By John Catalinotto
New York

Oct. 27 — A jury of 15 international human rights activists and fighters for liberation — following eight hours of succinct testimony covering decades of history and two hours of deliberation — announced tonight’s verdict of U.S. guilt.

The jury found the U.S. government guilty of colonial crimes against Puerto Rico during its entire history since the U.S. seizure of Puerto Rico in 1898. The evidence included the latest economic assault on the Caribbean country following the devastation of hurricanes Irma and María in 2017. The verdict demands a full apology, return of property and payment of reparations.

Tribunal prosecutor Augusto Zamora, former ambassador from Nicaragua to Spain, started the proceedings by presenting the legal charges against the United States. Much of the indictment focused on U.S. attempts to disguise colonial rule under cover of designating Puerto Rico as a “Free Associated State,” based on laws passed in the early 1950s. These laws and the Puerto Rican “constitution” failed to meet the requirements set by the United Nations in 1960 when many countries began to end colonial status.

By imposing the U.S.-based Financial Control Board or Junta on Puerto Rico in 2016 to oversee an austerity program, the U.S. has laid bare its outright colonial control of Puerto Rico. Then Wall Street turned a spotlight on Puerto Rico’s colonial status by pillaging the country after the devastation of hurricanes Irma and María in 2017, Zamora argued.

Nearly all the presenters of testimony were Puerto Ricans from the archipelago who described U.S. crimes and Puerto Rican resistance in person or by video. In total, they built up a detailed legal case against the U.S. that supported both the indictment and the political conclusions of Rafael Cancel Miranda, Puerto Rican independence fighter, hero and leader. Cancel Miranda made the final presentation by video. His pointed 10-minute discourse outlined how Puerto Ricans resisted U.S. imperialism’s oppression of its people, how they have had to fight a huge military and media power. His explanation and personal example electrified the audience, which responded with a standing ovation, just as they did two hours later after the jury’s verdict.

Cancel Miranda was jailed for decades following his...
Nov. 17 in Philly
Fight fascist violence!

By Workers World Philadelphia bureau

A motley group of far-right organizations, including the Proud Boys, plan to rally near Independence Hall in Philadelpha on Nov. 17 under the hypocritical constitutional slogan “We the People.”

The PushBack Campaign and Philly Antifa will organize counter-protests, supported by Workers World Party, to confront the fascists. Nov. 17 in Philadelphia offers a moment when those who oppose fascist violence to organize, mobilize and build a united movement against white supremacist violence.

The far-right organizers of the “We the People” event pretend to distance themselves from outright white supremacist fascists like the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis. Nevertheless, the political problems of the event neatly align with a new breed of immuno-privileged, pro-poor and for “Patriots, Militia and three percenters.” That makes it very much an event for fascists.

The history of the Philadelphia police — of being perhaps the largest, most organized group of white supremacists in the entire city — shows it likely will be protecting the fascist demonstrators against the people. Philadelphia has a long history of fascist municipals, and local police forces are now whipped by the current mayor and the chief agitator and recruiter for fascism, Frank Rizzo.

Three attacks during the last week of October showed how fascist violence can erupt. A man opened fire at a Kroger grocery store in Kentucky, pipe bombs mailed to politicians and business magnates who oppose President Donald Trump, and the massacre in a Pittsburgh synagogue.

What all three cases reflect is the growing threat of a multinational, multigenerational and multigendered fascist party inside the belly of the imperialist beast. We are the chief agitator and recruiter for fascism, helping to unleash fascists like the Proud Boys.

These three cases reflect the growing threat of a militant, antifascist, socialist, defense of the working class and the planet itself in the never-ending quest for socialism because the working class is the only viable alternative to capitalism and capitalism’s war.

As capitalism continues its decay, bringing uncertainty to the daily lives of the masses of people, it creates a climate where white supremacist, fascist gang violence is on the rise. All across Europe, neo-fascist parties are growing in strength and violence, usually directed against immigrants as the main scapegoat.

On Oct. 12, the Proud Boys, stirred to violence by their disgust at leader Gavin McInnes, attacked four anti-racist activists after McInnes spoke at the New York City Republican Club. The Proud Boys are a group of Trumpist, white supremacist men who advocate masculinist street fighting against anyone perceived to be against them.

This brand of white supremacist fascism, with its ties to support and many in the Republican party, is one of many such groups, with a growing number of young white boys, back issuers of the event committed to bringing forth an all-white ethno-nation by force.

Fascist organizations like the Proud Boys, Identity Evropa, Vanguard America and the KKK are responsible for the murder of Heather Heyer at the “Unite the Right” demonstration in Charlottesville, Va., in August 2017. White supremacist cops kill more than 1,000 people each year in the U.S. Proud Boys, whose “unions” leaders openly sympathize with the Proud Boys, regularly kill, rape, imprison and torture migrants from across the world as they enter the U.S. These are fascist acts.

Historically right-wing, white supremacist men have been the most violent terrorists in the history of the U.S. People may remember Timothy McVeigh, who killed 168 people in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing; Eric Rudolph, who killed and injured people in Atlanta with bombs at the 1996 Olympics; and Dylann Roof, who killed nine people in a Black church in 2015 in Charleston, S.C.

Along with these publicized cases is the legacy of white men killing people of color for “ideals” of alleged national and racial purity. That’s “as American (sic) as apple pie.”

Genocide, slavery, colonialism, patriarchy and capitalism are intertwined systems that create the basis for fascism in the United States. Indeed, people of color, Indigenous peoples, immigrants and colonized peoples have faced oppression throughout U.S. capitalist history.

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Workers Group defends trans lives

Two hundred people marched through New Orleans’ French Quarter on Oct. 27 to defend trans people. The march was called to resist like-formulations to wipe out the civil rights and existence of trans people. Speakers were cheered when they declared that the movement needed to unite for workers, women, im/migrants, the environment, health care, housing, and to fight against white supremacy. The crowd cheered loud, whenever blame was put on capitalism. The march was organized by the New Orleans Workers Group, a local revolutionary socialists organization.

— Gav Gemma, New Orleans

By L.T. Pham
The Trump administration’s attacks on the working class and most oppressed have intensified with the recent announcement of its efforts to write trans people out of existence.

On Oct. 27, the New York Times reported that the administration is working to redefine gender so as to strictly relate it to supposedly well-defined biological sex. The administration memo obtained by the Times states, “Sex means a person’s status as male or female based on immutable biological traits identifiable by or before birth.”

The memo flies in the face of existing sex and gender science. Pomona College neuroscientist Rachel Levin commented that the proposal is “highly inaccurate and just an insult to basic science,” (statenews.com) The administration memo also attempts to roll back the decades of struggle led by trans and gender nonconforming (TGN) communities to resist transphobic violence.

However, trans people cannot be re-defined out of existence. Since the memo was exposed, thousands have taken to the streets across the U.S. in protest. Organizers have called for demonstrations on campuses and in communities to say that “trans lives matter.”

Most recently the TransLatin@ Coalition, a trans, women-of-color-led organization, carried out a banner drop at the World Series game in Los Angeles on Oct. 28. The pink and blue striped banner that was unfurled read, “Trans People DeServe to Live.”

In Pittsburgh, Sisters PGH led an action in front of the Allegheny County Jail, lifting up the conditions facing trans inmates inside. Demonstrators were met by police as they chanted, “We want justice” and spoke to the mistreatment facing TGNC inmates in many of the prison systems, many of them being wrongly housed based on assigned sex instead of their gender. By the end of the evening, 11 people were arrested.

The administration’s memo comes at a time when conditions facing TGNC people are becoming increasingly dire. As of Oct. 29, more than 10 trans women of color have been murdered in the U.S. this year. These murders are being committed by unchecked right-wing vigilantes. The state has no interest in protecting, identifying those murdered or seeking justice for their deaths.

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Fascism and capitalism at a dead end

Why are fascists becoming more organized and violent? Is Donald Trump? Is it Proud Boys leader Gavin McInnes? Is it the internet?

Historically, fascism has come as a response to a workers’ movement — modern capitalism. Today’s embryonic fascist movement comes as a reaction to the gains of oppressed peoples, women, LGBTQ people, and others who have fought for justice.

Stirred by the conditions of capitalist decay, growing austerity, joblessness and social crises, Trump and the right continue to fuel these fears and frustrations to deceive the masses and attack whatever protections still exist for people of color, immigrants, and the working class.

Fascism can arise as a desperate capital-ist ruling class, determined to maintain its profit margins and domination, backs politicians and promotes movement to unleash brutal, anti-democratic rule over the masses.

Fascism is stoked by the ruling class. Billionaires such as Robert Mercer hire and fund organizations of white supremacist fascists. The Koch and DeVos families fund various white supremacist and anti-immigrant organizations to spread their violent lies.

Beyond these many right-wing billionaires, the overall needs of the ruling class demand its overwhelming support for neoliberalism, austerity, automation, privatization, militarism and expanding exploitation — all of which create the basis for social upheavals that support the rise of fascism.

Nov. 17: Unite to fight fascism in Philadelphia

Communists, socialists, anarchists and all progressives — come and join us in Philadelphia to organize in the fight against fascism and capitalism.

Through building principled solidarity, organizers will help to mobilize working-class opposition to white supremacy, anti-LGBTQ and anti-woman bigotry, and all forms of oppression in an effort to build a unifying anti-fascist movement and end capital. Ultimately, a united movement that fights for the liberation of all oppressed peoples and seeks to build socialism will be the best deterrent to fascism.

In Brazil on Oct. 29, the extreme right-winger and openly proud homophobe Jair Bolsonaro was elected president of the largest country in South America. More than 300 LGBTQ people have been murdered in Brazil during 2018. The crisis facing TGNC communities is becoming more dire as openly fascist leaders around the globe gain ground using anti-trans, anti-queer, anti-woman, anti-LGBTQ and anti-immigrant supremacist programs.

Violence against trans people is class oppression

As the struggle for trans lives intensifies, it is crucial that the issue of transphobia and gender-based violence be connected to an understanding of capitalism and class oppression. Most importantly, it must be understood that violence against trans people is class oppression.

More and more, trans people pose a direct threat to capitalism because transness defies patriarchal-capitalist constructions of gender. Defying the decay of this profit-driven system, trans lives demonstrate that the attempt to punish people for determining their own gender identity and expression is a futile attempt to control and undermine our class as a whole.

Coercing trans people to be cisgender as part of a binary gender system — to be “born in it” by nothing more than a campaign for capitalist interests. This includes the push for the hegemonic nuclear family to produce more workers who can then be controlled and exploited under capitalism.

The denial of autonomy and self-determination for trans communities is an attack on all workers, is the mirror of greed, and is the unashamed attempt to alienate workers from their labor by alienating them from their own bodies.

Even the most basic demand of the movement — that “trans people deserve to live” — speaks to the crisis facing our entire class. Capitalism is not fit for human life. Instead, our class — the working class — is the entire landscape of human possibility, expression, relations and experience. Trans people have fought throughout time to use this landscape.

Together, we can all fight to make sure the fullness of human possibility is not stolen by the death machine of capitalism. Our strongest defense in this period of unwieldy violence is solidarity. Because trans people are a part of every aspect of human life, workers rights are trans rights. migrant justice is trans justice. Resisting war and imperialism is resisting the deaths of trans people. The call to abolish police and Immigration and Customs Enforcement is a call to abolish the oppression of trans people.

Unity across our struggles will be the deadliest threat to capitalism. It will allow us to fight back against this administration’s war on trans people. If we organize as if our lives depended on each other’s lives, this will forge a stronger, united path toward revolution.

November 20 is the Trans Day of Remembrance. This is a day to imagine and propose policies of ice for all TGNC people who have been murdered and lost to transphobia. We must not let this administration’s attacks thwart our resistance or erase the legacy of TGNC people who have always been on the frontlines of fighting against white supremacy, capitalism and class patriarchy. Trans people deserve to live. Trans people deserve revolution.
Palestinian liberation leader salutes Black Panthers

The following article by imprisoned Palestinian national liberation movement leader Ahmad Sa‘adat—the general secretary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine—was posted on samidoun.net on Oct. 15. It was originally published in French as the preface to the new French-language edition of “Revolutionary Suicide” by Huey Newton.

Samidoun writes: “On 15 October — the anniversary of the founding of the Black Panther Party — we salute the profound legacy and ongoing struggle of the Black Liberation Movement, on the front lines of confrontation against U.S. racism, imperialism and capitalism. Samidoun.net, a news and information site published in English for the first time here, elucidates the common struggles and revolutionary alliances of the Palestinian and Black movements. It focuses particularly on the struggle against racist and colonial imperialism.”

It is an honor to write an introduction to this book by a great leader of the Black Liberation struggle in the United States, Huey P. Newton. From inside the occupier’s prison on bail, on behalf of myself, my comrades and the Palestinian prisoners’ movement, we extend our clenched fists of solidarity and salute and arms of embrace to our Palestinian and Black comrades whose struggle for liberation in the belly of the beast continues today against fierce repression.

From Ireland to Lebanon, from Palestine, the prison is not only a physical space of confinement but a site of struggle of the oppressed confronting the oppressor. Whether the name is Mumia Abu-Ja- mal, Walid Daqqo or Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, political prisoners behind bars can humanize movements. These names illustrate the continuity of struggle against our collective enemy — their legacies of organizing that reach back to the anti-colonial, liberation movements. You can see this in the solidarity and solidarity mobilizations of the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s to today. Political prisoners are not simply individuals; they are leaders of struggle and organizing within prison walls that help to break down and dismantle the bars, walls, and chains that act to divide us from our peoples and communities in struggle. They face repeated isolation, solitary confinement, cruel tortures of the occupier and jailer that seek to break the will of the prisoner movement and their deep connection to their people.

So when we witness the escalation against our movement as we see today in the world while we are witnessing horrific and orchestrated attacks on our Palestinian resistance, as we see the criminalization of the prisoners’ movement, it is clear that we are still facing the situation that Huey Newton identified and confronted. We are still seeking to defend our peoples from the relentless assaults of capitalism, Zionism and imperialist and their police and military forces.

We have not yet been able to realize our dreams and transform the prison into museums of liberation. Revolutionsaries across the world struggle and dream for the will of the prisoner movement of oppressed people. Indeed, when we speak of the prisoners’ movement, we are in essence speaking of Resistance.

For us to fight for the human rights and interests of those with power. And...where there is occupation and colonization, and for this reason, the most legal and legal frameworks erected to legalize exploitation, oppression and injustice and criminalize resistance and liberation. From Ireland to Palestine, from the 1800s to the 21st century, we seek to do so.

This also illustrates clearly that the struggle, the cause, and the movement of the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Movement are not a closed file. It is an open file, an ongoing struggle and a continuing movement for justice and liberation. As I write today, the revolutionary Palestinian Left, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, is marking its 50th year of struggle, a time for both celebration and review of this legacy of struggle. We open a new march toward revolutionary victory. Similarly, we have just passed the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Black Panther Party, whose vision for revolutionary change continues to be just as relevant today.

This vision is what is carried on both with ideas and with people themselves whose histories of struggle continue to animate and inspire our communities. You can see this in the FPLP somewhere on the streets of Berlin, still organizing Palestinians. You can feel the legacy of the Black Panther Party and the continuing Black struggle on the streets of Chicago, Oakland and Harlem. There are people who carry within them the legacies of struggle as a human treasure. The experiences of the elders of our movement, especially those who have come through prison, stand alongside the newest generations through their books and literature in carrying on, from one generation to another, the trajectory and path of struggle toward a future where youth will organize and lead Black and Palestinian revolutionary struggles for liberation.

Huey Newton, whether they are currently in prison or not in prison, carries within them the dream and reality of liberation and what it can and must mean in practice. Today, when we look at the Black Liberation Movement or the Indigenous and Native struggle in the United States and Canada, we are talking about the same cause of struggle that we confront in occupied Palestine. The bullets that assassinated Malcolm X or Martin Luther King or to kill Ghasan Kanafeh or Khaled Nazal or Mahmoud Hamshari, and today we see the same tear gas and bullets shipped around the world for use against our people. We see corporations like G4S profitting from the attacks on our movements and prisoners in U.S., European and Israeli police forces exchanging training with one another to escalate racism, “counter-insurgency” techniques and repression on the streets of our cities, camps and villages.

In our circles here in prisons, we always hope and wish to communicate to the prisoners and other oppressed peoples and prisoners everywhere. We salute sister Asata Shakur, still struggling and free in Cuba, while facing repression and the “terrorist” labeling to justify hunting down this global symbol of freedom.

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By Bethye Plette

Philadelphia

As supporters demonstrated in the streets outside Philadelphia's Criminal Justice Center on Oct. 29, the trial of Ron Castille, who served as district attorney of Philadelphia from 1987 to 2010, was the subject of a pre-trial hearing in the case of Abu-Jamal v. Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth has sought to deny Abu-Jamal his right to a new trial, arguing that Castille's involvement in the case is a conflict of interest.

The trial was the latest in a series of legal challenges to Abu-Jamal's conviction. He was convicted of the 1981 murder of Philadelphia police officer Thomas P.ASTE. Abu-Jamal has maintained his innocence throughout his long incarceration, and his case has become a symbol of the injustices that have been committed against African Americans in the justice system.

In his June 15, 1990, letter to Casey, Castille used Barthold's draft but inserted a paragraph urging Casey to sign death warrants in order to provide him with the "current status of certain death row inmates." Abu-Jamal's name was the first of nine capital defendants. As with the Barthold memo, the "request" that gave rise to McDonnell's letter was not provided, and the Commonwealth could not verify to whom Fisher addressed his request. Abu-Jamal's attorneys charge that if Fisher's letter was addressed to Castille, it would be additional evidence of his personal significant involvement. The Commonwealth claims that, after searching through boxes of files, it cannot locate the request letter. The attorneys further argued that there can be little doubt of Castille's ardent support for capital punishment and his frustration that it wasn't being implemented during his term as DA. According to their new amendment, "Fisher has covered Barthold's draft, which refers to police killers." At her recent deposition, Barthold confirmed that the paragraph "cop killers" was not in any language she would have used. While the Commonwealth uncovered Barthold's draft, which refers to a copy of Castille's letter being attached, they maintain that Castille's final signed letter to Casey cannot be found.

Castille's letter referred to a list of capital cases then before Casey. Because he had not exhausted his appeals before the DA's office, Abu-Jamal's case was not on the list. However, his attorneys hold that Castille had to have examined the status of Abu-Jamal's case as of June 15, 1990, to determine that it was not ready for a death warrant. They charge that this reflects substantial, personal involvement in a critical decision in Abu-Jamal's case.

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Abu-Jamal's attorneys also introduced a new death penalty statute designed to bring capital punishment back to Pennsylvania after an earlier statute had been declared unconstitutional.

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A few days before the Aug. 30 hearing regarding the status of their search for the missing memo, the Commonwealth notified the court that they had also uncovered evidence of communications between DA Castille and former Pennsylvania State Senator Michael Fisher regarding passage of legislation to further restrict state appeals of death penalty convictions. The evidence was a letter, on letterhead identifying Ron Castille as district attorney, from then Philadelphia Assistant District Attorney Kathleen McDonnell to Castille in February 1987, "something to Fisher's benefit in order to provide him with the current status of certain death row inmates."

The amended case law asserts that on "Sept. 23, 1988, DA Castille wrote direct to Fisher urging passage of an amended bill to secure the death penalty law and conveying his fears about the impact of Mills v. Maryland."

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Striking Boston hotel workers stay strong

By Workers World Boston bureau

Oct. 29 — Hundreds of striking hotel workers and thousands of supporters in Boston remain firmly united as they battle through their fourth week on the picket lines. The hotel workers, predominantly people of color and organized by UNITE HERE Local 26, unanimously voted to walk off the job Oct. 3, inspired by a Chicago hotel workers strike in September.

Workers in nine other cities — from Detroit to San Diego, Vancouver and Honolulu — joined unionized hotel employees in Boston by authorizing strikes and setting up picket lines targeting hotel properties managed by the virulently anti-union Marriott International, Inc.

The backdrop for the Boston strike is a metropolitan area with skyrocketing rents and unmanageable living costs. Elders, students, migrants and people with longtime roots in the city’s neighborhoods can barely afford to live here anymore.

Poor, working-class, Black, Latinx and immigrant people are being pushed out by racist gentrification, real estate development and venture capitalist speculation.

These strikers, coalescing under the slogan “One Job Should Be Enough,” have courageously called out Marriott — the giant hotel conglomerate — as well as its lawyers and scabbing wealthy hotel guests who refuse to back the strikers’ righteous demands for dignity, affordable health insurance and wages that would afford them the basic right to work 40 hours a week and survive without requiring a second or third job.

Many of these workers have been employed at downtown hotels for decades; yet they are willing to risk everything because they are fed up. Since going on strike, they have only been able to march and picket and in their demand for economic justice.

World Series throws spotlight on strike

The workers have used the Major League Baseball playoffs and the World Series to turn up the volume on their demands. While in Boston for the divisional series in early October, the New York Yankees’ management booked their players into the Ritz-Carlton Boston, a Marriott-owned hotel. This essentially forced union players to cross a picket line. That helped galvanize support for the strike from Red Sox fans eager for opportunity to heap insult upon their arch-rivals.

Working-class solidarity with the strike proved a welcome reason. Fransisco Giants’ management was urged to sign a letter to Marriott management urging negotiations for an end to the strike. This move by local politicians comes not because City Hall has any love for the workers being displaced by its development and gentrification projects. Instead this drive to reopen negotiations is merely a face-saving effort to stem class solidarity and prevent disruptions to tourism.

In contrast to the relentless racism and chauvinist rhetoric of hotel magnate President Donald Trump, and the growing far-right tide all over the world, workers and their supporters on the picket line have a great appreciation for the importance of protecting and caring for one another.

Speaking to Workers World, local labor activist Genevieve LeCout said of the strike, “The caravan [of refugees marching towards the U.S. border from Honduras] is a good parallel for this: Workers who are struggling and facing displacement are not sticking together. When the people of Mexico come to greet them and leave food, it’s a lot like when workers join the picket line or cheer and honk on their way to work. It breathes life into the struggle and helps [the strikers] keep marching.”

Hotel workers strike in 10 cities

By Martha Grevatt

In eight U.S. cities and two in Canada, hotel workers are waging a militant strike against the Marriott hotel chain. Though Marriott is the largest and most profitable hotel chain in the world, its workers have united nationally around the slogan “one job should be enough.” This refers to the fact that many hotel workers must work two or more jobs to make ends meet. City Hall has any love for the workers being displaced by its development and gentrification projects. Instead this drive to reopen negotiations is merely a face-saving effort to stem class solidarity and prevent disruptions to tourism.

Striking hotel workers in San Francisco took to the streets Oct. 20 as part of the national strike. More than 1,000 hotel workers, led by UNITE HERE, plus their allies, marched past four San Francisco Marriotts, chanting and drumming. The strike entered its second week.

Workers marched in seven other cities as well on Oct. 20. In Detroit the Marriott-owned Westin Book Cadillac, the most profitable hotel in the city but with some of the lowest wages, has been targeted by UNITE HERE Local 26. Two jetBlue employees represent hospitality workers in Michigan and Ohio. Along with wages, working conditions are a big issue in the strike, which is entering its fourth week. Housekeepers are often forced to work during their breaks to keep up with the workload.

Members at the Westin Airport hotel also voted overwhelmingly to strike if contract demands are not met. As the strike enters its fourth week, noisy, round-the-clock pickets continue. Rallies held Oct. 9 and Oct. 20 drew large crowds of supporters. The second rally was addressed by the leadership of the Michigan AFL-CIO, United Auto Workers, American Federation of Teachers and other labor leaders, along with clergy and elected officials. Even City Hall, a conference of business elites, felt the pressure not to cross the picket line and moved its event to another venue.

Shane Hoff contributed to this report.

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Puerto Rico Tribunal
Summary of indictment of the U.S.

The following is a brief summary of the indictment prepared by chief prosecutor Augusto Zamora for the International Tribunal on U.S. Colonial Crimes in Puerto Rico on Oct. 27 in New York City. For full indictment, see tinyurl.com/greneddrl.

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Testimony from the city of Guayama—a colony where coal plants poison the earth with carbon ash and heavy metals, causing malignancies among residents—indeed U.S. corporations. From the island of Vieques, testimony exposed how the U.S. Navy tested weapons there for over 60 years, polluting the soil and the people. In the session on “120 Years of Repression and Resistance,” young activists revealed the history and current high level of mobilization and fightback. One important focus was the defense of Nina Droz, now persecuted by the colonial state power for allegedly setting fire to a bank. The session featured videos of recent mass mobilizations.

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2. Having heard testimony from experts, eyewitnesses, colonial resisters and survivors—the majority of whom were born in Puerto Rico and continue to endure colonial depravity there—on the catastrophe endured by the Puerto Rican people both during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria;

3. Having viewed videotape interviews and examined other documentary material on these topics;

4. Hereby finds the U.S. government guilty of the following crimes against humanity, warranting all measures of relief and redress, including but not limited to reparations:

5. That it has deprived the people of Puerto Rico of their right to self-determination, a violation of international law;

6. That after buying Puerto Rico from Spain in 1898 and establishing a colony of Puerto Ricans, the U.S. has turned Puerto Rico into a U.S. colony, and that the United Nations has jurisdiction over Puerto Rico because it was the country subjected to colonial rule.

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Verdict demands reparations for U.S. crimes

Following two hours of deliberation on the evening of Oct. 27 in New York City, the jury at the International Tribunal on U.S. Crimes in Puerto Rico issued the following verdict:

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Refugees flee Central America

By Teresa Gutiérrez

The mass exodus of workers from Central America making its way into the U.S. is described in the media as a “migrant caravan.” But as workers fleeing their homeland in record, unprecedented numbers right now are refugees, not migrants.

According to the United Nations, a refugee is defined as “someone who has been forced to flee (their) country because of persecution, war, or violence. A refugee is not an economic migrant or someone fleeing a fear of persecution.... Most likely, they cannot return home or are afraid to do so. War and... violence are leading causes.”

*Refugees* are defined as “someone who has been forced to flee because of persecution, war, or violence” and travel and that people would not have to pay the usual $7,000 for a smuggler.

As masses of people began to gather, from 2,000 to 3,000, the caravan grew to about 10,000 as more and more Hondurans came together. They were then surprisingly joined by thousands of Guatemalans and Salvadorans.

While activist caravans are common in this area, no one had ever seen anything like this.

In their own words

The sight of this mass exodus tears at the heart strings.

The wave of humanity risking everything, trekking in scorching heat and dangerous terrain, feet aching beyond words, with children sick and crying, no one had ever seen anything like this.

One woman told Al Jazeera that she was forced to flee because gangs, which the government allows to operate with impunity, threatened her and her daughter. “If they do not pay, the fear of the banks to aggressively extort them for money, and threatened to kill her daughter if she did not pay, she had no choice but to leave.

There is no social contract protecting workers.

There is only profit, privatization and unemployment. More and more people are getting hungry and hungrier by the day. There is no work, no food.

More than 80 percent of Hondurans make less than the minimum wage; about 6 out of 10 Hondurans live in extreme poverty. Privatization of utilities such as electricity has meant skyrocketing costs. Electricity is being shut off in record numbers.

Human Rights Watch says that “impunity for crime and human rights abuses is the norm” in Honduras. The watchdog group Global Witness concluded: “Honduras is the deadliest country in the world for environmental defenders.”

Even the conservative Carnegie En
dowment for International Peace said Honduras was “a country where “corruption is the operating system” and “repression is carefully targeted for maximum psychological effect.”

As the government lives high on the hog and benefits from the chaos, more and more Hondurans have to flee.

Activist Dunia Montoya told the Oct. 23 Daily Beast: “In Honduras 300 people leave every day. What frightens the world is the accumulation of a week or two of people that concentrated together, but we have been living in a humanitarian crisis since long ago.”

Honduras is collapsing under the weight of Washington’s policies.

Pro-fascist elected in Brazil

Resistance continues

By John Catalinotto

Oct. 29 — People in São Paulo, Brazil’s largest city, came out into the streets following the announcement that pro-fascist Jair Bolsonaro won Oct. 28 presidential election. Their message: The struggle may be in a worse place than a day earlier, but the struggle continues.

This continuing struggle requires international solidarity of working-class organizations worldwide, including those in the U.S., with the Brazilian left and with that part of the population that resists the new president and his reaction- tionary program.

The retired army captain got 88 mil- lion votes compared to 47 million votes for Fernando Haddad of the Workers Party (PT). Based on Bolsonaro’s Oct. 7 first round victory, 46 percent to 29 percent, this result was no surprise. Haddad’s coalition drew closer, but still fell short.

Bolsonaro is an extreme right-wing, anti-fascist. He insults women, attacks unions, supports using the army to kill people in the shantytowns or favelas where considered deviants, dehumanizes LGBTQ people and threatens com- munists with death.

He also praises the generals who ran Brazil from 1964-85 and murdered 30,000 people, criticizing them only for not killing another 30,000 left-wing ac- tivists and union leaders.

He has a base in the military itself and in the militarized police. He also has the support of the majority of the pastors of the evangelical churches, which he praised that Bolsonaro was a savior and the PT were devils. The churches attract 20 percent of Brazil’s 285 million people.

Washington supported them for decades to counter the influence of liberation the- ology based in the Catholic Church.

At this difficult moment, there are im- portant questions to answer: What hap- pened so that the PT lost a significant number of votes from sectors of society that had been its mainstay in the last 12 years? Was it because Bolsonaro was a candidate? And how should the Brazilian left proceed to defend their people and organize to reverse this serious setback?

While the PT transferred wealth to very poor Brazilians during an earlier period of economic growth, it never mo- tioned for an insurrection. Nor did it confront the wealthy capitalists, leaving them the lion’s share of economic growth.

During the economic downturn after 2009, it was inevitable that the Brazilian ruling class and middle class would re- sist and finally refuse to share dwindling profits with tens of millions of poor. The banks and oligarchs targeted PT lead- ers, whom they considered the problem. Brazil’s rich had the full support of U.S. imperialism, which was caught spying on President Dilma Rousseff, the second of the PT presidents.

Growing poverty and unemployment drove more people into precarious work. Crime grew. The usual corruption ramp- ant in any capitalist society spread among the politicians. Meanwhile, pet- 

dy crime and growing violence made the poor feel unsafe and susceptible to ap- peals for law and order.

No class collaboration

Although all the capitalist parties were knee deep in corruption, megamne- dia outlets like O Globo focused their attacks on the social democratic PT as if that party invented bribery. The rich wielded the judiciary against the PT, a tactic known as “lawfare.” Congress, half of whose members are under suspicion of corruption, nevertheless impeached Rousseff and, in a frame-up, drove her out of office in 2016.

As this year’s election drew closer, Lula da Silva, the most popular PT leader, was jailed for alleged corruption in another lawfare maneuver to keep him from con- testing the election. Lula led early polls. He was a much better known and more popular political leader than Haddad, an academic.

During the second round of the elec- tion, nearly all Brazil’s rich — along with the Wall Street Journal and the Don- ald Trump administration — backed Bolsonaro.

The lesson is that the PT’s attempt to collaborate with the Brazilian capitalists crushed. The ruling class rejected it. The temptation to conciliate with the capital- ists should die with this election.

In the end, some of the poor were sus- ceptible to the lies that the PT was to blame for everything wrong. Some ac- cepted fascist Bolsonaro’s phony image as an outsider coming to clean up poli- tics. All will soon learn that the new pres- ident’s economic program will impose even more inequality and hurt all but the very rich.

Anti-fascist front

In an attempt to keep Bolsonaro from...
Saudi aggression brings famine to millions of Yemenis

By G. Dunkel

Famine is now killing more people in Yemen than in battle that country’s war of defense against U.S.-backed Saud- i Arabia.

More than 7 million civilians among Ye- men’s 29 million people face death by starva- tion, said Lise Grande, the Unit- ed Nations Children’s Fund coordinator for Yemen. The U.N. is close to calling the situation a famine. (Independent, Oct. 19) The Save the Children charity now es- timates that 50,000 children under the age of five could die from malnutrition this year alone.

Located in the southwest corner of the Arabian Peninsula, Yemen has a dis- tinctive history of at least 2,600 years. The region was wealthy for centuries, producing frankincense and myrrh, but now Yemen is the poorest country in the Arab world. While it has substantial oil reserves, fighting in this country makes it impossible to produce oil profitably.

There is a civil war between the Ansar Allah movement, also known as Houthis, and the puppet regime Saudi Arabia rein- forcing it with its most advanced weapons. The Houthis drove them out. The United States sup- ports the Saudi rulers, supplying the kingdom with its most advanced weapons, military and logistical supplies, tar- get intelligence and recently some special operations forces.

For example, the Trump-hostile MSNBC network has devoted just one segment to Yemen. Meanwhile, MSBC has aired over a dozen negative segments about Syria’s buffer area still a danger zone

By Karin Leukefeld

The war in Syria, provoked by West- ern imperialism powers in 2011 and bring- ing enormous suffering to the Syr- ian people, can end if soon the process of taking place in Idlib province in the country’s northeast advances with no new imperialist intervention. Reaction- ary forces united in a new order, the Gulf monarchies and Israel, still threat- en to unleash havoc. The Syrian army postponed its Idlib offensive to allow an order allowing the Turkish police to operate. Leukefeld is an expert on the region and regular cor- respondent for the German daily news- paper, Junge Welt, which published the following article Oct. 12. Translation by Workers World Managing Editor John Catalinotto.

Information from both Ankara and Moscow indicates that the agreement on a buffer zone between combat units in Idlib and the Syrian army has been large- ly adhered to. According to the Turk- ish-Russian agreement, the fighters are to withdraw their heavy weapons from Idlib by Oct. 15. Russian Foreign Minis- ter Sergei Lavrov said on Oct. 11 that the withdrawal could take one or two days longer. From the Russian point of view, this is, with big attacks on farming fields, fish- ing vessels, water facilities and transporta- tion. Those attacks destroy everything the Houthis are in control of most of the territory. The Houthis also have their rights hit by the attacks to come.”

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Syria’s buffer area still a danger zone

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It is no coincidence that Washington's annual budget for nuclear weapons is $68 billion a year, and that it is the largest extralegal terrorist organization in our country. The largest extralegal terrorist organization in our country in its embryonic form at the moment, one way or another with the military establishment — Big Oil, that untrammeled and ponderant elements in the capitalist establishment — Big Oil, that untrammeled paramilitary force to gain their ends. Capitalism is the fountainhead of political domination. Anti-Semitism has been in capitalism — the trial complex, are the very infrastructure of our society.  


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By M. Matsemela-Ali Odom

In January, HBO purchased the rights to the independent documentary “The Sentence” following its success at the Sundance Film Festival. The documentary debuted on HBO and various streaming services in March.

Produced by rookie filmmaker Rudy Valdez, “The Sentence” spans a nine-year period from 2007 until late 2016 as it follows the story of Valdez’s sister, Cindy Shank, a Mexican-American woman and Michigan resident. In 2007, Shank was arrested and later convicted for conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

From the late 1990s to the early 2000s, Shank lived with her late boyfriend, a drug dealer, until her murder in the early 2000s. Originally taken into custody, charges against her were dropped until the Justice Department decided to reopen her case.

As explained in “The Sentence,” a person can be charged with conspiracy solely for being knowledgeable about the commission of a crime without reporting it. Under mandatory federal sentencing guidelines, Shank was then sentenced to 15 years in prison. In December 2016, Cindy Shank was released as part of the 2016 First Step Act, a federal law that reduced some nonviolent drug sentences.

The incarceration of women of color is central to mass incarceration. Since the 1970s, the incarceration of women of color has increased by more than 900 percent. Women of color have been the most impacted, as they overlap, not in isolation. The concept of intersectionality argues for a systemic look at the injustices that women of color face.

In December 2016, Cindy Shank was granted clemency during the final days of Barack Obama’s presidency. Amidst Shank’s joy, she is visibly overcome with sorrow and guilt when she realizes the odds she overcame and how many eligible inmates remain. In 2016 alone, more than 36,000 women met the guidelines for clemency, yet Shank was one of only 1,500 to be released.

Timely story

The emergence of Shank’s story is timely. The Obama administration and then Attorney General Eric Holder had instructed the Justice Department and federal attorneys to back away from mandatory minimum prosecutions, returning discretion over sentencing to the hands of judges. This is simply accomplished by removing the quantity of drugs from the federal index.

However, this compassionate measure never rose to the level of legislative reform — and as with all executive orders, they were rescinded upon the change in administration. In May 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions ordered the reinstatement of mandatory minimum sentences by falsely claiming that Obama’s retreat had made the streets unsafe.

Independent analysts have connect ed the reinstatement of mandatory drug sentencing to the increased construction of for-profit federal detention centers. As seen in the case of the Boundary Park Four and More in San Diego, Calif. (nyurl.co/www-BP4-SD), activists believe that the government is attempting to fill these beds with people who use drugs and extremely low-level dealers — creating the image of uncontained crime where there is none.

Noted, the story of Cindy Shank demands an intersectional understanding of mass incarceration. Shank’s story is a crucial story to tell, not because it is the most extraordinary, but because it is most common. The centrality of Shank’s story to intersectionality is that it is overlooked in the general heteropatriarchal analysis of mass incarceration. Shank’s story reminds us that when a family member serves time, everyone in that family serves time as well.
Miles de trabajadores/as refugiados/as de Honduras y sus familias han marchado a través de Guatemala hacia México, un río de personas inunda- dos con la esperanza de una vida me- jor en los EUA. El presidente Trump ha amenaza- do con llamar a los militares y cerrar la frontera sur de los EUA contra el las/os. Cerrar una frontera suele ser el último acto antes de tomar una nación antes de declarar la guerra. Pero EUA ya ha declarado guer- ra del siglo XXI contra las/os mi- grantes. Comenzó bajo la adminis- tración de Obama y ahora se está implementando incluso más cruel y escandalosamente bajo Trump. ¿De dónde vino el golpe? El gen- de más bajo aquí. No debe haber fronteras en la lu- chadora en Honduras y otros países de América Central para obtener miles de millones de dólares en ganancias de sus tierras y mano de obra. Las/os refugiados/as hondureños simplemente están huyendo de los golpes de pobreza, violencia y muerte que la agresión de EUA ha desatado en su país. A principios del siglo XX, cor- poraciones estadounidenses como la United Fruit tomaron miles de miles de fincas pertenecientes a Tela Railroad Co., una sucursal de la United Fruit, ahora conocida como Chiquita Brands International. Siguen luchando mientras avan- zan a través de las fronteras, diri- giéndose a un EUA que les ha quitado tanto. Vienen a exigir un futuro en el que puedan sobrevivir. Es nuestra responsabilidad en los EUA luchar todo lo posible para detener las intervenciones mortales llevadas a cabo por el estableci- miento corporativo que dirige este país y apoyar la autodeterminación de Honduras y de todos los demás países. Es lo que se debe hacer. Además, el brutal empobrecimien- to de las/os trabajadores en otros países eventualmente significa salva- dos más bajos aquí. Es nuestra responsabilidad luchar para abrir la frontera sur a las/os mi- grantes. El imperialismo no respeta fron- teras en sus intervenciones en todo el mundo. Las ganancias de las/os trabajadores y agricultores de todos el mundo han robado al mundo millones de millones de dólares en ganancias de sus tierras y mano de obra. Tenemos un enemigo común: los asesinatos de puertorriqueños por los Estados Unidos en su primer ataque militar a San Juan el 12 de mayo de 1898, y ahora a través de la reciente invasión económica im- puesta a través del saqueo del país por parte de Wall Street. Al señalar que actualmente el 2% de todos los ingresos en los Estados Unidos secan de allí hasta $92 mil mil- llones en ganancias anuales, concluyó: “Ellos nos deben a nosotros”. Testimonio expone envenenamiento de tierras y personas: Berta Bárbara Caceres y Frank Velgara coor- dinaron las presentaciones durante el testi- monio. Una sesión expuso el daño ambiental. El testimonio de la ciudadanía de Guayama, donde las plantas de carbón envenenan la tierra con cenizas de carbono y metales pesados, causando enfermedades en las/os residentes, acusó a las corpora- ciones estadounidenses. Desde la isla de Vi- queques, el testimonio expuso cómo la Marina de los Estados Unidos probó armamentos en el país caribeño, con los precios de sus operaciones establecidos por las Naciones Unidas, durante la administración de Dwight D. Eisenhower. El secretario de es- tado de los Estados Unidos bajo su pródiga y risks de la Constitución, el 27 de octubre. Un jurado de 15 activistas internacio- nales de derechos humanos y luchadoras/os por la liber- tad, tras ocho horas de tes- timonios con sus acciones y sus años de lucha, anunció este año el veredicto de la culpabilidad de los Estados Unidos. El jurado declaró al gobierno de los Esta- dos Unidos culpable de crímenes contra la humanidad contra los obreros/as de Puerto Rico durante toda su historia desde la toma de Puerto Rico por parte de los EUA en 1917. Las evidencias incluyeron el uso de la fuerza sin considerar el resultado de las acciones de la senda y de lu- chadores/as de la mujer, activistas LGBTT, siguiendo el sentimiento personal de la política. A propósito que, durante más de un siglo, los capi- talistas imperialistas estadounidenses han estado librando una guerra económica brutal y desvastadora en Honduras y otros países de América Central para obtener miles de millones de dólares en ganancias de sus tierras y mano de obra. Las/os refugiados/as hondureños simplemente están huyendo de los golpes de pobreza, violencia y muerte que el gobierno colonial de Puerto Rico y tres años después de su juramento en el Con- greso estadounidense, junto con Lolita Leb- rhón, Irvin Flores y Andrés Figueroa Cordero