By Betsey Piette
Philadelphia

April 17 — A major hurdle was cleared today for political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal to win a new trial and freedom. The office of the Philadelphia District Attorney filed a notice that it was rescinding its appeal against Common Plea Court Judge Leon Tucker’s decision granting Abu-Jamal new appellate rights.

This filing opens the door for Abu-Jamal’s attorneys, Judith Ritter and Sam Spital, with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, to proceed with a filing to have previously denied Post Conviction Relief Act (PCRA) appeals reheard before a new panel of Pennsylvania Supreme Court judges.

Tucker issued a historic ruling last Dec. 27 that former State Supreme Court Justice Ron Castille should have recused himself from hearing four of Abu-Jamal’s appeals between 1995 and 2012. Tucker’s decision further clarified, reinforced and confirmed in his Form 1925 document of March 26 what Mumia Abu-Jamal’s attorneys have argued for years — the innocent prisoner did not get a fair hearing before the State Supreme Court and deserves a new hearing.

Abu-Jamal’s current appeal, first heard in April 2017, was based on the 2016 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Williams v. Pennsylvania that Castille, as the District Attorney who oversaw the William’s case, should have recused himself from ruling on the state appeals.

In January 2019, District Attorney Larry Krasner’s office appealed Tucker’s Dec. 27 ruling, claiming it was overly broad and that it would overburden the court system if thousands of defendants used this decision as precedent. In his March 26 filing, Tucker shattered Krasner’s argument, explaining that former DA Castille gave the appearance of bias not only because of his prior role as district attorney but also because of his pro-death penalty

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WWP salutes May Day’s living legacy

Workers World Party celebrates the indomitable fighting spirit of masses of workers and oppressed peoples who are marching on May 1, International Workers’ Day.

May Day — born in the class struggle for justice — continues today in the global rising of millions against exploitation imposed by transnational capitalism.

This day of workers began in the United States on May 1, 1886, when a nationwide strike, initially called by the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions (later the American Federation of Labor) demanded an 8-hour working day. As Martha Grevatt, WW editor and longtime autowerker, wrote in a March 25, 2012, article: “About a quarter of a million took part in many cities, but Chicago, with its militant, left-wing labor movement, had the largest demonstration. There, tens of thousands laid down their tools, and women and men poured into the streets. The demonstrations continued past May 1, and on May 3 police attacked and six workers were killed.

“The next day a protest over the killings was held in Haymarket Square. A bomb was thrown, a policeman was killed, and a struggle broke out that left seven police and four workers dead. Eight workers’ leaders were convicted...Continued on page 6

Stop & Shop strike update

Bulletin: After eight days on the picket line, Stop & Shop workers in New England are returning to work. Despite all kinds of inclement weather, strikers kept the lines strong from early morning to late evening. They begin voting on a new contract April 24 which the Food and Commercial Workers union (UFCW) says “preserves health care and retirement benefits, provides wage increases, and maintains time-and-a-half pay on Sunday for current members.”

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The significance of reparations — then and now

By Betsy Piette
Philadelphia

A “Conversation on Reparations,” held here on April 13, featured Monica Moorehead, Workers World Party 2016 presidential candidate and editor of “Marxism, Reparations and the Black Freedom Struggle”; Nabila Bey, with Philadelphia N’COBRA (National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America); and facilitator Deandra Patrice Jefferson, from Philly for REAL Justice and WWP, were also on the panel.

While there has been a struggle to raise the demand for reparations in the U.S. for some time, now this discussion is reaching broader audiences. It is being discussed in the corporate media and has surfaced as a key issue among potential candidates for the Democratic Party nomination leading up to the 2020 presidential primary.

Moorehead opened the discussion by stating that her book was inspired by the struggles for reparations led by N’COBRA following the World Conference on Racism in Durban, South Africa, in 2001. She noted, “The trans-Atlantic slave trade netted untold trillions of dollars — money owed to our enslaved ancestors. But how do we put a price tag on the trauma that came from slavery, lynching, Jim Crow laws (political lynching), and police killings of Black people today?

“The original promise of ‘40 acres and a mule’ was never realized because of the rise of the Ku Klux Klan. But the ‘Free the land’ demand raised by the Republic of New Africa continues today through struggles for community control of schools, affirmative action on the job, community control of the police and taking down racist statues honoring the Confederacy. The issues are not confined to the U.S. The African Diaspora spread throughout the world including to Brazil and Puerto Rico.”

Moorehead pointed out that most of Africa is still reeling from the impact of colonization and neocolonization. The wealth of Africa is still being stolen on a daily basis through the debt crisis created by the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and greedy, parasitic corporations and banks.

“The bottom line,” she noted, “is that reparations on a global basis can only be permanently won by replacing the capitalist system with a socialist society that guarantees free, quality health care, jobs, education, housing, etc.”

Moorehead quoted the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. from 1964 when he said: “No amount of gold could provide an adequate compensation for the exploitation and humiliation of the Negro in America down through the centuries... Yet a prior can be placed on unpaid wages. The payment should be in the form of a massive program by the government of special, compensatory measures which could be regarded as a settlement in accordance with the accepted practices of common law. Such measures would certainly be less expensive than any compensation based on two centuries of unpaid wages and accumulated interest.”

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In her opening remarks, Nabila Bey picked up on this...
Press conference celebrates new legal opportunities for Mumia

By Betsey Piette

Philadelphia

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BOSTON ACTIVISTS SAY: NO to regime-change architect Ricardo Hausman

Activists in Boston gathered April 16 in front of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library to protest a forum featuring the former Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos and Harvard Professor Ricardo Hausmann.

Inside the library, a leader of the Venezuela Solidarity Committee interrupted the speakers to denounce their roles in destabilizing Venezuela. Hausmann is a top advisor to the coup government, having recently been named its representative to the Inter-American Development Bank. He has also authored many of the opposition’s neoliberal economic proposals.

During Santos’ term, Colombia took a number of actions against Venezuela. One was passing a law allowing exchange houses on the Colombia-Venezuela border to use black-market exchange rates, destabilizing the Venezuelan currency.

Protesters also denounced Santos for his role in creating the repression now faced by Indigenous communities in the Cauca region in Colombia. Protesters heard a report back from a local activist who had recently returned from a solidarity delegation to Venezuela sponsored by the Alliance for Global Justice. Activists included members of United Steelworkers Local 8751, Boston School Bus Drivers; the International Action Center; the Boston Venezuela Solidarity Committee; the Boston May Day Coalition; and Workers World Party.

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Solidarity with the Bolivarian Revolution

The Hands Off Venezuela Coalition in Portland, Ore., displayed banners and placards calling for “No Sanctions, No Coup, No Media Lies” over the I-5 freeway for two hours during heavy early morning commuting traffic on April 19. The largest banner read, “Trump and Dems wage war, We say No More.” A dozen placards had messages like: “Guaidó, made in the U.S.A.,” “Media sells war for oil” and “Maduro was elected by 67%.”

Coalition members were met with a constant stream of supportive honks, fists and thumbs up, with an occasional middle finger. Encouraged by the success of reaching so many people, the coalition plans on repeating the action weekly or a few times a month over the many congested highways leading into Portland. — Report by Lyn Neely

Build Workers World! Defend the environment and workers’ rights

April 22 is Earth Day, initiated in 1970 to make people aware of the earth and environmental health. After that push, laws were passed to promote clean water and air, enact safety regulations, and pass measures that promote health and life. Until 1990 the climate changed little. Now, with a far-right climate-denier in the White House, while floods and tornadoes surge in the U.S. and shorelines rise around the globe, we know the need to fight the overuse of fossil fuels and deforested the billions who sell them.

Ten days after Earth Day we celebrate May Day. Established to honor the historic 1886 struggle of Chicago workers for an 8-hour day, May 1 now marks the worldwide fight for workers’ rights. There’s lots of good news this year: Education workers all over the U.S., from K-12 schools to universities, have started a strike wave, organizing for higher wages and better working conditions. Well-paid Amazon and Google workers are joining low-wage workers in walkouts.

While Trump and the global ruling class are waging war on the Bolivarian Revolution in Venezuela, his administration is also making war on Central American immigrants and refugees seeking entry into the U.S.

Workers are threatened with deportation after escaping horrific conditions caused by U.S. intervention in their home countries. Neo-fascist U.S. policies separate infants and children from their parents at the border and jail under-age migrants crossing the border alone.

The perpetrators of global environmental destruction and workers’ oppression are one and the same. If you want to fight against capitalist reaction and for socialist change, we invite you to join the WW Supporter Program. The program was founded in 1977. Ever since, our subscribers and friends have helped build the only revolutionary socialist weekly in the U.S. that’s in print as well as on the web.

For a donation of at least $75 a year — and much more if you’re able — members receive a year’s subscription to WW, a monthly letter about timely issues and five free subscriptions to give to friends. Write checks (either monthly or once a year) to Workers World and mail them with your name and address, to 147 W. 24th St., 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10011. Or sign up to donate online at workers.org/donate/. It’s easy to set up monthly deductions. We’re grateful for your help in building Workers World — sign up today!

Historic win: Break in Mumia case opens road to appeal

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statements, ties to the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), and lobbying for speedy death penalties in capital cases involving the murder of police officers.

The treatment of a district attorney does not disqualify a State Supreme Court justice from hearing a case. The appearance of bias must also be present. Hence, Tucker stated: Mumia’s “appeal has established by a preponderance of the evidence that ... there was an unconstitutional potential for bias. [His] claim should be reviewed in the interest of justice.”

Multiple constitutional violations to be heard

The constitutional violations that Abu-Jamal’s attorneys will argue, and Kramer as district attorney will have to defend, include racial bias in jury selection, to such an extent that it produced an inherently biased jury and therefore an unfair trial (based on “the Batson challenge,” ineffective assistance of counsel; witness intimidation and coercion; and more.

One significant appeal concern is the blatant bias of Judge Albert Sabo, a lifetime supporter of the FOP. Sabo presided over Abu-Jamal’s 1982 trial and was brought back from retirement to preside over his 1990-96 PCR hearings. A court stenographer testified she heard Sabo say in a court anteroom about his role in the case, “Yeah, and I’m going to help them get the m—.”

Once Abu-Jamal wins just one of these arguments he gains the right to a new trial in which he can present evidence of his innocence, plus expose police and prosecutorial manufacturing of guilt — false hopes, phony ballistics evidence, lying witnesses, and suppression of other evidence.

Immediately after Tucker’s Dec. 27 ruling closed off the opportunity to introduce new evidence, DA Kramer suddenly announced that his staff had “discovered” additional file boxes pertaining to Abu-Jamal’s case which had been hidden in a remote storage room. Because of public pressure and scrutiny of the case at that time, Abu-Jamal’s attorneys were given access to review these files.

Public pressure on Kramer

Thousands of petitions were sent to Kramer urging him to drop his appeal. Over a dozen community groups that had supported his run for office in 2017 signed a letter expressing their sense of betrayal when he issued his appeal.

Now the judge’s latest document has made his ruling perfectly clear. In fact, we call for Kramer to resign, because of 37 years of police, judicial and prosecutorial misconduct. Such practices permeate the whole injustice system. They are major causes of mass incarceration of Black, Brown and poor people in the U.S.”

Abu-Jamal, who turns 65 this month, has been in prison since 1981. Noelle Hanrahan who broadcasts Mumia’s words worldwide through Prison Radio, recently wrote: “While Philadelphia DA Larry Kramer might not feel a sense of urgency, we need to. Mumia Abu Jamal will be 65 years old in a few weeks. His eyesight has been severely compromised, making it hard for him to read, because he is suffering from as yet untreated cata...
Many Somalian and Nepalese immigrants are at risk to
although anything could happen.

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We have to monitor the 2020 elections, because, in

We want a defeat of Trump’s war on migrants, but it must
be based on class solidarity, not alliance with the Democrats. It
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Lucy Gonzales Parsons: ‘more dangerous than 1,000 rioters’

By Monica Moorehead

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It is fitting to honor the fighting spirit of Lucy Gonzales Parsons on May Day — International Workers Day — since she was one of its founders in 1886. Parsons was a woman of African, Mexican and Indigenous descent who was born into slavery in Texas in 1853.

She and her spouse, Albert Parsons, were forced to learn the ‘art of war’ and the laws that outlawed interracial marriages. Albert was white and helped register formerly enslaved Black people to vote during Reconstruction.

They moved to Chicago, an emerging industrial center during the 1870s where the battles between the mainly immigrant working class and the bosses were emerging; where working conditions were intolerable because they were required to work for low wages only and in inhumane conditions; where workers were worn down like machinery by profit-hungry capitalists.

In 1877, a major railroad strike helped lay the basis for the national fight for the eight-hour day, a goal that would come to the forefront nine years later.

Lucy Parsons emerged as an important labor leader along with many other women who became a Haymarket Square martyr. She was declared by the Chicago police as “more dangerous than a thousand rioters.”

A supporter of anarchist and anti-racist causes, she defended Sacco and Vanzetti, two Italian anarchists falsely accused of murder who were executed, and the Wobblies, two Italian anarchists.

But these im/migrant-radical connections were not imaginary. Of Haymarket’s eight leaders convicted of murder, five of them sentenced to death. Four were socialists or communists.

The deaths of those who became known as the Haymarket Martyrs inspired the Socialist Labor Party, which Parsons joined. She was an organizer of the National Labor Union, one of the first labor unions to actively support the eight-hour day.

In 1886, Parsons was an organizer of the International Working Women’s Union, one of the first labor unions to actively support the eight-hour day.

On May Day 1886, Parsons was one of two women, the other being Mary Harris “Mother” Jones, who founded the Industrial Workers of the World. The union welcomed all workers, regardless of nationality, religion, gender or skill, into its ranks.

Lucy was a fierce anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist, and above all else, a socialist, who wanted to empower the working class to overcome racism and gender oppression. You were made into the monster of a woman to represent you. What we have made such a mess of it in representing us that we have no much confidence in asking you...

“[We women] are the slaves of slaves. We are exploited by British and French and German and Russian capitalists; we are exploited by our own masters and mistresses. What do we want? We want to organize and struggle together to destroy the capitalist system and create a society in which all of us can live in freedom and equality."

Globalization means increased communication within this massive class bloc. We saw this last November when 20,000 Google workers poured out of 40 offices around the world in a rolling strike. They made history by building solidarity among full-time workers, temporary workers, vendors and contractors, and by pressing Google to end sexual and racist practices by their transnational bosses.

In the U.S., May Day emerged once more in 2005, in a protest called by class-conscious Black labor unions in the Million Worker March Movement. They emphasized the need for workers to fight in their own name, independent of big-business political parties.

Then in 2006, migrant workers, led by Latinx organizers, used May Day as a rallying point against racist anti-immigrant legislation. This general strike shut down parts of the U.S. bringing May Day back with a roar.

The tide of class struggle continues to rise. Massive education work stoppages in 2018 than in all the previous 30 years. These actions were mostly led by women and other gender-oppressed people, im/migrants and people of color.

‘May Day every month!’

As the global ruling class attempts to divide and conquer the global working class with racism and bigotry, let us rally together in a “May Day every month!”

Workers World Party is endorsing a global campaign for monthly Worker Solidarity Days, militant actions that boldly assert: “No Walls in the Workers’ Struggle!”

Every community and every workplace has some point of struggle. Now is the time for solidarity. The struggle is rising! Ultimately, May Day should be every day!

For more information on Worker Solidarity Days, visit workersolidarity.net.
May Day 100 years ago

Police, vigilantes riot against ‘reds’

By Martha Grevatt

Cleveland

May Day 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the famous labor leaders who declared the “Cleveland May Day Riots.” The only “rioting,” however, was by police and vigilantes against a labor movement (without red flags). By the end of the year, 200 people were injured, two fatally.

The year 1919 was one of fierce class battles across the U.S. with workers across the U.S. in steel, coal, auto, textile and other industries. Cleveland was a five-day general strike in February. The working class was inspired by the 1917-18 revolution that was establishing the Soviet Union.

May Day itself indicated the temperature of class struggle in the U.S. Marches were called in cities and towns from coast to coast. Many protests were organized in Ohio, not only in Cleveland – the fifth largest U.S. city with almost 200,000 residents – but in Akron, Toledo, Youngstown, Warren, New Philadelphia and even Sandusky, population 23,000.

The Cleveland May Day parade was hell-bent on squashing every semblance of “Bolshevism” that could possibly threaten American capitalism. Police anything but neutral on squashing every semblance of “Bolshevism” that could possibly threaten American capitalism. Police anything but neutral.

Victory Bonds were essentially war bonds sold during peacetime – World War I was over. Bonds sold during peacetime were alternative to the ubiquitous “Victory” bond sales on a daily basis. The Cleveland Press and the Plain Dealer, the city’s two major newspapers, promoted the bond sales on a daily basis.

Cleveland: a socialist stronghold

Socialists had been unilaterally opposed to the class-wars before World War I. By the end of the 1917-18 conflict, they were making less than minimum wage and had denounced the recent general strike as Bolshevik-inspired. The issues being protested 100 years ago are still deeply relevant today.

On May Day, a series of violent attacks on marchers began about a half mile from Public Square, after a contingent left the SP’s downtown headquarters.

Socialist-proletarian in uniform were the lead, carrying red flags. They were met by a hostile group of police and civilians. When a lieutenant demanded that the red flag be lowered, the socialist soldier refused. When the lieutenant attempted to confiscate the flag, a big fight broke out.

The marchers were beaten with clubs as mounted police moved in, and half of the march was prevented from reaching Public Square. On the square a German tank, confiscated by U.S. troops during the war and used for Victory Bond propaganda, was commandeered by Cleveland police and used to disperse the crowd.

Workers confronted between the two sides – with police anything but neutral – continued in several parts of town throughout the day.

The right-wing mob, having shut down the May Day demonstration, then proceeded to “defend” the U.S. workers’ ruling class in “defense of the fatherland.”

This split carried over into the U.S. Socialist Party. When WW I ended, the SP leadership had been split and left-wing predominance. Cleveland organizer Charles Ruthenberg and other Ohio SP leaders had been expelled.

Eugene Debs, a frequent SP presidential candidate, visited Ruthenberg in jail in Canton where the SP was holding its convention. On June 11, 1918, Debs spoke to a large enthusiastic crowd across the street from the jail. His speech was fiercely anti-war and anti-capitalist, and supported the Bolshevik Revolution.

For this speech, Debs was arrested June 30 and charged with violating the Espionage Act and the Sedition Act (1917-18). The acts criminalized anti-war speech and allowed for imprisonment of “agitators.”

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Racial, political profiling against the New Black Panther Party

By Gloria Rubac

This government does not consider Black people to be citizens. It was so blatan't. We were kicked out in the snow in Canada when we stood up to protest the airplanes to make a trip from New Orleans to London," reported Krystal Muhammad to the media after a trip to London was denied.

Muhammad, the national chair of the New Black Panther Party, and two other NBPP leaders, had tried to fly from New Orleans to London for a special showing of a film about their organization called “What We Want: Going to Do When the World Is On Fire?”

The film was featured in film festivals across the world and won best film in 12 countries on three continents.

In Toronto, Muhammad was told her passport was not in order and to go to the U.S. Consulate to get another one. The consulate threw Muhammad out after she presented the proper documents and got a new passport. Yet the new passport was also denied. After four days the trio had spent thousands of dollars for hotels, transportation, and滞留 in Canada.

They missed the event in London, although they were Skype'd in for the Q&A session. The British quid pro quo.

They were denied entry to the U.S., lied to and told they were on a “No Fly List.” They only got home because veteran U.S. Congressperson and Border Patrol Jackson-Lee intervened. Jackson-Lee had been in constant communication with Muhammad regarding the trip.

“Government harassment was partly caused when the Southern Poverty Law Center wrongfully labeled us as domestic terrorists. It intensified when the Department of Justice falsely declared the NBPP as Black Identity extremists. We are being double labeled because we stand up and show dignity. Because we have no fear of our open enemy. And because we encourage other people to stand up. This is what the U.S. government is trying to stop,” Muhammad told the media.

Muhammad told Workers World that she and the organization are now most concerned about the Court's interpretation of and 1917-1925, our present-day repetition of unlawful mass incarceration. Among their demands: an end to the workhouse treatment of post-World War II Japan, and protests of deaths in detention centers and the family separations of children. The number of prisoners landing in federal detention has been relentlessly increasing since the advent of “zero tolerance” in April 2018, as families continue to flee gang violence and political repression, in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

There are around 50,000 people in detention centers on a daily basis. Numerous accounts speak of filthy conditions, inadequate food, temperatures that are either extremely cold or unbearably hot, illnesses that have proven fatal in nine cases this year, and sexual assaults.

Recent photos from El Paso, Texas, have shown detained migrants, including families with young children, sleeping on rocky gravel under a border bridge in the cold with only foil blankets and two bologna sandwiches a day. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has been repeatedly attempting to weaken the authority of immigration judges. As this administration continues to consolidate the power of an anti-immigrant president, this unilateral rule should alarm all Americans.
Goodbye era of cathedrals

Indecency, hypocrisy reign in Macron's France

By Rémy Herrera

Paris

Herrera is a Marxist economist and researcher at France’s Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS). He uses the name Xavier for his work as a member of the MEDEF (entrepreneurs’ association) called on all French firms to "pledge" without specifying the amount.

The anger at this ostentatious display of wealth from the new Gothic art and the golden hands of the leaders of the French ruling class and government is growing in the popular neighborhoods, Indigenous communities, and the MEDEF (entrepreneurs’ association) called on all French firms to "pledge" without specifying the amount.

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Global climate crisis
Extinction Rebellion protests

By Kathy Durkin

Extinction Rebellion, a grassroots environmental organization, called for civil disobedience protests around the world starting April 15 to spotlight the global climate crisis and demand a decisive action to address it. Activists headed the call in 33 countries, and millions of people worldwide learned from the militant protests today.

In England, Extinction Rebellion’s plans for an April action were under way for a year. Thousands of people, worried about global weather disasters, signed up, willing to disrupt and even be arrested. Demands included that Parliament and government enact measures by declaring a climate emergency, decrease the country’s greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2025 and establish a plan devoted entirely to climate and ecological justice.

Protests began with a bang April 15 in London. On day one, demonstrators ocupied roads, blocked traffic onto Parliament Square, Waterloo Bridge and Oxford Circus, and at least 400 environmental activists were arrested. As thousands of people from different classes occupied the sites — parents with children, young people, seniors, workers, scientists, academics and celebrities — the police obeyed the police and held their ground.

Berta Cáceres, hero

A bright pink boat, named the Berta Cáceres after the murdered Honduran Indigenous leader and world-renowned environmentalist, was moored April 15 at Oxford Circus in central London. Cáceres had been murdered in 2016 by a Bolivarian socialist government such as Cuba’s.

The new part of the present wave of sanctions, said Bolton, is aimed at stopping delivery of oil from Venezuela, sanctions similar to ones that Cuba imposed recently on the island’s economy.

The governments of all the countries involved have declared their determinations to confront U.S. sanctions without changing their principled policies. Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel said it well on Twitter: “Those who hold a sword against us will not change our attitude. We Cubans do not surrender. … In Cuba, Cubans rule.”

In that same spirit, anti-imperialists in the U.S. have to treat U.S.-imposed sanctions the same way we treat U.S. wars and threats of war. We must mobilize to resist them. And on the basis of the administration’s policies, our own goal can be to charge this gang of cutthroats with crimes against humanity.

Stop sanctions on Zimbabwe, Iran, Russia, China, Venezuela, Ukraine and Cuba, and Nicole and Nicaragua! End all U.S. sanctions!

April 15-20 protest, London. PHOTO: RABBLE.CA

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A newly formed Ministry for Ecology and Environment, it announced new programs and responsibilities to oversee all water-related policies, from ocean water to groundwater. It oversees policies on climate change that were once scattered among different departments.

It is important in a crisis to understand the problem and evaluate the direction in which developments are going. The problem is that one of the major capitalist parties in the U.S. — again the Republican Party — used “foreign influence” to tip a presidential election to its benefit.

But instead of getting justifiably lathered up about these violations of working and organizing rights, the media and the Democratic Party are focused on what the administration did to get Russian support for Trump. It’s the old shell game — look here, look there.

This, by the way, is not the first time that one of the major capitalist parties in the U.S. — again the Republican Party — used “foreign influence” to tip a presidential election to its benefit.

The Vietnam War, begun in 1965 under President John F. Kennedy, continued under his successor, Lyndon Johnson. In 1968, when the population was increasingly opposed to the war and millions had been in the streets calling for the U.S. to get out, the Johnson administration came up with an “October surprise” just before the presidential election talks were about to begin, involving North Vietnam, South Vietnam and the U.S.

This was supposed to cement the vote in favor of U.S. anti-war parties in anti-war marches where the popular slogan was “Hey, hey, LBJ, how many kids did you kill today?”

But the Republican Party deprived the Democrats of some of the “peace vote” by secretly enlisting the support of a wealthy Chinese supporter of Taiwan’s president, Chiang Kai-shek, to persuade South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu to refuse to participate in the talks. The peace talks never happened. (See “Foreign Governments Have Been Tampering With U.S. Elections for Decades,” Political magazine, July 27, 2016 — a not very progressive piece written by the editor who believed we need to stop pollution and climate change.)

So Richard Nixon won the election — and the war continued, now under the Republicans for seven more years. It ended not because of any vote in the U.S. for the Republican or Democratic parties, which both shared in the war’s crimes, but because after the Vietnamese people were able to drive the U.S. forces out to sea and take back their country.

Nothing has changed fundamentally today in the U.S. — except for the names and faces of those who defend this corrupt, vile system.
Planning can save the planet
China chooses renewable energy

By Sara Flounders

The very corporations that are responsible for the problem are denying global warming and minimizing its consequences for the whole world.

Carbon emissions from the burning of oil, gas and methane are heating the planet, thereby elevating sea level, increasing the frequency and intensity of droughts, extreme weather, poisoned groundwater and polluted air that puts all at risk.

Is that problem reversible?

The United States and China are the largest consumers of coal and oil. The choices made by the leaders of the two largest industrialized economies are having an impact on climate and on air quality around the world.

But the decisions being made in these two countries are going in totally different directions. Their choices reveal a lot about the different social and political bases of each country.

In China, dramatic changes in major population centers show that it is possible to take big actions to reduce pollution, to restore the environment and dramatically improve the quality of life.

The Truth, a magazine, on the other hand, is not only ignoring the consequences of global warming, but actively and aggressively denying it. Meanwhile, he’s pushing forward with coal mining, fracking and other methods of oil extraction, doing away with Environmental Protection Act clean air regulations - all in the name of economic growth.

In 2001, China’s capital, Beijing, was the most polluted city in the world. In just four years since the launch of its “Beijing Olympics Clean Air” program, it has achieved enormous progress.

The commission that wrote the report, added Dudley, “is concerned with the implications of China’s transition from predominately labor-intensive production to manufacturing and service-oriented production, and what is possible.”

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Soñando en Miami

La palabra "democracia" se usa mucho en EUA. La mayoría de las veces se usa para engañar a la gente, que piensa que un partido político que se aleja un poco de las leyes de la mayoría de los ciudadanos, lo hace por el bien de la "democracia". Esta es una línea roja que nadie debe pisar.

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