A 21st-century lynching

Justice for Ahmaud Arbery!

By Dianne Mathiowetz
Atlanta

May 11 — In the early afternoon of Feb. 23, shots rang out on the tree-lined streets of Satilla Shores, a predominantly white neighborhood bordering the port city of Brunswick on Georgia’s Atlantic coast, some 40 miles north of Jacksonville, Fla.

Afterward, a 25-year-old Black man, Ahmaud Arbery, lay dead on the pavement.

His killers, the father and son duo of Gregory and Travis McMichael, claimed they had identified Arbery as a “burglary suspect” as he jogged by their homes. They took off after him in a pick-up truck to make a “citizen’s arrest.”

Armed with a .357 magnum revolver and a shotgun, with the son driving and the father standing in the pick-up bed, they passed Arbery and then stopped to confront the runner in shorts and a T-shirt. Arbery tried to evade them, but Travis stepped out of the truck and approached him in front of the vehicle, shotgun in hand. Confronted by two armed white men, Arbery tried to defend himself and get away.

These events are now known — more than two months after Arbery’s murder — because a video recorded by accomplice William “Roddie” Bryan, who helped trap Arbery with his vehicle, was finally released to the public on May 5. Later it was revealed that the video had been in police and prosecutors’ hands early in the investigation.

International outcry for justice

Within hours of public viewing, online petitions demanding “Justice for Ahmaud” were signed by tens of thousands of people. In the midst of the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order, a press conference was held by Black community organizations, including Brunswick pastors and the local NAACP chapter. These called for the McMichaels’ arrest and the resignation of Brunswick District Attorney Jackie Johnson and others who had failed to arrest the two.

The hashtag #IRunWithMaud, initiated by Arbery’s high school football coach and a cousin, encouraged those in solidarity with Ahmaud and the Arbery family to run or walk on May 8 for 2.23 miles to mark the young athlete’s 26th birthday that day and the date of his murder, Feb. 23.

The response was overwhelming, not just in the U.S., but around the world, as well-known professional athletes and outraged people, young and old, took pictures and videos of themselves with the hashtag. National Football League stars, including Malcolm Jenkins, Cam Jordan, Shaun Alexander, Mark Ingram, Julian Edelman and Tom Brady, expressed support for Arbery by signing a letter from the NFL Players Coalition to U.S. Attorney General William Barr, demanding a federal investigation. National Basketball Association players, LeBron James and Steph Curry among others,

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Pandemic hastens capitalism’s end stage—
The rest is up to us!

By Larry Holmes

Last week workers celebrated International Workers’ Day 2020. There has been no other time in our lives when the message of May Day — global workers’ solidarity in the struggle against capitalism — has been more urgent. We have entered a decisive period.

The scope of the world class struggle heading toward us will require more than solidarity from the working-class movement. It will require a level of coordination among organizations and movements around the world in the struggle against capitalism that didn’t even exist in the early years of the Third International under the leadership of V.I. Lenin. Conditions and technology have made what was not possible, possible. But first, those of us in the United States, the center of world imperialism, have our work cut out for us.

The world capitalist economy, led by the U.S., is tumbling very quickly into a depression. It is likely to be more severe than any previous depression in the history of capitalism, because what is occurring now is the implosion of a system at its end stage. As staggering as the COVID-19 pandemic is on its own, in truth it has catalyzed a colossal world capitalist crisis that has been in the making

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‘Shelters = Death, Hotels = Haven’

By Joe Piette

Philadelphia

After the COVID-19 deaths of dozens of seniors at Philadelphia nursing homes and at least one homeless per- son who occupied city shelter, community activists converged on a city official’s home on May 6 to deliver a message: The city must provide safe, non congregate shelter for residents who are at high risk of contracting and dying from COVID-19.

Activists placed a white coffin covered with a red cloth on the sidewalk in front of Philadelphia Managing Director Brian Abernathy’s home in the city’s Mount Airy section. Placards carried by protesters and placed next to the coffin proclaimed: “Shelters = Death, Hotels = Haven.”

ACT-UP speaker Jamaa Henderson explained that Philadelphia has resources at its disposal but is systemat- ically failing to use them to help people who are unhomel- tered or living in congregate shelters, returning from incarceration or stuck in nursing homes. Philadelphia’s slow action has already resulted in clusters of illness that put residents at risk, burden our health care system and contribute to the spread of COVID-19.

This pandemic is disproportionately killing poor, Black and Brown people. The disease is now exacerbating the conditions of poverty, racism and lack of health care, spreading mostly in situations that poor Philadelphians had unable to escape. The protest put a spot- light on Philadelphia’s slow, uncoordinated and underfunded response to the dire needs caused by both the pandemic and the high level of poverty in this city.

On March 23, Mayor Jim Kenney issued a “stay-at-home” order in Philadelphia. Two weeks later on April 6, the city opened a hotel to quar- antine people who were homeless and tested positive or had symptoms and were awaiting test results. Now three weeks later, the designated quarantine hotel is still partly empty.

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Striking New Orleans sanitation workers.

By Martha Grevatt

Workers at 60 locations across Florida struck McDonald’s, Starbucks and other fast food restaurants on May 6. What united them was the failure of these multibillion-dollar enterprises to correct hazardous working conditions that put workers at risk of contracting COVID-19. Some of these McDonald’s workers are also part of a statewide class action lawsuit over widespread sexual harassment.

Since 2012 McDonald’s both made billions in profits last year by paying low wages, yet they refuse to spend the funds needed to keep workers safe. A Starbucks worker in Orlando described a company video showing how to make a mask from a coffee filter. At a McDonald’s in the same, tourism-dependent city, workers were told not to wear masks at all, as they would frighten customers. (Orlando Sentinel, May 6)

These workers, who risk being disciplined or even fired for striking, are not isolated. All over the country, multibillion-dollar companies are subjecting employees to unsafe conditions, prompting roughly 200 walkouts, sit-ins, sit-downs and job site demonstrations in the past two months. In addition to the strikes, online campaigns—such as the petition signed by over 4,000 auto workers demanding3

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have also demanded justice for Arbery. Hundreds rallied May 8 outside the Glynn County Courthouse in Brunswick. There is no doubt that multiple decades of shallow rental assistance and begin

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COVID-19 strike wave enters third month

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underrated despite the large number of community residents needing a safe place to stay.

When an activist tried to bring the envelope containing their demands to Abamardy’s front door, cops prevented the delivery. Speakers explained that they were at his home because the official has refused to meet with them in his office. They vowed to return in larger numbers next time.

The ad hoc coalition’s demands include: Federal Emergency Management Agency public assistance funding for non congregate shelter as required; and an immediate inventory of all publicly owned properties, including public university graduate student-workers; a strike in a Naches, Wash., fruit packing warehouse May 7; and truckers in a number of cities staging slowdowns May 2. Issues include falling incomes as well as unsafe working conditions. On May 3, 64 workers demanding

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Continuing battle for justice

Arbery’s family expressed relief at the arrests, but the fear that the legal system will acquit the killers despite the evidence — as has happened in the cases of so many other young black men, like Trayvon Martin and Tamir Rice.

The Black community of Brunswick — which is the majority of the city’s population — has suffered the inequalities of the system for generations. They know well that the ruling class, which always puts profits before people, is the enemy of all workers. Now, not only union consciousness but revolutionary consciousness is on the uprising. ☐

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The capitalists and their friends in the White House and in statehouses are unmoved. Governors are pushing, some more quickly than others, to “reopen the economy.” Workers who are recalled from layoff but do not go back to work – because they fear for their health – can lose unemployment benefits. That’s if they were lucky enough to get through the red tape at overburdened state systems and start collecting benefits in the first place.

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By Judy Greenspan
Oakland, Calif.

May 9 — It was no coincidence or geographic convenience that prisoners’ rights advocates organized a car caravan today to San Quentin State Prison in Marin County, Calif. San Quentin, a mere 11 miles from San Francisco, is the state prison where death row prisoners are incarcerated. It is also where Black revolutionary George Jackson and others led a rebellion against racist, inhumane prison conditions, and where Jackson was assassinated by guards in August 1971 for organizing against racist, inhumane prison conditions and where Jackson was assassinated by guards in August 1971 for organizing against racist, inhumane prison conditions.

Fast forward to May 4, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic raging throughout the U.S. prison and jail systems, when the California State Supreme Court ruled against dismissing larger numbers of the California State Supreme Court ruled against dismissing larger numbers of the California State Supreme Court ruled against dismissing larger numbers of prisoners from behind bars. The law suit brought by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, had demanded immediate statewide action to protect those incarcerated in prisons and jails.

The Labor Action Committee to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal, part of the international effort to free Abu-Jamal, the U.S. political prisoner incarcerated for 39 years in Pennsylvania, called for the car caravan and rally to demand “No State Execution by COVID-19.”

In a statement, the committee called upon California Gov. Gavin Newsom to “release elderly, sick or immune-compromised prisoners and all those who are close to parole.” According to the Marshall Project, a nonprofit journalism group covering criminal justice issues, on May 6 there were over 20,000 reported cases of COVID-19 infection in U.S. federal and state prisons, with 304 reported deaths.

The committee also demanded legal action to free San Quentin prisoner Kevin Cooper, who is on death row and whose legal battle for a new trial is being stalled by the courts. The committee called upon the governor to demonstrate real opposition to the death penalty by supporting Cooper’s right to a new trial.

Responding to the COVID-19 human rights emergency and to the ongoing racist catastrophe of the prison-industrial complex, more than 80 cars met at the Larkspur Ferry parking lot on May 9 to decorate the cars and attend a short pre-caravan rally. The rally was broadcast on a local radio frequency so people could listen in their cars.

The car caravan snaked along the roads and highway surrounding San Quentin Prison to the West Gate, where a small in-person rally was held on a flatbed truck. Speakers included Angela Davis, Minister King-X of California Prison Focus, John Heyman of the Labor Committee (retired leader of International Longshore and Warehouse Union [ILWU] Local 10), and Cephus Johnson, the uncle of Oscar Grant III, killed by Bay Area Rapid Transit police on Jan. 1, 2009. A statement from San Quentin death row by Kevin Cooper was read.

Black prisoners win victory vs. racist officials

By Ted Kelly

Through strength and perseverance, Eric McGill and Leonatt Pratt have won a meaningful victory against the racist officials at the Lebanon County Correctional Facility in Pennsylvania. Held in solitary confinement for refusing to cut their dreadlocks, McGill and Pratt — both adherents of the Kastafarian faith — have been released back into general population. Pratt has been tortured for his religious belief since December of last year. McGill has been surviving in these conditions for almost 16 months.

Neither man has been convicted of a crime. They are in jail because they can not afford bail.

LCCF officials deny their punitive detention unit constitutes solitary confinement. Yet prisoners are confined to their cells for over 23 hours a day, able to step outside into the yard only between midnight and 2 a.m., and taking all meals in their small cells where lights are regularly left on all day and night. This is legally regarded as torture by the United Nations.

Until now, it has been the prison’s official policy that Black men are prohibited from wearing their hair in dreads. Thanks to pro se lawsuits — those filed without an attorney — by McGill, Pratt and others, which were supported by the Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project, Lebanon County jail now grants a narrow religious accommodation to this racist policy.

“It feel like I did the right thing. I made a difference not just for me but for others who didn’t have a voice,” McGill said. A statement released by PILP celebrated the prisoners’ release from solitary, but made clear how narrow the policy change was. While the policy permits the rights of incarcerated people to wear dreadlocks for religious reasons, it does not address the larger issue that Lebanon County still bars dreadlocks when people have them for reasons other than religion.

Contrary to Lebanon County’s assertions, dreadlocks do not present inherent security or cleanliness concerns. Indeed, dozens of jail and prison systems across the United States permit incarcerated people to have dreadlocks.

McGill has been surviving in solitary confinement since last December because he refused to cut his dreadlocks. He remains in prison, however, awaiting the outcome of his lawsuit.

Eric McGill

“The new policy still irrationally targets a primarily Black hairstyle,” stated Matthew A. Feldman, PILP staff attorney. “We will continue to pursue a court order removing this arbitrary, racist distinction between Black hairstyles and other long hair.”

Protesting ‘genocidal policy’

It is not hyperbole to refer to this policy as genocidal. A fundamental aspect of genocide is the murder of a people or nation by preventing them from expressing their cultural practices, like dreads or hair.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 1994 stated plainly that “any action which has the aim or effect of depriving them of their cultural values or ethnic identities” constitutes a violation of the genocide convention.

This principle in bourgeois law dates back to at least the 1940s when Raphael Lemkin coined the phase “genocide.” But regardless of what ideals the legal system claims to uphold, genocide of Black and Indigenous people who refuse to submit has always been the policy of the United States.

The release of these principled men is a victory for the abolitionist movement. But it is not enough. Pratt and McGill should not be in cages at all. They have not been convicted of a crime. There are other Black men who are still being punished at LCCF for their African hairstyles.

It is estimated that between 80,000 and 100,000 incarcerated workers are currently held in solitary confinement in the United States, out of the more than 2.3 million people confined to concentration camp-like prisons. Tens of thousands of migrants are also being held in detention camps. Millions more workers are on probation, parole, under house arrest and/or have been disenfranchised for prior convictions.

Workers World Party demands the immediate release of all these workers, especially at a time when the COVID-19 virus is sweeping through these concentration camps for the poor.

‘Tear down the walls! Free them all!’

Political Prisoners Teach-In

Mumia, migrant rights and cages

By Teresa Gutierrez

These slightly edited remarks were made April 24 at the “U.S. Empire vs. Political Prisoners’ teach-in webinar sponsored by Mobilizing4Mumia and held in honor of the 66th birthday of political prisoner and revolutionary Mumia Abu-Jamal, incarcerated for 39 years by the U.S. state.

First of all, happy birthday to our comrade and leader Mumia Abu-Jamal! I want to talk very briefly about my experience as an im/migrant rights activist and its relationship to the struggle for Mumia.

I was born in Texas, so the issue of immigration is part of our DNA. We often say that we didn’t cross the border, the border crossed us — in my case, because we were here when Texas was stolen from Mexico. When the immigrant rights movement burst on the scene in 2006, that became my main area of work.

But back in the day, I was extremely impacted by the Black Liberation struggle as a young Chicana in Texas. So the case of Mumia and of other liberation activists has also always been part of my DNA.

In 2006, the immigrant struggle burst into the political scene, and we struggled to defend immigrants day in and day out. May Day was an action that immigrants and others supported. There had been many efforts by the Million Workers March and others to revive May Day, actions separate from the mainstream, but immigrants revived Mayday in 2006, which was great. It was an important independent action of workers.

The main emphasis, of course, was against the deportations, for migrant rights and so forth. I was proud to be part of the immigrant sector as that movement very much understood the importance of all immigration rallies bringing in other issues. To bring in the issues of wars abroad, to bring in the issues of police terror in Black and Brown neighborhoods, and so forth.

I found it so deeply moving to be in immigration coalition meetings where we had to say there’s an important case of Mumia Abu-Jamal, who was an activist. We would have to explain, as 99 percent of immigrant activists did not know who he was. But once we broke it down, it was like, okay, we get it!

And of course, to Mumia’s credit, he would always write statements on the immigrant struggle and the May Day struggle, so we were able to share that. And of course, he always wrote about U.S. imperialism and Latin America. So it was very easy for us to make that connection.

Connecting the struggles

Fast forward to 2016 when Trump — or as we call him “pendejo” [a foolish person] — ran his racist campaign for presidency built on anti-immigrant,
The imperialist violence in the decades since the early 2000s. El Salvador's policing and subsequently Salvador during the COVID-19 pandemic. Prisoners piled on top of one another in El full display in shocking photographs of to other countries. This connection is on Workers and the Black Panther Party. The U.S. model of physical social control, perfect for maintaining white supremacy and U.S. empire, was exported to Latin America. This connection is on in display in shocking photographs of prisoners piled on top of one another in El Salvador during the COVID-19 pandemic. The U.S. has a hand in shaping El Salvador's policing and subsequently its prison system since the early 2000s. The imperialist violence in the decades preceding this punitive export helped lay the groundwork for its prison project. Currently, El Salvador has the second highest incarceration rate in the world. For every 100,000 people, 590 are locked up. The world's top 10, warmer and jailer — the U.S. — has 550 of 100,000 incarcerated. (U.S. News & World Report, May 13, 2019) "In 1989 School of the Americas (SOA) graduate-led massacre at the University of Central America in El Salvador shocked the earth," according to SOA Watch. "The SOA, renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) in 2001, is a U.S. military training school based in Fort Benning, Georgia. The school made headlines in 1990 when the Pentagon released training manuals using the school that advocated torture, extortion and execution. Despite this admission and hundreds of documented human rights abuses connected to soldiers trained at the school, no independent investigation into the facility has ever taken place." (2017) In 2002, U.S. officials chose Costa Rica to host the next branch of the International Law Enforcement Academy. A broad coalition of Costa Rican labor and human rights groups pushed for transparency and accountability clauses to be included in the deal. Instead of agreeing to these clauses, the U.S. packed up and headed for El Salvador where the U.S. Department of Defense quickly established an ILEA in San Salvador in 2005. The academy is part of a network of ILEAs created in 1995 under President Bill Clinton, who envisioned a series of U.S. schools "throughout the world to combat international drug trafficking, criminality, and terrorism through strengthened international cooperation. There are ILEAs in Budapest, Hungary; Bangkok, Thailand; Gaborone, Botswana; and Roswell, N.M." (NACLA, March 6, 2008) These police academies have been used by the U.S. all over Central and South America to further imperialist foreig policy by backing governments that allowed them to plunder as they pleased. Regional changes were extremely violent and murderous. The destabilizing of a region politically is one of the root causes for migration to the U.S. Another cause is acceleration of the climate crisis through destruction of the environment in pursuit of profit. After all, it is easier to suffer a drought in one pernicious journey, they are met with militarized U.S. law enforcement agents who were armed alongside the same forces that pushed them from their home countries. White supremacists and policing: a despicable history Militarized law enforcement bodies in the U.S. like local police or ICE, use surveillance tactics and technologies from companies with direct ties to white supremacists. Damen Patton, CEO of the surveillance start-up Banjo, was involved with both the White Knights and the Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Patton helped shoot up a synagogue. At his trial he testified, "We believe that the Blacks and the Jews are taking over America, and it's our job to take America back for the white race." (Banjo, thegathering.org, April 24) He has since denounced his past actions, but software he helped create and similar products are used by police and ICE for rounding up people to be caged. White supremacist collaboration with police maintaining order is not new. According to Edwin Black in his book "IBM and the Holocaust: The Strategic Alliance between Nazi Germany and America’s Most Powerful Corporation": "IBM and its German holding Dehomag—provided Hitler’s regime with electronic data processing machines and support. The Nazis used the machines to efficiently conduct censuses and identify ethnic populations." The Advanced Research Projects Agency Network was a U.S. government-funded project that provided the origins of today's internet. It was designed to provide a network for the U.S. Department of Defense's computers, until it was decommissioned, in 1990, to allow for a civilian network. (theConversation.com, Nov. 2, 2016) Legal professor James Q. Whitman details in his book, "Hitler’s American Model," how the Nazis in Germany were inspired by Jim Crow segregation and U.S. laws surrounding "race-based immi- gration policy to soldiers trained at the school. The protesters demanded that all the Reintegration Center be given clemency of their release date. The prison drew national atten- tion, "There is no reason to keep everybody 2 feet away from each other. Several have had to nurse each other back to health. People are bedridden. “One friend had to help an elder pris- oner go to the bathroom and back to his
Pandemic has hastened capitalism’s end stage

Larry Holmes.

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Supporting the struggle for the immediate needs of the workers is absolutely essential. There is no chance for a struggle for power without a struggle for the basic needs of the masses of people. The fight for socialism must not be seen as separate from the struggle for everyone’s right to a job or income, universal health care, an increase in the minimum wage, stopping evictions—and most importantly, the right and need for the working class to organize itself like never before.

Marx and Engels offered a revolutionary perspective regarding this in the “Communist Manifesto”, “Now when the workers are victorious, but only for a time. The real fruit of their battles lie not in the immediate results, but in the ever expanding union of workers.”

How to effectively combine the struggle to end capitalism and establish socialism with the day-to-day struggles of the workers will become the central challenge for all revolutionary forces. Rising to this challenge will require drawing lessons from history and determining how past lessons are applicable to today’s conditions. This will not be easy. It will be a process involving setbacks and setbacks, as well as victories.

But we have no other choice than to embark on the road that leads inevitably to revolution. Capitalism will not just go away. It must be ended. We cannot predict with certainty the precise moment when a real revolutionary situation will be at hand in the U.S. That will depend on many things, including the readiness of the working class, the only class big and powerful enough to end it. But we can say that today’s events are opening roads to the revolution that did not exist just a short time ago.

Dialectical materialism and revolution

Many of the discussions online regarding the best road forward in the wake of the new popularity of socialism, which has spurred the growth of the Democratic Socialists of America and the Bernie Sanders campaign, have one important flaw. The discussions generally seem to assume that because conditions for revolutionary transformation of the working class have endured for a long time, they are static and forever unchanged. As such, the conclusions are that the period of Leninism and revolution are long gone and that the working class in the U.S. will never see any route to change other than capitalist elections, as there is no hope for a world changing revolution and influence of the U.S. bourgeoisie.

The problem with this thinking is that it leaves out an essential element without which all change—especially revolution—would be unthinkable. That element is dialectical materialism. Material conditions, which are constantly changing, ultimately compel social change, regardless of how long that change takes or whether or not we see it coming. The working class is politically dormant for many decades, and then drastic changes in material conditions can propel workers to a new level of political consciousness, even revolutionary consciousness, within a relatively short period of time.

In reality, material conditions are in the process of creating the political conditions for revolutionary change. We must not be complacent and assume that the workers have been victorious here! If the forces which believe that reform and only reform is possible are the only forces influencing the working class, it will be impossible for the working class to break free of the ruling class’s influence and its political parties. That, in turn, will undermine the independence and revolutionary potential of the working class and will help capitalism survive a near-death experience.

The last time the possibility of revolution was a real threat, the working class was at the height of the working class’s rebellious strength in the 1930s. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt who was able to go to New Deal concessions to the working class because he was worried about the prospects of a replay of the Russian Revolution at home, those were important concessions. But they also helped U.S. imperialism survive the Great Depression. Against it, it became the unipolar leader of the capitalist world through the second world war.

Marxists have been accused of prematurity predicting the end of capitalism since the first edition of the “Communist Manifesto” was published in 1848 in

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London. Suffice it to say, no prediction is without its exceptions. However, eventually crying wolf will not be just another false alarm. We must take the possibilities seriously. For one thing, the global pandemic does not look as invincible as it used to.

If one looks behind the curtain of the all powerful Ox, one finds a ruling class that has never been more unsure of itself. Most members of the ruling class love Trump because he's been willing to do everything he can to make them richer, not later, but right now.

Still, the mere fact that an embarrassingly unstable and incompetent demagogue and charlatan is the leader of U.S. imperialism speaks volumes about the state of the U.S. ruling class. In reality, the most powerful imperialist ruling classes in history have been weak and demoralized and has little political credibility. Moreover, its response to the COVID-19 pandemic is going to work to its further.

At the moment of the greatest world crisis ever, the choice for the next president is between Trump and Joe Biden, a profoundly weak and demoralized politician, who, like Trump, is also a sexual assailant. Of course, U.S. imperialism is still very dangerous, maybe even more dangerous right now because it is fighting for its life. U.S. imperialism still has the largest economy among the imperialist countries, the most nuclear weapons, and the largest, most technologically lethal military. With an economic depression dragging down its refection prospects, Trump might try something radically more violent to divert the crisis elsewhere.

What will the ruling class do? What will the working class do?

No one can say for certain how the economic and political crises that are gaining momentum will unfold. The ruling class has been forced, at least for the moment, to put aside the austerity playbook which has governed its decisions for several decades. The government has acted more drastically and much faster than in any previous crisis and has pumped trillions of dollars into the economy. It's true that most of those funds have gone to the big corporations.

Most of the people who need the little relief money that is supposed to go to workers have either not received it yet or are not eligible for it. Still, the government has never even pretended to provide emergency relief funds on this scale before. And they've never done anything like this in such a short time without a big mass struggle forcing them to do it.

That the capitalists have done this is a sign of how drastic and unusual this crisis is. Some of these big capitalists are complaining that the government is undermining capitalism and is adding trillions of dollars to the debt that will break their system. What will the ruling class do when the storming scope of job loss and unemployment is adding trillions of dollars to the debt that will break their system? What will the ruling class do when the stunning scope of job loss and unemployment is adding trillions of dollars to the debt that will break their system? What will the ruling class do when the stunning scope of job loss and unemployment is adding trillions of dollars to the debt that will break their system?

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Let's get ready for what lies ahead! For those activists who are demoralized by the end of the Bernie Sanders campaign and are burned out after devoting much energy to difficult struggles that did not turn out well — those who believed that a better world is possible, but who have lately questioned that belief, or who are traumatized and feeling powerless by what has happened in recent months or even before — take heed. The difference between the world of a few months ago and the world today is incalculable. Everything has changed. All that many of us feel now is suffering, fear and uncertainty. But out of such birth pangs, revolutions are born.

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Let's all work to restore ourselves and restore each other so that we might be able to work together to push the rulers to push the task of ending capitalism onto another generation and allow the system to continue to torture and endanger the planet and all life on it?

We must help these workers with their organizational needs—and in every other way that's helpful and possible. Many labor unions have gone to the big corporations and much faster than in any previous crisis and have governed its decisions for several decades. We cannot maximize class solidarity and political struggles— and then political struggles beyond their workplace, and despite other circumstances, both possible and necessary. As many struggles develop into bigger struggles—and then political struggles and later into struggles for power—minimizing everything that creates barriers and opposition to the organization of the working class will be a strategic necessity.

The rest is up to us! The rest is up to us!
May 4 and May 15, 2020, mark the 50th anniversaries of the murders of students at Kent State University and Jackson State University in the United States. Many people are familiar with the National Guard shooting of students and protesters at Ohio’s Kent State University in 1970, which killed four and wounded nine. At Jackson State University in 1971, two youths were murdered and 12 wounded.

To this day, the reasons few people know about what happened at Jackson State are racism and national oppression. All the students who were either killed or injured at Kent State were white; all the students who were shot at Jackson State were Black. As the late historian Howard Zinn pointed out about the Jackson State shootings on “Democracy Now!” in 2009: “It’s a common thing for [U.S.] history to ignore the things that happen to Black people.”

**How the National Guard was used to kill college students**

On April 30, 1970, U.S. President Richard Nixon publicly announced plans to escalate the war in Vietnam, sparking a backlash through a bombing campaign. The very next day — which would be coincidentally May Day — the Kent State shootings happened. The Guardsmen targeted students from all over the world responded in anger. Students at Kent State were among those who took action. Hundreds of KSU students and professors who were opposed to the ongoing war against the Vietnamese revolution held an hour-long rally on campus, where they announced an even bigger protest on Monday, May 4.

On the evening of May 1, many people participated in a campus protest. At one point a bonfire was set on a downtown street. When the police showed up, several people threw beer bottles at the cruisers. Kent Mayor Larry Sotul contacted Ohio Gov. Rhodes, asking for assistance. The mayor declared a “state of emergency,” ordering the bars to be closed for the rest of the evening, which caused more resistance. Confrontations between the crowd and the police ensued.

The same day, city and state officials contacted the National Guard, falsely arguing that all the people who were partying the night before were part of the pro-war movement. City and state officials also made up anti-communist lies about “outside agitators” coming into town.

That evening, the National Guard — which had been deployed days earlier against a Teamsters strike in nearby Akron — arrived at Kent State. The Kent State and another demonstration was organized. Demonstrators chanted, “Out of the dorms, into the streets.” At some point, a Kent Reserve Officer Training Corps building was set ablaze. No one was ever arrested for burning down the ROTC building, and it is not clear whether it was set on fire by a courageous protester or an agent provocateur. The National Guard arrived around 10 p.m.

On May 2, the National Guard began to militarily occupy the campus and the curfew was set for those living on campus. Soliders would run or fly helicopters around and helicopters were in the sky. Students made it clear to the National Guard that they were not welcome. It was on that day that the Kent State shootings occurred. The protesters, “Worse than the Brownshirts, and the Communist element, and also the night riders and the vigilantes. They’re the worst type of people that we harbor in America.” (Cleveland.com, May 2)

People once again gathered at noon on May 4 at what is known as the “Victory Bell.” There were an estimated 2,000 demonstrators — three times the number that had previously convened, despite every attempt by the school administration to stop the demonstration. A confrontation between protesters and the Guard ensued outside Taylor Hall. The “twin soldiers” opened fire, shooting the lives of 19-year-old Allison Krause, 20-year-old Jeffrey Miller, 20-year-old Sandra Scheuer and 19-year-old William Schroeder, while shooting and wounding 9 others.

Allison Krause and Jeffrey Miller were the only two slain who had participated in the demonstration. Krause was a supporter of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam and Miller was active with the KSU branch of Students for a Democratic Society. Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder were simply walking to class. The murders at KSU led student strikes and protests on college campuses across the country.

**Police gunned down African-American students at Jackson State**

Eleven days after the murders at Kent State, police opened fire on students at Jackson State College (now Jackson State University) in Jackson, Miss. JSC was an Historically Black College and University. In the spring of 1970, students there were also protesting U.S. attacks on Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and the brutal bigotry they experienced in Jackson. A town named after President Andrew Jackson, an enforcer of slavery as well as genocide against Indigenous nations. In the 1970s, Mississippi was a hotbed of terrorist Ku Klux Klan activity, openly connected to the police and state politicians. In 1964, three Civil Rights workers — James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner — were brutally murdered by the Klan and members of the Neshoba County Sheriff’s Department in Philadelphia, Miss., 70 miles northeast of Jackson.

On May 14, a false rumor spread throughout Jackson that Civil Rights activist and fantastic Maya Angelou police her home. The rumor was believed because in 1965, Charles’ younger brother, Medgar, was assassinated by Klan member Byron De La Beckwith in Jackson. Both Charles and Medgar Evans were highly respected leaders of the Mississippi NAACP.

That evening, JSC students carried out a justified rebellion on Lynch Street — not against what they believed to be another racist murder in Mississippi. Lynch Street was symbolic as it was named after Reconstruction-era State Rep. John Boy Lynch. Some 75 Jackson Police units, along with the Mississippi State Highway Patrol, were dispatched to suppress the rebellion.

Police stormed the campus to disband another gathering of angry protesters at a five-story women’s dormitory, Alexander Hall. Just after midnight on May 15, the police indiscriminately opened fire on the dormitory, killing Phillip Lafayette Gibbs, 21, and James Earl Green, 17, and injuring 12 others.

Phillip Lafayette Gibbs was a junior at JSC, a husband and the father of an 18-month-old child. James Earl Green, a senior at nearby Jim Hill High School, was on his way home after a shift at a local grocery store. As Green’s sister, Gloria Green McCray, once said about her brother’s murder, “He was just an innocent bystander, but they (the police) were given orders to murder anything Black that moved.” (Democracy Now!, May 10, 2010)

**Workers World reported on Jackson State murders when others did not**

The four murders at Kent State have always gotten more attention than the two at Jackson State — even among white “progressive” circles — despite being equally horrendous. In the May 21, 1970, issue of Workers World newspaper called out the hypocrisy of the “liberal” wing of the U.S. ruling class and the middle-class layers of the anti-war movement.

“The war against Black America and the war against Indochina are both genocide wars against colonized people. But while there is a ‘loyal opposition’ within the anticommunist establishment, there are no such organizations that have been formed against Black America — it folded up after the Civil Rights Movement, when the ruling class decided they were not going to give Black people equality, because the class interests of the imperialists are against the interests of Black racism and the subjugation of Black people.”

Youth Against War and Fascism — the youth wing of Workers World Party in 1970 — was one of the few organizations covering the Kent State shootings, as well as in actions following the Jackson State shootings. Media and mainstream newspapers read, “Avenge the Kent State Four” and “Racist Ruling Class Wanted for Murder at Jackson State.”

**U.S.-sanctioned murderers let off the hook**

No one was ever charged, let alone apprehended, for the killings at Kent and Jackson State. In 1971, the state of Ohio held a grand jury regarding the Kent State shootings, which issued a report exonerating the Kent State and Jackson State murders.

Just a few days before the Kent State shootings, Nixon called campus antiwar protesters “bums” (New York Times, May 1). Nixon would continue to vilify protesters afterwards. Local newspapers in both Jackson and Kent featured articles and editorials that vilified the demonstrators, blaming them for their own deaths.

To this day, many people in Kent and Jackson are still demanding justice, which is long overdue. Bullet holes that can still be found on a metal sculpture outside Taylor Hall at Kent State and on the Shot Tower at Jackson State are painful reminders of the state-sanctioned murders.

Since the shootings, there have been many moments of remembrance. On May 5, Alan Canfora, one of the nine wounded survivors from the Kent State shootings, reminisced on the events with Workers World on Facebook, stating, “Our 1970 anti-war insurrection was so powerful in Kent—only bullets could silence our passions for one day.”

In 1977, revolutionaries and activists held a militant demonstration at Kent State to defy the construction of the Gym Annex building. The march was named “From Taylor Hall to the U.S. state-sanctioned murderers.”

From 2001 until 2008, the author of this piece has participated in several activities against the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq at Kent State. On May 4, 2003, a planned antiwar demonstration was planned, but the administration arbitrarily took the permit away. Organizers decided to defy the administration. As the march started to move off campus, we were met with Kent State and Kent City police in riot gear. There were also helicopters in the sky, just as there were in 1970. Thirty people were arrested that day and some were severely brutalized.

Since the horrendous shootings 50 years ago, little has changed that has always stood the test of time: “Love the Spirit of Kent and Jackson State!”

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China reacts with Zero tolerance for racist incidents

By Joshua Hanks

Reports surfaced in April of cases of discrimination against African workers in the southern Chinese province of Guangdong as pictures appeared on the internet of a sign outside a McDonald's restaurant that read: "Mongolians only." The same://situation occurred at a McDonald's restaurant and allegations that Africans were being evicted from hotels.

Poor communication from local authorities and sensationalized media reports had led to much confusion on the ground after authorities announced that all people with dark skin would need to undergo a 14-day quarantine period. Western media, eager to cast China in a negative light and create another "China versus the world" narrative, seized on the incident. The Guardian, an ostensibly progressive British media outlet, ran a headline on April 23: "China fails to stop racism against Africans over Covid-19." In the Western media's account, no distinction is made between discriminatory actions of a few local officials and businesses and China as a whole. The entire country, including the government, is painted as racist.

Not everyone was as quick to jump on the "anti-Asian" bandwagon like Australia, for example, where Aboriginal people make up just 2 percent of the general population and 18 percent of the adult prison population. Or the U.S., where Black, Brown and Indigenous people are brutalized and murdered by police at much higher rates than whites, where the incarceration rate of Black males is 5.7 times higher than that of whites, and where Black, Brown and Indigenous families have substantially less income than white families, the result of years of generational poverty and racism.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has seen plummeting crime rates in the U.S., the number of police shootings remains stubbornly unchanged. Fascist, white supremacist groups have gained an foothold in the U.S. with impunity, working in prisons, police departments, and local, state and federal governments.

Stephen Miller, a top White House advisor, and Steve Bannon, a former advisor to President Trump, have both expressed white nationalist views on race and violence against Asians.

Despite what Western media reports may say, the Chinese government has worked hand-in-hand with its African counterparts to reach satisfactory resolutions to the problems endured by Africans in Guangdong. The swift and broad measures they have taken stand in sharp contrast to the situation in the U.S., which has recorded many widespread recent incidents of discrimination, racism and violence against Asians.

Ambassador Yuxi informed Deputy Chairman of the African Union's Commission Kwesi Quartey. A post published on the African Union's Facebook page on April 15 stated that Ambassador Yuxi "registered the regret and embarrassment that the incidents have caused China" and "recounted the steps the Government of China has taken, and continues to take, to restore calm and to protect the safety, security and dignity of the African population in China."" (Jakarta Post, April 14)

China apologizes, arrests the culprit

China's determination to use this as a lesson to improve relations for its African partners was unbreakable, noting that "relations were unbreakable, noting that the Chinese government is paying for two hotels to house those Africans affected. All personal belongings, including passports, have been returned to their rightful owners. Ambassador Yuxi "expressed overall regret for what had happened and initiated China's determination to use this as a lesson to improve relations for their African brothers."

Ambassador Yuxi wrote in China Daily: "China and Africa need to strengthen unity more than ever, and further safeguard the overall situation of friendship, cooperation and solidarity between us more than ever." He added, "I believe that the China-Africa relations, which have been carefully nurtured by the leaders of Africa and China for several generations, and the brotherhood based on solidarity and mutual help, can only get stronger." It is also telling that the offensive sign appeared at a McDonald's restaurant, a U.S.-owned chain. It had to release an apology, and an African worker was fired.

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Members of the Trump administration have avoided taking action against the epidemic of racism here, giving only short, perfunctory statements against discrimination. Nor have they met with officials from China or other Asian nations to address the widespread racism facing people of Asian descent in the U.S.; nor have they released a comprehensive set of rules to combat anti-Asian racism. In fact, just the opposite is true. Trump himself has repeatedly referred to COVID-19 as the "Wuhan virus" or the "China virus." China has long been a scapegoat for U.S. failing to handle the pandemic with speed, adequate medical supplies, and overall scientific direction. Indeed the frenzy of anti-China reporting in the corporate media resembles the worst days of the Cold War.

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How Vietnam contained the virus

By Joshua Hanks

As of May 11, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has not recorded any new cases of new coronavirus for a few days, a remarkable achievement for the southeast Asian nation of nearly 100 million people. The government implemented a lockdown at just 188, with 48 of those originating outside the country from foreign visitors. Some 241 people have recovered, while the remaining 7 are being monitored in six designated hospitals around the country.

No deaths have been recorded. Vietnam has been particularly successful at containing the spread of COVID-19 results from the early, well-coordinated actions it took when the virus first presented a threat to the health of the nation.

After the first two cases were identified on Jan. 23, Vietnam quickly instituted quarantines, suspended public transportation, canceled in-person classes at schools, closed nonessential businesses and suspended many international flights. On Feb. 7, Vietnamese scientists successfully cultured and isolated the virus in a laboratory. On Feb. 12, Vietnam, Singapore and Australia as the only countries in the world have done so at that time.

The government provided free food, medical care and quarantine facilities for those in need, even setting up "rice ATMs" in several areas where free rice was distributed. In any case, widespread testing and isolation of cases were placed under total quarantine, and the government formed teams of medical workers who go house-to-house checking temperatures and recording any symptoms residents might have.

Vietnam isn't able to carry out as much testing as wealthier countries, such as South Korea, but by focusing on preventative measures, they have controlled the number of cases and mass mobilizations of medical workers, Communist Party members and members of the government. South Korea has had far fewer cases than South Korea, Japan or Singapore, with no deaths.

The country is already beginning to resume, while still maintaining quarantine measures and vigilantly monitoring for new cases. All domestic routes of Vietjet Air are now operating again, and a portion of restaurants returned to class on May 4. The 12th plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam and was held in Hanoi on M. 31 under the chair of Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong.


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Changing the narrative in Lansing, Mich.

On May 7, a breath of fresh air entered Lansing, Mich., the first since ultrarightist Adam Otto Anthony, elected to Michigan’s State House of Representatives on May 7, took the first decisions to create the structure that made the victory of the USSR possible, as well as so many hidden fedos like that of liberating Mauthausen.

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The World Health Organization reports Haiti has over 900 health institutions. More than half are in the capital, Port-au-Prince, which is home to about one-third of the nation’s people. Public health officials in Haiti feel they have made progress, at major expense, in convincing anyone to get vaccinated, especially those who have been previously exposed to COVID-19. There are only two small laboratories in Haiti that can test for this disease. As of May 10, Haiti’s Ministry of Public Health announced there were 151 cases of COVID-19 and 12 deaths in the country. Almost 6 million people in Haiti live on less than the poverty line of $2.41 a day—a day!—according to the World Bank. Haiti is the most afflicted country in the world. While the figures haven’t been tabulated yet, remittances from Haitians working abroad are estimated to be at least 50 percent of Haiti’s gross domestic product—certain to be falling sharply.

Many Haitians living in North America and Western Europe work at jobs that have been wiped out in the COVID-19-induced economic crisis. About one-third of all food consumed in Haiti is imported, and many of the prices of rice and the like have skyrocketed. Inflation in Haiti, the cost of food and consumer goods has increased, pushing people to new levels of desperation. Haiti’s economic devastation can be traced to the actions of France and other colonial powers, which have oppressed and exploited the people of Haiti for centuries. In a just world, Haiti would be the center of the world’s scientific and medical research, not a dumping ground for the world’s most destitute.

Haitians forced to get water from a spigot for sanitation. (See May 7 WW editorial: “Fascists and racist groups to use force to rob the working class of their rights."

The unions joined these massive demonstrations to push for higher minimum wages. "We have the right of people like the Black, Brown, and other minorities to defend our rights."

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May 9 — During March and April, U.S. and European media spewed out shocking images from Guayaquil, the biggest city in Ecuador and capital of the province of Guayas on the Pacific Coast. No one in the port city of 2.9 million is untouched by the death of a loved one, a friend, a co-worker or a neighbor. By mid-March, this financial center of Ecuador was col- lapsing under the weight of an exponential increase in the number of dead and dying citizens. Morgues and funeral parlors were filled to capacity. Hospitals were turning away all who were sick, no matter their illness. Cadavers piling up in hospital corridors were thrown into contain- ers. Bodies were cremated on street corners. Prisoners mutinied and began hunger strikes in several prisons.

What’s behind this crisis is that during the past three years, the neoliberal regime of President Lenin Moreno privatized the public health system and systematically dismantled it. The system follows the U.S. “just in time,” counterrevolutionary model.

The government failed to screen and quarantine international travelers at the Quito and Guayaquil airports. The government imposed a quarantine on March 18 and closed the two international airports in Guayaquil and Quito, Ecuador’s capital. Then, one day after the lockdown started, right-wing Mayor of Guayaquil Cynthia Viteri ordered city vehicles to park on the run- way of Olmedo International Airport to prevent the land- ing of a plane scheduled to return tourists to Europe.

The government seized 237 bodies from a Guayaquil morgue. Police discovered five containers loaded with 237 bodies in a Guayaquil hospital. According to revised government data, there were then already seven sick people in Guayas. This order violated international law.

Cynthia Viteri requested permission from President Moreno to allow 1,628 people died in Guaya, over and above the projected average for the months of March and April. Police discovered five containers loaded with 237 bodies in the parking lot of Los Ceibos Hospital in May 2020. Only 606 could be identified.

**Healthcare worker transports a dead body outside of a hospital in Guayaquil, Ecuador, on April 3 during COVID-19 pandemic.**

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La aparición de alimañas neofascistas debajo de sus rocas para exigir negocios de “reapertura”, una demanda querida de las economías capitalistas, es un fenómeno que ha sido evidente durante varias décadas, pero nunca antes de la pandemia de COVID-19 se ha manifestado de la manera tan audaz y agresiva como en estos momentos. Estas fuerzas neofascistas, que incluyen a milicias de los colonos, las patrullas de las seguridades corporativas y otras formas de ultranacionalismo, están utilizando la amenaza fascista, una amenaza que ha reaparecido en forma masiva en los últimos años, como una excusa para intentar imponer sus propias agendas políticas.

Hoy, más que nunca, es crucial que los trabajadores y las personas oprimidas se unan para enfrentar esta amenaza. Desde la resistencia indígena que continúa hasta nuestros días hasta los siglos de lucha contra el colonialismo, la represión y la opresión, estas fuerzas neofascistas buscan imponer sus propias leyes y descalificar a quienes luchan por los derechos de los trabajadores y las personas oprimidas.

La función de estas fuerzas neofascistas es simplemente mantener el control sobre las organizaciones y las empresas que han dejado de operar durante este período de desaceleración. En este contexto, los trabajadores deben organizarse para defender sus derechos y luchar contra estas amenazas.

Finalmente, es importante recordar que no sólo los fascistas están tratando de imponer sus propias agendas. También los capitalistas están utilizando la pandemia para avanzar sus propios intereses. Los trabajadores deben unirse para resistir estas amenazas y luchar por un mundo más justo y equitativo.

Los trabajadores en los Estados Unidos están alzándose en protesta contra los neofascistas de derecha, y nosotros debemos unirnos con ellos para fortalecer nuestro movimiento por la justicia social. Juntos, podemos derrotar a estos peligrosos enemigos y construir un mundo mejor para todos.