No U.S. troops

By Chris Fry

Just a month after the Pentagon ad-
mitted that its $600 million program to
arm and train “Arab opposition forces” in
Syria has failed, with only four or five
so-called fighters trained, the Obama
administration announced that some 50
U.S. Special Forces “advisers” are being
sent to Syria.

This escalation represents a new at-
tempt by U.S. imperialism to restart
another proxy war in the Middle East.
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Help build a Workers World!

Six brave immigrant activists take the streets.

Anti-immigrant law protested

By BlackGirlRedStar
Raleigh, N.C.

Activists gathered in front of North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory's mansion on Oct. 29 to protest the signing of anti-immigrant House Bill 384. This bill has several provisions which all act to harm immigrant workers and such as prohibiting the use of consular documents as identification and proof of residence. Additionally, it would prevent cities and counties from choosing to become "sanctuary" cities, where local governments could determine the extent to which local law enforcement collaborates with federal immigration agencies and procedures.

Speakers highlighted the issues facing immigrant families, students, youth and others who were present at the action, decrying the deportation of undocumented people and reminding the crowd of the contributions that immigrants have made to the community and the state of North Carolina.

Six brave immigrant activists from various organizations and backgrounds took the streets, linked together with handcuffs covered by polyvinyl chloride tubes that read "Black + Brown Power" and "Stop Hate!" Ivanna Gonzales, one of these protestors, said, "HB 384 is an attack on immigrant workers and a distraction from the indignities that all North Carolinian workers suffer every day. I won't stand for it."

For several hours, police and other officials cut through the PVC tubes to separate these determined activists, as they and the crowd demanded an end to HB 384. This powerful action succeeded in sending a message to those in power that the community is watching. This continuity will continue to interrupt their comfort, at their front doors if necessary, until they put an end to these hateful, unnecessary laws that deliberately attack immigrants in North Carolina and across the country.

If you're sick, sick, of endless wars and oppose the U.S. invasion of Iraq and Syria,

If you are in solidarity with the dynamic Black Lives Matter struggle in the forefront of fighting police terror and structural racism,

If you detest the bankers and bosses making the workers pay for the economic crisis they didn't create,

If you know from reading WW that capitalism is at a dead end,

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

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We fight every kind of oppression. Racism, sexism, gender identity or disabilities — all are tools the ruling class uses to keep us apart. They ruthlessly super-exploit some in order to better exploit us all. WWP builds unity among all workers while supporting the right of self-determination. Fighting oppression is the working-class issue, which is confirmed by the many labor struggles led today by people of color, immigrants and women.

WWP has a long history of militant opposition to imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning back the clock to the bad old days before socialist revolutions and national liberation struggles liberated territory from their grip. We’ve been in the streets to oppose every one of imperialism’s wars and aggressions.

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Boston school bus drivers ride the bus to WW conference

By Workers World Boston Bureau

On Nov. 7, Team Solidarity — the Voice of United School Bus Union Workers — will lead a bus full of activists from United Steelworkers Local 8751 and supporters in Boston to participate in the Workers World Party National Conference in New York City.

At its October membership meeting, Local 8751 voted to pay part of the cost of the bus, acknowledging the support Workers World has given to the bus drivers for decades. “Workers World is doing a good job altogether,” said President François, one of the four union leaders fired by Veolia/Transdev two years ago. “The union has benefited from Workers World and its financial support for decades. “Workers World is doing a good job altogether,” said President François, one of the four union leaders fired by Veolia/Transdev two years ago. “The union has benefited from Workers World and its financial support for decades.”

François has attended the third time the union has sent a bus. Last year, Team Solidarity gave a detailed update to the conference in New York City.

The conference will consider WWP putting forward its own program through the elections. Members will vote on a proposal to organize a Workers World Party Presidential ticket, which could be an effective general election vehicle to organize and formulate strategy for fighting back against the ravages of capitalism and the union-busting, racism, sexism, LGBTQ oppression, discrimination against people with disabilities, immigrants and other evils that it breeds.

Much has developed in the union's ongoing struggle since last year's conference. Local 8751 has successfully beat back the Veolia/Transdev/Boston Police, and the new four fired leaders, swept every position in the union's Executive Board election in a historic landslide victory. The new union is committed to an all-inclusive union, without discrimination, oppression and social hierarchy.

The conference provided a unique opportunity to learn, discuss, deliberate and formulate strategy for fighting back against the ravages of capitalism and the union-busting, racism, sexism, LGBTQ oppression, discrimination against people with disabilities, immigrants and other evils that it breeds.

On Nov. 2, supporters from around Michigan rallied at the doors to the Michigan Department of Corrections in Lansing, the state capital, to demand an end to the harassment of Rev. Pinkney. They ask supporters to send letters and call prison officials.

At the rally, Workers World talked to Dr. James Anderson, who made the long trip upstate to visit Rev. Pinkney on Oct. 30 and 31 at Marquette Branch Prison. According to Dr. Anderson, “Rev. Pinkney doesn’t know why he was rushed to the prison close to his spouse and children. ‘He feels extremely unsafe. Prison officials tolerate, if not encourage, fights among prisoners. He felt much safer in the prison laundry for washing his clothes after he was housed had extensive black mold.”

“His phone service was cut off without a hearing. He has received four ‘tickets’ but flatly denies the charges, saying they are trumped up. He can lose his phone privileges for up to 6 months!”

“Rev. Pinkney reported prison misconduct and harassment against him. Mail from his lawyer has been opened before it reaches him. A fellow prisoner recommended that he conduct church services, but the assignment was suddenly withdrawn without explanation.

“He reports that he is being subject—on Oct. 27—to a full-scale intervention. Readers can also call Rev. Edward Pinkney, NE-93 #294671, Marquette Branch Prison, 1960 U.S. Hwy. 41 South, Marquette, MI 49855. They can call Michigan Department of Corrections Director Heidi Washington at 517-241-7238 to urge that prison guards be restored to Rev. Pinkney and that he be transferred downstate to Lakeland Prison. Readers can also call Marquette Branch Prison to urge that Rev. Edward Pinkney’s phone privileges be restored and that harassment of this political prisoner stop. Ask for the Deputy Warden’s office 906-226-6533. For prisoner headcounts per day, Marquette prison is doing 18 counts per day, including hourly counts through most of the night. [The guards] shine flashlights on the inmates trying to sleep. Rev. Pinkney says he is often awakened by the flashlights and is getting little sleep. This process is known to be destructive to one’s health.”

“Rev. Pinkney expressed how grateful he was for the large number of birthday cards sent to him. [His 67th birthday was on Oct. 27] He urges people to keep sending him cards and letters.”

World Peace Conference

Why we need socialist revolution

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Breakout sessions follow, where conference participants can gather in small groups and have an opportunity to interact and contribute to the discussion until 6 p.m. They include:

• Lessons of Greece, Detroit and Puerto Rico: Global struggle against austerity

• What it means to be revolutionary

• Socialism & China: Dispelling the myths

• Black Lives Matter: The leadership role of women and LGBTQ people

• Fighting imperialism means building internationalism

During Saturday dinner, youth and student organizers will discuss the Million Student March, nationally coordinated actions scheduled for Nov. 12. A social event is scheduled for Saturday evening. The conference resumes on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

The following day coming up, it is no surprise that the fifth plenary panel, “Marxist Ideology, the Elections and Solidarity,” will not only review the reactions of the campaigns waged by the capitalist party candidates, but will consider WWP putting forward its own program through the elections.

No U.S. troops LET SYRIA LIVE

"The Pentagon wants to build a firewall behind forces allied with the United States — both the Kurds and the Syrian-Arab coalition backed by Mr. Obama — to allow these fighters to hold territory they have captured,” (nytimes.com, Oct. 31)

And what is the Obama administration using as legal justification for its military campaign? “The Constitution requires Congress to declare wars, but in this case, Obama said he doesn’t need lawmakers’ sign-off because a sweeping (Bush-era) 2001 “Authorization for Use of Military Force” covers his actions,” (huffingtonpost.com, June 3)

Since Congress is unable and Obama unwilling to stand up against a new Pent-agon adventure, the U.S. forces are clearly up to the anti-war movement and the people to do so — in the streets!
Nov. 15: Say No to Capitalism & Racism Day

“You can't have racism without capitalism! To end racism and all the evils that come with it, we must end capitalism.” — Malcolm X

Activist organizations in New York City have called for “A People’s Response to the G20 Summit,” meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, to take place at CNN headquarters at 29 Street and Columbus Circle on 4 p.m. on Nov. 15. The following are excerpts from a release sent out by the organizers.

On Nov. 15 and the heads of governments of the G20 — the world’s 20 largest economies — along with the heads of their central banks, as well as the top bankers of the world, will be holding their annual summit meeting, which has already started.

Please support this call to make Nov. 15, the first day of the G20 Summit — A SAY NO TO CAPITALISM AND RACISM DAY. It is an international day to build the protest in NYC (and elsewhere).

The next G20 summit will be the most important G20 meeting since the global financial crash of 2008. The current volatility in global financial markets is a sign that the world capitalist system is entering a new, more intractable and more violent crisis.

No matter what the official G20 message says, the question on the next G20 summit’s agenda (which in reality is dominated by the super-rich of the U.S. and the West) will be: What must be done to rescue world capitalism and the 1% that profit from its perpetuation?

Ultimately, this means that the people of the world will be subjected to more unbearable inequality, poverty, hunger, homelessness, gentrification, militarism, austerity, more joblessness, more low wages, more war and occupation, and the even greater prospect of a planet that is rapidly exhausting its capacity to sustain life.

Just as ominous and dangerous, the deepening world economic and political crisis will create an even greater opportunity for the manifestation of racism and fascism.

The police war against Black people in the United States that has given rise to the powerful Black Lives Matter movement, as well as the war against Arab, African, Asian, Muslim, Indigenous and Latina/o migrants from the borders of Europe to the U.S.-Mexican border are examples of the intersection between capitalism and racism.

The time has come for progressive forces to stand up and say that capitalism can’t be reformed and should not be saved.

We will no longer tolerate the system killing, oppressing, marginalizing or scapegoating people of Color, migrants, poor people, women, lesbian, gay, bi, trans and queer people, people with disabilities, young people and all working people.

Sponsors Include: Peoples Power Assembly; May 1st Coalition for Worker and Immigrant Rights; International Working Women’s Coalition.

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Federal Budget plans billions for wars, cuts to services

By Peter Gilbert

Congress is expected to vote on Oct. 29 on a federal budget “compromise” between Republican conservatives and the Obama administration. The budget is expected to pass quickly and avoid a repeat of the 2013 government shutdown, when hundreds of thousands of federal employees were left off pay and vital government programs were suspended.

The U.S. Treasury Department reports that without this deal the debt ceiling limit would be reached by Nov. 3.

The basic deal increases the federal budget by $80 billion for the next two years, $50 billion in the first year and $30 billion in the second year. About half of the increase is earmarked only for the Pentagon, the remainder for unspecified “discretionary spending.” Those increases come at the cost of massive cuts to Medicare and Social Security payments to workers with disabilities (SSDI).

The deal also includes additional funding of $32 billion dollars in the “ Overseas Contingency Operations Fund” (OCO), to fund the ground and airborne imperialist aggression against Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

(Huffington Post, Oct. 26)

Increased funding to expand imperialist war

The Military Times, which caters directly to the U.S. Armed Forces, reports on Oct. 27 even larger increases to the Pentagon under the new deal. It projects that the 2016 and 2017 Pentagon budgets would each be increased by $25 billion, to a total of $548 billion in 2016 and $551 billion in 2017, not counting the OCO funding specifically for the ongoing U.S.-led wars.

The Military Times reports an additional $39 billion a year for the next two years to fund the attacks on Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq.

At the same time as the budget announcement of massive increases in military funding, the Pentagon is recommending increasing the deployment of U.S. soldiers, the ground and airborne imperialist aggression against Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Justice for L.A. port drivers, warehouse workers

By Matty Stardust and Sue Davis

The latest strike by truck drivers and warehouse workers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach ended after five days on Oct. 30. Both groups of workers, mostly immigrants who are classified as “independent contractors” rather than employees, have been fighting wage theft, hostile bosses and unsafe working conditions for years.

The Warehouse Workers Resource Center noted Oct. 29 that the number of workers participating in the unfair labor practices strike at the California Cartage warehouse, which services Amazon, Lowe’s, Kmarts, Sears and other large retailers — and handles 40 percent of U.S. imports processed through these ports — has doubled since they struck last year. The warehouse workers’ strike was the first of its kind.

The warehouse workers, organized by the Warehouse Workers Initiative, voted to strike Oct. 27 after the warehouse drivers filed wage and hour claims valued at $3.5 million with the California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement.

Justice for L.A. port Drivers and Warehouse Workers.

UPS pilots vote to strike: Teamsters vow support

After four years of failed negotiations and no contract, the Independent Pilots Association, representing 2,500 United Parcel Service pilots, voted Oct. 23 to authorize a strike. The vote, a resounding 99.6 percent in favor, means the IPA executive board can pull out of deadlocked federal mediation and call a strike. (iplapilot.org, Oct. 23)

In a bold display of class solidarity, Teamsters President James Hoffa and Secretary-Treasurer Ken Hall pledged the union’s full support: “If a strike is necessary, we will not cross your lines, but will stand with you on them.” The Teamsters represent more than 1 million UPS workers; a strike by both unions would bring UPS to a grinding halt. “The Teamsters have not forgotten the solidarity that you showed us in 1997, when not one single IPA member crossed our picket lines.” (iplapilot.org, Oct. 22)

Kaiser health care workers ratify national contract

One of the largest private sector contracts — the Kaiser Permanente national collective bargaining agreement covering 105,000 health care workers in 28 union locals in one state and the District of Columbia — was ratified Oct. 21. It increases the wages of registered nurses, maintenance and service workers, technicians, lab scientists, optometrists and others. It also sets standards to improve the quality and safety of health care.

Lavoris Harris, secretary-treasurer of Food and Commercial Workers Local 400, representing more than 1,000 Kaiser workers in D.C., said the negotiation process “galvanized member activism. There is great energy and a wonderful spirit of participation. That will serve us well in implementing the contract and in improving working conditions for our members.” (dclabor.org, Oct. 21)
Markets glutted, layoffs and hunger grow

Tremors before a capitalist earthquake?

By Sara Flounders


In the U.S., basic commodity prices have collapsed, and there is a huge glut of oil, coal, copper, zinc, heavy equipment and machine parts. There is also a rash of mergers and drastic reorganization. Major crops such as corn — used in biofuels for feed along with soy and wheat — are selling at half of last year’s price. Banks are suddenly less willing to lend to giant energy and mining corporations.

Most ominous for the working class are announcements of big layoffs, in the tens of thousands and even hundreds. Producers like Alcoa, Caterpillar, John Deere, Dupont and Hewlett-Packard.

An article in the Oct. 25, New York Times titled “A Global Chill Hits Home” described the collapsing markets and interlinked industries. As crude oil has fallen from over $100 a barrel a year ago to $84.75 today, more than two-thirds of the 1,500 operating oil rigs in the U.S. have been decommissioned. The billions that had poured into the environmentally ruinous oil-fracking industry and Arctic drilling are suddenly on hold.

Adding to investors’ unease was an earlier soft report on the U.S. housing market and the release of internal economic forecasts by the Federal Reserve Bank, the July 19 Washington Post Journal. “A Global Recession” was the ominous headline of a Washington Post article on Sept. 29.

Too big a surplus to sell
Steel production is collapsing. U.S. Steel is now operating at 58 percent of capacity. The largest part of its production has been used for steel tubing in oil pipe lines and the fining of oil wells. While typical Western company accumulates four months’ inventory of steel tubing, it is now 10 to 12 months. This is a global glut.

Much of the market now is for steel from south Korea and China.

Banks are nervous about further lending because their portfolios are at risk. Oil and energy stocks held as collateral by banks to underpin loans they have advanced have lost half their value. As prices fall, so does the value of the stocks guaranteeing the loans.

Investments in 22 raw materials tracked by Bloomberg News on Sept. 30 posted their worst quarter since the 2008 global financial crisis. More ominous are forecasts for the slowest economic growth since 1990. Morgan Stanley has warned that more losses may be ahead.

As sales of John Deere heavy equipment dropped by 30 percent in the last quarter, its earnings sank by 40 percent, and 1,400 workers were laid off. Hewlett-Packard laid off 30,000 workers. Caterpillar just announced a layoff of 10,000 workers.

Fortune magazine’s listing on Oct. 2 of the 10 biggest layoffs of the year so far declared: “This year already ultrage was the last, and it’s only October.” According to outplacement firm Challenger, Graber and Christmas, employers have announced 495,431 planned layoffs so far this year — a 36 percent increase over the same period last year.

Blaming China for capitalism’s woes
Almost every article on the collapse in commodity prices or the possibility of a new global crash blames the capitalist crisis on a slowing of China’s growth. As Bloomberg Report explained: “China is the biggest user of energy, metals and grains. Any slowdown in China is a threat to its customers.”

But Edward L. Morse, the head of Citigroup’s global commodities research, also took note of that country’s historic achievement that had driven up worldwide markets: “Between 1993 and 2013, China built 200 cities of 1 million people or more. This was uniquely intense in terms of steel, copper and other commodities.” (New York Times, Oct. 23)

In fact, for 900 years, long before China’s spectacular rise, crises of overproduction have upended capitalist economies every 7 to 10 years. The boom-and-bust, expansion-and-contraction cycles leading to capitalist overproduction were described by Karl Marx over 165 years ago. They make capitalism an unstable, crisis-ridden, self-destructive system of production.

This crisis of too much capacity results in masses of unsold and unsalable products and increasing capitalist competition in ruthless and unpredictable ways. Capitalists don’t produce goods just to satisfy a social use or need. Can this commodity be sold at a profit is their overriding motivation.

Now technology has developed industry and agriculture on a vast scale to the point where each time the capitalist economy starts up again, the market more quickly reaches a point of saturation.

Old tricks don’t work
Traditional capitalist methods used since the Great Depression of 1929 to pull the economy back up and ensure profits to a small handful of corporate owners have already been employed. For years the Federal Reserve has been holding interest rates at close to zero in a desperate attempt to spur business activity.

Government bailouts of the banks and corporations also have a limit. Forbes Magazine of Sept. 20, 2011, reported that $86 trillion had been allocated in the U.S. and internationally after the 2008 crisis to keep the capitalist system afloat and profitable. Since that report, the federal government has continued pumping in additional billions.

A trillion dollars in annual U.S. military spending, direct and indirect, is a continuing subsidy to the largest oil and military firms and another form of corporate bailout. This deadly subsidy puts the entire planet at risk and nurtures a viciously repressive war machine.

But none of this solves the problem of overproduction; it just temporarily absorbs some of the surplus. And the money for these bailouts is stolen directly from the workers as budgets for education, health care and government assistance are cut just as need for them increases.

No recovery for workers
What makes a new capitalist crisis most dangerous for the working class is that there has been no real recovery for the workers since the crisis of 2007. While the crisis was declared over in 2009, millions of workers were never re-employed. Millions have given up looking for work, and are not counted in the unemployment statistics.

A far more accurate measure than the official unemployment figure is the number of people participating in the workforce, which is now at the lowest level in 38 years, despite population growth. This is the longest period of job loss since the Great Depression of 1929, and the capitalists have no solution.

Workers are no better than what they were in the 1990s. According to the Economic Policy Institute, “In the past 12 years wages fell for 70 percent of workers.”

High rates of home foreclosures, unemployment and stagnant wages have continued relentlessly. Four out of five U.S. adults struggle with joblessness, near-poverty or reliance on welfare for at least part of their lives, a sign of deteriorating economic security.

Poverty rates are now the highest in the 52 years they have been recorded. Poverty among Black and Latino workers has been nearly three times the rate of whites, reported the Associated Press of Dec. 17, 2013.

Unsolvable problems
These are the unsolvable problems that can grow far worse as a new capitalist downturn rips through the global economy. Every effort to save corporate profits will be made, including drastic cutbacks in social services, monstrous austerity programs and bone-deep cuts in pensions.

As capitalist economists and bankers conspire to seize hold of every source of wealth to guarantee their profits, it is essential for the workers’ movement to anticipate what is coming and not be taken by surprise.

The upheaval and massive insecurity of the capitalist system in crisis can propel workers in a revolutionary direc-tion. Understanding why the capitalists cannot solve the enormous problems of plenty alongside desperate poverty is essential for the struggles ahead.

For a detailed analysis of the impact of the rapid changes in productive forces under capitalism, see the book “Capitalism at a Dead End” by Workers World contributing editor Fred Goldstein.

By Sam Marcy with an updated introduction by Fred Goldstein, author of Low Wage Capitalism.
By Monica Moorehead

The ongoing racist war against Black and Brown people, especially youth, continues to take center stage across the U.S. Even the upcoming presidential campaign cannot escape the justified widespread anger of young people who are the main targets of police terror.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, Democratic presidential candidate, was prevented from speaking for at least 10 minutes during a campaign rally on Oct. 30 in Atlanta, when several demonstrators disrupted her speech with chants of “Black Lives Matter! Black Lives Matter!” Clinton was forced to interrupt, “Yes, Black Lives do matter” during her talk. Bernie Sanders, another Democratic candidate, has also been confronted by BLM protesters on his campaign trail.

The disruption in Atlanta came four days after a horrific development that made national headlines nationwide. That is the violent attack on an African-American teenage woman by a white male deputy in a Spring Valley High School boys’ bathroom in Columbia, South Carolina.

Video footage of this attack, captured by students with camera cell phones, went viral on social media. Ben Fields, the police officer, is shown grabbing the young woman around her neck, flipping her backwards out of her seat, throwing her on the floor and then tossing her across the room. She had to be hospitalized. The “excuse” for attacking this teenager was that she was being “defiant” in not putting away her cell phone when the teacher asked her to. The footage also shows some of her predominantly Black classmates covering their eyes, indicating that they did not escape the trauma of seeing their classmate being physically assaulted.

Rockland Sheriff Leon Lott fired Fields on Oct. 26 for “violating department policy.” The firing of the deputy, while substantiating the criminality of this act, is not enough. Fields should have been immediately arrested, charged and indicted for this heinous act. However, this particular assault cannot be viewed within a vacuum.

These kinds of assaults on young people — including those as young as 4 years old — by armed police are occurring on a daily basis, as mass incarceration. The militarization of the schools, especially in oppressed and working-class areas, is the direct result of the police occupation of whole communities.

There is a growing chorus in the Black Lives Matter movement and among their supporters to demand that police get out of the schools and that they be disarmed. The police are the criminals, not youth of color.

Thabo Sefolosha sues NYPD

Thabo Sefolosha, the 35-year-old professional basketball forward with the Atlanta Hawks, announced on Oct. 26 his plans to file a $30 million lawsuit against the New York Police Department. Sefolosha was recently acquitted of all charges, totally clearing his name. The charges against Antic, who is white, were also dropped.

Sefolosha has made clear that the motivation for his lawsuit is to make a strong statement that no one should have to go through what he experienced — which was not enough. Fields should have been subjected to police misconduct and brutality.

The following resolution (lightly edited) was initiated by 17 members of the San Francisco Labor Council and adopted by that body on Oct. 26.

Whereas: Rumia Abu-Jamal, award-winning journalist and former member of the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, who headed the Philadelphia chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists, was railroaded to prison in the early 1980s — and languished on death row for years — and is now suffering from acute psychological and physical illness, was coming home from a near medical emergency in March 2015, when he was on the verge of slipping into a diabetic coma and renal failure. He was also suffering from a severe skin disease, fever, body rash and open sores, itching and bleeding on his arms and legs, of all of which went undiagnosed and untreated for months by the State Correctional Institution at Mahanoy, Pa.

Mumia Abu-Jamal

In recent months the world became aware that Abu-Jamal had suffered a medical emergency in March 2015, when he was on the verge of slipping into a diabetic coma and renal failure. He was also suffering from a severe skin disease, fever, body rash and open sores, itching and bleeding on his arms and legs, of all of which went undiagnosed and untreated for months by the State Correctional Institution at Mahanoy, Pa.

Mumia Abu-Jamal

Recently prison medical officials informed Mumia that he had active hepatitis C virus, although they have denied him treatment for this and his other medical conditions. Mumia’s lawyers have filed suit charging that prison authorities are withholding administration of an antiviral oral treatment proven to be highly successful in curing HCV, called “a silent epidemic” in the nation’s prisons.

Supporters of Abu-Jamal believe the Pennsylvania prison system is guilty of “medical neglect,” which could possibly lead to his death. All efforts are needed to provide him with medical specialists and a treatment regimen required to restore him to full health.

Therefore be it resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council write letters to (1) SCI Mahanoy, (2) Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and (3) Gov. Tom Wolf demanding that since these authorities have not complied with health care standards recommended by the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association and the Department of Justice, and are showing no signs of ending the medical neglect that threatens the life of Abu-Jamal, that Mumia be released to the care of doctors and medical facilities of his choice private crime in the neighborhood.

By Chris Fry

Oct. 30 — After an Albany, N.Y., grand jury refused to indict any cops for killing Donald “Dontay” Ivy, more than 100 people marched through the streets of downtown Albany. Shouting “Let us in!” they demanded to be allowed into Albany police headquarters to register their demands, including the arrest of the cops involved in the firing of the county prosecutor.

The rally and march were organized by the group Capital Area Against Mass Incarceration. Ivy’s aunt, Celinda Okwuosa, spoke at the rally, pointing out that the cops had no reason to stop him. He had committed no crime, she said, and the cops were not investigating any
By Ben Carroll

People marched and rallied here on Oct. 30 to show solidarity with the uprising in Palestine. The demonstration also centrally connected the struggle against racist police terror and the prison-industrial complex at home, to the Palestinian struggle against the state of Israel and U.S. imperialism.

The march gathered at a park near downtown, where solidarity statements were read by representatives of Black Workers for Justice, the Duke University chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine, Workers World Party and the Green Party. A statement prepared by march organizers and read prior to the start of the march asserted:

“We stand in solidarity with the #BlackLivesMatter Uprising. We want an end to occupation, racist violence and displacement, at home and abroad. ...”

“The United States spends billions of dollars funding Israeli occupation and the genocide of Palestinians while denying Black and Brown communities basic access to wages, health care and adequate housing. With just 5 percent of the world’s population, U.S. prisons hold 25 percent of the incarcerated people on the globe — many of them working-class Black and Brown people.”

With chants of “Free, free Palestine!” and “From Durham to Gaza, globalize this struggle!” the march swept off and passed by crowded downtown bars and restaurants.

As the march passed City Hall, the protesters stopped and heard statements from Muslims for Social Justice and Jewish Voice for Peace. The Durham JVP chapter announced the launch of a new campaign, as part of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement, to demand that the city of Durham divest completely from Israel.

The demonstration continued on to the Durham County Jail to join a protest by the Inside-Outside Alliance. The Alliance has held demonstrations at the jail every Friday for several months now to protest conditions at the jail, and recently won a major victory when a seven-month lockback — a virtual lockdown for all the inmates in the prison — was ended.

Passing cars gave honks of support as people chanted and danced to the beat of drums outside the jail, and imprisoned people inside banged on the windows in response to the demonstration below. It was a powerful conclusion to the demonstration that expressed solidarity with the resistance of the Palestinian people while squarely pointing to the role of U.S. imperialism in the Israeli occupation and the occupation of Black and Brown communities here at home.

Two days later, the Durham branch of Workers World Party showed “Roadmap to Apartheid” as part of its monthly “Liberation Sunday” film series. Narrated by Alice Walker, the film outlines how the occupation of Palestine by the state of Israel is, in many ways, identical to the apartheid system in South Africa. Discussion following the film pointed to the need to expose the role of the U.S. in economically, politically and militarily supporting the occupation, to support the self-determination of the Palestinian people to resist the occupation and to connect the Black freedom struggle to the struggle of the Palestinians also fighting for liberation.

Iran hosts international anti-racist conference

Tehran — From Oct. 27 to Oct. 29, a group of activists from the United States came to the Islamic Republic of Iran for a conference on police brutality and racism. The conference was launched at the headquarters of the Islamic Republic’s broadcasting media corporation and hosted by famous Iranian filmmaker Nader Talebzadeh. After the first day, the conference continued at the Eteghlal Hotel, hosted by famous Iranian filmmaker Nad Teamjavand.

Political scientist and radio talk show host Dr. Wilmer Leon described the experience of African Americans in the United States, living with racism and repression on a daily basis. Minister Akbar Muhammad from the Nation of Islam also addressed the conference, as did Sultan Muhammad, an NOI minister from Chicago.

Kemi Seba, a Pan-Africanist essayist and media commentator from France, described the psychological impact of oppression on Black people in Western societies, saying that African Americans have been taught to hate themselves. Dr. Vernellia R. Rundiard, a law professor at the University of Dayton (Ohio), who manages the website racism.org, explained the school-to-prison pipeline and how racial injustice is perpetuated by U.S. law.

Pier Jules, a revolutionary leader of Cameroon who spent many years living in exile in the Soviet Union, called out capitalism. He charged that the imperialists and Zionists are fomenting chaos and terrorism around the world and called for global revolution.

Between the presentations of African-American guests, various Iranian intellectuals and clerics gave remarks. Often they quoted from Supreme Leader of Iran, Grand Ayatollah Ali Seyed Khamenei, who has said, “We oppose both the crimes of Daesh (ISIS) and the federal police of the United States. They are both the same.”

The conference was the third in a series of international gatherings called “New Horizons Conferences.” This year’s event was focused exclusively on the Black front of the struggle. The conference hall was decorated with images of Malcolm X, Kwame Krumah, Fred Hampton and other leaders of the Black Liberation struggle. The conference was presented by its hosts, who also included Zeina Mehanna and Iranian Press TV’s Marzieh Hashemi, as part of the Islamic Republic’s tradition of standing with the oppressed.

Protest in Durham, N.C., joins anti-racists and those in solidarity with Palestine.

Students and community activists rallied at Philadelphia’s City Hall in support of justice for Palestine on Oct. 30. Led by Palestinian youth chanting, “No more deaths! No more lies! Israel out of Palestine!” the gathering took the streets and marched through rush-hour traffic. Many pedestrians, especially immigrants, took photos and videos, and some joined the march. A significant portion of the demonstrators were from the Black community, including members of the Coalition for Racial, Economic and Legal Justice. The protest ended with a speech at the Israeli Consulate. The energetic event was organized by Philly Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions; the International Action Center; and Temple Students for Justice in Palestine.

The same day in Buffalo, N.Y., a protest opposing the U.S./Israeli occupation of Palestine connected global U.S. wars to the war on Black and Brown youth in the U.S. by police. The demonstration, called by Students for Revolution, demanded an end to the illegal, U.S.-sponsored Israeli occupation of Palestine along with all U.S. wars, including in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Yemen. Speakers made it clear that the struggle and resistance shown by Palestinian youth in the West Bank and Gaza against Israeli genocidal occupation are strongly connected with the Black Lives Matter movement in the U.S. as it stands up against racist police brutality and occupation. Solidarity between these movements builds important anti-racist unity in confronting U.S. wars both here and around the world.

Reported by Joe Piette and Ellie Dorrity.
China moves decisively on global warming

By Deirdre Griswold

As the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases, China is well aware of the need to reduce its carbon footprint. In 2009, the country pledged to reduce carbon intensity by 40-45% by 2020 from 2005 levels and to peak its carbon emissions around 2030. These commitments were renewed in 2015, as part of China's hostilities in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

China's transition to a low-carbon economy has been driven by a variety of factors, including environmental concerns, economic efficiency, and strategic interests. China has invested heavily in renewable energy technologies, particularly wind and solar power. By 2020, China's wind power capacity had reached 280 gigawatts, making it the world's largest wind power generator, and its solar power capacity had reached 170 gigawatts, making it the world's largest solar power generator.

China's commitment to renewable energy is also reflected in its efforts to improve its energy efficiency. The country has set targets to increase the share of non-fossil fuels in its energy mix to 15% by 2020 and to 20% by 2030. This includes the continued expansion of nuclear power, which China sees as a key technology for achieving its energy goals.

However, despite its progress, China still faces significant challenges in its transition to a low-carbon economy. The country's reliance on coal-fired power plants remains high, and the retirement of old coal plants is slow. Moreover, the country's energy system is still heavily reliant on oil and gas, which are imported from unstable regions.

China's leadership understands the importance of addressing these challenges in the context of global climate change. The country has played a key role in international climate negotiations, and its leaders have consistently called for greater global cooperation on climate action. China's commitment to addressing climate change is not just a matter of environmental stewardship, but also a strategic consideration, as a low-carbon economy is seen as a key driver of economic growth and competitiveness.

China's progress in renewable energy and energy efficiency is a testament to the country's determination to transition to a low-carbon economy. As the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases, China's actions are critical in the global effort to tackle climate change.
Puerto Rico’s crisis made in USA

By Berta Joubert-Ceci

Puerto Rico’s urgent and growing economic and financial crisis has been the subject of editorials and analysis in the U.S. news media in recent weeks. With a debt of $73 billion – four times greater than that of Detroit – and the real possibility of default to Wall Street creditors, Puerto Rico has become a rather “hot” topic.

On Oct. 22, the U.S. Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy held hearings on Puerto Rico’s economic and financial condition. Almost a month earlier, on Sept. 29, the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance held other hearings.

And on Oct. 1, the day before the latest hearings, President Barack Obama finally broke his long silence on the Puerto Rican crisis. He issued a statement recommending that the U.S. Congress approve the extension of the federal bankruptcy law to Puerto Rico. The island currently has no access to the protection which would allow Puerto Rico to restructure its debt.

It shouldn’t surprise anyone that the presidential statement would not respond to the real needs of the Puerto Rican people, but instead to the urgency of ensuring the Puerto Rican vote for the Democratic Party. The Puerto Rican community in the United States now exceeds 5 million.

On Oct. 13 and 14, Puerto Rican political leaders, agency directors and other personalities in the Puerto Rican diaspora aligned with the Democratic Party held a conference in Orlando, Fl, this city hosts 1 million new Puerto Rican immigrants. Under the title “United for Puerto Rico,” conference organizers tried to exert pressure so that both the Obama administration and Congress would approve the bankruptcy law for PR and grant the necessary financial support to get the island out of this huge crisis.

Who is supporting whom?

This article addresses an aspect of the crisis that is little understood in the United States. It is the issue of “federal assistance and systematic existence of the blockade.”

“The Cuban people will never renounce its sovereignty or the path that it has chosen to build a more just, efficient, prosperous and sustainable socialism. Neither will it give up in its quest for a more equitable and democratic international order.” (Full talk at tinyurl.com/otph87v)

Exercising the opportunity to explain its vote before the actual count, Ambas-

sador arald D. Godard, U.S. senior area advisor for Western Hemisphere Affairs, tried to fault Cuba for raising the annual resolution and made the usual unsubstantiated U.S. attack on Cuba for alleged human rights violations.

Washington is on the defensive this year, via accusations of human rights for mass incarceration, racist police killings, illiteracy, unemployment, homelessness, disproportionate infant mortality, notably in Black communities, and rampant exploitation by banks.

The representative of Nicaragua explained its vote supporting Cuba and criticizing the U.S. statement, saying that country “had hoped to hear something different this time. Regrettably we hear the same rhetoric of previous years. The same arrogance trying to justify what is unjustifiable, arguing for the continuity of a situation against the people of Cuba. ... The entire world rejects this.” She also called for the Guantánamo prison to be closed and the land returned to Cuba, as did others.

About 12:30 p.m. the recorded vote was tallied visibly on an electronic board that turned totally green, except for two stark red “no” votes.

In after-vote explanations, Luxembourg, representing the European Union, cited the extraterritorial nature of the blockade and other matters for its unanimous vote against the U.S. blockade.
Good news is hard to find, especially since the U.S. capitalist media try to bury a lot of it. Here’s a recent example:

The European Parliament, a body that is directly elected by the people of all 28 European Union member states and is more reflective of their opinions than many governments, voted on Oct. 29 that each EU country should “drop any criminal charges against Edward Snowden, grant him protection and consequently prevent extradition or rendition by third parties, in recognition of his status as whistleblower and international human rights defend- er.” (theguardian.com, Oct. 29)

While not directly enforceable, the res- olution expresses the anger of many in Europe against the worldwide electronic “surveillance” campaign conducted by the National Security Agency, a massive U.S. spying organization. And it expresses the strong popular support for heroic whistleblowers like Snowden and Chelsea Manning, who have faced exile or imprison- ment for exposing U.S. crimes, both here and abroad.

This vote reveals how unpopular U.S. imperialism and its political leaders have become, even in so-called allied countries.

The response by the U.S. government was not surprising. “Our position has not changed,” Ned Price, spokesperson for the National Security Council, said in a statement emailed to the Guardian. “Mr. Snowden is accused of leaking classified information and faces felony charges here in the United States. As such, he should be returned to the U.S. as soon as possible, where he will be accorded full due process.”

The “due process” that Price is talking about is prosecution under the draconian Espionage Act of 1917, which would even forbid Snowden from arguing in his de- fense that his disclosures benefited the public.

That same law was used to jail coura- geous unionist and socialist Eugene Debs for years because he spoke out against U.S. entry into World War I. Later, it was used to execute both Julius and Ethel Rosenberg on falsified Cold War espionage charges. It was used to sentence Chelsea Manning to prison for decades for exposing U.S. war crimes in Iraq.

This law is not justice. It is simply a grotesque blueprint for retribution against those with the courage to expose the atrocities of imperialism. Stop the persecution of Edward Snowden! Free Chelsea Manning!}

The government of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s Justice and Progress Party (AKP) has re-won a majority in the Turkish parliament. Its election campaign included renewed war on the Kurdish people and violent attacks across the country on the headquarters of the leftist People’s Democratic Party (HDP), along with arrests and intimid- ation of many journalists and hundreds of political activists.

The government and army reopened the war against the Workers Party of Kurdistan (PKK), a political and guerril- la movement based in the Kurdish popu- lation that had a truce and was negotiat- ing with the government party to end the 21-year conflict.

During the election campaign, the regime raided 200 HDP headquarters around the country, using military and paramilitary forces, and also arrested 500 members of the leftist party. Adding to the atmosphere of intimidation, two attacks on mass gatherings of HDP supporters, apparently by suicide bomb- ers, killed up to 150 people and injured many more. Under those threats, the HDP called off any mass gatherings for the last month of the election campaign.

Despite the difficult conditions, the HDP’s share managed to win more than 5 percent of the votes, giving the party 60 seats. The HDP, a coalition of leftist and Kurdish-based organizations, won hand- ily in many Kurdish-majority districts in the southeast. In June it won 13.2 percent of the vote.

With 40 percent of the vote, up from 41 percent in June, the AKP won 313 of 550 seats. This gives the AKP a majority, but not the two-thirds threshold to amend the Turkish Constitution and in- crease his power as president.

The secular, centrist Republican Peo- ple’s Party came in second, with about the same vote and seats as in June. It was significant that the vote for the pro-fascist National Movement Party (MHP) fell from 16 to 12 percent, reducing its seats from 80 to 42 — fewer than the HDP. The shift in the right-wing vote indicates that reactionary nationalists who voted MHP found the AKP to be sufficiently an- ti-Kurd to give Erdogan their vote.

The AKP’s success only tells us what was told the media after the vote: “We had no elec- tion campaign. We tried only to protect our people from massacres.” Still, given the AKP’s reaction to what Erdogan called a “great victory,” (Junge Welt, Nov. 3) the same imperialist bodies that rant against Venezuela’s Bolivarian government for jailing opponents and also arrested and called it a fair and clean election. These are the same imperialist bodies that rant against Venezuela’s Bolivarian government for jailing opponents — who themselves organize violent anti-government actions.

The U.S. and EU imperialists want Er- dogan and the Turkish state as a partner in the war against the Syrian govern- ment and in general to control Western Asia. That’s why they praised this rotten election.

Like so many repressive regimes, the AKP won votes posturing as a force for people and stability. In reality, Turkey is entering the war in Syria, especially against Kurdish forces, and the state is violently targeting the left and minor- ities there. Workers and oppressed minorities inside Turkey will need international solidarity in addition to taking self-defense measures.
A military exercise by 5,400 troops from various African Union member states began in Douala, Cameroon, on Oct. 26 described the military exercise as a continent-wide African Standby Force. That proved to be a disaster for the continent's stability.

Other peacekeeping efforts have enjoyed success, such as ECOWAS' interventions in Liberia and Sierra Leone during the late 1990s and early 2000s, which, after years of setbacks, brought about some semblance of stability in these states.

From 1998 to 2003, the SADC sent troops to Angola and Namibia to help the countries recover from the ruinous war.

Consequently, these funding sources would automatically have a determining role in determining whom the Western military intervention. With the West's NATO and EU funding, would these entities support an ASF effort to assist a state or group being attacked by imperialist interests, such as in Libya and Ivory Coast in 2011?

The CDRs at 55

By Ildefonso Gustavo Díaz Sandovall

Artemisa, Cuba

On Jan. 1, 1939, a very important event took place in Cuba: the triumph of the Cuban Revolution. From that moment on, many revolutionary measures were taken by the new government to better the economic and social life of the people who had suffered many years of oppression, discrimination and exploitation. As a reaction to those measures, U.S. imperialism tried to frustrate the new-born revolution. It carried out intense subversive work: sabotage, counterrevolutionary acts, incitement campaigns, against the main leaders, and military and economic aggression. Why? Because the new measures taken by the revolution did not coincide with U.S. interests, and the U.S. could not maintain the system of exploitation and oppression that guaranteed its domination.

The leader of the Revolution, Fidel Castro Ruz, realized that the unity of the people was a decisive factor for the victorious advance of the Revolution. This unity materialized from the very beginning of the victory because of the support of the measures taken to defend the revolutionary process from internal and external enemies.

Quickly, mass and social organizations were created without distinctions as to race, sex, religious beliefs or ideological trends. The people were called forth and educated. The Committees for the Defense of the Revolution, known as the CDRs, are an example of the organization and unity of the Cuban people. They are an example of the commitment of the Cuban Revolution to the experience of the world's socialist revolutions.

The CDRs were created on Sept. 28, 1960, by Fidel. At that moment he said, "We are going to set up a system of revolutionary collective surveillance." The purpose of the CDRs was to keep an eye on the terrorist actions of the enemies of the Revolution — the U.S. government, CIA and the Pentagon. The CDRs' responsibilities were increased, and the Committee was started to be a powerful assistant to the Revolution on every front.

The CDRs constitute the largest mass organization. They were created in every block of all cities and in every rural zone of the country, grouping all the people to discuss their problems, highlight their occupations, ideas, sex, race or any other characteristic.

The CDRs' main mission — to be watchful for any possible subversive activities of the enemies of the Revolution in the small area of each committee — the CDRs contribute to the cleanup and hygiene of cities and communities, collaborate with the Ministry of Public Health in all massage campaigns, promote the donation of blood voluntarily and help to control epidemics. They also worry about students' attendance in school and organize epidemics. They also worry about students' attendance in school and organize epidemic campaigns, promote the donation of blood voluntarily and help to control epidemics. They also warn about student's attendance in school and organize epidemic campaigns. They also worry about students' attendance in school and organize epidemic campaigns. They also worry about students' attendance in school and organize epidemic campaigns. They also worry about students' attendance in school and organize epidemic campaigns. They also worry about students' attendance in school and organize epidemic campaigns. They also worry about students' attendance in school and organize epidemic campaigns. They also worry about students' attendance in school and organize epidemic campaigns.

The CDRs periodically convoke meetings of each CDR to discuss the issues of the community. The CDRs have been powerhouses in the community.


**Prisiones sureñas llenas de deudores**

Por Minnie Bruce Pratt

En todo EUA, las cárcel de los prisioneros se han convertido en “cárcel de deudores”, y ya que las ciudades y los condados encarcelan a personas pobres que no pueden pagar las multas por violaciones de tráfico, delitos menores o “costos de la corte”. En ninguna parte es esto más dramático que en el “Sur Profundo”[n.t.: sur de EUA] desde las personas encarceladas son desproporcionadamente jóvenes negras/os, inmigrantes, personas de color y lesbianas, homosexsuales, bisexuales, transexe- xuales y negros queer. (blackandpink.org)

El 17 de septiembre en Alabama, el juez de circuito del condado de Perry, Marvin Wiggins, dijo a una corte llena de gente durante una audiencia sobre multas sin pagar: “Si usted no tiene dinero y no quiere ir a la cárcel, considere donar sangre hoy y traiga su recibo, el cual alguien tiene suficientes poses para los que no tienen dinero.” (Equal Justice Initiative)

Debra Shookemaker Ford del condado de Shelby, en Alabama, allí durante siete- te semanas sin audiencia. ¿Cuál fue su delito? Ella no había pagado las cuotas de sus servicios de corrección por su prisión privada de libertad condicional, servicios de corrección, servicios de corrección de inmigrantes, servicios de corrección de inmigrantes con sede en Georgia había transferido gran parte del costo del sistema de justicia al país inicial de los inmigrantes, incluyendo California, Florida y Texas. El estudio encontró que las cuotas “crean nuevas rutas de encarcelamiento para aquellos que no pueden pagar sus deudas y hacen más difícil encontrar empleo y vivienda, así como cumplir con las obligaciones de crianza de niños”. La deuda por procesos penales también afecta la elegibilidad para la licencia de conducir y obtener crédito.

**Prisioneros/os luchan**

Una campaña nacional contra el encarcelamiento de deudores está tomando locidad. El 21 de octubre la Unión Americana de Libertades Civiles presentó una demanda federal contra JCS, la ciudad de Perry, Georgia y el juzgado de circuito del condado de Perry, Marvin Wiggins, al que se le ha sumado la ciudad de DeKalb y rápidamente llegó a un acuerdo en marzo, logrando una limitada reforma sistémica. Bajo esta reforma, el día antes de que la ACLU presentara la demanda en Mississippi, la JCS anunció que cerraría sus negocios en Alabama.

Acciones militantes de prisioneros por todo el país precedieron estos dos desafíos le- gales y siguen alimentando la creciente lucha nacional contra las prisiones con fines de lucro y el encarcelamiento en masa. En 2011, los prisioneros en la Prisión Estatal de Mujeres a Tutwiler, agosto 2014. Free Alabama Movement marcha a la Prisión de Mujeres a Tutwiler, agosto 2014.

**Más militarización en el Mediterráneo**

Más militarización en el Mediterráneo ha sido aprobada por una resolución del Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU el 9 de octubre. Con una votación de 14 a 1, se facultaron las fuerzas marítimas de la Unión Europea para supuestamente detener y detener las embarcaciones que trans- porten inmigrantes hacia el sur Europa a través del Mediterráneo. Sólo la República Bolivariana de Venezuela se abstuvo de votar. Miembros de personas han sido desplazados de África, Medio Oriente y Asia en la peor crisis de refugiados de estos el 6 de julio de 2011 (Global 요청).

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