Students strike blow to racism

By Kris Hamel

Nov. 9 — Students, organized under the leadership of the most oppressed, not only can make demands and fight for them, but can win. A victory against racism was won today when University of Missouri president Tim Wolfe resigned after weeks of students’ demands that he step down.

Student protests since late September, a hunger strike, the Mizzou football team announcing a boycott of the rest of the season, and an impending faculty walkout all demanded Wolfe’s ouster for woefully failing to combat a spate of racist acts on and near the Columbia, Mo., campus, some 125 miles northwest of St. Louis.

Wolfe made the announcement at a morning meeting of the Board of Curators, the university’s governing body. “I take full responsibility for this frustration [by students] and I take full responsibility for the inaction that has occurred,” he stated.

The undergraduate student government leadership, representing 27,000 students, publicly issued a letter this morning before the resignation announcement, demanding that Wolfe step down. Only 8 percent of the Mizzou student body is African American, yet the students strongly supported the struggle against racism and other forms of oppression.

The letter read in part: “In August 2014, the University of Missouri met the shooting of Michael Brown with silence. In the following months, our students were left stranded, forced to face an increase in tension and inequality with no systemic support. Over the last 16 months, the quality of life for our students has only worsened. … ‘Wolfe’s’ leadership has undeniably failed us and the students that we represent. He has not only enabled a culture of racism since the start of his tenure in 2013, but blatantly ignored and disrespected the concerns of students. … While we recognize that the burden of systemic oppression does not fall entirely on his shoulders, as the leader of this system it is his sole prerogative to listen and respond to students. He has failed in this completely. Students from different races, genders, sexualities, abilities, and other nationalities have not had their identities represented.”

A first, important victory

Jonathan Butler, a 25-year-old African-American graduate student, had been on a one-week hunger strike when news came that Wolfe had resigned. As he announced the end of his hunger strike, Butler tweeted, “This is only the first step! More change is to come!! #TheStruggleContinues #ConcernedStudent1950.” The latter hashtag, used by the group of student anti-racist activists, refers to the year Black students were first admitted to the University of Missouri.

Michael Sam, the first openly gay professional football player and a former linebacker on the Mizzou team, expressed his support.

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Victory! B&H workers join union

The following article combines Nov. 4 news releases from the Laundry Workers Center and the United Steelworkers with reports from Workers World Party members at warehouse worker rallies.

Nov. 4 — Workers at the two Brooklyn, N.Y., warehouses of B&H, the largest non-chain photo/video equipment store in the U.S., voted overwhelmingly today for union representation with the United Steelworkers in a National Labor Relations Board election. The vote comes on the heels of a weeks-long anti-union campaign waged by B&H management, with workers alleging daily threats, harassment and intimidation in the workplace. Later this month the union has filed multiple charges with the NLRB, alleging B&H engaged in unlawful anti-union activity during the course of the campaign.

Workers remain strong in the face of management tactics, confident in the widespread support for unionization in their workplace. “We knew we would win our vote today by a large margin, which of course the company did not expect,” said Jorge Lora, B&H warehouse worker of five years. “Today we won because the workers voted with their conscience.”

Workers publicly announced their intent to organize with the United Steelworkers on Oct. 11, after receiving training and support from the grass-roots, worker-led community organization, Laundry Workers Center. Since the campaign launch, a groundswell of support has grown with the Steelworkers, Laundry Workers Center, said, “After a year of hard work organizing, today the workers are victorious. This is a huge step for the workers’ movement, and for the Laundry Workers Center, as it continues to develop worker power and leadership in New York City and beyond.”

In a United Steelworkers release the same day, USW District 4 Director John Shinn said, “We welcome the workers at B&H to the USW and look forward to addressing their concerns with the company at the bargaining table.” The USW represents 850,000 workers in North America employed in many industries, including metals, rubber, chemicals, paper, oil refining, and service and public sectors.

Supporters used the campaign slogan #BHExposed to increase awareness of the workers’ campaign, garnering extensive coverage in the New York Times, Al Jazeera extensive coverage in the New York Times, Al Jazeera

News of the landslide victory was welcomed by dozens of supporters who waited outside both Brooklyn warehouses to congratulate workers coming off their shift. “We want to share this moment with other workers so they also know that they no longer have to feel exploited,” said Alberto Sánchez, B&H employee for seven years. “We taught our rights, and now we have to pass that on to other workers so they can fight back against the exploitation and discrimination they face.”

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Due to the WWP national conference, this week’s issue is eight pages.

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Who we are & what we’re fighting for

Hate capitalism? Workers World Party fights for a socialist society — where the wealth is socially owned and production is planned to satisfy human need. This outmoded capitalist system is dragging workers’ living standards while throwing millions out of their jobs. If you’re young, you know they’re stealing your future. And capitalism is greedy and the entire planet with its unplanned, profit-driven stranglehold over the means of production.

Workers built it all — it belong to society, not to a handful of billionaires! But we need a revolution to make that change. That’s why for 56 years WW has been building a revolutionary party of the working class inside the belly of the beast.

We fight every kind of oppression. Racism, sexism, Contact a Workers World Party branch near you: Who we are & what we’re fighting for
By Gene Clancy

New York university workers arrested at sit-in

The 25,000 teachers and support staff represented by the Professional Staff Congress of the City University of New York, American Federation of Teachers Local 2334, have had enough. They want a raise.

Their last raise was in 2009 and their contract, whose provisions remain in force until a new contract is signed, expired in 2010. For five years New York has refused to make an economic offer to the union.

Some 500,000 students attend CUNY schools. They are predominantly people of color and immigrants — the daughters, sons and members of New York City’s working class.

On Nov. 4, the PSC held a sit-in front of CUNY’s midtown administrative offices. Fifty-three members were arrested.

As the sit-in was taking place the CUNY administration was making a contract offer that PSC President Barbara Bowen characterized as an insult. It is backloaded with four years of zero increases from 2009 to 2014, a 1 percent increase for 2014 and a 3 percent increase for 2015 with a 1 percent kicker on the last day of the contract.

In a letter to members, Bowen wrote, “If the union were to accept Chancellor Milliken’s offer, CUNY faculty and staff would almost certainly have the lowest salary increase over this period of any public employee in the city or state. We would also receive minimal retroactive pay because the salary increases in management’s proposal date back only to 2014.”

During his campaign for leader of the Labor Party, Corbyn enraged his opponents by saying he wanted to “apologise for the Klan. The recent appearance of racist organizations often recruit members inside police departments, while police departments often recruit members of these organizations and work with them publicly. Anti-racist activists across the country have been protesting against all forms of institutionalized racism in the aftermath of the June 17 massacre of nine Black church parishioners at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C., by white racist Dylann Roof. Many in the movement demand the removal of Confederate flags from government buildings and protested the names of schools and other public buildings for Confederate army generals throughout the U.S.

South Burlington High School was allowed to keep its nickname, “The Rebels,” which references the Confederates, in a recent school board ruling.

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Vermont Union confronts KKK

By Dante Strobino

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Struggle, unity, solidarity

The following remarks were made by Ngọc Loan Trân at the Workers World Party National Convention Nov. 7-8 in New York City.

My name is Loan, and I’m with the Workers World Durham Branch. I want to take a few minutes to share how excited I am to be here, and what it means for me to be here.

I attended the Workers World Party in 2012 in Charlotte, N.C., and at the time we were organizing with unduplicated high school students for access to higher education and the right to vote. In 2013, the Democratic National Convention was on its way to Charlotte, the Wall Street of the South, the largest banking city in the U.S. only after New York City. This was the city I grew up in after my family and I migrated from Viet Nam. I had always had a weird feeling about the place and over the past two decades, the development, gentrification and corporatization of the city has made it a perfect storm for upheaval.

This is why we are running a revolutionary election campaign to remind the people that it does not matter who is in the White House — what matters is who is in the streets. Our candidates won’t just be talking about our revolutionary platform. They will be at demonstrations, rallies, meetings — as they have been doing most of their lives. They will travel across the country and raise the need for struggle independent of the capitalist parties.

They’ll show that racism is not just an issue for Black and Brown people. This is an issue for white workers as well, because racism is meant to divide and conquer.

Our candidates will explain we don’t want just a softer, Kinder capitalism or a bigger share of the wealth the workers will build the struggle, fight back, don’t accept the Republican Tea Party bigots and neofascists. But don’t accept the Democrats either, because they want to maintain the status quo.

When our party leadership discussed the campaign, some of our comrades, especially Black comrades, raised what about Latino representation on the slate? And what about putting two women on the slate? As a Latina, as a comrade and activist who has been fighting for Chicanos liberation and defense of immigrants for a very long time, I say: The road to Latino liberation is through the Black struggle. Latinos need representation and liberation, all right, but they need unity in order to win that liberation.

The road to unity for our class as a whole is through the Black struggle. Elections will matter when Black lives matter, and of course when Brown lives matter, when the lives of poor and working people matter.

But workers’ lives won’t matter until we have a socialist revolution right here in the belly of the beast. And one of the surest ways to bring socialism — revolutionary socialism, the workers running all of society — is through unconditional and firm solidarity with the Black struggle.

So in the wake of Ferguson and Baltimore, Trayvon, Eric, Tamir, Sandra Bland, Manuel Angel Diaz, Islan Nettles, and all victims of police terror, I am so proud to present our WWP candidates for the 2016 election: Monica Moorehead for president and Lamont Lilly for vice president.

What a difference a day makes.

Hundreds of militant fighters against capitalism and all its horrible consequences for the world got together here at the 56th National Convention of Workers World Party on Nov. 7-8, and the result was a small earthquake.

The venue itself said so much. The conference filled the main ball at the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center on the edge of Harlem — with its stirring murals of these courageous leaders of the African-American struggle for self-determination. It was in this very building that Malcolm X was brutally gunned down in 1965, after achieving worldwide fame. It has been re-built into a beautiful and hopeful place.

The preponderance of people of color, women and LGBTQ people, both in the audience and speaking at the WWP conference — plus what they had to say — was yet another vindication of Malcolm’s belief in the rising of oppressed peoples, by any means necessary.

So was the presence of a large delegation of Boston school bus drivers, mostly Black and immigrant, whose union fights on a wide variety of progressive causes.

The conference theme was audacious: “Putting Socialist Revolution on the Ballot” The word “socialism” is getting around these days, finally. But the WWP message was not of the fuzzy kind. What came through in every speech and every piece of literature was that the national liberation struggles of Black and Brown people in the United States, especially since the rise of the militant Black Lives Matter movement and that of low-wage workers, must be and are an integral part of the class struggle to completely transform society by getting rid of capitalism and building socialism.

Young people, like the large number attending the conference, have caught onto this very fast. They said through speech, poetry and song that they don’t want to live in a world where people are humiliated and impoverished because of their nationality, immigration status, sexuality or gender expression.

Socialism isn’t just reforming capitalism into something “kinder and gentler,” said many speakers. That’s impossible. The toll this system takes every day on millions and millions of people here and around the world can only be ended when the rule of the bankers and corporate billionaires is broken up through the determined and revolutionary actions of the workers and oppressed. Wow! No mine- ing of words here.

Especially moving were Dionne Smith Downs, a mother from Stockton, Calif., who told about how the criminal police had killed her beautiful 16-year-old Black son, and Erica Mines-Simmons, a com-
Black Lives Matter upsurge needs broad solidarity

Excerpts from the talk to the WWP national conference by Monica Moorehead, WWP-Secretariat member and 2016 WWP presidential candidate.

The recent disruption of Hillary Rodham Clinton in Atlanta by a handful of Black activists chanting “Black Lives Matter” shows that activists are not en- amored of the year-long sham known as the presidential election. This ongoing rebellion with no-business-as-usual tactics continues to put the police, the government on all levels and the status quo on the defensive, even without a unified program of demands.

The Black Lives Matter movement is another phase in the struggle for Black liberation involving a diverse array of political and ideological currents that is a work in progress. It is important for our party and the entire progressive movement to support and defend the Black Lives Matter struggle, not because we agree with all the spectrum of political positions, but because it is the most oppressed engaged in struggle and is constantly under vicious, racist attack by the repressive state, which represents the interests of the billionaire ruling class.

Black Lives Matter embodies the national question: a cornerstone of the struggle against capitalist exploitation along with other oppressed nations, whether they exist inside or outside the U.S. and regardless of social status.

The Black Lives Matter movement has helped to raise consciousness that within this movement there exists the women’s question, the LGBTQ question and the disabled question. In the forefront of the BLM movement are Black women and LGBTQ people, especially transwomen who are impacted by this racist war. And an astonishingly large percentage of Black people killed by the police have some kind of disability — the most recent being Jeremy McDole in Delaware, who was shot to death while in his wheelchair.

Labor unions are an integral part of the revolutionary potential of the global working class due to the deepening global economic crisis of low wages, austerity and cutbacks. This permanent stage of economic crisis has created a crisis for Black workers that includes marginalization and isolation, making them more vulnerable and a target for police repression and mass incarceration. When there are no jobs, drastic cuts in education and the militarization of the schools, then the ruling class is sending a clear message to the police that it is open season on Black and other oppressed youth.

Young Black people are part of the working class, whether they have a job or not. When I visited Ferguson in August and October of 2014, young Black people told me two things: They want the police to stop killing and racially profiling them, and they want decent paying jobs; they want to be in unions, not in jails.

Young Black workers need broad solidarity from the movement, especially those on the front lines fighting state repression. It is the same kind of solidarity that immigrant youth need as they are being viciously attacked by ultra-right-wing racists like Donald Trump along with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the police and other racist agencies. Which direction the Black Lives Matter movement will take will be explored in due time, but now is not the time to criticize this movement. This movement right here, right now needs solidarity, and we all should be thinking about how to be helpful to this dynamic movement, which will come under even more vicious attack, especially by the police, in words and deeds. We should all be thinking about being part of the solution and not the problem.

It is so crucial for [members of] the Black Lives Matter movement to see that socialists and communists stand shoulder to shoulder with them — meaning defending their right to self-determination as an oppressed nation. As our late chairperson Sam Marcy wrote about time and time again, the national question is especially inside the U.S.

The national question impacts every aspect of the class struggle because super-exploitation, which lays the basis for all forms of inequality, could not exist without it. This is what keeps the ruling class in power and the working class at its mercy.

Taking this kind of principled stand not only will build unity that our class desperately needs for the battles ahead, but will win new revolutionary organizations over to the only alternative to police terror: socialist revolution.

‘Capitalism can’t be reformed’

‘We must support and fight harder than anyone else for the demands of the workers and oppressed, for better wages, for jobs, for a union. Yet we must never forget, not even for a second, that capitalism cannot be reformed; it must be destroyed. It is our sworn duty as revolutionaries to do all that we can to assist our class in the process of realizing this fundamental truth.’

Teresa Gutierrez addressed the WWP conference in the Shabazz Center surrounded by murals on Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz.
Socialist revolution: Not a new idea

Excerpts from talk by Workers World editor Deirdre Griswold to Workers World Party National Conference.

Workers World Party believes firmly in the inevitability of socialist revolution in this country. For two main reasons:

One is the level of development here. Workers World is already among the more than tremen- dous abundance everything the people need to enjoy a secure, comfortable life.

But real wages continue to decline. That inequality is growing and poor grows wider. Production is stagnant and op- pressed people are increasingly the tar- get of violence.

What a lesson in the horrible con- tradictions of capitalism! To liberate the wealth of society, we have to build a strong movement against that movement.

Can it be done?

Well, at one time in this country mil- lions of people were considered nothing but property, like a chair or a wagon. The slaveowners said, “You can’t take my prop- erty away! I paid good money for them. I have the right to use them as I wish.”

But the enslaved people and the Abo- litionists said, “Owning human beings is wrong. Tearing children away from their parents and selling them is wrong. We will fight you and your system.” We all know that the Civil War didn’t end racism in the U.S., but it ended the system of chattel slavery.

We’re saying, “Owning the labor of human beings is wrong. Trading in the wealth created by workers is wrong. It’s nothing but wage slavery. The stock mar- kets, the private corporations and banks rule over this society. We’ll fight you and build a socialist society where the wealth created by the people BELONGS to the people.”

This is not a new idea. There have been many socialist revolutions in the last cen- tury. We salute them ALL. Their achieve- ments have proven that socialism is an infinitely superior system — even when those revolutions have happened in very underdeveloped countries that have been attacked on all sides.

Achievements of socialist revolutions

Today is the anniversary of the Rus- sian Revolution — Nov. 7, 1917. It opened a new period in human history. For the first time in the world capital’s power and began trying to reorganize the econ- omy on a socialist basis.

The revolution conquered through a herculean effort in the midst of a class re- pressed classes. But it also suffered the consequences of being first. Other revolu- tions failed in Europe. This left the Russian revolutionaries alone and at a terrible disadvantage, because Russia was so underdeveloped. It imme- diately became a target of a class war waged by the most advanced capitalist countries of that time.

If you’ve never read anything by Le- nin, you should try. All his writings and speeches are on the Web. He never tried to cover up the shortcomings of the revolu- tion. Who else?

Lenin called for cutting down the state bureaucracy to just what was necessary, so positions in the party and the state would become filled with privilege seekers. It was hard. The poor people had a burning desire to overturn all the injusti- ties of the past, but most were illiterate. There was no tradition of a critical country, how to modernize its industry and agriculture. The better educated al- ready had all the skills, but not the same revolu- tionary energy.

Given its immense problems, it is amazing that the Soviet Union achieved as much as it did. The planned economy achieved enormous industrial and scien- tific development. This former agrarian country of illiteracy and hunger became the first to put up a space satellite. And it also gave much aid to liberation move- ments around the world.

That was the socialist side of the USA’s imperialist. The side that forged ahead when the capitalist world was in deep Depression; the side that enabled the people to beat back a head-on attack by millions of troops from imperialist Nazi Germany.

Each revolution after that gained from not being alone. In this hemisphere, the 1959 Cuban Revolution inspired tremen- dous hope after the horrible years of right-wing dictatorships. In 1961 Fidel Castro declared that Cuba had made “a socialist revolution under the very nose, the very bell of the imperialists.” Cuba was being attacked by CIA-backed mercenaries!

But Cuba was not alone. The Soviet Union came to Cuba’s defense, even risk- ing a nuclear confrontation with the U.S. in 1962. Cuba survived, and today the U.S. government has finally had to admit that the revolution is here to stay.

Workers World did a lot to support the Cuban Revolution. In January 1992 Washington increased its blockade and threats. Our comrades stepped up and said, “We’ll organize a Peace for Cuba rally at the Jacob-Javits Convention Cen- ter.” The hall held thousands of people. Ramsey Clark as well as Harry Belafon- te, Alice Walker, Ossie Davis and other well-known artists were on the program. We organized security against right-wing threats. It was full of moments when having a strong, determined party of revolutionary work- ers made all the difference.

Great revolutions in Asia put socialism on the agenda for one-fifth of the world’s people.

The socialist revolutions in both Korea and Vietnam were attacked by U.S. impe- rialism with such ferocity that the scars linger even today. We can’t count it as one of those moments when having a strong, determined party of revolutionary work- ers made all the difference.

To fight side by side with comrades who understand the necessity of a work- ing-class struggle that means LGBTQ liberation, the fight for gender and sexual equali- ty for the children of the state, for the liberation of the women, and the liberation of young people is an honor and a privilege. And since 1959, Workers World Party has been the movement that fought for that.

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Welcome comrades and friends of the party. Let’s make this year’s national conference a breakthrough for the socialist movement. Let’s make this year’s national conference a breakthrough for the socialist movement.
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solidarity with Butter’s actions. (nm.com, Nov. 9)

On Nov. 7, the university football team announced it would boycott the remain- ing season. Sophomore defensive back Anthony Sherrils posted on social media a photo of 32 football players, Black and white, with a statement demanding Wolf resign or he be fired as a president. Head coach Gary Pinkel announced soli- darity with his team on Twitter on Nov. 7. “The Mizzou Family stands as one. We stand together as we march forward on our journey.”

In the public announcement the play- ers say the reason they are striking is the “rejection of the University of Missouri football team truly
believe ‘Injustice Anywhere is a threat to Justice Everywhere.’ We will no longer participate in any football related activi- ties until President Tim Wolfe resigns or is removed due to his negligence toward student workers. We will declare: WE ARE UNITED!!!! (expm.com, Nov.9)

Payton Head, president of the Mis- souri Student Association at Mizzou, had racist epithets hurled at him as the academic year began in September — on two occasions he was called the n-word.

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and have already inspired mass struggles against racism and other forms of oppression that are well underway on campuses like Yale University in Connecticut.

The Moorehead-Lilly campaign, launched on the same day as this strike, is filled with full of life and passion, and most importantly, the inspiring athletes and all the students and supporters who have risked so much to make their voices heard against murder and violence everywhere. We cannot allow any injustice against racism to face isolation! An inju- ry to one is an injury to all.

The Sanders campaign is an act of all the power of withholding one’s labor, in this case, the unpaid work of Black college football players and of all the athletes who stand in solidarity with their initia- tive. In college big-budget athletics, the student-athletes are workers who pro- vide huge profits for universities while receiving no wages. Merely missing one game next weekend would have cost the university $1 million. This made the strike by Black athletes along with the solidi- darity strike by Black graduate students and a walkout by faculty, even more pow- erful. Student athletes, like unemployed youth, need union jobs.

The Sanders campaign is one of the most trending topics on Twitter and Face- book this week. Sanders’ message quickly went viral. This is the first time the Sanders campaign has been featured in the higher education community or movement is safe.

The seizure of state power by the op- pressed masses is a necessary precondi- tion to the fundamental transformation of the social relations inherent under capital- ism. The state must be transformed into an organ of the workers to implement the necess- ary economic and political policies of the new. Sanders-style socialism keeps the old order intact and thus represents a variant of the ruling capitalist system.

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Sanders has been useful to the rul- ing capitalist class, but his message to workers and oppressed peoples regional alliances may be the salvation of our movement. In other words, workers’ unity is essential in order to defeat the capitalist system.

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Crisis de Puerto Rico – creada en EUA

Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

La urgente y creciente crisis económica de Puerto Rico ha sido tema de editoriales y análisis en los medios noticiosos de Estados Unidos y del mundo hispanohablante. El gobierno de Obama anunció que unos 50,000 soldados estadounidenses se están enviados a Puerto Rico, lo que se convierte en tema un tanto “popular”.

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No tropas de EUA

Por Chris Fry

Apenas un mes después de que el Pentágono admitió que fracasó su programa de $900 millones de armas para armar y entrenar a “fuerzas de la oposición árabe” en Siria, logrando sólo entrenar a cuantos “fuerzas de la oposición árabes” podrían conducir fácilmente a una intervención en Siria.

Esta escalada representa un nuevo intento del imperialismo estadounidense por reiniciar otra guerra a través de terceros en el Medio Oriente. ¿Qué evidencia se ha acumulado en los últimos días que indica que las fuerzas especiales estadounidenses no están ahora “reasignados” a Irak, para lo que el Pentágono designó como una oportunidad para el fin de derrocar al gobierno sirio. El presidente Barack Obama finalmente rompió la larga espera que la asistencia de Rusia al gobierno sirio, en alianza con el ejército sirio, el Congreso aprobaran la ley de quiebra Siria para poder, se le concediera a la isla las ayudas financieras necesarias para salir de la enorme crisis.

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