In Virginia and West Virginia

Educators fight back

By Workers World West Virginia bureau

Following the Jan. 22 settlement between the Los Angeles school district and the United Teachers of Los Angeles — a union with a majority constituency of oppressed women of color — education workers are on the move in other states and districts, including teachers and support staff in Virginia in processes that are unfolding in Virginia and West Virginia.

Virginia education workers ‘RedforEd’

More than 10,000 education workers from across Virginia met in Richmond’s Monroe Park Jan. 28 and marched to the Capitol for a “RedforEd” rally in defense of public education. The Virginia Education Association endorsed the action, which demanded more state funds for education, but it was initiated by rank-and-file VEA members who identify as Virginia Educators United.

Virginia school employees are asking for dignity, respect and pay that is not below the national average. They are also asking the state government to restore the funding for public schools that was cut during the last 10 years.

According to the National Education Association, the average national teacher salary is $60,000. But the average teacher in Virginia, even with accumulated seniority and experience, earns only $31,000 annually.

In December, Gov. Ralph Northam proposed a 5 percent raise for Virginia teachers, but school districts would have to split the cost. Teacher salaries still would not be at the national level. Plus, the raise would not be given to nonteaching workers.

The UTLA won ground on its demand for smaller class sizes. As with most of the teachers’ strike actions, Virginia education workers are concerned about the number of students permitted in elementary class-rooms. Ask any teacher or school aide and they will tell you: Smaller class sizes lead to better academic achievement. Class sizes are higher in Virginia than in neighboring West Virginia.

West Virginia: struggle continues

It’s been nearly a year since the nine-day walkout in West Virginia that generated the continuing mass wave of education workers’ actions in the U.S.

On Jan. 9, West Virginia teachers and support staff held an informational walk-in at several schools. That same day billionaire Gov. Jim Justice proposed a 5 percent pay increase and funding of health insurance for teachers.

At the state’s legislature begins its session, teachers and support staff face retaliation from right-wing legislators. The state’s Senate Education Committee has tied the governor’s pay raise and health insurance funding to a legislative package reintroducing charter schools.

This is a struggle that will continue, and will not end until workers and oppressed peoples of the world unite.

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Movement builds against Amazon HQ2

Several unions attended, although not all were there to protest. The Building and Construction Trades, which Amazon has said it will work with on the construction of HQ2, showed up to support the corporation. However, the Department Store Union (RWDUI) and Teamsters Joint Council 16 spoke against the company receiving corporate perks and demanded that Amazon allow its workers to be unionized.

Funds people’s needs, not Amazon!
Throughout the rally, several issues were raised in protest. These include the role Amazon would play in displacing Queens residents and further gentrifying New York City like the company did in Seattle; the company’s support for Immigration and Customs Enforcement to develop facial recognition technology; and horrific working conditions in its fulfillment centers. Workers also proposed a number of things the $3 billion in tax breaks and handouts to Amazon could be spent on to improve conditions for NYC residents, including affordable housing, repairing the crumbling subway system and reducing tuition costs in the City University of New York system.

After the rally, protesters packed the City Council chamber. When the first representative from Amazon spoke and said that New Yorkers would benefit from Amazon, two banners were dropped. One read, “Amazon delivers lies” and the other said, “Amazon fuels ICE deportations.” Protesters continued to hold up signs with the same slogans each time a company representative spoke.

The Jan. 30 protest was a clear sign that there is a growing mass movement in New York City against the Amazon deal. This monstrous $3 billion giveaway, combined with under-occupied city planning, is bringing together a diverse array of groups in a common struggle.

Amazon executives are definitely feeling the heat. Over the last several weeks, the corporation has conducted a slick public relations campaign to convince New Yorkers of the benefits. But Amazon’s propaganda is all lies, and the people of New York are seeing through them.

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Subway riders demand accessible transit

By Tony Murphy
New York

Malaysia Goodson, 22-year-old African-American woman who was pregnant while with her 1-year-old daughter, Ryder, died under the steps of a New York City subway station on Jan. 26. It had no elevators and two escalators, one of which had fallen down the stairs to her death, somehow protecting her child who survived. Within hours, activists were breaking, leaders in the accessibility rights movement gathered on Jan. 30 at the 53rd Street and 7th Avenue subway stop where Goodson died and were making it clear well below freezing, they demanded elevators throughout the subway system and honored Goodson by laying flowers at the subway entrance where she fell.

An emergency coalition of groups, including the Brooklyn Center for the Independence of the Disabled NY, Rise and Resist, and the People’s MTA, called the action.

The media is now the rally’s many speeches was that Goodson’s death was preventable. Speakers called on the MTA to settle the multiple lawsuits against it by committing to a plan of action and by line for the installation of elevators in the subway system.

The assembled groups have made this demand multiple times at Metropolitan Transit Authority board meetings and anti-fare-hike protests. Goodson’s death amplified what disability rights leaders have said all along: The demand for accessible subway affects everyone — parents with strollers; elderly riders; both riders with mobility disabilities and many with nonmobility disabilities, such as sight impairment; workers carrying heavy loads; and travelers with luggage. At some point everyone needs an elevator.

“This could happen to anybody” Dustin Jones, a disability advocate and community organizer addressing the MTA’s poor maintenance of elevators, said that as a wheelchair user he has had to rely on strangers many times to help him get up and down the stairs in cases. “Why should anybody have to go through that? Why should a mother, with her baby, have to go down the stairs at any given time, to get anywhere around the city? It’s a travesty. This could happen to me. This could happen to anybody here. Why isn’t the MTA listening to us?”

Though many reporters and cam-era crews attended the protest and vigil at the subway entrance, the action received little coverage in part due to announcements by the city medical examiner Goodson’s death was due to a “pre-existing medical condition.” It’s not surprising that the MTA would try to get the city medical examiner as well as the city’s legal department to shape it. Goodson’s death came as the transit authority has possibly the worst reputa-
tion ever in its 50-year existence.

Starting with maddeningly dysfunctional operations, massive reductions in service, a history of racist crackdowns on riders who can’t afford the fare, and a criminal lack of elevators, the headlines have only gotten worse. In the wake of the MTA’s leadership change in January over the L Train shutdown.

The upcoming decision to raise transit fares has topped all of that. But the MTA has more than basic accessibility to worry about. It is also already facing multiple law-
suits over the lack of transit accessibility. The MTA progressed late into their late and at the MTA, the shocking tragedy of Goodson’s death has elicited more out-
rage and mass solidarity as the hearts of many New Yorkers have gone out to her and her family.

Subway stairs: a major hazard
Some 5.5 million people take the subway every day. During the winter, they are trying to navigate dangerous snow- and slush-covered stairs as they travel to work, child care settings, into hospitals, and doctors’ appointments. It is treacher-
ous even without carrying a stroller.

Everyone who has taken the subway for more than a month has either been a parent struggling alone on the steps with a stroller or has seen and/or helped a parent with impaired mobility stagger up the stairs. Parents have responded online to this tragedy with their own stories. Much of the mass-
sic communication has been that “Could easily have been me.”

Mothers, especially, relate how dan-
gerous and difficult it is to manage stairs with one child in a stroller and often

other children in tow. Some mention that strangers often help carry strollers up stairs, but that assistance can be counted on. Some people who want to help are not healthy enough to do so. Women worry if the stranger they ask for help will harass or stalk them.

As of Feb. 4, a groinfire page of Goodson’s funeral had raised more than $10,000; another one for her daughter had raised $20,000.

Subway disabled riders demand action

The disability community issued a clear call to Congress on Jan. 15 to legislate freedom for people with disabilities and seniors. National ADAPT, a militant dis-
bale rights organization, issued a cele-
bratory press conference in Washington to announce the introduction of the Disability Integration Act.

Kell Buckland, executive director of the National Council on Independent Living, said there, “As someone who uses atten-
dors, I know the importance of access to fa-
cility, I can’t express how exciting it is that this is finally going to happen.”

The 15-page bill has 144 cosponsors in the House and 26 in the Senate. The act is supported by over 100 national disability and senior organizations, includ-
ing AARP, Brain Injury Association of America, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Paralyzed Veterans of America, the National Center on Deafness and the National Federation of the Blind. Among the over 600 local and national associations that have supported the bill, are the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, individuals with disabilities in long-term care, women’s and LGBTQ organizations. Further, the issue has public sup-
port. ADAPT secured a Harris poll in 2010 assessing public support. It showed that 89 percent of U.S. residents and 94 percent of retirees support the right to live in one’s own home.

Three groups carefully crafted DIA
The bill was meticulously crafted by three organizations: ADAPT; the Campaign for the Independence of the Disabled New York, and the National Council on Independent Living with the assistance of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network. It addresses public entities and private companies that provide public services and supports (LTSS) in institutions to require them to do so in private homes.

The DIA carefully spells out its require-
ments among other things, that public and private entities cannot limit the availability of providing services because of cost or service caps. They must maintain a staffing workforce to provide necessary services. They must regularly inform indi-
viduals in nursing homes and institutions that they can choose to live at home. To this end, they must develop plans to provide accessible and affordable housing — build-
ing it, if necessary.

New, even people receiving LTSS in their

own homes can lead limited lives because services are provided under a medical model that treats them as if they were sick. Policies that restrict individuals to only receive services at home effectively pre-
vent them from going to work or school or traveling, shopping or having intimate rela-
tionships. Some policies prevent depen-
dent children from receiving services. An attendant might cook for an individual who has an LTSS disability, but cannot contrac-
tually cook for their dependent children. This denial of services to children can pres-
ently disabled people into giving up their children.

Passage of the DIA would make the ADA’s real promise, that all who need it to live. Congress to pass the bill by July 26, the anniversary of the ADA’s signing in 1990. Nadina La Spina, an ADAPT leader, wheelchair user and filmmaker, spoke at the Jan. 13 New York City Disabled in Action meeting, La Spina best explains the DIA’s importance on her website: “I don’t remem-
ber how many times I’ve been arrested. I lost count years ago. Unfortunately such dramatic actions are necessary to get our struggles to the attention of government, the media, and the general public. I wish we could stop fighting,” she continues. “But so many of our people are living in a world of neglect. The streets and transit systems, so many are living below the poverty level, so many are being denied basic human rights. The promise of equal-
ity of the Americans with Disabilities Act remains unfulfilled. We live in an ‘ableist’ world. We face prejudice and discrimina-
tion in every area of our lives on a daily basis. When it seems we’re making prog-
ress, we suddenly find ourselves having to fight just to hold on to what we’ve gained.”

“Disability Independence Day March,” can be viewed at tigurl.com/g8qy7az
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Socialist Republics.
In October 1909 a shipment of crates
labeled "sewing machines" came to the
Seattle port. Suspicous longshore workers
"accidentally" dropped a crate on the dock.
out came rifles from Remington Arms
bound for counterrevolutionary Admiral
Alexander Kolchak, who led the White
Movement against the Russian Revolution.
The longshore workers refused to load
the cargo, and the Central Labor Council
had to order them up. Which was the spirit of
proletarian internationalism in Seattle and
among the working class in many places
during the Russian Revolution.
Seattle Mayor Ole Hanson was
whipped into a rage against the Reds, and
even toured the country giving speeches on
Americanism versus Bolshevism.
Possibly influenced by Seattle's strike,
a six-week general strike broke out in
Winnipeg, Canada, from May Day, May
1, until mid-June. This general strike
involved 30,000 workers— virtually
the entire working class of Winnipeg.
Sympathy strikes were called in Calgary,
Edmonton, Vancouver and all across
Canada, and the ruling class was so shaken
that they responded with bloody violence.
This was the final general strike and all
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Sources: "Revolution in Seattle" by
Harry Gennning and The Canadian
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General strike shut down Seattle
By Jeff McManus
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The lawsuit. Vallejo is seeking unspecified damages and injunctive relief. “I have and make inappropriate advances. And not just to her, to all housekeepers. I’m a mother, I have a 16-year-old son, I have another one on the way, and I want to protect my son. If I had known this was going to happen, I would never have come here,” Vallejo was quoted as saying in the lawsuit. 

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On the picket line

By Alex Bolchi and Sue Davis

Issaquah education workers’ strike threat wins contract

After the successful Los Angeles teachers’ strike, school support staff in Issaquah, Wash., learned that even the threat of “shutting down” is enough to make bosses tremble. A huge majority of office professionals in the Issaquah Chapter of Public School Employees of Washington, represented by Service Employees (SEIU) Local 964 and Paraeducators in SEIU Local 925, voted to authorize a strike on Jan. 15. Among the lowest paid in the district — near Seattle’s booming tech industry — workers testified to that fact at two school board meetings. They’d also filed grievances against the district for being unwilling to bargain in good faith and provide workers with a cost of living agreement they had committed to in past contracts.

The district continually ignored the workers until the strike authorization, finally offering a tentative agreement on Jan. 24. So on Jan. 29, instead of going on strike, the workers voted to accept the agreement, which includes a .1 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) over two years, with 1.9 percent retroactively covering the 2018-19 school year. As one elected strike committee member said, “All we wanted was for the district to acknowledge our important work in keeping Issaquah schools safe places for kids to learn.” The COLA increase “helps us keep up with our region’s growing expenses so we can be at our best on the job.” (seiu925.org, Jan. 25)

Denver teachers cast historic strike vote

For the first time in 25 years, Denver public school teachers voted overwhelmingly on Jan. 22 to strike. The union, the Denver Classroom Teachers Association, represents about two-thirds of Denver Public Schools’ 5,600 educators. The vote comes just as state-ranked teacher walkouts last April in districts across Colorado demanding increased funding.

The DCTA demands are similar to those that drove the Los Angeles teachers’ strike — higher pay, smaller class sizes, more guidance counselors.

The district has repeatedly pushed misleading messages to both the public and the union in its “offers” — like claiming there’s no money for COLA increases when money was already allotted. In a racist act on Jan. 24, the district’s human rights department wrote to school administrators threatening to report teachers with visas to immigration officials if teachers struck. Though it was soon rescinded, damage had already been done to both teachers and immigrant students. (In These Times, Jan. 25)

The DCTA negotiators walked out of a raucous public negotiating session Jan. 31, rejecting the district’s latest proposal. The district maintains it has offered as much as it can without help from the state, which has said it will manufacture a reauthorization of the state in the U.S. have been forming and joining organizations seemingly modeled on some of these groups are similar to the national labor movement in the heart of capitalism. This is certainly a positive development.

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After Vallejo filed a notice with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, she was issued a right-to-sue letter prior to filing the lawsuit. Vallejo is seeking unspecified damages and injunctive relief. “I have and make inappropriate advances. And not just to her, to all housekeepers. I have a 16-year-old son, I have another one on the way, and I want to protect my son. If I had known this was going to happen, I would never have come here,” Vallejo was quoted as saying in the lawsuit. 

In the West Virginia educators’ strike, the first rank-and-file group began in the fall of 2017 as a simple Facebook page. West Virginia Public Educators UNITED quickly gathered more than 24,000 members, leading to the formation of the WV United Caucus and then to the Feb. 23-March 7 strike. The April 26-May 3 strike in Arizona began with a rank-and-file Facebook page called Arizona Educators United, which was then embraced by the Arizona Education Association.

Members of these rank-and-file groups are also activist members of the NEA and AFT affiliates in their respective states. Young teachers, who care deeply about their profession as well as social justice issues and organize heavily through social media, have led the rank-and-file-organizing. Members of these informal rank-and-file groups are becoming increasingly radicalized through their personal experiences and struggles as education workers in the heart of capitalism. This is certainly a positive development.

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In West Virginia, famous for pitched battles between union miners and the coal barons, class war is raging. This time it’s teachers and all school employees on one side and right-wing capitalist politicians on the other. To quote the old labor song, “Which Side Are You On?” — “there are no neutrals.”

Read Workers World’s coverage of the West Virginia education workers strike at workers.org/books.
International Committee for Peace, Justice and Dignity: ‘We stand with Maduro and the Venezuelan people’

The following statement was issued by the International Committee for Peace, Justice and Dignity on Jan. 23.

We reject the coup attempt of the U.S. government against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, which ignores and violates the sovereign decision of the Venezuelan people who, in an absolute democratic and transparent election, in the presence of international observers, elected Nicolás Maduro as their legitimate President last May.

On Jan. 22, U.S. Vice President Mike Pence sent a recorded message that was broadcasted by 2,527 media outlets for three days in coordination with the shadowy Organization of American States (OAS) calling for subversion against Maduro’s government.

But an even more urgent motivation for U.S. imperialism is reaching out into Venezuela to guarantee a failed job of a regime change that it started in 2002 against President Hugo Chávez. There is no doubt that another U.S.-led coup is underway to topple the democratically elected government of President Maduro in the hope of putting an end to the Bolivarian Revolution in Venezuela.

We call on the U.S. peace movement to not limit itself to just signing petitions and issuing statements of condemnation, as important as they are. While these methods are necessary and helpful in applying pressure on the U.S. government to not carry out a military intervention, this time in Venezuela, especially since Trump, Bolton and Pompeo have consistently said that this option is on the table.

This would lead to displacement of hundreds of thousands, or even millions, of people, creating a huge wave of refugees throughout Latin America, which would affect the United States as well. Given Trump’s anti-refugee, anti-immigrant, wall policy, one can imagine the dimensions of the humanitarian disaster that could arise.

The U.S. Peace Council strongly opposes U.S. imperialism’s criminal interference in the internal affairs of Venezuela and demands full respect for the will of the majority of the Venezuelan people who have freely elected Nicolás Maduro as their president.

We call upon the U.S. peace movement to demonstrate the immense power of the people of Venezuela, but for all of Latin America and the world’s people.

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U.S. Peace Council: ‘Stop the U.S.-led coup!’

The following statement was issued Jan. 26.

Petitions and condemnations are not enough! The U.S. peace movement must act decisively...

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- All countries involved in the plunder of Venezuelan wealth immediately return what they have stolen to the democratically elected government of Venezuela and its people.
- Wall Street must immediately pay reparations to the Venezuelan people for their suffering under genocidal sanctions and currency manipulation.
- In the internationalist and liberatory spirit of Simón Bolivar, we pledge to mobilize and fight on the side of Venezuela’s right to sovereignty, understanding that the gains won under the Bolivarian Revolution are gains for all the world’s workers and oppressed.

No U.S. war on Venezuela!
Chavistas ready to talk, ready to fight

By Marco Teruggi

Caracas

Feb. 3—Two conclusions emerge from the Venezuelan conflict almost two weeks after Juan Guaidó’s self-proclamation as president. The first is that the leadership of this attempt to set up a parallel government resides in the United States. The second is that, for the present, the main force does too.

Anyone who came to Venezuela to find images of a country transformed into an arena of open battles will have to wait. This Saturday, Feb. 2, confirmed that conclusion at this point in the U.S.-led attack.

The coup masters are National Security Adviser John Bolton, Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Special Envoy for Venezuela Elliot Abrams, Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin, Republican Senator Marco Rubio and President Donald Trump himself.

It is a waste of time to follow Juan Guaidó, or any other Venezuelan leader of the right, to find out what might happen. Pence, for example, gave a speech at a Miami church on Feb. 1. There he stated that it is necessary to “eliminate” the governments of Venezuela, Cuba and Nicaragua, that is to say a “regional” issue, and that “This is no time for dialogue.” (Miami Herald, Feb. 2)

Bolton gives the orders

Meanwhile Bolton spoke as the chief: “The United States calls on all military members to follow General Varela’s lead, and to protect the peaceful protesters supporting democracy.” Bolton was referring to Air Force General Francisco Varela of the Bolivarian National Armed Force (FANB), who broadcast a video Saturday morning (Feb. 2) announcing his support for Guaidó.

The security adviser also tweeted Feb. 1 that Washington will send so-called humanitarian aid: “Pursuant to the request of Interim President Juan Guaidó, and in consult-ation with his officials the U.S. will mobilize and trans-port humanitarian aid—medicine, surgical supplies, and nutritional supplements for the people of Venezuela. It’s time for Maduro to get out of the way.”

At the right-wing mobilization in Caracas on Saturday, Guaidó said, “We announce a global coalition for humanitar-ian aid and freedom in Venezuela. We already have three collection points for the aid: Cúcuta is the first. Another will be in Brazil and another in a Caribbean island.” (Business Standard, Feb. 2)

His only announcement was the one Bolton had already made. The chain of command provides proof that they hardly try to disguise, although sometimes they need to explain it, as Rubio did when he tweeted: “The U.S. didn’t organize this movement. This is led by the Venezuelan people.” (2deFebrero)

Guaidó only specified one particular point of entry: Cúcuta, a border area characterized by the high presence of Colombian paramilitarism, smuggling mafias — linked or synonymous with paramilitarism — where those who attempted to assassinate Nicolás Maduro in August last year were trained.

Cúcuta is one of the main points that could be activated as a key focus, to unleash fires, with the characteristic type of action that we have worked out a series of steps, from prom-ising amnesty for the generals to threatening direct U.S. military intervention, and includ-ing accounts created in social networks to convince sol-diers to disobey the generals [if they order repression of the pro-coup forces — WW].

It seems clear at this point that the U.S. will move forward and use any argument to redouble its narrative that there will be no negotiation. Many U.S. messages are aimed at breaking the will of Chavismo and in par-ticular of the Bolivarian Armed Forces, which is their main goal. To achieve this, they have worked out a series of steps, from prom-ising amnesty for the generals to threatening direct U.S. military intervention, and includ-ing accounts created in social networks to convince sol-diers to disobey the generals [if they order repression of the pro-coup forces — WW].

Some countries of the European Union pro-posed the creation of an International Contact Group with Venezuela—made up of 10 or 12 members, not all of them European—to advance the proposal to reconvene elections, with a period of 90 days to evaluate the results.

In this context, Maduro announced at the mobilization held on Feb. 2, where Chavismo carried out a new show of force, that it will consult on the possibility of anticipating the legislative elections that are due to be held in 2020. It would be a way of trying to deac-tivate the National Assembly, with all the risks that this entails. Why preferable to let the National Assembly move forward in its attempt to set up a parallel government, beyond all legality, with the aim of carrying out a coup d’etat?

That’s why every month, not just Black History Month, Workers World bases our weekly coverage of the Black struggle in the U.S., and in the African diaspora to throw off imperialist chains, on the principle of self-de-cision — that oppressed people have the right to fight to end all forms of inequality and injustice by any means necessary. If you appreciate our coverage, it’s time to join the Workers World Support Program, established 42 years ago so readers could help us publish anti-racist, working-class truth and build campaigns needed to make revolu-tionary change leading to socialism.

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As the poor freeze to death
Nothing ‘natural’ about climate disasters

By Deirdre Griswold

Feb. 4—Yes, it was January, and cold weather was to be expected in much of the United States. In addition, the forecasters had warned for days that an arctic blast was about to hit much of the country.

This during a period when the economy is supposedly booming, and the two richest people in the world, both of them in the U.S.—Jeff Bezos of Amazon and Bill Gates of Microsoft—have a combined net worth of more than $267 billion!

In jail and freezing

It’s hard enough trying to survive on the street. How about when you’re locked up behind bars without warm clothing and the temperature in the jail drops below freezing?

Hundreds of inmates at a federal jail in New York City are, still, days after the icy blast ended, without adequate heat or electricity. The Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn—across the river from the Wall Street financial hub where enormous sums of money are traded daily—has been cold and dark for more than a week. The conditions in the jail are not being fixed, and a locked door means the prisoners can’t even call their loved ones.

With the freezing conditions inside finally leaked out, leading to a demonstration outside the jail on Feb. 3. Desperate prisoners pounded on barred windows in response to chants from their relatives and supporters. When some tried to enter to try to rebuild the building, they were pepper-sprayed by jail police.

This federal prison is owned and operated by the U.S. government, whose president keeps demanding billions of dollars in military spending on wars to keep the people of this very rich capitalist country safe, even when the temperature dipped far below zero degrees Fahrenheit?

That is why Homeless advocates demonstrate in New York City, Jan. 30.

Yale RebLaw conference disinvites Philly DA after Mumia appeal

By Betsey Piette Philadelphia

Organizers of the Rebellious Lawyering (RebLaw) 25 conference at Yale Law School rescinded a keynote-speaking invitation to Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner on Feb. 1. They took that action in condemnation of how Krasner handled the Dec. 27 ruling by Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Leon Tucker who granted appeal rights to political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Krasner would have been one of four keynote speakers at RebLaw’s Feb. 16-17 conference, a forum to discuss innovative and progressive approaches to law and social change. In rescinding their invitation to Krasner, the students accused them of failing, like Abu-Jamal, a “jail house lawyer,” to replace Krasner’s spot on the agenda.

Harvard University law students who plan to attend the conference initiated the decision to disinvite Krasner. In their letter to RebLaw organizers they wrote, “The so-called progressive Larry Krasner is hell-bent on keeping Mumia’s case out of the appellate process. Larry Krasner was voted into office by the Black, working-class people of Philadelphia, but in the hour of truth he has upheld the rulings of racist judges [in this case] and is doing the bidding of one of the country’s most corrupt and bourgeois police forces.”

Anneke Dunbar-Gronke, a member of the Harvard Prison Divestment Campaign and a signer of the letter, wrote, “Krasner will go down in history as the well-meaning progressive who failed to do justice in the mind of a progressive DA, justice is doled out selectively and only when there is no real political risk involved. Thankfully the conference participants will hear from Abu-Jamal, an actual jailhouse lawyer — and the pinnacle of rebelling lawyering.”

In their letter, made public Feb. 1, RebLaw 25 directors wrote: “We cannot understand how DA Krasner’s decision to appeal Mumia’s case has pleased with politicians to take action. It is not ignorance that is responsible for the growing disasters.

Don’t look for answers in the capitalist media. But the clues are there — in the financial pages. Oil continues to be the measure of commodity and war in other countries. For generations it has provided fortunes and political power to a few super-rich families, whose oil and banking empires continue to run the U.S. economy. But first, workers have to be able to cut through the lies and propaganda.

Community organizations launch protest

Krasner’s office acknowledged this January that in addition to finding six uncataloged boxes of prosecutors’ evidence in Abu-Jamal’s case, they found hundreds of boxes of files from other cases. That this “progressive” DA, who won election by promising to investigate questions of police misconduct, would go on to find six uncataloged boxes of files from other cases, is raising broad concerns.

Many of the Philadelphia community organizations that not only endorsed Krasner’s 2017 run for office but functioned on the ground to turn out support in Black communities are speaking up. Several of these groups are issuing a collective letter to Krasner expressing their outrage and sense of betrayal, and they are calling on him to rescind his appeal of Tucker’s decision about Abu-Jamal.

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Too much justice

Responding to the organizers’ decision, on Feb. 2 Krasner appealed a decision in New Hampshire. Krasner said that his office is “passionate about making carefully considered decisions that are based on the law and facts of every case. That is what we are doing now on the evolving issues in the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal and the cases of thousands of less well-known defendants.” (philly.com, Feb. 2)

Waxman’s statement on Kramer’s behalf echoes Krasner’s. Jan. 28 statement, in filing his appeal, that Tucker’s “opinion has sweeping and, in our view, problematic implications for a large volume of cases, in addition to its effect on the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal.” (sfgate.com, Feb. 1)

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Christina Swarna, Abu-Jamal’s attorney at that hearing, responded that the Commonwealth’s concern cannot be that Abu-Jamal might receive “too much justice.”

Krasner, who appointed Castille to his transition team, has chosen to continue his predecessors’ denial of justice to all-too-many unjustly convicted prisoners.
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Jussie Smollett and the attack on queer people of color

Jussie Smollett, internationally known Black television star and LGBTQ+ activist, was beaten in Chicago in a homophobic and racist attack early on the morning of Jan. 29. Smollett was there filming the award-winning series "Empire" in which he plays a gay singer. A police statement said two "unknown assailants," luring racist and homophobic slurs at him, and wrapped a noose around his neck. Smollett had previously received threats along these lines in an envelope with a MAGA (Make America Great Again) retainer clip and "Burn." (Chicago Sun-Times)

It’s possible Smollett, as a well-known figure, was targeted specifically by racists. It’s also possible that this was a random attack. But the exact origin of the attack is the same: The attackers once again wore the face of white supremacy and class patriarchy.

In a Feb. 1 statement to Essence, Smollett emphasized that "these types of cowardly attacks are happening to my sisters, brothers, and non-gender conforming siblings daily. I am not and should not be looked upon as an isolated incident."

But social media responses to the attack showed Smollett include disgusting examples of this solidarity from Malcolm X, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee sponsored conference in solidarity with Palestine going back even prior to the six-day war in 1967, when Israel seized the West Bank, Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and the Sinai Peninsula. He raised earlier examples of this solidarity from Malcolm X, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the Black Panther Party.

In response to the attack on Jussie Smollett, a rally to stop violence against all LGBTQ people of color was held in Brooklyn on Feb. 1.

In late 2018 the Human Rights Watch documented that a staggering 87 percent of transgender people in the U.S. as "epidemic," with 128 transgender people killed the five previous years. The overwhelming unsolved number of hate crimes against the Black community, the report also revealed that 61 percent of all survivors of hate violence identified as a person of color.

The year that report was released, a gunman attacked the Pulse, a nightclub in Orlando, Fla., killing 49 people and injuring 53 more. A majority of them LGBTQ and Latinx. (tinyurl.com/ydfbu8l)

Racists may be coming out of the woodwork like the vermin they are, emboldened by white supremacist Trump, his rhetoric and policies. Bigots may be masking themselves and attacking by night, like they targeted Jussie Smollett.

But queer people of color are defending themselves and are staying strong. As Smollett affirmed in his Feb. 1 statement, "My body is strong but my soul is stronger."

Black History Month: Stayed on freedom

Black History Month again offers us a chance to honor the body-and-spirit-filled dedication of non-American people who have struggled, built and fought in order to win against the deeply violent injustices of the "great American Dream." Honoring the lessons of Black history means acknowledging that those who founded the U.S. were colonizers and enslavers bent on despicable wealth and profit. And the truth of Black history reveals and polishes the white arrow among many to the hated groups — simply enacting the same hateful principles embedded in the documents of the "Founding Fathers."

The current reactionary president's administration — embritled in its vicious and polities' away attacks on Black groups — is simply enacting the same hateful principles embedded in the documents of the "Founding Fathers."

This administration's new volley of attacks are attempts to roll back victories that people's movements have won over many hundreds of years, always with people of African descent in resistance and leadership.

The more recent wins under attack range from worker protections in union membership gained in the 1930s, to laws benefiting women like Title IX in the 1970s, to trans and gender-nonconform- ing people recently winning safety protections like gender neutral bathrooms.

The struggle has won some space for oppressed peoples to live, breathe, work and sing — but the haters and the bigots want to erase.

But these attacks are not made solely out of hate. These are calculated attempts to intimidate and push back those who are leading the forward motion against prejudice, discrimination and violent repression. The attacks are designed to break solidarity between people and in the U.S. fuels the struggle for justice every day, every year, every decade, every century in this unjust country.

There are many, many inspiring examples to learn and reflect on during Black History Month. But just within the last two couple of years:

In Mississippi, the heart of the "right-to-work-for-less" South, Black auto work- ers have been winning victories for their union at the Nissan plant in Canton.

In Alabama, Black women were the heart of the campaigns to uphold the basic right to vote; their work resulted in the defeat of a vitally white supremac- ist, anti-LGBTQ, anti-woman candi- date for senator.

In Missouri, the Fannie Lou Hamer Committee of the Fight for '14 led the way in striking against sexual abuse and wage discrimination at McDonald's. Fannie Lou Hamer was a legendary organizer for jus- tice for African-American people.

And last December, in a small indi- vidual act of solidarity, Jussie Smollett appealed for lifting up the lives of Black women through support for Bennett College, a historically Black college for women in the South.

During Black History Month, let's affirm with our actions that we are also on the side of justice and solidarity in the fight against racism.

As attacks are hurled by bigots aiming to break down freedom struggles, let’s remember that Black History Month calls us to actively honor hundreds of years of Black determination for justice — unbridled in its vicious means acknowledging that those who enslaved bent on despicable wealth and proft.

As artists, they were moved by a visit to a prison some years ago. "Neither hate nor sorrow to us," said Holly Holley.

"I felt like my mom must have felt during the Civil Rights era when just justifying your mouth could be danger- ous to you and your family."

Before the program ended, Hill shared a trailer for his documentary, "Blacks in the Holy Land," which he hopes to fund through the Black Star Film Festival in the spring.
Haitian Revolution shook empires

By Motema Makasi

The ceremonial act led by Dutty Boukman in 1791, several hundred enslaved people swore to fight to the death against a brutal system of slavery and torture. This act would shake the greatest empires of Europe and burn the slave society of Saint-Domingue to the ground. From the ashes emerged one half of the island of Hispaniola—the most lucrative colony in the Caribbean. It had been to the colonists a “marvelous colony,” also communicated with Blacks on the plantations and provided safe places for meetings. One unique feature of slavery in Saint-Domingue was that temporary escape, “petit maronnage,” for a night or even a few days was quite common and sometimes put to use. Through these short-term excursions, Blacks were able to meet and coordinate their actions in the remote mountain regions of the island.

It was during these meetings that rumors spread of new laws passed in France. By 1791, the French Revolution was taking shape. As treatment was coming, perhaps the banning of the whip and all other forms of torture, filled the enslaved people with hope and courage. But if such reforms had been made, there was no evidence that the white masters planned to implement them. Draastic measures had to be taken, and the plot for insurrection was born.

On Aug. 14, 1791, Black conspirators slipped back into their plantations in the night, killed their masters and torched the instruments of their enslavement. Sugar cane fields are highly flammable, and in just a few days most of the North Province of Saint-Domingue was set ablaze. All the machinery on the sugar plantations was destroyed; the means of production were smashed. Black laborers communicated with others who held the trust of their masters and were therefore given significant responsibilities. Drastic measures had to be taken, and the plot for insurrection was born.

During that period of insurrection, a large port city of Cap-Français, looked out from the tropical waters. The Black revolutionaries, moving south and crushing Rigaud. But in France, Napoleon Bonaparte seized power in 1797, the proponents of slavery finally found a champion in the person of the French emperor.

During the period of 1795-1800, contradictions mounted in Saint-Domingue. Although the Black population was free, the French Civil Commissioners were eager to restore the profits from sugar exports. They mandated that Blacks remain on the plantations to work as paid laborers. The Black masses resented this further, but there was little they could do. Meanwhile, the Black leadership sought to appease the French. There was only one nation in Europe which would tolerate free Blacks in such a wealthy colony, so Black generals, Louverture included, enforced the labor laws demanded by France.

There was also a division of race and class between the Blacks and the Coloreds. The Coloreds believed that their wealth and education made them better suited to governing and resented seeing formerly enslaved Black people in positions of power. These contradictions culminated in the “War of Knives” in 1799. Instigated by the reactionary French Commissioner Hédouville, the most prominent Colored general, Rigaud rebelled against Louverture’s mostly Black forces. Rigaud’s southern army was outnumbered, but he counted on aid from the British. That aid never came. It was not long before Louverture’s most dangerous lieutenant, Jean-Jacques Dessalines, moved south and crushed Rigaud.

‘Haiti’ is born

Louverture consolidated his power, becoming master of Saint-Domingue. He devoted himself to rebuilding the plantation economy and creating a society with a new hierarchy of race and sexual discrimination in a new constitution and declared himself governor for life.

An anthology of writings from Workers World newspaper.

The result was a war where disease, a veteran Black army and ceaseless guerrilla warfare would devastate the French forces, leaving only about 8,000 survivors to return to France. Louverture would not live to see the end of the war; he was captured by Napoleon, Napoleon Bonaparte and exiled to a French prison in 1805. It was left to Dessalines and the masses of armed free Blacks to beat back the French and establish an independent Haiti in 1804. In choosing the name “Haiti,” the name given by the island by its original Taino inhabitants, Dessalines repudiated not only about 300 years of colonial-ism. Today, as we see Haiti struggle under the oppression of neocolonial forces, we should remember that this small island nation was founded as a symbol of resistance and liberation. It is exactly that symbol that imperialists have always sought, yet failed, to destroy.
¡No a la guerra del EUU, contra Venezuela!

Por Marco Teruggi Caracas

Dos conclusiones emergen del conflicto venezolano después de casi dos semanas del autoproclamamiento de Juan Guaidó. El primero es que la dirección del intento de gobierno paralelo reside en los Estados Unidos, el segundo es que, por el momento, la fuerza principal también. Deberán esperar quienes vinieron al país a buscar las imágenes de un país transformado en un escenario de batallas abiertas. El sábado fue una nueva confirmación de esa conclusión que parece aplicarse en este momento del ataque.

La dirección: para entender qué sucede y qué puede pasar en Venezuela es necesario seguir a quién toman las decisiones desde EE.UU., John Bolton, asesor de seguridad, Mike Pence, vicepresidente, Mike Pompeo, secretario de Estado, Elliot Abrams, el enviado especial para manejar la crisis, Luis Almagro, secretario del tesorjo, Mario Rubio, senador republicano, y el mismo Donald Trump, en un sentido de tiempo seguro a Juan Guaidó, o cualquier otro dirigente de la derecha, para saber qué puede pasar. Pense, por ejemplo, ofreció un discurso en una iglesia en Miami el día viernes. Allí afirmó que es necesario “eliminar” a los venezolanos, y que “el tiempo de la negociación terminó”. Bolton, el jefe

Bolton por su parte se paró desde el lugar de jefe: “Los Estados Unidos insistan a todos los militares venezolanos a seguir el liderazgo del general Vázquez, y a proteger a los manifestantes pacíficos que apoyan la democracia”. Bolton se refirió a Francisco Vázquez, general de la Fuerza Armada Nacional Bolivariana (FANB), que difundió un video en la mañana del sábado en que anunció su apoyo a Guaidó. El asesor de seguridad también afirmó que enviará la denominada ayuda humanitaria: “Siguiendo la petición del presidente, trabajó a Juan Guaidó, y lo consulta con sus funcionarios, EE.UU. movilizará y transportará medicamentos de ayuda humanitaria, suministros quirúrgicos y suplementos nutricionales para el pueblo de Venezuela. Es hora de que Maduro se quite de medio.”

Guaidó, en la movilización que realizó la derecha el sábado en Caracas, declaró: “Anunciamos una coalición mundial por la ayuda humanitaria y la libertad en Venezuela. Ya tenemos tres puntos de apoyo para la ayuda: Cúcuta es el primero. Otra estará en Brasil y otra en el centro de la Guajira”. Su único anuncio fue el que ya había dicho Bolton. Las tres son de empresas que no intentan disimular, aunque a veces necesitan aclararlo, como Rubio, quien afirmó que “EE.UU. no organizó” el movimiento, sino que es liderado por el gobierno venezolano.

Guaidó, de hecho, especificó un punto concreto para la entrada: Caracas, zona fronteriza caracterizada por la alta presencia del paramilitarismo colombiano, mafias afines a los paramilitarismo –donde fueron enterrados quienes intentaron el asesinato de Nicolás Maduro en agosto del año pasado. Es uno de los principales puntos que podrían ser activados como focos críticos, donde desatar interferencias, con la particularidad del entusiasmo mediático. Fue desde allí, por ejemplo, que Luis Almagro, secretario de la Organización de Estados Americanos, afirmó que no se descartaba la opción de hacer “presidente” a Guaidó en lo nacional. Luis Almagro, secretario de la Organización de Estados Americanos, afirmó que no se descartaba la opción de hacer “presidente” a Guaidó en lo nacional. Es evidente que la base social de la derecha lo implica en esa manera. Es evidente que, si no, el “gobierno paralelo” necesita terreno, capacidad de ejercer poder, dos dimensiones que no posee. 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