Release the evidence and arrest killers of Breonna Taylor!

By Monica Moorehead

Sept. 26 - Protests erupted around the U.S. on Sept. 23 when the announce- ment first came down that no police offi- cers would be charged in the murder of Breonna Taylor. She had been shot to death in her bed in Louisville, Ky., on March 13.

These protests took place in the thousands over multiple days in both Louisville and New York City. In New York, an interstate and a bridge between Brooklyn and Manhattan were both shut down.

In Louisville, demonstrators defied curfews and risked arrest as local police and the National Guard attempted to intimidate them with tear gas and swing- ing batons. Among those arrested were one state legislator in Kentucky, who is facing one felony count for “rioting” and two misdemeanor charges.

Other protests took place in large and small cities, including Philadelphia, Seattle, St. Louis, Denver, Nashville, Tenn., Oakland, Calif., Boston, Detroit, Eugene, Ore., Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington, and elsewhere. Athletes and coaches expressed anger and frustration in the National Basketball Association and Women’s NBA playoff bubbles. All the teams in the WNBA have devoted their playoffs to Breonna Taylor.

The University of Louisville men’s bas- ketball team led a protest on Sept. 25 in Louisville.

The main political themes of these demonstrations, besides “Arrest the kill- ers of Breonna Taylor,” were also “Abolish the police!” and “Defund the police!” The murder of Taylor has generated a national outcry demanding police accountability for the murders of Black and Brown women, men and children and in defense of Black Lives Matter.

More than six months after the heinous March 13 murder of Taylor — a 26-year- old African American emergency medical technician — by three white Louisville, Ky., police officers, a secret grand jury on Sept. 23 charged only one of those officers with three counts of “wanton endanger- ment.” And this was after four months of supposed investigation.

Outraged by grand jury ruling, protesters shut down I-64 in Louisville, Ky., on Sept. 24.

What does this mean exactly? It means that Officer Brett Hankison was charged only with endangering others, when bul- lets he sprayed into Taylor’s apartment traveled into a neighboring unit, threat- ening the lives of three neighbors, who are white. Not one single charge was filed against the other two cops. Hankison is now out on $15,000 bail.

Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron (R) made the announcement, explaining that the three cops were justifi- ed in shooting multiple rounds — six of which hit Taylor as she was sleeping — in “self-defense.” Taylor’s partner, Kenneth Walker, shot at the cops when they broke down Taylor’s door with a battering ram.

Cameron’s claims that Walker wounded one of the cops turned out to be false based on a recent ballistics report. (courier-journal.com, Sept. 27)

They were carrying out a “no-knock” search warrant during an ill-advised drug bust.

Walker stated that the cops never announced who they were, as he tried to defend Taylor and himself. Rep. Scott proposed a statewide law to negate the “no-knock” warrant, which was recently

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The Left, the election crisis & ‘the elephant in the room’

By Larry Holmes

The writer is First Secretary of Workers World Party.

The head of the U.S. Postal Service is sabotaging delivery of ballots through the mail. Trump is acting like he won’t step right now to intervene in the event of any fascist developments in November.

The political crisis in the ruling class going to do about this?” Communist leaders like Rosa Luxembourg, Antonio Gramsci, or Harry Haywood would ask their comrades: “How can the working class intervene in this crisis to defend its own class interests?”

During the times when these noted revolutionaries were active in Germany, Italy, and the U.S., it was understood by all the cadre and militants in the working class that the working class was ulti- mately the only class that could change the big equation — and finally, end capi- talism. Moreover, it was understood that if the working class did not intervene during a political crisis, something very bad might happen, like the faction within

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Jalil Muntaqim scheduled for release — Free them all!

By Judy Greenspan

The New York State Parole Board has finally ordered the release of Jalil Muntaqim, aka Anthony Bottom, a former member of the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army. Imprisoned for nearly 50 years, since he was 19, Muntaqim is one of the longest-held political prisoners in the world.

At the end of April, the New York State Supreme Court ordered Muntaqim released because both his age and serious medical conditions, including heart disease and chronic respiratory conditions, made him vulnerable to the coronavirus. Before he could be freed, however, Muntaqim contracted COVID-19, became very ill and was hospitalized.

Fortunately, he recovered and survived, no thanks to the murderous and unforgiving prison system.

Muntaqim was born and raised in Oakland, Calif. He was arrested with Albert “Nilt” Washington after a shoot-out with San Francisco police in 1971, shortly after George Jackson was assassinated at San Quentin prison, Muntaqim was later charged with the shooting of two police officers in Harlem, N.Y. He was prosecuted with Washington and Herman Bell, both former Black Panther Party members.

Washington died in prison in 2000 and Bell was released on parole in 2018. There is still a group of political activists and revolutionaries like Muntaqim who have been held hostage for decades in U.S. prisons for their radical and revolutionary activities against racism, police terror, occupation and U.S. military interventions.

Leonard Peltier, Edward Poindexter, Mumia Abu-Jamal, Sundiata Acoli, Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, and David Gilbert are all few. For more information about U.S. political prisoners, check out freedomsarchive.org and theerichomovement.com. The Prisoners Solidarity Committee of Workers World Party welcomes the announcement of the release of Jalil Muntaqim. It is long overdue and every additional day that he spends in prison is a threat to his life.

The PSC demands the immediate release of all political prisoners and the abolition of this entire prison system, which only serves to oppress the working class, especially Black and Brown poor people of color. ☑

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The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people’s movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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Palestinian and Irish hunger strike in prisons in Ireland

By Christian Noakes

Issam Hijjawi-Bassalat, a Palestinian doctor and dedicated anti-imperialist, was arrested on Aug. 24 along with nine members of the Irish Republican Party Saoradh, as a result of entrapment by the British police agency MI5. These arrests are part of the ongoing repression of the Irish Republican movement* by British military and intelligence forces.

The prisoners were taken to British-operated Maghaberry Prison in Antrim, one of the Occupied Six Counties in Ireland’s north. After undergoing the initial 14-day isolation now being practiced during the COVID-19 pandemic, they were taken to Roe House at Maghaberry, which is used to detain Republican political prisoners.

Due to persisting, numerous health problems, Dr. Hijjawi-Bassalat, who is 62 years old, was taken to a hospital outside an MRI scan. However, after the procedure he was separated from his comrades and placed in dilapidated Foyle House at the same prison, where political prisoners are held — instead of being taken back to Roe House. Authorities claimed he had to undergo another 14 days of isolation to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

However, this claim is contradicted by the preferential treatment given to loyalist prisoners. The Irish Republican Prisoners Welfare Association (IRPWA) Facebook page posted a message from a Republican prisoner on Roe 4 landing at Maghaberry jail.

It states: “Issam is being needlessly held in the fifth and squalor of the occupation’s Foyle House in intense pain, unable to sit or lay down. …”

The statement continues: “There is no logic to Issam being held [there] … as over the past two-week period, two loyalist prisoners were taken to outside hospitals and returned to loyalist Bush House. They were not forced to endure the 14-day, 24-hour lock-up set up for a COVID isolation”. This is clear proof that the occupiers’ MI5-led jail administration is using the isolation of Issam as a tool to persecute loyalist prisoners.

Cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Foyle House, too. Additionally, there is plenty of room in the Republican section of Roe House to allow Dr. Hijjawi-Bassalat to be in isolation, say Republican activists.

In response to such blatant, brutal repression, Dr. Hijjawi-Bassalat began a hunger strike on Sept. 16 to demand his return to the jail’s Republican wing. He has been joined in his strike by at least 50 Irish republican political prisoners in both Maghaberry Prison and Portlaoise Jail in County Laois in the Free State (commonly referred to as the “Republic of Ireland”).

Women incarcerated at the Hydebank Women’s Prison in Belfast are also currently on hunger strike, said Irish Republican Prisoners Welfare Association on Sept. 28. They have sent food on Sept. 23, and stated: “We unreservedly support Issam in his hunger strike and his demand for immediate return to Republican Roe House.” (The Irish News, Sept. 24)

Activists on the outside have also committed to fasting in solidarity. The hunger strikers are continuing the struggle of Irish Republican hunger strikers, such as Bobby Sands. Thirty-nine years ago, this hero fought to the death for political status and basic human dignity.

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Much like Irish political prisoners, Palestinians have a long history of demanding their humanity through tactics such as hunger strikes. Like their anti-imperialist comrades resisting oppression in Ireland, over 300 prisoners plan to go on hunger strike Sept. 24 to protest the appalling conditions, brutality and repression in Israel’s Ofer Prison in the Occupied West Bank. (Palestine Information Center, Sept. 22)

Solidarity actions with Dr. Hijjawi-Bassalat and the Republican political prisoners have been held in several cities in the north and in Dublin, as well as in Glasgow, Scotland and London. IRPWA is organizing a 24-hour solidarity fast to protest their imprisonment in Ireland on Sept. 26. They will set up a camp outside Maghaberry jail, picket the Kennedy Center in West Belfast, then travel by car to the Wall at the monastery’s gates where they will hold a rally.

How you can help!

In addition to pressuring British occupation forces, supporters from around the world can write letters to the hunger strikers. Contact Samidoun Palestine Prisoners Solidarity Network via Facebook or email at samidoun@samidoun.net. Also, see Irish Republican Prisoners Welfare Association Facebook page.

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Federal executions paused, racism continues

By Gloria Rubac

Houston

In the previous 56 years, the U.S. government has executed 1,952 people. But for the 2,500 men and women who kill white people, death row is a free-for-all. Several families of men on death row protested the two executions during the COVID-19 pandemic, they were taken to an outside hospital in intense pain, unable to sit or lay down — a clear case of COVID isolation...

Several families of men on death row protested the two executions during the week of Sept. 21, in Washington, D.C., and outside the prison in Terre Haute. Rodrick Reed, brother of Wana Reed and Rodney Reed, who are fighting to free Rodrick’s brother, Rodney Reed, from Texas death row.

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USPS: den of thieves behind DeJoy

By Joe Piette

Many postal workers and the millions of people who support the U.S. Postal Service think its current problems began June 15, when President Trump appointed Postmaster General (PMG). However, the initial assault dates back to April 12, 2018, when President Trump’s Executive Order 13894 created the Task Force on United States Postal System, with Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin as chair. As a former president of the Air Line Pilots Association, Moak negotiated collective bargaining contracts, during a period of airline mergers and consolidations. He helps us to achieve desired outcomes, meet commercial objectives, launch tactical campaigns that allow us to develop and execute innovative strategies and campaigns that allow us to achieve desired outcomes. (tinyurl.com/y3gbx6z5)

Lehman Brothers was implicated in predatory lending in which Black and high-risk lenders, while high-

income, white borrowers were served primarily by conventional lending institu-
tions. With $600 billion in assets, Lehman went bankrupt in 2008—the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history—triggering widespread defaults. (Italics in original) (tinyurl.com/y38gh2z)

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Launch of a ‘protester suppression’ bill

By Devin C
Occupied Creek/Muscogee territory — Pensacola, Fla.

In a Sept. 22 press conference, Florida far-right Governor Ron DeSantis launched a new attack against the continuing protests for Black lives with the announcement of a reactionary legislative bill, the “Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act.” The bill would drastically intensify criminal charges against protesters, and it would allow civilians to harm protesters with few to no repercussions.

The bill is part of an accelerating wave of neo-Nazi, white-supremacist assault — both legal and vigilante — on protests which have flooded the country after the Minneapolis police murder of George Floyd in May. Right-wing Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced a set of similar legislative bills Sept. 24.

Workers World Party-Central Gulf Coast branch met the threat by DeSantis with a “Fightback Against Protest Suppression” rally of staunch activists in downtown Pensacola on Sept. 26. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sally, with communication networks down, representatives of Socialist Trans Initiative, Black Voters Matter and the wwp branch denounced the governor’s attempt to suppress protest and called for “Justice for Breonna Taylor.” Taylor was killed as she slept, when cops invaded her Kentucky residence in March.

A new ‘Protester Suppression Act’

DeSantis’ bill would make blocking traffic during an “unpermitted protest” a third-degree felony and would hold the driver not liable for injury or death, if they “feel for their safety.” There have been scores of incidents during the recent uprisings where racists intentionally drove into crowds to harm and kill protesters. This bill would allow these attackers to avoid charges, if they use the same racist excuse that killer cops give for shooting Black people: “I feared for my life.”

In addition, the bill would make destroying or toppling any monuments a second-degree felony. This is a direct attack on protesters after several years of them pulling down racist Confederate statues. It is no surprise to anti-racists, anti-colonialist protesters that statues and monuments to colonialism and white supremacy are being protected, while thousands of people — the majority Black, Brown and poor people — are dying from COVID-19 because of medical malpractice by the state.

One of the most egregious additions made in the proposed law is assigning RICO liability to anyone who organizes a protest or assembly deemed “disorderly” or “violent” — a designation solely in the hands of police or other state entities. The Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations law enables prosecution of all individuals involved in an organization ruled “criminal.” This means, for instance, if a social justice group organizes a rally which police declare “disorderly,” the state could arrest everyone in the organization under a RICO liability, making all members liable to criminal charges. This is an attempt to crush entire organizations that are in the streets fighting white supremacy.

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redact this openly racist, misogynist, antilabor, right-wing administration.

DeJoy denies his actions are meant to help Trump’s reelection, claiming Trump “is incorrect” when he repeatedly rails against mail-in voting and falsely claims the postal service will be unable to deliver ballots in a timely manner, and that it will lead to widespread voter fraud.

DeJoy’s comments resemble those of a person fixing a few things and cleaning their car or home — before putting it on the market. Privatization of the postal service has been a goal of its competitors for decades. This may be the most serious and organized assault on its existence ever put together.

Whether Trump and DeJoy are working closely together or not, their actions cause people to lose confidence in the post office’s ability to deliver their letters, medicines, parcels and voter ballots on time. This means, for instance, if a social justice group organizes a rally which police declare “disorderly,” the state could arrest everyone in the organization under a RICO liability, making all members liable to criminal charges. This is an attempt to crush entire organizations that are in the streets fighting white supremacy.

The Florida bill would also increase the mandatory minimum sentence for “striking a law enforcement officer,” mandating anyone convicted of that crime to remain incarcerated for at least six months. Of course, activist video documentation shows that cops are most often violent aggressors at protests — and then later charge protesters who defend themselves with “striking a law enforcement officer.”

In an attack on the “Defund, Disarm, Abolish the Police” movement, the DeSantis bill would prohibit state grants or aid to any local government that slashes the budget for law enforcement services. Masses of people in many communities are now demanding police budgets be cut in order to fund community projects and services. The bill’s far-right message is clear: Community programs must suffer — and communities must suffer under a police state.

Finally, the bill directly attacks jail support for protesters who are arrested. It denies bail or bond until the first appearance in court, if a person is charged with a crime related to “disorderly or violent assembly.” In the last several months, there has been movement that new protesters being thrown in jail and kept in jail indefinitely while they await a hearing. This bill would solidify that approach, with the arrested person forced to remain in jail indefinitely until a hearing is scheduled, days or weeks later — effectively incarcerating people to keep them from rejoicing protests.

Activists in Florida are mobilizing more actions against this “Protester Suppression Act” — to say NO to a police state! ☐

‘Journey for Justice’ caravan begins on West Coast

By Lyn Neeley and Judy Greenspan

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Area and Portland, Ore., were the first two stops on the TPS (Temporary Protective Status) workers’ “Journey for Justice” caravan tour, which left Los Angeles on Sept. 21. Traveling in their bus, “La Libertad,” members of the two-month tour will stop in 46 cities to raise awareness and get support for the 300,000 TPS workers who have been stripped of their right to “legally” work in the U.S.

The TPS workers held a press conference and rally in front of the San Francisco Federal Building, where House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has an office. They want the federal government to reverse its decision to end TPS for 40,000 immigrant workers, some of whom have been working in the U.S. for nearly 40 years. Most recipients, like Claudia Lainez, of Oakland, a national TPS organizer who is on the bus trip with Stephanie, her 20-year-old U.S.-born daughter, are long-term residents with deep ties in their communities.

In Portland, a TPS press conference and rally were held Sept. 23 in front of the boarded-up building of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and then moved to the VOZ Worker Education Project center. The windows of the ICE facility have remained boarded up for more than a year, following Occupy ICE demonstrations that lasted from June 17 to Aug. 1, 2019.

Portland is the first U.S. city where Occupy ICE protesters were held against Trump’s “Zero Tolerance Policy,” which has led to the arrests of thousands of immigrants from Mexico while crossing into the U.S. and separated more than 2,300 children from their undocumented parents. During the protests, windows were smashed with rocks and dumpters were set on fire. ☐
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passed. She was recently arrested.

The fact that not one cop was charged with murder, not even manslaughter, for taking the life of this young Black woman, is but another tragic but important reason why the Black Lives Matter struggle deserves broad classwide solidarity.

It took the public lynching of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25 to help bring national and international awareness to Taylor’s murder, which had happened more than two months earlier.

Civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump commented following the ruling: “This is outrageous and offensive! If Brett Hankison’s behavior was wanton endangerment to people in neighboring apartments, then it should have been wanton endangerment in Breonna Taylor’s apartment, too. In fact, it should have been ruled wanton murder.” (Washington Post, Sept. 23)

Family demands ‘open the books’

The family of Breonna Taylor, including her mother, Tamika Palmer, and Walker were present at a Sept. 25 press conference in Louisville, along with family attorneys Crump and Lonita Baker. The lawyers and family are demanding that the secretive grand jury reveal the entire transcript to the world that led to their shocking ruling. They are also calling for a special prosecutor to be appointed to present evidence on behalf of Taylor before a grand jury.

Crump commented, “What did Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron present to the grand jury? Did he present any evidence on Breonna Taylor’s behalf? Or did he make a unilateral decision to put his thumb on the scales of justice to help try to exonerate and justify the killing of Breonna Taylor by these police officers? And in doing so, make sure that Breonna Taylor’s family never got their day in court.”

“Release the transcript so we have transparency. And if you did everything you could do on Breonna Taylor’s behalf, you shouldn’t have any problems whatsoever, Daniel Cameron, to release the transcript to see you fought for all of Kentucky’s citizens.” (ABC News, Sept. 25)

In a written statement read by Taylor’s aunt, Bianca Austin, Tamika Palmer stated that Cameron “had the power to do the right thing. He had the power to start the healing of this city. [He] helped me realize … it will always be us against them. That we are never safe when it comes to them.” She went on to say that she has “no faith in the legal system, in the police, in the laws that are not made to protect us Black and Brown people.”

Palmer said Cameron “alone didn’t fail her,” and that her daughter was also failed by “the judge who signed the search warrant … the terrorist who broke down her door … [and] the system as a whole.”

One of the grand jurors has filed a motion on Sept. 28. The motion demands that the recordings of the grand jury proceedings be released to the public. It states that “the jurors were not given proper instructions to include the option of indicting Sgt. Jon Mattingly and Detective Myles Cosgrove for firing the bullets that killed Taylor. The juror also asks to speak publicly on this matter.

Police and capitalism are intertwined

Palmer’s statement rings so true, not only with the individuals responsible for her daughter’s senseless death but the whole rigged, bigoted system of oppression. Abuses by the police, the courts, the prisons and the laws targeting Black and Brown people like George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Sandra Bland and countless others are not isolated instances. These institutions reflect bigoted, irreconcilable differences when it comes to race and class.

Under capitalism—a particular form of society that divides people into haves and have nots, the ruling class and the ruled—these institutions are not an election, that does not change class relations. Waging a global, classwide struggle to help empower the working class through workers’ assemblies, workers’ defense committees against right-wing fascists and other sustained, organized formations will win real justice for the Breonna Taylors and George Floyds of the world.

Seattle

Justice for Breonna Taylor and Black lives

By Jim McMahan

Seattle

Demonstrators marched here on Sept. 24 to protest the previous day’s decision by a grand jury in Louisville, Ky., not to bring charges against the cops who murdered Breonna Taylor. Hundreds took to the streets for hours, until after midnight, and marched on the Capitol Hill precinct, which is bunkered behind huge cement blocks.

In retaliation, the cops used blast balls and pepper spray, and even ran people over with their police bikes. The cop violence tended to inspire more people to join in. Thirteen anti-racists were arrested. Black Lives Matter protests have now continued in Seattle for at least 117 days straight. There’s a morning march, a day march and a night march. Black people lead the marches, which are held in different neighborhoods all over the city. The anti-racists sometimes disrupt status quo events and are sometimes attacked by the police. They are also holding trainings and educational events.

The Seattle City Council had voted for a budget proposal that would reduce police positions and invest the money saved in community-based programs. It would also cut the “navigation teams” that evict homeless people from their encampments.

Mayor Jenny Durkan vetoed the proposal, but on Sept. 22, feeling the pressure of the oppressed working class, the City Council voted 7-2 to override Mayor Durkan’s veto.

The groups King County Equity Now and Decriminalize Seattle, which represent oppressed communities, said in a statement: “The council’s move marks an urgent break from the decades of votes to expand racist policing.”

Boston

Justice for Breonna Taylor

At least four actions demanding Justice for Breonna Taylor took place in Boston on Sept. 26-27 weekend, drawing thousands of marchers. Mass Action Against Police Brutality’s Sept. 26 rally demanded Taylor’s Kentucky case be reopened, after none of the three killer cops who murdered her on March 13 were charged with causing her death. For six years, MAAPB has provided essential support to families who have suffered at the hands of Massachusetts police officers. And the group demands the reopening of nine recent local cases where cops have gotten away with murders, officially classified as “justified.”

The MAAPB marches ultimately joined a Party of Socialism and Liberation march on Boston Police headquarters—a force of occupation in the heart of the city’s Black community. The racist system fails to value Black lives from Louisville to Boston: Reopen the Cases Now! Justice for Breonna!—Workers World Boston bureau
Portland's people out-organize fascist groups

By Joshua Hanks
Portland, Ore.

People in this city — the scene of many past rallies by violent fascist groups — squared off once more with right-wing groups, led by the Proud Boys, on Sept. 26. Pro-fascists organized under the banner of combating the mass anti-racist movement, which has persisted in this city and across the country since Minneapolis police murdered George Floyd in late May. Anti-racists won today's confrontation.

The right-wing rally took place just weeks after an anti-fascist activist, in defense of a Black friend under deadly attack, gunned down a far-right aggressor at a similar event downtown. Police and federal forces later summarily executed the anti-racist shooter in a raid south of Seattle, Wash., without even the pretense of a fair trial before a judge.

On Sept. 25, 2020, the anti-fascists on Sept. 26 fascist gathering, which had been projected to bring thousands of far-rightists to a historically Black neighborhood in Portland’s north quadrant. Wide sectors condemned the fascist mobilization. Portland’s Mayor Ted Wheeler, who is also police commissioner, released a statement that day that Oregon’s Governor Kate Brown. Brown declared a state of emergency in Portland, positioning herself as an ally of those opposed to racism and fascism.

Yet Brown’s declaration was welcomed by the Proud Boys. A state of emergency allows police to deploy tear gas against protesters, who see the city as a left-ist stronghold, have targeted Portland. The fascists aim to provoke conflict with anti-fascists and cause chaos in order to advance their far-right ideology, which they disguise as free speech. These demonstrations have become more frequent and more violent over the years, with the White House now fanning the flames of violent racism.

Portland, along with Seattle and New York, was recently declared an “anarchist jurisdiction” by the Justice Department. Trump has built his re-election campaign on a “law and order” platform that paints a distorted portrait of cities under siege by allegedly violent leftists. The presi-dent and federal officials have targeted Portland in particular, as they attempted to quash the anti-fascist movement, without success.

The relatively weak Sept. 26 fascists tried to simulate a thousand counterprotesters at two separate parks. The event remained mostly calm, and as it concluded, the police directed the Portland's anti-fascists outnumber Proud Boys on Sept. 26.

As poverty deepens
Black community fights police terror

By Shelley Ettinger
San Antonio

After summer-long mobilizations against racism, white supremacy, and killer cops, activists in San Antonio con-tinued fighting on several fronts as fall arrived.

Outraged protests have been ongoing since Sept. 15, when officers of the San Antonio Police Department shot and killed Darrell Zemault Sr., a 93-year-old Black man, at his home in southwest San Antonio. The SAPD has repeatedly changed its story, trying to justify the killing. Zemault’s neighbors, who actu-ally witnessed the event, call it outright murder.

According to these witnesses, plain-clothes cops arrived in an unmarked van, dragged Zemault from his house, assaulted him, and shot him. Cops refused to allow a neighbor, who is a nurse, to attend to her friend while they huddled for 10 minutes in what witnesses character-ized as an effort to get their story straight. Meanwhile, Darrell Zemault died out. When he was finally taken to a hos-pital by ambulance, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Police claim they were trying to serve Zemault with a two-month-old warrant, that Zemault resisted arrest, initiated a physical struggle, and grabbed a cop’s gun. With eyewitnesses disputing that as a patent lie, Zemault’s family and Black Lives Matter activists charged a cover-up and demand that the SAPD release the cops’ bodycam footage.

Backed by Mayor Ron Zinenberg, a lib-eral, the SAPD has refused to release the video footage.

Celeste Brown, a local BLM leader who told reporters Zemault was “like a second father” to her, challenged every part of the SAPD’s story.

Brown said, “I’m out marching and organizing and fighting for policy change and you never think that it’s going to hit home, and it should never have to hit home.”

“Let me make one thing very clear, and I’ve said this already, they messed with the right ones because we don’t play this,” she added. “I’m a community organizer, I do this work by day, and now that they’ve hit my family, if they thought that we were bugging City Council for policy change and you never think that it’s going to hit home, and it should never have to hit home.”

The demands aim to (1) repeal two chapters of the state government code that basically immunize police from any accountability for their actions; (2) elimi-nate disciplinary barriers enshrined in the city’s contract with the cop union; and (3) significantly cut the SAPD budget while reallocating the funds to human services.

Whatever the truth — or likelier, falsehood, considering the source — of the depu-ties’ claims about the state of the activitist’s household and children, the sheriff’s office focused on identifying her as a BLM organi-zer and making sure that was highlighted in news reports on the arrest.

All this takes place in the context of steeply rising hunger and homelessness, hitting the Black and Brown communities hardest. The U.S. Census Bureau reported one year ago that San Antonio had the highest poverty rate of any major U.S. city, at 20 percent. No new statistics are in yet, but it’s fair to speculate that this year’s twin crises of pandemic and unemployment have made things much worse. The San Antonio Food Bank reports 125,000 new recipients of its food aid since March of this year.

Youth pay homage to police victim, Darrell Zemault Sr.
No matter how long it takes, or how many obstacles there may be, it is imperative that a fusion of the mass movement in the streets develop against racism and fascism, and that it include all sectors of the working class that are either not organized or are under-organized: migrant workers, incarcerated workers, workers with disabilities, gig workers, street vendors, sex workers, the unemployed, the homeless, the most oppressed people — and the organized labor movement.

The Left, the election crisis & ‘the elephant in the room’

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the capitalist class prevailing that was considering the demonstration of the labor movement.

On the other hand, there was the prospect that if the working class intervened in the political crisis in a correct and strong way, the political crisis could be turned into a workers’ crisis, meaning that the working class would exploit the differences within the capitalist class, as well as its instability and weakness, to make a socialist revolution.

The expression “the elephant in the room” means that people are talking around the real issue because they don’t know what to do about that issue. Very few revolutionary ideas are adequate for the working class will do about the current election crisis because the question seems irrelevant. Notwithstanding the amazing work stoppages that many pandemic frontline workers have engaged in to protect their safety, and the many other signs that militants in the working class are pulling back and carrying out more strikes, the working-class movement as a whole in the U.S. is weak organizationally and politically. Thus, the expectation is that the working class will go on intervention in defense of its class interests beyond voting for the Democrats, with a few workers voting for Trump. Militants should be neither angry nor frustrated with workers for voting for Biden. Trump has effectively captured that it, they don’t have any other choice.

For revolutionaries, the main political battle regarding support for the Democratic Party is with other forces on the left who say that they are socialists and are opposed to capitalism, but will find some rationale, mostly fear, for supporting the Democratic Party. The Democratic Party’s abandonment of the working class to globalization, austerity and pauperization, paved the way for Trumpism. The working class can change, cannot change, and will live these days mostly to co-opt movements and then kill them.

The idea that the working class is going to find a way out of being held hostage to the Democrats is to begin learning how to organize as a class and act like a class that is independent of the capitalist parties. The working class is not only in the shopfloor struggle, but even more importantly, to the full rebirth of the class struggle against capitalism. This rebirth is already under way and will not advance to the next level without the intervention of revolutionary class-conscious militants.

There’s no end to the questions surrounding the election crisis. What’s going to happen before the election? What’s going to happen during and after the elections? How can progressives and revolutionaries respond to any development? From the perspective of a Marxist-Leninist, the biggest question is: What can be done about the current election crisis?

The election crisis should serve as a wake-up call. Yes, the working class has not been active in the movement in the streets, but even more importantly, to the full rebirth of the class struggle against capitalism. This rebirth is already under way and will not advance to the next level without the intervention of revolutionary class-conscious militants.

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Additional sources: AFSCME, National Nurses United

Black and Latinx women health workers lead strike to victory

By Kathy Durkin

They won!

The historic 10-day strike by workers at medical facilities in three Illinois cities resulted in an all-out victory, with every demand met. Black and Latinx women workers played a decisive role in organizing the strike and steering it to its successful conclusion.

Over 4,000 members of Service Employees (SEIU) Local 73 launched an unfair labor practice strike on Sept. 14 at University of Illinois medical facilities in Chicago, Peoria and Rockford. After working without a contract for over a year, the workers had enough! Moreover, they had the courage to be breakbrokers from out of state in advance of the strike.

This job action demonstrated the determination and unity of medical center workers: maintenance, custodial, technical and clerical workers, occupational therapists and other professionals. It pressured the UI-Chicago bosses to give in.

The negotiated, tentative, multi-year contracts guarantee pay increases for all workers, including a $15 minimum wage in Chicago for those on the lowest-paid scale, safety measures to deal with COVID-19, adequate staffing and protection against mass dismissals of union jobs.

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The agreement comes after six months of a direct action campaign — including housing takeovers, protest encounters and eviction resistance — to force the city to relinquish the vacant homes to a community land trust. The Philadelphia Housing Action coalition was formed over the winter of 2019-2020 by the Black and Brown Workers Cooperative, Workers Revolutionary Collective and OccupyPHA.

This first agreement marks a battle won for houseless people in Philadelphia, but it is no means just a local problem. The National Alliance to End Homelessness estimates that the number of homeless people in the U.S. is around 552,930. At the same time, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, there were 17 million vacant homes in October 2020.

No national shortage of vacant homes

There are an estimated 5,700 houseless people in Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Housing Authority currently manages 6,000 housing units. One of the demands of the Philadelphia Housing Authority is that the city put a moratorium on the Housing Authority, the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority and the Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation in order to prevent auctioning or selling off properties to private entities until all PHA waiting lists applicants have been housed.

While activists in Philadelphia have put the spotlight on the city, it is no means just a local problem. The National Alliance to End Homelessness estimates that the number of homeless people in the U.S. is around 552,930. At the same time, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, there were 17 million vacant homes in October 2020.

The problem is clearly not the lack of homes, but who controls them and the lack of affordability.

Following the ongoing mortgage crisis of 2008, many of the vacant housing units now on the market were homes that were foreclosed and taken by banks to sell for profit. Houseless activists and their supporters in Philadelphia have demonstrated that they do not have to be a landlord in order to own housing — whether it be more encampments or families occupying vacant homes. They have also shown the capability to defend themselves against state attacks.

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Nurses organized

Many union organizing drives and job actions have been led by women and people of color, pro-corporate Trump administration. Trump’s appointees to the so-called Department of Labor and National Labor Relations Board, as well as the Supreme Court, have attacked and weakened unions’ and workers’ rights.

In July, in a historic, landslide vote, childcare provid- ers in California voted to unionize — a stunning victory for the U.S. labor movement. They voted to establish and be represented by Child Care Providers United, a collabora- tion among United Domestic Workers of America/ American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3930 and SEIU Locals 99 and 521.

This workforce is composed primarily of women — Black, Latinx and immigrant — making this victory even more significant as part of the overall fight for racial, gen- der and economic justice.

Nurses at Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C., voted to unionize in an NLRB election Sept. 16, in what National Nurses United said was the “largest hospital union victory in the South since 1975.”

And registered nurses at Alameda Hospital and San Leandro Hospital in California plan a five-day strike starting on Oct. 1 demanding an end to racist policing, a pension and better patient protections’ safety and provide sufficient staffing and PPE during the pandemic, reports the NNU’s website. The California Nurses Association said Sept. 26 that nurses have been bargaining in bad faith and taken punitive actions against nurses.

These righteous struggles show that workers are stronger by organizing. They challenge the government and corporate hostility to the multinational working class and their organizations. These bold actions boost all workers — organized and unorganized.
Stop the war against Black and Brown communities!

By G. Dunkel

An unjust hardship faces 800,000 workers worldwide. Some 400,000 seafarers whose work contracts have expired are still stuck on their ships in the COVID-19 pandemic. Another 400,000 others are on shore, unemployed, waiting to replace the workers on the ships.

Getting off a ship and going home requires more than just disembarking. It usually involves multiple border crossings, flights with at least one connection, certificate after certificate, specialized visas and more. A crew member's replacement has to go through the same steps.

In response to the COVID pandemic, corporate and government entities have broken every one of these steps. Airlines have canceled flights; consulates have closed; countries like the Philippines have closed their borders even to their own citizens.

At a conference at the U.N. General Assembly, which the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) helped organize, Captain Hedi Marzougi said his crew "had to work every day, for 12 hours, with no weekends, without seeing your loved ones, and trapped at sea. Now add that you have to do that with no idea of when you will be repatriated." Marzougi was in command of a vessel between December 2019 and May 2020. (Hetelinic Shipping News, September 26)

Earlier the ITF conducted a survey of 400,000 seafarers around the world stuck on hard ships, it reported that 70% of the seafarers said their contracts had expired. The ITF found that some crews were shareholders in several companies to make sure they are properly crewed and the ships have been properly paid. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority has called for aggressively inspecting crew inspection and support of seafarers, ensuring that they are being treated fairly by the shipowners. At least four ships have been detained in Australian waters. (tinylurl.com/yx8skgkm)

The ITF has said it will support any crew that strikes. Back in March, Cuba showed how it was possible to move passengers and crew from a cruise ship which had COVID-19-infected people on board. The MS Braemar had been going from port to port, trying to disembark its passengers, and had been repeatedly refused.

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In the 1960s, Workers World Party popularized the slogan “Stop the war against Black America” in response to attacks on the Black Panther Party, Civil Rights activists, and other Black community leaders. We need to revive this slogan as “Stop the war on Black Lives Matter!” But beyond raising a slogan, workers must organize to elevate class solidarity against this racist war and to dissolve the corrupt capitalist economic system that profits from it. (!)

The increased militarization of domestic police forces has exacerbated the problem. Residents of Black and Brown communities are treated much the same way as occupied people in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Palestine. U.S. police departments have been using tear gas, rubber bullets and grenades — weapons of war.

This year the video-recorded police murder of George Floyd, which was shocked to death under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer, rocked the world. Protests following the 2014 police murders of Eric Garner and Michael Brown, activists leading to global protests against police brutality. Six years later it is clear this is often a very real war.

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People strike worldwide for the environment

By G. Dunkel

Over 3,334 protests against the climate crisis—marches, school walkouts, blockades of bridges and roads, seizures of small boats and canoes impeding huge coal haulers—occurred in 150 countries on Sept. 25.

These protests were part of Fridays for Future, which began with massive turnouts a year ago to the day. Numbers this year were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In some countries, gatherings are limited to 50 people. In some German cities where COVID-19 is spiking, government forbids gatherings of any size.

But there were still protests and school walkouts in almost every major European city and many smaller ones. Where schools were totally virtual, school walkouts didn’t physically take place, but other social media outlets were used. There was a 24-hour Zoom call, which let activists speak about local issues and their relationship to the climate crisis.

Some groups participating in Fridays for Future marched for the British Group Extinction Rebellion (XR), explicitly linked their struggle to achieve environmental justice to supporting the struggle to make Black Lives Matter. In the U.S., a broad coalition called StrikeWithUs also explicitly linked environmental justice to the movement for Black lives.

In the Philippines, marchers raised the issue of impoundments of the country and its mineral wealth. Protests highlighted the way laws against terrorism are used to outlaw protests. Mitzi Jonelle Tan, an activist, told the Guardian (Sept. 25): “We Filipinos are among the most impacted by climate crisis, ranking second in the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Risk index, yet our contributions to greenhouse gas emissions are so little.”

In India, where the poorest workers have to do heavy work outside in the heat of the day, protestors emphasized the possibility of hundreds of thousands of people dying from the heat, if global warming continues to rise at current rates.

In the cities of Nairobi to the east, Cape Town to the south and Lagos to the west, there were big marches highlighting the climate changes which are inundating Africa. All across the Sahel, the southern edge of the Sahara desert, there is current major flooding in an area generally threatened with drought. Hundreds of thousands of people have lost their homes, and much of the crops awaiting harvest has been destroyed. These floods are threatening nations from Mauritania to South Sudan with famine.

The world’s changing weather is creating greater problems. The inundations in the Sahel are threatening the lives of millions. The heat energy is driving sea levels all “gifts” from colonial projects to combat climate change.

While the youth of the world see their future evaporating, as they say, “There is no planet B.” More and more, their signs and banners proclaim the need for a system change to combat climate change.

How class oppression drives climate crises

By Mirinda Crissman

Climate emergen-
cies and U.S. imperi-
alism have quite a bit
of overlap. Both are
increasingly displacing
the living at home and
abroad on an almost
unbelievable scale. These
conditions are creating migrants
and refugees who have to stay on the
move to survive. To
stave off climate annihilation induced by
capitalist crisis, priority must be given to
individuals and movements of the masses,
not the ruling class, to redistribute
wealth at the expense of the people who
are creating migrants
and refugees on an
unbelievable scale.

Climate change refugees, Bangladesh.

Military, police and climate emergencies

What the U.S. military does abroad, internal law enforcement like police do to people at home. They will forcibly displace, whether through armed force or eviction notice, so that the ruling class can perhaps make another dollar.

Also increasingly displacing those living at home and abroad are climate
emergencies. Rising global tempera-
tures from capitalist production on
stolen land particularly overproduction
and over-reliance on fossil fuels like coal,
oil, and natural gas—have led to extreme
weather. Wildfires and hurricanes are
becoming more and more frequent in
displacing the living.

Native people successfully practiced
stewardship of these lands for thousands
of years with controlled burns and sus-
tainable agriculture. Their forced dis-
placement was also a driving if not the
major trigger in producing misery in order
to profit the few.

Land management and rising tem-
peratures have led to drier forests and
deserts trapped by fire and drought as
well as an increase in heat energy released via hurricanes. Excessive cap-
italist oil production pollutes and heats up not just the air—which has no bor-
ders—but also water and land. Fractured
earth, ruined natural springs and aqu-
ifers of homes, melting and rising
sea levels are all “gifts” from colonial
land mismanagement.

The U.S. military is one of the world’s largest landowners. This country is
guilty of displacing the living by driving
capitalism’s crisis in its consumption of fossil fuels—in addition to displacing the living through violent, antiblack conflict.

A recent report put out by Brown University’s Costs of War project conservatively estimates that U.S. wars since 9/11 have forcibly displaced at least 37 million people in and from Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, the Philippines, Libya, and Syria. This exceeds those displaced by every earlier war since 1900, with the exception of World War II. Other data suggest that the total number displaced by U.S. post-9/11 wars could be closer to 48 million to 59 million people.

Deaths from imperial intervention, in addition to direct combat, have been cal-
culated to be as high as 3.5 million, with
injured and traumatized folks extending into the tens of millions. (tinyurl.com/CostsOfUSWarOnTerror, Sept. 8)

The greed and violence of a few is hurting us all toward environmental collapse. More and more of us will find our situations resembling the struggle of migrants globally. There are millions, even billions of us who are collectively sur-

viving on our ability to remake the world. What has been built by colonizers can be dismantled.

Capitalists have been stewards of the planet by force only in recent history. Indigenous peoples were stewards of the land, living in harmony, for thousands of years before all of this destruction. And they know how to do it again.

Abolish private property on stolen
land! The earth is a collective space that can provide for everyone’s basic human needs. Given all that we are facing with the many crises of capitalism, there is much work to be done. As long as work is dictated by what makes bosses and the ruling class money, peoples needs won’t be met. And we will see more forced migration and misery.

Engaging in explicitly anti-colonial projects is the way forward. And we can look to those who had successfully begun to do so, like Thomas Sankara.

Thomas Sankara and agroecology

Dr. Amber Murray explains, “The rev-
olutionary transformation of the West
African country Upper Volta to Burkina
Faso (what is known as the August rev-
odution of 1983) occurred during a pre-
vious neoliberal crisis, that of the 1980s
African debt crisis. Sankara vehemently
and publicly denounced odious debt and
rallied African political leaders to do the
same.

“Sankara’s politics and political leader-
ship challenged the idea that the global
capitalist system cannot be undone.
During four years as the president of
Burkina Faso, he worked with the people
to construct an emancipatory politics
informed by human, social, ecological
and planetary well-being.” (Pambuza News,
May 5, 2016)

One of the many successful projects spearheaded by Sankara in Burkina Faso included the centering of food sover-
eignty through a system of agroecology. Agroecology encourages “power-dispers-
ing and power creating” communal food
cultivation that enhances “the dignity,
knowledge and capacities of all involved”
and the regeneration of the environment.
(From the documentary “Sur les traces de
Thomas Sankara,” 2013.) Other successful
projects included the planting of 10 mil-
lion trees across the Sahel as a means of
beginning to repair colonial suffocation
that made the land more arid.

Sankara met an untimely demise, due to his revolutionary ideas and ways to
remake the world. His spirit and ideas
live on in revolutionary struggles that
dares to win a world beyond the confines
of capitalist-induced death."
Entregue la evidencia y Carcel para los policías que mataron a Breonna Taylor

Por Monica Moorehead

27 de septiembre: Las protestas estalla-
ron en todo Estados Unidos el 23 de sep-
tiembre cuando se anunció por primera vez que ningún oficial de policía sería acu-
sado por el asesinato de Breonna Taylor. La joven de 26 años fue asesinada durante una redada de drogas desacertada. (courier-journal.com, 24 de septiembre)

Cierre de la I-64 en Louisville el 24 de septiembre para protestar contra el fallo del gran jurado de Breonna Taylor.

¿De qué otra manera se puede explicar que un policía de Louisville sea responsable de destruir, por qué quie-
rirse a la vida un ser humano?

El hecho de que ningún policía haya sido acusado de asesinato, ni siquiera de homicidio involuntario, por quitarle la vida a esta joven negra, es otra razón trágica pero importante por la que la lucha Black Lives Matter merece una amplia solidaridad de clase.

Para comenzar, Eurotech manda viva a Taylor. (workers.org, Vol. 62 Núm. 40)

Correr la I-64 en Louisville el 24 de septiembre para protestar contra el fallo del gran jurado de Breonna Taylor.

¿Qué se publicó la transcripción para que podamos tener transparencia. Y sí, hiciste todo lo que pudiste en nombre de Breonna, no deberías tener ningún pro-
rés de inculpar a Cameron, para publicar la transcripción y ver que luchaste por todos los ciudadanos de Kentucky.” (ABC News, 25 de septiembre)

En una declaración escrita leída por la tía de Taylor, Bianca Austin, Tamika Palmer afirmó que Tamika tenía “el poder de hacerlo correcto. Tenía el poder de iniciar la curación de esta ciudad.” (RF) me ayudó a darme cuenta... Seamos siempre noso-
tros contra ellos. Que nunca estamos segui-
endo cuando se trata de ellos”.

El hecho de que ningún policía haya sido acusado de asesinato o incluso de homicidio involuntario por quitarle la vida a esta joven negra no es más que otro ejemplo trágico pero importante de por qué la lucha Black Lives Matter merece una amplia solidaridad de clase.

Para el final, la única forma de acabar con la policía es el sistema que ha sostenido a esta fuerza desde los días de la esclavitud estadounidense. Y ese sistema es el capita-
lismo, un sistema en el que los intereses de los ricos y pobres, la clase dominante y la patronal se manifiestan en ricos y pobres, la clase dominante y la patronal se manifiestan. ¡No hay ninguna clase distin-
ta, no solo para los individuos res-
puestos a la policía en Cleveland por jugar con una pistola de aire comprimido!

La policía, la Patrulla Fronteriza de los Estados Unidos y estados cambiantes para mantener el orden social, es decir, para usar cualquier medio represivo para proteger la propiedad privada de los patrones robados de la riqueza y el trabajo de los trabajadores. El trabajo colectivo de la clase trabajadora global.

Esta orden es la razón por la que es tan difícil hacer justicia para las víctimas de la violencia policial, y que no otorgan inmunidad a la poli-
cía, que actúa como agente armado de los patrones contra los trabajadores. La llamada de aten-
ción a los intereses de los patrones. Después de todo, si se des芙nomina como un poli-
sos robados de la riqueza y el trabajo de los trabajadores, el trabajo colectivo de la clase trabajadora global.

por las leyes contra personas de color, como latinos, menos de 26 años, por tres cargos de “peligro injusticio-
gado a Taylor y a sí mismo. El representante Scott propuso una ley estatal para negar la vida de tres vecinos, que son blancos. No

¿Qué es exactamente? Significa que la vida a esta joven negra, es otra razón trágica pero importante por la que la lucha Black Lives Matter merece una amplia solidaridad de clase.

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