¡Xiomara presidente!

Hondurans reject coup regime

By Martha Grevatt

On January 27, after nearly 13 years under a “narcodictatorship” responsible for thousands of assassinations, kidnappings and imprisonments, the people of Honduras will witness the inauguration of President-elect Xiomara Castro de Zelaya. She was the candidate of the Libre (Freedom and Refoundation) Party and is the spouse of former President Manuel “Mel” Zelaya—democratically elected but deposed in the U.S.-backed 2009 coup.

Xiomara Castro received close to 54% of the votes in the Nov. 28 election. The candidate of the National Party—the current President Juan Orlando Hernandez, who stole the election in 2013 and again in 2017 by way of terror and fraud—has conceded defeat.

This is an enormous victory for the Honduran resistance and testament to the courage of the people, who adopted the slogan: “They fear us because we have no fear.” The U.S.-trained and funded military police, along with ultraright paramilitaries, have created a living hell for the Honduran people, targeting women and gender-oppressed people, the LGBTI+ community, educators, unionists, environmentalists, human rights advocates and the Indigenous and Afro-descendent communities.

In the lead-up to the 2017 election, close to 30 opposition candidates and campaign workers were assassinated, a pattern repeated in the current election cycle. In addition to political terror and repression, the Honduran people have one of the highest rates of poverty and income inequality in the Western Hemisphere. The percentage of Hondurans in poverty ranges from 62% to 74%, with 40% in “extreme poverty” by global standards. In a country of 10.1 million people, some 1.3 million are food insecure. Poverty has been compounded recently by COVID and two hurricanes. (Rights Action, Nov. 23)

Unions have been crushed and labor rights undermined. “There has been a growing deregulation of labor, coupled with the deepening of labor flexibilization [a threat to secure jobs and income] and insecurity. One of the most nefarious laws has undoubtedly been the Hourly Employment Law: Rights have been lost, and permanent jobs have been made precarious,” said Joel Almendares, secretary general of the United Confederation of Honduran Workers.

It’s little wonder that the people would choose a self-described “democratic socialist” over the brutal coup regime supported by wealthy oligarchs such as the Atala Zablah and Facussé family dynasties. The masses are celebrating Castro’s victory in the streets.

Xiomara Castro promises change

Xiomara Castro, who will become the first woman president of Honduras, has promised to reverse the dire fortunes of the Honduran people. Concretely this means establishing the right to health care, food, housing and employment. With Che Nieves:

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Workers World Party issues this solidarity editorial on the anniversary of the imprisonment of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

December 9 marks 40 years since Black Panther Party member, activist and revolutionary journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal was framed for the murder of a Philadelphia cop. As a result of police, prosecutorial and judicial misconduct in a highly contested trial, Abu-Jamal was given the racist death sentence in July 1982. Since 1981, he has been incarcerated in solitary confinement in Pennsylvania’s death row.

Despite numerous appeals, in July 1995 then-Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge signed Abu-Jamal’s death warrant to be carried out on Aug. 15—in the midst of Black August. An international campaign to free Abu-Jamal has been underway for decades.

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On the right to accessibility during COVID—a statement

This statement on the right of accessibility during the COVID pandemic was affirmed by the Disability Rights and Justice Caucus of Workers World Party and delivered by WWP DJRC member Renée Imperato at a New York City action on Dec. 3, International Day of People with Disabilities.

The obstruction of accessibility has reached a new high in major U.S. cities.

In New York City for example, the COVID lockdown produced profound violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, in about this order:

First there was the creation of sidewalk dining, which obstructed or severely limited navigating, especially for people with mobility constraints, such as people who use wheelchairs or crutches or canes. This has forced some disabled people to use the street and face dangerous vehicular traffic.

Then came the existence of “gutter restaurants,” which use the street curb lane to erect what amounts to small buildings. These obstruct access to street crossings and create extremely dangerous blind spots, especially when they are set right up to the crosswalk. Disabled and even able-bodied people can only be seen by motorists in an instant of time. This is incredibly dangerous!

Next — and almost absolutely unbelievable — is that without any prior notification, streets are closed off to traffic for the ridiculous reason that restaurants have to set up tables in the middle of the street — for someone to eat a salad! And all motorized traffic — including public bus routes — must be detoured to other streets.

Imagine a wheelchair user going to the corner where they live to take a bus and they find no bus access, because the street is blocked off. Now we have to move our wheelchairs sometimes as much as a quarter mile or more to take a bus. This is an insurmountable and sometimes impossible task to navigate.

One could understand if there were a fire or gas explosion that would warrant a street closure. But to do this so some individual can eat a plate of pasta is a violation of human rights that is unacceptable.

We might add that even able-bodied workers have been targeted with this process. Workers World has received complaints that workers have been entirely prevented from accessing their workplace.

Let’s organize to stop these human rights violations! They must be stopped.

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No social problems can be solved under capitalism.

The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet 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 gummed up 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. They are super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinationals, multigender and multigenerational working class.

It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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‘Fight for reproductive justice!’

Rallies to support reproductive justice and the right to abortion were held in several cities in the U.S. on Dec. 1. Monica Simpson, Executive Director of SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective, gave a roasting talk at the rally in Washington, D.C., to cheers. Below are excerpts from her talk. Transcribed by Kathy Durkin. (Access video at tinyurl.com/apagyvuc.)

We must fight for justice! For freedom! We send love to the Abortion Freedom Fighters in Mississippi today. We’re here because of their giving for their community. We applaud every storyteller today because of their giving for their community.

We show what Black-centered leadership and folks-of-color-centered leadership look like. We are focused on winning, on liberation. We will keep taking care of each other, building our collective power, fighting for our own freedom in this country, but the lawmaking body doesn’t even come close to reflecting that. Only 27% of state legislators are Black, and 17% identify as women. That’s not democracy; that’s a patriarchal white supremacist representation matters. When our voices are not at the table, our rights and autonomy are on the chopping block.

Focus on liberation! Let’s keep doing what we are doing.

Philadelphia rally defends right to abortion

On Dec. 1 the U.S. Supreme Court was hearing arguments in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization — one of the two most consequential abortion rights cases since the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973 — women, other gender-oppressed people and allies rallied at Temple University in Philadelphia.

They gave speeches emphasizing how working-class communities and Black and Brown people will be the most affected by the criminalization of access to abortion and other health care. They staffed tables covered with literature and gave out T-shirts and flyers to the receptive students passing by.

The noontime rally was organized by Planned Parenthood Generation Action, Abortion Legal Fund and Philadelphia’s Women Center.

— Photo and report by Joe Piette

World Federation of Trade Unions

Solidarity on Day of Persons with Disabilities

By the World Federation of Trade Unions

This statement was issued Dec. 2 by the World Federation of Trade Unions, representing over 105 million workers internationally.

Today more than 1 billion people, or approximately 15% of the world’s population, live with some form of disability, while 80% of them live in developing countries. Men and women with disabilities face systemic and structural disadvantage. They are excluded from labor markets and education, denied rights to political participation, and are vulnerable to violence.

In developed countries, 80% to 90% of persons with disabilities of working age are not in the labor market. People of color and disabled women are overrepresented in the labor market. In the United States, African Americans and people with disabilities are underrepresented in the labor force.

Many persons with disabilities face discrimination and violence in their daily lives. Throughout history, persons with disabilities have been systematically excluded and marginalized. They have been denied equal access to education, health care, and employment, and have been denied the right to vote.

The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated the inequality and injustice faced by persons with disabilities. People with disabilities are overrepresented among those who have been hospitalized and died from the disease. Many have been unable to work, unable to make ends meet, and unable to access health care.

We reiterate our militant demands: prevention of the disabilities; their access to education; free, public and high quality health and social services; their access to accommodation centers; creation of the necessary infrastructure for their movement and transportation; employment for all persons with disabilities who are able to work; and assurance of a dignified life.
Columbia University, Dec. 1.

From Oct. 19 through Nov. 29, working and retired members of the United Auto Workers participated in a referendum vote on how they would elect their union’s International Executive Board officers. The two choices were whether to continue the current delegate voting system, where the IEB is chosen by delegates to a quadrennial Constitutional Convention, or for the rank and file to elect their top officers directly in a system popularly known as “one member, one vote.”

Members returned the results Dec. 2. One member, one vote won by nearly a two-to-one margin. This was a huge victory for progressive reform forces inside the UAW. Activists have been pushing for direct elections not only in this union but, as we have seen, only to be thwarted by convention processes manipulated by the Administrative Caucus, which has dominated the UAW for seven decades. The march forward toward democratic governance has also followed a federal investigation of union corruption.

Direct elections carried all of the UAW’s eight regions and the vast majority of locals, with support in all sectors, including automotive, agricultural equipment, academic, legal services, the public sector and gaming.

The rank-and-file caucus United All Workers for Democracy built a broad, grassroots campaign to promote voter turnout for direct elections. A team of volunteers helped with phone banking, text banking, leafletting, social media outreach and generating a vitally needed message that they had tapped into a widespread sentiment in their union.

“The membership of our great union has made clear that they want to change the direction of the UAW and return to our glory days of fighting for our members. I am so proud of the UAW membership and their willingness to step up and vote for change,” said Chris Budnick, member of UAW Local 862, Ford Louisville Plant, and Recording Secretary for UAWW (uaww.org).

The vote is a step forward, but the work is far from finished. Good fighting leaders have to be drafted to run for the IEB, and the rank-and-file movement needs a program that can win the convention and beyond. Those discussions have already begun in the UAW’s ranks.

No business unionism as usual

The vote shows that the rank and file favor a more democratic election process, but it was also a vote against what’s often termed “business unionism.” For too long, members have been fed a message that concessions are necessary to keep a company “competitive” or “profitable.” This has meant that wages have fallen behind inflation, and it has led to the expansion of unequal, divisive two-tier and multitier pay scales, while jobs are wiped out by plant closings, outsourcing and robotization.

Defeat for the delegate system comes after the month-long UAW strike at John Deere, begun after Deere workers rejected a contract presented to them by the union leadership, which did not adequately address their concerns. They then rejected a second, improved contract, holding out for a contract they were satisfied with. UAW members at Deere voted heavily in favor of direct elections.

The referendum results follow elections in the Teamsters, where the opposition candidate Sean O’Brien won the union presidency, overwhelmingly defeating James Hoffa Jr.’s handpicked successor.

There’s a new, militant mood brewing in the ranks of organized labor — and the drive to organize among Amazon workers shows the contagion is spreading to those who don’t yet have a union.

To have credibility, unions must end their cozy relationship with the capitalists — and with capitalist politicians, including the Democrats. What the working class needs is a global, classwide movement.
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The language of the CRPD affirms the right of people with disabilities to be recognized by others and to have their rights to participate in society acknowledged.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted by the U.N. in 2006. Some 177 countries have ratified it—but not the United States, which has also failed to ratify human rights treaties. The Convention is designed to fail folks with disabilities.

The triple hardships of the COVID pandemic, the complete loss of tourism, and the complete loss of tourism, and the complete loss of tourism, and the complete loss of tourism have created hardship and scarcity in Cuba not seen since the Special Period, following the collapse of the Soviet Union. But this has not weakened the Cuban people’s commitment to their revolutionary process.

Nowhere is this more evident than in their development of their own vaccines for COVID-19 and their ability to quickly vaccine their entire population. Thanks to the development of these vaccines, Soberana and Abdala, more than 90% of the population, down to 2 years old, have received at least one dose of a vaccine. Over 80% have had all three doses.

The vaccines Soberana and Abdala are in the world in the percentage of its population which are vaccinated, according to President Miguel Díaz-Canel, who met with the Caravan Nov. 22. Cuba expects to be able to fully vaccinate its population by the end of the year. (tinyurl.com/2zjnb9hj)

No miracle of socialism planning

The ability of Cuba to develop its own vaccine and to quickly vaccine its population seems miraculous to someone accustomed only to capitalist health care delivery in the United States.

Causus of Workers World Party and other groups. The rally was chaired by PPA member Renee Imperato related her testimony given earlier that day at the monthly community meeting of the NYC Mayor’s Office of People with Disabilities. There she had read from the WPW-DURC statement: “The right of accessibility during the COVID pandemic.” (Full statement available at workers.org.)

Attending the rally was Michael Howard, who identifies as an African American male with a mild intellectual disability and lives independently in Queens with the help of his caregivers. Howard has been active in the disability justice movement for many years and has organized events and rallies in support of disability rights.

Howard shared how important it is for people with disabilities to have access to the same rights as everyone else. He emphasized the need for equal access to education, employment, and healthcare.

Howard also spoke about the struggle for accessibility in public transportation. He said that it is important for people with disabilities to have access to public transportation in order to fully participate in society.

Howard ended his speech by thanking the organizers of the rally for their work in advocating for the rights of people with disabilities.

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No compassion, no release in California prisons

By Judy Greenspan
Oakland, Calif.

Dec. 5 — The California prison system continues to outdo itself in reckless and inhumane treatment of incarcerated people.

COVID rates are spiking again in the state’s prisons, due to continued policies of mass incarceration. A recent court decision has severely gutted the state’s medical parole process. Now it is only prisoners on ventilators — those who are almost at death’s door — who can be released to nursing homes!

California has a long, sordid history of fueling the growth of the Prison Industrial Complex in this country, which was accelerated during the 1970s by the infamous U.S. government war on poor people who use drugs. California’s prison system has been a hideous example of a criminal system bent on incarcerating greater and greater numbers of Black, Latino, Indigenous and poor white people.

When the pandemic began, prison infection rates soared due to reckless transfers of incarcerated workers. San Quentin State Prison had an infection rate of two-thirds of the people locked up there. A state judge was forced to order that the prison population at San Quentin be cut in half.

 Calls for the mass release of prisoners came from prisoner support and prison abolition groups like No Justice Under Capitalism, Critical Resistance and the Prisoners Solidarity Committee of Workers World Party. Gov. Gavin Newsom, no friend of the incarcerated population, was forced to order some releases. But COVID spread rampantly through the prisons and many prisoners died inside.

As of Sept. 21, according to the California Department of Corrections, 243 prisoners have died of COVID behind the walls. (tinyurl.com/44z5ymkh)

Before the beginning of November, COVID cases and deaths have started spiking again in the state’s prisons. COVID infections keep increasing despite incarcerated workers in California state prisons having high vaccination rates.

Unfortunately, the vaccination rate of prison guards has lagged behind. There are now COVID outbreaks in several prisons, including the Central California Women’s Facility, where 84% of prisoners are vaccinated compared to only 65% of the guards. Chuckawalla Valley State Prison, the California Medical Facility at Vacaville and the California Correctional Center experienced new outbreaks in mid-November. (The Davis Vanguard, Nov. 16)

In 2014, the state prison system began a medical parole program, which allowed the release of 210 severely incapacitated and disabled prisoners to nursing homes. ()

‘Prison is no joke’

By Che Nieves

The following is Part 1 of an edited transcript of a Nov. 22 video talk given by Che Nieves, a member of the Young Lords, a member of the Young Lords Party at that time — in Attica, we were able to form the first chapter of the Young Lords Party within the United Panther Party. One of the issues is the exploitation and abuses by prison guards. We began organizing to make this Young Lords Party chapter a reality.

In the process of time, the system took notice of the situation in the yard and started targeting the leaders. Of course I was one of them. We were placed in segregation. This is a place where you are totally isolated from the prison population. This is a place where they torture and kill you without a slight hesitation. This is a place they have the advantage over you, because now you cannot scream for help because nobody hears you.

They [the guards] go to your cell in numbers, six or seven or more. They put a whipping on you. A bell of a whipping. Many times I was subjected to that. Many brothers were subjected to those types of atrocities. Some of them were killed. Literally, killed.

That’s what happens when you are sent to this place. We are sent there with the expectation of dehumanizing us and forcing us to change our political views and our political activities in the yard. We’re freedom fighters. We ain’t goin’ with that.

So as a result, we refused to change. And they would continue torturing us. Many brothers remain in this place for months and even years. We were also denied — on many occasions, for a few days — food, and we were denied shows. These are basic rights that we should have, regardless of our circumstances. But we don’t have those rights, because prisoners are not considered humans.

We need to understand that prisoners are not considered humans. It’s worth it. It’s worth risking your life, because we love our people. We will give our lives for our people. That’s what struggle’s about.

But they in turn will not hesitate to kill us just to prove a point. Killing a human life, just like that, so quickly, just to prove a point. So when you become a freedom fighter in prison, you’re putting your life at risk. And it’s worth it, because we know that in the long run our people are gonna win. We know that in the long run, the people are going to become the vanguard of the struggle. We believe in our people. We love our people. And we will do anything for our people. (}
Mutulu Shakur was not sentenced to die in prison, but he may die in one. The 71-year-old icon of Black liberation struggle has been incarcerated for over three decades. The rulings of his 1988 parole hearing set his date for release as June 16, 2016. Yet despite an impeccable institutional record, he has been denied release nine times. He remains behind bars, while an incurable cancer is now spreading through his bone marrow.

Reforms and policy shifts in certain state parole systems, including New York's, have seen the long overdue release of a number of aging former Black Panther Party members and New Left activists, Shakur was at the forefront of liberatory struggle. In the 1970s, he was a Black nationalist organization member—a member of the Black nationalist organization Republic of New Africa, who worked closely with Black Panther Party members and New Left activists, Shakur was at the forefront of liberatory struggle. As a young acupuncturist, he was a key figure in the movement to bring holistic health care and self-determination to Black residents in the Bronx in the 1970s, blighted as the New York City borough was by structural violence, poverty and heroin addiction. That landed Shakur in the crosshairs of the federal government’s malicious COINTELPRO campaign to decimate racial and social justice movements.

Yet the demand for his release now has a new urgency, given the political underpinnings of his arrest, trial and conviction. If any party is displaying ideological excesses, it is the federal justice system apparently acting against its own standards in the case of a Black liberation elder.

Cruel and unusual punishment

“Dr. Shakur is a 71-year-old man who has been imprisoned for over 35 years, undergoing treatment for bone marrow cancer,” Shakur’s attorney, Brad Thomson of People’s Law Office, told the judge. As he added: “I have heard that his cancer is incurable. He is no longer a threat to society.”

Shakur is ageing and ill. He has served his extensive prison time and has never broken any of the rules. The parole board has praised his excellent behavior and former Bureau of Prisons staff, and BOP’s own assessment tools tell that he poses absolutely no risk, should he be released.

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Their stated reasons for denying Shakur parole have been no less than absurd. They said, for example, that he lacks remorse for his actions. He has never broken any of the rules. The parole board has praised his excellent behavior and former Bureau of Prisons staff, and BOP’s own assessment tools tell that he poses absolutely no risk, should he be released.

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More troubling is the commission’s insurmountable barrier to any hope of compassionate release. It will not be granted unless there is a “significant” change in Shakur’s health, which he is not likely to experience. Shakur has been denied a staggering 976 days of earned good time, which he is owed. According to his legal team, Shakur has been denied clemency eight times. That longtime incarceration ages a person by a decade. Shakur did indeed contract COVID-19 last year, from which he recovered. His cancer, though, once in remission, has returned.

The judge who denied Shakur’s compassionate release in effect told the aging prisoner to reapply only when he was at death’s door. These were the conditions, after all, under which Shakur’s codefendant Marilyn Buck, who was convicted on the same charges, was released on July 15, 2010. She died of uterine cancer on August 3 that year.

“Should it develop that Shakur’s condition deteriorates further, to the point of approaching death, he may apply again to the Court, for a release that in those circumstances could be justified as ‘compassionate,’” wrote Judge Charles Haight Jr. in his decision.

Haight was no impartial arbiter: Thanks to the vagaries of the federal system, the judge tasked with ruling over Shakur’s compassionate release request was the very same judge who sentenced him to prison over three decades ago. Haight was 90 years old when he last ruled against Shakur’s release.

Following the return of Shakur’s cancer, his legal team has again applied for compassionate release, but they are not relying on this single avenue for his freedom. Shakur’s attorneys and several legal scholars believe that he could be freed without relying on the unbounded discretion of the parole commission or the judge. They should, they argue, be released immediately, based on no more than the correct calculation of so-called good-time credit to reduce time served.

Shakur is an “old law” prisoner but has not been credited with the appropriate “good time” days as required by “old law” rules. According to his legal team, Shakur has been denied a staggering 976 days of earned good time, which he is owed. Once properly accorded to him, he would be eligible for immediate release. Shakur is in an administrative remedy process to get this time restored.

By Natasha Lennard

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National Day of Mourning, Nov. 25.

By Kimilimasha James

The following is a slightly edited talk given by Kimilimasha James on Nov. 25 at the 52nd commemoration of the National Day of Mourning on Cole’s Hill, in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Once again on the fourth Thursday in November, United American Indians of New England and our supporters are gathered on this hill to observe a National Day of Mourning for Indigenous peoples murdered by settler colonialism and imperialism worldwide. Today marks the 52nd time we have gathered here to remember our ancestors, settler opponents, and my people.

Wamsutta Frank James, an Aquinnah Wampanoag tribal member, more than 50 years ago in 1970. He had been invited by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to speak at a banquet celebrating the 350th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims. “As members of the banquet no doubt imagined that Wamsutta would give an appreciative and complimentary speech, singing the praises of the American settler-colonizers and thanking the Pilgrims for bringing ‘civilization’ to these shores. However, the speech that Wamsutta wrote, which was based on historical fact, was a far cry from complimentary.

“Our spirit refuses to die”

Wamsutta’s speech not only named some of the atrocities committed by the settlers and reflected on the treatment of the Wampanoag at the hands of the Pilgrims but also contained a powerful message of Native pride. “Our spirit refuses to die,” he wrote. “Yesterday we walked the woodland path and saw with our own eyes the Wampanoag highways and roads. We are uniting... We stand tall and proud; and before too many moons pass, we’ll right the wrongs we have upheld for so long.

When state officials saw an advance copy of Wamsutta’s speech, they refused to allow him to deliver it, saying that the speech was too inflammatory. They told him he could speak only if he were willing to offer false praise of the Pilgrims. The organizers even offered to write a speech for him, one that would better fit their settler-colonialist narrative. But Wamsutta refused to have words put into his mouth. His suppression was printed in newspapers across the country, and he and other local Native activists began to plan a protest. They held a rally, which was circulated among the Wampanoag people nationwide, reading: “What do we have to be thankful for? The United American Indians of New England have declared Thanksgiving Day to be a National Day of Mourning for Native Americans.”

1970: First National Day of Mourning

On so-called “Thanksgiving” Day 1970, Wamsutta and members of at least 25 tribes, as well as a sprinkling of non-Native allies, gathered here on this hill and observed the first National Day of Mourning. That first year, my grandfather never got a chance to deliver his suppressed speech, although some who don’t actually know our history say he did.

Up to 200 Native people and their allies gathered on that day. Indigenous people from this region and members of the Boston Indian Council organized and were joined by others, including some famous members of the American Indian Movement. They spoke out about the Pilgrim invasion and conditions in Indian Country, marched around Plymouth, boarded the Mayflower II and threw the English flag overboard. They even buried Plymouth Rock!

One AIM leader would later say of the first National Day of Mourning: “It is a day American Indians won’t forget. We went to Plymouth for a purpose: to mourn since the landing of the Pilgrims the repression of the American Indian; and to indent the hypocrisy of a system which glorifies that repression. We fulfilled that purpose and gained a spirit of unity that spread across the land.”

The truth about the Pilgrims

First, the Pilgrims are glorified and mythologized, because the circumstances of the first permanent English colony in North America in Jamestown were too ugly to hold up as an effective national myth. No school seems to want to teach the kids about settler cannibalism. The Indians welcomed the Pilgrims and saved them from starvation... And what did we get in return for this kindness? Genocide, the theft of our land and resources, slavery, and now-end-repression.

Consistently, our organization has never collaborated with the Pilgrims or their institutions, whether the Mayflower Society, the Plymouth 400 international colonizer celebrations or the disgusting Thanksgiving parade that took place here half a century ago, which members of local tribes rightly protested.

So why do so many Native people object to the Thanksgiving myth? According to popular myth, the Pilgrims, seeking religious freedom, landed on Plymouth Rock. The Indians welcomed them with open arms and then conveniently faded into the background, and everyone lived happily ever after. The end.

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The National Day of Mourning continued for all these years as a powerful demonstration of Native unity. It has continued for all these years as a powerful demonstration of Indigenous unity and the unity of all people who speak truth to power. The truth that the PilgrimsCompact was merely a group of white men, who wanted to ensure they would get a return on their investment. When the Pilgrims arrived—on Outer Cape Cod, not on the beach of Leyden hill—one of the first things they did was to rob Wampanoag graves at Corn Hill and steal as much of their corn and beans as they were able to carry. The writings of the colonists themselves describe these actions taking place. The next part of the story is true: Some Wampanoag ancestors did welcome the Pilgrims and save them from starvation. And what did we get in return for this kindness? Genocide, the theft of our lands, slavery, starvation and now-end-repression.

It is also important to remember that the first official Thanksgiving did not take place in 1621 when the Pilgrims had a harvest meal provided largely by the Wampanoag. Instead, the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1637 by Governor [John] Winthrop of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, who wanted the forebearers of 700 Pequot men, women and children on the banks of the Mystic River in Connecticut.

William Bradford of the Plymouth colony wrote of this event: “Those that escaped the fire were slain with the sword; some hewed to pieces, others run through with their rapiers... they thus destroyed about 400 at this time. It was a fearful sight to see them thus frying in the fire... horrible was the stink and scent thereof, but the victory seemed so sweet a sacrifice, and they gave the prayers thereof to God, who had wrought so wondrous a work.”

Subsequent slaughter of Indigenous people would be celebrated by a day of Thanksgiving. Yes, it is a powerful demonstration of Indigenous unity and the unity of all people who speak truth to power. But we did not simply fade into the background as the Thanksgiving myth continued for all these years. We, the Pilgrims and save them from starvation... And what did we get in return for this kindness? Genocide, the theft of our land. The very fact that you have gathered on this hill—today, I want to tell you the story of the National Day of Mourning, which was founded by my grandfather, Wamsutta Frank James, an Aquinnah Wampanoag tribal member, more than 50 years ago in 1970. He had been invited by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to speak at a banquet celebrating the 350th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims. The truth about the Pilgrims

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Palestine Solidarity Day officially recognized

By Joe Piette

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People was officially recog-nized in Philadelphia for the first time on Nov. 29.

Mayor Jim Kenney, Amy Eusebio (director of the Office of Immigrant Affairs), City Council members Kendra Brooks, Jamie Gauthier and Maria Quiñones Sanchez, State Representative Danilo Burgos and State Senator Nikil Saval all gave statements of support.

Palestine Solidarity Day has been observed around the world since 1977, when the United Nations General Assembly passed Resolution 32/40B declaring Nov. 29 as a day to highlight solidarity with the Palestinian struggle for national sovereignty.

On Nov. 29, 1947, the U.N. General Assembly adopted the colonialist resolu-tion on the partition of Palestine, which led to the Nakba (the Catastrophe), the destruction of Palestinian society and homeland as it existed in 1948 and the displacement of most of the Palestinian people by the Zionist Israeli state.

Nakba is also used to describe the ongoing Israeli persecution, illegal dis-placement and deadly occupation of Palestine and its Indigenous inhabitants, both in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip and in Palestinian refugee camps throughout the region.

In Philadelphia many participants cel-ebrated their solidarity later in the day at Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture's event in West Philly, featuring the Dabke troupe, Al-Bayan.

Such acts of solidarity fly in the face of Zionist propaganda, which refuses to recognize the very existence of the Palestinian people. The participa-tion of both progressives and main-stream-elected officials in recognizing the people of Palestine reflects the grow-ing movement of people here and around the world to “Free Palestine!”

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Philadelphia City Hall, Nov. 29.

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We all know that racism is alive and well. All of us are struggling under the oppression of a capitalist system which forces people to make a bitter choice between heating and eating. We will continue to gather on this hill until corpora-tions and the U.S. military stop polluting our planet.

The struggle will continue

We will not stop until the oppression of our Two-Spirit siblings is a thing of the past. When the Freedmen are granted equal rights by the so-called “Five Civilized Tribes,” who enslaved our ancestors.

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the largest number of migrants entering the U.S. coming from Honduras, Xiomara Castro points to “the lack of employment as one of the most serious factors in the exploitation of the population.”

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We will continue to stand as we have, and we will continue to fight for our rights as people of this hemisphere.

We are not conquered. We are as strong as ever.

As we did in 1970, we mourn the loss of our loved ones, who were taken from us by the U.S. soldiers in the name of freedom and democracy.

Let us not forget that under the pipe-lines, skyscrapers, mines and the oil rigs lie the interred bones, sacred objects and villages of our Native ancestors.

On our program will be only Indigenous speakers. This is one day when we speak for ourselves, when non-Native people, so-called “experts,” intervening to interpret and speak for us.

Today on liberated territory, we will correct the history of a coun-try that continues to glorify butchers such as Christopher Columbus, that makes slave-owning presidents such as Washington and Jefferson into god-like figures and even carves their faces into the sacred Black Hills of the Lakota.

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movement responded, filling the streets of Philadelphia and other cities with thousands of protesters, forcing the state to back down. Working Party was key among organizers of that protest and many since. The Fraternal Order of Police and their reactionary supporters have pushed for Mumia’s murder since his unjust conviction, never failing to hide their white-supremacist views. As a nationally recognized Black journalist, Abu-Jamal found himself in their crosshairs when he confronted racist Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo, former head of the police department, over his brutal and bigoted handling of the August 1976 confrontation with the MOVE organization.

The FOP was dealt a major blow when enough nearly two decades of international protests — Mumia’s death sentence was overturned by a federal court ruling in December 2001. After another 10 years on death row, in 2011 he was given a just as cruel, life in prison without parole sentence. But this wasn’t good enough for the reactionaries. They wanted him and all other Black political prisoners to suffer and die.

The movement said: Hell no! Mumia Abu-Jamal will be free!

The struggle to free our brother has only grown stronger throughout the last 10 years. In 2010 a door opened in the legal struggle for his case to continue on appeal, based on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling Williams v. Pennsylvania.

In December 2018 Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Leon Tucker allowed Mumia’s original appeals to be reheard. The status of the case, seriously disrupted in 2020 when the Pennsylvania Supreme Court agreed to hear a highly questionable FOP legal maneuver, remains in limbo.

What is crystal clear is the pressing need for the movement, determined to win Mumia’s release, to continue to grow despeary of every effort by the FOP, the courts and other capitalist state forces to block his liberation.

Workers Party World joins millions of voices around the globe demanding the immediate freedom of Mumia Abu-Jamal, who is 67 and suffering numerous health problems. We continue to speak his name and fight to free him and all other political prisoners including Sandino, Acero, Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Ruchell Magee, Leonard Peltier and so many other incarcerated elders. We say free them all! Tear down the walls!

Demonstrations in solidarity are being held Dec. 9-11, in Philadelphia, Free Mumia Rally, and in many other cities. There will be a webinar Dec. 9 to honor Mumia and discuss our struggle to free an incredible revolutionary. Register at bit.ly/2gpy3Jl

Brick by brick, Wall by wall We’re gonna free Mumia Abu-Jamal!

People of the Sahel oppose imperialism

By G. Dunkel

After two weeks of struggle — burning barricades, smashing trucks, burning tires, Mopti, Kati and Niono mobs, masses of people on the road, attempts to seize the trucks — the logistics convoy that the French army had organized at the port of Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire (Ivory Coast), in the middle of November finally reached Gao, Mali, at the end of November.

The 1,100-mile trip took much longer to complete than usual because an “unprecedented” resistance, according to Captain François Xavier, in command of the convoy. (France24 video)

An eight-minute video, filmed in western Niger, shows hands of youth smashing windows, tires, mirrors and mirrors on a military truck, masses of people blocking the road, armored personnel carriers firing a missile at a house, hundreds of protesters scattered across barren fields throwing rocks and corpses from Niger firing tear gas on the crowd. Three protesters died in Niger, and a number were seriously wounded.

According to France 24 news channel, this was the convoy block from Abidjan to Gao since the French military operation Barkhane began in August 2014. This convoy comprised between 60 and 100 vehicles. Some of the vehicles are military; others are heavy trucks, buses and construction equipment.

The intensified hostile reception to the convoy along the way has caused the French army and the French government to question how to maintain the presence of the French army in this area in western Africa, which is part of the region known as the Sahel.

The United States, anergistic to imperialist power; has formally allowed French take the lead in military presence in the western Sahel. (Department of Defense press release, Oct. 21) But the U.S. is spending over a billion dollars on a CIA drone base currently being built in central Niger. The U.S. has placed sanctions on some of the major business leaders in Mali. But these actions have not restrained the hostile mood of the masses.

For one week of this trip, the convoy made its way with great difficulty through Burkina Faso, lying between the Côte d’Ivoire and Niger. For years after Blaise Compaoré led a coup against Thomas Sankara, Africa’s Che Guevara, in 1987, Burkina was a reliable puppet “ally” of French imperialism.

The resistance to the passage of the convoy, along with the recent ongoing trial of the army officers who assassinated Sankara, shows that these ties are being dramatically challenged.

The protests in Burkina Faso were organized by militant groups who demonstrated and burned barricades, smashed trucks, buses and construction equipment.

The attacks of reactionary Islamist forces in Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso have been a major propaganda point used by France and its U.S. ally to justify their military presence. A very persistent rumor among those protesting is that the convoys carry arms to some Islamist groups that the French want to support.

But progressive forces in these three countries are currently mounting a struggle against imperialism. Progressive forces worldwide should be alert for ways to support and dramatize this.

The case of Peng Shuai and U.S. hypocrisy

By Monica Moorehead

U.S. and Western imperialism are super-obsessed with finding any angle to demonize and smear the People’s Republic of China, politically, economi- cally and culturally. A main strategy for their propaganda war has been to portray China as a country that violates human rights.

For example, President Joe Biden has gone on record calling for a “diplomatic boycott” of the 2022 XXIV Winter Olympics to be held Feb. 4-20 in three cities in the northeast, on China and Zhangjiaokan. He cited “human rights viola- tions” as the reason. This boycott wouldn’t mean no U.S. diplomat would attend the opening and closing ceremonies of the games, while U.S. athletes would be allowed to compete.

When the boycott was confirmed at a Dec. 6 White House press conference, the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C., tweeted that politicians announc- ing a boycott are “doing so for their own political interests and posturing. In fact, no one would care about whether these people come or not, and it has no impact whatsoever on the #Beijing2022 to be successfully held.”

China’s mission to the United Nations called the boycott a “self-directed politi- cal farce. The U.S. just wants to politicize sports, create divisions and provoke con- frontation.” (Associated Press, Dec. 7)

Now this call by Biden has been upstaged by another development connecting sports with politics. Peng Shuai is a 35-year-old Chinese tennis player and former world doubles No. 1. She has won two major doubles titles — at Wimbledon in 2013 and the French Open in 2014 — and reached the semifinals at the 2014 U.S. Open in singles. She has earned $25 million in her career.

In early November, the Associated Press, ESPN and other news agencies reported that Ms. Peng had been sexually assaulted by a former Chinese government official, 75-year-old Zhang Gaoli. These same sources then claimed that Ms. Peng had gone missing, could not be found and blamed the Chinese gov- ernment for her so-called disappearance.

On Nov. 21, Ms. Peng conducted a 30-minute video call with International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach, Athletes’ Commission Chair Emma Terho and member Li Lingwei, a former vice president of the Chinese Tennis Association, to say that she was well, spending time with her family and wanted her privacy to be respected.

@CGTN stated on Twitter: “Hello everyone, this is Peng Shuai. Regarding the recent news released on the official...”
have been subjected to harsh U.S. economic sanctions, resulting in mass unemployment and hunger throughout Ukraine. The coup accomplished two main goals for the U.S.: to maintain control of Ukraine's resources and labor of the world. That's why they're desperate to replace the independent governments and their resources with their own. The military want complete and exclusive access to the land and other countries of Eastern Europe. This would not be possible without their boot, just like they've got Ukraine, Poland and other former Soviet bloc countries under their control. The military budget was under $62 billion. The official 2022 military budget is projected to be $754 billion — 12 times the size of Russia's. NATO's joint annual military spending tops $1 trillion and is on the rise.

The real threat to workers is that every social benefit we've fought for will be sacrificed to feed the war profiteers at the trough of the ever-ballooning war budget. Here's the truth: The U.S. has been on a steady march to push troops closer to Russia, despite assurances U.S./NATO forces would not move “one inch eastward,” in the words of U.S. Secretary of State James Baker in 1990. To raid resources, expand markets and exploit more workers, the U.S. and the European Union want Russia under their boot, just like they've got Ukraine, Poland and other former Soviet bloc countries. This would not only be a disaster for Russian workers; it would increase the capitalists' power to crush the living standards of workers everywhere.

The U.S. is “served and protected” by the U.S. military. The U.S. military want complete and exclusive access to the land, resources and labor of the world. That's why they're so desperate to replace the independent governments of Russia, Belarus, China, Iran, Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela — all of which they demonize and all of which have been subjected to harsh U.S. economic sanctions, terrorism attacks and other forms of war. U.S. installs fascist government in Ukraine

While Big Business media has incessantly beat the drum for war with Russia, they bury the fact that in 2021 alone, the U.S. government pledged more than $400 million in taxpayer dollars to build up the military power of the fascist government of Ukraine which is led by the Obama/Biden administration and installed after a violent coup in 2014. The coup accomplished two main goals for the U.S.: Ukraine was forced to submit to the control of U.S. military force and it became a major supplier of U.S. weapons, which are now aimed at neighboring Russia.

The U.S.-backed government in Kiev relies on fascist terror to crush resistance to their policies of getting social programs, destroying pensions, and privatization, resulting in mass unemployment and hunger throughout Ukraine. Since 2014 the country has seen an explosion of terrorism against unionists and Roma, Jewish and LGBTQ people. Fascist gangs like the C4 patrol the streets of Kiev with the official sanction of the government. Living standards have declined to the point that 22.9% of Ukrainian children suffer from chronic malnutrition, according to the U.N. Anti-fascist fighters, families shielded by the Union

The people of Ukraine have resisted the attempted fascist takeover of their country. In the eastern part of Ukraine, in the Donbas region, anti-fascist fighters have waged a bitter war to defend the territories known as the Lugansk People's Republic and the Donetsk People's Republic. Since 2014 the Ukrainian war on the Donbas has killed nearly 14,000 people, including thousands of civilians.

In 2015 leaders from Ukraine, LPR, DPR and Russia met in Minsk, Belarus, to work out a diplomatic ceasefire in the war in the Donbas. They agreed to self-govern and territorial independence for the Donbas. But in practice, the U.S.-backed Ukrainian government has done next to nothing to respect this agreement. Rarely does a day go by without some Ukrainian paramilitary unit committing an act of terrorism against the people of the LPR and DPR. Ukrainian forces recently captured and tortured a Russian cease-fire monitor in Lugansk and carried out an armed attack on a settlement in the demilitarized zone of the DPR.

In April, Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelensky dropped all pretense at diplomacy, when he declared that the only option left to the war in Donbas was the Doomsday Machine. Zelensky has made it clear that they would respond forcefully to any major escalation in the war as a matter of defense. It must be remembered that nearly 27 million Soviet citizens were shot in the war against the German invaders. People of all nationalities in Russia do not want armed Ukrainian fascists menacing their country. They will respond to the threat by force if necessary.

Biden's support of Ukrainian fascism

The hell that Ukrainians are living through is what the U.S. wants for Russia. Above all else, the ultraright wants governments that answer to the profit motives of banks and corporations. If for that purpose they feel they need to rally their shock troops under the swastika and rule by open terror, that's what they'll do. U.S.-backed Poland and Hungary have already taken this path.

U.S.-backed fascist militias have been traveling to Ukraine to train with groups like the Azov battalion, which is a unit of the National Guard of Ukraine, funded by U.S. taxpayers. Andyri Biletsky, commander of the Azov battalion and former member of the Ukrainian parliament, recently stated: “The U.S. is the most militant nation in this critical moment is to lead the white races of the world in a final crusade for their survival against subhumans.” This is the ideology of the “white-power” movement that Kyle Rittenhouse, the Proud Boy killer in Kenosha, Wisconsin, to Charlotteville, Virginia, to Brunswick, Georgia, we're seeing from our own racist and fascist violence here. It's time we come together and show the world that we will not allow fascist aggression to be tolerated. No to war with Russia! Workers unite to fight fascists here and in Ukraine! No more blood for Wall Street profits!
Por Carlos Anezr

Después de la victoria electoral por el Partido Libre y Xiomara Castro en las elecciones en Honduras en noviembre, el redactor invitado amigos y compañeros del Partido Libre y de ALBA Movimientos, anotó las siguientes reflexiones:

**Resumen Latinoamericano:** Gilberto, felicitaciones para ti y al pueblo hondureño por este triunfo.

**GR:** Muchos de nosotros pensamos que nunca consideré que esto iba a ser parte de la historia de Honduras. Xiomara Castro recibió más votos que cualquier otro candidato en la historia de Honduras.

**RG:** Xiomara fue la primera dama desde 2006, pero ahora la desfiguró el caro golpe militar de 2009, y asumió la responsabilidad de la Red Solidaria. La red fue un proyecto que se hizo en conjunto con la ONU y otras instituciones internacionales, donde se focalizó la pobreza y la extrema pobreza en el país.

**RL:** Tenemos mucha felicidad que la verdadera democracia triunfó este domingo, y que la palabra del pueblo en conjunto se manifestó de manera clara. La resistencia en Honduras siempre fue una fuerza que ha luchado por sus derechos, y ahora, con Xiomara en la presidencia, podremos ver un cambio real en la vida de las personas más necesitadas.

**TR:** Recuerdo que cuando íbamos a fundar el Partido Libre y Xiomara, no había muchas personas que creían en este sueño. Habíamos sido expulsados de la alianza que había sido ganada por más de 10 puntos. Xiomara dijo que “si me lanzo a una lucha que no voy a ceder más”, y a fin de cuentas un año más tarde nos ganamos el 12% de los votos.

**RL:** Es un golpe fuerte para el Partido Libre, y en todo este proceso también debo mencionar la labor y el esfuerzo de los trabajadores de la sociedad civil, de las organizaciones criminales, de los sectores más pobres, de los que nos acompañaron en todo este proceso.

**GR:** Gilberito, muchísimas felicitaciones para ti y al pueblo hondureño por este triunfo.

**RL:** Hay que destacar la lucha de Xiomara y la lucha de todos los trabajadores de la escuela de defensa, en donde había fondos de transición en donde se focalizó la pobreza y la extrema pobreza en el país. Tenemos que reconocer el trabajo incansable que han hecho la policía y el ejército, pero también los sectores más pobres de la sociedad civil.

**GR:** Es un triunfo para todos los que creíamos en la transición democrática. Xiomara es un ejemplo real de cómo la resistencia puede triunfar.

**RL:** He aquí algunos puntos sobre la lucha y el triunfo de Xiomara.

**GR:** El triunfo de Xiomara es un triunfo para todos los que creíamos en la transición democrática. Xiomara es un ejemplo real de cómo la resistencia puede triunfar.

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