PA student/teacher solidarity

Education workers win strike

By Joe Piette
Philadelphia

Strong, spirited strike solidarity between professors, adjuncts and students has proven to be unbeatable. Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) officials must have come to that conclusion before they signed off on a tentative agreement with the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties on Oct. 21 after a three-day strike.

The state had proposed 249 changes to the contract with APSCUF members at universities in West Chester, East Stroudsburg, Bloomsburg, California, Cheyney, Clarion, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg and Slippery Rock. In September, the union filed an unfair labor practice, complaining that state officials were not negotiating “in good faith” over the many demands. (wdadradio.com, Sept. 29)

“We fought back virtually every one of [the contract changes],” said APSCUF President Kenneth Mash in announcing the settlement. “And the amount of love and respect throughout this from our students, you can’t pay for that with money.” (New York Times, Oct. 21)

The first strike in the 34-year history of the state-supported university system was marked by student walkouts by hundreds of students at 11 a.m. on Oct. 19. Student marches, organized by the PASSHE Student Power Network, joined up with their professors and adjuncts on picket lines because “we all understood what the PASSHE administration was pushing, which were bureaucratic, cowardly measures that really sought to change the fabric of our state system education,” said West Chester University student Sabina Sisterovich.

“The student turnout was also our response to a growing sentiment amongst high-ups that young people are complacent and uninformed,” Sisterovich continued. “I think we showed that we are quite the opposite. We won’t make room on our campus for destructive, negligent and profit fueled changes, and neither will our professors.”

WCU, with 17,000 students, is the largest campus in the state system totaling 105,000. Students there organized a caravan on the second day to Harrisburg, Pa., to confront PASSHE Chancellor Frank T. Brogan.

Brogan had told a Philadelphia House committee last spring that PASSHE has about the same funding as it did in 1997, with about 13,000 more students. In the past eight years, 900 staff positions have been cut. (theslateonline.com, April 18)

On Oct 21, WCU picketers marched to nearby West Chester to confront Philadelphia Gov. Tom Wolf, a member of the system’s board of governors. The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that he was “extremely disappointed” in the strike and warned of detrimental effects on the system for years to come, claiming the system has lost 12 percent of its enrollment since 2010 and faces a $10

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NO MORE STOLEN LIVES

WWP candidate says ELECTIONS RIGGED FOR RICH

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U.S. OUT Iraq, so. Korea, Syria, Philippines, Yemen
Seattle schools say ‘Black Lives Matter’ statewide

By Jim McManah
Seattle

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Hate capitalism? Workers World Party fights for a socialist society — where the wealth is socially owned and production is planned to satisfy human need. This class uses to keep us apart. They ruthlessly super-express to get a grip. Women. 

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Protest honors LaQuan McDonald

Hundreds of activists took part in a demonstration at Chicago Police Headquarters on Oct. 20 to commemorate the second anniversary of the racist police murder of LaQuan McDonald. Speakers demanded swift justice, an end to police brutality and structural change to ensure community control of our lives.

Photo and story by Jeff Sorel

Mothers cry for justice

With loud demands of “No justice, no peace! Stop the racist police!” protesters stopped traffic in the heart of Harlem, N.Y., on Oct. 23. After a rally at the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building, demonstrators occupied famous 125th Street for their 21st annual militant march. Led by mothers of color who lost their sons from police murders — leaders of the Stolen Lives Proj ect — participants sang: “We’re marching for our fami- lies. We’re marching ‘cause we know, the people are the river and they can’t outrun our flow.”

The Stolen Lives Project keeps a national list of peo- ple killed by law enforcement agents from 1990 to the present. Through grassroots efforts they have docu- mented more than 2,000 murders that are evidence of a national epidemic of police brutality. Stolen Lives is a joint project by the Anthony Baez Foundation, the Na- tional Lawyers Guild and the October 22 Coalition to Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminaliza- tion of a Generation.

Photo and story by Anne Prudden

PA rally demands end to death by incarceration

By Joe Plette

Harrisburg, Pa.

More than three busloads of family, friends and human rights activists from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other cities gathered in Pennsylvania’s state capital on Oct. 18 to demand an end to “death by incarceration.”

A rally on the steps of Harrisburg’s Capitol building featured speeches by mothers and sisters of life-without-parole (LWOP) prisoners, people who have lost loved ones to violence, formerly in- carcerated people, members of the Coal- ition to Abolish Death by Incarceration (CADBI) and other groups.

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Harsh sentencing teams communities apart and disproportionately impacts Black and brown people and especially poor people. More than 5,000 prisoners are serving LWOP sentences in Pennsylvania. More than 65 percent of them are Black and 8.1 percent are Latina, according to the Decarcerate PA fact sheet.

Coincidentally, the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) in- carcerates the second-highest number of elderly prisoners of any state. In 2018 there were 370 elderly prison- ers. There are now more than 8,000 in Pennsylvania’s pris- ons, though not all are sen- tenced to LWOP. (PA DOC FY 2012-2014 Cost & Population Report)

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Price, profits soar for life-saving EpiPens

By Sharon Eolls, RN, FNP, ret.

The writer is allergic to bee stings; while a teenager, she developed difficulty breathing after a sting. A doctor administered epinephrine and an antihista- mine. Epinephrine saved her life.

Amarissa Johnson, a first-grader with a peanut allergy, was in a playground when a classmate gave her a peanut in 2012. Without a self-injecting pen, she was(bit) thing. When she was taken to the school clinic, there was no prescription in her name for an EpiPen — the brand name for epinephrine, which treats anaphylaxis, is a life-threatening allergic reaction, in a self-injecting pen.

Amarissa was pronounced dead at the hospital. The Hopkins Elementary School in Richmond, Va., had an EpiPen prescribed for another child on hand, but was legally barred from using it.

Soon after Amarissa’s death, the Virginia State Legislature passed Amarissa’s Law, which required the school system to stock EpiPens and allows school authorities to administer one to a child without a designated prescription in a life-threatening emergency.

Epinephrine, which has been around for almost a century, costs less than $1 per dose. The EpiPen, which was originally priced at $57 per device when Mylan Pharmaceuticals bought it in 2007, Mylan raised the price then, and in subsequent years.

The Food and Drug Administration changed the protocol for epinephrine in 2010 and recommended an EpiPen twin-pack, based on studies that showed some children needed more than one dose. Mylan developed a twin-pack and this raised the price to $300. The against Mylan raised the cost six-fold since acquire- ing the EpiPen.

Since epinephrine lapse less than a year ago, the cost of epinephrine has increased every year for themselves or their children to both carry and have at home. Parents may have to purchase a set for their children each year, which may not be affordable for families. We have a program covering their purchase. Rela- tives may also need to stock the drug. For parents who can’t afford EpiPen, the cost is prohibitive.

Mylan developed a major marketing campaign to get the medication into schools through its EpiPen Jr. drug pro- gram, and now services 25,000 schools in 50 states. The government funds this program.

The name of other self-injectable epineph- rine is Adrenaclick, priced at $450. But most insurance companies don’t cover it, it isn’t widely available, and pharmacies don’t carry it. When a prescription is written for Mylan’s product. Most doctors and other health care providers are familiar with EpiPens, and patients are familiar with its easy use.

The EpiPen was developed in 1977 and is proving effective in extending length of life.
Support surges for militant Harvard workers’ strike

By Gerry Scoppettuolo
Cambridge, Mass.

Oct. 22 — More than 1,000 striking dining hall workers and supporters, members of UNITE HERE Local 26 in Boston, shook and rattled Harvard University’s ivory tower today in the biggest show of fightback and labor militancy yet, on the 18th day of their strike. Massachusetts Avenue was quieted down for more than an hour as the multinational, multilingual union members, 60 percent of whom are women, chanted “Shut it down!” Earlier in the day, a group of Harvard University Dining Services workers and supporters marched on the head of the Charles Regatta, the world’s largest rowing event held on the Charles River in Massachusetts.

The dining hall cooks, servers and dishwashers are showing by their resolve that it is they — and not the wealthy Harvard Corporation and its $37 billion endowment — who are in control of their destiny. The HUDS strike is raising the crucial demand that “health care is a human right!” The union is demanding no concessions on the health care plan they presently have and refusing the huge deductionals and copays that Harvard is trying to force on them.

The workers are holding the line for quality, preventive health care for workers and their families, and their fight for this basic human right has struck a chord worldwide. More and more education workers are coming under attack from big business/big education institutions like Harvard, which are run by representen
tives of Citigroup, Bank of America and Goldman Sachs. These institutions, with funding for an annual base salary of $35,000.

At the rally, the Harvard 9 — striking women who were arrested last week for sitting down in the middle of Harvard Square — promised to “get arrested again until we win!” They spoke from a huge flatbed truck. They stated that, in solidarity, Local 100 will celebrate the passing of a New York City food service worker retention bill on Oct. 31 at 4 p.m. on the steps of New York City’s City Hall. This bill will make sure cafeteria workers can be unfairly fired when buildings undergo new ownership. The new owners are now required to keep the workers for 90 days; workers can take union actions to protect themselves.

Workers united will never be defeated!

By Cathy Zeitz
New York

A busload of workers from UNITE HERE Local 100 in New York arrived at Cambridge in common on Oct. 22. They came in solidarity with the Harvard University dining hall workers, who have been on strike for better benefits for several weeks. Members of Parliament to Improve School Transportation and Community-Labor United for Postal Jobs and Services joined Local 100 on the bus.

Local 100 shops represented on the bus included New York Life, Hunter College, J.P. Morgan, Columbia University, Montclair State University, organized by Local 100 Secretary-Treasurer Jose Maldonado and Lead Organizer Shafigur Rahman.

Along with 1,000 Local 26 supporters, we marched through Harvard Yard and down Massachusetts Avenue to City Hall, where we had a second rally. Local 100 militantly chanted, “No contract, no peace!” and many other chants throughout the march.

In New York, Maldonado strongly stated that, in solidarity, Local 100 will supply staff and resources to the Harvard dining hall strikers’ campaign. Some of the children on the bus chanted, “All day and all night! Harvard workers on strike!”

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Harvard strikers show solidarity with COSATU

The following edited solidarity statement was sent to the Congress of South African Trade Unions by the Harvard Uni-

dersity dining hall strike committee.

To our sisters and brothers of COSATU,

Our sisters and brothers of the Harvard dining hall workers of the UNITE HERE union Local 26 voted enthusiastically to send solidarity to you. We greet you with solidarity.

For 40 years we have supported each other. During the ap-

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New York

By Tom Answeeney
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-

ment arrested 25 migrant workers in four

Buffalo restaurants on Oct. 18. After police racially profiled, harassed and demanded identity documents for workers, a suburban playground, the cops then gave their information to ICE agents, who be-
gan a fraudulent investigation of the restaurants where they worked. (BuffaloNews.com, Oct. 18)

Two days later, several organizations and local activists brought a protest to the ICE field office, despite rain and high wind, chanting “Cops and borders, we don’t need ‘em! What we want is total freedom!”

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Syracuse, N.Y.

On the campaign road to revolution

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

Monica Moorehead, Workers World Party's 2016 presidential candidate, hit the road for socialist revolution again with a campaign meeting in Syracuse, N.Y., on Oct. 23.

A serious and enthusiastic crowd of ac-tivists and presidential debate watch-par-tees filled the Iroquois Hotel on Oct. 22 for a debate watch party between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. The remarks, recorded on a Facebook live broadcast, were watched by over 3,400 people as of Oct. 23. Go to "Facebook/monica moorehead laments lilly 2016" to see the full talk.

Sisters and brothers, I am grateful for the opportunity to address you, not be-cause the debates had any kind of real sub-stance to them but to reiterate some im-portant points of you already know.

The racist, misogynistic Donald Trump has claimed that the elections are rigged on behalf of the Democratic Party. But the large drop in his poll numbers is in response to the 2005 videotape exposing his nauseating degradation of women of all ages. To say that Trump is guilty of sexual assault is truly an understatement.

Trump once again targets "illegal im-migrants" as the root cause for voter fraud along with African-American vot-ers, a growing number of them disenfran-chised, along with other people of color. But let's be clear that voter fraud doesn't come from the people but from the capi-talist system itself.

Workers World Party does agree with Trump that these elections are rigged, but not for the reasons he espouses. These elections are rigged on behalf of himself and the billionaire ruling class that he represents, just as they are rigged on behalf of Hillary Clinton and the billionaire capitalist class that she represents — especially her Wall Street backers and the Pentagon and its allies, especially NATO, which seeks to enslave the workers and oppressed of the world along with their resources all for the benefit of the ruling class.

The economic crisis will become even more devastating on a worldwide scale follow ing the elections. These are the reasons given by the big business networks so afraid of when third-party candidates have equal time in these debates? What are the rea-sons? What are the forces as possible to fight on an anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist basis. That is the challenge for our movements to not be sub-servient to the Democratic Party. They afraid of any candidate that states that the fight against racism and white supremacy is central to every oppression in this country, as the Black Lives Matter Uprising has shown. They are afraid of the clarion call for real solidarity — es-pecially for those facing racial repression, be they Black, Brown, Indigenous, Mus-lim, Arab, Asian, immigrant, etc.

I want to raise the current economic cri-sis. A poll taken in October 2015 by Mar-ketplace states that 39 percent of "Ameri-cans" are losing sleep over their finances. We have to assume that this number is even higher since you can be certain that undocumented workers and millions of disenfranchised people were not counted. The poll said that "more Americans are in-creasingly worried about losing their jobs, the ability to pay their mortgage or rent and saving for retirement. Thirty percent of Americans are very fearful that they will lose their job in the next 12 to 24 months, up from 10 percent a year ago."

The permanency of this worldwide eco-nomic crisis is at the heart of the police war on Black and Brown people, who are becoming more and more expendable be-cause there are fewer and fewer jobs be-ing created, along with massive cutbacks in services, which will certainly lead to more and more alienation and suffering. Our youth want to be unionized, not bro-ken and betrayed.

The economy will get worse, not better, the economic crisis will get worse and people will suffer more and more. The elections will be rigged and the system will not change for the better for the workers and oppressed, here or worldwide.

We must take our organizing and mo-bilizing to an even higher level. We not only must be ready to defend any rebel-lions sparked by police murder, but must also go on the offensive to unite as many forces as possible to fight on an anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist basis. This is the political party fight for revolutionary socialism, to rid this earth of institution-alized racism, sexism, LGBTQ oppression and all forms of inequality in order to meet all human need.

This message will be a major theme of our Party conference Nov. 11-13 in New York City, because we know that you can't vote away racism, you can't vote away war or inequality. You can vote for our candi-dates by ballot in New Jersey, Wisconsin and Utah and with many state write-in campaigns, along with online petitions, because ours is a protest campaign against the entire capitalist system. Go to www.workers.org for more information.

I especially want to thank our support-ers on social media and in the streets for our tireless work for the workers and comrade love and energy, Black Lives Matter! Long Live Inter-national Solidarity!
Oct. 18 — The sordid video of Don-
ald Trump’s vulgar sexist remarks has opened up a widespread national con-
versation on sexism and misogyny in the U.S. and ignited deep outrage.
The video revealed: that Trump—when young—made degrading remarks about women; that he le-
aned over women without their consent; and that he had urged women to try to make him feel more secure.

Trump, Obama, Clinton and the fight to end sexism

By Teresa Gutierrez

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The candidates attended the Border Convergence in Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 7-9, and then traveled to California, where they spoke at various events between Oct. 9 and Oct. 21. During the week of Oct. 14, they visited New York City, Seattle, Rochester, Buffalo and Albany, as well as Huntington, W.Va., and Baltimore. The campaign ends the month with a meeting at Donald Trump headquarters on Nov. 20. Visit our website: workers.org/pp/presidential campaign news.

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We are a working-class party and our only source of income is from people like you. Help us get out the vote for revolutionary change by supporting the Clinton war machine and Trump’s racist, anti-people offensives.

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Venezuelan stymies regime change

By Chris Fry

From Argentina to Yemen, from Brazil to Syria, from the Democratic Republic of Korea to Iran, U.S. imperialism has condoned non-stop "regime change" campaigns. These political, economic and often-fatal military campaigns are designed to do one thing: overturn those governments that put up an obstacle to the rapacious greed of U.S. banks and corporations.

For example, U.S. imperialism's recent "intervention" in Venezuela has tried to overthrow Venezuela's pro-socialist government now led by President Nicolás Maduro. In 2002 it masterminded a military coup against President Hugo Chávez, whose seizure by rightists was that deep love of justice which led her to commit espionage, a penalty generally reserved, nor did she receive — nor accept — a penny for this great sacrifice. It is such courage, such sacrifice.
World Federation of Trade Unions advances "class-orientated" unionism

By Martha Grevatt

Durban, South Africa

For U.S. labor activists, who have to contend with a conservative labor bureaucracy at times promotes "partnership" with employers, the World Federation of Trade Union's emphasis on militancy, internationalism and class "based unionism" was a breath of fresh air.

The WFTU held its 17th Congress in Durban, South Africa, Oct. 5-8, drawing over 1,000 delegates and observers from 244 unions in 111 countries on five continents. The unions combined have 92 million members, an increase from 74 million at the 16th Congress held in 2011 in Athens. They were attracted by the theme of struggle "for the attainment of contemporaneously workers' rights and freedoms and wars generated by capitalist barbarity."

Some 17,000 people from all over the world watched the congress on the internet.

While Europe was well represented and over 20 observers came from the U.S., the number of observers from the "global South" — Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Several groups, including U.S. WFTU General Secretary George Makrviks, Congress of South African Trade Unions President Sidumiso Dlami, South African President Jacob Zuma and South African Communist Party General Secretary Blade Nzimande.

COSATU, Zuma's African National Congress-affiliated labor federation, and the Tripartite Alliance that was formed during the long struggle to defeat racist apartheid. The speakers were proud of the fact that the revolution was not an end to this," said a German delegate. A female delegate from Cameroon attacked "the capitalist system that is killing us."

An Egyptian speaker said, "The struggle should be against capitalism." As a leader of the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), put it: "The whole world runs because of workers. Why should those who produce food go hungry, who produce clothes go clothesless, who produce medicine not get health care? Capitalism should be demolished."

Solidarity with Ana

Solidarity with Ana Belén Montes has grown with the most recent demonstration in Cuba and Puerto Rico. Support has also been expanding internationally, particularly in Brazil, where grupos solidaridad with Cuba has had pickets up the banner of Ana Belén. People supporting her release have written to the U.S. government and thousands of people have demanded Ana’s cousin, Miriam Montes Mock, surely be a powerful one. Please join in the rally.

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Who are our enemies? Who are our friends? This is a question of the first importance for the revolution. To ensure that we will definitely achieve success in our revolution and will not lead the masses astray, we must pay attention to uniting with our real friends in order to attack our real enemies.

— Mao Zedong

By Greg Butterfield

I first arrived in New York in the spring of 1990, an enthusiastic young white worker from the Midwest, eager to become a revolutionary. I quickly learned that one of the most difficult struggles being waged in the city, one that required a lot of determination and courage, was the fight for the right to vote.

This group of Black and Brown teenagers, not much younger than me, had been framed up just a year before. The New York Police Department forced them to confess to the brutal rape of a white woman. These youths and their communities were demonized by the media and politicians, both conservative and liberal.

Leading the charge against them was Donald Trump, a wealthy casino owner and real-estate developer. Trump took full-page ads in all four of the city's newspapers and the corporate media are so determined to stifle any candidates but those of the two big business parties — that only those who have been convicted and served time in prison by the super-rich make it to the White House.

It's also a fact that tens of millions of workers and oppressed peoples hope that by voting they can bring about change in their communities.

Furthermore, the right to vote was not given to everyone. In Britain, for example, for a long time only property-owning men were allowed to vote for Parliament. The extension of suffrage to non-landowners, then to women, and the extension of voting rights to non-white Americans came about only after years of struggle.

Even then, many strategists have kept workers, especially of color, from voting. That's why the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was so important.

But now, admits Bloomberg Businessweek of Oct. 13: "For the first time in a half-century, Americans will go to the polls in November without knowing that the full protections of the Voting Rights Act. Following a 2013 U.S. Supreme Court ruling invalidating a key section of the 1965 law, the U.S. Department of Justice has had to curtail its federal observer program, under which trained monitors could oversee access to ballot boxes in areas historically prone to discrimination.

The right to vote is and will remain a powerful weapon. It's time to take it back from the capitalists.

We must remind the workers and progressive forces at home and abroad that the only guarantee against catastrophic war is building a militant, united fight against capitalism — starting right in the U.S.

We must patiently and firmly warn the international anti-war and anti-imperialist movement against the trap Trump has laid for them, just as we warn people here against the trap Clinton has set for the struggles against racism, sexism and anti-LGBTQ oppression at home.

Trump has said he won't accept any other result than victory, meaning he will charge "fraud" as soon as the election is over. This is laughable, but the threat to voters is no laughing matter. Especially in areas with a high concentration of people of color and immigrants, voter intimidation is already being played out.

Voting is not going to undo capitalism. Only a people's revolution can do that. But the people have to exhaust all other avenues of struggle before they are convinced of this.

Revolutionaries must vigorously defend the right to vote, even while exposing capitalist elections.
No to U.S. anti-missile system in so. korea!

Oct. 24 — In a period of less than two weeks, the United States has expanded its military intervention into three major areas of conflict in Southwest Asia: Yemen, Iraq and Syria.

The Workers World Party 2016 Presidential Campaign opposes all three imperialist military interventions and demands that the U.S. withdraw all military forces from the region.

No matter how Washington explains its role and whatever pretext it gives for the intervention, the Pentagon is in the region and in each country is reactionary, harmful and dangerous. U.S. imperialism is incapable of making a “humanitarian” intervention.

The Pentagon intervenes to impose the economic and strategic dominance of the United States on its rival, 0.01% of capitalists who rule the United States. It is no more capable of bringing peace to the world than it is of eliminating racism and police brutality at home.

Let us be precise about these three attacks:

1. A war destroyer USN Nitze fired Tomahawk cruise missiles on Oct. 13 against the Ansarullah movement in Yemen — also called the Houthis. Prior to this U.S.-backed Saudi-led coalition intervened in Yemen. The U.S.-coordinated coalition, including U.S. air attacks, U.S. Special Forces, U.S. sales of Turkish arms to Saudi Arabia,中有Scud-like missiles, the Saudi army, police and sectarian militias, opened a full-fledged attack on Oct. 18 on Mosul in the country’s northern region. Mosul is Iraq’s second most populous city and has been under control of the Islamic State group (IS) for the past two years.

Since Sept. 16, when the Pentagon subordinated a U.S. attack with Russia by bombing Syrian government forces near Deir ez-Zor, Washington, Moscow and Tehran called for U.S.-Russia propaganda campaign. It has especially targeted the Syrian government and Russia for their “offensive aim at freeing Aleppo,” Syria’s largest city. Parts of Aleppo are still held by the so-called rebel forces, which are mainly IS and other reactionaries.

2. The U.S. is planning to introduce a new THAAD missile system in South Korea.

THAAD. Like the Star Wars program started by President Reagan, THAAD is really a nuclear first-strike weapon. If the utterly mad gen- erals and admirals in the Pentagon think that they have been protected from retali- atory attack by THAAD, they are very much more likely to launch a nuclear first strike on the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and the People’s Republic of China. That’s what Gen. Curtis B. LeMay, the pentagon’s biggest war criminal, wanted to do a half century ago.

“What Koreans need to be protected from is an attack by the U.S.,” President Moon’s Presidential Secretariat for Security Policy, which handles military affairs, claimed.

3. Anti-war protesters were arrested in the Philippines in a direct confrontation with the U.S. military.

U.S. weapons wreak terror

In Yemen, Iraq and Syria, Washington’s intervention over the past 25 years has destroyed the infrastructure, killed more than 15 million people in total and, according to the Pew Foundation, made internal or external refugees of 15 million people out of a total population of 85 mil- lion people in the three countries. Whether fired by U.S. troops and pilots or by U.S.-NATO client forces in the region, like Saudi Ara- bia, U.S. weapons have wrought terror.

In Yemen, U.S. and Saudi bombing missions have destroyed more than 150 Special Forces troops on the ground. A total of 9,000 U.S. troops are now — once more — inside Iraq. This means the Pentagon is directing a coalition force of 100,000 in the attempt to conquer Mosul. Previous attacks on the so-called corporation war, launched by a similar “coalition” flattened the smaller Iraqi cities of Ramadi and Fallu- jah, leaving hardly a building intact. The battles not only drove out IS fighters, who fled to IS-controlled areas in Syria, but terrorized the population. Some analysts argue that one object of the attack in Mos- ul is to drive IS fighters to Syria to create problems for the Syria-Russia alliance.

Support petition against U.S. role in Syria

The U.S.-led war against Syria raises the possibility of a direct confrontation between the U.S. and Russia, two states armed with thousands of nuclear weapons. Anti-imperialist activists in the United States, to their credit, have begun a process of mobilizing anti-war move- ments worldwide against U.S.-NATO intervention there. WW Presidential can- didate Lamont Lilliman says, “We urge all to support the petition circulated at handsoffsyriacoalition.net.

Not only in Syria, Iraq and Yemen, but also in Afghanistan, Libya, Korea, Somalia, Pakistan and Ukraine or by supplier countries of war industry to the misery of the people, squander wealth better used at home and turns U.S. youth into cannon fodder for the capitalists. The Workers World Presi- dential campaign demands the U.S. remove its bloody hands off the world’s people and end Pentagon interventions everywhere.

WW vice presidential candidate Lamont Lilliman visited Syria in February 2015 as part of a solidarity delegation from the International Action Center.

By Workers World New York Bureau

Eighty people came out Oct. 20 in New York City to protest the installation of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) anti-missile system in south Korea.

The event was part of worldwide rallies that took place in Washington, D.C., Cali- fornia and Korea in opposition to the THAAD anti-missile system. So did representatives from the Filipino group BAYAN and Veterans for Peace. Both the Raging Grannies and a duo from the Catholic Worker movement performed.

Representing the International Ac- tion Committee (IAC), Daniel Berrigan, S.J., “As a retired Amtrak worker I know this THAAD missile system is a nuclear train wreck. There’s nothing defensive about IT was future Secretary of State Dean Rusk — a war criminal who helped kill millions of Vietnamese and Laos people — who drew the map that divided Korea along the 38th parallel.

The Senate banksters like Rockefeller lawyer John Foster Dulles pro- voked the Korean War in which 4 mil- lion Koreans were killed. Dropping white phosphorous and napalm on human flesh didn’t satisfy U.S. big business. Future Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen demanded atom bombs be dropped on the Pacific.

“Instead of installing THAAD, which the U.S. needs to do to sign a peace treaty with the Democratic People’s Re- public of Korea, the United States urges all to support the petition circulated at handsoffsyriacoalition.net.

Many Korean Americans spoke in front of the Korean Presbyterian Church in New York City to protest the installation of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense missile system (THAAD) in South Korea. The peaceful protest was organized by the Korea Committee of American Friends for Reconciliation and Engagement with Korea. Many Korean Americans and the Catholic Worker movement carried out a peaceful protest to show their opposition to the installation of THAAD in South Korea.

Hands Off Syria Coalition Statement

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Ana Belén Montes es una mujer puer-
torriqueña sobre quien pesa una sen-
tencia de 25 años por pasar información a agencias de inteligencia cubanas. De esos, ya ha cumplido 15 en la Unidad Psiquiátrica del Centro de Detención Carreiro en Fort Worth, Tejas. Los cargos imputados fueron de conspiración para cometer espionaje, una pena que se paga generalmente con la muerte.

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trabajo moral

Desconocida por muchas personas, esta mujer es la imagen misma de una in-
mensa generosidad y sacrificio.

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bloqueo estadounidense contra Cuba, es imprescindible recordar el sacrificio que hizo esta héroica en beneficio de mil-
lores de vidas cubanas.

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da que me trajo ante usted porque obre-
deci a mi conciencia en lugar de la ley. Yo creo que la política de nuestro gobierno interfiere con la justicia, con la justicia humana, a la justicia”. Yo no entiendo por qué no podernos decir que estamos dictando a los cubanos deberían seleccionar sus líderes, quienes estos no pueden ser, y que leyes son apropiadas en su tierra. ¿Por qué no podernos decir que estamos dictando a los cubanos deberían seleccionar sus líderes, quienes estos no pueden ser, y que leyes son apropiadas en su tierra. ¿Por qué no podernos dejar a Cuba seguir su propia via interna, tal y como los Estados Unidos ha hecho por más de dos siglos?”

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Vivía vieron sus mensajes al presidente Obama

Por Betsey Piette

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Agua envenenada en cáneles de Pensilvania

Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

Tiempo de liberar a Ana Belén Montes, prisionera de conciencia

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