Solidarity with Indigenous sovereignty

By Kathy Durkin

As we go to print, on Nov. 20 the N.D. police, backed by Blackwater mercenaries, fired water cannons at freezing temperatures, rubber bullets, mace and tear gas at unarmed water protectors at Standing Rock, injuring hundreds. Go to workers.org for updates.

Nov. 19 – The heroic, months-long, bold and brave resistance by the Očeti Sakowin, the Lakota, Dakota, Nakota Great Sioux Nation, against the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline through sacred lands in North Dakota has won the hearts and minds of people across the United States and around the world.

The Standing Rock Sioux are leading the struggle to safeguard the Missouri River from pollution, which could harm upwards of 18 million people. Their slogan, “Water is life, No DAPL!” is being echoed across the country on campuses, in communities and on the streets during demonstrations of solidarity which have grown in number and size since the struggle of these stalwart resisters began.

Indigenous peoples from near and far have gone to Standing Rock, joined by Black Lives Matter activists, Palestinian students, a delegation from the Filipino organization BAYAN USA, environmentalists, labor unionists, many left and progressive forces, and even international delegations. Thousands of supporters have traveled to North Dakota to join the encampment and show solidarity with Native activists standing up to brutal corporate mercenaries, militarized state police and the National Guard.

They are resisting the DAPL, and the vicious assaults by government and private “security” forces carried out on behalf of oil profiteers Energy Transfer Partners, a Fortune 500 corporation. In building the 1,200-mile, $3.8 billion pipeline intended to carry fracked crude oil, this capitalist monolith is driven only by its goal of reaping super-profits. In the process, ETP is flouting the federal treaty rights and sovereignty of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation and callously disregarding the vital need for a safe water supply, essential to human and all life.

“The militarized response to water protectors’ efforts to stop construction of the DAPL through sacred burial grounds and underneath a key water source” has drawn

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National Day of Mourning:
From Plymouth Rock to Standing Rock

Workers World Editorial

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Joining the internet early in the game. We’ve been propagandizing on the internet since 1994. Something that comrades might not know is just how much traffic workers.org gets, which is in the thousands. My generation and those younger have grown up in an era of constant revolutionizing of technology, media and communication: the unfolding revolution of social media. We have also made great strides in this area, but we can certainly improve in terms of utilizing social media to its full potential. And yet, while we push to reach as many as we can—which has really got to be taken up in a serious way by the party youth—we can’t risk underestimating the necessity of a physical, printed paper.

But the paper is not the only way that we accomplish it. It’s an organizing tool, since handing someone a paper can spark a face-to-face conversation that can build relations more deeply than a thousand “likes” on Facebook. On an internal level, the constant activity of filling a paper every week makes us disciplines. Our editorial staff has a deeply political call every Saturday morning to discuss the world situation. Lamont Lilly talked about the paper in a way that really stuck with me. He likened the paper to an amazing, talented, intelligent, brilliant, romantic partner whom we have grown used to, with the honeymoon phase long past. But while the paper might not be as shiny, new and exciting to us, for someone who’s never seen it before, it can be quite appealing.

So much work, love, time and money go into the paper. If you’re looking for a way to get plugged into Workers World Party, consider getting involved with the writing, editing and production of the paper. The paper is such a powerful organizing tool, please make the best use of it. Get it out to the community! Get it out to our class! It’s how we reach the incarcerated members of our class who recently engaged in a historic strike, the migrant workers, the most poor and oppressed who may not have easy access to the internet. It’s an organizing tool, since handing someone a paper can spark a face-to-face conversation that can build relations more deeply than a thousand “likes” on Facebook.
Oaxaca teachers speak in Philly on Indigenous struggle, labor

By Joe Piette
Philadelphia

The struggle for the right of Indigenous peoples and their teachers to an educational system free from corporate control was the main topic of a Philadelphia meeting with two teacher activists from Oaxaca, Mexico, on Nov. 16.

As part of a three-city tour in the U.S. by Section 22 of the SNTE/CNTE union, Fernando Soberanes Bojórquez and Myaem Arellano Cano, Zapatista lawyer in the Legal Affairs Department of the union in Oaxaca, presented a slideshow and commentary at Temple University.

El SNTE is the Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores de la Educación (National Union of Education Workers), the largest union in Mexico, with 3.5 million members in Mexico. It supports government reforms. With 83,000 members in Oaxaca, Section 22 of el SNTE is the most important political force in the state. In addition, the Oaxacan Indigenous movement is the most organized in Mexico, along with the Zapotistas in Chiapas.

In November 1993, the Diálogo Nacional de Trabajadores de la Educación (National Coordinator of Education Workers), a dissolved union within el SNTE, fought against the 1994 constitution, which had been passed after a referendum with 70 percent of the vote in favor of it.

The Diálogo stated, “The struggle is not only in the streets, but continues in the classroom, where teachers fight against colonization and for an education that fortifies Indigenous Peoples.”

Indigenous struggle paramount

Bojórquez and Cane explained how large the Indigenous population is in Mexico. Out of 24,428 municipalities, 70 percent of the residents in 313 of them speak an Indigenous language. In Oaxaca, one of the poorest states in Mexico, 1.5 million people, out of a population of 4 million, speak an Indigenous language. Zapotec, Mixtec, Mazatec, Mixe or Chinantec. At least 481 municipalities in Mexico elect their authorities in communal assemblies.

The history of Indigenous struggles in Oaxaca has centered on defending their communal way of life against state attacks to destroy their communities. Education is an integral part of the struggle.

Bojórquez and Cane described how the Coalition of Indigenous Teachers and Promoters of Oaxaca (Plan Piloto-CMPO) employs innovative community-based education in the face of state standardized neoliberal education. Decades of experience have produced an educational structure that includes communal participation, use of traditional knowledge and Indigenous language, communal philosophy and creative teacher preparation, all based on a relevant curriculum. (See more detailed information at tinyurl.com/gjl6fby.)

The Representative Council is the governing authority of the communal middle schools, made up of community leaders, interested community members, parents, teachers and students. This system of education helps to preserve, strengthen and enrich the original culture and promotes the human development of community members while enabling new generations to complete their education.

Proposed state reforms introduced in 2013 would destroy the communal education system. Under the new law, anyone with a college degree could pass the teachers’ test with or without teacher education preparation introduced by Plan Piloto-CMPO. New hires would receive only temporary contracts, without medical coverage, pension, salary scale rights and other benefits. Massive firing of experienced teachers would be inevitable.

Effects on communities would include elimination of entire school levels (such as early Indigenous education), reduced teacher staffing levels, whole elimination of rural and Indigenous schools, and privatization of public education. Parents would even have to pay for water, electricity and other services at schools.

Massive resistance, state repression

Years of resistance have included legal, political and armed struggle. The battle continues, Bojórquez and Cane explained, but now unified. Indigenous language, communal participation, use of traditional knowledge and Indigenous language, communal philosophy and creative teacher preparation are reemerging. The battle is not yet won.

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Defiant thousands against Trump

By Workers World Staff
New York City

Hours before the final vote tally on Nov. 8, tens of thousands began to march here against Trump. They have continued the struggle through the holiday shopping season along Fifth Ave.

Many marchers are looking for political answers beyond the two-party system, and members of the People’s Power Assembly NYC, Workers World Party and Young Lords Party were seen in the streets to provide those answers.

Members of those organizations have also been involved in the “nah Trump” anti- Trump agitators from the crowd and challenge police attempts to control the protests.

On Nov. 8, New York responded to the election of Trump with 300,000 to 500,000 people in the streets. The large crowd assembled downtown at Union Square and marched north two miles on Fifth Avenue to Trump Tower, chanting all the way. Participants were mostly people new to the struggle. They were overwhelm- ingly young, with many of high school age. The mood of the crowd became increasingly militant and chants more angry as the huge throng approached Trump Tower. A cloud of cops and metal barricades confront- ed the demonstrators. But police had to be tricked to try to get to the front line, and the crowd shoved to get through the first fence. A few dozen demonstrators were arrested over the course of the night.

Several People’s Power Assembly NYC members contributed to this article.

Oaxaca teachers Carmen Guerrero, Fernando Soberanes Bojórquez and Mayem Arellano Cano (left to right) speak in Philadelphia.

Blacks and Panther 50 years later: ‘All Power to the People’

By Anne Pruden
Harlem, New York

A ‘Legacy Weekend’ celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Black Panther Party was held here on Nov. 12. The conference was sponsored by the National Alumni Association of the BPP, which held a similar conference in Oakland, Calif., in Octo- ber. The gatherings show how the Panthers’ hard work and examples of leadership are still vital. Many earlier supporters attended, and youth came to learn from the experi- ence and wisdom of these revolutionaries whose legacy lives on.

The Harlem celebration was a special “intergenerational convening of the past, present and future of the Black freedom struggle” and opened at the Kennedy Center for Seniors. The relevance of the Panthers to today’s black Lives Matter movement is recorded in point seven of the BPP Ten-Point Program, written half a century ago: “We want an immediate end to police brutality, the murder of Black people and other people of color, and all oppressed people inside the U.S.”

The BPP was founded in Oakland in 1966 by Bobby Seale and Huey P. Newton in response to police brutality and other racist attacks on Black people. The BPP, led by Other Panthers and Self Defense was respected for its Ten-Point Program dealing with the biased judicial system, un- employment and the need for health care for all. The BPP and Young Lords were involved in the food and housing programs, and the Young Lords organized the PPK to fight for tenants’ rights.

The BPP was under constant surveillance, its members were attacked and arrested over the course of the last 36 years. State repression against La CNTE also includes freezing of bank accounts and arbitrary detentions. Teachers have been unjustly arrested and held in maximum security prisons far from their homes in Oaxaca, Mexico.

The BPP’s tactics were revolutionary. They saved Mumia, a renowned independent journalist and author, from the death sentence. Now, the fight is on to save him.

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Locked-out Honeywell workers reject concessionary contract

By Martha Grevatt

For over six months, members of two United Auto Workers locals have been locked out of the plant. A key demand in the lockout began May 9 when Local 9 in South Bend, Ind., and Local 1305 in Green Island, N.Y., rejected a concessionary contract proposed by multimillionaire condominiums. Four months later, the state unemployment benefit about to run out, Honeywell workers nevertheless turned down a modified version of the deal they rejected in May.

The main issues of contention include health benefits and pensions. When the workers voted down the company’s proposal in May, Honeywell was demanding the right to make unilateral changes in health care coverage. The increase in the workers’ share of insurance premiums would have, in effect, brought their pay down from $22 an hour to less than $13 an hour. The offer just rejected would still have imposed enormous increases in health care costs for Honeywell workers and their families.

“We’ve been out here for too long to care for something like this,” said worker Tom Simpson. The Nov. 11 vote was 192-110 against the offer. (South Bend Tri-

Honeywell UAW Local 9 workers on the picket line in South Bend, Ind.

Post election

Philadelphia area protests proliferate

In the second week since the election of Donald Trump, protests have continued in Philadelphia and surrounding counties.

On Nov. 16, over 200 demonstrators disrupted rush-hour traffic as they marched through Center City streets, often going against the flow.

The action started at central police headquarters with a rally denouncing the Fraternal Order of Police for endorsing Trump. A key demand in the lockout was to keep immigration officials out of nearby streets.

A consensus was reached on organizing caravans to Washington, D.C., for the 20th anniversary of the day that the United Postal Service struck.

Activists plan to resist Trump

At a meeting last night, the executive director of the Wisconsin Center for Community Organizing said that the center is planning a direct action in Milwaukee to resist Trump’s proposed budget cuts.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Minnie Bruce Pratt, Syracuse, N.Y.

Every year U.S. bosses steal outright more than $50 billion in wages from workers. This is part of the wage theft committed by the capitalists in their rip-off of the value every worker creates — appropriating its profit for the top 1%. The Workers’ Center of New York held a demonstration against this capitalist theft on Nov. 16 in Syracuse, N.Y., on the National Day of Action Against Wage Theft. About 30 people gathered in downtown Columbus Circle. There, one speaker pointed to the statue of colonizer Christopher Columbus and condemned his role in “one of the biggest thefts of all time” — the stealing of Indigenous lands. WCCNY organizers described how outright wage theft ranges from refusing to pay workers, not paying them overtime, forcing workers to work off the clock, classifying them as “independent contractors,” stealing tips, paying below the minimum wage and holding back paychecks.

Speakers included Andrea, a Latina who testified how she and her wife, Lourdes, worked for hours doing hard physical labor, with no bathroom breaks, and were paid less than the minimum wage for their work. The workers came to this demonstration in support of their fight for the minimum wage.

Syracuse workers held a campaign called “Si se puede!” (“Yes! We can!”) and a call for stepped-up organizing of workers. They stressed the need for a New York-wide campaign to make workers’ licenses available to all people, regardless of their documentation. A local Walmart worker announced a “Black Friday” action linked to the Fight-for-15 campaign. An occupational therapist spoke about the terrible consequences of wage theft on the health of workers and their families.

Protesters chanted, sang and staged political theater while passing cars honked in support and lunchtime workers reached for fliers. When a UPS truck pulled up at a stoplight, one person grabbed a flier and jumped to hand it to the driver — to stress the unity of the rally’s precarious workers who struggle.

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States pass pro-worker initiatives

By Sue Davis

Washington voters approved the largest state minimum wage increase in the nation’s history. The $15-per-hour minimum wage in Seattle will jump to $13.50 by 2020, with a jump to $11 per hour by 2020. The initiative also approved paid sick leave for more than 1 million of the lowest-wage workers.

Meanwhile, workers in 21 states are still paid the $7.25-per-hour federal minimum wage, outrageously below the poverty rate. Virginians voted down an initiative that would have made the state’s long-standing right-to-work status permanent in the state constitution.

Seattle voters approved health and safety rules for women hotel workers, making Latina and African-American hotel workers’ lives a lot safer. The new rules will require employers to provide protective gear for clean and safe work environments, ensure workers are paid for their work, and require employers to provide safe and healthy working conditions.

Activists and concerned community members gathered in Philadelphia Nov. 17 for a town hall meeting to plan the re- resistance to racist sexual predator Prezident Donald Trump. Participants highlighted the urgent need for unity in the face of the racist onslaught provoked by Trump’s election. They pointed out that the U.S. has always been ruled by racists and sexism.

WCCNY workers and their allies made the case for New York’s political institutions to lead the way in passing a $15-per-hour minimum wage in the state. They argued that the $15-per-hour wage is an absolute minimum, and that workers deserve more than that to live a dignified life. They emphasized the need for a New York-wide campaign to make workers’ licenses available to all people, regardless of their documentation.

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Minnie Bruce Pratt, Syracuse, N.Y.
**Trump, anti-Semitism and solidarity in struggle**

By Shelley Ettinger

Late in the election campaign, as Donald Trump hammered home his vile attacks on people of color, immigrants, Muslims, women, etc. as he heaped up support against the worst racist elements including the Ku Klux Klan, white militias and the so-called alt-right, he also offered up appeals to anti-Jewish forces. The immediate aftermath of Trump's election saw white supremacists carry out hundreds of horrific racist incidents across the country. Latinx schoolchildren were confronted by white classists and anti-Semites on the highways and railroad tracks to block deportations.

**Unity vs. bigoted tactics**

The massive outpouring of anti-Trump outrage and resistance since election night shows that an epochal struggle has begun. Led by Black, Brown and other oppressed people, it will draw more and more into the battle. Unity must and will be this struggle's central characteristic.

With anti-Jewish acts also taking place after the election, understanding the history of anti-Semitism and taking it on will help build this united struggle. In Philadelphia, windows of Jewish-owned shops were smashed and spray-painted with racist slurs, while people spray-painted Stars of David. Jewish students at several colleges reported waking up to find swastikas painted on their dorm room doors.

Trump gave the green light for such acts in the closing days of his campaign, railing against "the international banking syndicate" and "the Jews who control world finance." The ad was a message to the vilest elements who had risen to the surface in Trump's campaign. Rally round Trump, the ad said. He's with you, against Black people, Latinx, Muslims — and, just so it's clear, he's also with you against "the Jews." Then, days after the election, Trump announced that his campaign chair Steve Bannon would serve as "chief strategist" in the White House. Bannon has a documented record of overt racism, misogyny and anti-Semitism, both personally and at the ultrareactionary Breitbart News.

Media Matters, which monitors right-wing misinformation online, calls Bannon "a white nationalist who hates Jews." He can be expected to serve Trump in the way Joseph Goebbels, minister of propaganda in Nazi Germany, served Hitler.

**Facts and history**

Facts will help arm the movement against attacks at division. Jewish people do not control world-wide banking and finance capital. Jews do not make up anywhere near the majority of owners, shareholders or top officials of most banks. Yes, there are Jewish bank presidents but there are Jews in many other spheres. But they do not run the capitalist system.

There are not many Jewish people, period. In the U.S., Jews make up 2.5 percent to 3 percent of the population. The proportion of the world's people who are Jewish is only 0.2 percent. For so few to hold as much power as Trump and the anti-Semites claim, Jews would have to have superpowers. They don't. The caricature of a hook-nosed, sneering Jewish puppeteer manipulating businesses and governments is classic anti-Semitic propaganda.

In reality, for much of history, most Jewish people were impoverished, persecuted oppressed peoples. In the late 1880s and early 1900s, a series of horrific pogroms — murderous riots against Jewish communities — swept through the czarist empire of Russia, Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine and neighboring countries. Sponsored by those governments and the ruling class as part of the effort to tame down growing unrest by the starving masses, the pogroms killed thousands of people. In the first two decades of the 20th century, wave after wave of European Jews fled to the United States.

A hundred years later, in the small Jewish population in the U.S., the story certainly remains Jewish workers — bus drivers, teachers, nurses and retail, factory, office and other workers. But others are comfortably middle-class. Some are part of the bourgeois ruling class.

Many Jews have taken part in struggles for social change. Some gave their lives, like Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, who were murdered along-side African-American James Chaney by the Klan in Mississippi in 1964 for registering Black people to vote. But among U.S. Jews there have also been errors, of fenses and failures of solidarity.

The U.S. Jewish population is mostly white and comes to the struggle of the workers and oppressed with all the racism, backwardness, ignorance, privilege and anti-Semitism that are the characteristics of this country. Additionally and tragically for the goal of solidarity, Zionist ideology has maintained a decades-long stranglehold on the consciousness of most U.S. Jews.

The good news is that this is finally changing, at least among the younger generation. The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement, and related organizations, is winning more and more Jewish millennials.

As they break with their parents' support for the racist settler state of Israel, they also become more open to radical ideas in general. They begin to better understand the meaning of and necessity for solidarity with oppressed peoples.

Jewish youth who turn away from Zionism are taking to the streets as activists in solidarity with the struggles of people of color, marching with Black Lives Matter against racist police killings, demonstrating with undocumented immigrants against raids and deportations, and joining with anti-apartheid protesters for the liberation of Palestine.

Some will take it further and join the struggle to overthrow capitalism, following the long tradition of Jewish revolutionaries who started with Karl Marx himself.

**Unity to fight**

By and large, the campaign's lie that Jews are responsible for workers' troubles is a tactic to disrupt unity among the workers, oppressed peoples and progressives at a moment when such unity is vital to build resistance. Trump himself is a multimillionaire. He and his class — made up overwhelmingly of white, Anglo-Saxon Protestants (WASP) — are responsible for disappearing jobs, falling wages and impos sibly high housing, education and health care costs.

He and his class are responsible for racist killer cops murdering Black people with impunity. He and his class are responsible for sending the U.S. military around the world to invade, occupy and destroy countries.

This capitalist class wants to shift the blame. They want to divide the opposition. It's no surprise that they reach for that trusty old tool — blaming "the Jews." Jewish people are not now an oppressed group in the U.S. They do not face institutionalized, systemic or wide spread discrimination, violence, bias and worse, as people of color do.

Still, anti-Semitism exists. It never went away. Now it must be directly combatted.

The movement as a whole must build unity. It is vital to have unity against racism. It is vital to have solidarity against bashing, LGBTQ oppression and anti- ti-Semitism.

As for Jewish people in this country, many are suddenly terrified, fearing a return to the worst old days of anti-Semitic horrors. For them, the road forward is solidarity with the most oppressed. Defend Muslims, politically and physically. Stand and march and battle shoul der-to-shoulder with Black Lives Matter. Organize immigrant defense squads. That is the way to fight and win.

The writer is a long-time anti-Zionist, pro-Palestine Jewish communist.

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**Penn students protest racist death threats**

By Ava Lipatti

Philadelphia

On the morning of Nov. 11, dozens of Black freshmen students at the University of Pennsylvania were awakened to message chats in which they were threatened with racist violence. The messages contained anti-Black slurs, graphic pictures of white people choking Black people, and threats of punching. Penn police and the administration have determined that the racist death threats came from a University of Oklahoma student, who was subsequently suspended, but no charges have been filed. Later that night, students quickly mobilized in response to the death threats. Over 200 Black students and their allies, led by Students Organizing for Unity and Liberation (SOUL), took to the streets in protest. After marching across campus chanting "Black Lives Matter!" and "No Justice! No Peace!" the students attempted to carry their message forward by getting entrance to the Penn vs. Harvard football game.

When the large crowd of primarily Black students approached the stadium gates, security guards were quick to deny them entrance and temporarily shut down all entrances. However, the students had every right to be there just like their white classmates. After nearly an hour, they were able to use their student IDs to get into the stadium.

Once the protesters gained entry, they took over the student section, disrupting the football game to have their message heard. Filling the stadium with various "Black Lives Matter!" chants, the students showed that they will not back down because of white supremacists' threats. Also, they made clear that they will ensure their own safety, rather than rely on the elitist school administration and racist police force.

Activists such as this are rare. The death threats are proof that Donald Trump's election victory has emboldened white supremacists and the far-right. The Trump movement, with Ku Klux Klan members and neo-Nazis in its ranks, marks a right-wing mobilization of primarily white middle-class fascists. Despite the I.D. card victory, Black and Brown youth continue to fight for liberation in the struggle against white supremacist terror.

*Black Lives Matter! All Power to the People!*
Trump's election and imperialist war

By Lyn Neeley and Sage Antonia Collins
Portland, Ore.

With no voice in this election, middle- and high-school students across the country are spilling out of classrooms by the hundreds and thousands, shouting their outrage in the streets and protesting the Trump-inspired atmosphere of hate actions, racism, misogyny and bigotry.

In fact, K-12 schools have become battlefields of resistance.

This parallels the attacks and vandalism from this election and the undocumenteds that have been reported across the country. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, incidents reported of intimidation and harassment doubled in a single week to 437 after the presidential election. Of those, 99, or nearly one-quarter, took place at K-12 schools against immigrants, African Americans, Muslims, LGBTQ people and other groups.
Wall Street welcomes Trump

By Stephen Millies

Did the super-racist, immigrant bash- ing, sexual predator Donald Trump be- coming president alarm Wall Street? The day after the election Dow Jones indus- trial average shot up 272 points. Why shouldn’t Wall Street welcome Trump? “We have more than $600 billion in the world’s largest casino — the New York Stock Exchange — have embraced the Israeli and sulfur casino owner.”

The Wall Street leader’s standing in the town — August Schuon — opposed the Emancipation Proclamation of 1862 that freed slaves in areas controlled by the Confederacy. Federal workers are not bothered by Trump losing the popular vote by 2.5 million. It’s not, democracy or they’re concerned.

The Wall Street Journal snarled at complaints that Albert Gore beat George Bush by 500,000 votes in the 2000 elec- tion. The newspaper’s editorial editor Robert Bartley claimed this didn’t matter since it resulted from “a surge of botulism.” (Sarasota Journal, Mar. 7, 1974)

Rounding up hundreds of thousands of families is reminiscent of the Nazi Gestapo, or the Fugitive Slave Act in the 1850s. (nytimes.com, Nov. 11)

There’s some Trump in every trigger- happy, pepper-spraying, nightstick-swinging cop. Ronald Reagan was just as grotesque as Trump 50 years ago. Calling Black peo- ple in Watts “mad dogs” didn’t stop him from living in the area where he was born.

Ronald Reagan was just as grotesque as Trump 50 years ago. Calling Black peo- ple in Watts “mad dogs” didn’t stop him from living in the area where he was born. (The Metropolitan Frontier by Carl Abbott)

When hungry people lined up for food packages provided as ransom during the 1974 kidnapping of millionaire heiress Patty Hearst, the California governor asked “whether there shouldn’t be an out- break of botulism.” (Sarasota Journal, March 7, 1974)

Like Trump this year, Reagan was en- dered by the Ko Khun Khan when he ran for president in 1980. Reagan deliberate- ly started his campaign in Philadelphia, Miss, where three civil rights workers — New York Times, March 23.

A major source of Trump’s appeal was his promise to return “good jobs” back to the United States. During Trump’s spring campaign- ing, a secretly recorded video received widespread attention on the internet. It showed Carrier Air Conditioner bosses “blaming the workers” and thirty- seven workers were killed by his cops.

Ryan’s ideas were copied from the right- peatedly called him “boy.” Figures also said that Trump “poked” the Chinese. His mem- ber workers were “OK, until he learned that they smoked marijuana.” (CNN, Nov. 18)

This just week, Donald Trump nomi- nated Sessions, now a U.S. senator from Alabama, to be U.S. attorney general in charge of enforcing the Voting Rights Act and other civil rights laws.

Only the people who will stop Trump

With the exception of Fox News, most of the big capitalist media endorsed Hil- lary Clinton. But don’t expect these mon- ey bags to fight Trump. They’re rolling out a red carpet and hoping for more tax cuts. Among those making the pilgrimage to Trump Tower and groveling before the president-elect is former Secretary of State and Rockefeller family retainer Henry Kissinger. During the Watergate scandal in the 1970s, Kissinger moved secret State Department files to the Rockefeller fami- lly’s six-square-mile Pocantico Hills estate in Westchester County, NY, to protect the Richard Nixon White House gang.

Kissinger’s visit is a sign that Donald Trump will be yet another Big Oil president. “The New York Times has editorialized against the rumored nomination of Rudy Giuliani as secretary of state. Giuliani is the face of police state vigilantism, and there is speculation he got the FBI to help swing the election. The Times pointed out that the former NYC mayor "enraged Black New Yorkers with his shockingly insensitive response to the fatal police shooting of Patrick Dorismond, an unarmed black man" in 2000. (Nov. 15) Actually Giuliani insulted a whole series of families whose daugh- ters and sons were killed by his cops.

But that didn’t prevent the Times from endorsing Giuliani for re-election in 1997. Forty-five years ago it was the “old money” of Philadelphia that installed the super-racist Frank Rizzo as mayor. The Philadelphia area is home to some of the oldest and wealthiest capitalist fami- lies. Their mansions fill the “Main Line” suburb and include most of the Du Pont family estates.


Frank Rizzo was just Donald Trump without the bale- roll. Both are proof that, as Malcolm X said, “You can’t have capitalism without racism.”

Only the people who can stop Trump. Mil- lions must come to Washington, D.C., for the Jan. 20 counterinauguration and stay over for the Women’s March the next day.

Target federal workers

By Carl Lewis

There is evidence that the incoming Trump administration is planning to punitively hurt federal workers, including privatizing the Department of Veterans Affairs, to reduce the size of the federal workforce and sub- stantially cut wages.

Among the right-wing ideologues and advisors to Donald Trump on federal workers is Newt Gingrich, co-founder of the infamous “Contract with America” (more aptly called a “Contract ON America”) released by the Republican Party in 1994. It outlined plans to decimate the working class as a whole and to specifi- cally target federal workers.

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These cryptic comments refer to limit- ing collective bargaining rights, reducing due process rights and cutting wag- es. Gingrich holds up Scott Walker, the anti-union governor of Wisconsin who has sexually harassed millions of wom- en, as a model.

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Trump is lying about jobs program

By G. Dunkel

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The newspaper’s editorial page ed- itor Robert Bartley claimed this didn’t matter since it resulted from “a surge of botulism.” (Sarasota Journal, Mar. 7, 1974)

Rounding up hundreds of thousands of families is reminiscent of the Nazi Gestapo, or the Fugitive Slave Act in the 1850s. (nytimes.com, Nov. 11)

There’s some Trump in every trigger- happy, pepper-spraying, nightstick-swinging cop. Ronald Reagan was just as grotesque as Trump 50 years ago. Calling Black peo- ple in Watts “mad dogs” didn’t stop him from living in the area where he was born. (The Metropolitan Frontier by Carl Abbott)

When hungry people lined up for food packages provided as ransom during the 1974 kidnapping of millionaire heiress Patty Hearst, the California governor asked “whether there shouldn’t be an out- break of botulism.” (Sarasota Journal, March 7, 1974)

Like Trump this year, Reagan was en- dered by the Ko Khun Khan when he ran for president in 1980. Reagan deliberate- ly started his campaign in Philadelphia, Miss, where three civil rights workers — New York Times, March 23.

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We are especially sensitive to the plight of those most in fear of a Trump presidency, who are wondering if they or their loved ones will be deported today or tomorrow, or if the Klan is now emboldened to come out from under their sheets and begin lynching again, or if men who hate women feel it’s OK to become more predatory.

We know that the best thing we can do about that is make our anger known in the streets so they don’t feel alone. The best thing we can do is organize their defense while realizing that this is also an opportunity that can give the movement wings.

This was no landslide. Yes, part of this vote reflects the dangerous presence of deep racism and sexism. But this was also a reflection of the desperation and anger of those who don’t know what to blame or who and what to blame and are lashing out, trying anything, even things that don’t make sense because survival has become so much harder under capitalism in global economic crisis.

Most average votes came from white men who were used to being more economically and socially privileged — and the fact remains that Black and Latinx votes came down strong against Trump — he was still able to get some support from a reasonable number of Latinx and African Americans. All of this is partly a reflection of the gap in consciousneses of those voting for Trump regarding an understanding of the importance of solidarity, especially with the most oppressed. That’s what our election campaigns were all about.

But it is especially important to understand that this election was also a reflection of a higher level of consciousness from those who decided that they would not vote for a lesser evil — and in this case, that he was more evil when you consider one candidate who spoke racism and sexism and another who had already practiced with the lives of the people of Honduras, Libya, Syria and, of course, who had her hand in viliﬁying those so-called “super- predators” incarcerated for proﬁt.

OK, here’s the data backing up my opinions: In the ﬁrst place, Clinton actually lost the popular vote. And if you look at the most signiﬁcant states that voted for Trump, you’ll ﬁnd that the determining states with more than 10 electoral votes — Wisconsin, Florida, Pennsylvania and Michigan — Clinton would have won with a shift of 75 electoral votes.

This is just one part of the rigid factor of these elections under capitalism. Not only do they not allow third parties a chance to come in the picture, but in addition, they’ve set up an electoral college that guarantees them an escape hatch.

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Following one of the most horrendous bourgeois election seasons we’ve witnessed, we need a revolutionary, socialist, non-Leninist organization. But what exactly does this mean?

The key word is “revolutionary.” Building an organization requires us to be oriented toward abolishing capitalism and the state altogether, not to fight for a softer or kinder capitalism. We are demanding an organization that allows us to confront the fundamental contradictions of this system and get rid of them entirely.

Different organizations have different functions. If an organization’s purpose is to reform U.S. domestic policy around policing, the way it operates will be different from how an organization whose purpose is to abolish police altogether operates.

Because of this orientation, there are key elements that make a revolutionary socialist organization what it is. First, it is the vanguard of the movement. It is comprised of professional revolutionaries who have a heightened and advanced understanding of the conditions our class is facing when it comes to the crisis of capitalism.

Second, revolutionary socialist organizations are also capable of responding to the ever-changing conditions facing our class. Without adaptability we are unable to provide the kind of intervention that keeps people in the streets and builds consciousness toward socialist revolution.

The organization must be able to build the consciousness of the masses while also actively engaged in struggle: the Black Lives Matter movement, the Fight for $15, the struggle against LGBTQ and women’s oppression, Palestine solidarity, migrant justice and much more.

Our duty is to make our class better at fighting, motivating and pushing our class toward seeing itself as the only force that is capable of overthrowing capitalism. Part of this motivation is building revolutionary Marxist consciousness, of wresting political power with members of our class who have reactionary ideas.

The other part of motivating our class toward seeing itself as a revolutionary force is being combat ready and militant, being willing to risk and put our bodies on the line, especially in dire times.

We are militant also in the transfer of our skills and building new leadership, particularly that of the most oppressed. A revolutionary socialist organization builds itself to be ready to govern, ready to plan a society and economy that allows all people to flourish, to make meaningful contributions and to receive what they deserve in exchange.

A revolutionary socialist organization is a breathing organization, composed of people whom it attracts and recruits, composed of the leadership that it desires to come even after the revolution — multiracial, multigender, disabled and abled bodied, queer and straight, young and old — so forth, because a revolutionary socialist organization unites us all as a class that creates all wealth yet is estranged from the fruits of our labor; a class that the bourgeoisie must actively work to repress; a class that faces its own contradictions and challenges, yet is oppressed by nothing greater than the superexploitation by profiteers.

The people of the U.S. and the world have been at war for centuries with a ruling order that enslaves, entraps and murders Black, Indigenous and Brown people at home and abroad.

I am honored to be a part of Workers World Party, which applies Leninist organizational principles to the changing conditions facing our class with discipline and persistence.

We cannot let the Democrats, the Klan, neo-Nazis or the liberals build their organizations in our name. Our organization unites us all as a class that faces our class’ oppression.

The time is now for us to build our ranks, to fortify our leadership, to dig deeper in building with the masses. There are many people who no longer have any illusion that the system, as it is, functions to their benefit or livelihood.

Collectivism vs. individualism

Join an organization that pushes you to let go of your individualism and ego in service and recognition of the collective brilliance made possible by the people around us — who are still able to come together to consult, to collaborate, to disagree and still have a high level of ideological unity that our class so desperately needs.

Join an organization that understands that Black liberation is actually part and parcel of the class struggle. Our class cannot prevail if we don’t pay attention to the ways in which Black people are uniquely and intensely impacted by capitalism.

Join an organization that knows in fighting for a new world we must center on the most oppressed in the creation of a socialist society. This means that Black and Brown people, Indigenous people, women, people with disabilities and LGBTQ folks must be at the center of leadership starting now.

Join an organization that knows there is no such thing as a “white working class” — that knows there is only one working class and that is the global, multinational working class that we must remain rooted in. When we stray from this fundamental reality, we threaten our own ability to organize our class into solidarity, into a united front against the real enemies.

Join an organization that will stay in the streets with the masses; an organization that will always be on the side of the workers and the oppressed and defends our class unapologetically; an organization that knows our interests are diametrically opposed to that of the ruling class.

Join an organization because it will strengthen our ability to harness the energy, righteous rage and frustrations of this moment into revolutionary action. It will strengthen our ability to balance the spontaneity of a moment with a long-term program for the liberation of our class.

We cannot fight these battles alone, but there will be a lot of liberal rhetoric that will try to convince us to fight them alone. Love does not trump hate. Love does not trump capitalism. Love does not trump the horrendous conditions we face every day.

Although we now face a Trump presidency, I am not afraid for the battles to come. I do not have fear that I’m in the trenches alone because none of us are. We are organized. We recognize the state as a highly organized apparatus that must be met by the working class for whom revolutionary socialist organizations are tasked with unifying, strengthening and building.

I am not afraid because I am in an organization of revolutionaries who fight every day against horrendous attacks, with unwavering faith in our class to defeat capitalism once and for all.

The movement of a revolutionary, socialist and white supremacy — our class struggle — needs you, and you need it.

Join a Workers World! Onwards to socialist revolution!
One of the labor movement’s most fa-
mous anthems is “Which Side Are You On?” Composer Florence Reece gave new meaning to an old hymn in 1933 af-
ter gun-wielding gangsters working for
mine owners invaded her home in Harlan
County, Ky.

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka
served as United Mine Workers president from
1982 to 1995. He should know that song by heart.
Unfortunately, he — along with United Steelworkers Presi-
dent Leo Gerard, United Auto Workers President
Dennis Williams and leaders of the Na-
tional American Building Trades Unions —
don’t seem to understand what the question
means.

Now Trumka has announced: “The
AFL-CIO accepts the outcome of this
election, and offers our congratulations to
President-elect Trump.” (afcio.org, Nov. 9) NABTU agreed, while Gerard and Williams showed themselves eager to meet with Trump about trade agree-
ments like NAFTA.

This willingness to pal up to Trump is
shameful! Trump opposed those trade agreements to win votes from workers.
Moreover, he hurled racist, sexist and anti-immigrant epithets like bombs onto
workers. Unions are the organized ex-
pression of workers’ power and unity.
Unions should be the first to call the foul over Trump’s campaign of vile ha-
ter that pitted one section of the work-
ning class against another.

The Afghan president had agreements conflict with the exploitation of hostilities to Trump’s program from oppressed workers and
unity. All over the U.S. tens of thousands have been marching night after night and
roaring, “Not my president!” These mass-
es saw through and rejected Trump’s rac-
nostalgia, Islamophobia, misogyny,
to-LGBTQ bigotry and contempt for
people with disabilities.
AFL-CIO’s Trumka and company’s ac-
tion of cozying up to Trump put the fight
against racism very low on labor’s agen-
da. That’s a betrayal of the working class whose fight against racism is central
to the class struggle today in the United
States.

Trump has been openly anti-labor.
His anti-union/anti-worker program and practices are no secret. He advocates a national “right-to-work” (for less) law and wants to abolish the federal mini-
mum wage and the 1938 Fair Labor Stan-
dards Act. At Trump’s Las Vegas casino,
maintaining is eliminating the National
Labor Relations Board and has refused to negotiate with duly-elected and certified 
Culinary Workers Local 226.

Yes, it is standard practice after a pres-
idential election for labor leaders to meet
with the president-elect, whether Demo-
crat or Republican. But in this election, the
capitalist parties gave us two rotten candidates, Clinton and Trump, and told
the working class: “Choose your poison.”

This collaboration has grown worse each
decade since.

We need conscious, class-struggle unionism. To make gains for working
people — instead of cozying up to capitalism, Trum-
ka should call a general strike to block
Trump’s inauguration.

Class consciousness is growing in the
streets. As the old song says, “There are
no neutrals.”

Which side are you on?

New York

Detroit

SAN DIEGO

Hundreds in San Diego joined with people in cities across the country for a Nov. 15 massive Day of Action for Stand-
ning Rock. They demanded that the feder-
al government and the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers stop the construction of the
DAPL on the lands of the Oceti Sakow-
in North Dakota.

The rally was held in a courthouse in
front of the U.S. Army Corps of Engi-
neers office. Hundreds came with signs and
chanted, “We stand in solidarity with Standing Rock” and “No DAPL!”

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Latin America and high tech

Now we get instant messages, images and video footage from the most distant places on the planet, even beyond. Social media is instantly present as we toggle that otherwise we wouldn’t know, but we can now follow developments live.

That is the power of technology — awesome. We sit down in front of a computer or take a smartphone and have all the information we need right then and there.

But technology has also been used by capital to defend itself and its interests. We have studied it in “High Tech, Low Pay,” the breakthrough book that our founding comrade Sam Maccy wrote. And also in the article, “The Big Computer,” by communist Fred Goldstein, “Capitalism at a Dead End.”

Now, the whole world is reacting to an enormous capitalist crisis, created basically by the incredible increase of production of goods and services, due to high tech. Of oil. So much has been produced, but it is beyond the reach of the majority of people. People have become increasingly poor; millions have lost their jobs or work even more hours.

But the capitalists don’t sell unless they get a profit. And they are hungry for profits, for money, for resources. They have waged wars, occupied countries and territories. Yet, they have not really expanded the markets like in the wars of the past. This in a way shows the weakness of this stage of capitalist decay.

But capitalism is still very violent and bloody. And we cannot lose sight of the fact that although the capitalist class is international, the U.S. leads it. It’s Wall Street and the Pentagon in the driver’s seat!

What does this have to do with Latin America? Let’s see.

Latin America was tilting the world balance to the left. It was challenging U.S. imperialism and its domination. It was a revolutionary Front which has possibly brought a destabilization of the capitalist system.

And even though the progressive governments were not socialist and the states were still capitalist, the people’s struggles there, if they had continued to grow in a revolutionary forward direction, could have continued on the path to overturn the capitalist state. Also, many of these governments implemented policies to benefit their people. These were resources that did not go to the capitalists.

The developments in Latin America were a real threat to the existence of capitalism itself. So, the imperialists, together with the national bourgeoisie and all its allies, both in Latin America and the U.S., have been trying to defeat these countries and their peoples. This is the struggle for hegemony over the continent, which is still going on.

The capitalists had to move to crush the progressive movements and install right-wing governments that could carry on programs of layoffs, of reduction of social benefits.

Let’s remember the attempted coup against Hugo Chávez in Venezuela in February and the violent attacks against Evo Morales in Bolivia in 2008 and Rafael Correa in Ecuador in 2009. Then there was the Manu el Zelaya in Honduras in 2009 and Fernando Lugo in Paraguay in 2012. And recently, the election of Mauricio Macri in Argentina and the illegal impeachment of Dilma Rousseff in Brazil to put right-wing Michel Temer in power.

Now, many of these right-wing governments have started to enact laws to transfer land and natural resources to private companies and to transnational corporations. In Brazil, for example, just yesterday Congress passed a law giving priority to transnational companies in the exploitation of the very rich oil field of the Pre-Salt - the same fields as Petrobras.

They have also unleashed a violent campaign against the progressive movements in those countries. Repression, harassment of leaders, even assassinations of social leaders, against the peasants and Indigenous in Colombia, in Honduras — Bloody Chico - — in Brazil — and in Mexico. Recently there was an armed attack against a school of the Landless Movement in Brazil. Fora (Out)! Temer!

We can have the best political program, but if we fail to listen to the people, to know their concerns, their grievances, their fears, we will never be able to win them over to carry out a truly revolutionary program. We need to win the people over, and it is possible if we first listen. We need to go door to door, be out in front of the workplaces.

 Attacks on leftists in Turkey

The government of NATO-member Turkey, headed by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, is a key U.S. ally in the war of regime change against Syria. Erdogan’s government has also carried out massive repression against Kurdish people and Turkish leftists opposed to the war. The following resolution, condemning Erdogan’s latest repression, was approved by acclamation at the Workers World Party National Conference on Nov. 13.

On Friday, Nov. 11, police raided the headquarters of the Progressive Lawyers Association in Istanbul and barricaded their office door, as the police raid and tortured. Their files and computers were confiscated and their office was sealed by the police.

The raid came days after the Nov. 3 arrest of 72 Kurdish members of parliament from the leftest People’s Democratic Party (HDP), and less than a month after a violent raid on a left-wing cultural center and headquarters of the world-famous musicians Grup Yorum.

The National Conference of Workers World Party National Conference on Nov. 13-15, 2016, condemns the ongoing repression against progressive organizations and movements by the U.S.-backed government of Turkey, a NATO member. These attacks target left-wing organizations that support the Kurdish freedom struggle and that oppose Turkish intervention to aid U.S. regime-change plans in Syria.

At the belly of the imperialist beast, we send our solidarity to the determined Turkish and Kurdish resistance and pledge our solidarity at this difficult time. Stop the raids! Hands off the Kurdish and Turkish left! U.S.-Turkey out of Syria! 

Nurses United, San Diego
¡Proletarios y oprimidos de todos los países unios!

No debemos permitir que racistas y fascistas se lleven a ningún sector de nuestra clase. Debemos luchar contra esto y detenerlo. ¡No vamos a tener nuestra clase dividida!

Primero y ante todo, este desarrollo es un tema de clase. Para mantener a nuestra clase unida, tenemos que revisar quién está en nuestra clase. No sólo son trabajadores blancos retrógrados quienes rechazan personas que suben de la clase obrera. Incluso sindicalistas progresistas también pueden tener ideas obsesivas sobre quién es parte de la clase obrera. Puede no darse cuenta de que la clase obrera está cambiando, creciendo, y tiene nuevos sectores.

Monica Moorhead dijo que el movimiento Las Vidas Negras Importan es un movimiento de la clase obrera. Los patronos declaran la guerra contra la gente negra y marrón de todas las edades, especialmente cuando son jóvenes, porque en esta fase de decadencia capitalista, el capitalismo no tiene trabajos para ellas/os. Son fáciles de controlar. Así que trabajadores blancos, se unen al ejército industrial del fascismo y a veces hasta hacen que la policía les mate.

Las Vidas Negras Importan es un tema de clase. Todas/os los que luchan por la clase obrera deben integrarse a las demostraciones contra el terror policial. Standing Rock es un tema de clase obrera. Estos/as trabajadoras y trabajadores son parte de nuestra clase. No son enemigos, ni competidores. No están tomando puestos de trabajo. Ya estan en París, en Londres, en Florida, en Nueva York, no hay fronteras en la lucha de la clase obrera.

Nuestros hermanas y hermanos migrantes, ya sea de México o Panamá, o de algún lugar del Medio Oriente, no importa el idioma que hablen, son parte de nuestra clase. No son enemigos, ni competidores. No están tomando puestos de trabajo. Ya estan en París, en Londres, Carolina del Norte, Tejas o Nueva York, no hay fronteras en la lucha de la clase obrera.

Nuestro partido necesita explicar que las mujeres, lesbianas, gays, bisexuales, transgénero, y las personas no binarias, no son parte de la clase obrera. Algunos queeristas descartan esto como “política de identidad” — yo los cuestiono como Marxistas y revolucionarios. La lucha LGBTQ es una lucha histórica de vida o muerte. Las filas de quienes están en la vanguardia están creciendo de manera que ningún/a de nosotros/a ha visto jamás. Aquellas/os de nos que en cierta rela todavía estamos contentos de haber vivido lo suficiente para ver gente de la comunidad LGBTQ emergiendo de las sombras y avanzando. ¿En qué se basa la lucha LGBTQ? Es parte de la lucha contra el patriarcado. ¿Qué es patriarcado? Un pilar de la dominación de clase. ¿De qué clase? La clase capitalista. Romper ese pilar en un acto para las/las trabajadores, para la revolución.

Nuestra clase es un tema de clase.

Quizás más importante es que tenemos que profundizar nuestra entusiastaSearch ayuda para encontrar una clase global. No tenemos fronteras. La elección de Trump ha envenestado a racistas y neofascistas en toda Europa. La elección de Trump es un desarrollo global contra las trabajadoras/las trabajadores.

Tenemos que desarrollar la comprensión de que nuestra clase es una clase global. Quizás el Partido Workers World-Mundo Obrero tuvo una oportunidad — quizás las es trabajadoras/es, otras para trabajadoras/ es LGBTQ, o trabajadoras/es de comida rápida. Explícaremos cómo tenemos que dejar de mirarnos sólo como ciudadanos de este o aquel país. Diríamos: “No te preocupes por el aterrador o olvidas que nuestra clase es una clase global”.

Tenemos que organizar en una base global, porque así es como el capitalismo enfrenta a las/os traba- jadoras entre sí. Tan mal como ha ido hasta ahora, va mos experimentar más de esto. Tenemos que luchar.

Tenemos que encontrar nuevas maneras de practicar el internacionalismo. Por ejemplo, en 2014, las/os tra bajoadores de comida rápida de McDonald’s intentaron una huelga global en más de 30 países. No eran mil lones de trabajadores/as, y no cerraron todos los Me Donald’s. Pero fue un gran día porque algunos activistas están pidiendo una huelga general el 20 de enero en los EUA, el día de la inauguración de Trump. Y algunos querían que sea global.

La elección de Trump está radicalizando a las masas

También es más práctico tener una huelga general que hace algún tiempo. Si, la tecnología ha atomizado a la clase obrera porque los patronos necesitan menos trabajadores para producir cosas. Ahora la mayoría de las/os trabajadores no se queda en ningún trabajo por mucho tiempo, sino que están en lo que se llama trabajo precario.

Pero debido a las nuevas tecnologías, las/os traba jóres son capaces de comunicarse entre sí de forma instantánea y local. Lo que es, son capaces de organi zar a nivel local, regional, y nacional, y hasta mundial.

Necesitamos tener un nuevo modelo para una huel ga general. No puede ser simplemente dejar el lugar de trabajo, aunque eso es importante para una huel ga. Pero ¡qué pasa con más y más trabajadores/as de nuestra clase que no tienen trabajo, no están en un sindicato o realizan un trabajo temporal? Tienen que tener una manera de participar.

Bueno, entonces, muchas/os de personas en su mayoría jóvenes, de diferentes nacionalidades, están sacudien do las calles y ciudades de todo el país. Han hecho una gran contribución a nuestra revolución, pero las/os trabajadores/as pueden no darse cuenta de que la clase obrera está cambiando, creciendo, y tiene nuevos sectores.

Tenemos que pensar más grande y más audaz mente. Estamos preparados/as para hacer lo que sea necesario. No lo hagamos. No lo hagamos. No lo hagamos. Tengan que pensar más grande y más audaz.

Queremos convertir este problemático desarrollo político en una revolución por el socialismo.