No ICE on Greyhound

People’s power stops bus raids

By Teresa Gutierrez

No matter what else is happening, the Trump administration is not relinquishing its war on migrants.

Savoring his victory over an impeachment that failed to oust him from office, the 45th president is set to deploy an elite squad of Customs and Border Protection agents in major cities throughout the country. The decision to deploy the Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC) is another sign that Trump is actually at war with migrants.

On Feb. 14 (Happy Valentine’s Day, migrants), the New York Times reported that the Trump administration’s announcement of this deployment is “part of a supercharged arrest operation” that will target sanctuary cities in particular. Trump, salivating to frighten and bully everyone in opposition to him, is escalating his fight against local governments, many of them led by Democratic Party officials, who have refused to allow their police or city agents to work with Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The “specially trained” officers will be sent to Chicago, New York, Newark, Atlanta, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, New Orleans, Houston and Detroit beginning this month and through May. Their deployment, however, could be extended.

These cities have huge numbers of people of color. ICE agents, who act exactly like SWAT teams, are a threat to all of them.

A case in point is the shooting of a young man, Erick Díaz Cruz, in the face in Brooklyn, N.Y. On Feb. 7, ICE agents broke into Cruz’s mother’s home to arrest Gasper Avendano-Hernández, who they thought was involved in an arrest operation from Greyhound. Greyhound’s reversal, which comes one week after a leaked Border Patrol memo admitted the searches require Greyhound’s approval, is a significant victory for the migrant rights movement. Buses are often the only means of interior transit available to undocumented migrants, due to the greater costs and more stringent ID requirements of train and airplane travel. But we cannot become complacent: It remains to be seen if Greyhound will in fact carry out this new policy, and we can expect ICE/Border Patrol to attempt to continue the searches over Greyhound’s objection.

Without ongoing public scrutiny, Greyhound may allow the searches to continue while publicly claiming to oppose them. For this reason a demonstration against the searches scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Port Authority Bus Station in New York City proceeded as planned, even after Greyhound had announced it would no longer allow the searches.

How was this victory achieved? Mainstream media accounts highlight pressure from the American Civil Liberties Union, a lawsuit filed in California and potential legal action by the Washington state attorney general. While important, these forces are only part of the story. Amalgamated Transit Union Local 7500, which represents Greyhound drivers, mechanics and other workers came out against Border Patrol searches in 2018.

Mass demonstrations at bus stations around the country, organized by FIRE and many other organizations, have educated passengers on their rights and showed that migrants and their supporters have the strength to shut down Greyhound if they choose. And finally, passengers across the country have fought back against the searches, successfully demanding Border Patrol get off the bus. They have informed their fellow passengers that they are not required to show ID to Border Patrol, which has no right to be there. Viral videos of these encounters have raised public consciousness, educating working and oppressed people about their power to fight back against racist terror.

This is a crucial lesson to draw from the campaign: Working and oppressed people have the power to win their demands through mass struggle and people’s power. When we organize, educate and mobilize we are not struggling in vain—we can win. So let’s not stop with Greyhound, but push forward. The war against migrants continues to intensify. We must organize for May Day 2020 and beyond to close the detention (concentration) camps, stop all deportations, abolish ICE and reunite all children who have been stolen from their families.

We must organize to open the border, win permanent residency for all migrants and refugees, and defeat the violent policies of U.S. imperialism that cause migration crises around the world. The campaign against Border Patrol searches on Greyhound buses is a small step in a much larger struggle, but it shows that victory is possible, if we are willing to organize and fight for it.
Real U.S. military budget exceeds $1 trillion

By Manlio Dinucci

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The "Budget for the Future of America," which the U.S. government submitted, shows what the Trump administration's priorities are in the federal budget for fiscal year 2021 (which begins Oct. 1).

First of all, it reduces social spending. For example, it cuts the required budget for the Department of Health and Human Services by 10 percent. Meanwhile, health authorities themselves report that influenza alone has caused about 10,000 deaths in the U.S. from October to February, out of a population of 330 million.

This news is kept quiet by the big media, which instead are raising a global alarm over the 1,770 deaths due to the coronavirus in China, a country with 1.4 billion inhabitants. One must suspect the real purpose behind the relentless media campaign, which sows terror on everything Chinese. To justify the U.S. budget, its framers insist that the U.S. "faces challenges from resurgent rival nations, including Russia and China." [For all quotes about the budget, see tinyurl.com/qnfcuu6/]

In all warfighting domains, the U.S. military budget emphasizes air, space, cyber and direct energy weapons, with colossal profits for Lockheed Martin and other weapons industries.

In addition to the Pentagon budget, a number of military expenditures are entered in the budgets of other departments. In fiscal year 2021, the Department of Energy will receive $27 billion to maintain and modernize the nuclear arsenal. The Department of Homeland Security will also receive $32 billion for its own secret service. The Department of Veterans Affairs will receive $243 billion (10 percent more than in 2020) for retired military personnel.

Taking these and other items into account, U.S. military spending will exceed $1 trillion in fiscal 2021. The military expenditure of the United States exerts a driving effect on the military expenditures of other countries, which, however, remain at much lower levels. Even taking into account the Pentagon budget alone, U.S. military spending is three to four times higher than China's and more than 10 times higher than Russia's.

In this way "The Budget supports U.S. military dominance in all warfighting domains—air, land, sea, space and cyber-space," says the White House, announcing that the United States will soon be able to produce 80 new nuclear warheads a year in two plants. The budget for the future of the U.S. may mean the end of the world. ☐
Anatomy of a hunger strike

Part 3

‘Much more to be said and done’

Demetrious “Dee Jay” Grant (FY6063), an African-American prisoner in Pennsylvania, recounts a months-long hunger strike in 2019 over prison conditions at State Correctional Institution Albion. Grant is known as the “Pro Se Litigator,” the person who exposed the mistreatment of mentally-ill prisoners by former Correctional Officer Charles Gruner at SCI Greene before Gruner became famous for mistreating Iraqi detainees. Here is Part 3 of Workers World’s interview with Grant about his experiences with the PA Department of Corrections (DOC).

Workers World: What made you decide to end the hunger strike?
Dee Jay: I started worrying about being seriously hurt during a seizure and not being able to receive help. It was killing me to even think about ending the strike. There was so much more that needed to be said and done.

Early in the strike, I met with several prison officials who made a good faith effort to resolve some of my issues, but things moved at a slow pace. In the meantime, my health was getting worse.

The hostility and aggression from the guards were being turned up to the point they tried to physically harm me when they would get outside the view of other prisoners or cameras. They would get you in the hallway and turn the camera off, say it malfunctioned and then assault you.

After the strike was over, I was told by a sergeant that prison officials told guards they gave me everything I asked for, and I was only continuing the strike to cause problems. After the strike ended, I was only 143 pounds and unable to eat whole foods because the feeding tube damaged my esophagus. All my food has to be pureed. Also, I have trouble walking, standing, sitting and laying down due to nerve damage, which medical staff here is refusing to treat me for. I have still not received an MRI for the nerve damage in my hand after the guards assaulted me. The medical staff refuses to house me in the infirmary for observation despite all my health issues.

Nevertheless, I believe the hunger strike was a victory because I was able to force the administration to address and address my grievances. Also, I learned the tactics medical and prison officials will use to combat hunger strikes. I took a hit to my body, not because of the hunger strike per se, but because of the nefarious “Five-Phase Plan.” This is why the courts need to force the PA DOC to come up with a forced-feeding protocol instead of allowing officials to freestyle the process.

Since the strike, it’s been a mixed bag wherein some prison officials and guards keep me at arm’s length, but there are those who take every opportunity to retaliate against me. For example, Major Maure instructed the property room to confiscate all my legal and nonlegal property under the pretext I have excessive property. This is the same property I was transferred to SCI Albion with, and it had been in my possession until the hunger strike.

I am back in general population, and things are getting worse again with regard to unconstitutional, inhumane and repressive conditions.

Complaints bring retaliation
WW: What did you learn from the hunger strike?
Dee Jay: The hunger strike made me realize that it is not for everyone. Outside support is a must so that they can’t get away with abusing you. Most importantly, the hunger strike made me even more determined to stand up and resist abusive authority, no matter the cost.

My advice to all those out there who may be contemplating going on a hunger strike is: Make it worth it and don’t stop until you achieve your goal. Remember, “never, never, never give up no matter how hard or long.”

WW: What would you like to explain to people on the outside about prison conditions?
Dee Jay: In the past 5 to 10 years, prison life in Pennsylvania has changed dramatically due in large part to the closing of this state’s mental health facilities. Now, those individuals are being housed in the PA DOC. This was done by a previous governor, Ed Rendell, to save money.

In response, the DOC hired a bunch of psychiatrists and psychologists, but there are still not enough to deal with the large numbers of mentally ill prisoners, some of whom are violent, drug addicted or illiterate.

Initially, mentally ill prisoners were housed at SCI Waymart, but due to the large numbers, they are now being housed throughout all DOC facilities. It is having a profound effect on the overall general prison population. PA state legislators and prison officials are using assaults committed by mentally ill prisoners to create policies and laws authorizing excessive use of force against all prisoners. The “Violence Reduction Policy” allows prison officials to arbitrarily deny prisoners their state and federal constitutional rights by placing a cell block or even entire prisons on lock downs for days on end after one of these mentally ill prisoners allegedly assaults a guard.

Recently the PA House Judiciary Committee passed three bills supposedly designed to improve the safety of county and state prison guards and staff, even though assaults on prison staff are at a 10-year low. Nothing, however, is being done to address the increase of assaults on prisoners by prison staff.

Ultimately, the guards and staff hired by the DOC cannot be adequately trained to deal with mentally ill prisoners. Some of them have mental illnesses themselves. This situation means non-mentally ill prisoners are being left with the burden of dealing with these mentally ill prisoners, even though we are not qualified.

The DOC and state legislators know the dynamics of what is happening, but they won’t solve the crisis because it’s a win-win for them. The state receives millions of dollars in federal funding to address a crisis it created. At the same time, they use this crisis to create new laws to increase repression and deny prisoners their state and federal constitutional rights.

Joe Piette edited this talk, in communication with Grant.

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Legal, affordable, safe abortion

By Sue Davis

The U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments on Feb. 27 about two linked Louisiana abortion rights cases with revised titles: June Medical Services LLC v. Stephen Russo and Russo v. June Medical Services LLC et al.

The first case was brought by a Louisiana medical clinic against state law Act 620, which would require doctors providing abortions in the state to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of their practice. An identical law in Texas had been ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 2016, Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt.

The second case was brought by the state of Louisiana, now represented by interim health secretary Stephen Russo, to defend right-wing Act 620. This suit challenges earlier Supreme Court rulings that protect the right to abortion.

In 2019, SCOTUS sent the first case, passed in 2014, back to the notoriously reactionary U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. The Center for Reproductive Rights had appealed, on behalf of Louisiana abortion providers, to keep the federal court from striking down Act 620. Russo, however, could file a petition for review. In a 5-4 decision in their favor, Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts chose to vote with the four justices who support abortion rights, so the case would return to court in 2020.

As WW wrote in 2019, “Roberts’ vote was not to affirm abortion rights, but a hands-off message to the lower court not to short-circuit the Supreme Court’s power. All it did was maintain the status quo.”

Justice Brett Kavanaugh, writing a lone dissent to the ruling, asserted the only way to prove whether the admitting-privileges requirement would impose an undue burden was to let the law go into effect and see what happens. This exposed his true anti-abortion colors, which he had hidden during nomination hearings in 2018. It meant that “some women could be completely denied access to abortion because of pregnancy and forced to carry the pregnancy to term.” (scotusblog.com)

As WW concluded: “What the ruling ultimately showed is that Roberts is not a born-again pro-choice hero, but a strict defender of the Supreme Court’s legacy and power, which was also acknowledged by Kavanaugh’s history of attempted rape of a teenage girl. Given his dissent, Kavanaugh revealed that he is truly heartless and cruel about women’s health and well-being. Just as the thousands of women who protested against his nomination understood in their bones.”

Abortion providers challenged the Louisiana law because severe complications during abortions requiring hospitalization are exceedingly rare—as in practically never.

The law’s real purpose is to drive clinics out of business, as happened in Texas, and to make it difficult if not impossible to get abortions. If the law stands, two out of three clinics will be forced to close in Louisiana.

Second case could overturn legal abortion

The second suit, only recently discussed by the media, is a sneak attack on abortion rights themselves. Filed on Feb. 1, 2019 (Gee v. June Medical Services LLC et al.), it is meant to demolish not just Women’s Health or other cases like Planned Parenthood v. Casey in 1992, but Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court’s 1973 decision establishing the right to legal abortion.

Chief Justice Roberts’ seemingly pro-abortion vote in 2019 may have been just that— to keep their appeal alive. The case was going to overturn the 2016 ruling, it should be the Roberts Court—after extended, intensive oral arguments and deliberation.

As The Intercept wrote on Feb. 10, the second case “could serve as a test case to make clinics ‘threaten not only to undo decades of precedent allowing abortion providers to mount legal challenges on behalf of their prospectives and patients, but to dismantle a century of precedent in other kinds of cases in which plaintiffs similarly seek to vindicate the rights of third parties.” An example in criminal cases is that defendants have been granted standing to assert jurors’ equal protection rights if they were rejected for jury duty based on race.

What is “legal precedent”? It is a ruling that establishes a principle which is then used by judicial bodies to decide later similar issues or facts. In this way, a past decision becomes an authority that judges are expected to follow. In Latin it’s the doctrine of “stare decisis.”

The second suit continues the Interrupt, “is the latest salvo in the ongoing effort of anti-abortion lawmakers to undermine reproductive rights. Without ever ruling on the constitutionality of any particular abortion restriction, the Supreme Court, by ruling in favor of Louisiana, could make it practically impossible to challenge states’ increasingly draconian and punitive restrictions on abortion and ultimately eviscerate reproductive rights.”

Supporters reflect seriousness of the conflict

The Center for Reproductive Rights is arguing against both Louisiana state laws, backed by the American Medical Association, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Bar Association, a group of upper federal judges and DOJ officials, seven federal court scholars, 197 members of Congress, attorneys general from 21 states and District of Columbia, reproductive justice and public health advocates, civil rights groups promoting women’s and LGBTQ+ rights and those of people with disabilities, social science experts, abortion providers, faith leaders and nearly 380 individuals sharing their personal abortion experiences.

On the other side, right-wingers of all kinds have massed to defend both Louisiana laws.

The March a SCOTUS hearing will only provide clues about the final ruling based on the justices’ questions. The final decision will not be revealed until the end of June, so the court issues its most controversial decisions.

Because they haven’t been able to win in the court of public opinion, the right wing has resorted to stealth legal maneuvers in an attempt to abolish the right to abortion.

Trump war on migrants hits sanctuary cities

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was in the U.S. without documents. When Cruz tried to help Hernandez, guns went off and Cruz, 26 years old, was shot in the face.

The Mexican Consul later confirmed that Arrendano-Hernandez was actually in the country with documents.

On the same day as the shooting, in a show of solidarity, community leaders held a press conference at the hospital where Cruz was taken. The Brooklyn borough president and others demanded accountability from ICE and said that the shooting “shows that violence has happened in a sanctuary city like New York.”

The next step should be for city officials to get on board to abolish ICE altogether. To punish New York, Trump arranged

for an announcement on Tucker Carlson’s show on Fox News about a new Department of Homeland Security directive saying city residents are no longer eligible to enroll in programs like Global Entry, which expedites travelers’ wait times when returning to the U.S. from abroad (Feb. 5)

Sanctuary cities targeted

The reality is that, while sanctuary cities are important to send a message to Washington, migrant workers are still subjected to roundups and checkpoints in those cities. Nonetheless, it is a minor victory for migrant workers when police are not forced to work with ICE.

Trump is relentless in cracking down on sanctuary cities. He is skirting local laws in order to send 100 BORTAC agents to work with ICE.

Who are these agents?

According to the Feb. 14 New York Times, the elite tactical team known as BORTAC is the SWAT team of the Border Patrol. They will be paired with “stun grenades [and] enhanced Special Forces type training, including sniper certification.”

Even within the ranks of this reactionary government body, former CBP commissioner Gil Kerlikowske told the Times that “sending the officers to conduct immigration enforcement within cities, where they are not trained to work, could escalate situations. He called the move “significant mistake.”

In a Feb. 15 “PBS News Hour” interview, Times reporter Caitlin Dickerson explained that BORTAC officers “are chosen from individual border patrol units. They undergo specific training. It’s similar to Army Rangers or to Special Forces. They’re sniper certified, they have grenades … that can obscure what you can see when they break into your home. They carry very large weapons. They’re very much a military squad from within the Border Patrol.”

Dickerson continued: “Undocumented immigrants are on high alert at this point. They know exactly what ICE agents wear. And they’re going to notice when they see people wearing not a typical ICE uniform, but a SWAT type uniform outside their home, if that’s the way that the BORTAC officers are dressed when they go out on this operation.”

She added: “There’s immigration enforcement through arrests. But governments know … that there’s also enforcement through fear. It is a strategy … that you continue to make this country less hospitable to people.”

Nothing that Trump or Obama before him has done has stopped the flow of humanity into the U.S. or other developed countries.

Crisis of imperialism

This is not merely a crisis of policy. This is a crisis of imperialism. It is capitalism’s economic, social and war-driven policies that are at the root of forced migration.

A prime example is El Salvador.

Human Rights Watch, which is a mixed bag in terms of its political outlook, reports that at least 138 people who had been deported back to El Salvador in the last few years have been killed elsewhere, usually assassinated, tortured or kidnapped.” (Portside, Feb. 8)

Yet people still continue to come here. Despite the SWAT teams, the cages, the separation of families, the deaths of children from the flu, the anti-trans murders and so on, workers’ groups continue to make that dangerous trek into the U.S.

And those who survive and establish roots hook into a complex and thriving underground system that alerts the community whenever ICE dogs appear. This is a network operating under the very noses of immigration enforcement.

This kind of organization, tenacity and resistance is what will ultimately defeat the war on migrants. The struggle cannot be won, when we are disconnected from the unity and solidarity of all workers in this country who demand “Abolish BORTAC. No borders in the workers’ struggle.”
A revolutionary view of the Sanders campaign

Part 1

By Scott Williams
Read the entire article on workers.org

The competition for the Democratic presidential nomination has become a focus of political life in the United States. For revolutionaries debating how to view this campaign, we must answer the following questions: What is the class character of the Sanders’ movement? What is the potential impact of the Sanders’ movement on the worldwide interests of the working class? How can this development lead to a broader revolutionary upsurge in the heart of the U.S. empire? From there we must chart a plan of action.

Character and context of Sanders movement

The rejuvenation of social democracy and liberal reformism, most notably in the rise of the left in the Democratic Party, comes as a response to the decline of the U.S. empire and the inability of the U.S. capitalist economy to provide decent, well-paying jobs to a majority of the working class.

On one hand, the People’s Republic of China has risen as a clear economic and geopolitical challenge to U.S. imperialist world domination. On the other, the U.S. remains plagued by endless imperialist war, mass incarceration, low wages, enormous inequality and the failures of other major societies. The difference between my social-ism and Trump’s socialism is I believe the government should help working families, not billionaires.” (Axios, Poh. 9)

As communists, we are well aware that Sanders holds political positions we can’t support: his lack of solidarity with international anti-imperialist struggles, his lack of support for reparations for slavery along with Black Lives Matter, his viti-lops, his attacks on pro-socialist leaders like Hugo Chávez and Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela, his support for laws criminalizing sex workers and much more.

Along with the red-baiting, the attacks on Sanders from pro-Israeli forces—similar to the outrageous attacks on former Labor Party leader Jeremy Corbyn by the British media—will continue. This is even though Sanders limits his state-ments on Palestine to support for basic human rights. Sanders himself is Jewish. Yet this will stop not the attacks on him for alleged anti-Semitism—simply because he probably give funding to Israel’s murderous campaign to annihilate the Palestinian people. These attacks must be met by a strong, anti-racist movement in defense of the Palestinian people’s right to exist, from the river to the sea. Sanders claims to be anti-U.S. wars in Iraq and beyond, yet his voting record doesn’t reflect that. Sanders’ support for U.S. imperialism must be fought by those who wish to see his domestic program be successful. The domestic and foreign poli-cies of the empire can’t be separated.

The anti-war presidential candidate

Eugene V. Debs was not only a socialist but also a revolutionary, a leader of the socialist movement in the United States. He ran for president in 1920 from a prison cell where he had been thrown because of his opposition to World War I. Debs, a mili-tant labor leader and socialist, got a million votes, even though he wasn’t endorsed by either of the two “major” parties. His campaign button, shown here, proudly included his pris-oner ID number.

Debs’ strong opposition to imperi-alist war was shared by many workers, who knew exactly what he was talking about when he said: “Let me emphasize the fact—and it cannot be repeated often—that the working class who fight all the battles, the working class who make the supreme sacrifices, the working class who freely shed their blood and fur-nish the corpses, have never yet had a voice in either deciding war or making peace. It is the ruling class that makes a decision.”

Now, many, many U.S. war veterans realize there is more reason than ever for any candidate professing socialism to come out strongly and in opposition to the monstrous U.S. military machine that has ravaged so many areas of the globe in the name of “peace” and “democracy.”
Black labor: From chattel slavery to wage slavery

Capitalism and Black labor today

By Sam Marcy

The following is excerpted from Chapter 2 of Marcy’s "High Tech, Low Pay: A Marxist analysis of the changing forms of labor exploitation, which is overwhelmingly work-based on capitalist production, slavery, wage slavery, and free labor. To regard the slave struggle strictly as one of exploitation, not its abolition. Thus we see that while the first phase of the scientific-technological revolution brought fabulous profits to the South and gave it the power to expand, it ultimately undid slavery. Just as technological change undermined the Southern slavery, so we see that during the years of high capitalist development, the entire U.S. industrial apparatus was converted for war purposes and for the first time full employment became an artificial phenomenon dependent on war spending. These two objective factors—the First and Second World Wars—also found an echo beginning in 1930 with the Korean War. In the early 1930s and again during the Vietnam War employment was artificially propped up by the continuing growth of the defense industries. If today in cities like Detroit, Chicago, Newark, Philadelphia, New York, Atlanta, Memphis and Birmingham there are large Black populations with some political power, it is not due to any attempt by the ruling class to ameliorate the condition of Black workers or to lighten the burden of discrimination. Rather it comes as a result of objective development arising out of the organic functioning of the capitalist system and the inevitability of imperialist wars and military interventions abroad. This is not to say that the whole industrial structure of the U.S. is due entirely to imperialist wars, but without them it is difficult to conceive how there could have been such a rapid social transformation in the condition of Black and also white workers.

The mass migration from the South—and back to the South—due especially during times of unemployment—is among the objective factors affecting the development of Black labor. The subjective factors arise from the broad struggle, especially the struggle of the 1960s...
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Against the illuminating backdrop of the Dred Scott Decision of 1857, there exist disturbing parallels between the cowardly New York Police Department's brutal killing of Eric Garner and the on-going, genocidal assault against the heroic Palestinian people by the Zionist garrison state of Israel. These parallels are fervently anchored in the ideology of exceptionalism, imperial expansion and white supremacy. They go to the very heart of how the United States developed into an unprecedented empire, along with the creation of Israel as an extension to that same.

In effect, this settler-state, intru- sively planted in the Middle East, owes much of its existence and behavior to the world's foremost threatening model, carefully crafted by the United States, from its bloody incep- tion. Israel is a “mini-carbon-copy” of U.S. imperialist greed and dominance. The Indigenous population of what was to become known as North America was virtually wiped out and replaced by enslaved Africans, forcibly deposited on its shores. Neither the Native peoples nor Africans, contrary to myths, passively accepted the practices of land theft and stolen labor.

Chief Crazy Horse and Harriet Tubman immediately come to mind as symbols of resistance. Rebellion continues to run through their children's veins, despite ingenious attempts by the ruling class to pacify and smokescreen its disgraceful deeds. As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. prophetically pointed out, “Truth crushed to earth shall rise again.” The pristine monument of him, recently erected in Washington, D.C., can never fully hide the J. Edgar Hoover-led FBI war waged against him and other freedom fight- ers. Many still remember his April 1967 speech at New York’s Riverside Church strongly opposing the deceitfully introduced and criminal U.S. military presence in Vietnam.

The Dred Scott Decision of 1857, pre- sided over by Supreme Court Justice Roger B. Taney, nefariously reaffirmed the legal and culturally held belief that Africans in the U.S., slave or free, had no rights that whites would be bound to respect! When looking at the NYPPD-instigated death of Eric Garner and the fraudu- lent excuse by Israel about the deaths of three Israeli teenagers as the pretext to launch its genocidal attacks against the Palestinians by a heavily militarized state, the immediate and stark violations become unavoidable in the Dred Scott context.

Disenfranchisement and destruction

African-American Eric Garner lived in the NYPPD-occupied Black and Latinx section of Staten Island. Palestinians live in Israeli-controlled Gaza and the West Bank. Both peoples are subject to the whims of occupying armies. In both instances, their human and political rights are eroded and made a mockery of on a daily basis. The history of contempt and the evasion of responsibility for caus- ing such pain are well documented, yet disingenuously denied by the occupiers.

Adding insult to injury, the besieged parties are shamelessly blamed for authoring their own misery and/or death by these same, heavily armed and numerically superior forces!

The cogently recorded video of Eric Garner’s demise on July 17 clearly tells what happened when the “Five-Oh” NYPPD attack dogs surrounded him. With his hands in the air, the deadly chokehold was applied in sneak-attack fashion from behind. While he was being wres- tled to the ground, his last words were, “I can’t breathe.” His earlier denials of any wrongdoing were cavalierly ignored. And he expressed indignation about being badgered by the cops. According to the video footage, not a shred of effort was made to restore his breathing by the cops and the Emergency Medical Services! To no surprise, none of the police involved in the killing of Garner were charged with any offenses, much less for murder. In fact, Daniel Pantaleo, the offic- er who applied the chokehold on Garner, was put on desk duty despite a well-known history of police abuse.

There are countless, outrageous and horrific stories about Palestinians being abused at checkpoints, from mole- tations to death at the cruel hands of set- tlers and Israeli military forces. Israeli Prime Minister Ben Netanyakhu, like NYC Police Chief Bill Bratton, doubletalks while generally defending these obscene prac- tices. In 2012, the NYPPD opened an office in Israel!

State-sponsored terrorism

Black and Latinx people in the U.S., like their sisters and brothers in Palestine, remain the targets of state-sponsored ter- rorism. It is reinforced with declared and undeclared Jim Crow laws. The results are largely the same. The results are not acceptable!

Adolph Hitler, in his book, “Mein Kampf,” credits none other than the U.S. itself in laying out the formula he used for land theft, population reduction and the enslavement of subject people in his demented pursuit of world domination!

The United States, Reek’s world domi- nation, big time! Rationales offered are found in the notions of manifest destiny, U.S. exceptionalism, imperial expansion, along with open, crude or cleverly hidden doses of racism. That is the fuel that pow- ers its economic and political systems. And that don’t change on its own accord. Take a critical look at its sordid record!

Israel, as an extension of this philoso- phy, added the woefully specious argument of “A land without a people, for a people without a land” to justify, since 1948, the heartless displacement of the Palestinian people from their Indigenous land. A lust for control of the oil, gas and water in the region, Israel has been backed up with countless stockpiles of military and political hardware (to the tune of billions of dollars) as a reward and obligation to carry out the insidious plans of its relentless benefactor, the U.S., as well as its own plans. It cannot prevail.

As we honor the memories of Eric Garner, Anthony Baez, Amaadou Diallo, Eleanor Bumpurs, Rodney Graham, Kimani Gray, Kyam Livingston and so many others at the time of Israel’s recent assault inspired by U.S. imperialism, at home and abroad, let’s remember comrade Joe Hill’s admonishment, “Don’t mourn, organize!” In truth, “We are all Gaza.”

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New York City

Malcolm X ¡Presente!

The New York branch of Workers World Party held a special Black History Month forum on “The impact of Malcolm X’s legacy on the global class struggle today” on Feb. 14—two days before the 55th anniversary of the assassination of the great Black nationalist leader. From Black Lives Matter to the migrant struggle, the speakers connected these issues, and more, to the inspiration Malcolm X still evokes today, with his words and deeds promoting anti-imperialist internationalism.

Speakers were (above, left to right): Monica Moorehead, WW managing ed- itor; Urial Perez, Alliance For Fair Food; Larry Holmes, Workers World Party First Secretary; Nely Rodriguez, Coalition of Immokalee Workers; and Vincent Tacetta and Makasi Motema, Peoples Power Assemblies-NYC.

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That’s why every month, not just February, the newspaper chronicles the struggles of peoples of African descent to eradicate institutionalized, systemic while supremacy. Case in point is our con- tinuing coverage of the struggle for politi- cal prisoners, like Mumia Abu-Jamal and Chuck Africa, the last of the MOVE 9 who was sentenced to 40-plus years of criminal incarceration.

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Over 100 supporters gather outside Syracuse University admissions building in solidarity with Black student-led occupation Feb. 18.

Venezuela organizes against possible aggression

By Marco Teruggi
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The military has been deployed in Venezuela—not only in Caracas, where weapons, soldiers and militia could be seen—but throughout the country. All five components of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces (FANB) were activated: the Bolivarian National Guard, the Bolivarian Army, the Bolivarian Navy, the Bolivarian Military Aviation and the Bolivarian Militia.

President Nicolás Maduro announced Feb. 14 that this exercise, called “Bolivarian Shield 2020,” activated 2.3 million combatants. The last operation of a similar type took place in September 2009. Under the name “Sovereignty and Peace,” it focused on the border areas.

Remigio Ceballos, strategic operational commander, said: “The FANB’s strategic operational command, the eight strategic regions of integrated defense, the 28 operational areas of integrated defense, the 99 areas of integrated defense, the groups and popular bases of integrated defense, and the popular units of integrated defense are all deployed in the national territory.”

The televised exercises showed what a military deployment might look like in the event of an attack. They demonstrated how the deployment of soldiers, the anti-aircraft system and the firing of missiles from warships would look. And they showed how an operation to establish resistance centers in Caracas, in the event of a bombing and troop attack, would appear.

Activation of the Militia was one of the significant elements within the Bolivarian Shield. General in Chief Vladimir Padrino López highlighted its importance: “The incorporation of the Militia as a special component of the FANB grants an added value to the defense of the Nation […] they are regular combatants, not armed civilians.”

The Bolivarian Militia has been the target of many attacks by the Venezuelan opposition, which has oscillated between ridiculing those who are part of the Militia and then showing its fear about the growing number of women and men in the Militia and the extent of their training.

Masses involved in defense

This is one of the most distinctive features of the Venezuelan political process, as it allows and encourages the participation of the population in the defense of the nation under Article 130 of the Constitution. The Militia consists mostly of women and men, workers, from the popular sectors, slums and rural areas—who those who identify with Chavism (the revolutionary process begun by the late President Hugo Chávez) and realize the need to prepare themselves for upcoming threats.

These threats come at a decisive moment in Venezuela, following the U.S. government’s organized tour for [self-proclaimed “president”] Juan Guaidó. He made key appearances at the State of the Union address in the U.S. Congress and at a summit with President Donald Trump in the White House. These were not just photo opportunities.

A sector of the Venezuelan right-wing is openly calling for the use of force against the Venezuelan government. That wing of the opposition is lobbying in the U.S. in order to bring about aggressive action. They are active where a sector of the Republican Party and the deep state [Pentagon, CIA, etc.] act along those lines.

Within this framework, Bolivarian Shield 2020 was a demonstration of force, military readiness and dissuasion aimed at the United States and Venezuela’s neighboring countries, particularly Colombia and Brazil. There have been instances of serious tension aimed at Bolivarian Venezuela coming from across the borders of these two countries.

This is not the only defensive action which the Maduro government has developed. Other operations are used to prepare for potential conflicts where regular military action would be the least likely. The framework of possible attacks suggests that potential adversaries are focused on aggression by paramilitaries, mercenaries—with attempted surgical shootings, such as those on dissident leaders— or attacks aimed at provoking social upheavals.

The military exercise was also a reaffirmation of the existence of Presidential Power, with President Nicolás Maduro, and the fictional president of Juan Guaidó, who has given no concrete or decisive announcements since his return to Venezuela.

Students occupy, strike against white supremacy

By Minnie Bruce Pratt
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Feb. 24—With Black students leading, the #NotAgainSU coalition has occupied Syracuse University’s admissions building since Feb. 17.

They are protesting Chancellor Kent Syverud’s inaction in dealing with anti-Black, anti-Asian, anti-Indigenous, anti-Semitic and homophobic incidents. At least 29 physical assaults, verbal threats—including death threats—and graffiti on and near campus have occurred since Nov. 7, the latest on Feb. 21. (See timeline at tinyurl.com/xjg56q6.)

#NotAgainSU launched protests in November, when multiple instances of racist graffiti and violent vandalism first appeared in dormitories and classroom buildings. After the lack of any response from the administration, the coalition occupied the Barnes Center at The Arch for eight days. Finally, a crowd of 1,000 people marched on Syverud’s house, demanding his resignation.

After a standoff, the chancellor agreed to meet coalition demands that his administration act to end the attacks and make systemic changes to fight discrimination. But racist incidents have continued unabated, while administration actions have been so slow as to be only “window-dressing.”

Students occupy to get action

The spring semester began with a homophobic physical assault and more racist graffiti. After an unpugilistic appeal to the SU Board of Trustees, #NotAgainSU occupied Crouse-Hinds Hall, the admissions building, on Feb. 17.

The coalition’s renewed list of demands includes punishment, up to expulsion, for those promoting or initiating hate crimes; mandatory diversity training for incoming faculty and administrators; curriculum reform on diversity; changed housing procedures to minimize impact of prejudiced; more hiring of staff of “marginalized identities,” including resident advisors and counselors; and the designation and funding of a separate Multicultural Center. (Detailed demands at tinyurl.com/gyc3aw)

On Feb. 18, Syverud and his administration immediately took an aggressively hard line against the protest and issued suspensions of 30 student occupants. Armed university guards turned back food, medical supplies and any supporters who came to offer assistance to the students.

The racist bias of the administration was quickly unmasked when four suspended students came forward to prove they had never been present in the Crouse-Hinds occupation. All four were Black students.

On Feb. 19, #NotAgainSU issued a statement: “The administration has not appropriately addressed the 25+ hate crimes that have occurred ... and they have not addressed student protesters in any way that is reflective of a commitment to equal safety and support.”

Student workers strike in solidarity

Immediately after the SU administration imposed the suspensions, 100 graduate students of color and international students launched a labor strike in solidarity with the occupiers. (tinyurl.com/wanjx)

They were quickly joined by other graduate student workers also calling for a strike action and pledge to withhold their labor from the university. Over 150 had signed the statement to solidarize with its authors by the evening of Feb. 19. (tinyurl.com/gnq0kl)

In addition to supporting the demands of the occupiers, the statement declared the strike would continue until suspensions of all #NotAgainSU organizers and student activists were lifted and their rights restored.

With the power of student-worker solidarity accelerating, an immediate victory was won. Chancellor Syverud was forced to lift all suspensions on the occupiers by the afternoon of Feb. 19. He did not, however, address any of the student demands. A group of SU professors issued a statement denouncing the administration’s lockdown and isolation of protesting students; denial of food, medical supplies and visitors; imposition of suspensions; use of armed guards and threats of arrest. The statement said in closing: “The use of war crime tactics against our students must be renounced.” (Daily Orange, Feb. 24)

Student workers on strike had these words of fighting wisdom to offer: “A number of BIPOC [Black, Indigenous and People of Color] and international graduate students have received threats of retaliation from their respective departments—including threats of termination and revocation of funding. To you all, we say the only protection for us lies in you standing in solidarity. We have already seen a win with the suspensions being lifted. This speaks to our collective power. But wins are never a time to concede; wins are always times to sustain pressure.” ("Labor Strike" statement, tinyurl.com/wanjx)
Sanctions in Gaza

By Pippa Bartolotti

The author, a former leader of the Green Party of Wales, writes on political and social issues. This article, on the Israeli blockade of Gaza, has been published as a resource on the sanctionkill.org site. The Sanctions Kill coalition has called for sanctions on March 31-32 to denounce U.S.-imposed sanctions as acts of war and crimes against humanity. Workers World republishes the article in solidarity with the March 23-25 protests and with the people of Gaza.

Feb. 9—The hardships in Gaza are well known, but the human implications of the blockade are rarely documented in the Western press. This is because the interests of Israel, the U.S. and other nations supporting these sanctions would not be well served by the truth.

In 1948, these are Israel’s sanctions imposed as an occupying power, but this form of collective punishment upon an already impoverished civilian population is heavily backed by the U.S. through unending political support and billions of dollars in economic and military aid sent annually from the U.S. to the Israeli government.

Gaza is a distinct area of isolated land bordering the Mediterranean Sea to the west, Egypt to the south, and Israel to the east and north. It is roughly the size of Detroit. Most entry points are permanently closed, and it is almost impossible for residents to leave. Lord Patten, former chair of the British Conservative Party, said Gaza was “an open-air prison encircled by an apartheid wall.”

But it is worse than that. I have been there. Gaza City, with 4,000 years of torrid history behind it, is home to about half a million people. In the saturation bombing of Gaza city by Israel in 2008/9, more than half the city was utterly destroyed.

An estimated 1,400 Palestinians and 13 Israelis died in the conflict. The net result is dire overcrowding in the buildings left standing. Rebuilding is impossible as building materials are banned.

The sanctions imposed on the people living on this small strip of land are cruel and inhumane, as are all sanctions designed to bring an entire people to its knees for the sake of political disruption. Among the many hundreds of items banned from Gaza are corridor, sewing thread, spare parts for tractors, fishing rods, steel and concrete, some medicines as well as paper, pens and chocolate.

I brought a couple of bars of chocolate with me when I eventually made it through the Rafah Gate, and one of the most moving sights I have seen in my life was that of a woman slowly unwrapping the chocolate and holding it to her mouth. She didn’t eat it, she just smelt it, and savored the thought of it, and put it quietly in her bag. She had not tasted chocolate for more than 20 years.

Sanctions cause hygiene and food problems

Due to the banning of building materials, Gaza has never been able to rebuild its sewage plant, which was bombed to smithereens in 2009. I experienced the raw sewage of some 2 million people gushing untreated into the Mediterranean Sea.

This is not just a hygiene problem; it is a food supply problem as well. Gaza fishermen in their little boats are constantly being harassed and shot at by Israeli warships. Forced back from their legal fishing zone of 20 nautical miles (Oslo Accords) to just a few hundred yards from shore means they have to fish in virtually undisturbed seawage. Fresh fish is one of the few sources of protein for Gazans as meat, lentils, seeds and nuts are banned.

The World Bank estimated in 2015 that [Gaza’s gross domestic product] losses caused by the blockade since 2007 were above 30 percent and entailed large welfare losses. Gaza’s manufacturing sector, once significant, shrunk by as much as 60 percent in real terms due to the wars in the past 20 years and the blockade.

Gaza’s exports have virtually disappeared since the imposition of the 2007 blockade. The World Bank stated that “solutions have to be found to enable faster inflow of construction materials into Gaza,” while taking into account “legitimate security concerns of neighboring countries.”

Three out of four people in Gaza are refugees. Unsafe drinking water has led to a worsening health crisis. Gaza children suffer from diarrhea, kidney disease, stunted growth and impaired IQ.

Workers World republishes the article in its entirety.

New coalition mobilizes against U.S. sanctions and war

By Lily Judge

Over 50 members of local anti-war and anti-imperialist groups attended a panel discussion here on Feb. 23. The meeting was organized by the Portland Anti-War Coalition, a newly formed group, which is planning a March 14 rally as part of the International Days of Action to Stop U.S. Sanctions and Economic War.

Keynote speakers were Palestinian Saif Al Khatib; Emma Martinez, a member of the International Migrants Alliance; Jennifer Anderson, from Anakhabay; and Workers World member Joshua Hanks representing the Sanctions Kill coalition. They all announced their common goal of coalition building—with an emphasis on raising class consciousness in the U.S. about imperialist wars—and the need for an anti-war, anti-sanctions movement.

Hanks spoke about the specific, targeted acts of war committed by the U.S. in the form of sanctions: “Sanctions are not separate from war but rather play an integral role in modern warfare, extending the theater of combat to economics and diplomacy. Ending sanctions should be a major demand of any anti-war and anti-imperialist movement.”

Other speakers expressed similar sentiments. Martinez described the U.S. war machine as being the root cause of forced migration to the U.S. Khatib emphasized that any group or movement should be judged by its stance on Israel’s oppression of the Palestinian people.

Anderson explained the U.S. influence over the government of the Philippines. She stressed the importance of building a united anti-imperialist movement tied to workers worldwide.

This meeting was a strong first step in building the anti-war, anti-sanctions movement in Portland. Everyone who attended was committed to building the March 14 demonstration.
The coronavirus in perspective

What will it mean for the people in the U.S. when the coronavirus spreads around the world? What preparations are being made to help the people here?

Pandemics are not a new thing. In 1918 the influenza pandemic spread by which the U.S. was greatly affected. Soldiers drafted into the Army who had escaped being shipped overseas when World War I ended were nevertheless dying by the thousands. Barracked in close quarters, 45,000 soldiers perished of influenza. U.S. combatants in World War I, by comparison, were 53,000.

Estimates are that at least 20 million to 50 million people worldwide died in that flu epidemic. Now we are facing what could well become another pandemic. Medical science and technology have advanced very far in the century that has passed since World War I, by comparison, were 53,000.

People’s China has already mobilized the whole country to curb the spread of the virus and treat those who contract it. China is also trying to ensure that the huge numbers of people quarantined are not also penalized financially from that isolation. Nevertheless, the coronavirus is now appearing in clusters of cases in many countries around the world.

So what is being done about it in the U.S.—in this rich country with so many millionaires and billionaires? The Miami Herald of Feb. 24 reported on the case of Osmel Martinez Azcue, who had been sent on a business trip to China and developed flu-like symptoms shortly after his return to Miami. He immediately went to his local hospital, where he asked for a simple flu test. Instead, he was given the full treatment: isolation, a battery of tests by people in hazmat suits, a CT scan, etc. It turned out he was okay; it was just ordinary flu.

Then he got the bill from his insurance company: $3,270. Martinez is lucky to have health insurance; he would have cost him even more. Many people in this country lack medical coverage. Martinez thinks the cost of health care in the U.S. could interfere with curbing public health crises. “How can they expect normal citizens to contribute to eliminating the potential risk of person-to-person spread if hospitals are waiting to charge us $3,270 for a simple blood test and a nasal swab?” he told the Herald.

San Francisco unions say ‘End U.S.-imposed sanctions’

The following resolution was passed unanimously on Feb. 10, 2020, by the San Francisco Labor Council.

Whereas sanctions and economic blockades are being imposed by the United States on all nations—under the pretense of international law—against countries that resist Washington’s neoliberal policies and regime change efforts; and

Whereas U.S.-imposed sanctions are a form of economic warfare, causing death and suffering in some 90 countries with one-third of the world’s population as of 2020; and

Whereas U.S.-imposed economic sanctions block access to fuel, raw materials and replacement parts interfering with the functioning of critical infrastructure, i.e., electrical grids, water treatment and distribution facilities and hospitals; and

Whereas in every country facing U.S.-imposed economic sanctions, the most vulnerable—infants, children, the chronically ill and the elderly—suffer the most; and

Whereas U.S.-imposed sanctions involving asset freezes and property seizures are modern day piracy, allowing for massive redistributions of public wealth from sovereign countries into the accounts of U.S. banks and financial institutions; and

Whereas many organizations have been fighting U.S.-imposed economic sanctions for some time; and

Whereas, now is our opportunity to collectively seek the abolition of all United States-imposed economic sanctions which in effect constitute undeclared war; and

Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council go on record in opposition to U.S.-imposed economic sanctions against other countries, and in support of the International Days of Action against U.S.-imposed Sanctions and Economic Warfare during the month of March 2020.
National antiwar conference builds unity, plans next steps

By Scott Williams

Over 300 activists and organizers from across the U.S. and Canada met in New Hazelton, B.C., and nearby Wet’suwet’en lands in February to discuss planning for future antiwar and anti-racist actions.

The conference was precipitated by the blockading of a key natural gas pipeline, Wet’suwet’en/Wet’suweten/Wet’suwet’en (Ngłaanées) Nation, by First Nations people in opposition to the pipeline, the Coastal GasLink pipeline, which is to transport natural gas to the Kitimat LNG plant. The pipeline is to be built across the territories of 20 First Nations communities in northern British Columbia.

The conference was attended by a broad cross-section of anti-racist and anti-war groups from across the United States and Canada. The organizing committee of the conference included Margaret Flowers, Kevin Zeese, Dr. William W. Tabb, clayton davis, and the pan-Indian movement. It was hosted by the North American Indian Development Fund and the National Lawyers Guild.

A spirited Students for a Democratic Society delegation from Wisconsin, led by Lena Akundes, raised the importance of the United States' support for the Tigrayan anti-government forces in Ethiopia.

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Anti-war movement's approach to 2020 elections

On Sunday morning, the gathering focused on the anti-war movement’s approach to the 2020 elections, including the fact that none of the major presidential candidates of the two major parties have called for a significant reduction in the Pentagon budget or for an end to the ruthless sanctions and endless war waged by the U.S. empire.

The panel included Ajamu Baraka and Margaret Kimberley, respectively national organizer and coordinating committee member of Black Alliance for Peace, as well as Adrian Bonifacio, chairperson of Anakabayan-USA.

Workshops during the weekend discussed nuclear weapons; the U.S. military as the world’s biggest polluter; fighting U.S. regime change in Iran, Nicaragua, Ukraine, and beyond; and the importance of the human rights framework in opposing U.S. war.

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La Primera Nación de Wet’suwet’en en la provincia de Columbia Británica, Canadá, ha declarado su resistencia a la invasión y la violencia que enfrentan. En una protesta el 31 de diciembre, los líderes hereditarios de los cinco clanes de la primicia de la destrucción de múltiples tierras, incluida la tierra natural licuado (GNL) de Coastal GasLink (CGL). Los jefes hereditarios de los cinco clanes de Wet’suwet’en en un congreso de la Corte Suprema de Canadá, reconociendo el título aborigen de sus tierras: en 1997, la Corte Suprema declaró que el territorio “La llamada de Wet’suwet’en provoca la solidaridad rápida”. El llamado de solildad del 8 de enero declaró: “Nuestra fuerza para actuar hoy proviene del conocimiento de que nuestros aliados en Canadá y en todo el mundo nuevamente se levantarán con nosotros, como hicieron en Cola, Gustafon Lake y Eslipogt, cerrando las líneas de ferrocarril, puertos e infraestructura industrial y presionando a los funcionarios gubernamentales de Canadá a cumplir con la UNDRIP (Declaración de las Naciones Unidas sobre los Derechos de los Pueblos Indígenas).”

¿Qué tipo de socialismo? Se ha producido un cambio radical en los Estados Unidos. Por fin, las encuestas muestran que el socialismo ya no es la “palabra sucia” que era una vez, incluso cuando decíamos que era socialista, y especialmente comunista, podría ser un medio para reducir el estrés. El mandato de Church es ilegal. Los proyectos de ley de esos habían detenido el envío de todas las rutas ferroviarias efectivamente cerraron el tráfico ferroviario de todas las rutas entre Toronto, Ottawa, Montréal y Kingston, y CN advirtió sobre un efecto indirecto en los puertos costeros con el término “la “rendición” de los derechos territoriales de la Real Policía Montada de Canadá (RCMP) en el año de 1999, que provocó protestas en Canadá y en todo el mundo.

Bloques ferroviarios desafiantes eficaces Fabricantes y exportadores canadienses, la asociación de las empresas más grande de Canadá, que generalmente envía productos en unos 4,500 vagones por etapa en el ferrocarril, anunciaron que están listos para enfrentar la violencia y la invasión. David Darby, declaró que sus partes interesadas, desde compañías químicas hasta Dannon Yogurt, han llamado con alarma por el efectivo cerrar el ferrocarril cerca de New Delhi, Ontario, en el único enlace oriental de Canadien National Railway Co. (CN) entre el este y el oeste de Canadá, o el medio oeste de los EE.UU. EEUU hacia el oeste de Canadá. (Ferrocarril progresivo, 12 de febrero). Para el 1 de febrero, la expansión de las protestas ferroviarias efectivamente cerró todas las rutas entre Toronto, Ottawa, Montréal y Kingston, y CN advirtió sobre un efecto indirecto en los puertos costeros con el término “la “rendición” de los derechos territoriales de la Real Policía Montada de Canadá (RCMP) en el año de 1999, que provocó protestas en Canadá y en todo el mundo.

¿Por qué no debería utilizarse la abundancia de alimentos producidos en este país para acabar con el hambre mundial, de una vez por todas? Hay razón para la pobreza en este país, ni en el mundo. El nivel de producción puede ser satisfactorio a los necesidades de las personas nuevas y ahorrador. Un verdadero gobierno obrero podría eliminar el barómetro de cambio, y el gobierno del mundo se ve confrontado con la crisis creada por el capitalismo desenfrenado, las viejas instituciones políticas establecidas por el dinero de los multimillonarios todavía dictan la política. Esto no puede durar.

Workers World/Mundo Obrero está comprometido a construir un movimiento revolucionario para el socialismo. Las elecciones pueden ser un barómetro de cambio de opinión, pero el movimiento no termina el día de las elecciones. Crece con cada lucha por la justicia social, con cada huelga, cada protesta, cada sentada. El movimiento construye la solidaridad de la clase trabajadora contra la supremacía blanca, la miseria, la opresión de las personas LGBTQ2+ y el chivo expiatorio de la violencia. Construir un movimiento verdadero y revolucionario es la clave del futuro. Si quieres luchar por el cambio social real, únete a nosotros.