At Standing Rock
‘We’re not going anywhere’

By Monica Moorehead

Dec. 6 — In a full-blown North Dakota blizzard, thousands of veterans, many of whom were stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan, led a march Dec. 5 to Highway 1806 Backwater Bridge in solidarity with the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota Nations of Standing Rock. The bridge is the site where police viciously used concussion grenades, tear gas, water cannons and more against unarmed water protectors on Nov. 20.

The veterans mobilized delegations of thousands to come to Standing Rock the first weekend in December to act as human shields to protect the ongoing illegal construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline on Sioux land, a $3.7 billion pipeline that will span four states.

The ranks of those standing with Standing Rock swelled to an estimated 20,000 people.

The federal government’s Army Corp of Engineers (ACoE), which controls some of the land and permits for where the pipeline is being built, had issued a Dec. 5 “eviction notice” to water protectors to leave their encampments.

As the veterans — many of them Indigenous, along with hundreds of non-Native vets — descended upon Standing Rock, the ACoE suddenly issued a statement on Dec. 4 saying that they would not grant an easement for the pipeline to be drilled under the Missouri River at Lake Oahe, which is part of Standing Rock’s unceded treaty land. The Obama administration, largely silent on the crisis at Standing Rock for months, announced it was sending a federal mediator to monitor potential “violence” — having failed since August to take any action at all to stop the violence that was suffered repeatedly by water protectors.

Many in the water protector movement were joyous upon hearing this news from the ACoE, but their celebration was short-lived. Energy Transfer Partners and Sunoco Logistics Partners (SXL), Wall Street corporations backing the pipeline, announced several hours later that they would not be beholden to the ACoE statement and that they planned to drill under Lake Oahe regardless of whether an easement had been granted.

ETP and SXL had filed an action in federal court on Nov. 14 and issued a press release Dec. 4, stating, “The White House’s directive today to the Corps for further delay is just the latest in a series of overt and transparent political actions by an administration which has abandoned the rule of law in favor of currying favor with a narrow and extreme political constituency.

“As stated all along, ETP and SXL are fully committed to ensuring that this vital project is brought to completion and fully expect to complete construction of the pipeline without any additional rerouting in and around Lake Oahe. Nothing this Administration has done today changes that in any way.”

Indigenous Nations inspire broad solidarity

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Cuba masses salute Fidel

By Cheryl LaBash

Cuba’s nine-day, islandwide farewell to Fidel Castro ended Dec. 4 in Santiago de Cuba on the island’s southwest tip. The ashes of the undefeated historic leader of the Cuban Revolution were placed into a large granite boulder by Cuban President Raúl Castro. A simple black marker with gold letters FIDEL sealed the enclosure.

Fidel’s death on Nov. 25 coincided with the 60th anniversary of when 82 revolutionary fighters led by Fidel sailed in the yacht The Granma from Mexico to launch an armed struggle that liberated Cuba from the U.S.-backed Batista dictatorship. The memorial activities

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Majority Navajo veterans prepare for march to Backwater Bridge, Dec. 5.

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Hate capitalism? Workers World Party fights for a socialist society – where the wealth is socially owned and production is planned to satisfy human need. This outmoded capitalist system is dragging workers’ living standards while millions are out of jobs. If you’re young, you know they’re stealing your future. And capitalism is threatening the entire planet with its unexplained, profit-driven stronghold over the means of production.

Workers built it all – it belongs to society, not to a handful of billionaires! But we need a revolution to make that change. That’s why for 57 years WWP has been building a revolutionary party of the working class inside the belly of the beast.

We fight every kind of oppression. Racism, sexism, degrading people because of their nationality, sexual or gender identity or disabilities – all are tools the ruling class uses to keep us apart. They ruthlessly super-exploit some in order to better exploit us all. WWP builds unity among all workers while supporting the right of self-determination. Fighting oppression is a working-class issue, which is confirmed by the many labor struggles led today by people of color, immigrants and women.

WWP has a long history of militant opposition to imperialism. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. The billionaire rulers are bent on turning imperialist wars. 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Fred Hampton ¡presente!

Dec. 4 marked the 47th anniversary of the cowardly assassination of Fred Hampton, the state chairperson of the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party in Chicago. The dynamic, 21-year-old leader was shot multiple times — as he lay sleeping in his bed — by the Chicago police at the behest of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s counterintelligence program. Cointelpro, founded by the notorious FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover, targeted the BPP for extermination using various tactics of infiltration, jailings and assassinations. Mark Clark, another BPP member, was also murdered in that police attack.

Hampton’s partner, Deborah Johnson, aka Akua Njeri, who survived the attack, was eight months pregnant at the time. Their son, Fred Hampton Jr., is a prominent leader in Chicago’s Black community.

West Virginia

Racist murder of Black teen

James Means — a 15-year-old unarmed Black youth — was killed by William Ronald Pulliam, a 62-year-old white man, on Nov. 22 in Charleston, W.Va. That attack was motivated by racism is evident from Pulliam’s unapologetic statement after the shooting: “The way I look at it, that’s another piece of trash off the street.”

Means belonged to a program called Dream Chasers, helping “at-risk” children develop career goals. He hoped to become a car mechanic.

Pulliam claims that Means pulled a gun on him. But even the police say that was not the case. Means had no gun. Pulliam himself was barred from owning a fire-arm due to a prior violent conviction. Pulliam felt the need to punish Means for being “guilty” of being Black. According to Teonno White, a friend of Means, Pulliam had a record of racism.

A vigil at the shooting site was held Nov. 23 to honor Means’ life. Family, friends and classmates were present. Local authorities are charging Pulliam with murder, and have asked the FBI to determine if the murder was a “hate crime.”

Obviously, this was a crime of bigotry and racism. And again and again we hear news stories of unarmed people of color being murdered by police, police-wan nables and civilian racists. Racism is an inherent component of life in Appalachia and, broadly, the United States.

The murder of James Means, a teenager, by a man nearly five decades his elder, must be seen in the context of the ongoing wave of violence against oppressed peoples that has followed the election of President-elect Donald Trump. He won West Virginia with a nearly 70 percent share of the votes cast.

There is a racist war raging against Black and Brown people, North to South, East to West, both domestically and abroad. Until we can establish revolutionary socialism across the globe, we cannot expect to see an end to racist killers, employed by both the state and vigilantes, who plague our society.

Update from the frontlines in Charlotte, N.C.

By Lexa Rice

Charlotte, N.C.

On Nov. 30, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney’s office announced that Brevin Vinson, the pig who murdered Keith Lamont Scott on Sept. 21, won’t be indicted.

This did not surprise anyone who has been organizing to end police terror, as the capitalist state will never hold accountable the agents of its own violence. In the same fighting spirit as the day Keith Scott was murdered, but in smaller numbers, protest ers hit the streets for several hours. The action was called by Charlotte Uprising, a coalition of groups fighting to end police terrorism, the same coalition that has been in the streets since the Charlotte rebellion started.

As the action began, protesters gathered on the steps of the Charlotte Metro Police Department headquarters, and speakers called attention to the cops behind us, watching us. We faced them and confronted them for their lies about the death of Justin Carr, killed while protesting the night after Keith Scott was killed.

The big-business media painted this confrontation as a “conversation” to try to make CMPD look good. But this had nothing to do with an exchange of information. Rather, community members were publically denouncing the police.

Rev. Pinkney moved, again

By David Sole

Michigan political prisoner Rev. Edward Pinkney has once again been transferred to another facility. Only two weeks and a half months after being sent from Marquette Branch Prison into the general population, Rev. Pinkney was moved to the adjacent Brooks/Fremont Correctional Facility on Nov. 22 with no prior notice. Rev. Pinkney, an African-American community leader from Benton Harbor, Mich., has spent almost two years behind bars like this. When transferred to two to 30 years in prison on Dec. 15, 2014, for allegedly altering dates on a recall petition against Benton Harbor’s then mayor. When明细s on his arrest report, the all-white jury followed the judge and prosecutor’s advice that “you don’t need evidence to convict Pinkney.” The Mich igan Court of Appeals agreed on July 26, finding that Rev. Pinkney’s activist histo
Workers held a National Day of Disrup-
tion for $15 and a Union across the Unit-
ed States on Nov. 29, marking the fourth
anniversary of the continuing Fight for
$15 movement. The most exploited and
lowest-paid workers launched this battle
in 2012 when some 200 workers boldly
walked out at several fast food restau-
Rants in New York City.

The movement has gained momentum
ever since, as millions of workers strug-
gle to survive on a federal minimum wage
of $7.25 an hour and on low wages in al-
most every sector of the workforce. Fight
for $15 and a Union now involves workers
far outside the fast food industry, includ-
ing health care, child care and home care-
workers, airport baggage handlers, other
airport workers, Uber drivers, university
adjuncts, education workers, bank tellers
and numerous others. Many are workers
who used to have a decent job, but who
are now getting lower wages, reduced
benefits, fewer hours or have no job at all.

The Service Employees Union, re-
Presenting many low-wage workers, has
backed the movement and poured re-
sources into the national campaign. SEIU
members are seen at most demonstra-
tions, along with members of many other
unions. Fight for $15 workers have had
strong connections that overlap with Black
Lives Matter and immigrant rights orga-
nizations. Locally and nationally FP15 has
broad support from community groups,
clergy and faith-based organizations, pro-
gressive activists and a few politicians.

A Fight for $15 press release states
what the struggle has won: “All told, the
Fight for $15 has led to wage hikes for
22 million underpaid working families,
including more than 20 million who are on
their way to $15/hour, by convincing
everyone from voters to politicians to
organizations to raise pay. The movement
was credited as one of the reasons medi-
an income jumped last year by the high-
est percentage since the 1960s.”

This workers’ battle is likely to become
much fiercer when the anti-worker, an-
ti-poor policies of the Trump administra-
tion, which are surely coming, take effect.

From sunset to sundown
The FF15 demonstrations began Nov.
29 before the sun came up, starting in the
East and moving westward as fast food
outlets and other workplaces began open-
ing for the day. Organizers say walkouts
and protests occurred in over 340 cit-
ties. Disruptions and protests, including
strikes, took place at 200 major airports,
including Chicago O’Hare and Boston
Logan international airports, with hun-
dreds of workers arrested throughout
the day. These mass arrests included
100 people in Kansas City, Mo., 40 in Los
Angeles, more than 50 in Durham, N.C.,
and 34 people in Cambridge, Mass.

Following are reports from several cit-
ies where Workers World writers and ac-
tivists took part.

In Philadelphia, more than 100 work-
ers and supporters came out in driving
rain to demonstrate. Participants includ-
ed members of the United Home Care
Workers of Pennsylvania, Fight for 15
Pennsylvania, Working Educators Cau-
cus of the Philadelphia Federation of
Teachers, National Association of Letter
Carriers and Coalition of Labor Union
Women. Low-wage workers, other union
members and supporters joined in. They
marched and chanted from a McDonald’s
restaurant in North Philly to Thomas
Paine Plaza across from City Hall.

After several workers and organizers
spoke about their struggle, the crowd
walked to a nearby McDonald’s store.
They carried placards with slogans and
demands like “We won’t back down” and
“Stop structural racism and police kill-
ings of Black people.”

Police blocked off the street in front of
the store and eventually arrested 13 ac-
tivists for “refusing to disperse.”

Super-exploited workers speak out
In Rockville, Md., the seat of Montgom-
ery County and part of the Baltimore-
Washington, D.C., metropolitan area,
political activists and religious people
joined unionists to reeducate themselves
for the fight for $15 and a Union. They
gathered outside the Montgomery Coun-
ty Council offices despite rain and fog.
Unions with members present were
UFCW locals 1994 and 400 and SEIU lo-
cals 340 and 1832. Carls Johns, the
new president of the D.C. Metro AFL-CIO
Council, spoke briefly.

The most poignant remarks were made
by several Latins and super-exploited
workers organizing on their jobs. A young
Safeway grocery clerk in Local 400 de-
scribed how poor people shop for food. At
the checkout she sees the way they have
to put things aside or back on the shelf
and the pain on their faces as they see the
price has gone up on what they used to be
able to buy.

A Latina brought the crowd to tears
and to raise angry fists. Her landlord
raised her rent $800 a month. She and
her spouse don’t believe they can make
forty hours a week to pay off their rent.

Marchers order ‘Number 15 combo’
Low-wage workers in the metro Detroit
area staged several militant actions. Be-
fore sunrise, an estimated 1,000 workers
gathered in front of a fast food restaurant
on the city’s west side, blocking a major
downtown street and sustaining 59 arrests.

Around noon, in an action organized
by SEIU Local 1, more than 300 workers
pickedet at Detroit Metropolitan Airport
in support of low-wage airport workers,
demanding $15 hour.

Later in the day, more than 600 work-
ers gathered at another fast food eatery.
They marched past the drive-through window,
ordering the “Number 15 com-
bo” as they shouted for $15 an hour.

Pastor W.J. Rideout III, spokesperson
for “Refusal to Disperse,” recited words
from the U.S. Constitution.

“Justice can’t wait!”
The San Diego FF15 showed powerful com-
munality solidarity on Nov. 29. More than
1,000 people rallied downtown outside
the Federal Building and then marched
through the streets of the Gaslamp Quar-
ter, a tourist district. The message was
“Justice can’t wait! We won’t back down!”

Many people, representing a variety of
organizations, spoke at the beginning of
the rally. “An injury to one is an injury to
us all” was a major theme. Speakers noted,
“If one of us is homeless, it is an injustice
to all. If one person is killed by police, it’s
an injustice to us all.” Many issues were
raised in this manner.

Indigenous people brought partici-
pants up to date on the thousands resis-
ting at Standing Rock in North Dakota.
There was a die-in where people lay on
the ground while Chris Wilson from Alli-
ance San Diego recited words from Maya
Angelou’s poem, “Still I Rise.” It was
a profound, dramatic expression of how
human lives matter little in a society that
places profits over people.

As the marches surged through the
streets, mini-rallies were conducted at
several major intersections, halting traf-
ic and alerting hundreds of bystanders to
the marchers’ concerns. Drummers, led by
Ground Zero Players and Indigenous drum
rings, drew more people into the streets.

The march concluded in the middle
of Park Boulevard, with San Diego City
College on one curb and a McDonald’s
restaurant on the other. The huge throng
was slow in dispersing, with spontaneous
outbursts addressing political questions
and plans for future actions.

The National Action Network, Fight
for $15, Black Lives Matter, the Alfred Glan-
go family, Alliance San Diego, San Diego
350, the San Diego Light Brigade, Work-
ers World Party, the Committee Against
Police Brutality, Unión del Barrio, UHU-
RU, several labor unions and many
churches were some of the organizations
and groups represented. People Over
Profit was one of the sponsoring groups.

Joe Piette, Kermit Leibensperger
(a steward in Food and Commercial
Workers Local 1994 in Maryland),
Mike Shaw and Gloria Verdua con-
tributed to this article.
North Carolina backs down the KKK

By Dante Strobino
Raleigh, N.C.

There was once a time when the Klansmen would march in the thousands with impunity in the capital cities of the U.S. South. But today mass movements across the country have pushed them back, despite the electoral win of bigoted Donald Trump. Millions of people in the streets, marching against Trump and all he stands for, have embodied the social movement.

Over 2,000 people rallied in downtown Raleigh at Moore Square Park on Dec. 3 to protest the KKK and Trump — to forge ahead with struggles for people’s power and against racism, wars and all forms of oppression.

The Knights of the KKK, a small group in Pelham, N.C., had announced they would be holding a Dec. 3 “victory kavalcade” at an unannounced location somewhere in North Carolina.

To oppose them, there were coordinat-ed big rallies in Raleigh, Charlotte and Greensboro. People also rallied in Salisbury and Greene. People from countless other cities across the state came to the Raleigh and Charlotte rallies, truly expressing a statewide day of action.

Desmona Gatewood, emcee of the rally, stated the purpose of the rallies: “We refuse to back down against the endless police murders of Black people. We stand in solidarity with the Black community in Charlotte as they protest against the non-indictment of cop Brently Vinson who killed Keith Lamont Scott. We stand in solidarity with our immigrant friends who now fear threats of deportation by Trump. Our movement for not one more deportation will keep fighting ahead!”

Gatewood continued, “We stand against hate crimes and racist violence against our friends who are labeled terror- orists by the state and Trump by virtue of being Muslim. We are also workers fighting for $15 per hour and for collective bargaining rights for public workers! We oppose any new wars that Trump threatens to create. We move forward to advance our struggle for quality public schools and to defend all public services that Trump has threatened to shut down. We won’t let him shut anything down!”

The Triangle Unity May Day Coalition, representing a broad range of freedom fighters and organizations, including Black, Latinx, LGBTQ, Muslim, immigrant, women, workers and people with disabilities, called the rally to assert that “ThisIsOurNC” — that the state belongs to the people, not to the forces of Wall Street or the wealthy, not to white supremacists and the police.

The day after the rally, the Triangle (Durham, Chapel Hill and Raleigh) area People’s Assembly drew hundreds of new people eager to get involved in the militan-t social movement.

The rally came a few days after the Charlotte District Attorney decided not to indict Brently Vinson, the white cop who killed Keith Lamont Scott. It came only a day after a South Carolina jury was deadlocked and failed to convict Michael Slager, a white former North Charleston policeman who killed unarmed Walter Scott. A mistrial was declared Dec. 5.

As for the KKK, they did finally confirm late Friday night that they would be in Pelham. A group of about 150 folks, organized through the Triangle Indus-trial Workers of the World, traveled there to directly confront the KKK, but they had moved their event. Chasing them to Danville, Va., the IWU took the streets and marched carrying a banner, reading, “John Brown Lives, Smash White Supremacy.” The reference is to the white freedom fighter who organized an armed 19th-century uprising against slavery.

The KKK never publicly displayed them-selves in Danville. They later appeared briefly in Richmond, N.C., with a small carava-non of about 20 cars that rode through the town, flying U.S. flags, Confederate flags and KKK flags, for about five minutes with support from the local police.

The unified movement had forced the KKK to scuttle and run. As Manzoor Cheema, of Muslims for Social Justice, said at the Raleigh rally, “The gathering at the anti-KKK rally should not be the only time when people come together to challenge racism and oppression. People need to become part of a long-term move-ment to challenge all forms of oppression. Triangle People’s Assembly is building such a grass-roots movement that centers power to the most marginalized.”

People’s Power Assembly shows anti-Klan solidarity

Scores of activists from New York City’s People’s Power Assembly gathered in freezing weather at Co-lumbus Circle on Dec. 3 to show solidarity with anti-Klan initiatives across the U.S. by loudly indict- ing police for the murder of Terray Gainer in Randallstown, Md.

Buffalo kicks off month of ‘RESIST!’

To kick off a month of resistance to the whole Trump agenda, Buffalo activists turned out with signs on Dec. 1 at a bus transfer point downtown during the busy rush hour. They got enthusiastic respons-es — including raised fists and “thank yours” from a school bus full of African-American teens!

— Ellen Dorritie

Harvard blockade bans neo-Nazi Bannon

By Steve Gillis
Boston

Hundreds of students, university workers, social justice activists and contingents of antifa and other anti-fascist activists from greater Boston blockaded the doors of the Kennedy School of Government in a cold, dark rain on Nov. 30, outraged that “liberal” Harvard had invited Stephen Bannon, former head of the white-supremacist and neo-Nazi Breitbart News, and oth-er Trump “advisers” to a conference.

Protesters viewed the “War Stories: Inside Campaign 2016” discussion as a declaration of war on campus. They came ready to fight, without a permit and in the face of police, the crowd packed the Kennedy School entrance, chanting, “No Trump, No KKK, No fascist USA!”

Cheers erupted when Tom Arabia and Zachary Lown, two organizers who put the demonstration together in 48 hours, announced that Bannon, a cowardly bigot, had backed out last minute in the face of police, the crowd packed the Kennedy School entrance, chanting, “No Trump, No KKK, No fascist USA!”

Young attorney Jasmine Gomez, a protest organizer, announced the day’s demands to rousing cheers and fists: “1. No normalization of bigotry, no plat-forms for hate! 2. Fire Bannon! 3. No to the Trump agenda of racial profiling, “law and order” policies, and legalizing anti-women and anti-LGBTQ discrimination! 4. Make Harvard a sanctuary school! 5. Build our movement by stand-ing together against hate!”

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The new generation of anti-fascists then streamed onto John F. Kennedy Street and into Memorial Drive, blaring, “Hey Trump, get out the way! Get out the way, Trump, get out the way!”

Fascism can only be defeated by shutting it down!”

Many #jewishresistance and LGBTQ activists took the mic to denounce the Trump cabal’s Islamophobia, pledging to put their bodies on the line to defend Muslim and migrant sisters and brothers under attack.

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reviewed the history of the Cuban Revolution, which is synonymous with Fidel himself.

Although Fidel was 90, and had noted at the 7th Congress of the Communist Party in April that it was likely the last time he would address them, his death evoked tears, tributes, pledges and the cry, “Yo soy Fidel” (I am Fidel). As the depth of support for the Cuban Revolution became clear in the outpouring for Fidel, the vicious pronouncements paralyzed by capitalist media at the initial announcement of his death became muted. There would be no counterrevolutionary uprising.

Cubans streamed to the Jose Marti Monument in Havana to express their condolences and pledged to support the revolution.

On the evening of Nov. 29, world leaders gathered at the U.N., held up lighting Havana’s Revolution Square. Just weeks after the second anniversary of the announcement that the U.S. and Cuba intended to resume diplomatic relations, the Barack Obama administration did not send an official delegation to the memorial.

So, Fidel declared from the podium in Havana that Cuba what Fidel Castro’s leadership had meant, especially for Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America. Amid remembrances and history, a crowd of people after speaker condemned the continuing U.S. blockade of Fidel’s homeland.

Granma reported that Fidel, who was: Ecuadoran President Rafael Correa Delgado; President Jacob Zuma of South Africa; Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit of Dominica; Vice-President Pro Tempore of the Cuban Community (CARICom); President Salvador Sánchez Cerén of El Salvador; Prime Minister Alexsis Tsigas of Greece; President冠 of the Benin of Algeria; Vice President Li Yuanchao of the People’s Republic of China; Majid Ansari, vice president for Legal Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the Russian State Duma; Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, chairwoman of the National Assembly of Vietnam; Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani of Qatar; President Evo Morales Ayma of Bolivia; President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico; President Daniel Ortega Saavedra of Nicaragua; President Nicolas Maduro Moros of Venezuela.

Delegations from 60 countries confirmed representatives to the tribute, including presidents from Namibia, Zimbabwe and Cape Verde. World Federation of Trade Unions General Secretary George Mavrikios, Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization Executive Director Gail Walker and progressive actor Danny Glover were among the invited guests.

From Havana to Santiago, a Freedom Caravan retraced in Fidel’s victory caravanafter the Jan. 1, 1959, revolution ousted the brutal U.S.-backed Batista dictatorship. As in 1959, the caravan demonstrated the revolution’s close ties with the masses of Cuba. Everywhere the streets were lined with people of all ages paying their last respects, recording the passage of the caravan on cellphones, crying, chanting, waving Cuban flags. The world saw the faces of a determined and revolutionized Cuba, nurtured, educated and healthy because of their socialist revolution.

Fidel’s ashes rested overnight in Santa Clara’s Che Guevara Memorial with the remains of Che and his internationalist comrades. In the last days of December 1958, Che’s Rebel Army column had broken the back of the dictatorships’ resistance by deactivating a train full of arms and reinforcements in Santa Clara. Batista then fled to the Dominican Republic.

Now, thousands of people waving Cuban and July 26 Movement flags waited for Fidel’s caravan, keeping an all-night vigil.

Santiago says goodbye
Fidel’s ashes were put to rest in Santiago. During an evening public gathering, Uliass Guiarite de Nacimiento, secretary general of the Cuban Workers’ Federation, the U.S. At Out Front. He understood that with the triumph of Jan. 1, 1959, the working class had become essential to the construction of the new social project.

Fidel always encouraged consultation with the labor movement regarding the most important tasks of the Revolution,” he added, concluding that thanks to Fidel, Cuba is a dignified, independent, anti-imperialist country that practices solidarity. Fidel would live on in the hearts of all Cubans.

The presidents of the Association of Small Farmers and the Association of Cubans from the Cuban Revolution were followed by a member of the Cuban Communist Party Central Committee and the National Coordinator of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution.

The National Secretary of the Federation of Cuban Women, Teresa Amarelle, stated, “We Cuban women are the Revolution. Raúl, you can count on our Cuban women.”

Miguel Barnet, president of the National Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba, noted, “Fidel articulated in a harmonious way the thinking of Bolivar, Marti and Marx, which made the Cuban Revolution unique in the world.”

Two young women — Jennifer Bello, president of the Federation of University Students, and Sucelys Morfa, secretary workersworld.org

Fidel and Billy Dean Smith

By John Catalinotto

It was Sept. 28, 1972. Angela Da
dis and Fidel Castro were speaking at a mass meeting in Havana. Davis, recently freed from U.S. prisons by workers and students, had called a rally to celebrate the case of Pvt. Billy Dean Smith.

Smith, openly anti-war while stationed in Germany, was stood accused of lobbing a fragmentation grenade on March 15, 1971, that killed two off
cer and wounded one at the U.S. Army base near Bien Hoa, South Vietnam. Smith, 24, a Black enlisted man from the Watts section of Los Angeles, was singled out by his racist “superiors” for the fragging.

When Fidel spoke, he said, “A man became a criminal. A man who refused to kill Vietnamese people, who refused to kill women and children, to burn homes, to torture and to commit all acts of this type. They are demanding his head and therefore there is now a new symbol: Billy Dean Smith.

“Here is a new cause for the progressive movement and a new cause for inter-
national solidarity,” said Fidel, comparing Smith’s case with that of Lt. William Calley, who massacred hundreds of Viet
namese in My Lai. Fidel called for raising support with Smith, just as the world’s people had done for Angela Davis. (tinyurl.com/x3p5fo)

Eleven years earlier, Fidel declared he was a Marxist-Leninist. His immediate support for Billy Dean Smith showed he meant it. Davis wrote in her autobiography that posters showed up all over Havana during those days calling for free
dom for Smith.

As a Marxist-Leninist, Fidel understood the class struggle also existed withing the enemy. He understood that the consciousness of the U.S. troops changed day by day. Encouraging this consciousness could aid the Vietnam
ese liberation struggle. And much more.

At the time, Workers World Party and those of us who were organizing the Amer
can Servicemen’s Union also supported union member Billy Dean Smith. The ASU would back any rank-and-file troop who resisted the war — by whatever means were available.

Smith won his court-martial. Accord
ing to ASU chairperson Andy Stapp, Fi
del presented Smith “with one of the o
terior Marine Corps caps that were worn by guerrillas fighting the dictator Fulgencio Batista in the Sierra Maestra mountains.” (transcript of January 2013 speech)

Catalinotto discusses the ASU in his forthcoming book, "Turn the Guns Against, Mutineers, Soldier Revolts and Revolutions."
Fidel Castro, father of the 1959 Cuban Revolution, has died, after 50 years of a life of rebellion and resistance. That bold revolutionary figure lived as long as the first in the hearts and minds of the people of color is all bound up together wherever we are. In Cuba, South Africa, Palestine, Angola, Tanzania, Mozambique, Grenada, Venezuela, Haiti, Africa America and North Dakota. We must not only root for each other but invest in each other's struggles, leading our voices, bodies and resources to liberation efforts which may seem distant from the immediacy of our daily existence.

Revolution is rooted in the recognition that there are certain fundamentals to which every being has a right, just by virtue of one's birth: healthy food, clean water, decent housing, safe communities, quality healthcare, mental health services, free and quality education, community spaces, art, democratic engagement, regular vacations, sports and places for spiritual expression that are not questions of resources, but questions of political will and they are requirements of any humane society.

Revolution requires that the determination to create and preserve these things for our people takes precedence over individual drivers for power, recognition and enrichment.

Accepting that to be a revolutionary, you must strive to live in integrity. As a Black network committed to transformation, we are particularly grateful to Fidel for showing us the possibilities. We are brothers and sisters to Fidel Castro, Comandante de la Revolución. ¡Presente!
At Standing Rock: 

‘We’re not going anywhere’

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stop this pipeline that threatens the des- tinction of ancestral lands, violates the 1851 and 1868 treaties signed between the Sioux and other Indigenous Na-

tions fighting the powers-that-be for Indigenous elders for U.S. genocidal crimes committed against Indigenous peoples, their land, their culture and resources. A Sacred Fire ceremonial dance led by Indigenous veterans took place at Oceti Sakowin Camp near the bridge.

indicating that this is just another phase of the #NoDAPL struggle despite winter temperatures, John Bigelow, head of the Oceti Sakowin camp’s media committee and a member of the Standing Rock Sioux, stated, “As water protectors, we have a responsibility to be stewards of the water. We declare here today, we are not going anywhere.” (tynsunl.com/jejd4km)

Loan Tran, a member of the Durham Branch of Workers World Party who recently traveled to Standing Rock as part of a North Carolina delegation, told WW: “What we saw in Standing Rock was not just a struggle to stop a pipeline, but a con-
tinuation of the fight for Indigenous sover-

ignty that Native people have been waging for centuries. With tens of thousands of people working and living in the encamp-

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Mohsinin Munro contributed to this article.

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Peltier’s message on Day of Mourning

Day of Mourning November 24, 2016

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Here we are again. This time the year is 2016. It has been more than 41 years since I last walked free and was able to see the sun rise and feel the earth beneath my feet. I know there have been more changes then I can even imagine out there.

But I do know that there is a struggle taking place as to whether this country will move on to a more sustainable way of life. This is something we wanted to have happen back in the seventies.

I watch the events at Standing Rock with both pride and sorrow. Pride that our people and their allies are standing up and putting their lives on the line for the coming generations, not because they want to but because they have to. They are right to stand up in a peaceful way. It is the greatest gathering of our people in history, and has made us more connected than ever before. We need to support each other as we make our way in these times.

Water IS life, and we cannot leave this issue for our children and grandchildren to deal with when there are far worse for the natural world than they are now. And Mother Earth is already in struggle. And I feel sorrow for the water protectors at Standing Rock because these last few days have brought a much harsher response from the law enforcement agen-

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Syria and the Trump administration

Excerpted from a talk by Sara Flounders, co-coordinator of the Hands Off Syria Coalition, to a Dec. 2 coalition meeting in New York.

The Hands Off Syria Coalition is part of a continuing effort to develop basic political unity on the massively destructive war in Syria and the way forward. The coalition’s “Urgent Message for peace on the eve of wider war” has now gained thousands of signers. Hundreds of peace and social justice organizations have endorsed its Points of Unity.

The statement focuses on the U.S. role: “We raise our voices against the violence we endorse its Points of Unity. and social justice organizations have endorsed its Points of Unity. An immediate end to the U.S. Backlash against social movements and sectionalism inherent in the foreign policy of de- mandate…include the right of the Syrian government to request and accept military assistance from other countries.”

New administration, same system

Big political changes can catch some of us off guard. Hope can blind people into the illusion that a new U.S. administration has a secret plan for peace.

One month ago, the media were unanimous. Clinton’s electoral victory was a sure thing. All who know Clinton’s criminal role in Syria, Libya and in NATO’s expansion had every reason to be concerned. Donald Trump’s electoral victory came as a big surprise. Now, all the same media pundit, Republicans and Democrats, are telling us that we must give the racist bigot Trump a ‘chance.’

We cannot “give a chance” to a president who says: “The most militaristic person there is, ‘I always said, take the oil; ‘I love war in a certain way,’ ‘I would bring back a hell of not worse than waterboarding,’” and “Why have nuclear weapons if we are not going to use them?”

Yet he claims to be a deal maker, willing to talk to Putin and Assad. U.S. wars are not just policy mistakes. A change of face does not change the capitalist system, a system that breeds war that lives off the profits of conquest and global domination.

The United States is an empire in de- cline. It is decaying and desperate to hold its global position and profits. It has an enormous military machine. The U.S. policy of regime change has been an all-out effort to inflame sectarian, cultural and religious divisions, arouse fanatical groups and the hatred of one group against another. It has meant arming and unleashing mercenaries and extremists whose only goal is to pull Syria apart and bring down this progressive, secular Arab state.

While opposing the war criminal Clin- ton, we need to remember that for 18 months, Trump rallied focused on using racism; attacks on immigrants, LGBTQ people and Muslims; and the most offens- ive conduct toward women.

Trump’s appointees

Much publicity was given to Trump’s comments that he does not intend to expand the war in Syria. But we should view with great apprehension the naming of gener- als, far-right extremists and known fascist forces, including Steve Bannon, Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions and retired generals Michael Flynn and James Mat- tis, to key cabinet positions. We need to prepare for ramped-up war at home and abroad.

Mattis is a warmhawk on Russia, Iran and Syria. From 2003 to 2010 he was at the helm of the military’s Central Com- mand, overseeing all military activity in the Middle East.

Every U.S. war is a racist war for domi- nation, not for democracy or human rights. The great frustration of U.S. imperi- alism is that, even after almost six years of unremitting war, a majority of Syrians support President Bashar al-Assad. Other- wise, the government would have col- lapsed.

I’ve traveled to Syria twice during these years of war. What made the greatest per- sonal impact was seeing the enormous determination of the people to resist the efforts to pull Syria apart. More than a third of the population is displaced. They flee en masse toward the government and away from the areas under the control of marauding mercenaries.

Trump has Tweeted about improved relations with Russia. He has also spo- ken of secret plans to end the war in Syria and of putting boots on the ground to defeat ISIS in Syria and Iraq.

For over two years the U.S., France, Britain, Saudi Arabia and Turkey have bombed Syria, supposedly to attack ISIS. They have hardly scrapped ISIS but have destroyed much of Syria’s infras- tructure. Saudi Arabia’s role in arming ISIS is hardly a secret.

A section of the U.S. ruling class hopes to tempt Russia into a tactical alliance against China or a break with Iran and Syria. This is the basis of Trump’s thin promises of talks and deals with Russia.

We need to build a movement based on the forces fighting for change right here in the U.S.: Refuse to align with racists and militarists of either party. Instead, con- sciously align with the Black Lives Mat- ter movement, the resistance at Standing Rock, with women and LGBTQ people, with immigrants and Muslims.

Hands Off Syria kicks off speaking tour

By Taryn Fivek

New York

It was standing-room-only at the Man- hattan Theatre Club. People not able to find seats stood in the hall or in the back to hear members of the Hands Off Syr- ia Coalition report on what the next U.S. president might mean for the war in Syria.

The panel discussion on Dec. 2 kicked off a national speaking tour that will headline Eva Bartlett, an independent journalist, along with local activists in different cities. Also participating were Dr. Ghias Moussa of the Syrian American forum, Margaret Kimberley of the Black Agenda Report and Sara Flounders repre- senting the International Action Center.

The tour will also bring speakers to audi- ences from Detroit to Denver and several cities in California. Bahman Aziz of the U.S. Peace Council chaired the event.

Bartlett, who had just returned from East Aleppo, spoke about how Syrians were pleased to hear that there are people in the West who support their struggle against foreign-backed fighters and can see through the haze of corporate media fog urging military intervention abroad.

Moussa told the audience what life in Syria was like before the war began to tear the country apart. Bread was subsidized, education was free and sectarianism was kept in check by the state.

Kimberley drew connections between racism, militarism and anti-Black rac- ism inherent in the foreign policy of de- struction that has decimated Libya, Haiti and Syria.

Flounders spoke of the need to resist Donald Trump, as his foreign policy is...
It is not even Inauguration Day and the president-elect is making speeches about the jobs he claims to have saved at a Carrier plant in Indiana. Supposedly, this deal, which he says saved 1,100 jobs that the company planned to move to Mexico, was negotiated after Trump made a phone call to the head of parent company, United Technologies. A few details were left out when this Rust Belt Cinderella story hit the presses. Like the fact that 300 of those jobs were clerical positions that weren’t going anywhere. And the fact that UT is still axing 3,200 jobs at this and another Indiana facility. Plus, a number of nearby plants are also about to close. The vice president-elect, current Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, isn’t lifting a finger to save those 14,000 jobs.

Indiana taxpayers are forking over $7 million in tax breaks — which could cost more losses in public sector jobs — to keep the Carrier factory open. Now other companies will have their hands out. They will be whining that “Carrier got their present, I want mine.” At a speech in the plant, the president-elect promised not only Carrier but all of the country’s bosses that under him they would get to closest to the lowest possible tax rate. The move would take them down from 35 percent to 15 percent. That loss of tax revenue will devastate already cash-starved urban and rural communities.

Trump added that regulations that impinge on profit-seeking would soon be a thing of the past. In other words, no more fair labor standards, no more Occupational Health and Safety Administration rules, no more civil rights laws, no more environmental protections. He promised tax breaks and a getting of “nonsense” regulations. He’ll dangling carrots for the rich when they threaten to leave the country. That is the essence of Trump’s bogus jobs program.

Oh, there’s one more thing the president-elect neglected to mention. This crony capitalist owns stock in Carrier’s parent company, United Technologies.

The Carrier deal exposes him to paragraz Mark Twain — as a liar, damned liar and a politician. That’s besides being a fascist, racist, Islamopho bic, sexist, anti-LGBTQ, xenophobic, anti-people-with-disabilities, union-hating pig, whose only concern is his self-inter est and that of his class.

The idea that free market Capitalism is not our system! All out for the Counter Inaugural on January 20!

Mad Dog’ at the Pentagon

It’s a tough job to shoot some people,” declared “Mad Dog” James Mattis to an audience of laughing U.S. military officers in occu pant of J20 program, Dec. 9

Donald Trump just chose this retired Marine four-star general to be Secretary of Defense.

If anybody thought the war danger would diminish with billionaire Trump in the White House, his pick for the Pentagon would be a very bad sign. Mattis is a superhawk obsessed with Iran. Mattis told an April 22 meeting at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington, D.C., think tank, that the three biggest threats facing the U.S. are “Iran, Iran, Iran.” (Politico, Dec. 4) Mattis denied that Iran’s 80 million people belong to a country, calling Iran “a revolutionary cause devoted to may hem.” The brass hat even made the absurd claim that Iran is in cahoots with the Islamic State group.

Overthrowing Syria’s elected government and confronting Russia are on the “Mad Dog” agenda as well.

The résumé of the future Pentagon boss includes war crimes. In May 2004 Mattis gave the order to bomb a wedding party in the Iraqi village of Mukr eeh. Forty-two children and adults were slaughtered. (London Telegraph, Dec. 2) A month earlier, forces under Mattis’s command attacked the large Iraqi city of Fallujah in retaliation for the deaths of four Blackwater mercenaries. Of the 763 Iraqi people killed, at least 50 percent were children and women, according to journalist Dahr Jamail, who spoke to local doctors. (Huffington Post, Dec. 3)

So it’s no surprise that Mattis wants to keep the U.S. concentration camp at Guantanamo Bay open. Unquestionable truths can be found in the book “War riors and Citizens: American Views of Our Military,” which he co-edited with Kori Schake.

He and Schake criticized “allowing open homosexsuals to serve and opening compensation for service.” They also claimed that a culture of “victimization” was being created within the military because of attention paid to casual men. Less than four years ago President Obama fired him from the Pentagon’s Central Command.

But civilian control over the military has been an issue for as Workers World Party Chairperson Sam Marx pointed out in “Generalizes over the White House.” (Workers World, Dec. 9) “In the military it’s about the hands, the more it invests its field of operations with repressive, anti-democratic and tott alitarian measures,” wrote Marx. “Nothing escapes their long, grasping reach.”

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All out to J2Resist Counter-Inaugural

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Carrier ‘deal’: Liars, damned liars and politicians

A street rally and indoor panel disc ussions here on Dec. 9 will focus attention on a major health care crisis, made worse by polluted and even toxic water in state prisons. Political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal’s supporters are raising the issue of untreated hepatitis C, which affects 7,000 prisoners in Pennsylvania.

Thirty-five years after being unjustly incarcerated and sentenced to death row and later having his sentence converted to life in prison without parole, Abu-Jamal, who suffers from untreated hepatitis C, is once again threatened with a state imposed “death sentence.”

The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections has refused to provide lifesaving drugs that could cure him and the other prisoners.

The rally starts at 3 p.m. at the Frank Rizzo statue at 13th and JFK Boulevard, chosen to express solidarity with the FrankRizzoFREEdom campaign. The REAL Justice Coalition started the campaign to have this statue of notoriously racist former mayor and top cop Rizzo taken down.

An indoor rally follows at 6 p.m. at the Arch Street United Methodist Church. Speakers will discuss the health care crisis impacting prisoners and communities alike. Lawyers will also give updates on Abu-Jamal’s legal appeals.

A May 17 letter of confrontation for the MOVE organization, told Workers World, “We got Mumia off death row. Now we are demanding an immediate hep C cure for Mumia and other Pennsylvania hep C infected prisoners. Mumia and many others are very sick and will die if the state keeps refusing to treat them.”

The most recent guidelines from the American Liver Foundation recommend that all chronic hep C patients be given the antiviral drugs if the state keeps refusing to treat them. DOC’s murderous ‘protocol’

In December 2002, during a court hearing on Abu-Jamal’s behalf before Federal Judge Robert D. Mariani, the Pennsylvania DOC accidentally let slip that the state’s protocol’s withholding of hep C treatments until a prisoner suffers life-threatening severe sclerosis of the liver. Only 50 prisoners have received treatment.

While denying Abu-Jamal’s lawsuit, Mariani declared that the state’s protocol was unconstitutional. Lawyers for Abu-Jamal and other prisoners who have charged that even delaying treatment is “cruel and unusual punishment.”

New antiviral medications Harvoni and Sovaldi with 95 percent cure rates for hep C have been available since 2013. However, the pharmaceutical industry charges around $94,000 for a 12-week course, putting it out of reach for millions of people, including prisoners if the state won’t pay.

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The Dec. 9 program will also give updates on a new lawsuit, which could re open all of the decisions made against Abu-Jamal since 1990.

The program will conclude with a discussion of the tasks ahead to win Mumia’s freedom. It also would respond to Abu-Jamal’s call to build a united front to keep the imperialist and racist multinational business off post-traumatic stress disorder.

Mumia and Schake even attacked Pres - ident Barack Obama for being more like ly to visit the wounded at Bethesda Naval Hospital than to go to a military base. They claimed too much of the war budget was being spent on “pay and benefits to the detriment of training, equipment and numbers in the force.”

Neither his war crimes nor his reaction ary views have stopped newspaper and commentators, including those who opposed Trump, from hailing Mattis as a “warrior intellectual.”

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S. Korea swept by massive protests

By Deirde Griswold

Dec. 5 — The downfall of the regime in south Korea seems imminent.

For the sixth Saturday in a row, huge crowds gathered on Dec. 3 in many cities and towns to demand the point where the ruling class comes to prevent the popular mass — and fall special fund drives and regular donations to the Workers World Supporter Program with its next protest at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, outside G4S’ New York office at 29 West 44th Street.

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Trump, antisemitismo y la solidaridad

Por Shelley Ettinger

A finales de la campaña electoral, cuando Donald Trump enfatizaba sus viles ataques a personas de color, inmigrantes, musulmanas, mujeres; mien-
tras reforzaba el apoyo entre los peores elementos racistas como el Ku Klux Klan, las/os jóvenes judíos se unieron a la lucha. ¿Cómo alternativa, también abapela abierta-
mente a las fuerzas antijudías.

La consecuencia inmediata de la elec-
tión de Trump se vio cuando supre-
macistas blancos llevaron a cabo cientos de horribles incidentes racistas en todo el país. Estudiantes latinas/os fueron confrontados por condiscipulos blancos gritando “Construyamos la pared, con-
struyamos la pared”. Estudiantes negras/
o universitarias recibieron repugnantes mensajes de texto racistas.Musulmanes fueron atacadas/os físicamente.

Aún en 2016 es urgente que der-
rotar estos ataques racistas. Todos debe-
mos unirnos en solidaridad con las/os más oprimidos – negras/os, latinas/os y otras personas de color, musulmanas, im-
miгранtes indocumentadas/os.

Lo que la solidaridad significa para las personas blancas, incluyendo a las jue-
das, es seguir el liderazgo de las per-
sonas oprimidas, marchando y luchando con ellas. Significa defensa antirracista política y físicamente en las calles, en escuelas y lugares de trabajo y, si necesi-
ta, en las carreteras y en las vías del tren para bloquear las deportaciones.

Unidad frente a tácticas intolerantes

La masiva presencia de indignación y resistencia contra Trump desde la noche de las elec-
tiones, demuestra que una luch-
a importante ha comenzado.

Liderada por negras/os, latinas/os y otras personas oprimidas, atraerá cada vez más personas a la lucha. La unidad debe ser y será la característica central de estas luchas.

El grupo de actos judíos que también han tenido lugar después de las elec-
tiones, comprender la historia del an-
tisemitismo ayudará a construir esta lucha unitaria. En Filadelfia, las venta-
nas de unas tiendas de propiedad judía fueron destruidas y pintaron esvásticas sobre la estrella de David. Estudiantes judías/os en varios colegios informaron que al despertar, encontraron esvásticas pintadas en las puertas de su dormitorio.

Trump dio la luz verde para tales ac-
tos en los días finales de su campaña, hablando sobre “la conspiración bancar-
ia internacional,” una frase de código anti-
tsemitismo clásica.

Su último anuncio televisado fue un descarrilado llamado al antisemitismo. Se escuchó la voz de Trump acusando a un enemigo que “ha despojado a nuestro país de su riqueza.” Las imágenes de pilas de dinero fueron intercaladas con fotos de Soros, Janet Yellen y Lloyd Blankfein. Cada uno es judío.

Soros es un inversionista multimil-
ings que financió la campaña de la Rezerva Federal. Blankfein es ejec-
utivo de Goldman Sachs. Son efectiva-
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dos de la Reserva Federal. Blankfein es ejec-
utivo. Yellen es la directora del Sistema

La campaña no es la única campaña de odio que se ha visto en esta campaña. La campaña de odio en contra de los judíos no ha parado. Trump está continuando con sus promesas de odio. Trump dijo que “los judíos” serán los únicos responsables de la economía de los Estados Unidos.

Trump lidera: “los judíos” son los únicos responsables de la economía de los Estados Unidos. No es un accidente que el candidato republicano fue el único candidato que mencionó “los judíos” en su discurso. No es un accidente que el candidato republicano fue el único candidato que mencionó “los judíos” en su discurso.

Trump mismo es un multimillonario. Él y su clase - compuesta en su mayoría por blancos y anglosajones de la religión protestante, son responsables de la desa-
parición de puestos de trabajo, la caída de los salarios y de los altos costos de la vivienda, la educación y la atención de la salud.

El y su clase son responsables de que políticas segregacionistas asesinen a personas negras con impunidad. Él y su clase son los responsables de enviar a los militares estadounidenses alrededor del mundo para invadir y ocupar países.

Esta clase capitalista quiere echar-
le la culpa a otros. Quien divide a la oposición. No es de extrañar que utilicen a esa vieja y fiel herramienta - culpa - a “los judíos”.

El pueblo judío no es ahora un grupo oprimido en los Estados Unidos. No se enfrentan a la discriminación institucio-
nalizada, sistémica o generalizada, la vi-
olencia, los sesgos y peores cosas como lo hacen las personas de color.

Sin embargo, el antisemitismo existe. Nunca se fue, y ahora debe ser directa-
mente combatido. El movimiento como un todo debe construir la unidad. Es vital tener unidad contra el racismo, el sexismo, la islamofobia, el ataque a las/os inmigrantes, la opresión de la comunidad LGBTI y tam-
bién el antisemitismo.

En cuanto a la gente judía en este país, muchos de éste se avergonzaran, te-
miendo un regreso a los peores días del horror del antisemitismo. Para ellas/os, el camino hacia adelante es la solidari-
dad con las/os más oprimidos. Defender a las/os musulmanes, tanto política como fisicamente. Solidarizarse y marchar y batallar hombro con hombro con el Movimien-
to Las Vidas Negras Importan. Or-
ganizar escuadrones de defensa de inmi-
grantes.

Esa es la manera de luchar y ganar. □