Chicago protests block streets, shops
Justice for Laquan McDonald

As we go to print, Chicago Police Superintendent, Garry McCarthy, has been fired Dec. 1, due to mass anger over the police murder of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald in Oct. 2014. The police video of the murder was just released to the public 15 months later. To add insult to injury, the officer charged with McDonald’s murder is out on bond.

By Jill White
Chicago
Nov. 30 — Despite driving rain and cold, thousands of protesters marched on Friday, Nov. 27, closing off Chicago’s posh Michigan Avenue shops to shopping, and demanding the resignation of the police chief, the state’s attorney and the mayor.

Protesters then linked arms, blocking entrances to the Water Tower Place Mall and luxury stores like Tiffany’s, Saks and Neiman Marcus. The Apple Store closed for five hours. A huge Black Lives Matter banner sprawled across the entrance to Victoria’s Secret.

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Day of Mourning:

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We are as strong as ever.’

Moonanum James

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Building towards a socialist future

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

Workers World Party’s newly launched 2016 national election campaign comes at a critical moment. After years of economic turmoil, imperialist wars, anti-communism and right-wing racist, anti-immigrant, anti-woman and anti-LGBTQ attacks, workers in the U.S. are again wondering about and talking about socialism.

WWP candidates Monica Moorehead and Lamont Lilly represent and appeal to the hopes of millions who desire to learn what socialism really is, and can be.

The high-tech/low-pay revolution has transformed the U.S. workforce. A majority of workers are now women, immigrants, LGBTQ people, Black, Latino/a, Native, and/or other people of color. They are already leading and will be in the vanguard of coming class struggles, a new generation of workers who support new movements like Black Lives Matter and Fight for 15 are shaping this power in the struggle.

The WWP election campaign gives voice to this broadening of the struggle as the candidates call for “Workers and oppressed peoples of the world, unite!” But we still need money to seize the moment and build that unity.

So please donate as regularly and generously as you can to the WW Fund Drive. Every contribution strengthens our grip on the future. We have nothing to lose but the chains of capitalism. We have the power to forge our own engine of change, to know and seize each moment to build a socialist world. Build Workers World to build a socialist world!

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Detained immigrants defy with hunger strikes

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

Over 100 immigrant detainees in Alabama and California are continuing a surge of hunger strikes that began in March 2005 at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) internment camps. On so-called Thanksgiving Day, almost 50 protesters at the Etowah County Detention Center started “refusing food to denounce the inhumane treatment they endure in these facilities where their human dignity is violated by the ICE agenda and immigration detention system.” (facebook.com/shutdownetowah)

The Adelante Workers Center of Birmingham, Ala., helped organize the rally on November 30 in support of the Etowah strikers at the detention center located in Gadsden, Ala. (adelantealabama.org)

According to Detention Watch Network, Etowah is one of the worst internment camps in the U.S. due to restricted access for visitors to its remote location, solitary confinement, poor or no medical care, lack of access to pro bono lawyers, no recreational facilities and rotting food.

The Etowah Murriwaks were joined by other detainees at the Otay Detention Center in San Diego, the Theo Lacy Facility in Orange County and the Adelanto Detention Center in San Bernardino County, Calif. Many of the striking detainees are from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan, crossing the Mexican border to the U.S. Some have been in detention for over two years, despite having passed initial interviews for asylum and having committed no crime. (_libertytimes.net)

The detainees issued the following demands: “End to all detentions and deportations. End to the ICE detention bed quotas. End to indefinite detention. Release on parole or supervision for all asylum seekers held for more than 6 months. Improved conditions in detention (discipline, food, clothing, access to phones, medical access).”

“Bed quotas” refers to a little-known “quota system” in which ICE assigns a fixed number of spots in detention camps. If a camp runs over quota, it keeps detainees in a state of uncertainty, prison companies are the Corporation of America and the GEO Group. (Washington Post, Oct. 13, 2013)

Immigrants fed up at the for-profit and state detention centers have sparked near constant resistance since March 2015. That month, mothers in the Karnes County Residential Center in Texas went on a work stoppage and hunger strike demanding to be freed with their children.

In September, a hunger strike, work stoppage and other forms of resistance by multicultural detainees at the Stewart Detention Center in Georgia were put down with SWAT team force by CCA prison management. Stewart is one of the largest detention centers in the U.S. with 1,800 beds. CCA earns $650 per day per Stewart detainee and pays as little as $18,000 a year for the “jobs” they do. (Workers World, Sept. 22)

In October, South Asian detainees stopped eating at the El Paso County Detention Facility in Texas. A few days later, other South Asian immigrants in solidarity began to refuse food at the Lasalle Detention Center in Louisiana.

Honor trans immigrant lives.

Homeland Security policy requires ICE to keep an average of 34,000 detainees per day in custody. The quota guarantees hefty profits for the 30 private- owned immigration detention centers housing 49 percent of undocumented detainees.

Human suffering sparks fightback

The two largest for-profit prison companies are the Corrections Corporation of America and the GEO Group. (Washington Post, Oct. 13, 2013)

Immigration detention is the most profitable part of the ICE business. (mmewatch.org)

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Muslim women in hip-hop perform

The Hijabi Chronicles held the second “MuslimWomenHipHop #Expressions ofResistance” showcase on Nov. 28 at the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts in San Francisco. It was a beauti- ful, all-women, Muslim artistic event. In a national atmosphere of intense Islam- ophobia, these strong and talented artists used their art, rhymes, poetry and other forms of powerful expression to show their steadfast resistance.

The event, organized and emceed by Muslim hip-hop artist Alia Sharrief, included a panel discussion in which she and the audience asked the performers questions about how they saw their art in their resistance. In addition to Alia Sharrief, performers included Asa Lianess, Jaminah Shannon, Xiamah Khan, Amira Yusef, Yasmine Bobo, Draksan Khan, Aimirah Sabir, Amelah El-Amin, Sulaiman Sisters and Fatimah Zareen.

The HijabiChronicles is a collective focusing on empowering Muslim women artists with the aim of raising awareness and serving the people through education, charity and reclaiming their narrative.

— Story by Terri Kay

SEATTLE

Rally greets refugees

By Jim McEachin

TACOMA, WASH.

On Nov. 21, a demonstration of 200 people marched on the Tacoma immigration prison. It was organized by “NW Detention Campaign,” which was in solidarity with the struggle against the prison-industrial complex and the anti-immigrant detention and anti-deportation movement across the country.

As the demonstration marched through downtown Tacoma, it stopped at a huge half-block-long mural. The mural was dedicated to the struggle against immigrant detention.

At the rally in front of the detention center, an organizer, Maru Mora Villalobos, spoke of herself being a refugee. She criti- cized the U.S. as causing so much dying. She strongly supported all refugees and wanted a more just and humanity-based approach. She claimed that society is focusing on empowering Muslim women and not to give in to fear mongering and war. The organizers called for unity and solidarity.

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BOSTON

Speakout defends Muslims

Speakers included three Syrian American children and others from the Syrian American Forum, as well as members of the IAC, the Boston Homeless Solidarity Committee and the Committee for Peace and Human Rights. Linda Jenkins and Phoebe Eckfeldt spoke for the WFNL and Al Johnson spoke for Vets for Peace and the Chelsea Manning committee. Bob Traym- ham from the Boston School Bus Drivers, Ed Childs from Local 26 of UNITE HERE and Maureen Skhan from Work- ers World spoke. MoosaAujum, co-leader of United American Indians of New England, spoke about the National Day of Mourning.

— Frank Neisser

Rally greets refugees

A rally of 300 people calling for wel- come and support for refugees from Syria and elsewhere was held in Seattle on Nov. 28. Many cards carried signs against U.S. racism and war. The organizers called for unity and not to give in to fear mongering and Islamophobia.

Varisha Khan, a University of Wash- ington student, strongly supported al- lowing Syrian refugees into the U.S. The other speakers, many from immigrant communities, were unanimous for the right of refugees to come to the U.S. Sev- eral religious and political representa- tives, including Congressperson Jim Me- dernott, spoke for welcoming refugees.

The last speaker was Miriam Padilla of Seattle. Her cousin, Noemi Gonzalez, a student in Paris, was killed in the ISIS attack there on Nov. 13. Gonzalez, “who was like a sister to me, was the child of immigrants and wanted a more just and humane world,” Padilla said. Padilla spoke of herself being a refugee. She criti- cized U.S. wars and policies in the Middle East as causing so much dying.

The demonstrators applauded men- tion of the Black Lives Matter march, which happened the previous day.

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Drivers of the Boston School Bus Union had good reason to feel personal and sustaining support filled the parking lot, blared union songs and created a shouting matching crowd. (Photo: Greg Gormley)

Justice for the drivers, safety for the children!

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

Union President Andre Francois and other USW 8751 negotiators expressed the leadership's determination to beat back Veolia/Transdev's concessions, win reinstatement of the four illegally fired leaders, as well as secure economic justice for the 900-plus members and their families. They vowed to bring the fighting power of the rank and file to the negotiating table and to the bus yards.

USW 8751 is a militant, political- ly union that's fought shoulder-to-shoulder with the Boston comm unity in the labor movement for more than 30 years. This was the union that got children safely to school through racist mobs in 1974, organized the strike. The current Veolia attack on USW 8751 is an aggressive austerity attack on a majori ty of people-color and on public transit workers. They are primarily young people of color.

Driver Georgia Scott, who was born in Selma, Ala., told WWV in August: “This is the same struggle as 1965 in Selma. Schools were limited (there) — all black, all white. The education system did not work for people of color. Veolia continues on the buses, that will limit our children, their safety and their choices of education.”

The Boston School Bus Union drivers are also the parents and grandparents of the students riding their buses. They live through the same and work to ensure the buses and want the best for the children.

Previous USW 8751 contracts established strong standards for bus safety, reducing exposure to risks for drivers to school on time and limits on ride duration for children with special needs.

Chrysler/Transdev has sold them and the children riding the school buses. And while they bargain, the drivers are also wearing T-shirts with a pious cobra and a “Will Strike if Provoked” slogan.

Veolia/Transdev has tried to cut these kinds of safeguards out of the new contract. The company will make greater profit by forcing children off buses onto the Boston Mass Transal (MBTA) by pushing drivers to “save time” by going out in unsafe ways.

Georgia Scott, the grandmother of school-age grandchildren in Boston and Local 8751’s treasurer, comments: “A camera is not going to replace me. It’s me. I’m the one who will protect the child. That’s the most important piece of our work, the monitors and the drivers. We are the safety zone for the children.

In current negotiations, USW 8751 is in a fight with Veolia to remove unacceptable, deadly political, contractual and monetary concessions from the new contract. All but a few of those concessions have been beaten back, but those remaining are of critical importance.

Team Solidarity continues in stalwart negotiation for a fair contract that re

UAW vs. auto bosses: contract struggle over for now

By Martha Grevatt

On Nov. 20, the International Executive Board of the United Auto Workers declared that Ford workers had approved a four-year contract with the company. That same day, the UAW-General Motors contract was declared ratified after the vote. Rank-and-file workers and supporters filled the parking lot, blared union songs and created a shouting matching crowd. (Photo: Greg Gormley)

None of the contracts restore traditional pensions to two-tier workers. The UAW has a long history of helping the ruling class, who would like to do away with pensions altogether and roll back hard-fought gains of the labor movement.

The UAW defended defined benefit pensions. A 105-day Chrysler strike in 1950 raised the slogan, “too old to work and out” — full pension after 30 years of service.

Ford and GM work - ers have a 401K account, subject to greater scrutiny and saw that, not only were tiers wages not eliminated; the greater profit by forcing the company to make the concessions, the higher the profits. The Ford contract was on shaky ground until the 8,000-member Local 600, representing several Detroit-area units, reported strongly favor of the contract. Some Local 600 members suspected fraud.

Ford workers have died on the job according to the New York Times, among immigrant workers. (Nov. 27, 2015)

The problem is the “partnership” that has defined UAW negotiating strategy for decades. But a rank-and-file movement from below — which we saw in embryo when UAW workers organized to defeat two-tier pay — can revive the militant, anti-capitalist tradition of the 1977 sit-down strikes, making the labor movement decisive in the class struggles to come.

The writer is a 28-year Chrysler worker and UAW member.
NYC Access-A-Ride workers push for $15 and a union

The mostly Black and Brown women workers at Access-A-Ride, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s transit service in New York City for people with disabilities, are demanding a union as well as a wage increase to $15 an hour and safer working conditions. They voted to join the Transport Workers Union Local 100 a year ago.

The workers, employed by contractor Global Contact Services, earn from $9 to $11 an hour. Their wages are totally unfair, they say, since they provide a service for a state-run agency, and all state employees will soon be making $15 an hour.

Unfair contracts force into the toxic work environment. The National Labor Relations Board recently consolidated several cases showing that 228 workers were fired for forming a union. Of those, 110 are NLRB hearing two other types of cases: that GCS pays low wages because workers are predominantly women of color, and that a third of the workers have been sexually harassed by GCS supervisors.

The president John Samuelson is in talks with GCS about the goring with a strike, which disability activists say would be “disastrous for those who rely on the service.” (New York Times, Nov. 28) Stay tuned.

Boeing workers: Tie jobs to tax incentives

As many as 200 aerospace workers protested at the Washington state Capitol in Olympia on Nov. 20 to demand that legislators take steps to close the Boeing Company’s massive tax loophole and tie tax incentives to job creation in the state.

In 2013, legislators extended $8.7 billion in tax incentives to tax-exempt aerospace companies, the largest corporate tax break in the U.S. Despite this, Boeing has since outsourced some 3,700 Washington jobs to low-wage states as Missouri and Oklahoma (a “right to work” for less), where the mega company can get additional tax breaks by having a smaller labor force. Denouncing that as “double dipping,” machinist Adrian Canez said, “[Boeing] is going our tax incentive, and taking their tax incentives, and taking our jobs to those other states.” (heraldnet.org, Nov. 21)

Most of the accidents tied to Boeing in Washington, which also benefit from tax incentives, remain stagnant, with more than 6,000 jobs paying less than $15 an hour. No wonder protesters also demanded living wages for all aerospace workers with at least three years’ seniority. The action was organized by the Professional Engineering Employees union (SPEEA) and the Association of Machinists (IAM), the state’s two largest unions representing aerospace workers. (SPEEA.org, Nov. 20)

Verizon not bargaining fairly

Since their contract expired on Aug. 1, about 40,000 Verizon workers from Maine to Virginia, who represent the Communication Workers and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, have been fighting for a new contract. The workers have been holding pickets, rallies and marches in both local areas and regional mobilizations. The latest was on Nov. 19 — CWA protested at 35 locations — and on so-called Black Friday, Nov. 27.

But Verizon, which reports revenue of about $1 billion a month, has refused to budge on contract terms. While Verizon’s CEO makes over 200 times as much as the average Verizon employee, the greedy company is offering no raises, a jump in health care costs and scaled-down pensions, at the same time it seeks to eliminate job security, accident disability and cost of living adjustments. Its ultimate goal is union busting by increasing employment. Denouncing that as “double dipping,” machinist Adrian Canez said, “[Boeing] is going our tax incentive, and taking their tax incentives, and taking our jobs to those other states.” (heraldnet.org, Nov. 21)

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Amazon drivers sue for stolen wages

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cidents is Brooklyn, with the Bronx and Queens having roughly the same much smaller number.

The number of accidents has increased faster than the increase in construction activity. The number of new construction permits issued in fiscal year 2014 is up only 11 percent and the number of renovations occurring the union between the Federation of the number of reported accidents has more than doubled.

Most of the accidents could have been prevented if contractors, having workers wear helmets and harnesses and not pushing them to ignore slight hazards. Since the construction, time is money, supervisors often push workers to take dangerous shortcuts. Workers feel if they don’t do what they’re told, they’ll lose their jobs. Often they are not provided with safety training.

Given that a lot of construction in New York City occurs in densely populated areas, dangerous conditions on job sites also mean danger for passersby. The DEC has long been aware that construction contractors are currently making in New York real estate come at the risk of workers’ lives. We need a system that will supply homes and housing for all without creating dangerous situations that could easily be avoided.

On the picket line

By Matty Starr-Davis and Sue Davie

Terrorist strikes at Colorado Planned Parenthood

By Kris Hamel

Nov. 30 — A second terrorist attack in four weeks occurred at the Planned Parenthood in the Ro- boted States on Nov. 27, just four days after masked racist terrorists shot at Black Lives Matter protesters in Minneapolis, killing five Africani-Americans. The victims were just outside the Fourth Precinct, where a continuous protest has been taking place since the killing of Ja- son Peart, 24, by Minneapolis cops on Nov. 15.

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The ruling class, desperate to destroy growing unity among the working class under the leadership of the most op- posed, has even allowed the racist likes of multibillionaire Donald Trump to become a so-called “serious” contender for the Republican presidential nomination. Not because they think this huckeese racist can win, but because whipping up racism, sexism, ableism, anti-immigrant, anti-migrant, anti-feminist constituencies are exactly what the capitalist class needs at any moment in history. “Tran” is used with an asterisk to indicate the spectrum of all the different genders of people who do not conform to the either/ or of male/female.

President Barack Obama issued a state- ment Nov. 28 on the Planned Parenthood attack, which stated in part: “This is not normal. We can’t let it become normal. If we truly care about this — if we’re going to offer up our thoughts and prayers again, for our safety and the safety of others in these types of attacks — we have to do something about the easy accessibility of weapons of war on our streets to peo- ple who have no business wielding them.”

Colorado Springs is a reactionary mil- itary town, home of the U.S. Air Force Academy and command center for North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD), the Pentagon’s missile operation center. Besides Fort Carson, Peterson and Shriever Air Force bases and high-level operations centers are located there. The Pentagon trains some of its deadliest killers in Colorado Springs.

The town is also the U.S. epicenter for reactionary evangelical Christians, who totally oppose abortion rights, many types of birth control and general women’s rights. So many national evangelical groups are headquartered there that Colorado Springs has earned the nickname Ansarwon.

It should be no surprise that “weapons of war” — firearms and other deadly devices — are “normal” in U.S. “civilian” capitalist society. First and foremost they are utilized by the capitalist state — the military, the police and the military-in- industrial-prison complex. An anti-gun campaign is the answer to right-wing attacks. Especially now, the oppressors have the right to arm themselves, the right to self-defense, just like abortion providers who don bullet-proof vests, Continued on page 8
DEC. 12 CONFERENCE IN DETROIT
National Campaign to Save Rev. Pinkney

By David Sole

Supporters of Michigan political prisoner Rev. Edward Pinkney, who is mobilizing nationwide to stop the harassment and abuse he is suffering that may be the turning point of his life.

Arrested in 2014 on charges of "altering five dates on a recall petition," Rev. Pinkney, a community leader in the 90 percent African-American town of Benton Harbor, Mich., was tried by an all-white jury that was told "you do not need evidence" for a conviction.

The purpose of "evidence" consisted in showing that Rev. Pinkney chaired the meetings that the organization, spoke at press conferences and led many picket lines.

At the conference, he was convict ed of five forgery convictions and sentenced to from 2- and-a-half to 10 years in prison.

Since his Oct. 6 transfer to Marquette Branch Prison, 500 miles away from family, friends and attorney, Rev. Pinkney has been targeted by the guards and pris on administration.

He had his telephone access taken away on Oct. 2, and was put in lockdown for 24 hours, 7 days a week in his cell. On Nov. 21, the prison authorities placed Rev. Pinkney in "segregation" and denied him visitors. Books and newspapers mailed to him have been arbitrarily denied him.

Without exercise and horrible food, Rev. Pinkney's blood pressure has elevated with no regular medical monitoring. His last communications with the outside world said that "every day was a confrontation" with racist and aggressive treatment.

By Rick Snyder at the Heyward shooting and refused to bring the case to a grand jury, claiming the shooting was justified. Current New York Police Depart ment Commissioner Bill Bratton, who was also commissioner back then, has referred to both shootings as a "tragic accident."

Bratton has stated he has not spoken to Officer Liang since the Gurley shooting.

"Maintain pressure in the streets!" Charles Barron, State Assembly mem ber, and Inez Barron, City Council mem ber, were also present. Inez Barron told WW, "It was important for us to be there with the family and community on the occasion of the anniversary of the NYYPD shooting of Akai Gurley. During the up coming trial. It is also important to main tain pressure in the streets to ensure that this issue stays alive in the minds of the officers and everyone else."

She added, "Officer Liang needs to feel the full impact and consequence of his ac tion, which resulted in the violent death of a 25-year-old innocent man, which oc curred in Gurley's death. There's no question about the fact that justice needs to be done." Officer Liang, who now has a new law yer, has been charged with manslaughter.

His trial is scheduled for January 2016. A conviction is what the family and support ers are demanding.

Other speakers during the rally emphasized that Gurley's murder was not an isolated incident; cops kill Black peo ple almost daily; these deaths are not ac cidents; cops don't respect or protect us; they see us as animals, not human beings; the NYYPD is a murderous institution; cops operate under white privilege, and Black cops are under their power; Black cops not in uniforms have been murdered by "friendly fire" from racist white cops; and it is the cops who are dangerous.

Also stated at the rally was that Com missioner Bratton's "broken windows" policy has backfired by fu nding out of our taxes and our pockets.

The evening ended with a powerful statement: that everyone has a duty to stand in solidarity with the family, to orga nize and to mobilize. And that family and supporters will be here again for next year's anniversary, even if there are only a handful of people. The emphasis was that we're all one family, we need to be fighters, and we have lots of work to do. Justice happens in the streets, not in the courtroom.

Racism is the disease. Revolution is the cure.

One year after fatal shooting
Akai Gurley still needs justice

By Dolores Cox

A "March for Justice" rally was held Nov. 20, marking the one-year anniversary of the killing of Akai Gurley, a 28-year-old Black man, by Peter Liang, a New York City rookie police officer.

Gurley and his companion were leaving her building via the stairs in the Louis H. Pinkney housing development in Brooklyn where she lived. The elevator was broken. On the seventh floor land ing, officers Liang and Shawn Landau entered the stairwell which did not have lights, where Liang shot Gurley. Gurley started to climb the remaining two flights, fell and bled to death while Liang phoned the so-called police "union" to discuss his rights.

Not until after that did he call 911 to report the shooting.

One year later at the building where Gurley was shot, approximately 150 supporters held a rally and march. Family members were present, including Akai’s stepfather and tearful mother, Sylvia, members were present, including Akai’s stepfather and tearful mother, Sylvia, parents and families of Stolen Lives — whose sons and daughters were killed by the cops and who in their pain have been in the forefront of fighting for justice for their loved ones whose lives were stolen from them — were present. Some media were there.

Among the speakers was Nicholas Hey ward, who spoke about his 13-year-old son, Nicholas Heyward Jr., who was shot and killed by a rookie cop in 1994 in a Brooklyn housing project.
Protests were held across the country on and around Black Friday — the day after the so-called Thanksgiving holiday that businesses rely on to boost their retail sales — to demand an end to racist attacks, including police brutality and murder, and to protest the racist climate on college campuses.

The BALTIMORE People’s Power Assembly held a spirited rally in downtown Baltimore on Nov. 28 in solidarity with Minneapolis and Chicago. Protesters then marched to the police headquarters.

Ninety-three students from many different backgrounds marched on the campus of the University of ROCHESTER on Nov. 28, demanding that the university president do something about the growing climate of racism on campus. Of special concern is the posting of numerous racist and threatening remarks on an online campus site. The college president was forced to subpoena the server in an attempt to find out who was posting the attacks. The students are demanding a more diverse faculty and more Black studies courses.

More than 100 PHILADELPHIA protesters marched on Nov. 25 in outrage against continued police killings of Black youth. The demonstration was called by the Coalition for Racial, Economic And Legal (REAL) Justice in response to the release of a video of the horrific Chicago police killing of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, and the right-wing shootings of five Minnesotans activists who were protesting the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who was killed by that city’s 4th Precinct cops.

Despite the aggressive actions of 75 Philadelphia cops on bikes, on foot and in cars, the rally quickly took over the main intersection in the heart of this city’s Black community at Broad Street and Erie Avenue. As rush-hour traffic in all four directions was halted and protesters’ signs faced traffic, the mother of a young Black man who was shot 14 times by Philly police a few years ago came over and gave a very moving and angry account of her son’s death. A few minutes later, bicycle cops started pushing protesters into a smaller circle in an attempt to surround the protest, but the demonstrators were able to break away and march north on Broad Street.

“16 shots killed Laquan — murderer by cops — unjustified!” was one of many chants the crowd yelled out in unison as the marchers crossed what remains Temple University’s campus. Turning west on Cecil B. Moore Avenue, the demonstration ended 10 blocks later with a rally at Ridge Avenue in one of this city’s most oppressed Black communities.

Speakers explained that resistance and revolution are called for in the face of police terror, rampant gentrification, mass incarceration and the closing of public schools. Among those who gathered to listen were area youth; a young Latino gay activist who recently sued the city for police brutality targeting homeless LGBTQ youth; and another woman, whose 16-year-old son was killed by police seven years ago. The rally finished with the reading of the names of the 1,027 people killed by police so far this year.

Chanting, “Black lives matter! Not Black Friday!” 700 demonstrators in SEATTLE marched in solidarity with the national Black Lives Matter movement. They disrupted the downtown retailers’ Christmas tree lighting ceremony, just as they did last year.

The multinational demonstrators first marched around the retail core for four hours. The chanting march paralyzed through several big stores, including Macy’s, but when the demonstration tried to enter two malls they were beaten back and four were arrested. Downtown big business brags about doing $1 billion in sales every holiday shopping season.

The cops, in large numbers, blocked the demonstration from entering the area for the lighting ceremony. Demonstrators had to mix in with the rest of the crowd and filter in slowly one by one. First, they drowned out the stage show for an hour with anti-police brutality chants. Then, just before the Christmas lights came on, the chants became even louder and a big Black Lives Matter banner was held around the base of the tree. A victory rally was then held to wrap up.

“We are the last 3% of Black SF” was the banner held by Black Lives Matter BAY AREA, CALIF., as protesters as they challenged San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee at the city’s annual tree lighting ceremony at Union Square on Nov. 27. They served him an eviction notice as they halted the ceremony. A flyer with a “wanted” poster of Lee said the mayor “wages war on Black lives, exaggerates gentrification of San Francisco, chooses profit over people, even when that profit means more Black communities, tries to expand SF jails.” The flyer asked people to call the mayor and demand an end to police terror.

After the ceremony, the protesters marched down Powell Street to Market Street, stopping at many intersections and blocking them, while chanting and singing, including the lyrics, “We will not move on Black Friday.”

Sherrin Black, Gene Cenky, Terri Kay, Jim McMahen and Joe Piette contributed to this report.

Richard Perkins Jr. Latest victim of Oakland police terror

By Terri Kay Oakland, Calif.

Ada Henderson heard about the killing of yet another Black man on Nov. 15 by the Oakland Police Department. She went to the site, where he was killed, to pray for the family, not finding out until two days later that it was her own son, 39-year-old Richard Perkins Jr., who was lying there in a pool of blood.

Perkins, a father of two, somehow got caught up in a police action against a huge sideshow and biker event, even though he wasn’t a participant in either. Perkins was the 2,000th person killed by law enforcement in the U.S. this year, according to the guardian.com.

The OPD claims he pointed a gun at them, which even they admit was only a pellet gun. Witnesses say that he never touched the gun, much less pointed it at the officers. The officers all wore body cameras which were conveniently turned off. The OPD has also confiscated the video from the gas station security cameras, the officers are being protected and the Black community is not just profits for the few, but profits for everyone.

Black Friday protests target police racist terror

By Leilani Dowell

Chicago protests block streets, shops

Justice for Laquan McDonald

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Vision justice activist among Chicago youth. Leona Henderson, who was at the rally, was charged with a felony for allegedly throwing a brick. This was clearly the act of provocateurs.

Laquan McDonald, a 17-year-old from a Cook County jail, was confronted by 100 police of any of them. The Black Alliance for Just Ice, the Chicago Teachers Union and the Rev. Michael Pfleger from St. Sabina Church, a staunch ally of community anti-racist struggles.

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In 1999, the city of Emeryville, Calif., built the mall that now sits on the corner of Shellmound Street and Ohlone Way. This space was once a Ohlone Indigenous village site and was one of the largest shellmounds in the Bay Area. The sacred shellmound once stood over 60 feet high and 350 feet in diameter. It was considered the largest funerary complex of the Ohlone people. Sixteen years later on Nov. 28, over 100 protestors gathered, temporarily blocking a main intersection to the mall. Protest organizer Corrina Gould commented, “When the mall was built, we petitioned the City Council and asked them not to destroy our sacred sites, but the developers and the businesses ignored our voices.” Although the mall was built, our resistance is alive and it has never died. Hence, every year, on the day after Thanksgiving, the biggest shopping day of the year, we’ve organized an educational protest to remind everyone that Ohlone peoples are alive in the Bay Area and we aim to educate the public on why and how the decimation of shellmounds and sacred sites impacts Ohlone and everyone living here in the Bay Area. We also ask people to not shop at this mall.”

Bay Area

‘Ohlones peoples are alive’

In New York and Wisconsin, Assata’s solidarity with Assata Shakur

By Cheryl LaBash

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Representatives of the Baltimore People’s Power Assembly, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Baltimore Chapter, Maryland Institute College of Art students, Falcon Lodge #6 and Workers World Party stood in solidarity with United American Indians of New England’s Day of Mourning on Nov. 27 and striking Walmart workers. Members of both the PPA and SCLC also fasted on Nov. 26.

Minneapolis Black Lives Matter protest.

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U.S. threatens Portugal’s center-left government

By John Catalinotto

Nov. 29 — Is he the U.S. envoy to Por-
tugal or the pro-consult of the Empire? Ambas-
dor Robert Sherman, speaking on Portugal’s Radio Renascença a week ago, warned the Portuguese people that the U.S. was “worried about” the new gov-
ernment. He asked if Portugal’s center-left government would stay loyal to NATO and meet the alliance’s growing demands.

If U.S. imperialism says it is “worried,” that’s a threat. That threat alone makes it important to examine what has been happening in Portugal.

For the last four years, while a cen-
ter-right government was cutting pen-
sions, eliminating medical care and di-
minishing education, the economy was stagnating. There was about a 14 percent official unemployment rate in March and a real unemployment rate — which takes into account the heavy emigration and pa-
uperficiency in 2014. (Algarve News, March 26) These conditions led to an electoral de-
feats remaining in the Army and with

The Socialist Party (PS) made some
gains, but with 86 seats had not enough
for a majority on its own. The Left Bloc
(PCP), which program and structure is
similar to Syriza’s in Greece, that is, left social democrat, doubled its vote and won 19 seats. The Portuguese Commu-
nist Party-Greens alliance, called the
CDU, gained slightly and won 16 seats. If
the three could agree on a coalition, they
could guarantee a stable majority in the
National Assembly.

In the weeks following the election, President Cavaco da Silva, a rightist, was violating the Constitution. He refused to invite the PS to try to form a government by making some agreement with the BE
and PCP. Instead, he tried to keep the old regime in office.

Finally, the PCP made a motion to re-
ject the minority rightist government.
On Nov. 10, this motion won the vote in
the National Assembly while thousands
of workers demonstrated in a number of
mistolized by the CGP-IN union federation.

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The Turkish regime’s decision to arm- bush and shoot down a Russian SU-24 bomber on the Syrian-Turkish border north of Latakia has spotlighted the risk of a large-scale war in Southwest Asia. Boosting this threat is French President François Hollande’s orders to step up the French bombing of Syria. Right be- hind French imperialism, British Prime Minister David Cameron is calling for a Europe-wide intervention in the region. Both use the Nov. 13 attack in Paris as a pretext for this new aggression, which is ostensibly aimed at the Islamic State group or I.S. These two former colonial powers want to get back in as overlords of that region in Southwest Asia, this time under Wash-ington and the Pentagon’s hegemony. Workers World wants to state up front that we oppose any U.S., French, British, German, Turkish or other NATO, or Sau- di or Gulf monarchy or Israeli military intervention in Syria and Iraq. We alert anti-war and working-class forces in the world’s workers and all oppressed nations. The regimes and ruling classes within the Saudi Arabian and other Gulf monar- chies militarily and against I.S. and to invite help, on the other hand, have the right to defend their sovereignity against impe- rialism and against I.S. and to invite help from their allies. It is unlikely that the Russian plane was in Turkish airspace for only 37 sec- onds when it was attacked, as the Turkish government claims. This, however, is of little importance, as is whether the Turk- ish regime cleared its attack with NATO first. The central question is what the U.S.-NATO “coalition” represents in the world and in Syria. This imperialist alli- ance includes the U.S. and all of NATO, the Saudi Arabian and other Gulf monar- chies, and Israel. These are the main forc- es underpinning worldwide reaction and exploitation. They are the enemies of the world’s workers and all oppressed nations. In Syria, they are using the sovereign government and either replace it with a puppet state or leave a failed state. The regimes and ruling classes within this imperialist bloc have a two-sided approach to organizations like the I.S. and al-Qaida. The U.S. started this in 1979, when it and Saudi Arabia funded and nurtured al-Qaida and groups with similar feudal ideology to fight the Soviet Army and the progressive government in Afghanistan. When these reactionaries killed Afghan women teachers, the impe- rialist media still called them “freedom fighters.” That changed drastically following 9/11. Washington then used al-Qaida as its enemy of choice, tying that al-Qaida was allied with the Taliban in Afghan- stan and with Saddam Hussein in Iraq. Later, in 2011, U.S.-NATO again pro- vided air support for opposition groups that would provide the “boots on the ground” to oust the Muammar Gadha- fi government in Libya, including those with similar ideology. Meanwhile the French air force started bombing, fol- lowed tenfold by the Pentagon. Then the imperialists armed all the op- position to the Damascus government in Syria and continued to do so even though most arms ending up with the most reac- tionary forces. During that time, French and Belgian police services set up to obstacles to recruitment to fight against the Bashar al-Assad government in Syr- ia. Many wound up fighting for I.S. Some eventually turned their weapons on civil- ians in Paris. These U.S.-NATO imperialist wars have killed at least 3.6 million people and made ten times that number refugees. Imperialist aggression is responsible for the growth of groups like I.S., as is the vicious anti-Muslim propaganda that accompanies war preparation. We must fight Islamophobia as hard as we do any other form of racism or bigotry. The U.S. must not allow the regimes in Washington, Paris, London and Berlin to open another round of war in the region that can have unfortunate consequences there and at home. Say “No!” to Islamophobia! U.S. and all its allies: Get out of Syria and Iraq! The Drone Four: Michael Haas, Brandon Bryant, Cian Westmoreland and Stephen Lewis.

What’s behind the Malta Summit

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A gathering of African leaders and Eu- ropean Union member-states in Malta has proposed a financial package of near- ly $1 billion to offer an additional $3 billion from Africa to Europe. European govern- ments say they are willing to send funds to Africa to help stop migrants from Africa to Europe. This plan would, in effect, turn African presidents and prime ministers into Eu- rope’s gatekeepers. Threats of relocation of dislocation inter- nationally is worse than during any oth- er period since World War II. In Syria alone, some 11 million people have been displaced. Millions more are fleeing the country. People from Africa and Asia are flooding out of their regions seeking refu- gee from imperialist war and capitalism’s burgeoning world crisis. Rather than address the causes of the dis- location and migration, European impe- rialist states and their allies are seeking to contain the crisis inside the borders of the oppressed nations — the same na- tions the imperialists destroyed through centuries of enslavement, colonization, neocolonization, superexploitation and militarism.

Hundreds of thousands of migrants and refugees have swarmed across the Mediterranea- n Sea into southern, central and eastern Europe, creating a humanitarian crisis and exposing the EU’s governments’ rac- ism. This racism has hardened the EU’s offer of billions to stem migration, African leaders, even those closely tied politically and eco- nomically to the imperialist states, have been forced to go against their own peoples with scep- ticism and outright rejection. Somali Prime Minister Omar Ab- dullahi Sheik Sharmarka is heavily depen- dent upon United States and EU funding for the 22,000-member African Union Mission to Somalia (AMISOM). This force and U.S. and NATO in- tergovernmental military advisors handle Soma- lia’s security. Sharmarka said, “Africa needed investment, not charity, to improve its economy.” (BBC, Nov. 13) So- malia’s experience illustrates that West- ern aid and military occupation do not generally transform social stability and economic prosperity. Moreover, the EU countries have not raised the funds for this proposed project. It appears that the EU councils have appar- ently reflecting doubts about its efficacy. Pledges of assistance have done little to halt migration when European states’ for- eign ministers have been reported by the Guardian as saying they are not eager to be labeled by Washington’s “war on terrorism.” European divisions over migration

Growth in migration from Africa to Europe has accelerated this year, divid- ing the EU politically. Hundreds of thou- sand of migrants are being trafficked across North Africa to the Mediterrannea- n Sea, where countless numbers have drowned. Migrants have run into barriers and brutality in eastern Europe, where sever- al governments seek to ban people origi- nating in Africa, the Middle East and Asia from entering their countries. Im- migrants, desperate migrants have met with water cannons evoke sympathy for their plight as well as outrage. “Cross-border co-operation is dis- integrating as barbed wire goes up and..."
Protests, international assembly in the Philippines challenge global apartheid

By Bill Dores
Metro Manila, Philippines

Nov. 19 — The capital city of the Philippines became a front line in the global class war. President Barack Obama and 18 other heads of state and government joined 7,000 corporate CEOs for the Asia Pacific Economic Summit held Nov. 18-19. Obama in particular came to promote the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, a giant “free trade” zone, which will drive down workers’ wages and living standards in the force Pacific Asian countries to further open their economies to U.S. and Canadian monopoly capital.

Tens of thousands of ordinary people also came to Manila: Indigenous people, workers, farmers, fishers, students and urban poor from around the Philippines and around the world. They came to protest “neoliberal” austerity, displacement and global apartheid.

The U.S.-paid Philippine state did not want them there. The military blocked roads leading to Manila and locked thousands of Indigenous people and urban poor in detention centers. It deployed armies of police. But clubs and water cannon could not stop the people from bringing their demands and grievances to the gates of the International Conference Center.

“You are so tough when you are up against protecting Filipinos,” Joms Salazar, general secretary of the Philippine women’s organization Gabriela, cried out. “But when it comes to foreign troops coming to our land to build military bases, you welcome them with open arms.”

Many protesters came from Mindanao, the southernmost island of the Philippines, where corporate mining and logging operations are driving people from their land. Among them were Lumads from the southernmost island of Mindanao who are being murdered and displaced by U.S.-armied Philippine military and state death squads. Hundreds of Lumads have camped out in Manila despite police brutality and harassment.

Others came from farther away, from Panama and Colombia, from south Korea and West Papua, Malaysia, Mexico, Senegal, Indonesia, Australia, Japan, Cambodia, and the U.S., reflecting the international character of the battle against police terror in the United States.

Famed Palestinian freedom fighter Leila Khaled told the crowd, “We are fighting the same enemy — the imperialists, Zionists, capitalists. We have every right to be here!”

“God will tell people that we are not alone! Palestinians, like Filipinos, are ready to pay the high price for our freedom,” she said.

A global people’s assembly

The APEC summit was not the only powerful gathering happening in Manila that week. Over 400 delegates and observers from 180 organizations from 39 countries, territories and autonomous regions attended the Fifth International Assembly of the International League of People’s Struggle on Nov. 14.

They were from workers’ unions and organizations of peasants, Indigenous people, migrants, women, urban poor, students, LGBTQ people, tenants, teaching medical workers, cultural workers, lawyers, scientists and others. They represented the power of the workers and oppressed, those who produce the wealth of the world.

ILPS describes itself as the largest international anti-imperialist alliance in the world, composed of assemblies of the International Women’s Alliance and the International Migrants’ Alliance and followed by the International Festival of People’s Rights and Struggles.

The theme of the Fifth Assembly was “For a Socially Just World, Strengthened Peoples’ Solidarity and Intensified the Struggle Against Imperialist Plunder, Crisis and War!” The assembly opened with keynote speeches by former U.S. Rep. Dr. Cynthia McKinney and Palestinian revolutionary Leila Khaled.

McKinney exposed the history of U.S. imperialism in Asia and warned, “Be aware President Obama’s pivot to Asia! Don’t get tricked and don’t be fooled.”

Khaled spoke of the Intifada emerging in Palestine: “As a Palestinian and like my brothers, we want to maintain the Intifada that, like its predecessors, is based among those who are most marginalized, most oppressed and most determined to seek their freedom.” She called on the international movement of the peoples of the world to support the Palestinian people in their struggle to change the international balance of power and escalating the cost of occupation.

Washington has person, exiled Filipino revolutionary hero Jose Maria Sison, addressed the assembly by video recording. Sison said that the assembly is deliberately timed to oppose the APEC summit and neoliberal imperialist globalization schemes that brutally exploit working people and drive the world into a worsening economic and social crisis.

He spoke of the current global crisis of the capitalist system, the intensifying exploitation and oppression of the people by monopoly capital and growing people’s resistance.

Deliberative meetings of the League’s 17 commissions were punctuated by powerful internationalist plenaries. It was also a fighting assembly. Delegates joined mass actions in solidarity with the Lumad people of Mindanao, with farmworkers on the 11th anniversary of the Hacienda Laguna massacre and an anti-imperialist vigil for the victims of ISIS attacks in Beirut and Paris.

Among the delegates was Malick Sy of Senegal. He said, “As a trade unionist, we must stand with all those who are fighting against imperialist economic policies.” He compared APEC to the Africa Trade Zone, which is worsening people’s lives through privatization, deregulation and destroying agricultural production.

Orly Marcellana is a regional general secretary of the Peasant Movement of the Philippines. His spouse, Eden, was murdered 12 years ago by a military death squad. He described how peasants in the southern Philippines have been forced to live in the land to make room for multinational-owned malls, golf courses and “special economic zones.” Those who resist are targeted by the military. He said: “Coming here I learned that people in other countries are suffering the same things or worse than us. Our struggle to defend the Philippines must fight harder and join with people all over the world resisting U.S. imperialism.”

On its last day, the assembly approved a general declaration and elected a new International Coordinating Committee. That night, delegates and guests from the countries represented joined with mass organizations in the Philippines and sang, rapped, recited poetry and danced to celebrate international solidarity and the spirit of resistance. Highlights included a duet between a rapper from the U.S. and a young Lumad boy, along with a performance remembering the Ayotzinapa 43 in Mexico.

The 40-strong U.S. delegation, mostly composed of students, sang the “We Can’t Breathe” song. Jason Martinez of the Indigenus Defense and Resistance Unity Movement (IDRUM) sang and drummed this classic.

Said Martinez of the assembly, “I was honored to be able to share war stories and learn about struggles that are happening in Latin America, the Philippines, Indonesia, and even within the U.S. and more.”

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Crimenes históricos de militares franceses

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abrió fuego contra una manifestación de 30,000 huelguistas en los 70 y 300 personas. Si usted no ha oído hablar de esto, es porque la policía francesa y los medios de comunicación conspiraron para mantenerlo en secreto hasta que finalmente se verificó en la década de 1990. (La batalla de París), Jean-Luc Einiandi, 1991)

Esta historia de intervención militar imperialista contiúna. Aviones franceses alliaron la guerra aérea contra Libia en 2011, llevando a la destrucción bárbara de ese país por la OTAN. Aviones franceses están bombardeando hoy en Siria e Irak, junto a la “coalición” liderada por Estados Unidos.
¡Solidaridad con los pueblos originarios!

Por Monica Moorehead

El siguiente es un saludo a solidaridad con los pueblos nativos en el día Día Nacio nal de Luto de la paz y el vencimiento del capitalismo del país por el Partido Workers World / Mun do Obrero, Monica Moorehead y Lambton Lilly.

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Crímenes históricos y militares franceses

Por John Catalinotto

Muchos jóvenes en París fueron víctimas de una represión brutal en el 11 de noviembre, pero eso no quiere decir que el estado imperialista francés es inocente. Aunque la Revolución Francesa de 1789 levantó las consignas ideológicas de libertad, igualdad y fraternidad, el imperialismo francés, que se desarrolló a partir de esa revolución burguesa, tiene una historia sangrienta en el mundo. Las acciones de 

Eduardas negras/os lideran resistencia al racismo

Estudiantes de derecho de Harvard: ¡Royall Debe Caer!

En la Universidad de Derecho de Harvard en Cambridge, Massachusetts, los estudiantes negros y latinos han disfrazado retratos de profesores negros con pinturas rojas. Michele Hall, una estudiante negra de segundo año, dijo que estas acciones de protesta se han realizado en varios países. "El mundo entero está viendo claramente la lucha por los derechos de los estudiantes de color en el mundo entero. "

La Universidad de Massachusetts en Amherst.

Por John Catalinotto

A los menos 30 estudiantes estadounidenses realizaron protestas el 18 de noviembre para responder al creciente número de ataques racistas contra estudiantes negros en el movimiento Black Lives Matter, un movimiento que ha sido formado Colectivo de Liberación Negra, que creó el estudiantblackoutday. Entre las universi- dades que llevaron a cabo estas protestas estaban Tufts, la Universidad de California en Los Ángeles, Stanford, Yale y la Univer- 

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