After Paris, beware 9/11 syndrome

Say no to Muslim bashing!

By Deirdre Griswold

The news from France is grim. The immediate response of the French government to the terrible attacks in Paris on Nov. 13, which killed 129 people and wounded hundreds more, was to send planes to bomb Raqqa in Syria, a city of 200,000 people.

The group “Raqqa Is Being Slaughtered Silently” reported that on Nov. 15 France bombed a soccer stadium, hospital, museum and government building, in addition to what the French military claimed were ISIS targets. The group has no reason to exaggerate. They have also been reporting brutalities by ISIS.

Inside France, the government of President François Hollande has declared a state of emergency, which it wants to extend for three months and which suspends many civil liberties. Hollande is also trying to push through permanent changes to the French Constitution that would increase the state’s power of surveillance and strip convicted “terrorists” of citizenship.

In Britain and the U.S., “national security” officials and politicians are using the attacks in Paris to push their own agendas for more funds, more restrictions on immigrants and control over all digital communications.

Marine Le Pen, head of France’s neofascist National Front Party, which is violently anti-immigrant and has called for closing the borders, congratulated President Hollande on his actions in response to the attacks. This should alert any worker, any progressive, anti-racist person to the dangers that lie ahead.

Think back to the 9/11 attacks in the United States in 2001. Did the response of the U.S. government end violence — or did the government use the attacks to enormously increase its violence against countries in the Middle East?

The Bush administration quickly invaded Afghanistan and in early 2003 launched “Shock and Awe,” massively bombing Baghdad and invaded Iraq. Iraq had nothing to do with the destruction of the World Trade Center. Since then there has been non-stop bombing of many countries in the region by the U.S., France and other NATO imperialist powers and the destruction of Libya and Syria.

How will any of this promote peace in the region? How could it possibly stabilize these ravaged countries so that the millions who have been displaced by the wars can return to their homes?

The outraged response by Western governments to the Paris attacks has been infinitely greater than any regrets they have voiced over the catastrophes they have inflicted on the peoples of the region for decades.

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Boston bus drivers explain solidarity

By Martha Grevatt

United Steelworkers Local 8751, the Boston School Bus Drivers Union, continues to fight a two-year battle to get four of its elected leaders reinstated after being fired. At the same time, the union is fighting for a just contract, the resolution of 700-plus grievances and many unfair labor practices, and safe transit for the city’s children, their precious cargo.

Yet the union never falls to stand up when racism raises its ugly head. Workers World spoke to two union stalwarts, Bobby Traynham and Samir Stanley, whose “solidarity in action” included representing Local 8751 at the Octo-
ber “Justice or Else” march. Stanley is a 32-year driver, multiform chief steward and Team Solidarity member of the executive board serv-
ing on the accident review committee. Trayn-
ham is a rank-and-file Teamster leader with 37 years behind the wheel and a long-time member of Workers World Party.

Workers World: What does the word “solidarity” mean to you?
Bobby Traynham: It means that you support a per-
son if they are having a hard time. Solidarity forever, that’s what I say. You make workers know that and make them feel better. We had a sound truck going around the neighborhood for City Councillor Charles Yancey. We knew he was having a hard time because the bourgeoisie was giving a lot of money to [his opponent] Ms. Camp-
bell. [The bosses’ favorite won the election.] We gave a lot of support to Chuck Turner [a former city councillor who served time on tax fraud federal charges]. He was under the gun. He didn’t have any solidarity in City Hall; they voted against him. Yancey was the only one who stuck with Chuck. The local was behind him. I was in court every day. Now Chuck’s in the forefront of the negotiations for the fired drivers.

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Wave of strikes in U.S. back fight for $15

Special to Workers World

A wave of strikes and protests by low-wage workers fighting for a $15 minimum hourly wage and a union has swept the U.S. since Oct. 10, making it the largest day of action ever as this movement enters its third year.

From Boston to Los Angeles; Seattle to Milwaukee; New York to Durham, N.C.; and Philadelphia to Atlanta, nearly every major city saw strikes at fast food restaurants during the work day and larger demonstrations in the evening. In total, some 500 cities counted strikes and other actions throughout the day.

Fast food, home health care, child care, airport, retail workers and those from many other sectors took to the streets to demand $15 and a union. What began in November 2012 when a group of fast food workers in New York City walked off the job has since sparked a national movement that has become a rallying cry for workers everywhere.

An encouraging development with the latest round of strikes is the growing alliance among the Black Lives Matter movement, the immigrant rights movement, and the fight for $15 and a union. In many cities, contingents were organized by Black Lives Matter and immigrant rights activists, and many speakers raised the connection between the low-wage workers’ struggle and the fight against racism and police terror.

Which way forward?

Most of the Nov. 10 demonstrations ended with protests outside city halls and calls for the elected politicians to take action around the demands for $15 and a union.

The courageous actions by low-wage workers, who have gone on strike many times in the last several years and have helped breathe new life into the U.S. labor movement, clearly demonstrate their commitment to stay the course and see this struggle through. These workers, by committing to stay the course and see this struggle through. These workers, by

needed strikes and street actions into the framework set by the two major political parties, both of which represent the interests of the big capitalists and bankers. It will be up to the workers on the front lines of this struggle and the broader movement that has mobilized to support them to maintain an independent course. The Service Employees union, was the principal organizer, with other unions and AFL-CIO affiliates representing. Workers held aloft a paper-mâché model of boxer Joe Louis’ fist clenching $5 and $10 bills. The fist won a mock battle with a Ronald McDonald puppet. - Kris Hamel and Martha Greavest

NORTH CAROLINA

Members of the North Carolina Public Service Workers rallied at Kinston City Hall, calling for at least $15 per hour, for the rights and safety of “Black Workers Lives Matter.” A large majority of Health and Human Services employees make less than $15, even those who have worked for the state for over 20 years. “You wanna know why we are always coming to work tired?” asked Jovanna Clarke-Calix, a union member at Carwell Center. “It’s because we are forced to work two jobs to make ends meet.”

The rally also demanded the internationally recognized right for public workers to collectively bargain, which is banned in this state, and called for an end to police killings.

In the rural eastern part of the state, fast food workers, adjunct professors at nearby universities, public workers and the Pitt County Coalition Against Racism picketed and rallied at Greenville City Hall. Workers from the Rocky Mount Engine Plant and other members of the Electrical Workers Local 109 rallied at Rocky Mount City Hall. The city of Greensboro recently committed to raise all municipal workers’ salaries $5 per hour over the next few years. This is a growing trend across the South, the U.S. South and the entire country. Birmingham, Ala., passed a similar ordinance, following on the heels of Seattle, Los Angeles, Oakland, Calif; New York; and many other areas.

BUFFALO, N.Y.

The Coalition for Economic Justice organized protests at McDonald’s and at City Hall, where workers spoke about long hours, low pay and unfair working conditions. Chanting, “What do we want? $15 an hour. When do we want it? Now!” and if we don’t get it? Shut it down!” workers from McDonald’s, Tim Horton’s, Taco Bell and Wendy’s joined home care, child care and other underpaid workers at the rallies, along with supporters from many unions and progressive organizations.

- Ellie Dontrrie

BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Several hundred workers and supporters marched at 6 a.m. from Cadman Plaza to several downtown McDonald’s. They were sweatshirts with not their wage demands but also the “I can’t breathe” slogan signaling condemnation of the police killing of Black Staten Islander Eric Garner. Speakers emphasized the demand for $15 and a union as well as for immigrant rights and support for the Black Lives Matter struggle. Contingents included carwash and retail workers, Make the Road, N.Y. Communities for Change and the Peoples’ Power Assembly.

- Anne Pruden

PHILADELPHIA

Some 200 fast food, home care, airport, nursing home and other workers rallied and marched for a $15 minimum wage and a union. The majority were young and Black. They drew many cheers from onlookers as they walked in the street from City Hall to a busy McDonald’s store.

- Joe Piette

MILWAUKEE

Activists from Black Lives Matter, Fight for 15 Wisconsin, immigrant rights and anti-war protesters, the Nation of Islam, unions such as Amalgamated Transit Union Local 980 and the Teachers Education Association, and others united on Nov. 10 to take the streets to confront the Republican Party “debate” in Milwaukee. “The whole damn system is guilty as hell. We need to stand on their necks,” said Nate Hamilton, the brother of Dontre Hamilton, at a City Hall rally before marching. Dontre Hamilton was shot 14 times by Milwaukee cop Christopher Manney. That morning the Hamilton family learned that no federal charges would be brought against the cop for Dontre Hamilton’s death. For hours thousands faced off against hundreds of cops, chanting “El pueblo, unido, jamás será vencido!” and “I Believe. That we. Will win.” They demanded $15 and a union and an end to police terror.

Other demands included an end to the U.S. Israeli war on Palestine and other Arab and Muslim peoples, stop the war on migrants, money for jobs, solidarity with Cuba, socialism not capitalism, and cancellation of student debt. Due to the militant struggles right outside the so-called Republican Party debate, the first question asked of the candidates was if they supported union and a 15. They all said no, which didn’t surprise or deter the people.

- Milwaukee WW Bureau

Mizzou sparks protests against campus racism

By Kathy Durkin

The militant struggle initiated by African-American students at the University of Missouri, including a hunger strike followed by threats of a boycott from the school team, was a faculty walkout with widespread multiracial support, struck a stunning blow against campus racism and administrative indifference.

The activists successfully forced out the school’s president and chancellor.

But the actions of the courageous Mizzou students were not without risk. This was evident after the protests began, when three white supremacists were arrested in Missouri for posting death threats on social media against black students.

However, the strength, determination and victory at Mizzou spurred on students nationwide to actively protest racism and all forms of bigotry and discrimination — overt and covert. Their struggles have shaken up college officials, who can no longer ignore oppressed students’ just demands for the eradication of entrenched racism and for the establishment of safe, nonhostile academic environments.

Demonstrations have been multinational, with African-American and other students of color taking the lead, and were held on many campuses. Many protesters have taken up the chant of the Black Lives Matter movement, which has inspired and emboldened...
United Auto Workers members voted 58 percent in favor of a four-year contract with General Motors, the union announced on Nov. 6. The same day, the UAW and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles reached a tentative agreement with Ford, which Ford workers are currently voting on. The ratification of the GM agreement, however, is causing skilled trades members, who have language specific to their concerns, to reject the contract.

The GM workers explained that the contract Fiat Chrysler Automobiles workers passed in October. That contract was significant because it came after workers rejected institutionalized two-tier pay in an initial version, causing a second version to be negotiated that gives second-tier workers a path to top pay.

However, the lower seniority workers — production workers hired after Oct. 29, 2007 — still do not get a traditional pension. Their health care and other benefits are also less than first-tier workers.

GM's third-quarter profits reaching a record $8.1 billion before interest and taxes, workers there likely have rejected a contract that did not have the same protections as the Fiat Chrysler template. In addition to much larger “signing bonuses,” the GM contract — and now also the Ford contract — give second-tier workers equal health care benefits. That is another important step toward eradicating the unequal and divisive tiered pay structures that pull wages down and threaten union solidarity. It is another victory for the grass-roots shop floor resistance to two-tier that was the stated goal of the ELPC.

The GM and Ford contracts, however, also have all the hidden pay inequities and patterns. There are all the same rates of pay for temporary workers, future permanent workers and workers at certain parts plants. The eight-hour wage progression, with the biggest raises towards the end, will mean someone with four years’ seniority will make over $7 an hour less than an equal worker with four years’ seniority that makes $17 an hour. That is a significant wage reduction for these workers come closer to earning a living wage, said ATU Local 689 President Randy Korgan.

Adjuncts win first contract at Md. College of Art

After protracted contract negotiations, adjunct faculty at the Maryland Institute College of Art ratified a new three-year contract with Service Employees Local 500 on Oct. 8. Though MICA administratively recognized the Union Local 500, the contract adapted the existing pay scale so 300 adjuncts can more easily advance up the scale and includes an annual cost-of-living adjustment. The agreement establishes standards for the appointment and reappointment of part-time faculty, a professional development fund and an evaluation process to foster continued excellence in teaching. All help solidify the professionalism of adjunct staff. The National Labor Relations Board recently decided that the national movement to establish collective bargaining rights for part-time faculty at U.S. colleges and universities is the equivalent of an employer unit, in the greater Baltimore area, which has thousands of adjunct faculty at dozens of private and public educational institutions. (In These Times, Oct. 3.)

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To deal with the problem you have to deal with the root. I feel that this country has a problem: that is racism. It might not be at the top of your agenda, but for a person that’s dealing with it, it’s at the top of mine. When I grew up in the South, the common concern of America, you have the taking of the land of the original people that were here, then you have the immigrants coming onto the land. Then you have the involuntary immigrants, the Black people. If those three entities are not addressed, then you have the foundation of racism is not a real fight. That event, that shows Black people in a positive light, was a negative affair. Events like this shows that the fight on racism is far from being won.

Traynham: I wanted to be there. This is the 50th anniversary of the Million Man March. I went 20 years ago. That was the highlight of my life to see one million Black men. There was a whole lot of youth at this year’s one. I met kids from Texas and I talked with them about 20 years ago. It was good to see young people, I was talking to some of the things that got things was the Native Americans 20 years ago. It was good to see young people.

The drivers were joined on the picket line by over 300 Teamster supporters. “FedEx has done everything under the book to oppose workers’ right to organ-ize. In some areas, workers have won union elections, but the company has refused to bargain,” said Randy Korgan, Teamsters Joint Council 42 organizing director, in a written statement. “We believe the action will inspire other FedEx employees to take similar actions and eventually build enough power to force FedEx’s hand. We’re in this for the long haul and this is just the beginning.”

The drivers vowed to continue the strike through the busy holiday season unless FedEx recognizes their legal right to col-lectively bargain. (FOXLA.com; Nov. 9; Daily Breeze, Nov. 9)

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Tyson Foods lawsuit before Supreme Court

Although the Supreme Court is known to be hostile to class action lawsuits, it heard arguments on Nov. 10 about a wage theft lawsuit pitting Tyson Foods against workers at a pig-processing plant in Iowa. The first justice who heard the case allowed the workers to band together in a single lawsuit seeking over-time pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act and awarded them $6 million. The workers want to be paid for the time they spend putting on and taking off protective clothing at their worksite. The case is part of a national series on wage theft. The second justice who heard the case allowed the workers to band together in a single lawsuit seeking over-time pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act and awarded them $6 million. The workers want to be paid for the time they spend putting on and taking off protective clothing at their worksite. The case is part of a national series on wage theft.
Visitors break Rev. Pinkney's isolation

By David Sole

Detroit

From Nov. 11-14, activists from Detroit and Ann Arbor, Mich., drove hundreds of miles to Benton Harbor, Mich., to pick up Dorothy Pinkney, spouse of political prisoner Rev. Edward Pinkney. They then headed north another 500 miles to Marquette Branch Prison.

The round trip, a total of over 1,400 miles, finally broke the isolation prison officials had imposed on Rev. Pinkney when, starting Oct. 23, they denied him all telephone access. Rev. Pinkney had been punitive transferred to the far north of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula from a prison close to his spouse, attorney and supporters. The decision came on Rev. Pinkney on both Nov. 12 and Nov. 13. Rev. Pinkney is serving a 2½-to-10-year sentence for allegedly altering five dates on a paycheck stub to result in overpayment and then heading north another 500 miles to Marquette Branch Prison.

In a letter sent from Marquette Prison and posted on the bibbanc.org website — BANDO is the Black Autonous Network Work Community Organization, a group Rev. Pinkney heads — he wrote: “I was transferred to Marquette Prison, shackled, mistreated and intimidated. I was forced to strip on five different occasions. I am forced into overcrowding, inadequate exercise, lack of clean clothing and inadequate medical care. I believe that [prison authorities] have put a hit on me, inside the prison system. I believe they are trying to force me to the brink so I can’t talk anymore and the world will know the reason why.” Rev. Pinkney turned 67 last month.

Efforts to recall Mayor Hightower were thwarted by the courts and the prosecution of Rev. Pinkney. However, Hightower was ousted by Benton Harbor voters this Nov. 3 in the regular election. City Commissioner Marcus Muhammad, sweeping the election 666 to 444, will take office Jan. 1.

The Final Call newspaper, writing about Commissioner Muhammad’s election, noted that “a major community leader, Rev. Edward Pinkney, was jailed after what many residents believe was a politically motivated arrest and trial.” Mr. Pinkney led the mobilization for the recall election and was a strong supporter of Mr. Muhammad. Rev. Pinkney challenged the awesome power of giants like the Whirlpool Corp., which is based in Benton Harbor, saying the corporation had too much power and received too many benefits while giving Benton Harbor Black residents the short end of the stick.

The case of Rev. Pinkney has been gaining the attention of other media in the United States and abroad. Workers World spoke to Marcina Cole from the organization Observers in the Court, who made the trip and visited with Rev. Pinkney. She reported that he said more agitation than in previous visits when he was at Lakehead Prison. Guards swarmed all through the visiting area constantly. Cole and Dorothy Pinkney were the only African-American visitors at this remote prison.

“I didn’t see even one African-American guard,” said Cole. “Rev. Pinkney estimated that 80 percent of the prisoners are white.” She also noted that Rev. Pinkney’s clothes, which “disappeared in the wash,” have not been replaced. “Rev. Pinkney wants his supporters to demand that Gov. Rick Snyder remove Warden Robert Napel and close down the deteriorating Marquette Branch Prison.”

Between visits, the group found Snyder’s Marquette office. They met with a staff member, who politely listened to their complaints and concerns.

Mumia supports highlight HVC epidemic

By Betsy Piette

Philadelphia

An “Emergency Town Hall and Report to the People” was held here Nov. 13 to garner support for a campaign demanding that the state of Pennsylvania immediately provide life-saving drugs for imprisoned African Americans and thousands of other prisoners suffering from the hepatitis C virus. The event was both a protest and a forum before a standing-room-only crowd.

State Representative Vanessa Lowry Brown, family physician Dr. Safiya Shabazz, attorney Robert Boyle and Joe Piette, with the Mumia Hep C Treatment Campaign, addressed the impact of untreated HCV on prisoners and communities at large. Members of an Abu-Jamal solidarity delegation from Pennsylvania; Suzanne Ross, of the NYC Free Mumia Coalition; and Johanna Fernandez, with the Campaign to Bring Mumia Home, delivered solidarity messages.

Abu-Jamal has been severely ill with symptoms of active HCV for over eight months. In fighting for Mumia’s health, the group learned that while new medicines can cure it, prison officials refuse to dispense them, claiming his symptoms were not “severe enough.” Mumia nearly died after being transferred to Marquette Prison in March and has been suffering from serious skin rashes and swelling — all linked to untreated HCV.

An estimated 3 million people in the U.S. are infected with HCV, and it is a leading cause of death for African Americans between 45 and 65. According to a University of Pennsylvania study, the state’s Medicaid program denies nearly half the coverage requests for the drugs most effective in treating this disease. If left untreated, HCV can result in liver cirrhosis and cancer.

“Persons organized hunger strikes, hour in a cramped cell in crushing solitude without a valid conviction.”

Today, Woodfox is the longest-held U.S. prisoner in solitary confinement, a punishment considered torture by civil liberties and international human rights organizations.

“Angola Three” fought injustice in prison

Woodfox, Herman Wallace and Rob¬
erto King became known as the “Angola Three,” all internationally known Afri¬
-American political prisoners who spent decades in solitary confinement. Workers World has actively supported their fight for freedom and justice.

This newspaper said on June 8, 2012, that “Woodfox’s case began 40 years ago, when he and two other young Black men, Her¬
man Wallace and Robert King, were si¬
enced for exposing racial segregation, death row injustices and police brutality. Today, after three activists and threw them into sol¬
itary confinement. Despite a federal court’s decision in 1992, state of the entrenched racism and unfairness for a third time, despite a federal court’s release didn’t happen. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Feb. 1-5, 2011, that Woodfox must remain in custody and release didn’t happen. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Woodfox has been solitarily confined to a nine-by-six-foot cell for 24 hours a day,”

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"What gives Black youth such courage?"

First Secretary Larry Holmes

While surrounded by all these Black people, including John Lewis and former mayors like Andrew Young, about 20 Black youth from a group called “Shut It Down Atlanta” got up and started chanting, “Black lives matter! Black lives matter!”

That took courage. I was so moved and impressed by it. That’s the kind of spirit that is revolutionary, that is determined. Sometimes it’s easy or obvious, like citing Trump a racist and calling NRC racist for allowing him to be on “Saturday Night Live” tonight — which was a slap not only to the ego of Latins, but every progressive person. It’s a sign of the decency of imperialism.

“Shut It Down Atlanta disrupting Hillary Clinton’s campaign”

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Lamont Lilly

What we produce isn’t just a newspaper; it’s a weapon of truth and liberation. Our newspaper is a calling card to the people. It’s a living tangible witness to the capitalist class’s power and oppression. In the working-class language that any oppressed person worldwide can pick it up and relate to. That’s a very powerful tool.

Our newspaper is the same way, comrades. We live these wonderful revolution — a type of literary GPS to justice, a type of book to the working-class leaders, mostly from the past.

That’s what Democratic Party politicians do. You see them when they want your vote, but when the police are beating you up and shooting you or your child, you don’t see them. You don’t get your phone call returned.

We’ve got to teach more revolutionaries that even while they’re fighting on a local basis, they have to get to have a revolutionary orientation, a revolutionary perspective.

Things are happening that will affect national to international; from workers’ rights to immigration to Black Liberation; from the LGBTQ liberation movement to women’s rights and Planned Parenthood; from gentrification in Oakland to water shutoffs in Detroit; from police terror to the fight for $15; from Troy Davis to Sandra Bland; from Syria to Cuba to South Africa. We’re thinking the other day how when you live something, or live with something every day, you sometimes take it for granted. [Any couples here should] think back to when you all first starting dating. You were on fire 24 hours a day! He, she or they were the most beautiful thing you had ever seen. Sometimes you just sat and stared at the other person.

But as time goes on, sometimes you forget just how marvelous they are. You take them for granted that they’ll always be there; sometimes they even some “old news” to you.

Our newspaper is the same way, comrades. It’s a weapon of truth and liberation. It’s a type of literary GPS to justice and freedom fighting. What I’m holding is a weapon of revolutionary information, a bridge to mass consciousness and critical theory; and honestly, it’s one of the best weapons we have. It was the Workers World newspaper that initially sparked my interest in the party.

What we produce, comrades, in the form of our newspaper, is the last and only printed weekly Marxist-Leninist periodical in the United States. We’re the last weekly revolutionary newspaper still standing and it’s a battle fought in which we should all be very proud of. And when you take pride in something, you take care of it. You defend it, you protect it, you share it, you put it on the block and you fight to reach its fullest potential.

I’ve recently traveled different branches of the Workers World newspaper. Get these newspapers out of your cars, your branch offices, your ham radio clubs! What we provide is the exact kind of information that working-class people need to have in their hands, comrades.

You don’t keep your best revolutionary weapon at home, locked up in some stor-
Elections have been around since capitalism became a developed economic and social system and since the workers have become a cohesive class. Lenin, in his book “Left-Wing Communism, an Infantine Disorder,” said that elections have to be paid attention to by the communist movement — until the workers take control of the state and set up their own regime.

Historically, running in the elections is a way of measuring the influence of the party and a way of measuring the class-consciousness of the vanguard of the masses. But we are not anywhere near that now.

**Election and Marxist propaganda**

What we do need to be concerned with is recruitment. Participating in elections is just one of the many forms of struggle that the party will have to master — all the way from peaceful demonstrations to occupations, seizures, picket lines, strikes, general strikes to strikes and legal struggle and not legal struggle, underground struggle, all have to be mastered by any party that hopes to dominate this multinationals, million-fold working class to power.

The challenge of finding those elements among the masses, among the different sectors of the class, who can be pulled toward Marxism and socialist revolution — that is an art that we have to master.

Agitation alone is not enough. Votes win somebody over to a world view. That takes elaboration of what socialism is, what capitalism is and why we have to get rid of capitalism. That is a task for a propagandist.

Elections open a window to the masses

We have a chance to go face to face with our class and with all the oppressed.

Because the bourgeoisie has opened a window with their election campaign. It gets the workers’ ears perk up.

We need to hone our skills as Marxist propagandists and speak to the workers, the students, the people in the community who are willing to listen. If we can pull them towards us, it will be on an ideological basis.

That is going to be the final strength of our party. Struggle combined with ideological unity around Marxist ideology and socialist revolution.

The election campaign offers us an opportunity to speak to all sectors on Marxism and socialism. And it offers us the opportunity to operate as a national unit.

It doesn’t mean giving up any struggle. It means bringing the campaign into the struggle.

This campaign can only be carried by the party as a whole. From a rally, from a sound truck or a ladder to force our way into a debate we can bring the message of socialism and revolution.

**Speaking to Black Lives Matter**

Take the Black Lives Matter movement.

We can bring Marxism to their movement. For example, we can discuss the capitalist state. We can show how the police in this country began as slave patrols sent to capture escaped slaves, and also to discipline plantation slaves and subjugate the Native peoples.

We can show that, as capitalism developed, the police, [which are] part of the capitalist state, went from being slave patrols to becoming strike breakers and spies.

**Speaking to low-wage workers, to unionists**

There are hundreds of organizations and thousands of activists around the country who know that the low-wage workers are being exploited, that they don’t have decent wages and that the bosses are getting rich and richer.

What do we bring to that discussion? The workers should own McDonald’s. That’s what we bring to the argument. Yes, the workers should get $15 an hour. Yes, the workers should have a union. But [where they work] are places of exploitation, and exploitation itself must be abolished.

One of the high points of this conference, from my point of view, is the attendance of unionists from the UE [Electrical Workers union] in Vermont who came here to tell about their defense guard against racism and the Klan.

That’s new. And that’s what the union movement needs. And who did this? It was class-conscious, revolutionary trade unionists.

As Lenin said in “What Is To Be Done,” revolutionaries must get into the unions. The unions are the only class organizations that exist in capitalist society for the workers. Sam Marcy, the founder of that party, who was a worker and not a parliamen
tary member, said that the unions were the only class organizations, described the unions as early days, used to tell us: “If the bosses and/or the ruling class push you out of the union by the front door, you come in the back door. If they throw you out the back door, you come through the window. But you must get in.”

Look at the Boston bus drivers union, Local 8475, look at ILWU Local 10 in Oakland, and look at the UE. They are among the only unions in the country that fight racism, that fight for immigrants, that fight for Mumia. We have to multiply and spread that everywhere.

**Speaking to immigrants**

And we can bring Marxism to the immigration struggle. The detention centers for immigrants are profit centers. They are owned by private corporations, the Correction Corporation of America and others.

For example, if CCA signs a contract with the government, it is guaranteed to be paid for 100 beds, or 200 beds or 300 beds that will be filled. So ICE herds immigrants in the view that they are owned by private corporations, that they are owned by private corporations, that they will be filled and the capitalists get their profits.

We have a lot to say about Marxism to the immigrant movement, for which we fight so hard, as well as the struggle for a socialist revolution in her lifetime, this lifetime. The entire capitalist system as a whole must be abolished and shut down.

We must demand that the true meaning of democracy be established and that is by raising up the voices of the people and demanding a genuine democracy. It usually serves the best interest in the common good of the people. We must take back the land, the airways, the buildings, the political offices. We must get away from these two-party elections.

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**Why we should march in Philadelphia**

I’m presenting to the party a proposal to mobilize the Philadelphia Democratic National Convention held in Philadelphia this coming July of 2016.

Philadelphia is the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence, placed in Congress on July 4, 1776.

The founding fathers of the so-called American government were speaking completely of themselves: the wealthy landowners, the dictators of class within the society and the proprietors of business. The people they were not speaking to had no say. That included women, the poor, the slaves and the workers.

What they chose to forget was the country was founded on capitalism and state-sanctioned violence. They robbed, killed and slaughtered the Native people of this land.

Within this document they spoke of all the men being created equal. They had certain unalienable rights, that gifted life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government.

Philadelphia is the birthplace of solitary confinement in the prison system. Philadelphia, one of the four largest cities in the country, has the highest incarceration rates among the Black community and Brown communities of the most. Philadelphia has one of the most failing school districts in the country.

The gentrification in Philadelphia has pushed more people of color out of their neighborhoods and into senior living facilities, if not directly into homelessness.

Police brutality is as historic as the name itself in Philadelphia, from the invasion and slaughtering of the Leni Lenape tribes to the brutal beating and stripping of the Panthers and the framing of the Move 9, to the unjust beating of Tyree Carroll. We are still demanding to this day to hear the chants of “Black Lives Matter.”

Oppressed people here and throughout the world will be free. My daughter will see a socialist revolution in her lifetime, this lifetime. The entire capitalist system as a whole must be abolished and shut down.

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They put the guns in our communists. Now they want to disarm us. I say, I say, hell no! You don’t disarm people. You direct the people to take up arms against the system and not themselves.

We can no longer afford to watch the government push back our Social Security benefits to age 70, while expanding prison development and murdering our babies as young as 3 and 7 years of age.

We can no longer see the failure of school officials and their failed discipline of our children on display when we are watching police toss our young women across the floor like rag dolls for being a typical teenager. We can’t afford to send troops to wars across seas when we have wars in our own backyards.

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sa McKenna, Amber Monroe, London Chanell, deserved to live. Remisha Mc
bride, Tyynthia Anderson and Shantel Da
vies deserved to live.

Isa Murx said it’s the illusions of our conditions that we have to focus on, it’s the illusions of our conditions that give rise for it to exist. Until killer cops are in prison, the role of police has always been to protect and serve, so they’re doing their jobs: protecting the wealth, and the land has

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Cubans speak in U.S.

‘It’s time to end U.S. blockade’

By Cheryl Labash

In a first since the formalization of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Cuba, revolutionary Cuban representatives — Kenia Serrano, president of the Cuban Institute for Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP), and Leima Martinez — spoke in New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., and the California Bay Area. Serrano is also a parliamentarian in Cuba’s National Assembly.

Throughout two weeks of exchanges, from Nov. 3-17, the Cuban representatives thanked the solidarity movement for its tireless work to win the freedom of the Cuban 5 — the anti-terrorist Cuban Security agents unjustly imprisoned in the U.S. in 1999. Last Dec. 17, the final three men returned to Cuba, part of the agreement to renew formal diplomatic relations with Cuba, which had been broken by the U.S. in 1961.

Especially recognized for their decades of fearless challenges to the U.S. ban on travel to Cuba were the Venceremos Brigade and the Friendship Caravans of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, founded by the late Delores Lemon-Thomas.

Right off a plane from Miami on Nov. 4, Serrano and Martinez spoke to a class at John Jay College in New York. They then met with social justice organizers at the historic site of the Hotel Theresa, location of the famous 1960 Harlem meeting between Fidel Castro and Malcolm X. Next was a packed public event in the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center — formerly the Audubon Ballroom, where Malcolm X was killed. The next day, they discussed Cuba’s health care revolution at New Jersey’s Essex County ICAP.

At the National Network on Cuba’s annual meeting in Washington on Nov. 7-8, the Cuban women interacted with organizations from Texas, Minnesota, Illinois and Michigan — places they could visit without the U.S. for food, Cuba must pay with technological rewards that Washington has achieved many things, but Cuba won’t be denied the right to exist.

Cuba’s struggle for freedom and sovereignty is an international challenge that transcends national boundaries.

U.S., France raise threat of wider war over Syria

By Sara Flounders

Nov. 17 – The series of attacks in Paris is claimed by ISIS have riveted world attention. But the most urgent question is how to end this war, not escalate it.

Paris has even armed rebel forces aimed at “regime change” cultivated the conditions for more war, more suffering and more extreme acts. There was no ISIS or Nusrat Front before the imperialism began its offensive to turn back the clock and get rid of the nationalist regimes that came out of anti-colonial uprisings after World War II.

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After Paris, beware 9/11 syndrome

No Muslim bashing!

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Similar progressive policies, propelled by mass upsurges and revolutionary up- heavals in the 1960s and 1970s in Iraq, Libya and Iran, also made these countries targets of U.S. and world imperialism, which aimed to restore these lands to their pre-WWII colonial status.

The social upheaval in Egypt and Tunisia in 2011 against dictators that imperial- ism backed, called the Arab Spring, was used as an opening for imperialist inter- vention in neighboring Arab countries on the U.S. hit list — Libya and Syria.

Right-wing forces in France have not lost a minute in whipping up attacks on depress war refugees who have flooded into the country. But the real criminals are the U.S. and European imperialists who have launched these wars, and are now positioning for a new offensive.

Whereas the Syrian resistance forces and U.S., French, British and Jordanian armies, trainers and intelligence operatives.

For decades Syria had great pride in its rich fabric of cultural and religious diversi- ty, modernization of its infrastructure, full education and the highest levels of health care. There was also national pride in standing up to Israel’s occupation of Palestine, even though a significant part of Syria, the Golan, was stolen in 1967 by Israel. Syria’s policy of controlling its nas- ing this war mobilization is to explain and put tens of thousands of other lives at risk. Western imperialist governments may put tens of thousands of other lives at risk. Western imperialist governments may put tens of thousands of other lives at risk. Western imperialist governments may put tens of thousands of other lives at risk.

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One of them — Pavel Grigoruch and Mikhail Anerberg — had already spent several months in jail and under house arrest this year, after being framed before last year's November parliamentary elections. Moldova is a former Soviet republic of 3.6 million people, sandwiched between Ukraine and Romania in eastern Europe. Since 2005, it's been ruled by pro-Western parties dominated by wealthy oligarchs.

Brandingish deplorable names like "Democrats" and "Liberals," these right-wing parties have been in power for more than a decade, using their control of the media, electoral fraud, and police to maintain an iron grip on power.

The mobilization of workers, youth and pensioners across the country included occupations of many city halls. Officials were forced to temporarily roll back the rate hikes — which cost Plahotniuc a lot of profits.

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On Nov. 9, however, with the protest leaders safely behind bars, the National Energy Regulation Agency announced it was again hiking electricity rates by 27 percent. Later rates are now rising.

Abuse of political prisoners

According to the Red Bloc prisoners, their imprisonment is meant to intimidate protesters from taking to the streets to resist the oligarchs and pro-fascist and pro-imperialist forces, such as those who seized power in neighboring Ukraine last year.

Petrenko and his comrades were sign- gled out for pointing the finger of blame at Vlad Plahotniuc, Moldova's top oligarch and political kingmaker. An energy and media tycoon, Plahotniuc is the force be- hind the country's Democratic Party and his oligarch party, the Global Liberal Democratic Party. His businessmen control key government posts, including the prosecutor general's office, the bureau of prisons and many courts.

The Red Bloc earned Plahotniuc's wrath when it set up a protest tent camp outside his residence in Chisinau, a move that quickly broke up by police and private security guards — and by marching to the gates of his media empire during a fight to stop masked medics and police from arresting one of his archits, the cops attacked. Police reported 25,000 protesting in Chisinau, while a coordinated demonstration in Brussels, called to protest the electoral fraud, numbered only 100.

In early October, Oleg Bunzi, who suf- fers from insulin-dependent diabetes, was in danger of falling into a coma after being denied medical supplies and par- ticipation in a medical consultation by the prison, family members said. During a court hearing on Oct. 2, supporters had to fight to have an ambulance called to the court- house to treat him. (MoldNews)

Petrenko has been singled out for spe- cial abuse. On the night of Oct. 18, his cell was raided by agents from the prison on bureau in defiance of regulations and without notifying the warden. Petrenko was roughed up and his personal papers illegally searched.

Recently, Petrenko and his attorney learned that he had been deliberately ex- posed to tuberculosis at a prison confer- ence on Nov. 10. Ursachi reported that a prison guard told Petrenko that the yard where he was taken for daily walks was otherwise used exclusively by TB patients. Petrenko was refused to go. Since then, Petrenko has refused to go.

Urgent to fight for their release

This and other information has been reported to the United Nations, the Or- ganization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe (PACE), of which Petrenko is a former leader and honorary member. Still, the most powerful in Moldova, in Mos- cow, Kiev, New York and other cities.

There's an urgent need to fight for their release that goes beyond the safety of the prisoners themselves. Their leadership in Moldova's political life is sorely needed.

Since late August, Moldova has been engulfed by protests from both the right and left against the ruling regime. By Oct. 29, Prime Minister Valeriu Strelet's government was forced to step down. The ruling bloc of parties now! Return the most resolute leader of the struggle to their rightful posts at the head of the country.

Sign and share a petition from the International Action Center demanding the immediate release of the Petrenko Group at https://go/to/NB6ji.

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Student protests against racism and other bigotries are being lambasted across the U.S. as an assault on “free speech.”

Seeing marches led by young men of color, white male students have shouted, “I’m for freedom of speech!” On one campus, opponents of this new movement put up signs “In memoriam of the true victim of the Missouri Protests: Free Speech” along with “All Lives Matter” posters.

Those signs reveal the foundation of “free speech” criticism: racism. It’s a tool the capitalist ruling class uses as it propagandizes, organizes and legislates to keep all oppressed people — and emphatically people of color — silent and powerless.

The recent wave of protests at U.S. colleges and universities is not a struggle over “speech.” It is a struggle by students seeking to liberate their own educational process — including from devastating student loan debt that generates huge profits for lending agencies.

This is a struggle to create school environments where young people of color, women, people with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans* and queer people can learn without being terrorized, threatened and slandered by administrators, faculty, campus police and other students. (Trans* is currently used with an asterisk to indicate the spectrum of people who identify as transgender.)

Oppressed students struggle to find a way into a future where they are not merely human robots in corporate assemble lines. They are speaking out and fighting for a better world.

This world cannot be built using narrow legalities put in place by a bourgeois democratic revolution in the 1800s that framed “rights” as possessed only by white, propertied men. That way includes even now the notion of who can speak and who is considered “truthful.”

The students’ speech, their truth, can be heard as one more break in the old oppressive system. And their struggle also points toward socialist revolution.

Because when workers and oppressed people speak our truths, we are communicating to each other the information we need to organize and liberate ourselves.

Listen to the students. Fight for their right to speak and organize.

Kevin Clearwater

**South Africa**

U.S.trade demands compound domestic problems

By Abayomi Azikiwe, Editor, Pan-African News Wire

The South African government is facing a serious economic crisis. Private sector workers have been on strike for higher wages since Nov. 9, preventing routine legislative work. The current drought, which is expected to cut agricultural production, has caused periodic power shortages and outages, cutting revenues to the state-owned utility. In addition, President Obama’s administration is demanding changes in Pretoria’s trade policy that endanger the country’s sovereignty.

Members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers’ Union are defying an injunction to end their strike. NEHAWU is an affiliate of the Congress of South African Trade Unions. The government claims the strike is illegal because the workers perform “essential services.”

Parliamentary workers clean, cater and oversee the efficient operations of the legislative complex to ensure meetings and control access at the visitors’ center. Since Nov. 9, workers holding strike actions inside the Parliament building in Cape Town have prevented normal legislative work and forced cancellation of some committee meetings.

On Nov. 16, NEHAWU’s leaders reported that workers’ salaries were withheld due to strike participation. Negotiations were halted, and NEHAWU said they would not resume until the workers’ wage was reinstated. COSATU and its unions have sent many messages of support, as have NEHAWU’s regional leaders and student and youth organizations.

A settlement earlier in the year involving a 9 percent pay increase did not include performance bonuses, which is a major strike issue.

At a rally on Nov. 16, NEHAWU said its demands were non-negotiable. The newly elected NEHAWU Ikkapa South Regional Secretary Bazookie Mole told the crowd, “We are going to have a national shutdown … we are very clear. We are not fighting the [government] alliance, we are fighting the employer.”

On Nov. 11 police used stun grenades in clashes with the unions. Law-enforcement officers wearing full body armor carried away NEHAWU members. For the second time in a month, Cape Town’s Parliament building was the scene of battles. The first involved students in October.

A parliamentary spokesperson claimed that the union’s demands are “unbudgeted for and unaffordable for Parliament given the shoestring budget it is managing.” (News24, Nov. 16)

Problems with state-owned utility

At the G20 Summit held in Turkey, South African Finance Minister Nhlanhla Nene said the drought in the southern continent, as South Africa’s southern hemisphere enters summer, could impact agricultural production and consequently prompt a rise in prices for food and other consumer goods, increase unemployment.

Problems with the state-owned Eskom utility were rare until the last several months. Periodic power shortages and outages have compelled the government to address the fall in consumer revenues from power generation.

The government response to the Eskom crisis includes the conversion of subordinated debt into equity, which NEHAWU is challenging in court. The utility agency has still not tapped into the roughly 50 billion rand (approximately $3.5 billion) of financial backing approved by the government.

Obama threatens suspension from AGOA

The Africa Growth and Opportunities Act was established during the latter period of Bill Clinton’s presidency. It is ostensibly designed to foster the export of capital to the continent while providing market access for products from both the U.S. and African nation-states.

President Barack Obama’s administration is demanding changes in Pretoria’s trade policy, which the White House says hinders U.S. access to domestic markets. The U.S. threats to remove key agricultural sectors from the agreements with South Africa, which could cause further damage to the country’s economic recession, continue toward a Jan. 1 deadline.

A Nov. 9 statement from the South African Communist Party supports the ANC government’s position in the negotiations with the U.S. The SACP says that despite its commendable declarations, “in reality, AGOA is imperialist both in terms of its content and strategic goal disguised under the fetishist illusion of ‘free market.’ Its extraterritorial imperialist content is now being aggressively pushed by the U.S. against South Africa.”

The SACP emphasizes that “to allow the U.S. to prohibit ownership of economic assets by the state in our country is to allow us to usurp our constitutional right to democratic national sovereignty. This will be tantamount to handing over to U.S. imperialism our right to determine our own development trajectory and decide policies to achieve it.”

The party also noted that “South Africa’s independence must be safeguarded in the interest of the completion of our struggle for national liberation and social emancipation. Our democratic national independence and public property rights — the right to collective ownership of productive assets including the state assets, which through the state are — are crucial to the success of our second, more radical phase of transformation.”

The Obama administration’s stance illustrates the real agenda behind AGOA and the overall foreign policy imperatives of the White House. South Africa has the inalienable right to determine its own economic program without the interference of Washington and Wall Street.
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Iowa’s socialist candidates are about.

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Against mass incarceration. Also to the women’s movement about patriarchal capitalism, its origins in property, in inheritance, exploitation, and many other things exposed by Friedrich Engels in “The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State,” which showed what led to the destruction of the status of women.

Of course we must talk to the left of the workers and the oppressed be on top! It’s our right and we must invoke government and a whole new system. It’s not justice. We want the bosses to be expropriated and for them to be on the bottom and the workers and the oppressed be on top! That’s the essence of socialism.

Build a workers’ movement. Build the election campaign! Down with capitalism, imperialism and racism! Fight for socialism! ☟

Why we should march in Philadelphia

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changed from the plantation to the corporation.

The only solution is a socialist revolution! It’s time to mobilize the masses and demand they work for their vote. Disown the bosses, get rid of the names on the right side of the ballot. We must work to build a socialist society that’s written by us, for us.

That includes all members of our society. It’s our right and we must invite them at all costs. Resistance is the only solution. There can be no peaceful revolution when we can’t live, eat, sleep or breathe peace.

The elections will matter when Black lives matter. This is why we mobilize. This is why the Democratic National Convention must be shut down. Resistance is justified when people are occupied. If we don’t get justice, they don’t get peace.

This mobilization will consist of each localized party going to their respective communities and engaging the public and different organizations into meetings for mobilization and flooding the city of Philadelphia for three days of civil unrest and possibly, to form an All-People’s Power Assembly conference.

We in Philadelphia have established the date of Dec. 18 to begin holding these meetings to form a coalition for the DNC.

In the words of our great sister and comrade, Assata Shakur: “It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win. We must love and support one another. We have nothing to lose but our chains.”

Erica Mines-Simmons is a member of the Philadelphia WWP branch.

Mizzou sparks protests against campus racism

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Sanders and socialism

Finally, a word about Sanders and socialism. Sanders has made, not socialism itself, but the word socialism, discussable. But when he is asked about it, he starts mumbling about Denmark or Sweden or Scandinavia and national health care, less inequality, and then goes on to the next question as fast as he can.

But we can talk about it everywhere and anywhere. And we can explain to the people that socialism is not just about erasing extreme inequality under capitalism. We want the bosses to be expropriated and for them to be on the bottom and the workers and the oppressed be on top! That’s the essence of socialism.

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“MIZZOU IS S.U.!”

Black students led about 200 protestors in a “MIZZOU IS S.U.!” multinational march at New York’s Syracuse University on Nov. 12, expressing their solidarity against racism on campuses. One woman commented she was marching against racist discrimination and sexual assault, which are not two separate issues.

Honoring the Mizzou football team’s leadership in the recent struggle, S.U. students rallied around a statue of Ernie Davis, the first Black football player to win the Heisman Trophy. At a 1961 Cotton Bowl banquet, Davis and other Black teammates were segregated from white University of Texas players and from their own teammates.

In Columbus, more than 700 people chanted “Black Lives Matter” while marching on Nov. 13 for an end to racism throughout the Ohio State University system, which educates 60,000 students. A sit-in for several hours followed at the school’s Ohio Union. African-American students organized the protest under the hashtag “#OSOU2MIZZOU: Racism Lives Here!”

Ohio State University students led a die-in at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in solidarity with Mizzou’s Black students on Nov. 12, while a Madison campus action sponsored by the Black Student Union, and supported by allies, brought out hundreds. The Black Student Union at Milwaukee’s Alverno College’s Black-out protest four days later stated, “Not only are we showing solidarity for the students at Mizzou, and all the Black lives that have been treated with injustice, but also for the experiences that we face on our campus.”

Million Student March

On some campuses, protests against racism were combined with Million Student March actions on Nov. 12 calling for free public colleges, cancellation of student debt and a $15 minimum hourly wage for campus employees.

In one such action, more than 900 students from high schools, Phillips Community College, Drexel and Temple universities, and the University of Pennsylvania marched to a rally in front of Philadelphia City Hall. Speakers and chants addressed the prohibitively high costs of education and the racism permeating the educational system. Popular chants were “Mizzou, we got your back!” and “Education is a right! Not just for the rich and white!”

The University of Michigan-Dearborn campus held its own MSM March organized by the Social Justice League, a multinational student coalition. Faculty and students, a majority of Arab descent, walked from the University Center to the administration office, gaining support on the way. In solidarity with Mizzou students, a banner and chants said, “No justice! No peace! No racist police!”

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¿Qué diferencia hace un día. Cientos de combatientes de fronteras, de CEOs y de sus horribles consecuencias, en el que se reunió el 9 de la Conferencia Nacional de los/laos trabajadores del Mundo Obrero en Filadelfia, 10 de noviembre.

Las protestas estudiantiles desde finales de septiembre hasta la huelga de hambre en octubre de Jonathan Butler, un estudiante graduado de la Universidad de Misuri, conformada por el Campus de Estudiantes de Misuri y compuesta por los estudiantes marginados. ¡ESTAMOS CONTRA MILLONES! #ConscienciaDeEstudiantes.

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Una primera victoria importante

Jonathan Butler, un estudiante graduado africanoamericano de 25 años, había estado en una huelga de hambre por una semana cuando llegó la noticia de que Wolfe había renunciado. Cuando anunció el fin de su huelga de hambre, Butler tuvo una momentánea.

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Los estudiantes de Misuri golpean racismo

El liderazgo del gobierno estudiantil de la Universidad de Misuri, que representa a 27,000 estudiantes, emitió públicamente una carta el 7 de agosto, en la que se anuncian los cambios vendrían! #TheStruggleContinúa. #ConcernedStudent1950 GP”.

El 9 de noviembre, Reuters informó que el hashtag #ConcernedStudents1950 es uno de los temas más corrientes y populares en Twitter y Facebook, y que #Mizzou fue el hashtag más popular en Estados Unidos.

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