Economic ruin, pandemic pose question

By Martha Grevatt

This is a slightly edited and expanded version of a talk given during the “What Road To Socialism?” webinar held by Workers World Party on May 16.

May 17— According to the Department of Labor, the official unemployment rate is now almost 15 percent. A staggering 37 million workers are counted as unemployed. But so-called “real unemployment” is closer to 23 percent when you count “disheartened” workers who gave up looking for work, part-time workers who need a full-time job, undocumented workers who cannot collect benefits, misnamed “independent contractors”—gig workers—who must jump through extra hoops to get benefits, and others.

Millions of these jobs are gone for good. Businesses, large and small, have gone under. Even if their employer survives, many more laid-off workers will not be called back. The capitalist economy was already slowing down before COVID-19 cut into workers’ purchasing power and into the tax base of local and state governments.

Some workers are being forced back to work, even as the pandemic’s death toll climbs. So many are risking their lives for low wages. So many are carrying the added burdens of special oppression as Black, Brown, Indigenous, women, gender-oppressed, LGBTQ2+, migrants and/or disabled workers—or as incarcerated workers.

As a result, class consciousness is growing as the masses question the legitimacy of capitalist wage-slavery and seek a way out.

The way out is socialism and the question—What Road to Socialism?—could...
By Joe Piette
Philadelphia

Protestors, led by currently and formerly incarcerated women, trans and non-gender-binary people, held a rally on May 15 in a city park next to Riverside Correctional Facility to demand the release of people held in Philadelphia jails and an end to unjust cash bail. The action featured speeches by women recently released from RCF, as well as people still incarcerated who joined by phone. Everyone respected social distancing and masking requirements due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Organizers on both sides of the prison walls planned it. The event was broadcast via radio so incarcerated people could listen to the speakers. Huge signs with slogans reading, “Free Our People!” and “Free Black Mamas!” were held up by people at RCF to see. In turn, they made noise and banged on cell doors to join the protest and demand their release.

Most people held at RCF have not been convicted of any crime, but are held there because they cannot afford bail, or because a judge refused to allow bail. In Philadelphia, which is the poorest large city in the U.S., the vast majority of incarcerated people are detained because they is impoverished for them to raise even a few hundred dollars for bail.

Latonya Meyers, organizer of the Philadelphia Community Bail Fund, told WWP’s radio program, “It’s the Department of Community Affairs demanding that the District Attorney Krasner, the First Judicial District Judges and Mayor Jim Kenney take immediate action to free all our people from the Philly jails. It is completely unacceptable that in the midst of a global pandemic we are putting people’s lives at risk unless they can afford to pay to purchase their freedom. All our mamas and families behind bars need to come home now.”

Jae Garcia, an organizer of the action, who is currently incarcerated at RCF, spoke by phone: “We should not be sentenced to death by incarceration in a pandemic. None of us want to be the next statistic reported dead at RCF. We need the mayor, district attorney and judges to open their eyes and realize that all our lives are at stake here. There are thousands of people here who need to go home to their families and children. We should not be locked up with the key thrown out, especially when most of us are pretrial and innocent until proven guilty.”

Organizer Lat Ay Cacevedo stated: “I don’t think we should die in jail like animals die in cages. There’s nothing we can do in there; we are locked in. Our rights are taken totally away. When this epidemic hits RCF, a lot of us are going to be dead. And I don’t know what the government is planning to do. We need a voice!” Cacevedo was recently bailed out by the Philadelphia Community Bail Fund.

After hearing from incarcerated people both inside and outside the jail, participants marched to the prison’s chain-link fence where they held up signs and banners, anticipating that these streets would be seen by thousands of incarcerated people.

The demonstration was organized by the Philadelphia Community Bail Fund, the People’s Paper Co-Op, Decarcerate PA, the Dignity Act Now Collective, Youth Art and Self Empowerment Project, and many organizers currently incarcerated at Riverside Correctional Facility.

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Portland, Ore.

‘U.S. mail not for sale’

Over 20 cars lined up to cheer postal workers during the afternoon shift change on May 8 at the Portland, Ore., United States Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center. Messages of solidarity were plastered over the cars and Elvis Presley’s “Return to Sender” was playing. A manager from the center joined the rally, stating, “Letter carriers get to hear community is behind them! The People’s Postal Service is dependable and secure,” she said.

Solidarity signs included “PPE, Testing and Hazard Pay for Essential Workers!” “Save Our Postal Service: NO Privatization!” and “Save the People’s Postal Service, Fund the USPS!”

— Report and photo by Lyn Neeley

The Nakba: 72 years of ongoing catastrophe

By Ted Kelly

May 15 is the day commemorating Youm al-Nakba, the Day of Catastrophe, when white European settlers declared war on the people of Palestine in 1948.

In the violence that immediately followed the settlers’ so-called “independence” declaration, at least 700,000 Palestinians were forced out of their homes, and hundreds of towns and villages were destroyed.

While Nakba Day acknowledges the start of this imperialist attack, Palestinians and their supporters around the world know this catastrophe never ended and continues to this day. The Palestinian diaspora now numbers in the millions, with millions more internally displaced and dispossessed within the borders of the so-called state of Israel.

The white-supremacist occupation forces that now control Palestine receive billions of dollars in weaponry and military hardware every year from the U.S. The archconservative lackey of Ronald Reagan, Alexander Haig, once referred to Israel as “the largest American aircraft carrier that cannot be sunk,” and it is indeed the launch zone of many U.S. imperialist crimes across Western Asia.

Research done by Palestinian novelist and Workers World Party comrade Susan Abulhawa reveals that Israel is also the most prolific per capita arms trafficker in the world.

Despite Israel’s backing from the most powerful imperialist nation on the planet, Palestinians have engaged in decades of heroic resistance against their colonial oppressors. From the hijackings and high-profile kidnappings of the mid-1970s, to the first and second Intifada and the Great March of Return protests in Gaza ongoing since 2018, Palestinians have fought back to restore their national sovereignty. They have launched an international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign to empower workers to cut off cultural and commercial support for the Zionist entity. Their struggle has won the support of major revolutionary leaders from Fidel Castro to Nelson Mandela.

Workers World Party supports the right of self-defense and national determination of the Palestinian people, as well as the right of return of all Palestinians to their homeland.

As Palestinian poet and author Mahmoud Darwish said in a radio broadcast in 2001, “We are not looking back to dig up the evidence of a past crime, for the Nakba is an extended present that promises to continue in the future. ‘We do not need anything to help us remember the human tragedy we have been living for the past 53 years: We continue to live in the here and now. We continue to resist its consequences, here and now, on the land of our homeland, the only homeland we have.’” (tinyurl.com/yebh4q79)

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!
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stay-at-home order and force workers back to work without safety measures.

Workers protests continuing to grow

Payday Report has cataloged 206 strikes, walkouts, sick-outs, sit-ins and pickets demanding safe working conditions in every corner of the country since COVID-19 accelerated in the U.S. The newsletter believes that is a real undercount, estimating there are scores of small actions by both represented workers and union members.

One example of the latter is the 25 workers at Hood River Distillers in Hood River, Ore. Members of Teamsters Local 670 set up a picket line on May 6 after management made a final contract offer with weakened health benefits and paltry wage increases. (nwlaborpress.org, May 13)

Meanwhile, some essential workers are having personal and financial problems. Delivery drivers are protesting they can't find bathrooms since usual locations in fast-food restaurants and chains like Applebees, KFC and Subway are only open for takeout now. A group of truckers circled Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C., on May 13 protesting low pay and unsafe conditions. When some independent drivers applied for loans as small businesses, they were told they did not qualify for funding.

The United Farm Workers is calling on all supporters to sign a petition supporting the HEROES bill, which includes financial assistance for undocumented agricultural workers and legally protects these essential workers from deportation during the pandemic. Sign the petition at tinyurl.com/excns8/A.

Protests increasing by im/migrant workers

Those who risk the most by standing up for their rights are immigrant workers. But that didn’t stop Mexican migrants who pick fruit in Washington state’s famous Yakima Valley from going on strike for safety measures and increased hazard pay the week of May 11 at seven major sites. Workers at six other sites joined over the weekend.

Evidence is emerging of increasing COVID outbreaks among migrant farmworkers. When they practice social distancing in the field, the problem is employer-provided hotels—four workers to a room, two to a bed. As of May 8, 169 of the 340 migrants under H-2A contracts from Mexico and Haiti who pick, plant, sort and pack tomatoes at the huge hydroponic farm Green Empire Farms near Oneida, N.Y., tested positive. After they are quarantined for two weeks, they will go back to work.

But organizer Celso Mendoza, who migrated from Veracruz, Mexico, in 2002 won’t be able to. Years ago, Mendoza was instrumental in organizing Mexican contract workers earning $6 an hour at a Forest, Miss., plant. After the food contractor which hired the workers tried to cut wages by 10 percent, Mendoza organized the workers in protest, and within a year they joined the Food and Commercial Workers union (UFCW). Their contract contains new safety measures and working conditions—and no third-party labor contractor.

Poultry workers have been forced by a Trump administration order to go back to work despite the epidemic, which is highly contagious in close quarters. Tragically, Mendoza’s life was cut short at 59 by COVID-19. Celso Mendoza ¡Presente!

Immigrant workers are increasingly taking action to protect themselves during the pandemic. Maritierre Gomez, an organizer with the worker center Arise Chicago, which helped organize the protest by workers who make personal protective equipment at LSI Healthcare near Chicago, says, “I think undocumented workers need to unite. … If undocumented people don’t stand up for themselves, nobody will, certainly not their boss or the government.”

Payday Report was a primary resource for this article except when other sources were cited.
The struggle and personal growth

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Health care is the most pressing issue in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. So it’s in keeping with the Trump administration’s overall right-wing agenda to attempt to destroy a vital plank of the Affordable Care Act through Trump v. Pennsylvania, the legal case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on May 6.

At stake is the issue of whether a business, a university or a religious nonprofit should pay for birth control for its employees or students when the employer objects to contraception on “religious and moral grounds.”

This is the third time this issue—which affects women and gender-nonconforming people of reproductive age (15-44) and their families—comes before SCOTUS. Setting the stage for the court case is the fact that the Health Resources and Services Administration, an arm of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services controlled by the president, recently reversed Obama’s policy that birth control was a “preventive health service” and meant contraception could be free—totally covered by the employer’s insurance without copays or cost-sharing.

The first case that came to the Supreme Court was Burwell v. Hobby Lobby in 2014. SCOTUS then stated that private employers could claim religious objections to paying for such insurance, but the court did not require that the insurance provide workers with a way to access such health coverage, which it did by paying state medical groups or insurers covering the cost.

The second case, Zubik v. Burwell, heard in 2016, was a “religious freedom challenge” to the birth control mandate by a group of religious nonprofits. Similar to the Hobby Lobby accommodations, nonprofits were to notify the state groups or insurers of their objection, and the state or insurer would cover the cost. But the nonprofits claimed that due to the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act such a provision placed a “substantial burden” on them—for having to register an objection. Rather than issue a ruling, the court threw the case back to appeal courts, where it has lingered until now.

In the meantime, in keeping with Trump’s vitriolic assault against reproductive freedom and LGBTQ2+ rights, and his hypocritical cheering for religious rights, Trump’s HHSRA reversed the ACA mandate on Oct. 6, 2017. That expanded the rights of private and non-private employers and universities to claim “religious and moral” principles to deny insurance coverage for contraception. The reversal offered no alternate means for affected workers or students to gain birth control coverage.

Civil rights workers were quick to condemn the fact that the expanded and sweeping definition of religious freedom could be used to deny civil rights to those who are affected by the Trump administration’s antidiscrimination rules.

To loosen restrictive thinking requires challenging assumptions. These distortions, promoted by big business, serve to expand both reproductive and gender equality restrictions. They are at the heart of the Trump administration’s assault on workers.

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A March 2016 demonstration in support of birth control coverage in the Affordable Care Act in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, Washington, D.C.

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**Bolivian prisoners protest: “We want to live!”**

By Ted Kelly

Incarcerated workers at the largest prison in Bolivia staged a mass uprising on May 11, demanding freedom and protesting dangerous conditions exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The rebels chanted, “We want to live!” and “This is not a riot, this is a fight for life!”

Two prisoners have already died from COVID-19, and hundreds more have been exposed. The incarcerated workers held in this prison camp say that no precautions have been taken to help stem the spread of the deadly coronavirus. The prison is located in Santa Cruz, the epicenter of the viral outbreak in Bolivia.

The Centro de Rehabilitacion Santa Cruz, known as “Palmasola,” is a maximum security prison complex where incarcerated workers and their families are encamped within a heavily guarded perimeter. According to teleSUR, the housing capacity at Palmasola is 800 people, but there are currently 6,000 people there. (May 12) Entire families are crammed at Palmasola, with hundreds of children under the age of six living inside the camp. Police who guard the facility are reportedly corrupt, and bribery in exchange for goods and housing is common. In 2013, violence broke out at the facility, leading to the deaths of 31 people. The deaths were blamed on gang activity, but the conditions themselves in this densely populated concentration camp for poor and oppressed Bolivians should be considered the primary cause.

Last year a U.S.-backed, right-wing coup overthrew the democratically elected government of Evo Morales, the first Indigenous leader of modern Bolivia. Morales’ social-democratic government was one of the few remaining “Pink Tide” administrations whose tenure brought about a massive increase in Indigenous sovereignty, standards of living and autonomy over Bolivian resources and production.

Since the fascist takeover in November 2019, Bolivia has protested against the coup government and its rollback of social reforms. The illegitimate right-wing administration of Jeanine Añez has completely failed to protect Bolivians from the coronavirus. Morales is currently in exile in Argentina, where he has been granted political asylum.

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**‘We got out because of the people’**

By Janet Africa

These slightly edited remarks were given April 24 at the “U.S. Empire vs. Political Prisoners” webinar teach-in sponsored by Mobilization4Mumia 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.

On the Move! Happy birthday, Mumia — we love you! I just wanted to give people a little story about when we met Mumia. When we were first locked up in 1978, Mumia was one of the first few media people who accurately reported on MOVE, and he was serious about understanding what MOVE was about. And once he heard the teachings of John Africa, he was moved by that, and he internalized them into his own life. He always says, “Long live, John Africa!” because he had a lot of information given to him. And he reveres that information. He always says, “Long live, John Africa!”

He wouldn’t slant the MOVE side and he wouldn’t slant the court side, so people got to see the absolute position of what was going on in those courtrooms. And, of course, the system didn’t like it because they wanted it slanted the way other media had done to MOVE.

Anyway, Mumia has supported MOVE for a long time, a long time, and we support Mumia and we will continue to support Mumia.

I’ve been a political prisoner for 41 years, in prison, in the bowels of this system, for doing something I didn’t do, the same as Mumia. And I can’t explain in words to people the mistreatment, the debasement, how people are treated in prison, the prisoners.

But when you are a political prisoner, they deliberately do things to hurt and mess you up as bad as they can because they want you to stop. And that’s what they’re doing to Mumia. That’s what they’ve been doing to Mumia.

I want people to understand this. They told us we weren’t getting out of any jail — and we got out after 41 years. They’re saying Mumia is not getting out of jail. Use the example of MOVE when they say he isn’t getting out.

We got out because of the people, because of the support of the people that have behind MOVE — and have behind Mumia now. We’re saying, “Don’t stop that pressure!” Don’t stop forcing these people to answer for everything they do.

Because you got to understand the reason they got moving in there was because they feel a lot of pressure from Mumia. They feel like he can move people in a way that they don’t want them to be moved. So they try to quiet him, try to make him sick, try to kill him.

People! Everybody! We have made giant steps. You have made giant steps. But don’t allow need to come together under one put pressure on the system. The people, the strategy of John Africa, is what got us released. And this is what we need to get Mumia released. It was a victory for us and we got to continue this victory.

Don’t let it stop. Demand answers when they come up with those silly things they come up with. I’m pushing you to do what’s right. Make them qualify why Mumia is still in prison despite his innocence.

We are joining all of you, who joined to help get us out of prison, to help get Mumia out, and we will not stop. On the Move!
Tear Down the Walls! Free Them All!

we do need to continue to fight for his freedom, for Mumia Abu-Jamal, imprisoned for 39 years by the U.S. state. Kevin Rashid Johnson, currently held in the Pendleton Correctional Facility in Indiana, is a man of the incarcerated workers organizing committee.

I’d like to extend my revolutionary salute to Mumia on his birthday. And I think that we do need to continue to fight for his freedom after decades of unlawful and political imprisonment. And to sum up quickly, from the dungeons of feudal Europe to the concentration camps of today’s capitalist America, prison has always served a particular political function. Containing, suppressing and discouraging people of color, women and the people from resisting the oppressive conditions imposed upon us by our class enemies. And, alongside the police and military, the role of prisons is an essential aspect of the ruling-class nation’s exercise of state power. So it’s neither accidental, nor to be considered a coincidence that prisons in capitalist society are targeted at specific demographics and poor people. It is therefore the central concern of the struggle against class and racial oppression that all of us unite and struggle against in prisons as they exist and operate in capitalist society.

This is especially important and relevant in this era of the global COVID-19 pandemic where prisons present the particular danger of the spread of this pandemic and the greater danger to the lives of those in prison, who are particularly vulnerable to this virus. So not only must we stop the virus from spreading in prisons, we must also develop new alliances and methods of struggle, seizures and exercise of power by the masses in the face of these new challenges that the establishment has proven utterly incompetent and incapable of protecting anyone from. And with that, I will conclude with these words: Dare to struggle, dare to win. And we should fight for all power to all the people.

by state or nonstate actors, is in the service of capitalism and white supremacy. (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Report, Urban Indian Health Institute, 2019)

Native people have been in reciprocal relationships with the land for generations, despite attempts to disrupt that. Where war is being waged upon the land via fracking for oil, abandoned waste mines or the construction of the wall across the southern U.S. border — First Nations people find themselves in zones sacrificed in the name of profit for a few. A destruction of the environment and other settler-imposed structural inequalities as well as why infection rates for COVID-19 have been so high on reservations disproportionate to the native makeup of the population. (Workers World, April 29)

Gov. Noem threatens legal sovereignty of Sioux tribes As COVID-19 ravages Indigenous communities, we turn to Andrea Circle Bear’s tribal lands. South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem is threatening federal legal action against the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and the Oglala Sioux Tribe because they refuse to take down highway security checkpoints, which they put up to protect their people from the coronavirus. Native nations understand that self-determination and self-defense are a matter of life or death. (NPR, May 12)

Support for Indigenous sovereignty must be central in our struggle for liberation. We must all change our relationships to this land and to each other. On our way to that not-so-distant future, we must recognize expressions of gendered violence take many forms, including police brutality, mass incarceration, immigration policies and state-imposed reproductive oppression, and we must fight against them. Solidarity with Andrea Circle Bear’s family and community, both inside and outside prison walls! Prisons disappear, people need to end cycles of colonial violence by disappearing prisons. Tear down the walls!
You have to experience everything

By Olulimi Alade

This is an expanded and slightly edited version of a talk given during the “What Road To Socialism?” webinar held by Workers World Party on May 16.

My life today is completely different than it was four years ago: I am a college graduate and now a member of the working class. I have been brainwashed into believing that the U.S. is the greatest, most noble country in the world and a force for fairness and justice in the world. This echo chamber is omnipotent and unrelenting. From family members telling you to be grateful to live in the United States, to teachers force-feeding you propaganda about the virtues of the U.S., to the media denigrating dissent (a la Marc Lamont Hill).

For nearly my whole life, I thought I had this “American exceptionalism” until the 2016 election forced me to rethink everything I was led to believe about the U.S. If the U.S. is really the greatest country in the world, it should have the ability to stop fascists from returning in full force. If it was really a meritocracy, then a candidate with the credentials of Hillary Clinton (whom I vigorously supported then) with the money and power behind him should win any problem being elected. And to add to the absurdity, the Democratic Party resorted to the same xenophobic frenzy that it spent the entire 2016 election lambasting Trump with.

I was so confused, I even tried to understand why the Democrats’ knee-jerk reaction was to blame Russia and third-party voters. As I studied the foreign policy of not only Hillary Clinton but Barack Obama, it became clear to me that the Democratic Party was not the progressive force I believed it was throughout my life. It was just as invested in preserving U.S. global hegemony as the Republican Party. So when I came to that conclu- sion, I started to question more.

How did the Democratic Party develop such loyalty among marginalized voters in spite of offering them so little? How can center-right politicians put up such a damn facade of radicalism? Are there any viable alternatives to the joke that is the two-party system? As I pondered these questions, it led me to do something I hadn’t done enough in the past.

Read more theory

To some extent, I was always disturbed by the injustices that plagued the world. It broke my heart to see people on the street, in the middle of winter, frostbitten, with nowhere to go. It rattled my core to hear daily stories of women getting abused, belittled and mistreated, and it perplexed me to know that LGBTQ+ people are not afforded the basic dignities that every human being is deserved.

As much as these oppressions disturbed me, I never had a proper, fundamental understanding of why these marginalized exist in the world and how they are fostered every single day. Moving beyond liberal political means of analyzing the roots of every axis of oppression; that meant studying theory from authors from marginalized backgrounds.

The more I read works from the likes of Audre Lorde, Leslie Feinberg, Frantz Fanon, Kimberlé Crenshaw, the more I was able to understand the axis of oppression beyond the standard, pernicious liberal fare. In addition to these authors, Marxist theory enabled me to appreciate the class struggle in a deeper, more intimate way.

Taking dialectical materialism to heart

All my life, I was led to believe all sorts of justifications for the status quo. The Constitution is permanent; the rich achieve success on their own merits; women are inherently less capable than men. After reading and engaging with Marxist theory, especially dialectical materialism, I now know that the status quo is not constant and that a better society is possible.

From that, I realized that systems of oppression are not due to an individual’s failure, but products of oppressive power structures that are not constant. All of this was accomplished through studying dialectical materialism, which I discovered that reality is a social construct used to reify class relations.

The most important thing I acquired in the process of learning about dialectical materialism is that kyrarchy—these interlinked oppressive power structures—are not natural nor permanent—it can be fought and it can be defeated. Knowing this, the next step is putting this awareness into practice.

You are not alone

Growing up in a capitalist society like the U.S., one is socialized into the hypercompetitive “dog-eat- dog” mindset, where both successes and failures are evaluated through an individualistic lens. If you are rich and successful, it is because you worked hard for it, and if you are poor and destitute, you are probably not motivated and driven.

Over these past few years, I have unlearned these individualistic, meritocratic modes of judgment and realized that the masses are more important than the individual. You are not a failure if you ask for help, and you are not a failure if you appear vulnerable.

Personally, I have discovered great ways to prac- tice this in my day-to-day life. These include organizing, joining political groups dedicated to building class consciousness and forming study groups to reinforce important political theory in concepts.

I have grown immensely over these past four years, and even though I wish I knew these things when I was younger, I know them now and am all the better for it.
Sanctions = Health terrorism

By Betsy Piette

A timely international webinar, sponsored by SanctionsKill.org on May 9, featured representatives from Cuba, Iran, Nicaragua, Syria and Venezuela, plus a statement from Zimbabwe addressing the devastating impact of global sanctions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 1,000 people from nearly every continent, including multiple U.S. cities, viewed the event. The United National Antiwars Coalition hosted the event, which Popular Resistance streamed, providing over 4,000 additional views.

During the coronavirus crisis, the U.S., with the highest global death count, has cruelly intensified sanctions and military threats, effectively weaponizing COVID-19 to bring about regime change in countries whose governments refuse to follow the dictates of Washington and Wall Street. Countries under sanctions are officially imposed on 39 countries — over a third of the world’s population — and colonized Puerto Rico through the Jones Act. The sanctions deny access to medicine and medical equipment vital for fighting COVID-19, as well as to work markets and educational opportunities.

While the U.S. has called for loosening of sanctions, and several countries, including many U.S. allies, have defined them and sent medical aid, it is more critical than ever that people in the U.S. strongly denounce the sanctions, which are essentially acts of war.

‘Sanctions are a declaration of war’

Chargé d’affaires of the Cuban Mission to the U.S. Ana Silvia Rodríguez Abascal opened the program, noting that she has lived all her life under the economic blockade imposed by the U.S. on Cuba in 1962. “An array of restrictions and laws have been signed over the years, strengthening the blockade,” she explained, “but over the last year the very aggressive policies of the current administration have damaged the economy by intentionally targeting hotels and the tourism industry and restricting flights to Cuba.”

Abascal described how sanctions have escalated during the COVID-19 crisis, preventing the import of medical equipment and other supplies necessary to address the pandemic. “Multinationalism and anti-imperialist solidarity are essentials,” she said, “and we reject the imposition of sanctions during this extraordinary circumstance that requires unification of international, regional and national measures, new and other supplies necessary to address the pandemic.”

A statement from Dr. Frank Guni, Secretary for Administration, ZANU-PF North America, was read by Nicole Clay of the December 12 Movement. Guni explained that the struggle for independence from imperialism was focused on returning a free and independent country. “For the West this was an insult — that the Zimbabwe people dared to take their land back, so the U.S. set about to destroy our economy.” President Clinton was instrumental in cutting off our country from the international trade and development fundamental to growth.

“Despite the heavy-handed war sanctions, what the U.S. has not been able to do to the Zimbabwean people is to destroy our economy. We have managed to import enough maize to feed the entire population and to continue our agricultural production.”

Several ZANU-PF officials at the program called for a political solution to problems facing their country. This includes an end to US-imposed sanctions that restrict access to the medicines and equipment needed to fight COVID-19, to access our own funds, frozen by sanctions.

Nicaraguan Ambassador to the U.S. Francisco O. Campbell described the hardships and poverty caused by sanctions. “The Nicaraguan government’s policy of reconciliation and national unity to fight poverty was sustained by a strong participatory democracy, which until recently had gross domestic product growth of 5 percent annually,” Campbell said. “We provided free health care and education over the past forty years.”

In 2007 President George W. Bush suspended all U.S. trade with Nicaragua, and in 2011 imposed travel sanctions. Today the U.S. government uses its international influence to restrict Nicaragua’s access to loans in violation of international law.

“While the U.S. sanctions have impacted our health care system and ability to deal with COVID-19, Nicaragua’s model public health care brigades, social distancing, contact tracing and border control agreements with Honduras and Costa Rica have limited the spread,” Campbell concluded, “Cuba, China and others are providing assistance, and we are confident that the indomitable spirit and determination of the Nicaraguan people will prevail.”

Sanctions = economic war

Syrian Ambassador to the U.N. Dr. Bashar Ja’afari stated, “We suffer from too many viruses — some human, some economic.” It is naive to believe that economic sanctions, slow development efforts and change efforts through military intervention and imposition of sanctions have left humanity suffering. COVID-19, an extraordinary circumstance that requires unification of international, regional and national measures, poses new challenges to the Syrian government.

“While the U.S. embargo of Syria is unable to access our own funds, frozen by sanctions and U.S. pressure on international banks…” The sanctions amount to health terrorism, on top of political, economic, financial, media and military terrorism by the U.S.,” Ja’afari said. “In March, U.N. Secretary General António Guterres called for the lifting of sanctions, but since then all initiatives and draft resolutions have been infiltration by the West.”

Iranian Ambassador to the U.N. Majid Takht-Ravanchi addressed the negative impact of sanctions on his country’s ability to fight COVID-19. “The disease spreads like wildfire and the continued sanctions undermine our ability to fight it.” Iran is experiencing one of the worst outbreaks of the crisis, due to the fact that Iran’s medical facilities, doctors and nurses are among some of the finest in the world, recognized by the World Health Organization.

“U.N. officials claim that humanitarian and medical needs are exempt from sanctions…” but several countries that supplied medicines and equipment to fight COVID-19 have stopped shipping to Iran because the sanctions make it impossible.

We need to be able to fight COVID-19 without any hindrance.”

Venezuela’s Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Carlos J. Ron Martinez called for countries under sanctions to come together to challenge the U.S. Martinez described U.S. aggression, including sanctions dating back to 2006, but escalated under the current administration, and the recent failed military attack. “We have received multinational solidarity from Cuba, China, and Russia, and the WHO, who has provided insulin, test kits and supplies. Venezuela today is the country in this region which has carried out the highest number of tests — 6,000 per million inhabitants — surveyed over 19 million people, and sent teams of 11,000 doctors to visit homes.”

In the final question-and-answer period, Martinez called on global movements to challenge the validity of sanctions which have become accepted policy. “We are in the middle of something as tragic as this pandemic and still there are U.S. lawmakers defending the use of sanctions. There has to be a political cost, not just criticism. … These policies destroy the economies of nations for years to come and effect whole populations. … We have to end this culture where regressive measures are acceptable as foreign policy.”

SanctionsKill.org organizers urged viewers to sign and share a pledge, available on the website, to oppose military action and continued U.S. sanctions.

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Justice for the events of May 13, 1985, would have included prosecuting city officials involved in the bombing. That’s why the community association protested the 2018 naming of a street after former Mayor Frank Rizzo.

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The most important chapter will be added when the people finally win freeedom for Mumia Abu-Jamal.
An all-too-familiar occurrence

Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old emergency medical technician in Louisville, Ky., was killed by eight police bullets as she lay in her bed at 1 a.m. on March 13. This tragic incident is an all-too-familiar event. Another young Black person has died at the hands of the shoot-first, ask-questions-later police.

The police excuse for this horrific execution was that they had a warrant to search for drugs at Taylor’s home. It turned out that a different house had already been raided and an arrest made on the same warrant just hours earlier.

Taylor’s partner, Kenneth Walker, who is also Black and is registered to carry a weapon, fired his gun at the people forcing their way into the house — who turned out to be two detectives and one police officer. Walker also called 911 before the police indiscriminately fired into the bedroom.

The lawsuit explains: “The defendants then proceeded to spray gunfire into the residence with a total disregard for the value of human life. The defensive force used against the defendants was due to their forcible and unlawful entry into Breonna’s home.” (CNN, May 13)

The heinous murder of Breonna Taylor is not an isolated incident. It comes after the February murder by two neoacists of 25-year-old Ahmaud Arbery while he was jogging in Brunswick, Ga. Besides both being African Americans, both Taylor and Arbery died at the hands of racist terrorists, legal and extralegal, in and out of uniform. White supremacy, but in different forms. Both of these killings illustrate vividly the protest chant: “Cops and Klan go hand-in-hand.”

Breonna Taylor was an EMT who worked at two hospitals. She was one of the millions of heroic essential workers on the front line attempting to save lives during this horrific pandemic. Now her young life has been cut short, not by COVID-19 but by police terrorism. All charges should be dropped immediately against her partner, Kenneth Walker.

Pandemic or no pandemic, her death and Arbery’s show that as long as the capitalist system exists, the struggle for Black Lives Matter will not go away; it will not be silenced.

Malcolm X, Ho Chi Minh ¡presente!

This editorial first appeared on workers.org on May 18, 2018.

We celebrate on May 19 the birthdays of two world-bending revolutionaries, Ho Chi Minh and Malcolm X. Born in 1899 in central Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh was the Marxist-Leninist communist who forged and led a people’s movement and army that defeated the invading imperialist might of both France and the United States and ultimately liberated Vietnam from colonialism.

Born in 1925 in the U.S., Malcolm X was the African-American leader who raised to global attention the concepts of Black nationalism, Black self-defense and the right to defend herself from exploitation by the white-formerly-black imperialists. Malcolm X and Ho Chi Minh unite to give a profound lesson in building international solidarity with oppressed people and nations.

In 1944 — the year before Malcolm X was born — at the Fifth Congress of the Communist International in Moscow, Ho Chi Minh made a presentation during a session on the “National and colonial question.” He emphasized the importance of support for the Black liberation struggle in the U.S., saying in part: “It is well-known that the Black race is the most oppressed and the most exploited of the human family. It is well-known that the spread of capitalism and the discovery of the New World had as an immediate result the rebirth of slavery. … What everyone does not perhaps know is that after sixty-five years of so-called emancipation, [Black people in the U.S.] still endure atrocious moral and material sufferings.” (tinyurl.com/nj6ck6)

Forty years later, in 1964, Malcolm X, El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, put the Black liberation struggle in a worldwide context, saying: “It is incorrect to classify the revolt of [Black people] as simply a racial conflict of Black against white, or as a purely [U.S.] American problem. Rather, we are today seeing a global rebellion of the oppressed against the oppressor exploited against the exploiter.” (Malcolm X Speaks)

And he acknowledged the centrality of the national liberation war led by Ho Chi Minh to that global rebellion, saying: “Viet Nam is the struggle of all third-world nations — the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism.” (1972 interview with Yuri Kochiyama, tinyurl.com/k93qczq)

The voices of both these revolutionaries ring out with the clarion call of SOLIDARITY as the path to a future of justice and liberation.

They remind us that we of the multi-national, multi-tribal, global working class have a common oppressor in imperialist capitalism.

We can resist its racist, its anti- woman and anti-LGBTQ2+ bigotry, its anti-immigrant hatred.

We can — and must — rise up in resistance.

In the hearts and minds of Nicaraguan people

Augusto Sandino ¡presente!

By Camilo Mejía

Nicaraguan-born anti-imperialist and Iraq war resister Camilo Mejía gave a talk on Feb. 21 at the United National Antiwar Coalition meeting at The Worker’s Forum in New York. Below is an excerpt from his remarks in tribute to General Augusto Nicolás Sandino:

Between the years of 1926 and 1933, the United States used a big portion of its military power — including tanks, artillery and thousands of well-armed U.S. Marines, to capture and kill the last remaining rebel general in Nicaragua, Augusto César Sandino. General Sandino gave birth to the popular, anti-imperialist struggle for sovereignty and independence from the United States when he refused to accept terms of a truce that would have had him handing control of the country and its resources to the United States; instead, he continued to fight a guerrilla war in which he and his troops were at a gross disadvantage.

Yet thanks to intimate knowledge of the terrain, popular support and the unbreakable resolve of his patriotic army, Gen. Sandino prevailed in 1933, and since then the Marines have never occupied Nicaraguan territory again.

However, the United States did not give up; they simply resorted to the use of lies and betrayal to obtain what Gen. Sandino had denied them for years in battle. They employed the services of a bourgeois lib- eral general named Anastasio Somoza to lure Gen. Sandino into a trap, and Somoza assassinated Gen. Sandino exactly 86 years ago today (Feb. 21).

But the legacy of Gen. Sandino inspired the struggle for liberation of a revolu- tionary movement that not only eventually defeated what became the Somoza dynasty, which ruled Nicaragua for more than 40 years, but which also became one of the three governments collectively known today as the tria de tyranny. Of course I am talking about the Sandinista National Liberation Front or FSLN.
Part 1, ‘Ecuador’s pandemic: Rightist regime fails to confront crisis,’ is available at workers.org.

In a “war against workers,” President Lenin Moreno’s regime is exploiting the pandemic crisis to advance its reactionary agenda. The same International Monetary Fund austerity package that provoked the great uprising in Ecuador the first week of October 2019. On March 25, Minister of Health Dr. Catalina Andramuño resigned, criticizing the government when she could no longer comfortably defend Moreno’s obscene layoffs and budget cuts. In a public statement on April 19 that 72 doctors had died (which contradicted Ministry of Public Health data) and quoted Andramuño’s replacement: “Minister Juan Carlos Zevallos said that most of the doctors and nurses with COVID-19 did not necessarily catch it inside the hospitals. It was ‘community contagion’ or health personnel brought it into these settings.” The insensitivity is nothing short of outrageous. Government officials are the biggest source of fake news.

The underlying economic catastrophe is analyzed in a series of articles by economist Jonathan Baez on alainet.org, to inject liquidity and prevent at all costs the outflow of capital. It is essential that the state powers allow the financing capacities of the Central Bank of Ecuador (BCE) to be recovered by the bankers and the IMF, that the electronic money mechanism be recovered by the BCE, a payment mechanism that [Moreno] handed over to the private banks and that at present would [enable the masses] to pay for goods and services, without the need for handling physical money, which is a source of [coronavirus] contagion.”

How neoliberal policies cost lives

Baez asked, “How many lives would have been saved if resources had been available? How many doctors would not have been infected in their work to save lives if they were equipped with the necessary resources?” (alainet.org, April 16)

Baez said that Moreno’s government slashed Ecuador’s national public health investment by 36 percent and fired more than 3,000 doctors and nurses in 2019. Right-wing Minister of Finance Richard Martínez paid $341 million, including interest, on March 24 to a mechanism be recovered by the CBE, a payment mechanism that [Moreno] handed over to the private banks and the IMF, that the electronic money was recovered by the BCE, a payment mechanism that [Moreno] handed over to the private banks and that at present would enable the masses to pay for goods and services, without the need for handling physical money, which is a source of [coronavirus] contagion.”

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By Michael Otto

Ibarra, Ecuador

The greatest danger was that armed forces would contaminate the communities. In response Indigenous leaders organized the people to block access roads which invaded territory of their agricultural products to the cities where they were normally sold.

Leonidas Iza, president of the Indigenous and Peasant Movement of Cotopaxi, was interviewed in the city of Loja in the south of Ecuador on March 23 by Radio Periférica (radio.org). “The health crisis affects all peoples, Indigenous peoples and Afro-Ecuadorians,” said Iza. He urged the government to cease the policy of following a policy of solidarity, reciprocity, ‘rendi randi’ [the Quechuan phrase is translated “to give and receive”], because “we all need each other.”

Indigenous and peasant communities do not have coverage from the public health system. That is why we have strengthened our internal ancestral health system; because of that, we have our own cultural doctors. However, diseases like the coronavirus are complicated.” Iza warned that “a single outbreak in our communities could cause a collective panic, since our practices in all activities are developed collectively. We cannot move our products from the countryside to the big cities now. Our people don’t only work in the countryside, but also in the cities.”

“We are asking the central government to set up an emergency health fund. There are families who live from day-to-day, from informal trade, from daily sales, from piecework. None of the national government’s policies are designed for this sector.”

“The government would buy directly from the peasants, and transfer the products free of charge to [the informal and poor] sectors of the population. Guarantee the direct transfer of our products to the cities to avoid the production in the countryside would not stop due to low prices. We have already lowered our prices, but the middle men have not. And that is exactly where speculation is born.”

“We cannot allow the National Government to only guarantee the profits of the large food companies and prevent us small farmers from taking our products to the city.”

CONAIE asks for unified demands

Another Indigenous movement, the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities (CONAIE), negotiated with the central government to end the October 2019 uprising. On May Day this year, CONAIE proclaimed that what was needed is to unite “the demands of the Indigenous movement, the trade union movements, social organizations, the women’s movement and the people in general.” The May Day manifesto demanded that the rich be made to pay for the economic catastrophe they have created, not the people.

Multinational mining and oil operations continue during the pandemic, adding to class conflict and threatening communities of Indigenous peoples with extinction. The rupture of three oil pipelines caused by a sinkhole on April 7, in the northern Amazon, impacts 150 isolated Amazonian communities whose well-being depends on the river.

Part 3: Interviews with Ecuadoreans.
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Por Larry Holmes

Gran parte de las discusiones en el internet sobre el mejor camino hacia el socialismo a raíz de la nueva popularidad del socialismo, que ha estimulado el crecimiento de los socialistas demócratas de América y la campaña de Bernie Sanders, tienden a tener un defecto importante. En general, las discusiones parecen suponer que debido a que las condiciones desfavorables para la radicalización de la clase trabajadora han perdurado durante mucho tiempo, son estáticas e inmutables para siempre. Como tal, las conclusiones son que el período del leninismo y la revolución han pasado hace mucho tiempo y que la clase trabajadora en Estados Unidos nunca不会再起草一份为改变而战的誓言，去争取一个社会和经济变革的机会。这一个时期在历史上是非常虚弱的，而且随着杜鲁门在选战中的失败，这种失败甚至会有更大的危险，而且更严重的危险。

Así, aún el simple hecho de que un demagogo y charlatán vergonzosamente inestable e incompetente sea el líder del imperialismo estadounidense dice mucho sobre el estado de la clase dominante estadounidense. La mayoría de las personas que necesitan el poco dinero de ayuda que se suministra a los más necesitados no han recibido todavía o no son elegibles para recibirlo. Así, el gobierno nunca ha pretendido proporcionar un fondo de ayuda de emergencia en esta escala antes. Y nunca han hecho algo así en tan poco tiempo sin una gran lucha de masas que lo obligue a hacerlo.

Los capitalistas han hecho esto hasta ahora es una señal de cuán drástica e inusual es esta crisis. Algunos de los grandes capitalistas están quejándose de que el gobierno está invadiendo el capitalismo y está agregando billones de dólares a la deuda que compite con el sistema. ¿Quieres que la clase dominante cuando el sorprendente alcance del desempleo se vuelva innegable e ineficaz? Si la fuerza de la clase dominante logran llegar a un acuerdo entre ellas para continuar brindando cantidades históricamente masivas de ayuda de emergencia a la economía de forma indefinida, tal vez ellos puedan evitar una rebelión social, mientras intentan encontrar una salida a la crisis. Ese escenario parece poco probable. Es más probable que los capitalistas y sus políticos no acepten seguir gastando. La economía capitalista podría desplomarse en una caída libre. El aparato político del sistema a nivel nacional y en cada nivel inferior que podría paralizarse y comenzar a desmoronarse. La policía, en quien se basa el sistema de defensa contra los trabajadores, puede desmoronarse e ineficaz. Los miembros de las fuerzas armadas podrían divinir bine a la clase. Imagínese bajo estas circunstancias si el movimiento de la clase trabajadora estuviera creciendo y envalentonado, altamente organizado y preparado para una lucha por el poder. Este escenario suena demasiado bueno para ser cierto. Lo que realmente se desarrolla será mucho más complejo y prolongado que esto. Sin embargo, nunca haremos una revolución a menos que podamos imaginar la posibilidad de una.

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¿Un nuevo peligro fascista?

No hay ilusión más los peligros para el movimiento obrero que las amenazas de guerra y fascismo. Las potencias imperialistas utilizarán ambas armas para desviar la atención del capitalismo en crisis. El peligro más inmediato es el colapso económico catastrófico, una clase dominante destruida y una gran parte de la pequeña burguesía que pierde sus negocios con las condiciones laborales podría empezar a una sección de la clase dominante a recurrir al fascismo para salvar su sistema. Trump ha ayudado a alcanzar el camino para tal contingencia.

Tenemos que tomar este peligro extremadamente en serio. Sin embargo, puede no surgir porque un movimiento fascista sea lo suficientemente fuerte como para hacerse cargo del gobierno y el aparato estatal. El factor decisivo no será ninguna elección en particular o si los líderes del Partido Demócrata tienen más cargos elegidos que los republicanos. El objetivo principal de los multimillonarios que financian un movimiento fascista en un momento de crisis atenta contra la economía de la clase trabajadora. Sin embargo, en última instancia, no será el tamaño y el nivel de organización del movimiento de la clase trabajadora, sino el sentido de su propia fuerza y poder, así como su orientación revolucionaria, lo que determinará que fuerza aplanará al otro.

Organización masiva de clase obrera: una necesidad política absoluta

Pensar en todo lo que está siendo sometida la clase trabajadora, se está levantando y luchando. Cuando las condiciones trabajadores vuelvan a ser seguras para que los trabajadores salgan a las calles en masa, y no podemos saber cuándo será eso, es probable que la ira y la rebelión masiva sea una formidable fuerza. Incluso en condiciones extremadamente difíciles, los trabajadores en todo el mundo tienen la habilidad de conseguir un movimiento fascista sea lo suficientemente fuerte como para hacerse cargo del gobierno y el aparato estatal. El factor decisivo no será ninguna elección en particular o si los líderes del Partido Demócrata tienen más cargos elegidos que los republicanos. El objetivo principal de los multimillonarios que financian un movimiento fascista en un momento de crisis atenta contra la economía de la clase trabajadora. Sin embargo, en última instancia, no será el tamaño y el nivel de organización del movimiento de la clase trabajadora, sino el sentido de su propia fuerza y poder, así como su orientación revolucionaria, lo que determinará que fuerza aplanará al otro.