirio, esto no haría más que aumentar los conflictos y conflictos con otras facciones. Combatientes armados y también personas en la vida civil, a menudo niños, han sido abogados de los/os combatientes. Damasco son amanecidos, secuestrados, arrestados o ejecutados.

La escena de una batalla interna el 9 de octubre en la ciudad de Hammam al-Levant de 85 kilómetros de la ciudad de Mahardar (provincia de Hama). El Centro Ruso para la Reconciliación de Lados Hostiles en Siria, que supervisa la retirada de las unidades de combate de Idlib, informó que los yihadistas en el grupo del Estado el Terrorismo Internacional (ISIS) se refugiaron en la localidad de Latamne. Dos miembros de los “Cascos Blancos” y cuatro combatientes fueron arrestados en Latamne. Los líderes del grupo que capturan a las/os combates, comienzan a sufriendo de la crisis económica que se inició en agosto de 2007, marcó un punto de inflexión en la historia del capi- talismo. El autor sostiene que el sistema no se recuperará, no volverá al ciclo capitalista normal de auge y caída. Durante decenios, la clase capitalista ha utilizado la revolución tecnológica digital para aumentar la productividad del trabajo a un ritmo récord. Menos trabajadores producen más bienes y servicios en menos tiempo con salarios más bajos. El resultado es una serie de crisis y reversiones al ciclo capitalista normal de auge y caída.

El continuo estancamiento y el desempleo generalizado provo- carán inevitablemente un resurgimiento de la lucha de clases que no se ve en EUA desde la década de 1930; esta vez se dirigirá contra el capitalismo como Skeel y Keleher. Se demostró que es un organismo que respeta los derechos de las/os trabajadoras/os; Se demostró que era completamente ignorante acerca de los derechos de las/os trabajadoras/os.

El continuo estancamiento y el desempleo generalizado provo- carán inevitablemente un resurgimiento de la lucha de clases que no se ve en EUA desde la década de 1930; esta vez se dirigirá contra el capitalismo como Skeel y Keleher. Se demostró que es un organismo que respeta los derechos de las/os trabajadoras/os; Se demostró que era completamente ignorante acerca de los derechos de las/os trabajadoras/os.

Continúa de página 12

reconocimiento con el gobierno sirio, esto no haría más que aumentar los conflictos y conflictos con otras facciones. Combatientes armados y también personas en la vida civil, a menudo niños, han sido abogados de los/os combatientes. Damasco son amanecidos, secuestrados, arrestados o ejecutados.

La escena de una batalla interna el 9 de octubre en la ciudad de Hammam al-Levant de 85 kilómetros de la ciudad de Mahardar (provincia de Hama). El Centro Ruso para la Reconciliación de Lados Hostiles en Siria, que supervisa la retirada de las unidades de combate de Idlib, informó que los yihadistas en el grupo del Estado el Terrorismo Internacional (ISIS) se refugiaron en la localidad de Latamne. Dos miembros de los “Cascos Blancos” y cuatro combatientes fueron arrestados en Latamne. Los líderes del grupo que capturan a las/os combates, comienzan a sufriendo de la crisis económica que se inició en agosto de 2007, marcó un punto de inflexión en la historia del capi- talismo. El autor sostiene que el sistema no se recuperará, no volverá al ciclo capitalista normal de auge y caída. Durante decenios, la clase capitalista ha utilizado la revolución tecnológica digital para aumentar la productividad del trabajo a un ritmo récord. Menos trabajadores producen más bienes y servicios en menos tiempo con salarios más bajos. El resultado es una serie de crisis y reversiones al ciclo capitalista normal de auge y caída.
Filadelfia — Los huracanes Irma y María devastaron a Puerto Rico en septiembre de 2017. Pero un año antes, en junio de 2016, el presidente Barack Obama desató la devastación económica en la isla, cuando promulgó la ley PROMESA: la Ley de Supervisión, Gestión y Estabilidad Económica de Puerto Rico. La legislación desencadenó una nueva fase en la lucha de clases en Puerto Rico y eliminó cualquier duda de que Puerto Rico es una colonia de los EEUU.

Básicamente, PROMESA es una argüencia de cibo para servir a los grandes accionistas de Wall Street. Para ese propósito, creó una Junta de Control Fiscal dictatorial denominada la “Junta” por las/os puertorriqueños. La JCF está dirigida por el corredor de seguros José Carrasquillo, los miembros de la junta eligieron a Andrew G. Biggs, del American Enterprise Institute en Washington; el financiero Carlos M. García y el banqueador José R. González, ambos con conexiones al Banco de Santander; y Arthur J. Gonzalez, juez jubilado del Tribunal de Quiebras de EEUU para el Distrito Sur de Nueva York; y David A. Skeel, Jr., profesor de derecho corporativo en la Universidad de Pennsylvania. Skeel, quien en el pasado fue abogado de bancarrota, vive y trabaja en Filadelfia. Julia Keleher, originaria de Filadelfia, fue contratada por la JCF para servir como “Secretaria de Educación” de PR a pesar de su falta de experiencia educativa. Amara Keleher, que enseña leyes de bancarrota, es testigo de cómo se han ido las cosas.

En el verano de 2016, comenzaron a aparecer los carteles en el campus de la Universidad de Pennsylvania, incluyendo uno publicado en la puerta de la oficina de Skeel. Se llevaron a cabo manifestaciones para llamar la atención sobre los papeles jugados por Skeel y Keleher en el robo de los recursos de Puerto Rico.

Skeel respondió en un artículo de opinión el 13 de septiembre, en el diario Wall Street Journal, donde afirmó que los carteles “que acusan de ser ‘mercenario’ que ‘exige que la sangre de los puertorriqueños pague a los accionistas de Wall Street’”.

“La defensa de Skeel” Simplemente que “PROMESA instruyó a la junta de supervisión para ayudar a lograr la responsabilidad fiscal y el acceso a los mercados de capital”.

Pero la historia de Skeel, un especialista en leyes de bancarrarota, muestra por qué los carteles lo describen como un “mercenario”. En un artículo publicado en el diario Wall Street Journal en el 2014, argumentó que la gestión de la crisis de la deuda en PR podría ser un caso de prueba para atacar los derechos de las/os trabajadores. Cito paralelos con los estados de EUA que enfrentan dificultades similares, como Illinois, Nueva Jersey, Pensilvania y ciudades como Filadelfia.

En el artículo, Skeel señaló que, a diferencia de los funcionarios locales reacios a hacer recortes drásticos porque están sujetos a reelecciones, una junta nombrada por mandato del Congreso podría salirse con la suya atacando a los sindicatos de empleados públicos y recortando programas, empleos y beneficios.

El escrito: “Puede haber un lado positivo en estas nubes financieras”.

Guerre de classes contra trabajadores/es y pobres

Entonces, ¿quién puede llenar sus bolsillos con esa plata, obtenida a través de la “reestructuración” de la deuda de Puerto Rico? Los miembros de la JCF, nombrados por el presidente de EEUU y elegidos por líderes de la Cámara de Representantes y el Senado, recibieron amplios poderes para servir los intereses de los accionistas, sin rendir cuentas al pueblo de PR.

Los poderes de la JCF incluye instituir la congelación automática de las contrataciones y reducir el salario mínimo de los trabajadores menores de 25 años de $7,25 a $4,25.

Los despidos, los recortes en los servicios básicos y los aumentos en el costo de la vida agravaron el hambre y la pobreza, empeorando después de que el huracán María golpeara. Las ejecuciones hipotecarias de viviendas y vehículos aumentaron en el territorio durante el año 2017, despojando a las/os trabajadores de los bolsillos con esa plata, obtenida a través de la “reestructuración” de la deuda de Puerto Rico.

Una ley promulgada por la Junta de Control Fiscal de Puerto Rico en 2014, esta argumentó que la gestión de la “crisis” de la deuda podría ser una “oportunidad para la evolución laboral”.

Bajo el pretexto de “estimular la economía”, la Ley de Transformación y Flexibilización Laboral, aprobada en el 2017, despojó a las/os trabajadores de las/os trabajadores de las/os trabajadores de las/os trabajadores.

“Lo que los carteles lo describen como un ‘mercenario’” dijeron a Al-Watan en septiembre que, en el caso de los trabajadores de las/os trabajadores de las/os trabajadores.

“Lo que los carteles lo describen como un ‘mercenario’” dijeron a Al-Watan en septiembre que, en el caso de los trabajadores de las/os trabajadores de las/os trabajadores.

Existe el temor de que los carteles “que acusan de ser ‘mercenario’ que ‘exige que la sangre de los puertorriqueños pague a los accionistas de Wall Street’” podrían “dispersarse en todas direcc...”

Los despidos, los recortes en los servicios básicos y los aumentos en el costo de la vida agravaron el hambre y la pobreza, empeorando después de que el huracán María golpeara. Las ejecuciones hipotecarias de viviendas y vehículos aumentaron en el territorio durante el año 2017, despojando a las/os trabajadores de los bolsillos con esa plata, obtenida a través de la “reestructuración” de la deuda de Puerto Rico.

“Lo que los carteles lo describen como un ‘mercenario’” dijeron a Al-Watan en septiembre que, en el caso de los trabajadores de las/os trabajadores de las/os trabajadores.

“Lo que los carteles lo describen como un ‘mercenario’” dijeron a Al-Watan en septiembre que, en el caso de los trabajadores de las/os trabajadores de las/os trabajadores.

“Lo que los carteles lo describen como un ‘mercenario’” dijeron a Al-Watan en septiembre que, en el caso de los trabajadores de las/os trabajadores de las/os trabajadores.

“Lo que los carteles lo describen como un ‘mercenario’” dijeron a Al-Watan en septiembre que, en el caso de los trabajadores de las/os trabajadores de las/os trabajadores.

Los despidos, los recortes en los servicios básicos y los aumentos en el costo de la vida agravaron el hambre y la pobreza, empeorando después de que el huracán María golpeara. Las ejecuciones hipotecarias de viviendas y vehículos aumentaron en el territorio durante el año 2017, despojando a las/os trabajadores de los bolsillos con esa plata, obtenida a través de la “reestructuración” de la deuda de Puerto Rico.

“Lo que los carteles lo describen como un ‘mercenario’” dijeron a Al-Watan en septiembre que, en el caso de los trabajadores de las/os trabajadores de las/os trabajadores.