Anti-Trump protests erupt

By Deirdre Griswold

Even as the results of the presidential election were still being tallied, young people were taking to the streets in protest.

Over the next week, from Los Angeles to New York, from Portland, Ore., to San Antonio, Texas, and Charlotte, N.C., tens of thousands of people in these and other cities across the country tied up highways, marched through the streets and chanted their fury against racism, sexism, homophobia and immigrant bashing.

Despite many arrests, the demonstrations continued even as leaders of both ruling-class parties, Democrats and Republicans, urged everyone to accept a Trump administration and “heal the wounds” of a bitter election.

This did not quell the spirit of resistance among the youth, many of whom are personally threatened by the rise of racist atrocities and slurs, brutality toward women and LGBTQ people, and attacks on those perceived to be Muslims and/or immigrants — which the Trump victory has encouraged.

Notably absent in these demonstrations were signs of support for the Democratic Party. These were not pro-Clinton demonstrations, though many may have hoped to see a woman president for a change. They were protests against the politics of reaction on all social issues that Trump represents.

Many are now talking up a major protest in Washington, D.C., at the Inauguration on Jan. 20 as the next big step in the Stop Trump groundswell.

Below are eyewitness reports from just a few of the actions that followed the election.

LOS ANGELES

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Momentive bargains unfairly, spies; workers strike

Seven-hundred industrial workers at Momentive Performance Materials plants in Waterford, N.Y., and Willoughby, Ohio, walked off the job Nov. 2 after contract negotiations hit a standstill. The workers, represented by Electronic Workers-Communication Workers (UE-CWA) Local 8599, make chemical adhesives used in construction and automotive industries. At issue are Momentive’s proposed health care cuts and elimination of retirement benefits. (local8599.com/index.cfm) despite round-the-clock picket lines. Momentive’s, which third-quarter earnings showed a 61 percent increase over last year’s earnings (from $4.4 million to $61 million), has kept both plants running with expensive search labor — exposing its aim to bust the union. On Nov. 7, five days into the strike, the workers resoundingly rejected Momentive’s latest contract offer. According to workers Joe Duncan, “This contract was worth less than the one we already voted down. This is not fair bargaining.” (timesunion.com, Nov. 7)

Workers reported on the union website reads: “The company is now going to an all-time low: they are sending private investigators to homes of our members asking questions about issues in the plant.” Union members are advised not to talk to investigators and to report such visits to the union. Meanwhile, the Capital District Area-AFL-CIO called on all unionists to show solidarity on the Nov. 12 picket line.

Stop wage theft for Calif. trucking, warehouse workers

What do Michael Kors, Target and the U.S. Department of Defense have in common? They outsource their U.S. port trucking and warehousing to California Cartage and to Intermodal Bridge Transport — West Coast companies that violate U.S. labor laws and Kors, Target and DOD codes of conduct. Both Cartage and IBT misclassify drivers as “independent contractors” to shift expenses onto drivers’ backs and to keep them from organizing (and paying Social Security, workers’ comp and disability). These workers, many Latinos immigrants, have filed multiple lawsuits and claims demanding an end to wage theft, a safe workplace and the right to form a union free from retaliation. To support the workers’ demands, sign the petition at timmyu.com/fixactw2/.

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Protest marches erupt after Trump election

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John Parker

Anti-Trump demonstrations began even as election results were being annou nced and grew larger every night. By the third all-night protest on Nov. 10, the crowds had swelled to over 4,000 angry Portlandians chanting "No Trump, no KK, no fascist USA!" They blocked the quarter-mile Hawthorne Bridge, spilled out onto freeways, stopped traffic and caused major and trans it delays, including the early closure of some Portland transit stations. Taking the lead were Black Lives Matter, Don't Shoot Portland and the newly formed Portland's Resistance. The crowd marched to Pioneer Square in support of an LGBTQ vigil taking place there. African-Ameri can organizer Daniel James said, "We're tired of Donald Trump coming in here turning everything black and white.

Protests continued in downtown Portland through the night of Nov. 13, and 71 protesters have been arrested. On Saturday a male protester was shot in the leg by a gunman who exited the rear of a car that had moved into the crowd. The gunman showed several shots in the air in addition to shooting the protester. Demonstrators stopped the gunman's car 100 feet from the shooting and confronted the occupants, but police did not arrest ed the gunman who is still on the loose.

Lyn Neeley

In response to the Trump takeover of the government, at least 3,000 people marched here on Nov. 11 against his rac ist movement. They poured out into the streets with chants of "Black Lives Mat ter" and "Trump's a racist, he's racist, he doesn't represent us!"

The lead banner read "Stand with Standing Rock! Water is life!" The demonstration, which was initiated by Socialist Alternative, went through downtown during rush hour. The announcement of a counterinaugural protest against Trump on Jan. 20 was cheered. The crowd then marched over five miles to the University of Washington campus, where it joined a student rally against Trump that had been going on all day. At least two Seattle high schools also had student walkouts.

In the state election, Washington vot ers chose Demi nishing the White House was called to shut down the Peo ple's Power Assembly and Work ers World Party called for protests. By 6 p.m. hundreds of people had gathered at the Peoples Park across from the Harriet Tubman Solidarity Center. Feeder marches began to pour in from colleges. Around 7 p.m., several thousand people poured into the streets and marched downtown, defying a growing police presence. It appeared that the entire Baltimore Police Department had been called out.

Local organizers called to shut down D.C. on Jan. 20, inauguration day. The PPA has begun signing up workers and others for People's Defense Committees. Protesters carried signs reading, "Trump is not my president" and "Trump = capit alism at a dead end! Solidarity and socialism are the answer."

Sharon Black

Trump's election has inspired many people to protest for the first time in their lives. Many marchers are looking for political answers beyond the two-party sys tem, and members of the People's Power Assembly NYC, Workers World Party and allied groups have been in the streets to provide them.

Members of these organizations have also acted decisively to remove pro-Trump agitators from the crowd and challenge police attempts to control the protests.

People's Power Assembly

In addition to the huge, militant crowds protesting Trump and Trumpism in all the major cities, great demonstrations took place everywhere in smaller places, including in front of the Federal Building here. It was so necessary to kick Day One of the Resistance by getting out into the streets, raising our fists and sharing our determination on Nov. 9. The response — cars honking in support continuously throughout the demonstra tion — was loud and clear: "Don't just mourn, organize!"

—Report and photo Ellie Dorritle

More than a hundred people gathered Nov. 9 in downtown Syracuse at the William Henry/Jerry Rescue Abolitionist monument for a speakout on the sour and rage felt about the election of racist, woman-hater Trump. Both a documented Pakistani refugee and a U.S. citizen of Honduran parents spoke of being afraid after the election in a country that has been the only home they have known.

Rebecca Fuentes and Nikieta Slade, of the Workers' Center of Central New York, gave a rousing appeal for support for expanded rights for farmworkers, as well as a campaign to make New York drivers' licenses available to all, no matter people's citizenship status. The WCCNY works with many migrant workers. The crowd cheered support for Standing Rock, LGBTQ rights and Muslim lives. At intervals they chanted "Fight, fight, fight," "It's all over. We can do it," and "Act up, fight back!" in clear resolve to defeat the Trump agenda. The rally was called by the Syracuse Peace Council.

—Minnie Bruce Pratt

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Below are excerpts from some of the messages of international solidarity sent to the National Conference of Workers World Party. More messages will be published in future issues.

Workers’ Party of Korea

Over the past years, your Party has vigorously struggled to defend the rights and interests of the working class against aggression and interference in the internal affairs of the country, and for the liberation of the imperialists and for the victory of the socialist cause, a common ideal of humanity. We are deeply grateful to your Party for the unspeakable support and encouragement extended to our Party and people in their struggle to safeguard sovereignty of the nation and peace and security of the nation and the world as a whole.

Convinced that the support, solidarity and mutual cooperation between our two Parties will further strengthen in the joint struggle to advance the socialist cause against imperialism, we take this opportunity to sincerely wish you great successes in the work of the Conference of your Party.

Central Committee Workers’ Party of Korea

Workers Central Committee Cuba (CT)

To the Central Committee of Cuba, its National Trade Unions and the Cuban workers wishing to express the warmest and most cordial greetings to the Workers World Party on the occasion of its 58th annual Conference.

We recognize the epic struggle you are fighting in the United States against the hegemony of the powerful, and to place the large, largely dispossessed majorities in their rightful place.

Puerto Rican workers and we are sure that you will continue to be bulwarks in the defense of our people, in the battle that they fought for the liberation of our Five Heroes, who are already at home, and for the elimination of the unjust and criminal blockade to which the United States subjects our homeland, and for the return of the territory of the naval base of Guantánamo that they occupy illegally and for the elimination of the unjust and illegal trade union system.

We must unite to fight for peace and at the same time to win the kind of social justice that can only exist in a socialist society. As you correctly put it: we must keep alive the vision of socialism. We accompany you in the coming days of the conference, until victory! We shall overcome! Carolee Wimmer Coordinator, Department of International Policy

Mexican Mechanics Union

The Mexican Mechanics Union – New Confederation of Workers (SME-NCT) salutes the 58th conference of the Workers World Party a few hours after Donald Trump was sworn in as the President of the United States. Trump is a sworn enemy of the Mexican people who gathered at this 58th Workers Party Conference.

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The only solution for the people is revolutionary organizing for revolutionary struggle, not to elect candidates of the Democratic Party but to overturn the system of racism, settler colonialism, capitalism and imperialism that produced Trump and Clinton.

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A fraternal embrace and solidarity with the people of the United States.

Puerto Rico Trade Union Coordinator

We extend our greetings to all the comrades who gather at this 58th Workers World Party Conference.

On Nov. 8, 2016, the electoral processes in Puerto Rico and the United States ended, with results that we all know. In Puerto Rico, electoral abstention increased, from 34.5% in 2012 to 41% in 2016, amid growing discontent with traditional parties favored independent candidates to the detriment of alterna
tives for political and social change.

In the elected governor, with 40% of the votes, was Dr. Ricardo Rossello, who favors the assimilation of Puerto Rico into the U.S., the market system, neoliberal measures and a political party status a historic catastrophe.

In the case of Puerto Rico, the electoral process resulted in an exercise in futile governance since, since September 2016, Congress blocked the participation of seven members appointed by the President of the United States, among candidates supported by the U.S. imperialist government. The powers and faculties of the Junta occupy the space belonging to the government of the island.

By demonstrating the colonial character of Puerto Rico and the imperial nature of the U.S. relationship with Puerto Rico. Today, the progressive movement in Puerto Rico, among which is the PR Union Coordina
tor, which in turn groups a dozen class unions, denounce the fact that our nation is a victim of colonialism and capitalist exploitation. Our struggle must be linked to the desire to transform the society we live in to a society where equality and solid
darity prevail.

Long live the united working class! Freedom for Oscar López Rivera! Luis A. Canas, Coordinator

Spokesperson, Union coordinator

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine

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Venezuela: Bolivarian Socialist Workers’ Confederation

Without any expectations that are generally associated with regional or global politics, we are convinced that capitalism has a structural crisis from which it is incre
dingly difficult to pull itself together. Donald Trump, who in his first days has already defeated the traditional factors of the estab
lishment.

For Latin America it means that the Empire changed its horse’s rider, replac
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tionalist attitude that borders on the most despotic and repressive nationalism.

He indicates that for the working people in their struggle to safeguard sov
erignty of the nation and peace and security of the region and the world as a whole.

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The deepening and protracted crisis of capitalist imperialism has even more ag
gressive push for neoliberal globalization in the colonies and semi-colonies of the U.S. through trade deals such as the TTIP and the TPPA. War, direct or proxy, re

in the Philippines, the revolutionary and progressive forces in the country are intensifying anti-imperialist struggle and campaigns. The declarations of the current government of Duterte pertaining to the U.S. and the Philippines have signif

cing the contradictions within the ruling classes and triggering imperialist-backed attacks in social and other media.

Association of Indonesian Students

We give our full support and solidarity to the comrades of Workers World Party in their protest against the 2016 presidential election of America.

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I want to speak about the big picture in terms of what happened last Tuesday, Nov. 8, with Trump’s election. That event is important for a party like ours, a revolutionary communist party in a world of world imperialism. Yes, U.S. imperialism is weakening, but it is still the center of world capitalism.

Socialists, communists and revolutionaries organizing here have an extra-special responsibility to understand the global character of events. This election was not just a national event. It was a global event. Trump is now the new global face of capitalism.

Trump’s election is the culmination of the capitalist political establishment, including in the big imperialist countries in Europe. That collapse is being driven by new technology and globalization destroying the jobs, the health and the lives of more and more workers.

The political parties of the Democratic Party and the capitalist parties in other countries — parties that have called themselves socialist democratic. These parties were supposed to represent the workers, but really never did. For some time, they have been doing the opposite, throwing off the workers for cheaper labor, reducing jobs with technology, making more and more attacks on the working class. Taking away homes, health care, everything.

Because of this, sections of the working class are abandoning the Democrats and the social democratic, and are folder for right-wing, racist, neo-fascist demagogues all around the world.

The workers are literally being handed over to Donald Trump. But, it doesn’t have to be that way, and we got proof of that earlier this year.

During the March primary elections, workers in Michigan and Wisconsin voted for Bernie Sanders a few months ago. A lot of workers — white and Black workers — did not come out to save the Democratic Party. They said things are too bad. They said: “Here in Flint, we want a change. We want a new general strike that will shut down Flint.”

But because of new technologies, workers have been doing the opposite, throwing off the workers for cheaper labor, reducing jobs with technology, making more and more attacks on the working class. Taking away homes, health care, everything.

We have to organize on a global basis, to shut down the global system. We have to organize on a global basis, to shut down the global system.

We believe that one day your efforts will be crowned with success. You will change the system; a new world will be built for the peoples of the world — of the best and fairest kind. Despite having plenty of your own problems, you find the opportunity to support and assist left movements worldwide. We thank you for the support and attention you give to our organization, too.

The capitalist class had a counter-development into a revolution for the working class. That’s why you have given to our organization. We appreciate and assist left movements worldwide. We thank you for the support and attention you give to our organization, too.

The election is a big problem. Our primary job now is to defend those sections of our class and our community who are under attack. But sometimes we can turn a reaction like this into an opportunity to make revolutionary gains. Let it be known that Working Party is willing to work with any honest force in a united front against fascism and for socialism. We are completely open to do whatever we need to do. This is no time for sectarianism. This is no time for “Oh, this is my organization.” We understand that. We are trying to build our organization, too.

But we’ve got to think bigger and bold- er. We are prepared to do what is neces- sary. We are going to shut this down. Trump has started something. We are going to finish it.

Confederation of Women of Brazil

We unite with WWFP/Partido Mundo Obrero and the in-alienable right of the people of the world to decide their own destiny without the interference of the United States, the Eu- ropean Union or any representatives of intervention and war.

We unite in defense of equal rights for women in the world of work — equal sal- ary for equal work!

We reject the financial exploitation that has seized control of the people of the world, including the people of the United States, in work, health care and education!

Long live the anti-imperialist struggle of the peoples of the world! Peace and sovereignty! We will be victorious!

United Communist Party of Russia (OKP)

We know about your work and believe in the prospects for the workers’ and communist movements of the United States.

Your people are not embodied by pres- ident and generals, but by people such as Jack London, John Reed, William Foster, Martin Luther King and other Americans — anti-war, anti-racist and communist activ- ists, progressive figures of science, art and culture, and friends of the Soviet Union.

Cooperation with Workers World Par- ty is very important to us. We appreciate the internationalist position you have taken during the events in Ukraine and the Donbas.

Darya Mitina, international secretary of the Central Committee of the OKP, and members of the International Policy Commission

Lugansk Communists

We know a lot about your difficult struggle and the attempts in the world to turn you into a counter-revolutionary movement.

We believe that one day your efforts will be crowned with success. You will change the system; a new world will be built for the peoples of the United States — of the best and fairest kind.

Maxim Chalenko

Coordinator of Donbass International Solidarity Forum

Trump election is radicalizing the masses
I want to salute all the young people who continue to take to the streets in so many cities once it became official that the racist, misogynist, xenophobic Trump will become the 45th U.S. president. This massive outpouring in the tens of thousands included high school and college students who walked out of their classes. Tens of thousands of people came out in New York City, most of whose na-

I live in Jersey City, a thoroughly multi-
national city that Trump attacked during his campaign for supposedly supporting the attacks on 9/11. Young Muslim stu-
dents have held a protest. Although small in numbers, this demonstration was politically im-
portant because Jersey City is not known for any major kind of activism. Also this was a heroic act because as we all know Muslim people have come under the most heinous attacks by Trump and his neo-
cacist supporters.

The New York demonstration and oth-
ers all over the world demand that the Trump victory mean for women with an openly misogynist president giving the green light to even more disgusting objectification of wom-

Why do some anti-war forces find it easier to call a demo to defend the sov-
eignty of a country under attack from imperialism, but not call a demo to de-
fend a “Stop killing Black people” protest at home that also expresses the right to self-determination?

To understand the essence of solidarity is to understand that imperialism — an economic system whose thrust for

Welcome to Day 4 of the Resistance!! In organizing for last night’s rally, I reached out to an organization we have not worked with here in NYC to ask them to speak.

I believe this is the response: “Although many Workers World have their hearts in the right place, your organization’s desire to create a deeply authoritarian Marxist party goes entirely off with our goal of worker control.”

For full disclosure — or transparency as Imani would say — here is what I replied: “Redsolution, looking over all days ago when a white supremacist misogynist is elected president, you want to talk about differ-

Yes, my young friend, we are unambibi-

How did he do it? How was Fidel able to build socialism only 90 miles from the empire?

Fidel sought a political strategy

But to Fidel, there was more than

tos and the police work hand-in-hand as part-

Is solidarity based on a moral obligation?

So what does real solidarity look like? Is solidarity based on a moral obligation? Some may see it that way. But Workers World Party sees it in a different way, be-

They are not at all the same. A social movement that is built on organi-

Teresa Gutiérrez

Monica Moorehead

‘Solidarity is not an act of charity’

Fidel sought a political strategy
to build the socialist state. If the youth are

The Trump victory has unleashed a
growing tidal wave of racism, which is why it is more crucial than ever for all the movements to put aside any political or ideological differences to form a united front to resist and smash this racist at-

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National oppression, economic injustice in Michigan

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be key under a Trump administration. When you have an anti-Central Park Five, ‘massacre’grabbing jerk in the White House, and possibly supercops Rudy Giuliani as the attorney general, the movement had better improve on this time.

While warmonger Clinton and pig Donald dominated the news, there was hardly a mention of the Black people who had been gunned down in the streets. Police terror conveniently disappeared from the news despite ongoing attacks.

From here on we have to turn that around and do everything we can to put Black Lives Matter back on the national agenda, which many protesters already have.

I raise Fidel and Sam because in order to defeat the coming attacks from the Donald, Wall Street and the Pentagon, we will have to build a revolutionary party— be ready to build the necessary coalition to advance the struggle.

For example, I for one refuse to give up on the American Cities Carrying the Torch, which is still a viable organization that the people know that their own experiences, the people know that the only solution for the suffering and exploited masses of working and oppressed people is socialism. Our organizational and ideological efforts could determine our position in this emerging phase of the class struggle domestically and internationally.

In discussing our work in Michigan, it is essential to review the case of political prisoner Rev. Edward Pinkney. He is a longtime fighter in the southwest region of Michigan, where restructuring of capitalist production rendered cities, such as Benton Harbor, to extreme poverty and exploitation. Through the Black Auton-omy Network Community Organization, he and his followers have waged a monumental campaign against the Berrien County Courts’ racist imposition, imposition of emergency management and gentrification of public areas and communities in capital’s interests.

In December, we held a National Organizing Conference to Save Rev. Pinkney; participants came from several states. The gathering pledged to intensify efforts to prevent threats to his life. Due to our work, Rev. Pinkney was transferred from Marquette Branch Prison to a prison in Muskegon Heights, much closer to his family and supporters.

Rev. Pinkney’s plight reflects the racist nature of Michigan’s justice system. Courts denied his motions for bond pending the outcome of the appeals process and other legal efforts. This illustrates that legal methods cannot be relied on to free our fighters or win justice for the working class and the nationally oppressed.

Nonetheless, resistance is developing inside the prisons in Michigan and across the U.S. A national prisoners’ strike was held in September. The level of consciousness among the imprisoned masses, as Mumia Abu-Jamal refers to it, is reaching new heights. The situation in the prisons represents heightened repression of the masses by the capitalist system, which has exhausted hope for a decent, productive life for growing numbers of people.

Capitalist ‘democratic’ institutions fail

The Moratorium NOW! Coalition and the Michigan Emergency Committee Against War & Injustice appealed to the United Nations Commission for Human Rights two-and-a-half years ago at the height of the illegally imposed emergency management and the Voting Rights Act lawsuit. In the appeal, entitled “The Favoring of the Banks and Corporations During the Bankruptcy Process,” the Moratorium NOW! Coalition and MECAWI contend that the banks’ and corporations’ egre- gious policies “are responsible for the undeveloped and impoverished” in Detroit. “The banks’ targeting of Detroit and other majority African-American municipalities ... has been well-docu-mented in numerous legal actions where financial institutions have agreed to pay billions of dollars in damages ... not necess-arily to the victims ... but to the federal and state governments.”

This report noted: “Resources which should be utilized to keep people in their homes who have been subjected to predatory lending” and “payment of restitu- tion and reparations to communities ... disproportionately affected by [unscrupu- lous] housing actions has failed to materialize.” In Michigan “over $500 million was allocated through the so-called ‘harshest hit’ program, assisting homeowners who have not been utilized to prevent mort- gage or tax foreclosures.” These funds are being “used to identify homes to be turned down; many of these houses and small businesses were abandoned as a direct re- sult of the [banks’] predatory actions.”

Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA) ... is seizing thousands of homes and vacant lots” without consulting residents of De- troit, according to the Voting Rights Act lawsuit.

The document emphasizes the disre-gard of civil rights ostensibly granted to African people after the Civil War: “The 15th Amendment of the U.S. Constitu- tion passed by ... Congress in 1870 was designed to grant the right to vote to the former enslaved Africans. Despite the nullification of the statewide vote in De- cember 2012 against emergency manage- ment, the U.S. Justice Department and the White House are ... collaborating with ... Michigan officials by fostering the blatant violation of the 15th Amendment along with the Civil Rights Acts of 1957, 1960 and the Voting Rights Act laws.”

We told the UNCHR that an appeal to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder in 2013 by elected officials requesting the federal government intervene on the denial of voting and due process rights, as protect- ed under the 14th and 15th Amendments and the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights laws, has gone unanswered.

The Obama administration submitted a legal brief to the federal bankruptcy court supporting “emergency manage- ment and forced bankruptcy of Detroit” and “enforced the privatization of the administration of federal grants which had been previously handled by Detroit departments and employees.” Expropriat- ing these federal funds from Detroit and “turning them over to private foundations located outside [Detroit]” resulted in “ter- mination of employees and departments that previously administered such grants [and] employees’ jobs have been found ‘out of place.’”

This report noted: “The favoring of these attacks on the people of Detroit and in Michigan, the Demo- cratic Party had the audacity to campaign among the masses, requesting they vote for their candidates and vote presidential candidates.” Based on their own experiences, the people know that there are no fundamental differences between the Democratic and Republican parties. We need a party of the working people—one that can speak in its own name and organize for the over- throw of the racist capitalist and imperi- alist system — for the realization of na- tional liberation and socialism.

Housing, water, jobs are human rights

For two years our coalition has waged a monumental struggle against massive tax foreclosures and water shut-offs. We have forced the Wayne County treasurer to enact moratoriums on property tax foreclosures resulting from banks’ predatory actions. Tens of thousands of people have been allowed to make payment arrange- ments on these illegal tax assessments.

Based on our efforts, the Michigan American Civil Liberties Union, NAACP Legal Defense Fund and other entities filed a class-action lawsuit against win- ning a moratorium on property tax fore- closures, which violate the 1968 Fair Housing Act. We demand that the hun- dreds of millions of dollars in federal funds be used for their intended purpose — to keep people in their homes through payments of delinquent property taxes and inflated water bills.

We forced an upcoming meeting with the Michigan State Housing Develop- ment Authority, demanding they rewrite the regulations for allocating funds in Detroit and Wayne County for these pur-poses. The DLBAs and Mayor Duggan’s city administration corruption is now clear for all to see.

We will continue to build a revolution- ary party to best demand that the hun- dreds of millions of dollars in federal funds be used for their intended purpose — to keep people in their homes through payments of delinquent property taxes and inflated water bills.

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The firestorm of local demonstrations that has greeted the victory of the racist, misogynistic, authoritarian billionaire Donald Trump is truly heartwarming. Boastful intimidation has been met by resistance from Portland to Miami, from Chicago to Dallas.

We are in a new political period in the U.S. It has been a new period since the simultaneous rise of Trump and Bernie Sanders. This signal a crisis for both political parties of the capitalist class.

The Democratic Party and the Repub- lican Party have been the political pillars of U.S. capitalism since the Civil War. They have been the durable instruments of the capitalist system — for the realization of the U.S. political crisis in the U.S. is catching up with the corrosive economic crisis and irreversible decline.

Our Party has prepared for and pa- tiently awaited a political opening for rev- olutionary Marxism in the U.S. With the re- sponse to Trump and the Sanders camp- aign, as well as developments like the Black Lives Matter movement, there are rays of light beginning to shine through this opening.

Trump will not be able to fulfill his war mongering capitalist economic promises to the workers. You cannot restore jobs that have been destroyed and no longer exist because of a new political period.

The Democratic Party leadership is in a shambles and is becoming more and more open for a revolutionary party to plunge into the political and economic struggle and build up its forces with the aim of destroying capitalism altogether. Build Workers World Party!
We woke up on Nov. 9 to learn that the ultragriged, racist and woman-hating Trump was president-elect and that Mike Pence was vice president-elect. Pence is rabidly hostile to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people and, as Indiana’s governor, led a massive attack by the state on LGBTQ lives disguised as “religious freedom.”

Pence has worked nonstop against same-sex marriage and has opposed all laws to protect LGBTQ adults and children in bathrooms, workplaces and public accommodations. He is deeply anti-woman and was a top aide to the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling on the right to abortion.

This was a blow, as it came after the LGBTQ movement has won so many victories over the last several years, including the Supreme Court decision in 2013 overturning sodomy laws that criminalized gay and lesbian sexuality and its 2015 ruling that legalized same-sex marriage.

But those victories were won at the same time that the right has continued against LGBTQ lives. More than 135 anti-LGBTQ bills were introduced at state and local levels in 2015. These included bills to force lesbian, gay and transgender children into “conversion therapy” that claims it can change sexual orientation or gender identity. Scientific research shows this cannot be done, as stated in “Just the Facts about Sexual Orientation and Identity” published by the American Psychological Association.

Nationally coordinated hate legislation to criminalize transgender people for using public bathrooms similar to a gay panic law was pushed by groups funded by North Carolina billionaire Art Pope, friend of the reactionary Koch brothers.

Pope was listed in 2013 as one of the 10 wealthiest men in the U.S. He is ideologically dedicated to “free enterprise” — meaning no regulation of capitalism and no legal limits on the rich to “freedom” to exploit workers. (ourfuture.org)

It was no accident that the HB2 law criminalizing trans people also revoked all state laws protecting LGBTQ people, made it harder for all oppressed workers to file state discrimination claims against employers and stymied local governments from raising the minimum wage for some workers.

Queer and trans people of color were the first to militantly resist HB2 with marches, sit-ins and civil disobedience. Our Durham, N.C., comrades played leading roles in organized resistance that resulted in billions of dollars of lost revenue to businesses and established a basis for interlocking unity in resistance.

Fight every attack on oppressed people

WWF North Carolina organizers said on March 28: “The ruling class does not want to see a united front against homophobia, transphobia, sexism, racism, ableism or any other issue plaguing the working class. They want to divide us, using lies that make us enemies of each other. But as revolutionaries, we understand that fighting for the working class is not divided by attack on every attack on oppressed peoples.”

Bigots justified the anti-trans HB2 bill as necessary to “protect working women and children from sexual predators.”

Those of us who know the centuries of struggle against U.S. enslavement of and racism against Black people, particularly in the South, recognize the lying, unity-shattering accusation of “rapist” and “sexual predator” aimed at oppressed people, especially Black men.

We heard that calumny last year from white supremacist Dylan Storm Roof as he massacred nine African-American people, seven of them women, as they worshipped in a Charleston, S.C., church. As for the accusation of “sexual predator” thrown at LGBTQ people, I have been accused of and grievously wound- ed by that slur. I lost custody of my own children when I came out as a lesbian in North Carolina in 1974. I and thousands of LGBTQ people have lost our children, jobs, birth families and often lives because of the bigoted belief that LGBTQ people prey on adults and children.

In those “old days,” we were illegal people. Our sexuality and our gender expression were criminal offenses. Yet human ties of love and family continue to be smashed in the U.S. through continued violence against queer people, the criminalization and deportation of migrant workers, cops killing of migrants and mass incarceration of Black people and other people of color, and the making of refugees through U.S. imperion.

When workers and oppressed people rise up to fight these injustices, gender-baiting is a constant tactic used to divide the struggle. In 1973 the Equal Rights Amendment for women was defeated in North Carolina primarily because of a right-wing campaign of “bathbangers,” which accused the women’s movement of wanting to force women to use dangerous “unisex toilets.”

Struggling the working class by exploiting fears and biased assumptions about gender or sexuality goes beyond being only a domestic tactic of the U.S. ruling class. It goes to the heart of Afghanistanistan using the false Islamophobic slogan of “oppressed women” to justify imperi- alist intervention. This was the rationale behind the war in Afghanistan in 1979, overthrowing a revolutionary communist government that was making sweeping changes for Afghan women’s liberation.

The U.S. ruling class spreads false information about LGBTQ lives in count- less ways they want to destabilize, like Iran, while promoting so-called “Western free- doms” to LGBTQ people in exchange. Meanwhile, U.S. groups like the so-called Alliance Defending Freedom, funded by Art Pope, now hate and division about sexuality and gender in African countries, like Uganda, and promote laws that persecute and imprison LGBTQ people. (mediamatters.org)

We must continue against LGBTQ and sex and gender ma- nipulation is shown in a U.S. neoliberal like Hillary Clinton. She boasts of being for all women, yet also boasts of destabi- lizing the democratically elected govern- ment of Honduras, which resulted in the assassination of Berta Cáceres Flores, an environmental activist, Indigenous lead- er and Nobel Peace laureate. Obama is the leading op- ponent of U.S. economic exploitation of her country.

The congressman, Leslie Feinberg — who identified as an anti-racist white, work- ing-class, secular Jewish, transgender, lesbian, female, revolutionary commu- nist — wrote the first Marxist analysis of transgender people in “The Transgender Warrior: Making History” published in 1995. Leslie showed how oppression against any kinds of people, queer and trans and gender nonconforming people was linked — and arose from what Fred- erick Engels called the “world historic defeat of women” with the division of hu- manity into classes.

The only way the capitalist class can stay in power is to keep workers and op- pressed peoples from uniting. Our strug- gle for consciousness about how to unite is a necessary part of the struggle to overthrow socialism to socialist revolution! Onward together in the struggle! Onward together!

The success of the conference and the involvement of young people, more than ever before, reflects a tremendous turn- ing point and a hopeful period ahead for political struggle. It is a reflection of young people’s growing desire to be a part of a mass movement for justice and liber- ation and also our recognition of the need to have a political home and organization that can be relied on in times of crisis to sharpen our analysis, to prepare for com- bat and to strengthen our militancy.

Historically young people have been on the frontlines of the movement—from the Black Panther Party to the Brown Ber- ets to the American Indian Movement to the anti-war movement to the Stone- wall Rebellion to the women’s move- ment—and more. This historic re- newal of organizing by youth today and the world struggle to walk out in protest of a pending Trump presidency; as young people occupy the streets demanding justice for Keith Lam- bers, Philando Castile, Sandra Bland and countless other victims of police ter- ror; as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgen- der and queer youth take up militant ac- tion to reject anti-worker and anti-trans bills, like HB2 in North Carolina; and as students on college campuses show soli- darity with workers’ struggles.

Now more than ever, we must bring young people in, fortiy youth leadership and recognize that the deepening capitalist crisis is forming a new layer of leader- ship of those who study the lessons of the Black Liberation movement, the Vietnam war, the victory in Angola, the MOVE 9 bombing, the fall of the USSR, the Attica 45th anniversary prison strike and who demand the freedom of political prison- ers Mumia Abu-Jamal, Oscar Lopez Ri- vera, Rasmea Odeh, Leonard Peltier and more. This vital history of revolutionary struggle against oppression inspires and enriches our daily life in new, unique and meaningful ways.

The conference this year played a role in lifting up the work of comrades who are doing the same work up and down the country. We are the van- guard of realizing a socialist revolution and that we have a duty to build a party that is capable of nurturing and support- ing this vanguard.
Everyone has heard of the magnificent struggle going on in North Dakota, which has united Indigenous nations worldwide as the Oceti Sakowin, the Lakota/Dakota/Nakota Great Sioux Nation, fights to protect the mighty Missouri and Mississippi rivers. They are fighting the Dakota Access Pipeline to defend their sovereignty, their lands, waters and the lives of future generations.

Standing Rock has captured the hearts and minds of many around the world, despite the lack of truthful media coverage. Earth First! Transfer Partners is leading DAPL to move millions of gallons of fracked crude oil from the Bakken shale oil fields in western North Dakota to the Missouri River to a pipeline in Illinois and then to refineries in the Gulf of Mexico for export. A Missouri spill would destroy clean water for Standing Rock and affect 18 million people downstream.

Pipelines corrode and rupture. Recently there were a Susquehanna River spill and an Alabama pipeline explosion. Big Oil never totally cleans up spills — from BP Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico to Exxon Valdez in Alaska — although they damage peoples’ health, habitats and wildlife. We now face the sixth extinction event in Earth’s history, due to global warming and ecological damage.

Bismarck, N.D., rejected DAPL to protect the city’s water, so the racist KHP moved the pipeline downstream to Standing Rock over Native opposition. In April women from Standing Rock established a camp in the path of the proposed pipeline. Youth organized to run across-country to build awareness. More and more people began to flood in, and by August thousands had gathered to take a stand. Women and youth remain very much in leadership.

Indigenous peoples from throughout the hemisphere have gone to Standing Rock. The American Indian Movement, Idle No More, Indigenous Environmental Network and many environmental groups and activists have mobilized. Delegations include Black Lives Matter, Palestinian students from California, even people from Japan. Maoris in New Zealand are doing their sacred haka dances in solidarity. Mongolians, the Philippine organization BAYAN and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine sent statements of solidarity. Unionists created a Labor Camp. Four international unions and many locals made solidarity statements.

Recently 500 multidimensional clergy symbolically burned the 600-year-old Doctrine of Discovery used to justify colonial genocide. They shut down the North Dakota state Capitol and were arrested protesting Gov. Jack Dalrymple.

Water protectors have marched and blocked bulldozers. Some locked themselves to construction equipment. Unarmed, they have faced weapons while trying to block the pipeline construction. They were tear gassed and Maced while swimming to protect graves sites on Turtle Island, where the police, National Guard and DAPL mercenaries have set up military headquarters.

Gov. Dalrymple responded with a military mobilization of sheriffs and cops from several states, the National Guard and DAPL’s hired mercenaries, including from G4S. Peaceful water protectors have been surrounded for weeks by soldiers and riot-gear-clad cops, cell tower blockers and nonstop surveillance by drones overhead. Public highways are blocked.

Water protectors have been beaten, bitten by attack dogs, tear gassed, pepper sprayed, shot with rubber bullets, injured by criminal use of LRAD sound cannons, arrested, brutalized while praying, strip searched, numbered and held in dog kennels.

Women and elders have been strip-searched; one woman was left naked overnight in a jail cell. All their possessions — cars and personal items they brought from them during arrests. They were later returned from a truck that dumped them all on the ground, soiled with urine. National Guard snipers threaten the defenders and even killed one person’s horse. DAPL has bulldozed sacred sites, rare birdlife and burials.

Corrupt state politicians, including Dalrymple, invoked in this pipeline. Trump is an investor, too. Despite confusion in the corporate media, the camps of the water defenders are full of support and finance the 1% and aid the right to self-determination. Trump will fight against oppression and for their immigrants and the Black movement.

To solve the crisis, Trump has unleashed a ._...-

The elections are over. What a hoax and despicable display! Over a year and a half of debate, in which fortunes were spent and lost, and Trump won. This has revealed the undemocratic practices of the monopoly corporate banks, like Goldman Sachs and Wells Fargo, to deepen and widen austerity. He will likely offer the job of Secretary of the Treasury to a Goldman Sachs veteran and Wall Street hedge fund manager.

But the Trump win has unleashed the power and spirit of fightback, particularly among the young and multinational working class, the unemployed and underemployed, who work for starvation wages, including students on campuses and most people in Wall Street hedge funds and the 99%.

Herein lies the future — building solidarity among our sisters and brothers who are fighting for liberation and self-determination, led by Black Lives Matter, the women’s movement and LGBTQ people. The state of repression embodied by Trumpism demands fightback and new ways to defend the movement.

The study of Marxism will confirm that our future lies in the fight for socialism.

We encourage you comrades and friends new to the labor movement to join the Party’s Labor Fraction and discuss strategies, experiences and ideas to help lead the party to face this new challenge on the road to socialism.

Neidenberg is a founding member and leading labor organizer of Workers World Party.

**Map of unceded Native lands under the 1851 Treaty of Fort Laramie. The Dakota Access Pipeline cuts through these stolen Native lands.**
Give Trump a chance? Not on our lives!

By G. Dunkel

A month after Hurricane Matthew smashed into southwestern Haiti with wind speeds of up to 155 miles an hour, much of the electrical grid, roads, houses and food stocks destroyed have not been repaired or replaced.

Some 800,000 people need food desperately, according to UNICEF-Haiti. The hurricane destroyed the homes of hundreds of thousands of subsistence farmers in Grand Anse and Sud, the two worst-hit departments. It also destroyed their food and the seed they need to raise their next crops, along with thousands of fruit trees.

Some 112,000 children are at the greatest risk from hunger because they are already so thin after a three-year drought. Even these UNICEF figures are probably too low. Local government officials have said that the devastation of roads and tracks leading into the mountainous areas of these departments is so great that they won’t be able to reach some remote communities until the end of November.

One man reportedly spent two days walking out of his isolated village to tell authorities that so many people there had died that they were burning the bodies instead of burying them. (Washington Post, Nov. 3)

“A flotilla of U.S. ships with heavy lift helicopters that could have supplied these communities left several weeks ago, after delivering promised supplies.”

There are other dangers besides the hurricane and destruction left by Matthew. Cholera, brought to Haiti by U.N. troops through careless sanitation, has caused hundreds of deaths in Haiti’s southwest in the past month. The overall total since 2010 has reached 10,000 deaths, with 8,000 sickened.

Haiti’s Interim President, Jocelerme Privert, told the BBC on Nov. 11 that his country was facing a “major food crisis” and warning levels of malnutrition. He said he “didn’t want to see Haitian people die because of the unavailability of international assistance.”

He explained, “Our projection is that we need between $25 and $30 million dollars to resolve the farming issue. Right now we have $2.5 million.”

The natural impulse for working people and progressives, when we see a tragedy like what Hurricane Matthew and capitalism have done to Haiti, is to give our own personal funds to help our fellow workers.

When Haiti was hit by a devastating earthquake in 2010, half the families in the United States made a donation to help. The American Red Cross collected half a billion dollars to aid Haiti. Out of this huge pile of money, the organization sent a few emergency supplies and built exactly six houses to replace the hundreds of thousands destroyed.

An official of Steelworkers Local 8751, which represents the union of school bus drivers in Boston whose members are 95 percent Haitian and Haitian American, told Workers World that the local is donating $8,000 in union funds to help Haiti with a small delegation of union members. One bus driver lost five family members in the devastation of the hard-hit city of Jeremie. Some individual members of USW 8751 are raising additional funds.

With a large concentration of Haitian workers in Boston, including both hospitals and hotels and an active branch of the progressive Fanni Lavalas party there, Local 8751 is hoping to put together a union-based coalition to gather and send concrete solidarity to the people of Haiti.
Interview with Amarjeet Kaur

Women & the All India Trade Union Congress

Amarjeet Kaur is National Secretary of the All India Trade Union Congress. Martha Greer sat interviewed her Oct. 7 during the 17th Congress of the World Federation of Trade Unions, held in Durban, South Africa. They discussed the 180-million-strong general strike of Sept. 2.

Kaur explained that until 1947 AITUC was the only trade union umbrella organization. Another 11 unions were formed during the anti-colonial struggle by various political currents — from the Marxists left to social democrats to “the right reactionaries religion-based organizations.”

The federations led by the previous and current ruling bourgeois parties are the largest, followed by AITUC, which is “the top among the left.” This is the second segment of her interview.

Martha Greer: Why were women essential to the success of the strike?

Amarjeet Kaur: Women were essential because they have the security investment which the government is reducing is hitting women because it is making education, health, drinking water, sanitation worse.

Good jobs and opportunities are being lost. Women are being engaged only in precarious jobs, where wages are not protected, and if women’s participation in our strike was immense. They were in the forefront everywhere.

Women could really digest the whole campaign [because] we are the worst oppressed. Once again child labor is increasing in India. There are too many migrations from rural to urban areas. Trafficking is happening. Women are really suffering so they were a very important component to make this strike a success.

All of the welfare schemes — there are almost 10 million women working in that area. None of them have worker status. [These women perform necessary social services but are considered “volunteers” and receive no wages, only below-minimum-wage payment as an “honorary,” and are not protected by law]. So many women were, there they were in the streets. Our domestics workers were in the streets. So women were very, very important in making this strike a success.

This strike went beyond the workers. It was appealing not only to our workforce and our targets. We told our workers we have to go to the communities, we have to go to the people. We have to go beyond our boundaries and tell the people the strike is not only for us, it is for India, to save its sovereignty and not to sell out our interests to the foreign companies and finance capital. This is how we moved. And that’s why we got so much support.

For women we have a message. They should understand that they and their children are the worst affected with this neoliberal economic market. All humans suffer but they are the worst sufferers so they should be in the forefront of these struggles of class-oriented organizations. The working class needs to take the lead today.

MG: What is the role of the left?

AK: The left political parties came out in support of the Sept. and strike. They said, “We support your demands, we support your strike, we will ask our cadres to help you in this strike.” Many even appealed to the local governments of those states which are controlled by political parties other than the [ruling] party so some of those governments did not use their policies against the strikes.

But where these hostile governments were, there workers had to face the police. They were trying to break the strike but they could not break it.

MG: Do you want to add anything else?

AK: I think a very big problem we are facing today is that new industries are coming up. Several of the multinational corporations are coming in and investing money. They are violating the Indian constitution and labor laws. And the governments are siding with them. When workers want to form unions they are sacked [fired], retrenched, suspended.

So we were glad to have the solidarity with the unions of those corporations, who have offices in various countries.

For example, there are Japanese, German, and U.S. corporations in several countries producing a single item. They are threatening to move out of a country if you ask for your rights and the government (echoes them). So I think it is high time for our solidarity, our closeness among various unions working in different countries, bearing and sharing our experiences, victories and achievements, the methods and forms of our agitation. That will help us, exchanging those opinions and all the close working of the unions will be very, very important.

I definitely feel that the capitalist world is in a crisis they are failing to contain and they are telling lies that they are doing okay, but it is not happening. They are attacking one country after another for natural resources. That means the armament industry will have more business creating conflicts here and there. They are against the working class and we should see to it that in our respective countries we do not allow warmongers to take over the psycheology of the masses. The trade unions once again will have to speak out against conflicts, violence and local wars and those who are creating terrorist groups and utilizing that situation against their own workers in their own home country as well as creating problems for the workers in other countries.

The working class needs to understand that this decay has increased the challenges but has also given us more openings. Now more and more unions want to be in a fighting mood. Once they are in a fighting mood they would like to desert the unions who are not fighting. They would like to come to the centers which are fighting. So this is providing us opportunity to strengthen the class-oriented unions and WFTU.

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STEPHANIE HEDGECOKE

‘Indigenous unites to defend water and stolen lands’

meaningful consultation with Native nations before signing off on land and water use permits. Consultation requires thorough environmental studies and exploration of Native sacred sites and graves.

Standing Rock was not consulted!

DAPL is now 90 percent complete and much as finished by Dec. 31. They don’t have the permit to drill under the Mississippi River; yet they stated on Nov. 8 that they would go ahead and drill anyway. Their driller is in place, surrounded by a type of protective wall used on U.S. military installations. The court order to build DAPL was based on $70 to $80 a barrel for crude oil, but the price has dropped and overproduction has thinned profit margins. It’s not been completed by Dec. 31, ETP has to renegotiate and might not be able to make $8 a barrel. Yet on Nov. 10 President Obama’s Department of Justice said that an announcement was coming soon for a DAPL “path forward” at Osage.

Dakrlyme’s military mobilization in coordination with DAPL’s mercenaries is an act of war. A governor has no right to declare war. He should be in jail.

Clean water is a human right from Flint, Mich., to Standing Rock. We don’t need more four-foil fuels. We demand President Obama revoke all permits now. End DAPL and free Leonard Peltier!

We must take a stand and thank everyone who has gone to Standing Rock and represented us, including our vice presidential candidate, Lamont Lilly.

Fists up, everyone! Mni Wiconi! Mni Wiconi! Water Is Life!

Hedgecoke received the 2008 annual award for journalism given by the Wodardt Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers.

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We have seen that the best of the best of the white workers understand that if you want to be a real fighter, you had better stand with Black Lives Matter.

Sam Marcy understood this; he knew that without the oppressed in front as leadership, well, give it up. This is why myself, Larry, Monica, Berta, John, Lydia and others stand here today. We are Brown and Black. But we are also red.

We are the only party in this country that has a Black chairperson! Thank you, Sam. Sam is our Fidel, but Larry is our Lenin. And a special shout-out to Fred who laid our foundation for today with “Capitalism at a Dead End.”

What has happened in the streets since the elections shows this period will be like no other. We have to work to channel this momentum into something great. And understanding political strategy like that of Fidel will be necessary.

To build the movement and to shut things down, let us continue to assess how to win like Fidel. Look to Sam and Harriet Tubman, Rosa Luxemburg, Emma Tenayuca, John Brown and so many others.

Finally comrades, I believe with all my heart and soul that this is the only Party that can take the struggle to the next level. On to defeating the Trump agenda! Let’s make this country unfxxkinggovernmental! Build WWP! In the words of our Cuban comrades: Socialism or death!

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‘Unity, now more than ever’
Marchas de protesta estallan después de la elección de Trump

Por Deirdre Griswold

11 de noviembre - Aunque los resultados de las elecciones estaban contando, lo que colocó a Donald Trump por delante en votos del Colegio Electoral - pero no del voto popular - lxs jóvenes salieron a la calle. Trump movió grandes multitudes de personas en ciudades de todo el país para protestar por la elección de Trump, y los trabajadores en los Estados Unidos contestaron a la cabeza de tantas luchas que desafían la pura fantasía de Trump. La cultura corporativa estadounidense presenta una fantasía - la fantasía del hombre fuerte, rico y blanco que puede arrojarlo todo, desde "Batman" hasta el espectáculo "realidad" de Trump. Los capitalistas "buenos" proveerán buenos trabajos para todos. En esta atmósfera donde el capitalismo se manifiesta claramente como el único camino hacia el futuro.

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