Black students lead resistance to racism

By Monica Moorehead

At least 30 U.S. campuses held protests on Nov. 18 to respond to the growing number of racist attacks, which are particularly targeting Black students and the Black Lives Matter movement. These actions were organized by the newly formed Black Liberation Collective, which created studentsblackoutday. Among the campuses that held these protests were Tufts, the University of California at Los Angeles, Stanford, Yale and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

The vast majority of these campuses have student populations that are largely white and privileged with a small percentage of African-American and other students of color. This “National Day of Action” was the second coordinated response since the inspiring victory won at the University of Missouri, where a united front of Black and white students, including the football team, forced the chancellor and system president to resign on Nov. 9. Both of them proved to be indifferent to ongoing racist attacks.

This university is only 100 miles from Ferguson, Mo., where on Aug. 9, 2014, Michael Brown, a Black youth, was murdered by a white police officer, who was subsequently exonerated by a secretive grand jury.

The fact that these protests took place on so many campuses reflects the alarming number of racist incidents, which are not a new phenomenon — but are now occurring all across the country. These campus incidents are an extension of the countless police brutality cases, especially murders, of Black youth in urban centers, and the high rate of mass incarcerations.

The whole world is getting a first-hand look at the ugly reality of what is really going on within these so-called “institutions of higher learning” — that is, the white supremacist attitudes and actions, which start from the top with the school administrations.

An “Illini White Student Union” Facebook page was recently unearthed at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This neofascist page demonized the Black Lives Matter movement as being “terrorist.” It called upon people to take photos of Black activists at protests on this campus.

The creators of this reactionary page claim that they got the inspiration to start the racist “Union” from the 1998 movie, “American History X,” a film focused on the life of a Nazi sympathizer.

The so-called “Thanksgiving” holiday starkly recalls the centuries of atrocities committed against Native peoples, first by European colonizers and then by U.S. administrations. Indigenous lands stolen, cultures and languages under siege, bigotry, injustice and murderous violence aimed at this country’s original inhabitants are the real U.S. history, not the myths.

Our campaign is in solidarity with Native communities in their ongoing struggles in the U.S. and throughout the Americas for political, economic and social rights. We recognize the right to self-determination of Indigenous people everywhere and support their efforts for decolonization and sovereignty.

Racist discrimination, oppression and corporate exploitation continue. In the U.S., these communities suffer from a racist criminal justice system, along with their African-American and Latino/a sisters and brothers. Indigenous women and men are incarcerated at much higher rates than their white counterparts. While they account for 1 percent of the population, they make up nearly 2 percent of those killed by police.

The economic crisis has exacerbated Native workers’ unemployment; high jobless rates continue. Accessible jobs often have few to no benefits and low wages. Many Indigenous youth have no future; one-half drop out of high school. These young people have the highest suicide rate of any U.S. population group. At least one-third of Native people are impoverished. Despite food stamps, one in four adults and one in three children still lack nutritious food; one in 10 households faces outright hunger. Governmental cuts of essential benefits have devastated these communities. Refusal to expand Medicaid by 20 conservative state governments denies health care to many Indigenous families.

The U.S. government, however, allot trillions of dollars to wage wars, occupy lands abroad and bail out Wall Street corporations and big banks. Our campaign demands that Congress put human needs first and ensure jobs at livable wages and vital social programs for all Indigenous, oppressed and low-income communities.

We applaud Native peoples worldwide who boldly resist capitalists’ ruthless pillaging of the earth.
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Supporters of these freedom fighters took the offensive on Nov. 19, by rallying before the BART Board of Directors meeting. They then marched inside, and more than 50 of them testified during the board’s public comment period, calling on its members to direct O’Malley to drop the charges.

Strong support came from labor, with many union representatives were among the spokespersons. Resolutions had been passed by both the Alameda and San Francisco labor councils. Backing also came from the faith-based community, with a number of ministers testifying for the 14 activists.

The board was reminded of BART’s role in defending the officer who killed Oscar Grant, and of its response to the struggle against police killings. One speaker pointed out the contradiction between O’Malley’s failure to prosecute the cops who killed Raheem Brown, Alan Bluett and others, and of its response to the Black Friday 14, who were protesting the lack of an indictment of Wilson for killing Michael Brown.

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By Terri Kay
Oakland, Calif.

Last November, 14 African-American activists chained themselves to each other, with the person at one end of the chain locked into hardware inside the train, and the person at the other end fastened to a bench in the West Oakland Bay Area Rapid Transit station. This action was part of the national protests showing outrage over a grand jury’s decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson for fatal shooting 18-year-old black youth, Michael Brown, in Ferguson, Mo., the previous August.

This action shut down BART train traffic between the East Bay and San Francisco for four and a half hours, representing the time that Michael Brown’s body lay in the street after he was shot. It took place on the shopping “holiday” called “Black Friday,” the day after so-called Thanksgiving. All 14 protesters were arrested.

Almost a year later, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O’Malley is intent on prosecuting the Black Friday 14. Unless she drops the charges, they are scheduled for trial in early December.

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UAW strikes at Kohler Co. in Milwaukee

By Bryan G. Pfeifer

Nov. 22 – In a courageous stand against the multimillion-dollar Kohler Company, about 2,600 members of United Auto Workers Local 833 went on strike Nov. 15; immediately after 94 percent of its members voted to reject a concessionary tentative agreement. Picketers went up immediately at plants in the company town of Kohler, Wis., and nearby plants. Workers at Kohler produce sink, shower and toilet fixtures, generators and other products.

This strike continues a long, militant history of fighting workers at Kohler. In 1934, two workers were killed and hundreds injured on a picket line after a police riot. From 1954 to 1962, Local 833 members went out on one of the longest strikes in U.S. history. The last strike at Kohler was in 1989.

The membership's main grievance in this contract battle is Kohler’s intent to keep to a two-tier wage system. Two-tier wages were rammed through in a 2010 contract that had other major concessions, including skyrocketing health-care insurance costs. For the first time in this union’s history, the last contract had two-tier language for “tier B” workers who would make at least $10 an hour less an hour than “tier A” workers.

The wealth that Kohler rips off from workers increased over $83 million during the last contract, largely because of the two-tier wage structure.

Babette Grunow, of Wisconsin Ball Out The People Movement, reports that a Nov. 21 mass picket at Kohler was spirited and upbeat, with the workers’ encampments, fire barrels and picket signs well-represented. “It has been inspiring seeing all the support for the union,” said Grunow. “Members expressed their thanks for the solidarity. It’s an uplifting experience. The workers seem well organized and there are a good example for other unions.”

The Wisconsin AFL-CIO and many others helped publicize the mass picket action, and supporters came from throughout the Midwest and beyond, including Texas. Grunow said those on the picket line snapped up “We Stand With UAW Local 833” leaflets produced by WIBOPM, which details various organizations’ solidarity expressions.

Worker unity, yes! Two-tier, no!

Charles Kestell, a member and a retired Kohler worker, said, “I will not vote for a contract that does not allow for tier B workers to have a chance to work their way up to tier A.”

On their first full day of the strike on Nov. 15, UAW Local 833 members, their families and community supporters flooded Kohler with their bodies and righteous anger, marching from the Sheboygan Area Labor Unity Union Hall to numerous picket locations. Kohler locked all plant gates except one, so hundreds took to the streets, heavily backed up traffic for miles in all directions.

On Nov. 17, a Sheboygan County judge issued a temporary injunctive order closing UAW Local 833’s organizing union members from “interfering” with traffic near Kohler property.

The judge issued no orders against Kohler, however — such as ordering Kohler to pay workers a living wage so they could feed their families.

Also on Nov. 17, many guests of the American Club, a five-star hotel owned by the Kohler Company, canceled their reservations early, alleging that loud horns kept them awake.

Despite police and private Pinkerton-type goons hired by Kohler, pickets remain strong, and UAW member re- fusionism and supporters are arriving by the hour.

“As an organization of rank-and-file auto workers, we want to salute you for rejecting Kohler Company’s insincere contract offer,” reads a Nov. 18 statement by the AutoWorkers Caravan, a group of rank-and-file UAW activists fighting two-tier and other attacks at Fiat Chrysler, Ford and GM. “Two-tier wages and benefits sap worker solidarity, which is absolutely vital as we work side by side.”

Members of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 526 at the Kohler company canceled a statement Nov. 17 referring to Kohler workers’ inspiring history. It noted, “The current action by UAW 833 will play an important role in the post-right-wing-organized support from the Service Employees Union, which has been seeking to unionize them for several years. The workers carried signs reading, “On strike over unfair labor practices!” and “Intimidation, harassment and anti-worker tactics don’t belong in airport,” according to a SEIU press statement.

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By Minnie Bruce Pratt

Alabama lesbian mother fights the right wing

An Alabama lesbian mother has been denied joint custody or any visitation rights as the adoptive parent of three children she has co-parented from their birth. Assisted by the National Center for Lesbian Rights, she is petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse that ruling by the Alabama Supreme Court.

The children, now 13 and 11, are not permitted any contact with their co-mother. V.L., as she is named in court papers, is a 2004 author of the Constitutions of the Alabama Women's Committee, a Workers World Party activist, two Georgia women whose partners and spouses had been Stewart detainees unmasked the racist policing behind their incarceration. Cops told one woman's spouse, stopped for a broken tail light, "We're going to send you back where you came from," as they spit out a racist term. Persecuted for being Latino, he was jailed and later deported — for not having a driver's license, which undocumented people cannot legally obtain in Georgia.

An undocumented mother whose children are U.S. citizens described immigration police appearing at her house, pursuing someone with her spouse's last name. When his documents proved he was not that man, an agent said, "I don't care," and arrested him anyway. He was deported and, "The children are crying for their father."

The Georgia Peace and Justice Coalition sponsored the 200-person strong rally, where coordinator Dianne Mathis, a Workers World Party activist, said to the rally, "The time has come in our movement to make the struggle of our migrant brothers and sisters our own." SOA Watch will move next year our movement to make the struggle of Central American militaries in tech- niques to repress their own people.

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By Minnie Bruce Pratt

STEWART DETENTION CENTER
Lumpkin, Ga.

“Shut down Stewart!” shouted protest- ers on Nov. 21 at the gates of the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Ga. Some 1,400 protesters joined this ninth annual rally and march of the “Expose and Close Stewart” movement, aimed to end the brutal incarcer- ation of undocumented people there. Many speakers who were 70 years old when held there, said it was “like living in a chicken coop.”

Mary Hooks of “Southerners on New Ground” said, “The status quo profits off our suffering.” She emphasized the soli- darity of Black and Brown people, includ- ing all those suffering and the estimated 250,000 undocumented lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans* people in the U.S.

Marchers reached from residents of the nearby Alterna community in LaGrange, Ga., to a delegation commemorating “dis- appears” teacher trainees of Mexico’s “Los Pueblos.”

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Along the red-dirt road, “Workers’ Dignity/Dignidad Obrera” from Nashville, Tenn., kept up fiery chants and nonstop drumming. Their huge banner connect- ed the Black and Brown struggles against racism and militarism. "From the South in Solidarity with Minneapolis/ #BlackLivesMatter/ anti-racism: “From the South in Solidarity with Minneapolis/ #BlackLivesMatter/}

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Solidarity and repression: Muslims in France and Belgium

By G. Dunkel

The clearest example of popular solidarity with Muslims under attack in France and Belgium is the extraordinary video of a young man wearing a blindfold and standing in the Place de la République in Paris. At the top of the video: two signs: “I am a Muslim. They say I am a terrorist.” And “I trust you. Do you trust me? Then give me a hug.”

The video shows scores of people, some with tears in their eyes, giving this young man a hug. As of Nov. 22, it had been seen well over 2 million times and garnered thousands of comments.

The French magazine Mademosselière, addressing an audience of mostly young women, says: “We see this video’s message of hope, of an openness of spirit and of solidarity which doesn’t make barri ers out of religious beliefs. A symbol of living together, to sum up.”

The French media have made it clear that the majority of the people carrying out the attacks and their sympathizers were French nationals, with the rest Belgian. Even if they were members of the Islamic State who had fought in Syria, their roots were in France.

The Muslim community has deep roots in France, which was the major colonial power in North and West Africa. Some 100,000 Muslims died fighting under the French at the end of World War I. To mark their sacrifice, the Grand Mosque of Paris was constructed and completed in 1926. After World War II, tens of thousands of North Africans came to France to work on its reconstruction.

Some anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist groups in France have been critical of the campaign the French state is waging to justify its bellicose behavior in Iraq, Syria and Libya.

Coup pour Coup 31, a collective based in Toulouse whose name means “Blow for Blow,” said: “The media frenzy and its iniquitous and nationalistic and nationalism has a clear purpose: to use our emotions and fear to justify govern ment policy both on French territory and around the world.”

ViveCFCF, a group opposed to the re formist drift of the leadership of the French Communist Party, said: “We de nounce all politicians who use the trage dy to stoke fears, divisions and hatreds. ... We will not let them scandalously and in sincerely consider part of the population of France as criminals.”

Commenting on President François Hollande’s state of emergency and banning demonstrations, Young Com munist Club of Paris’ 15th District said this affected major trade union demonstra tions that had been planned against cuts in leave time at hospitals, degraded working conditions in Paris mass transit, the liquidation of Air France as a public company, and mergers and staff cuts in public finances.

Reactions of French, Belgian politicians

Belgian talk host Eric Zemmour, who is also heard in France, called for the French to bomb Molenbeek, a mostly Muslim neighborhood in Brussels where some of the alleged attackers had lived.

Jean-Marie Le Pen, founder of the neo-fascist National Front (FN), called for restoring the death penalty for “terror ists ... with decapitation,” as a symbol of deporting illegal immigrants and creating 100,000 new prison cells. Le Pen began his career as a torturer for the French army in the Algerian War.

Marine Le Pen, his daughter, who cur rently leads the FN and has expelled her father, called for deporting everyone who is requesting asylum in France and for the government of François Hollande to re sign, even though it has adopted many of the FN’s positions. She wants the borders of France controlled by border police.

French Prime Minister Manuel Valls, who was born in Spain, claims that France is “at war,” using the word nine times in a six-minute interview on TV2.

Declaring a state of war allows the French government to use extraordinary measures, like banning demonstrations, conducting raids and searches with out any judicial oversight, and closing meeting halls, sports stadiums, bars and so on. The authorities can close whole neighborhoods and detain designated individuals who they say are interfering with their operations. The minister of the interior can even order house arrests of selected individuals. (L’Humanité, Nov. 10)

The French government is trying to use the Paris attacks to justify its military aggression in Western Asia and Libya, as well as keep the French people, who don’t support this aggression, in line.

Anti-racists drown out immigrant bashers

In an action important for international solidarity, a strong showing of 130 anti-racist protesters drowned out a much smaller rally of anti-immigrant racists in Olympia, Wash., on Nov. 20.

That small rally was called after Gov. Jay Inslee declared that Washington state would welcome refugees from Syria. “ACT for America,” a hate group, organized the small rally. Their rhetoric encourages hate crimes against home and imperialist war abroad.

The anti-racists overwhelmed the hate speech, chanting, “Say it loud! Say it clear! Refugees are welcome here!” The anti racist demonstration was made up of commu nity and political activists carrying signs saying, “Welcome Refugees!” — Report and photo by Jim McMahan

Haitians protest, say – “We won’t let you steal these elections!”

By Dave Welsh

Nov. 20 — Hooded gangs today attacked a large demonstration that was protesting election fraud in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince. According to eyewitness reports, scores of a small crowd of about 20 hooded men exited a white pickup truck — license plate 1-007921 — armed with machetes, pipes, hammers and guns, and attacked marchers in the Delmas 95 district while police looked away.

One marcher was wounded in the head by a machete, reported the Associated Press. “My goal is to attack, to kill and destroy,” said one of the attackers, according to radio reports.

Haiti’s political crisis took a dramatic turn in mid-November with revelations by Antoine Rodon Bien-Aimé and two other candidates for Parliament from President Martelly’s own PHTK party (Parti Haitien Tet Kale).

It has been reported that some 10,000 Haitian police and 2,500 U.N. personnel from Minustah, the U.N.’s military mission in Haiti, were deployed during the Oct. 25 voting, and that both Minustah and the U.N. Office for Project Services (UNOPS) were involved in transporting ballots to be tallied in Port-au-Prince.

Now, Deputé Bien-Aimé and two of his colleagues are accusing UNOPS, head ed by Sandra Honoré, with direct in volvement in the Oct. 25 election fraud. Specifically, they charge UNOPS and its electoral logistics contractor, the Cana dian national, Sylvain Côté, with direct responsibility for taking boxes of ballots actually cast by the people and switching them with boxes of pre-filled-out ballots. Sylvain Côté scurried out of the country the day after the revelations surfaced.

Fifteen well-known Haitian intellec tuals were so outraged by the “clear in volvement of U.N. agencies in the fraud that marred the elections of October 25” that they wrote an “Open Letter to Sandra Honoré” on Nov. 16, saying, “The whole world is discovering, under pressure from the street ... the truth of the biggest elec toral fraud operation ... for the last 30 years in Haiti.”

But the main resistance is coming from the street. Many are comparing today’s monster mass demonstrations to the up risings that led to the 1968 collapse of the dictatorship of “Baby Doc” Duvalier. The people are turning the defense of their vote into a focus of mass struggle against the hated neo-Duvalierists in the Haitian government and their U.S., French and Canadian backers.

On Nov. 9, another general strike by transportation workers forced the gov ernment to rescind draconian price and fee hikes by effectively shutting down most of the country for half a day. Haiti is defiant and its people determined.

Welsh was a member of a Human Rights and Labor Fact-Finding Delegation to Haiti in October that reported on systematic voter suppression, violence and intimidation in the election process.
Crisis in Mali follows U.S., French intervention

By Abayomi Azikiwe
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The head of the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), Army Gen. David Rodri-guez, continues to maintain that the pur-pose of Washington’s military policy on the continent is to assist nation-states with their security. However, over two dozen people died in the siege of the Radisson Blu Hotel in Ba-mako, Mali, on Nov. 20, despite the pres-ence of U.S. and Special Forces. AFRICOM identifies its purpose as working with African states in the so-called “war on terror,” which is a by-prod-uct of the U.S.-led “war on terror” launched from Afghanistan to Libya, Syria and Yemen. So-called “Islamist extrem-ist” organizations have been nurtured, funded and coordinated by the U.S. since the early 1980s, when the administration of President Jimmy Carter worked vigor-ously to overthrow the pro-socialist gov-ernment in Afghanistan that had turned to the Soviet Union for support.

The overthrow of the government of President Saddam Hussein in Iraq strengthened these same strains of Is-lamic organizations, spreading their in-fluence throughout North and West Africa and eventually across the Mediterranean into Southen, Central and Eastern Europe.

Referring to Africa, Rodriguez said that the U.S. is providing help in “com-mand and control communications, [and] intelligence — we do a tremendous amount of intelligence training throughout-out the African continent. They need help in logistics and mobility. They need help in specialty skills, anti-mine or [impro-vised explosive devices]” (Department of Defense, Nov. 20).

Another key point of this policy is the molding of African military officials in the image of the Pentagon. Rodriguez stresses, “For their militaries and institu-tions, the most important thing for them is to grow leaders and select the right people and build the systems that sustain their efforts for the long run.”

This purported selection of the “right” leaders resulted in a military coup in Mali nine years ago. The elected head of state, Amadou Toumani Toure, was over-thrown on March 23, 2012, by military officer Capt. Amadou Sanogo. After re-gional pressure from the Economic Com-munity of West African States and the African Union, Sanogo later turned over the ostensibly reins of power to an inter-temporary president, designated by parliamentary leader Dioncounda Traore.

Sanogo was a student of the Pentagon, participating in the International Mili-tary Education and Training program. He received instruction in Georgia and at the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Va., which specializes in counterterrorism edu-cation, and studied English at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

In 2012, a secessionist movement based in Guelma and Kherrata. (tinyurl.com/nc-73m) situated near the border with Algeria opened a broader offensive across large swathes of the Sahel region. It was reported that Malian, French and U.S. soldiers stormed the building, ending the siege. At present it is not clear whether the gunmen or security and mil-itary forces killed the hostages.

Two organizations claim responsibility

“The Islamist groups operating in Mali and Algeria have claimed responsibility for the attack. A Nov. 20 statement on the Al Akhbar site suggested the Radisson attack was to obtain “the release of all the prisoners, a military trial of the leaders of the 1985 Philadelphia MOVE organization. “So we know firsthand what that feels like, ... I fight imperialism no matter where it’s at.”

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Historic crimes of the French military

By John Catalinotto

The imperialist governments of France and the United States have seized upon the crisis in Mali to pursue an aggressive air and military killing spree throughout North and West Africa and eventually across the Mediterranean into Southern, Central and Eastern Europe. The French military has been operational in Africa since 2013 and now numbers approximately 10,000 troops.

The largest AFRICOM base is in the Horn of Africa nation of Djibouti, with thousands of U.S. and French troops at Camp Lemonier. This base has also been utilized in the Pentagon-supported bombing campaign in the Gulf of Aden and Gulf Cooperation Council coalition that has ravaged Yemen since March.

There appears to be no change in U.S. relations toward Africa and the Middle East. Both Democratic and Republican presidential candidates say nothing about the instability spreading throughout the region. It will be up to a regenerated an-ti-war movement in the U.S. and Western Europe to take up these issues within the broader struggles for social justice and peace.

Don’t let Paris be a pretext!

Philadelphia’s from the Black Lives Matter, anti-war, Palestin-ian and other people’s movements joined a “Don’t Let Paris Attacks Be Pretext for Racism & War” rally and march on Nov. 20, Pan Africa, of International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, electrified the rally when she said: “My family was bombed here. Eleven men, women and children died,” referring to the 1985 Philadelphia Police Department bombing of the MOVE organization. “So we know firsthand what that feels like, ... I fight imperialism no matter where it’s at.”

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What makes China able to plan for the future

By Deirdre Griswold

In Parts 1 and 2 of this series, we have discussed the phenomenal rise of the People’s Republic of China as a major world power. It is clear that China has fostered its growing economy. Since China has more coal compared to other fossil fuels, it has relied — like the United States — on coal for most of its energy. But coal is one of the worst generators of greenhouse gases. As China rose to become the number one manufacturer in the world, it has also increased its use of coal. China is in the process of increasing its use of coal in greenhouse gas emissions — although not on a per capita basis. That dubious distinction is held by the United States.

Now, at a time when global warming has been clearly identified as the major threat to our environment, China has laid out very detailed and ambitious plans to move away from fossil fuels and toward renewables. It will continue to expand its solar and wind capacity, but a more significant source of energy now embraced by Chinese planners is nuclear.

In the U.S., there is much opposition to nuclear plants, although the plants here are privately owned and operated for profit. There is much justifiable fear that the profit motive will override safety considerations, especially as these plants are old.

China is a young nuclear power. It has no old plants. By contrast, the average U.S. nuclear plant was built 36 years ago when reactors were subject to dangerous accidents, especially if something damaged the cooling system — as happened to the General Electric reactors in Japan’s Fukushima nuclear power plant. However, China has the benefit of many improvements in reactor design developed by scientists since then.

Ironically, one of the designs China originally pursued was worked on at the Argonne National Laboratory in Idaho from 1984 to 1994. Called the Integral Fast Reactor, it takes a very different approach to the boiling-water reactors already in use. The Argonne scientists were certain they were in the process of developing a safe technology for powering the world. However, in Washington suddenly shut down the program to build the IFR, just three years before its scheduled completion.

In the meantime, three other countries have succeeded in developing functioning, fast-breeder reactors. Today, China, Russia, and India have them, after years of testing involving pilot projects. The expense of developing and building these fourth-generation reactors has been borne by the governments involved.

When the Argonne IFR program was shut down in 1994, neither the U.S. government nor any of the privately owned U.S. energy companies were willing to lay out the large sums of money that would be needed to develop a new, safer generation of nuclear power.

The U.S. today has by far the most nuclear power reactors in the world — 99, operated by 30 different power companies. But they are old. Almost all the nuclear-generating capacity in the U.S. comes from reactors built between 1967 and 1990. Only five new reactors are under construction, and they are all light water reactors.

By 1990, the U.S. had already gone to war in oil-rich North Africa and South Asia. The U.S. was against the Soviets, but it was also in a series of conflicts, from Iraq to Syria to Libya, that held the promise of oil profits for the U.S. and which created energy-producing industrial complexes — especially since it’s the public, not the energy companies, that pays for those wars. Whatever the outcome, the war budget doesn’t come out of their bottom lines.

For the hundreds of millions of people living in North Africa and West Asia, energy is not a luxury. But the Argonne reactor has been in storage. Is any more proof needed that the millions of refugees now risking their lives trying to find somewhere to live in peace?

And the whole world is affected. The scramble by the imperialist powers, most of all the U.S., to control profitable oil fuels has precluded any adequate expenditures to develop renewable energy. It would have taken a massive investment on the scale of what is now spent on imperialist wars for the U.S. to change course and wean itself off coal, oil, and gas. That’s not going to happen without a revolutionary change in class relations.

Why socialist planning is necessary

The World Nuclear Association summarizes China’s nuclear power development as follows: “China has 30 nuclear power reactors in operation, 21 under construction, and more about to start construction. Additional reactors are planned, including some of the world’s most advanced, to give more than a threefold increase in nuclear capacity to at least 58 GWe by 2020-21, then some 150 GWe by 2030, and even more by 2050. The increase in the amount of nuclear power share in China is increasingly due to air pollution from coal-fired plants. China’s policy is for closed fuel cycle. China has become largely self-sufficient in reactor design and construction, as well as other aspects of the fuel cycle, but is making full use of Western technology while adapting and improving it.”

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The answer lies in China’s ability to control and plan the central components of its economy, especially the infrastructure and other activity is based. While the Communist Party and the government made a decision decades ago to allow private ownership of many types of enterprises, the government still retain the capital they needed for growth, they have not surrendered ownership and control over the land, the sources of energy, the means of transportation and communication, and other essential elements underpinning modern life.

China has socialist economic and social planners, scientists and technical people — not beholden to any private interests — to work together, look ahead and make decisions based on solving immediate and anticipated problems. The government is then tasked with carrying out these plans. While the existence of for-profit enterprises and very rich capitalists can impede this, leading to corruption of many officials in China, the planners are able to work with them.

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There were 13 countries bombarding Syria before Russia came into the war: Saudi Arabia, France, Belgium, Canada, Jordan and Turkey — and Britain — now supported by Syria. The U.S. military is coordinating the whole operation. These countries claim to be hitting ISIS but are totally destroying Syria; half the population is displaced.

But the jets that the U.S. Air Force just sent to Syria are capable only of fighting other aircraft.

ISIS does not have an air force. Russia does.

At the same time, President Obama made the first public announcement of ground troops, Special Ops forces, to Syria, along with a big reinforcement of U.S. “advisors” to Iraq.

A very dangerous provocation is looming. We need to be prepared. We don’t know what will happen in this new world war.

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Western powers have been fighting ISIS for four years with scarce international support or aid. For over a month, Russia has coordinated airstrikes with Syrian government forces against the Islamic State and al-Nusra Front with astonishing results. The Syrian government has gone from making small advancements to launching successful full-scale offensives on multiple fronts.

As Marxists we recognize that Russia is acting in full accordance with its material interests. The fall of the Syrian government would mean the loss of Russia’s strongest Arab ally. The spread of Islamic State activities would put Russia’s international security at risk and [a] be an irreversible victory for U.S. imperialism globally.

Things are looking up for Syria, but that also means the U.S. is doing more than ever.

It is the same with us. Our compass always points north. It is our duty from within to understand the need for solidarity. Workers World Party is a communist party fighting for the working class today and tomorrow. It is our duty to stand up to the imperialist war machine and, in so doing, save ourselves and humanity.”

— Miguel de la Cueva, President, U.S. General Assembly; 2006-2010; Foreign Minister of the Revolutionary Government

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U.S. imperialism shows its banks in Syria

Excerpts from a speech given by Joe Mahcuban of the Detroit Branch to the Workers World Party national conference, Party No. 78-9

Over the course of my life, my generation has witnessed one disasterous imperialist conquest after another. This has left us with an unresolved problem. The U.S. empire cannot be defeated, whether or not it achieves its stated goals. We are being proven wrong in Syria right now.

For over four years, the Western powers and their protectors have waged a relentless war against the Syrian people and their national liberation movement. That nation and all the other countries in the U.S.-backed war have been joined by the U.S.-backed war. The U.S. war has killed thousands, and the U.S. war is far from over.

The U.S.-backed war has been disastrous for the leadership of the Workers World Party. It is a war that has been fought in the name of the American people, but it has been fought in the interests of the capitalist class.

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We must not let history repeat itself, especially during the decline of global capitalism. Workers World Party has supported the Syrian revolution in order to uphold the U.S. empire’s sovereignty without faltering. We oppose all imperialist wars, and we know how to oppose them: in the streets. It is a movement from within the belly of the beast to stop the genocide against Arabs and all oppressed peoples in the Middle East.

Long live Syria!
Africa faces 21st-century neocolonialism

Africa has been severely set back by imperialist destruction of Libya and interference in Egypt’s and Tunisia’s democratic processes. Five years ago a rebellion throughout Tunisia toppled longtime dictator Zen El Abidine Ben Ali.

The unrest spread to Egypt, leading to President Mubarak’s regime’s forced resignation. The Muslim Brotherhood’s Freedom and Justice Party won the next presidential elections.

Demonstrations spread to Algeria and Yemen, bringing different outcomes. The rebellions in Tunisia and Egypt did not lead to the coordination of progressive forces which could seize power and establish a political order committed to revolutionary transformation and socialism.

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Off the record

The fertility rate only 13 years after the revolution dropped from 8.1 births per 1,000 women to 2.4 births in rural areas and 1.8 births in urban areas (World Bank).

• Iran, with 233,695 engineers, is ranked third among 124 countries after the Russian Federation and the United States. (Forbes, June 9)

• According to the data provided by the National Science Foundation, Iran had a 19.3 percent average annual growth rate for publications in all science and engineering fields during 1997-2011 (National Science Foundation, 2014) and in all subjects was 11 times higher than the average growth rate for the rest of the world. (Scientometrics, 2010)

• Iran has made great advances in nuclear technology, nanotechnology, biotechnology, aerospace and missile technology, pharmaceutical technology, and information and communication technology over the last two decades. Iran’s external debt of $9.45 billion was not a moment of weakness or anxiety. Iran would not spare a moment if they could destroy the Islamic Republic. ‘Death to America’ is not aimed at the [U.S.] American people, but [U.S.] policies. … The nature of U.S. policies has not changed and the nation will not forget.*

These few quotations from the leader Ayatollah Khamenei, show what we should expect from Iran.

Long live international solidarity! Victory to the Syrian people! Long live Working World Party!

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This group describes itself as "a movement of students calling for the decolonization of our campuses, the symbols, the curriculum and the history of place." One of this group’s first demands is to replace the law school’s crest, which is the same as the crest of the city of Brooklyn belonging to Isaac Royale Jr., a slave owner, whose estate helped to found Harvard Law School.

What is going on at the University of Illinois at Chicago? At UIC, the No to the Iceberg campaign is growing in terms of a growing revolution ary struggle of resistance on U.S. campuses. Protests against racism, sexism and lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans* and queer oppression are taking all forms.
The people of Puerto Rico are fighting back

On Nov. 6, the U.S.-dominated NATO alliance completed its largest-ever military exercises, Trident Juncture. These massive war games, involving 50 countries, were planned well ahead of the current escalation in Syria. In fact, Trident Juncture is all about NATO expansion in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union specifically, using the far-right junta in Ukraine as a stepping stone to regime change in Russia.

The U.S. proxy war by Ukraine against the independent Donets and Lugansk People’s Republics has temporarily taken a back seat to the conflict in the Middle East. This conflict in the Donbass could flare up again at any time, and inevitably, it will.

There are several factors behind the Donbass republics, under pressure from the Russian government to abide by the Minsk ceasefire agreement, which the Ukrainian government does not respect for a single day. Donbass residents and the people’s militias feel like they are in a state of limbo — their battle “frozen” and seemingly out of their control, at least for the moment.

Editor of Mundo Obrero Berta Joubert-Ceci

The Ghost Brigade, the most radical, class-conscious and internationalist detachment of the people’s militia, continues to recruit, train and prepare for the inevitable battles ahead. Several commands from the outlawed Ukrainian communist organization Borotba are now working with the Ghosts in Lugansk.

It was just a year ago, at a rally honoring the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, that Ghost Brigade Commander Alexei Mozgovoi declared: “We shall build a free, anti-fascist and socialist Novorossiya.” After several months building the Ghost Brigade, Mozgovoi had learned that some of his best allies were communists, whom he promoted to leadership roles, and who deeply influenced his thinking. Last February, he tasked the head of the Volunteer Communist Detachment, Pyotr Brivuk, with operational leadership of the offensive that handed the Ukrainian military a stinging defeat. It was then that Ghost comrades raised the red flag of communism over the liberated village of Debaltsevo.

Mozgovoi’s meteoric development — from a working-class pupil with ambiguous ties to the Ukrainian leadership; to a leading figure of socialism and internationalism — put a target on his chest, and he was assassinated by unknown assailants on May 23.

Despite this tragic loss, the Ghost Brigade marches on. Recently, Ghost announced the formation of Internauti — a military/propaganda squad made up of internationalists volunteers from several countries. Internauti takes its motto, “No pasaran!” from the international brigades of the Spanish Civil War.

The U.S. has intensified its intervention in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, in its struggle against U.S. imperialism and its agents.

Finally, a word about Ukraine’s southern neighbor, Moldova.

A big protest movement has engulfed Moldova, a country dominated by pro-Western oligarchs and strongly influenced by the Ukrainian junta. This protest movement has both right and left wings, which so far have created a different dynamic from the far-right Maidan movement in Ukraine.

But the critical role of communists has been seriously hampered by the jailing of several leading activists, including Red Bloc party leader Grigory Petrenko, for the last two months. Petrenko and his comrades face up to eight years in prison. Our party stands with the Red Bloc and the workers and youth of Moldova to demand: Free the political prisoners now!

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La postura de la administración Obama muestra la verdadera agenda de los imperialistas ge- nerales de la política exterior de la Casa Blanca. Sudáfrica tiene el derecho ine- dicable de desarrollar su propio programa económico sin la intolerancia de Washington y Wall Street.

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Los ataques en París atribuidos a ISIS han fijado la atención del mundo. Pero la pregunta más urgente que enfrenta la clase obrera es: ¿Utilizará el campo imperialista los ataques como pretexto para ampliar la guerra? Utilizando como velo de su política imperialista los ataques como pretexto para justificar la destrucción y la intervención en Turquía, el ministro de defensa de Francia, Jean-Yves le Drian, declaró que Turquía está en una "frustración constante para los gobiernos". Pero todos sirven el mismo propósito: "Utilizará el campo imperialista el gobierno Siria a la ronda de negociaciones de paz en Viena. Ahí los gobiernos de EUA y Francia fueron los más firmes en exigir arrogantemente que el gobierno sirio entregara su soberanía y "renunciera". En cada reunión intercambiarla, mientras hipócriticamente declaran que quieren desesperadamente la paz, los gobiernos imperialistas, políticos que la guerra continua hasta que sus fuerzas "demonstac illegales" estén instaladas en el poder.

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El gobierno de Sudáfrica enfrenta tres graves problemas económicos. Trabajadores/es que se encuentran en huelga por aumentos salariales han tenido su demanda rechazada. Se ha reportado que existen profundas desigualdades entre los grupos étnicos y étnicas, lo que provoca inseguridad y miedo. Además, la presión de la banca y las empresas extranjeras ha incrementado la inflación, lo que ha llevado a la disminución de los ingresos del pueblo.

Intereses comerciales de EUA han creado tensiones económicas en Sudáfrica. Los gobiernos de EUA y Francia han utilizado los ataques contra la infraestructura y la infraestructura de Afganistán para instaurar una nueva ofensiva. Los gobiernos imperialistas afirman que la guerra con Afganistán vendrá a la región para financiar la política de Siria de controlar sus industrias y unir su soberanía.

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La respuesta del gobierno a la crisis de la家用食器 deleitet自己的存在感 はめがねを じゅうぶんに 使しないことが あるでしょう。しかし、それが うまくいかない時は、どうす るのでしょうか？ 興味深いのが、この点に関する 一考です。