

Leslie Feinberg on: GAY LIBERATION & THE FBI

Feinberg recalls the early days of the gay liberation movement, why the FBI under J. Edgar Hoover targeted it and other movements, and why every activist who fights for rights and liberation today should be in Washington, D.C., on June 29. **5**

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HUNGER AMIDST PLENTY

Hundreds of millions of people around the world go to sleep hungry every night. And child poverty is on the rise in the U.S.—the richest country in the world. Yet there's enough productive capacity to feed everyone on this planet. So what's at the root of hunger and impoverishment? **3, 11**

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The CIA was authorized to assassinate the president of Iraq. Washington is trying to broker a deal between the Palestinian Authority and Israel. Two unrelated events? Or part of a bigger U.S. effort to dominate the oil-rich Middle East? **6**



'Socialism is here to stay'

George Bush lectured Cubans, telling them to give up the system that guarantees sovereignty, health care, education, and housing for all. But they're not taking it lying down. **7**

LIES, LIES & MORE LIES

When it comes to pumping out the Big Lie, the U.S. propaganda machine is fine-tuned and well oiled. Right now, the demonization campaign is aimed at the liberated workers' state in north Korea. The media is right: There is a terrible crime being perpetrated on the Korean peninsula. But the U.S. is the perpetrator. **9**

Civil rights, anti-war groups

Unite to fight Ashcroft, FBI

Announce June 29 protests in Washington, other cities

By Workers World Washington bureau

Representatives and supporters of the ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism) coalition held a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., June 18 to announce the National Campaign to Defend Civil Rights. The group announced a major demonstration on June 29 at the headquarters of FBI and Justice Department.

"Our community is uniting with other civil rights and anti-war organizations to mobilize for the June 29 demonstration protesting the attacks on civil rights and civil liberties," stated Mahdi Bray, executive director of the Muslim American Society's Freedom Foundation.

Rainbow Coalition/PUSH leader Joe Leonard explained that his organization was mobilizing for the June 29 protest because President George W. Bush and Attorney General John Ashcroft's use of racial and political profiling was "a threat to all the hard won civil rights gains of past generations."

"The Bush administration is substantially expanding the FBI and CIA authority to conduct domestic spying in the absence of probable cause or criminal conduct and is authorizing indefinite detention for citizens and non-citizens at the sole discretion and the direction of George Bush and John Ashcroft—without charge or trial, and without access to an attorney," Mara Verheyden-Hilliard of the Partnership for Civil Justice explained in analyzing the government's latest move.

"The government is now authorizing monitoring internet and email activity, secret searches and seizures in our homes and offices, and expanded electronic eavesdropping," she said. "The new attorney general guidelines authorize the FBI spying on people in the U.S. who are not suspected of any criminal activity but are engaged in political dissent or pursuing religious activity."

Other speakers at the news conference included: Lubaba Abdallah, Muslim Student Association of U.S. & Canada; the Rev. Graylan Hagler, senior minister, Plymouth Congregational Church; Macrina Cardenas, Mexico Solidarity Network; Peta Lindsay & Daniel Keesler, ANSWER youth and student organizers; Chuck Kaufman, national coordinator, Nicaragua Network; Damu Smith, Black Voices for Peace; and Brian Becker, codirector, International Action Center.

According to ANSWER coalition representatives, buses, vans and car caravans are coming to Washington, D.C., on Saturday, June 29, from many cities on the East Coast, South and Midwest. Protesters will assemble at 12 noon at Pennsylvania Ave. between 9th and 10th St. NW, in front of FBI and Justice Department headquarters.

Other cities will hold local protests on June 28 and 29. Details about transportation to Washington and local protests taking place nationwide can be found on the Web site www.internationalanswer.org.



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From top: Lubaba Abdallah, Joe Leonard, Macrina Cardenas, Mara Verheyden-Hilliard

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Marxism 101

Classes on socialism draw diverse group

By Leslie Feinberg
New York

No matter how many obituaries for Marxism the proponents of capitalism pen, they haven't daunted new generations from seeking out a deeper understanding of this scientific approach to social change and revolutionary action.

The proof is in the pudding: Scores of people, young and old, from many different nationalities and countries of birth, diverse sexes and genders, traded being outdoors on a brilliantly sunny day in Manhattan for a daylong indoor series of discussion classes led by Workers World Party members on June 15.

Three classes were offered throughout the day, giving everyone the opportunity to use the tools of Marxist analysis to scrutinize the role of the repressive state machinery—cops, courts, prisons and military; the present stage of the revolution in Colombia; and what socialism means.

For those who missed these classes, don't despair. More classes, on soon-to-be-announced topics, will be available during the July 13-14 weekend. Read Workers World for information on future classes this summer, too.

This summer study leads up to the Workers World Party national conference in New York on Sept. 22-23. A quick call to (212) 255-0352 will yield more details.

For those who wonder what it

might be like to participate in a socialist discussion group, two of those who took part on June 15 offer their impressions.

Namibia: 'Cleared up questions in my mind'

Namibia Donadio is a 10th-grade high school student who really jumped in and played a wonderful role in the discussion groups. "I've been very political all my life because my parents are also very progressive. So I've been around a lot of different issues and been exposed to a lot of things that maybe other kids haven't."

Why did she come to the classes? "I saw that it would be a good thought to get my mind clear on different worldly issues, so by understanding them better, I could explain them better to other people. And the classes were effective in doing so, in making things clearer in my mind about questions I had about socialism and what's going on in the world."

If young readers wonder if they would be comfortable taking part in upcoming classes and the conference, Namibia was emphatic: "I think they should do it! It's an opportunity to not only clear up questions you have in your own mind but to speak up and have your own opinions. And people were very open to what you were saying. Many times people just want to shut you up and make you think how they think. And the classes weren't like that at all."



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Her conclusion was unequivocal: "Go to the classes!"

Marionette: 'I wanted to know the truth'

Marionette Wiggins was a shining light in the classes, asking forthright questions that served as a contribution by enriching discussion.

"I tell you, I'm really a newcomer into this type of activity," she says. Marionette recalls seeing a poster tacked up on a telephone pole protesting Dubya's January 2001 inauguration. "When I went to buy a bus ticket, I noticed all the posters and they reflected the way I had felt all along but had never discussed with anyone, because there was no one to discuss it with. It was such a pleasure to be around people who thought like I did, finally after all these years."

"I really didn't know anything about socialism or communism. I had known saying something good about communism was like saying Charles Manson was a good man—it was the same reaction. But I never heard why. Why is communism a bad thing? So I never bought it."

So when she heard about the classes, "I said, this is my chance to find out what is communism."

What did she think of the discussion groups? "I thought they were great. It provided me with things that I had no knowledge of whatsoever. I agree with this communist idea that everybody gets a piece of the pie, which is the way I think it should be."

"It was like being in school and being taught a subject that I'd always wanted to know the truth about. The truth! And so I do want to continue to find out more. I really do."

There's room for all in upcoming classes. And join us in the struggle, too. Workers World Party studies the world in order to change it. Because after all, Marxism is as Marxism does!



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LOS ANGELES

Sun., June 23
March in West Hollywood's Christopher Street West Pride Parade with Stonewall Initiative/ANSWER. 11 a.m. Meet 10 a.m. at La Cienega and Santa Monica Blvds. For info (213) 487-2368.

SAN DIEGO

Thu., June 27
San Diego International Action Center meeting featuring Bob McCubbin of Workers World Party and author of "The Roots of Lesbian and Gay Oppression: A Marxist View." 6 p.m. At

3930 Oregon St., Suite 230. For info (619) 692-4422.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat., June 29
Dyke March: Join International ANSWER contingent at Dolores Park (19th and Dolores Sts.) 3 p.m.; march begins at 7:30 p.m. For info (415) 821-6545.

Sun., June 30
Pride Parade: Join No Pride in Occupation/Free Palestine contingent in San Francisco's Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Transgender Pride Parade. Call Workers World for info about gathering site at (415) 826-4828.

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The war at home

Child poverty rising again

By Greg Butterfield

For a brief period during the late 1990s economic boom, the U.S. child poverty rate fell—barely—for the first time in decades. Politicians on both sides of the aisle claimed the decrease as a vindication of their policies dismantling welfare.

Now the blip is over. It's the 21st century and child poverty is rising again. And what do the experts think is a leading cause?

You guessed it: the dismantling of welfare.

The official rate of child poverty bottomed out at 16 percent in 2000—not even close to the 14-percent rate of the late 1960s and early 1970s. It rose again in 2001. The

analysts are still debating by how much.

For the U.S. government to admit that you live in poverty, you have to be extremely poor. The fact is, many, many more children actually live in poverty. Some experts put the real total closer to 25 percent.

But some facts are indisputable. There are fewer jobs and more unemployment. Many parents—former welfare recipients who managed to find jobs during the last boom—are now unemployed again, with no safety net to catch them or their kids.

Those most at risk are children whose families face the most oppression in this racist society. In 2000 the poverty rate among Black children was 30 percent; among Latino children, 28 percent.

Compared to other big capitalist countries, the U.S. is far and away the worst offender. Based on a poverty line that is 40 percent of a country's median income, academics Timothy Smeeding and Lee Rainwater have determined that the U.S. has the highest child poverty rate among the 19 wealthiest members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Their study sets the poverty line even lower than official U.S. policy. But that doesn't make the picture any brighter.

Using this method, 14.8 percent of U.S. children lived in poverty in 1997. Only one other country—Italy—came close, with a rate of 14.6 percent. The next closest was Canada, with 9.6 percent.

Contrary to the perception shaped by the government and mass media that child poverty is exclusively an urban problem, recently released data from the 2000 census show just how widespread the problem is.

A study of the data by the Children's Defense Fund shows that 38 mostly rural counties around the U.S. have higher rates

of child poverty than any major cities.

In 14 of these counties—which range from the Deep South to the Midwest—the child poverty rate is more than 50 percent.

George W. Bush's home state, Texas, had two among the 10 worst larger cities: Brownsville, with 45.3 percent of children in poverty, and Laredo, with 38.0 percent.

Hartford, New Orleans, Providence, Atlanta, Buffalo, N.Y., Miami, Gary, Ind., and Cleveland also made the list.

In nine states, at least 20 percent of children were poor: Mississippi (27.0 percent), Louisiana (26.6 percent), New Mexico (25.0 percent), West Virginia (24.3 percent), Arkansas (21.8 percent), Alabama (21.5 percent), Kentucky (20.8 percent), Texas (20.5 percent) and New York (20.0 percent). The District of Columbia had a worse rate than any state: 31.7 percent.

The working class and progressive movement must make war on the \$396 billion Pentagon budget Bush is requesting for 2003, if for no other reason than to demand that millions of children living in the world's richest country be lifted out of poverty.



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'You don't get justice unless you protest'

Gay victory against brutal sheriffs

By Bill Massey
Chicago

After more than two-and-a-half years of struggle, the Cook County Board approved a \$65,000 settlement for Terry Phalen on June 5. Deputy sheriffs at the Cook County Jail had savagely assaulted the Chicago gay man on Oct. 27, 1999. Phalen had suffered hairline fractures in both wrists and two ribs and bruises over most of his body.

Two beefy white deputies had worked him over, punching him in the face, then knocking him down with his hands cuffed behind his back. Both cops proceeded to kick his ribs, head, back and legs. "I was hit maybe 25 to 30 times, three or four with fists, the rest with their feet. They were wearing black combat boots," Phalen stated.

The assault on Phalen was part of a pattern of systematic physical attacks by guards at the intake jail. For one or two hours after he was attacked, Phalen lay crumpled on the floor.

Phalen, who is white, witnessed two assaults on African American inmates by the guards. "There was another, younger Black guy in his twenties who they knocked to the floor and beat so much that there was a big pool of blood. They kicked him when he was down. Then there was an older Black man, he had to be 50 or 55. They broke his glasses when they hit him in the face, and kicked him in the back when he went to retrieve his glasses," Phalen said.

With his victorious civil suit, filed by Hoft and Joey Mogul of the People's Law Office, Phalen will finally get help rebuilding his life after the brutal beat-

ing. But he got far less than the full justice he deserves.

The bigoted deputies never faced criminal prosecution from Cook County State's Attorney Dick Devine, a protégé and friend of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley. The guards remain employed by the Sheriff's Department, where they are free to carry out their violent attacks on gay people and people of color, and are even encouraged to do so by the system's inaction.

State's Attorney Devine has yet to prosecute a single Chicago cop for brutality against a civilian. But he routinely prosecutes the victims of police torture, 10 of whom sit on Illinois death row while 60 others are serving long prison sentences.

Public protest forced the firing of Police Commander John Burge in 1993 for his 20-year reign of torturing prisoners. That was how he obtained "confessions."

Yet Devine has refused to prosecute Burge and fights tooth and nail against reopening the cases of Burge's victims.

Since just a few days after Phalen's beating, the Chicago Anti-Bashing Network (CABN) has championed his case, repeatedly taking the Cook County Merit Board and Devine to task for their apparently intentional bungling of the case against the deputies.

Most importantly, CABN organized many protests in the streets to bring attention not only to the brutal cops but also to their brutal bosses who sit at the highest levels of both Chicago and Cook County government.

CABN co-founder Andy Thayer said, "You do not get justice unless you protest."

For more information, visit www.cabn.org.

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In his new book, "Wealth and Democracy," Kevin Phillips compares the earnings of workers and CEOs from 1981 through 2000. Phillips' study gives more proof of how the gap between rich and poor makes the Grand Canyon look like a pothole.

He found that on average, workers' wages doubled between 1981 and 2000. Sounds good, right? But after inflation, there was very little real gain for most workers.

Workers in some of the lowest-paying jobs actually made less in real dollars than they did 20 years earlier.

And the top bosses? In 1981 they were making a paltry \$3.5 million a year. But you can't keep a good thief down.

In the years from 1981 to 2000, executive compensation rose 4,300 percent.

Yeah. That's right: 4,300 percent.

Keep that in mind the next time you need to ask for a raise.

—G.B.

Los Angeles teachers protest budget cuts

By Adrian Garcia
Los Angeles

If the administrators of the Los Angeles Unified School District thought teachers would simply sit back and accept proposed budget cuts that threaten salaries, health benefits and, most importantly, the well-being of students, a June 13 protest by thousands of union members proved them wrong.

The protesters, including members of the United Teachers of Los Angeles, Service Employees and other labor organizations, converged on LAUSD headquarters. Chants of "Sick-out" and "We will strike" resonated among the teeming crowd and set the stage for a struggle against the reactionary policies that serve as an attack against the working people of Los Angeles.

Speaker after speaker demanded that LAUSD and its members be held accountable for their decision-making regarding the use of funds. A major item of contention was LAUSD's funding of a new building for its offices, a facility that has been determined not to have the necessary capacity to house the number of people it was intended for. This glitch in plans will, of

course, necessitate further spending.

And guess where the money will come from?

This wasteful spending continues while Los Angeles schools suffer overcrowding, lack of materials, decrepit maintenance and looming budget cuts—cuts that threaten teachers with class size increases, salary freezes and benefit reductions.

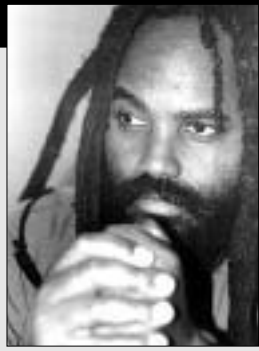
"Their waste and abuse tells me that, like the movie 'Network,' we're mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore!" said incoming UTLA President John Perez, rousing the crowd to shout the day's signature slogan: "We will strike."

After the protest, teachers said it had given them new enthusiasm to stand up for what is just. It also gave school management and the city's wealthy rulers a glimpse of the united power that the working people have.

Teachers will not stand by and allow the LAUSD to make decisions that will have detrimental consequences for students and educators in the nation's second-largest school district. Every working person has something at stake in this struggle and must unite and support the teachers' demands.

From Mumia Abu-Jamal on death row

Into the Twilight Zone



With the seizure of the person (one can't say "arrest," for the government has announced it has no intention of prosecuting) of the American citizen alleged to have been planning "dirty bomb" strikes against U.S. targets, Abdullah Al-Muhajir (formerly Jose Padilla), the government goes down a dark and long road, the destination of which can only be—the Twilight Zone (with apologies to the late Rod Serling).

A charge, under Anglo-American jurisprudence, is only a charge, and remains so only until a duly constituted selection and decision of one's peers—a jury—decides otherwise.

This is the boast that Americans have used for over two centuries, to hold their noses higher than the rest of the allegedly uncivilized world, as an expression of their trust in the wisdom and insight of the average American citizen to decide the fate of their fellows.

Under the present Bush regime, however, there is a marked perception that the American people, and more importantly, the institutions erected in their name, are not to be trusted.

This view was apparently one of long standing.

Let us go back, back—way back to the days of the 2000 elections for the (Electoral College's) choice of who would be president of the United States of America. Do you remember when the Republican lawyers appealed the decision of the Florida Supreme Court? It was not merely that the Bush-Cheney government-in-exile mistrusted the machinations of the Florida Supreme Court. The Court's second recount order did more than order a selective recount in certain counties—yes. Florida's Supremes ordered its lower circuit and county judiciary—essentially trial judges—to do much of the counting!

Therefore, the reversal of the order of the Florida Supreme Court did far more than slap the faces of the Supremes—it, at least implicitly, suggested that the circuit court judges in the effected counties were not to be trusted!

Ever since the promulgation of the military tribunals, which had no tie-in with the civil, state or federal judiciary, there has been the sense that the administration has little or no trust in the nation's judicial apparatus, that somehow they were unable or perhaps unwilling to come out with the results that the Bush regime would approve of.

No civil courts, no judges, and no juries—what does this say about how much the administration trusts not only people in other branches of government, but average Americans themselves?

Not much, it seems.

If these same types of things were happening in, say, Peru, or north Korea, or Zimbabwe, so-called human rights activists would be baying to the moon about "shadow government," "secret, unreviewable tribunals," and the big one—"the lack of democracy."

But the silence is deafening.

The right has so cowed what passes for the "left" in America that they bite their tongues bloody, to prove they are "proud Americans" while a de facto coup takes shape right before their very eyes.

Secret tribunals. Unlimited detention. Military courts. No right to counsel (such as it is!). Incommunicado.

Is this Fujimori's Peru? Is this Botha's South Africa?

Is this government by the people, or government by fiat?

This, then, is the real consequence of the sham democracy that is America at the beginning of the 21st century. Where legislators are but bagmen for industry, and when the press is but a wholly owned subsidiary of yet another big business conglomerate.

Fujimori had his boogiemens—the Sendero Luminoso (a.k.a. "Shining Path") to whip the bourgeoisie into lockstep with the neo-fascist narco-kleptocracy.

Botha had his boogiemens—the African National Congress (and the PAC, and Biko, and AZAPO, etc.) to whip the white bourgeoisie into lockstep with the Herrenvolk, white supremacist, racist-fascist military dictatorship.

Bush has Al-Qaeda—a plastic, ever-changing, shapeless boogiemans, which is being used to whip the nation's bourgeoisie into an unconstitutional frenzy of spy craft, skullduggery, and unprecedented federal intrusion into the lives, opinions and beliefs of millions of Americans.

Is such-and-such a thing true? Who knows? The government said it, so ... ?

We are watching the very erection of Papa Bush's New World Order, and it ain't pretty.

What are you going to do about it?

Palestinian activist tortured in Boston

Stop the illegal detention of Jaoudat Abouazza!

By the Jaoudat Abouazza Defense Committee
Boston

On June 16, two members of the Jaoudat Abouazza Defense Committee were able to visit Abouazza in Immigration and Naturalization Service custody in the Bristol County Correctional Facility in North Dartmouth, Mass. They learned that at 10 a.m. that morning prison guards had forcibly taken Abouazza from his cell and restrained him in a chair while a man with a surgical mask forced open his mouth and pulled four of his teeth. A broken piece of a tooth was left in his mouth, leaving Abouazza in great physical pain, swollen, bleeding and unable to eat.

This brutality followed a week in which prison guards engaged in other forms of brutality against Abouazza, including punching, solitary confinement, threats and continuous use of epithets like "Taliban" toward him. On June 9, FBI agents attempted to interrogate Abouazza regarding a defense committee leaflet. When Abouazza refused their interrogation, they threw him into an isolation cell, telling him they could keep him there as long as they wanted.

On the morning of June 17—the day after his teeth were extracted—Bristol prison officials demanded Abouazza sign a form in English that he could not understand. Guards once again threw Abouazza into solitary confinement for requesting review of the document by his lawyer before signing.

Background of Abouazza's case

On the evening of May 30, Abouazza was stopped by the Cambridge, Mass., police on the pretext of a minor traffic violation. Without being charged with a crime or



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Jaoudat Abouazza

read his rights by the arresting officers, he was handcuffed and brought to the Cambridge police station. Within hours, Abouazza would find himself in jail being interrogated by the FBI for suspicion of "terrorism."

The evidence? He is Palestinian and was in possession of leaflets calling for the legal, permitted protest of the Israeli Independence Day Festival on June 9 in Boston.

"The government's shameful policy of racial profiling is now rapidly expanding to include political profiling," said Carl Messineo, a lawyer with the Partnership for Civil Justice and a member of the International ANSWER Coalition steering committee. "This was always the true goal of the attack on civil rights engineered by John Ashcroft: to stifle dissent by trying to intimidate people from speaking out against injustice.

"On June 29, people from around the country will demonstrate at the FBI's Washington headquarters to show they won't be intimidated by these tactics," Messineo continued. "For every one person they place into administrative detention, as they have done to Abouazza, there will be hundreds who will take to the streets. It is the mass mobilization of the people that will turn back this extremist and repressive government program."

The government circumvented initial motions by

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CHICAGO

Rally backs victims of racist round-ups

By Beth Semmer
Chicago

On June 14 some 150 people braved stormy weather to protest the growing attack on civil rights and civil liberties at the Federal Building in Chicago.

The demonstration's original purpose was to mark Muslim cleric Rabih Haddad's six months of imprisonment without criminal charges. Haddad is one of thousands of Arab, South Asian and Muslim men swept up in raids by the federal government since last fall.

Haddad remains imprisoned at Chicago's Metropolitan Correctional Center. The charity he co-founded, the Global Relief Foundation (GRF), has had its assets seized by the U.S. government, which used the USA Patriot Act to introduce secret "evidence" against the U.S.-based charity.

Haddad isn't alone. Local resident and U.S. citizen Enaam Arnout of the Muslim charity Benevolence International Foundation (BIF) is incarcerated in the same prison. Arnout is being held on bogus perjury charges. His supporters believe the detention is punishment because BIF had the audacity to sue the federal government for illegally seizing its assets.

The demonstration was called by the Chicago Coalition Against War and Racism and had the support of numerous groups, including the Chicago Anti-Bashing Network, Free Palestine Alliance, Eighth Day Center for Justice, Islamic Foundation of Villa Park, Palestine Aid Society, Palestine Solidarity Network, Refuse & Resist!, Hammerhard Media Works, Nicaragua Solidarity Network and the newly formed Chicago Chapter of the International ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism) coalition.

INS moves to deport family

U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald has said that neither Haddad nor the GRF is a target of a criminal investigation. Yet Fitzgerald continues to imprison Haddad, while the Immigration and Naturalization Service has

moved to deport his partner, Salma Al-Rashaid, and three of their four children.

The government team put together a patchwork of false charges against Arnout, showing that he had been at the same place as Osama Bin Laden—although in a different year—and had raised funds for Islamic groups in Bosnia and Afghanistan in the 1980s. On such charges the U.S. government, several presidents, and several secretaries of state and defense could also be arrested.

Matt Quest from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana spoke at the rally about the case of Ahmed Bensouda, who was arrested on May 30 by the FBI. Ahmed was active on the campus building support for Palestine and the divestment campaign against Israel.

While Bensouda was ostensibly arrested on a technical visa violation, the FBI and INS repeatedly grilled him. He was transferred to an INS detention center in DuPage County and on June 12 brought before immigration Judge James Fujimoto in Chicago for a bond hearing.

Supporters of Bensouda were ordered out of the courtroom. Federal officials argued that his case should be closed to the public because of "national security" concerns.

They announced that they would show secret "evidence" why Bensouda should be denied bail. Both press and public would be barred and Bensouda and his attorney would not be able to see the evidence against him.

Participants at the rally were urged to attend Bensouda's next hearing on June 21.

Just before the rally ended, three activists taped huge "Wanted" posters to the windows of the Federal Building demanding the arrest of John Ashcroft and Patrick Fitzgerald for kidnapping. When the police said that couldn't be done, the demonstrators told them that they had the permission of the U.S. attorney.

The cops then went inside the building to see if the permission to tape up the posters was valid. This gave time for the public and the media to see the righteous posters.

Lessons of Cointelpro for today

How young gay liberation movement fought the FBI

By Leslie Feinberg

From a talk at a Workers World Party Forum in New York June 14 celebrating lesbian, gay, bi and trans Pride Month.

June is the month that lesbian, gay and bisexual, transsexual and transgender people commemorate a June 1969 uprising in Greenwich Village against police repression at the Stonewall Inn that lasted for four summer nights.

The turbulent social upheavals that gave rise to this rebellion were provoked by the iron-fisted state repression of the 1950s. After their victory in WWII, after having dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the strategists in Washington and on Wall Street had thought their monopoly on this megaweapon would insure their military hegemony and their political and economic domination of the world.

But the war had so weakened most of the other imperialist countries that the oppressed peoples in Asia, Africa and the Middle East were emboldened to rise up for real independence. In China, northern Korea and North Vietnam liberation movements led by communists came to power.

The triumph of the Chinese Revolution sent the U.S. rulers into a tailspin. They deeply feared the developing relationship between the USSR, China and the Third World. The Pentagon was hunkered down in a war to keep Korea in the capitalist orbit.

In this country, Sen. Joseph McCarthy was hunting down communists and progressives. This did terrible damage to civil liberties, union organizing and political expression. An anti-gay frenzy was also unleashed and anti-Semitism was deepened. Jim Crow apartheid was the law of the land, and when it came to women, "Father Knew Best."

Dancing in defiance

I came out as a young factory worker into the blue-collar, gay-drag bars of Buffalo and Toronto around 1964-1965. It was mostly gender-variant gay and lesbian people who were out—literally visible—before the mass movement. That's one reason the state could terrorize so many people during the McCarthy period with gay baiting and FBI background checks: the vast majority of the gay and lesbian population that was not visibly gender variant was closeted or in underground organizations.

At that time it was against the law for two women or two men to dance together in public. Of course we did, quite defiantly.

Without political organization, the bars were the only places that we could meet the oppression we faced with group strength. In a segregated city, they were one of the only places that people of color and whites could choose to socialize together after work.

After the mid-1960s we began consciously organizing in the bars, monitoring police radios to alert us when the cops were going to raid us, and forming our own political organizations. The Stonewall Uprising was on the horizon, a rebellion that would call us out of the bars and into the streets, voicing our own demands, under our own banners.

Historically, lesbians and gays had always been politically active and had provided leadership: building the union movement, defending the Scotsboro Brothers,



Workers World Party and YAWF contingent in 1977 New York City Stonewall March. WW PHOTO

challenging the anti-communist McCarthy hearings, organizing for a stay of execution for the Rosenbergs, swelling the ranks of the civil rights movement. But we weren't necessarily out as gay in these movements.

However, each wave of movement that challenged oppression created more room for another in its wake. And the skills we'd learned in these movements helped the Stonewall Rebellion and gay liberation to break out.

The sweet taste of fightback

Some today recall that the FBI under J. Edgar Hoover launched Cointelpro—Counter-Intelligence Program—a murderous campaign that sought to derail and destroy Black, Latino, Native and Asian civil rights and national liberation movements in this country.

Fewer today know that Cointelpro sought to target and disrupt the movements against the Vietnam War and for women's and gay liberation.

Here are two examples of why the FBI viewed our gay liberation movement as a threat.

First, youths at the Stonewall Rebellion fought the cops so ferociously that the police retreated into the bar and barricaded themselves inside. Someone cut the building's phone and electrical wires so the cops were in the dark without backup for 45 minutes.

The bodies of some of these youths—many of them Black, Latina and white transgender teenagers who were homeless and had to turn tricks to survive—still bore wounds of past arrests. So the youths rocked a parking meter, uprooted it from the concrete sidewalk and used it as a battering ram to try to break down the doors to get their hands on the cops. They tried to burn the bar down with the cops inside.

Here's another taste of the flavor of this young fightback movement. This is an excerpt from the Gay Liberation Front Statement of Purpose adopted after Stonewall in 1969: "We are in total opposition to America's white racism, to poverty, hunger, the systematic destruction of our patrimony; we oppose the rich getting richer, the poor getting poorer, and are in total opposition to wars of aggression and imperialism, whoever pursues them.

"We support the demands of Blacks, Chicanos, [Asians], Women, Youth, Senior Citizens, and others demanding their full rights as human beings. We join in their struggle, and shall actively seek coalition to pursue these goals."

Marching in solidarity

Let no one forget that the Gay Libera-

tion Front named itself in solidarity with the South Vietnamese National Liberation Front at the height of the Pentagon war. The banners of the left wing of our young gay liberation movement snapped in the wind at virtually every rally and march to stop the Vietnam War.

And our left wing marched and rallied in support of the Black Panther Party, Young Lords, Chicano/Mexican organizations and the American Indian Movement—all targeted by Cointelpro. Our multi-national LGBT unity in defense of militants under siege won concrete expressions of solidarity from the most revolutionary and militant currents of the movement.

Just 13 months after the Stonewall Uprising, Black Panther Party leader Huey P. Newton issued a public letter in which he urged that wherever the forces of Black liberation meet, the forces of gay liberation and women's liberation must be there.

Several years before her death, I interviewed Stonewall combatant Sylvia Rivera, a self-proclaimed Latina revolutionist who had lived homeless on the streets of New York since she was 10 years old. She told me that after Stonewall, when she and other trans street people started STAR—Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries—one of the first places they unfurled their banner in public was at a mass demonstration of the Young Lords in East Harlem against police repression in the fall of 1970. The Young Lords welcomed them.

Sylvia said she joined the Young Lords' internal gay caucus formed shortly after Huey Newton's letter. Sylvia told me, "They gave us a lot of respect. It was a fabulous feeling for me to be myself—being part of the Young Lords as a drag queen—and my

organization [STAR] being part of the Young Lords."

Workers World Party's own youth group—Youth Against War & Fascism—also established a gay caucus around 1972, when I was coming into the Party.

That's the kind of unity we were generating. That's why the FBI launched a domestic program that spied, spread lies, infiltrated, disrupted and smeared organizations of the oppressed. They resorted to assassinations and frame-ups to "neutralize" progressive leaders. They tried to drive a wedge between gay and Black groups, between Jewish and Black unity.

What are the lessons of the period? One is, don't think a gay, cross-dressing head of the FBI won't wage war against gay liberation! Like the divide between a Margaret Thatcher and a Sojourner Truth, the barricades in the war between the exploiting class and the exploited demand of each of us: Which side are you on?

Then there is the lesson of Stonewall: that people who do not share the same oppression, or the same social and economic burdens, can make history when they unite shoulder to shoulder against a common enemy.

That's why all of us in Workers World Party fight on behalf of trans people and lesbians, gays and bisexuals, just as we fight racism and every form of bigotry. We consider solidarity between all oppressed people to be worthy of militant defense.

Lavender and red

We are fighting for socialism. That means collectivizing ownership of industry so we can plan production and distribute

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Cleveland Pride outshines rainy day

Despite pouring rain, Cleveland's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities came out to show their pride June 15. The march was strengthened by a recent victory against right-wing forces who were pushing a ballot measure aimed at overturning domestic partner benefits for city employees in Cleveland Heights. The anti-gay forces were unable to collect enough signatures. Now the city of Cleveland is considering similar benefits.

The most striking feature of the march was the large number of youths, including a big contingent of African American students from Cuyahoga Community College.

For the second year in a row, the lesbian, gay, bi and trans labor organization Pride At Work (PAW) marched with youths from Radical Ohio Queers. They chanted, "We're here, we're queer, and we're against the war."

Both groups got a positive response to leaflets for a July 27 demonstration against the sexist, racist and anti-gay Promise Keepers called by the Northeast Ohio Radical Action Network.

PAW also sang "Union Queer" to the tune of "Union Maid," and "Solidarity Forever, Civil Unions Make Us Strong."

—Martha Grevatt

Subdue Palestine, wage war on Iraq

Twin pillars of U.S. strategy to dominate Middle East

By Richard Becker

What is the connection between Bush's proposal for an "interim" Palestinian state and the public announcements that the CIA has been authorized to assassinate Iraqi President Saddam Hussein?

In recent days, seemingly disconnected events in the Middle East have continued to dominate the headlines. "Seemingly disconnected" because in reality subduing the Palestinian struggle and escalating the U.S. war against Iraq are inextricably intertwined in Washington's view.

Motivating the extremely murky "interim state" plan is the administration's desire to reduce mass anger in the Arab world over the U.S.-funded Israeli oppression of the Palestinians. The level of public anger toward Washington throughout the Middle East has caused widespread trepidation among the reactionary rulers of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and other countries.

The U.S.-dependent dictatorships and their Washington overlords fear that new U.S. military aggression against Iraq—especially while feelings are running so high over Palestine—could lead to a social explosion in the region, an upheaval that could endanger those very regimes.

On June 18, USA Today quoted Dennis Ross, a leading U.S. Middle East diplomat under both the Bush Senior and Clinton administrations, who asked rhetorically: "Does the administration mean to roll up its sleeves and transform the [Palestine-Israel] situation, or is it trying to manage the conflict to prepare the ground for going after Saddam Hussein?"

Clearly, Ross believes it's the latter.

U.S. supports Sharon's repression

There are powerful elements within U.S. ruling circles that oppose even the most superficial and vague proposals for Palestinian statehood. Among the administration figures associated with this view are Vice President Richard Cheney and his staff, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and his deputy Paul Wolfowitz, and many others. They have given strong backing to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, whose policy has long been to deny all Palestinian rights while seeking to absorb all of historic Palestine.

Bush himself has lavished absurd praise on the blood-stained Sharon, calling the mass killer "a man of peace." At the same time, Bush has continued to place exclusive blame for "violence" on the Palestinians, ignoring the fact that three times as many Palestinians as Israelis have died in the 21 month-long Intifada (uprising).

Sharon has been received at the White House six times in the 17-month Bush presidency, more than any other foreign leader. Such support has emboldened Sharon—given him "the green light" as it is put in the Arab press—to unleash unprecedented repression against the Palestinian population as a whole, in the name of "fighting terrorism."

The massive military invasion of the West Bank by 100,000 troops and thousands of tanks on March 29, the wanton destruction in Jenin, Nablus and Ramallah, the weeks-long curfews, the cutting off of all Palestinians cities and towns from each other, the massive round-up and abuse of Palestinian men and boys, and more have caused enormous suffering for the 3.3 million Palestinians living



Palestinian children bear the brunt of brutal U.S.-backed Israeli occupation.

in the West Bank and Gaza.

Now the Israeli military has begun building a projected 217-mile-long fence well inside the West Bank. The fence is intended to annex even more Palestinian land, while entrapping the population inside apartheid-like Bantustans, cut off from each other by a network of Israeli settlements, military bases and Israeli-only roads.

Sharon's aim is clear: to create "facts on the ground" that would permanently prevent the establishment of any Palestinian state.

Under the circumstances and the extreme tightening of an already-harsh occupation, it should surprise no one that underground Palestinian organizations have continued to carry out operations against Israel inside its 1948 borders as well as in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Palestinian Authority (PA) led by its president, Yasir Arafat, has opposed attacks inside Israel. But in Catch 22 fashion, the U.S. and Israel, which destroyed most of the PA's infrastructure and security forces over the past three months, continue to blame the PA and Arafat for all attacks.

For Sharon and his cohorts, Palestinian resistance to occupation has become another convenient pretext for denying Palestinians the right to self-determination. Sharon is also cynically demanding that the PA must first "be reformed" before talks on a Palestinian state can be started.

"Israel doesn't care if we are ruled by the Boy Scouts or Attila the Hun," retorted PA official Saeb Erekat, pointing out that this was just another in Sharon's endless list of reasons why there could be no Palestinian homeland.

What U.S., Israel want

What unites much of the Bush administration behind Sharon's repression is a common desire to crush the Palestinian resistance movement. But beyond that point, there is not unity between the U.S. and Israel.

The Sharon government wants to destroy the Palestinian movement in order to take possession of all of historic Palestine, once and for all. That has been the dream of those who Sharon represents for more than half a century.

The U.S. rulers want to crush the Palestinian resistance as a part of their program, disguised as the "war on terrorism," of smashing all resistance to the U.S. empire on

Israel to seize more Palestinian land

BULLETIN: As Workers World goes to press, the Israeli government has announced plans to reoccupy areas of the West Bank known as Zone A. Zone A is comprised of eight cities and some surrounding areas in the West Bank that are assigned to Palestinian Authority control. Most of the Zone A cities have been invaded and occupied by Israeli military forces repeatedly since March.

Zone A was created as part of the Oslo negotiating process beginning in 1993. The present Israeli prime minister, Ariel Sharon, has opposed the Oslo process since its beginning and has always opposed any return of Palestinian land. The pretext for the June 19 Israeli government decision to reoccupy Zone A areas was a bus bombing in Jerusalem the previous day, which killed 19 people and wounded 70 more.

Several members of Sharon's government called for expelling PA President Yasir Arafat and the entire PA leadership, and permanently reoccupying all of the West Bank and Gaza.

PA spokesperson Ahmed Abdel-Rahman responded: "The Israeli decision to reoccupy Palestinian territories and settle inside them represents an open invitation to the Palestinian people and to all Palestinian factions to practice all sorts of resistance against the occupation.

"Any resistance to this occupation now will be legitimate and accepted by all Palestinians against the occupiers and the invaders of Palestinian sovereign areas," he said.

—R.B.

a global scale. They see the Palestinian movement as key to the broader Arab and Middle Eastern struggle. Dismantling the Palestinian resistance would pave the way for establishing uncontested U.S. hegemony in the region.

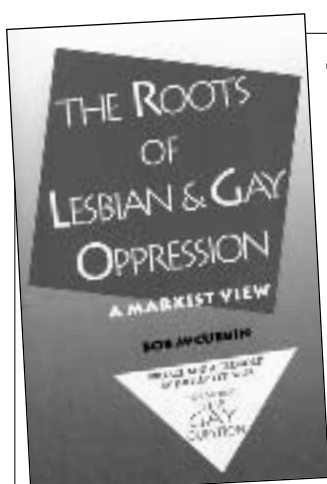
It would also pave the way to a new all-out war of re-colonization against Iraq.

From an economic and strategic point of view, securing control of Iraq is far more important to the U.S. ruling class than the division of land in Palestine.

Waging a new Iraq war, in the view of Secretary of State Colin Powell, first requires an easing of anger in the region over the suffering of the Palestinians. Powell is the loudest voice in the administration advocating an attempted diplomatic solution.

Powell's position is not based on pacifism; after all, he became famous as the head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the U.S. military during the one-sided 1991 slaughter known as the Gulf War. If Powell believed that repression alone could destroy the Palestinian struggle, he would no doubt support it.

The past 50 years demonstrates that Powell's skepticism is well founded. Over and over, the Palestinians have been counted out of history by the corporate media. And over and over, in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds, the Palestinians have steadfastly continued to resist, as they are today.



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Answering Bush's threats

Millions of Cubans say: socialism is here to stay

By Gloria La Riva

Another of George W. Bush's schemes against Cuba bit the dust June 12 as more than 9 million Cubans marched to proclaim that Cuba's socialist system is "untouchable."

The people converged all across the island, despite drenching downpours, in more than 200 marches and 2,230 rallies.

This unprecedented mobilization—the largest by far in Cuba's history—was in answer to Bush's May 20 speech in Miami. There, surrounded by ultra-right émigrés and anti-Cuba terrorists, he arrogantly declared that Cuba must make changes in its 2003 national elections and virtually return to capitalism before the U.S. blockade can be lifted.

Bush also demanded that a petition containing 20 proposals for sweeping changes in Cuba, including "free enterprise," be implemented. That petition, referred to in the U.S. press as the "Varela project," was circulated in Cuba by a small group of counter-revolutionaries, and reportedly had around 11,000 signatures.

Former President Jimmy Carter also referred to the petition in his speech on Cuban national television. It had all the markings of a U.S.-sponsored campaign—one of the countless imperialist schemes to discredit the Cuban Revolution.

Popular petition campaigns directed at U.S. presidents—like one calling for political prisoner Leonard Peltier's freedom—are routinely ignored by Washington.

Bush's Miami threats sparked an overwhelming and resounding response from the Cuban people. They said: Cuba will not be dictated to—especially not by U.S. imperialism.

Amending the Constitution

Along with the 9-million-strong demonstrations, a huge campaign was launched June 10 by Cuba's mass organizations for a constitutional modification bill affirming that Cuba's economic, social and political system of socialism is untouchable.

Drafted by representatives of women, labor, youth, students, military veterans and farmers, it petitions Cuba's National Assembly to amend the Constitution.

Cuba's Constitution was ratified in 1976 by a popular referendum vote of more than 97 percent. It is not an abstract promise to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," but a revolutionary document that guarantees basic rights to housing, employment, education and culture, and guarantees that the power of the state lies with the people.

The initiative for this newest constitutional change says in part:

"Aware that the Socialist Revolution rescued Cuba from a humiliating imperialist domination and turned it into a free and independent nation founded on the close unity, the cooperation and the consensus of a learned and rebel people of brave and heroic men and women that make up the force, the government and the power of the Cuban nation, the same people who with their talents and ideas have skillfully faced up to, and defended themselves from the aggressions of the most powerful empire that the history of humanity has known;

"Aware that despite the tight blockade and the economic war imposed by the government of the United



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Over 9 million people marched June 12 to affirm 'Cuba is an independent and sovereign socialist state.'

ing population.

Cuba's total population is around 11 million. Taking into account those who are not of voting age or who for other reasons cannot vote, the figures are extraordinary.

Popular revolution

The "unending war" announced by U.S. imperialism after Sept. 11 shows how omnipotent the militarists in the White House and the Pentagon believe they are. In their claims that oppressed countries like Syria, Iran, Iraq, Libya, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Cuba are "terrorists," they bestow upon themselves the right to use any means to undermine or overthrow those governments.

Cuba's ability to survive U.S. aggression and defend its sovereignty has always rested in the vast popular support the revolution enjoys. The Cuban people are supremely conscious of the gains they have achieved because of socialism.

This is in large part due to Cuba's revolutionary leader of more than 43 years, President Fidel Castro, who has demonstrated the greatest courage and political resolve in the face of the deadliest military power in world history.

As President Castro said June 8, in response to Bush's threats: "[He] should not have politically challenged the Cuban revolutionary leadership because he is in no position to respond to the political challenges that Cuba could throw at him. It is like sailing on a big paper boat—full of lies and demagogu—that cannot endure the wind or the waves.

"He should not have made demands on matters that are the sole concern of our sovereignty, nor launch threats against Cuba because the Cuban people have never been nor will they ever be forced to give in."

The almost unanimous backing for Cuba's socialism in a few short days of mobilization is the best example yet that the revolution is here to stay.

States of America aimed at suffocating and humiliating our people, the Cuban nation has risen to the challenge in these glorious years of the Revolution to achieve high educational, cultural and social indicators, with an illiteracy rate of 0.2 percent, an elementary school attendance rate of 100 percent, an infant mortality rate of 6.2 per 1,000 live births; with 590 doctors, 743 nurses and 630.6 hospital beds for every 100,000 people;

"Therefore, the people of Cuba petition the National Assembly of People's Power:

"First, To ratify our people's identification with each and every one of the principles on which the Constitution of the Republic is founded, particularly with its Economic, Social and Political Foundations consecrated in Chapter I, underlining that: 'Cuba is an independent and sovereign socialist State of workers organized by all its people for the well-being of all, as a unitary and democratic Republic, for the enjoyment of political freedom, social justice, individual and collective well-being, and human solidarity.'

"Second, To expressly set forth the will of the people that the economic, political and social system consecrated in the Constitution of the Republic is untouchable.

"Third, To ratify that economic, political and diplomatic relations with any other state will never be negotiated under aggression, threat or pressure from a foreign power."

Signature campaign affirms socialism

A campaign to gather the signatures of eligible Cuban voters was launched that showed their endorsement of the constitutional initiative. On June 14, on the Cuban television roundtable program, the process, as well as the time, date and place for the gathering of signatures among the people was explained in detail.

After a June 15 morning rally outside Havana at the memorial where Cuban independence hero General Antonio Maceo is buried, the endorsement signing began at 10 a.m.

At 129,523 polling places across Cuba, the people gathered to show their unwavering support for the revolution. Any eligible voter aged 16 years or older could sign.

By noon on June 16—barely 26 hours after the endorsements began—7,412,721 Cuban citizens had added their names and support.

By the noon June 18 deadline, 8,165,320 signed the constitutional initiative—some 98.7 percent of the vot-



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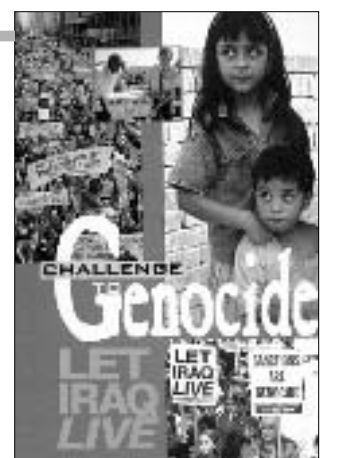
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India and Pakistan

Anti-imperialist unity reaches across borders

By Gery Armsby

In response to mounting tensions and the specter of all-out war between their two countries, numerous groups and thousands of workers in India and Pakistan took to the streets June 13 to denounce threats of war by the Vajpayee and Musharraf governments.

Left parties, workers' organizations, women's groups and anti-globalization forces in Pakistan and India carried out a day of joint anti-war demonstrations throughout their respective countries.

A protest of more than 1,000 in Lahore, the Kashmiri capital within Pakistan's borders, was jointly called by four left parties of Pakistan: the Communist Mazdoor Kissan Party, National Workers Party, Labor Party of Pakistan and the Peoples Party (Shaheed Bhutto). Several labor union federations, human rights and community organizations, and youths also participated.

Despite a heavy police presence, the anti-war activists took their demands before the public at the Lahore Press Club, chanting, "No to war," and "U.S. imperialism out of South Asia." The Lahore demonstration demanded an immediate withdrawal of Indian and Pakistani troops from border areas and demilitarization of the part of Kashmir known as the Line of Control.

Demonstrators also demanded an end

to preparations for large-scale—and potentially nuclear—war being made by both India and Pakistan, an immediate withdrawal of all U.S. and other imperialist forces from the region, and respect for the right to self-determination of the Kashmiri nation.

At a rally before the international press, speakers stressed that the policies of the U.S. government were largely to blame for the increase in tensions between India and Pakistan. They spoke against unprecedented nuclear proliferation in the region and demanded cuts in military spending.

Many speakers expressed deep appreciation for Indian groups that showed solidarity by holding similar actions in the region and across India that day. They were optimistic that further coordinated actions of progressive forces in India and Pakistan would occur again in the near future.

Worker solidarity across subcontinent

After learning of the Pakistani groups' plans for a June 13 demonstration, a coalition of left groups in India coordinated simultaneous anti-war, anti-imperialist protests in Delhi, Chennai, Calcutta, Lucknow, Patna, Ranchi, Vijaywada and other major cities.

The Communist Party of India (Marxist Leninist)-Liberation, Socialist Unity Cen-

ter of India, CPI (ML)-Red Flag, CPI (ML)-Unity Initiative, CPI (ML)-New Democracy, Communist Organization of India (ML) and the Marxist Communist Party of India collaborated to bring out their supporters among the Indian working class in a show of anti-imperialist solidarity against the mounting war crisis.

More than a dozen rallies across India protested the warmongering of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party as well as the likelihood of increased imperialist intervention in the subcontinent as a result of the conflict.

Six of the Indian groups issued a joint statement calling for unity "against imperialist globalization, communalization and Gujarat genocide, war jingoism and subservience to imperialism, particularly U.S. imperialism." Gujarat is the scene of a vicious police campaign against minority groups and the poor. More than 2,000 Gujarat Muslims have been killed since late February.

The joint statement, announcing a June 19-27 campaign of people's actions throughout India, warns, "Though the war threat has receded apparently under imperialist maneuvers, [U.S. and other imperialist powers] continue to flood the subcontinent with arms and ruin the economy of both India and Pakistan further.

"The danger of U.S.-UK military presence in Kashmir has increased. With the military bases of the U.S. and its allies al-

ready in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the war moves on the border have provided opportunity for the aggravation of imperialist intervention in the region as part of the global policing by the U.S."

The current phase of the conflict over Kashmir—which has its historical roots in the colonization of the region by the British—was ostensibly sparked by a May 14 attack against an Indian army base in Jammu that left 30 people dead. A standoff between India and Pakistan ensued with a grave threat of nuclear attack that imperiled the region and alarmed the world.

Because a war between India and Pakistan would mean major complications for their imperialist adventure in nearby Afghanistan, Washington and its junior partner in London moved swiftly to control the situation.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld held private meetings with Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf in order to offer a "solution" to the conflict that would serve imperialist aims.

Although tensions along the Line of Control appear to have eased in the wake of the U.S. diplomatic visits, progressives in India and Pakistan are not lulled by U.S. maneuvers in the name of "brokering a peaceful solution" and plan to keep up their anti-war activities.

Turning the tables on U.S.

Milosevic cross-examines war criminal

By Heather Cottin

The prosecution has brought in its heavy hitters for the show trial of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic in The Hague.

They trotted out William Walker, the head of a U.S. "peacekeeping" mission in Kosovo, on June 12, followed by the head of the German army, Gen. Klaus Neumann, the next day.

Even with Judge Richard Mays' open displays of hostility, Milosevic was not intimidated.

The major NATO powers, notably the United States and Germany, created the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in 1993 to criminalize Serb and Yugoslav leaders and personnel as part of their plan to dismember and re-colonize Yugoslavia.

Milosevic confronted William Walker first. Walker worked for the U.S. State Department from 1985-1988 on Central America policy. He was U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador during the Sumpul River massacre. So he knows about massacres. He knows how to cover them up.

Walker was an integral part of the Reagan-Bush war against the people of El Sal-

vador that took nearly 100,000 lives.

Walker was directly involved in another campaign of terror while in Central America. He supported the anti-Sandinista Contra fighters in Nicaragua with proceeds from secret arms sales to Iran. The CIA-organized counter-revolutionaries killed over 20,000 people in Nicaragua.

'Massacre' allegation by U.S. war criminal

It was Walker who first reported the story that the U.S. and NATO used to justify the 78-day bombing war against Yugoslavia in 1999. As the Associated Press noted in its coverage of the testimony, "William Walker, the former U.S. head of an OSCE Kosovo peacekeeping mission, claimed he saw 'piles of bodies at Racak,' a massacre that focused world attention on atrocities by Serb forces."

An analysis by Armen Georgian and Arthur Neslen in the April 5, 2001, edition of the New Statesman showed that the January 1999 "Racak Massacre" came at a convenient time, when the Clinton administration was looking for an excuse to begin the war against socialist Yugoslavia.

It was, according to the New Statesman article, reminiscent of the Gulf of Tonkin incident, "the CIA-manipulated story ... that escalated the Vietnam War." The report is notable, since the New Statesman is not friendly to Milosevic or the Yugoslav socialists.

Georgian and Neslen pointed out that on Aug. 12, 1998, the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee had commented: "Planning for a U.S.-led NATO intervention in Kosovo is now largely in place. The only missing element seems to be an event—with suitably vivid media coverage—that could make the intervention politically saleable."

The Sunday Times of London reported in 2001 that Walker was "inextricably linked with the CIA." In the Times story, diplomatic and intelligence sources alleged that the team led by Walker which discovered the "Racak Massacre" was a CIA front that also gave logistical and technical support to the Kosovo Liberation Army.

Milosevic knew all this. Cross-examining Walker, he charged that the CIA had recruited the OSCE team.

"In Kosovo, you supported a different kind of Contras," Milosevic charged, "the Contra Kosovo Liberation Army." He also suggested Walker was involved in the murder of Jesuit priests and nuns in El Salvador.

Clearly flustered on the witness stand, Walker said he had only supplied humanitarian aid to El Salvador from the air base used by U.S. authorities to provide illicit arms to the Contras.

His credibility was clearly damaged.

German general's incredible story

The next day, General Neumann gave his testimony to the ICTY. His story was even more incredible.

Neumann claimed, on the stand, that Milosevic told him in 1999 "that Yugoslavia's problems would be solved if ethnic Albanians were murdered."

Neumann was the commanding officer of KSK, the elite commando unit of the Bundeswehr, or German army. His unit trained the KLA in Albania and at NATO bases in Turkey in 1998.

Milosevic's defense of himself and of Yugoslavia during the trial has proven that he knew intimately what NATO forces were doing to destabilize and destroy Yugoslavia.

Milosevic knew Germany's role in dismembering the socialist federation. He knew that Klaus Neumann, the most powerful military leader in Germany, was the archenemy of the Serbian people and a united Yugoslavia. Neumann was part of the effort to supply and train the Kosovo Liberation Army, NATO's cat's paw in Yugoslavia.

Milosevic could never confide in Neumann. He knew Neumann was an implacable enemy of peace in Yugoslavia.

The ongoing trial in The Hague is a clear case of "victor's justice." As political activist and author Greg Elich wrote: "Open perjury appears not to be a problem for Judge May. The prosecution hasn't even come close to presenting a case, and not a shred of evidence that Milosevic was responsible for crimes." (www.stopnato.org)

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Media slanders north Korea

Don't wait 30 years to debunk these lies

By Deirdre Griswold

Many, many books have been written over the last three decades on the manipulation of news by agencies of the U.S. government like the CIA, and about the willingness—even eagerness—of the highly monopolized corporate media to disseminate propaganda tuned to the worldwide interests of U.S. big business.

Often, however, it takes 30 or more years before even the faintest whiff of truth reaches a mass audience—like the documentary “Shadow Play,” which was finally shown on PBS in May. It is about the bloody 1965 coup in Indonesia by a cabal of generals secretly supported by the United States.

For 37 years, anyone dependent on the mass media for their views had thought just the opposite—that Indonesian communists had attempted a coup in 1965, but had been foiled by alert army officers. While U.S. newspapers gloated at the time that a million progressives and leftists were being slaughtered in Indonesia by the army, they blamed it all on a “failed coup” by the left—one that never happened, as the documentary shows.

The mythology created at that time included Indonesian government films showing “reenactments” of “communist women” mutilating the genitals of dead generals—mutilations that never happened, according to the documentary.

Kuwait and the incubator story

It is more than just coincidence that vivid stories of atrocities often precede U.S. military interventions. It seems to the public that the intervention is in response to some outrage, while in reality the “outrage” is manufactured to justify the intervention.

In 1990 when the U.S. was planning to go to war with Iraq, a young Kuwaiti woman appeared before a congressional committee to describe how Iraqi troops had snatched babies out of incubators in Kuwait and smashed them on the ground. Her emotional testimony got headlines and prime-time coverage.

Later it turned out that the story was completely manufactured. She was Nayirah Sabah, the daughter of Kuwait's am-

Holiday crowd in Pyongyang, north Korea's capital.

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bassador to the U.S., and had been in this country all the time. Her visit to the congressional committee had been arranged by the U.S. advertising agency Hill & Knowlton. But by then the U.S. war against Iraq had started and the damage had been done.

It's not difficult today to see that racist “news stories” were used to egg on the massacres against Native people and the lynchings of African Americans. Or that the press was always there to justify imperialist wars of expansion, like the Hearst chain's contributions to the Spanish-American War of 1898.

What's harder is to recognize the same process of deceit when it is going on now.

Timing of Korean babies story

A case in point is the latest “news” about north Korea. Suddenly, in all the major media, stories appeared around June 10 alleging the brutal treatment of women there. Pregnant women in jail were being forced to have abortions, said the stories. If their babies were born alive, guards forced the women themselves to kill them. What could horrify women readers more than the idea of being forced to kill your newborn baby?

This story was said to have come from defectors who had forced their way into foreign embassies in China. The Korean

Central News Agency denounced it as a “whopping lie.”

The timing of this story fits perfectly into the Bush administration's aggressive plans. Not only have the Washington gang created an “axis of evil” and put the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in it, but they are working night and day to reverse the June 15 Joint Announcement made in Pyongyang in 2000 by Kim Jong Il and Kim Dae-Jung, the leaders of north and south Korea, respectively.

That declaration was a historic step toward reducing the tensions between the two halves of the Korean peninsula—tensions that the U.S. has generated since the Korean War to justify the continued stationing of almost 40,000 troops in the south.

The declaration is taken seriously in Korea, if not in Washington. A movement has been growing by leaps and bounds in south Korea to get the U.S. troops out. On June 22, major demonstrations are scheduled to take place. Anti-U.S. songs are now hot in south Korean culture. There is an angry rejection of Bush's characterization of the DPRK as “evil” and a passionate desire to go forward with improving relations with the north.

But that's not what the U.S. media are talking about. They're focused on the stories about north Korean defectors

U.S. steps up provocations

As the language from Washington becomes more threatening, north Korea must constantly be preoccupied with defense. U.S. warplanes and warships are always prowling around its borders. The Korean Central News Agency reported that in May the U.S. committed 180 cases of “air espionage,” mobilizing strategic and tactical reconnaissance planes on various missions. Flying extremely high, these planes are able to photograph huge swaths of territory. The agency reported flights by U-2 spy planes, EP-3s, RC-7Bs, RC-12 and RF-4Cs. The Pentagon calls this vital to the “defense” of the U.S. Imagine what they'd say if the Koreans sent planes to U.S. shores to carry out similar flights.

—D.G.

and dead babies.

Economic conditions in the DPRK deteriorated after the fall of the USSR, followed by several years of severe weather. Food shortages have been compounded by U.S. sanctions and attempts to isolate north Korea. So the Korean community in China, which has existed for many years, has swelled with emigrants seeking work.

South Korea offers \$35,000 cash, plus a job and apartment, to any north Korean who defects. So it is not surprising that a few north Koreans would show up at embassies in Beijing asking asylum. Just imagine the flood of humanity if the U.S. suddenly announced it would give \$35,000 in cash, plus a home and apartment, to anyone from Central America or the Caribbean who could find their way into a U.S. Embassy.

Knowing how the U.S. clandestine services operate, it is highly likely that Washington has found a way to carry out the active recruitment of defectors, even in China, which then becomes the grist for more propaganda against the DPRK.

The real brutality in Korea is the U.S. military occupation there that has kept millions of families divided for over 50 years. When the U.S. press steps up its campaign to demonize the north, thinking people here should recognize this is no different than the lies told to justify so many wars and interventions in the past.

How gay movement fought FBI

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goods equally.

Sometimes people say to me, “Oh, thank goodness you're a socialist. I was afraid you were a communist.” And I tell them: “Hold on a minute—I'm not finished yet!”

Equal distribution still isn't fair. People have different and changing needs. Communism is the next and higher stage of society in which we can produce such abundance that people can have what they need and want: “From each according to their ability, to each according to their need.”

What do socialism and communism mean for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and trans people? Look, there have been problems for gays in workers' states, and there have been advances. We don't make light of the problems. We analyze them because we want to make socialism stronger.

But let's not forget this: Even the

poorest workers' states have done what no rich capitalist country has been able to do. They've fed and clothed, provided free education and health care, guaranteed jobs and inexpensive housing for all—gay and straight. That helps decrease social tensions. And it removes the economic necessity for pitting people against each other that is characteristic of class-divided societies.

However, overturning capitalist property relations merely sets the stage for the development of socialism. The old dog-eat-dog values from class society, the old patterns of living are not immediately washed away. A revolution is not a single act, it's a process.

And every country liberated by workers and peasants trying to build socialism has been surrounded on its borders by the imperialist countries—like a maroon com-

munity of run-away slaves encircled by former slave-owners—bristling with weapons of mass destruction, including economic embargoes. That has made it hard to carry out the kind of cultural revolutions that Marx, Lenin, Che and Mao wrote are needed to deepen the social and political revolution.

With the conscious intervention of the more revolutionary elements, these heavy burdens from the past can be lifted from the shoulders of the new generations.

Also, remember that every oppressed group that struggles against capitalism leaves its imprint on the struggle for socialism. And on the revolutionary program of our Party, too.

So if you've been looking for a revolutionary party, we welcome you to Workers World—with Pride—where you can be lavender AND red!



In harm's way

Quick—what are the most dangerous jobs in the U.S.?

We know what most people would say, and it's wrong.

A steady diet of television would convince anyone that cops have the most dangerous occupation. But the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics put out a list of the Top Ten Most Dangerous Jobs in 2000, and the fuzz are not on it. The list is based on how many job-related fatalities occurred for every 100,000 workers employed in each job category.

Timber cutters are killed the most—122.1 per 100,000. Fishers are next, with 108.3. Airplane pilots are third.

Construction workers of various kinds come in fourth, sixth, and seventh. Extractive occupations—miners, oil rig workers—are fifth.

Truck drivers and drivers/sales workers are a surprising eight and nine on the list. Farm occupations are tenth, at 25.1 deaths per 100,000.

The police are off the chart, with a death rate of only about 9 per 100,000.

When it comes to earnings, however, things are quite different. According to the BLS, those who fell trees had a median wage of \$12.33 an hour in 2000; heavy truck and tractor-trailer drivers, who do better than drivers of smaller vehicles, had median hourly earnings of \$15.25.

Farmworkers, as usual, were on the bottom with median weekly earnings of \$309. Fishers did somewhat better: between \$300 and \$750 a week.

Most of these occupations, however, are seasonal. So yearly earnings for farmworkers, fishers and timber cutters are not a simple multiple of what they might get per week. And they are

much less likely to have benefits than other job categories.

Police and sheriff's patrol officers, however, usually get a yearly salary with benefits. Their median annual earnings in 2000 were \$39,790. For police and detective supervisors, that rose to \$57,210. This is not counting other perks of the job.

If police are better paid presumably because of the risks of their jobs, why don't workers in vital industries who risk being crushed, drowned, poisoned, electrocuted and caught in machinery receive decent compensation for what they do?

Tens of millions of workers are in these high-risk occupations. When they are killed on the job, their families, friends and co-workers attend their funerals and memorial events. There is grief and dignity among the survivors. But when do you see that on the nightly news?

It is amazing how invisible the working class has become in the U.S. media. Whether in life or in death, workers are either a subject of comic relief or just don't get mentioned at all. Books and plays about workers' struggles are considered "passé." Movies like "Silkwood" or "Erin Brockovich" are the rare exceptions that prove the rule.

The fascination is with rich people and murder—cops, courts, bounty hunters, judges, district attorneys, you name it. This is supposedly where the action is. The bosses of the billion-dollar entertainment industry couldn't care less about the complex and fascinating lives of the millions who work at all-too-perilous jobs, like those listed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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HARRY LANDFIELD

working class fighter



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By Phebe Eckfeldt Boston

The Boston Branch of Workers World Party and the whole political movement here experienced a tremendous loss with the death of comrade Harry Landfield on May 18. Harry's presence at almost every major demonstration or picket line in the city of Boston and nationally until a few months before his death at age 77 made him well known. His gentle, unassuming manner and his militant, uncompromising politics made him well respected.

Harry was born in Peabody, Mass., in 1925. As a Jewish child his first brush with anti-Semitism came when he wanted to join the Boy Scouts but was not allowed to do so in his neighborhood in Beverly, Mass. He had to go to another part of town.

Harry's working life began when he sold newspapers at age 6. At 15 he worked at the Boston Garden selling popcorn and drinks. When management discriminated against the youth vendors, Harry got fed up and started to organize a union. He was fired for his efforts.

In 1942 Harry joined the military. World War II had begun and, like many young people, he saw it as a way to fight against Hitler and fascism. He joined the Army Air Corps and earned seven battle stars and two presidential citations.

After the war ended he attended the University of New Hampshire and studied law. He went to Northeastern University Law School in 1948 and graduated in 1951. McCarthyism had set in and in order to become a lawyer in Massachusetts you had to take a loyalty oath—a pledge that you didn't belong to any "subversive organizations," including communist parties. Harry refused to take the oath.

He joined the Young Progressives, who were working on the Henry Wallace for President Campaign. Wallace was a third-party candidate who opposed the Cold War. Harry later joined the Young Communist League, the youth wing of the Communist Party USA.

Harry's first arrest was around the same time. The U.S. government resumed the draft, requiring veterans to reregister. Picket lines went up immediately and Harry was among those arrested.

In 1952 he was very active in the campaign to defend Ethel and Julius Rosenberg—progressives who were victims of the anti-communist witch-hunt. The Rosenbergs were framed on spying charges and executed by the U.S. government. Harry went to Washington 10 times during this period for marches in support of the Rosenbergs. He was there the entire last week of their lives.

In the 1960s Harry was an active member of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in New York, which at that time was a militant, multinational, anti-racist organization. Harry took part in many picket lines, lie-ins and sit-ins that CORE organized to force workplaces to hire Black workers. He was arrested frequently. He was also a shop steward for the health care workers' union 1199 in a hospital in East Harlem.

When Harry returned to Boston he became active in the Community Church, a radical church, and later served on its board of directors.

In 1984 Harry joined Workers World Party. He often told his comrades that when he met WWP it was like he had finally found his home. He lived, breathed and ate the working class struggle. He would enthusiastically take on any task, large or small. His favorite job was to hand out Workers World newspaper and engage people in political discussion.

Over the past 20 years he was active in all the major struggles of the day: against the U.S. war drive in Iraq, Afghanistan and Colombia; in support of Cuba; for self-determination for the Palestinian people and against Zionism; in the fight against police brutality; for rights for lesbian, gay, bi and trans people; for the liberation of women; and in defense of unions and immigrant rights.

The struggle for socialism kept Harry young. His unflagging optimism and energy were fueled by his love for the working class and oppressed peoples and his Marxist understanding that socialism will one day be triumphant.

He witnessed major political changes during his lifetime that felled many of his progressive peers. But Harry's dialectical materialist view enabled him to ride the waves and come out on top.

His tenderness, warmth and compassion for all made him a beloved comrade. Quoting the words of famous labor leader Mother Jones, his last words to his comrades and friends on the day of his death were, "Don't mourn, organize!"

Harry Landfield, presente!

A memorial service for Harry Landfield will be held on June 23 at 11 a.m. at the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston St. Everyone is welcome. For information, call (617) 983-3835.

Donations in Harry's memory can be sent to the Harry Landfield Justice Fund, c/o ANSWER, 31 Germania St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. Tax-deductible donations should be made payable to "Harry Landfield Memorial Fund/People's Rights Fund."



What's behind worldwide hunger crisis?

By Monica Moorehead

In mid-June the United Nations hosted a food summit in Rome that focused attention on the rise of hunger worldwide. The conference brought together over 6,600 participants representing 181 countries and 1,000 organizations. Seventy-five government leaders were also present.

High-level representatives of many of the major imperialist countries—including the United States, Britain, Germany, Canada, France and others—boycotted the conference.

The notable absence of these leaders infuriated many conference participants, most of whom represent the poorest developing countries that are dealing with hunger and malnutrition on a massive scale. Many of these countries are located on the continents of Africa, Asia and Latin America and in the formerly socialist region of Eastern Europe.

In southern Africa alone, an estimated 13 million people go to bed hungry each night. The African continent is bracing itself for another major drought. On top of this, Africa is losing a whole generation of young people, numbering in the millions, to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The four-day food summit was called to develop a program of action to try to alleviate hunger, which affects 800 million of the 1.2 billion people who are officially impoverished by UN standards. This means that they subsist on \$1 a day or less.

An estimated 24,000 people die needlessly from hunger every day.

The vast majority of those living in poverty are women and children trying to survive in semi-feudal conditions.

One goal the conference agreed on was

to develop projects to cut the number of hungry people in half by 2015. This was the same goal set at the 1996 summit on world hunger.

Last September, former Pakistani Agriculture Minister Sartaj Aziz spoke on a panel on hunger in Bonn. He put forth some startling statistics: within the 48 least developed countries (LDCs), the number of malnourished people doubled between 1980 and 1998, to 40 percent of their total population or 240 million people.

Aziz said the dependence of the developing countries on importing food rather than producing food for their own consumption has increased dramatically over the past 26 years.

The opposite is true for the industrialized countries that are able to export food because of a surplus. This surplus does not negate the reality that millions of people in the industrialized countries suffer from hunger and are malnourished.

The LDCs are enslaved to the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, institutions controlled by U.S. and European banking conglomerates, with unrealistic debt payments. This neocolonial relationship has played an integral role in exacerbating the poverty and hunger crisis for the poorest countries.

There's enough to feed the world

But these statistics alone don't tell the whole story.

According to Saskatchewan Interactive, worldwide food production is greater than the needs of the total global population. There is enough food to supply 2,700 calories a day per person to everyone in the world.

Only 20 percent of the world's food production actually reaches people. Some of



Women harvesting rice in Tanzania. There's enough food to feed the world—but private ownership for profit stands in the way.

this food goes to livestock, while much is destroyed because it cannot be sold at a profit.

The root cause of all the hunger, poverty and disease is the worldwide system of capitalism and imperialism—a cold-hearted economic system that treats every developing country as a potential market on which to dump its cheap goods, while at the same time destroying any semblance of independent social development for the well-being of the people.

Imperialism destroys the livelihoods of farmers throughout the developing world. Local farmers' products can't compete after the industrialized countries flood the world market with cheaper goods.

And who understands this social phenomenon better than the imperialists themselves? This is one of the reasons they did not take the Rome conference on hunger seriously and boycotted it. They knew that many delegates would rightly point the finger of blame for so much poverty and suffering at them.

Zimbabwe's plight

During the 1970s and 1980s, the southern African nation of Zimbabwe produced enough food to feed its population. Today Zimbabwe is forced to import food, which has led to a growing hunger crisis.

This is not the fault of Zimbabwean

President Robert Mugabe's economic policies, which is what the low-level U.S. and European representatives put forth at the Rome conference.

Mugabe defied an illegal visa ban imposed on him by the European Union in order to attend the conference. The imperialists have labeled Mugabe a "tyrant" because of his policy of supporting the mass seizures of rich, arable lands controlled by white farmers for over a century.

The imperialist powers have economically blockaded Zimbabwe and white farmers have withheld their farm products from the domestic market to punish the government and the Black population.

Mugabe said, "Zimbabwe's land must rightly belong to Zimbabweans, that being the true test of our national sovereignty. Where previously only a handful of colonial settler farmers were undertaking commercial farming, the country now has over 260,000 farming families."

There is more than enough food to feed the people of the world and the technology exists to keep them fed. The problem is that the capitalist class controls the means of producing and distributing food. Their priority is making profits, not meeting people's needs.

Stop the illegal detention of Jaoudat Abouazza!

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Abouazza's public defender for a bail hearing on the charges of his arrest, keeping him in jail over the weekend of June 1-2. This follows a pattern now familiar in the detention of thousands of Arabs and Muslims across the nation after Sept. 11, 2001. During that weekend the FBI interrogated Abouazza seven times, sometimes awakening him at 1 a.m. for questioning. Although Abouazza had been appointed counsel, she was present at none of these proceedings.

By the time of his appearance in court on the following Monday, the INS had already filed a detainer, requiring that he be held in jail until the INS came to get him. Abouazza was moved to an INS detention

facility in the early hours of the morning on June 4.

In an Ashcroftian Catch 22, at Abouazza's pre-trial hearing on June 12, the Cambridge district judge found him in default for failure to appear at the hearing, after a court-ordered writ of habeas corpus to secure his transfer to the courtroom was rejected by the INS. Abouazza was of course unable to appear, because he remains in INS detention. The judge then found Jaoudat in default, meaning he failed to show up for court, and issued a warrant for his arrest.

New wave of arrests targets activists

Expanded powers for FBI domestic sur-

veillance put into place by Ashcroft's Justice Department in the last week of May have made it easier to target political dissidents. The Justice Department and the FBI have begun a new wave of arrests, specifically targeting Palestinian political activists. The case of Palestinian student organizer Ahmed Bensouda in Chicago and the case of Jaoudat Abouazza in Boston are two prominent examples.

Both occur in the context of increasingly vocal criticism of Israel, and U.S. support for Israeli policies, in which Arab and Muslim immigrants have played a significant role. On April 20, 100,000 people marched on Washington to protest Bush's "war on terrorism." The large presence of Palestinian activists made itself felt across the country.

In Boston, Abouazza has been a leading activist in the Palestinian struggle. His photograph appeared in the Boston Globe as one of the leaders of a local march against the Israeli occupation that drew 2,000 activists on April 6—the largest to date in Boston. He has participated in weekly vigils in front of the Israeli Consulate. Several of those protests have come under heavy surveillance by the Boston Police and plainclothes agents, who have repeatedly photographed demonstrators and their license plates.

His arrest on May 30 occurred a little more than a week before a major legally permitted protest against the Israel Day Festival planned for June 9 in which

Abouazza had been a key organizer. Flyers for the protest—which the FBI found in his car—were cited in court by the prosecutor May 31 as a reason to continue holding him.

The increasing criminalization of dissent in the U.S. in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, endangers the rights of all, citizens and non-citizens alike. Everyone who is concerned for fundamental human rights and civil liberties can act now in defense of Jaoudat Abouazza.

Send letters of protest to:

USINS District Director Steven J. Farquharson, Room 1700, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203.

Send copies to: Commissioner James W. Ziglar, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20536, and Jaoudat Abouazza Defense Committee, c/o International ANSWER, 31 Germania Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

Also send copies of the letters and messages of support to Abouazza at: Jaoudat Abouazza, Bristol County Jail and House of Correction (North Dartmouth), 400 Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747, 1 West ID#120541 (unit and ID number should be written on the lower left of the envelope).

For more information, contact the Jaoudat Abouazza Defense Committee at (617) 522-6626; e-mail abouazzadefense@yahoo.com; Web www.iacoboston.org/ANSWER.

HIDDEN AGENDA U.S./NATO takeover of Yugoslavia

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El Pentágono en las Filipinas

¿Qué trama Washington?

Por Lydia Bayoneta

Una búsqueda de un año del gobierno filipino por las guerrillas de Abu Sayyaf y los secuestrados filipinos y estadounidenses terminó en la muerte de la enfermera Ediborah Yap y el misionero estadounidense Martín Burnham además de salir lesionada Gracia Burnham el pasado 7 de junio. Se ha presentado amplias especulaciones en Washington si el intento de rescate de los secuestrado hubiera terminado diferente si tropas estadounidenses hubieran estado envueltas.

Algunos analistas culpan el resultado trágico—aunque se habla más sobre la muerte de Burnham—en la reticencia del gobierno filipino de permitir operaciones de combate por tropas extranjeras en su territorio. Esto es “un problema común en un rescate de secuestrados cuando los países envueltos afirman su soberanía,” dijo Michael Vikes, un ex soldado es las fuerzas especiales de los Estados Unidos que fue citado por el San Francisco Chronicle el 8 de junio.

Poco después de llegar las tropas estadounidenses a las Filipinas hace 6 meses, los oficiales del Pentágono pusieron en duda la habilidad de las fuerzas filipinas en su operación de rescate. Ellos hablaron de “la falta de experiencia y la sospecha de lazos entre algunos soldados y las guerrillas.” El Representante Republicano de Kansas, Todd Tiahrt dijo que él había pedido al Pentágono que investigara los entrenamientos de los comandos exploradores de las Filipinas.

Este tipo de hablar refleja más que cualquier cosa la arrogancia, y paternalística actitud de los Estados Unidos hacia su ex colonia después de más de 100 años de intervención. No se mencionó el hecho de que 10 instructores estadounidenses con experiencia murieron este año en un accidente en el sur de las Filipinas.

El despliegue de las tropas estadounidenses en las Filipinas, como en Afganistán y otras partes del mundo, es pintado como parte de la guerra de los Estados Unidos contra el terrorismo. En realidad, esto es parte del

Pentágono y su plan para lograr una hegemonía más amplia en el mundo. En las Filipinas, al imperialismo estadounidense le gustaría reestablecer su presencia militar y nuclear. Hace una década, los Estados Unidos perdió sus bases militares más grandes fuera de América del Norte: la Base Naval Subic Bay, que abarcaba 37.000 acres y la Base Aérea Clark, cuyos 132.000 acres lo hacía mucho más grande que el Distrito de Columbia. Estas dos bases en las Filipinas han sido usadas para catapultar la intervenciones de los Estados Unidos y agresiones en toda el Asia y la región del Pacífico Occidental.

El Sub Secretario de la Defensa, Paul Wolfowitz ha descrito la nueva presencia de los Estados Unidos en las Filipinas como “un golpe contra la extensión del red de Al Qaeda.” En realidad no hay conexión entre las guerrillas de Abu Sayyaf y Al Qaeda, según el periódico Examiner de San Francisco, el 25 de mayo.

Gran capital para un objetivo más grande

Lo que no se puede negar, sin embargo, es que los Estados Unidos está echando masivas cantidades de dinero en las Filipinas. Después de la visita de la Presidente filipina, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo a los Estados Unidos en noviembre, el gobierno de las Filipinas recibió \$100 millones de dólares en ayuda militar más la promesa de \$4.5 mil millones más en ayuda económica. Esto será utilizado para luchar contra los grupos insurgentes musulmanes en Mindanao—y no solo Abu Sayyaf—y el Nuevo Ejército del Pueblo, el cual ha estado librando una lucha por el socialismo y la real independencia de las Filipinas.

El despliegue de las tropas estadounidenses ya ha suscitado una creciente oposición y acusaciones de que Arroyo ha violado la constitución de 1987, la cual prohíbe el estacionamiento de tropas extranjeras en territorio filipino. Los reales motivos de los Estados Unidos se podrían ver en una declaración del consejero de las políticas extranjeras de Arroyo, Roberto Rómulo. “Una fuerte relación entre

las Filipinas y los Estados Unidos nivelaría cualquier tendencia hegemónica proveniente de China, a desalentarles de sus ambiciones en nuestra parte del mundo.” (Examiner de San Francisco, el 25 de mayo).

¿Quién en realidad tiene intenciones hegemónicas? China está mucho más cerca a las Filipinas que los Estados Unidos, aún así nunca ha controlado el Pacífico Occidental, mientras que el imperialismo estadounidense ha tenido una presencia dominante allá por más de 100 años. Sin embargo, la referencia hacia China es interesante, de palabras ordinarias. Mientras que la prensa estadounidense se ha enfocado sobre las tropas de combate de los Estados Unidos y Abu Sayyaf, los Estados Unidos han estado quedamente buscando un acuerdo para guardar equipo militar en todas las Filipinas y asegurar los derechos de viajes aéreos militares. También está negociando un regreso a la Base Naval Subic Bay, al igual que asegurar los derechos a la bases “temporalmente” para sus tropas.

La meta principal de todas estas maniobras es doble: Una es la de dominar y aplastar las luchas de liberación nacional en Asia del Sudeste y usar las Filipinas como una plataforma de lanzamiento para operaciones contra los países socialistas como Vietnam y la República Democrática Popular de Corea. Otra es rodear a la República Popular de China con bases hostiles como los hizo con la Unión Soviética durante la Guerra Fría. La administración de Bush ya ha dicho que está dispuesto a usar armas nucleares contra China. El nuevo sistema de cohetes anti balístico se está construyendo en Alaska y también está dirigido hacia China. Una vez más parece que los Estados Unidos tiene intenciones de utilizar a las Filipinas como su “insumergible nave portadora de aviones” en el Pacífico.

Las intervenciones masivas del pueblo filipino se deshizo de las bases la primera vez. Eso, reforzado con la solidaridad de las gentes progresistas en todo el mundo, es la única forma de detener el terror causado por los Estados Unidos en Asia y el Pacífico.

EDITORIAL

Unidad entre trabajadores de Pakistán y la India

Es suficientemente mal que hay una confrontación peligrosa entre las clases reaccionarias que dominan la India y Pakistán actualmente amenazando a las vidas de millones de personas. Para hacerlo peor, los militares del imperio actual basado en Washington y lo que queda del imperio británico han forzado a estos reaccionarios abrir los portales de par en par del subcontinente asiático a ellos. Efectivamente están restableciendo la vía hacia la esclavitud colonial.

No obstante, un ocurrido bueno ha comenzado a proporcionar una respuesta a estos malos acontecimientos. Por primera vez, las organizaciones de la clase trabajadora de Pakistán y la India han planificado manifestaciones políticas simultáneas a través del subcontinente para culpar precisamente a los imperialistas y las clases dominantes de los dos países.

Respondiendo a una llamada de cuatro partidos izquierdistas de Pakistán, cuatro partidos de la India—el Partido Comunista de la India ML (Liberación), el Centro de la Unidad Socialista de la India (SUCI por las siglas en inglés), el Partido Comunista de la India ML (Bandera Roja) y el Partido Comunista de la India ML (Iniciativa pro Unidad)—se han acordado organizar manifestaciones por la paz apuntados por el día 13 de junio. Estas manifestaciones se van a llevar a cabo a través de la India y van a pedir un cese de inmediato a todas las amenazas de la guerra, el retiro de todas las tropas de las fronteras y un alto a la intervención imperialista en la región.

El mismo día, en Lahore de Pakistán, representantes del Partido Nacional de los Trabajadores, el Partido Laboral de Pakistán, el Partido Comunista Mazdoor Kisan y el Partido del Pueblo de Pakistán se van a llevar a cabo un mitin por la paz conjunto. Hay reportes que varias confederaciones sindicales se han acordado apoyar a la protesta por la paz.

Estas organizaciones de las masas de trabajadores explican que mientras que los regímenes de Pakistán y la India hablan en nombre de sus nacionalismos respectivos, los dos han permitido la intervención de fuerzas militares británicas y de los Estados Unidos a violar la soberanía de las dos naciones.

Es el deber de las organizaciones opuestas a la guerra, progresistas y más importante, antiimperialistas dentro de los países imperialistas y especialmente de los Estados Unidos tomar una posición bien clara sobre estas cuestiones. Antes de todo, condenamos la intervención militar y de otras formas de Washington y su socio subordinado en Londres, en la región. Fue la llamada “guerra contra el terror” en Afganistán que desestabilizó a la región en primer lugar. No hay manera que estos depredadores imperialistas pueden hacer una intervención “humanitaria”.

En segundo lugar, extendemos nuestra solidaridad plena a esas organizaciones en la India y Pakistán que están intentando frenar la ofensiva hacia la guerra. Saludamos a su esfuerzo para destacar que el enemigo mayor de la clase trabajadora y los campesinos de cada país no es el régimen al otro lado de la frontera, sino lo de su propio país, junto a los enemigos en Washington y Londres.

Esta solidaridad internacional es el mejor antidoto al veneno del nacionalismo reaccionario en la región así como el veneno de la intervención imperialista.

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