Colombia
State terror won’t stop the struggle
By Martha Grevatt

Since April 28, workers in Colombia have been waging a general strike. The strike was provoked by the third of three recent tax “reforms” imposed by the right-wing government of President Iván Duque. The new taxes squeeze workers at both ends, by raising taxes on personal income and charging sales taxes on basic food items. This creates tremendous hardship for Colombian workers, whose average monthly pay is equal to around $310—well below the worldwide average and less than typical monthly rent for a three-room apartment in the capital of Bogotá. (quora.com)

While fruit and other necessities are taxed, Coca-Cola products are tax exempt. Coke is notorious for engaging right-wing death squads to assassinate union leaders in its Colombian bottling plants. (killercoke.org)

The human rights organization Temblores has documented at least 1,173 incidents of police violence aimed at suppressing the general strike between April 28 and May 7. "The organization states that the data results from rigorous work of verification and triangulation of the complaints registered since April 28 by citizens through the different channels of communication established for that purpose," Telesur reported May 7.

Temblores said: “For nine consecutive days, and despite the violence with which the State has repressed the social protests, citizens have come out en masse to demonstrate and claim their rights in the streets.” (Telesur, May 7)

Police have committed sexual assault, reprisal from the police who, in reality, are death squads. The Jacarezinho community is demanding an independent probe of this bloody raid.

While the police tried to demonize the dead as drug traffickers, eyewitness reports stated that when the unarmed suspects tried to negotiate their surrender to the police, they were summarily executed on the spot or taken to family homes and killed in front of loved ones.

In the last couple of decades, at least six major police massacres have occurred in state of Rio communities, most notably the 2007 Complexo do Alemão invasion, which left 19 dead, and the 2003 massacre in Senador Camará, which resulted in the murder of 15 people. The May 6 killings were the most lethal to date.

Defiant young people in Jacarezinho, Rio de Janeiro.
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May Day, Workers. Resistance. Solidarity. May is International Workers’ Day, officially commemorated in over 80 countries, but not in the U.S., where it originated in 1886 in Chicago as part of the struggle for the eight-hour workday. Its militant legacy is marked by strong protests by the global working class. It’s a day of solidarity. The class struggle is alive, as shown by worker actions against corporate giants and governments, with many focused on the current pandemic crisis.

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Our pages express solidarity with the millions of workers, especially Black, Latinx, Indigenous, immigrants, women and other gender-oppressed people, disabled, all who were impacted by the pandemic downturn, and those still jobless, without health care, childcare, sufficient food and housing. This section shows our heartfelt support of incarcerated workers.

Socialists and communists fought successfully for International Workers’ Day to be an official holiday worldwide to honor workers’ struggles. But the U.S. ruling class tried to erase this workers’ holiday and bury its origins in the militant strikes of the late 1800s. Washington established Labor Day, which marks the workers’ struggle history embodied in May Day.

May Day was reelected in the U.S. in 2006. Millions of immigrants, the majority from Latin America, organized a countrywide general strike to protest racist, anti-immigrant legislation, repression and deportations.

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Evictions, hunger, wage theft

Pandemic triple threat to workers

By G. Dunkel

It’s hard to put food on the table when you don’t have a home where you can put the table. The poorest workers in the United States — disproportionately people of color — rent their homes. During the current COVID pandemic, millions of them are at risk of losing their housing. Estimates on the amount of back rent currently owed range from $84.4 billion owed by 1.4 million households, from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia to $224.4 billion owed by 1.2 million households, from the U.S. Census Bureau; to $526.6 billion owed by 0.9 million households, from Moody’s Analytics.

Hard to say which estimate is accurate — but all indicate that millions of people are at risk of losing their housing. There are a plethora of programs designed to protect tenants from eviction, from the ban to ensure public health placed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — just declared illegal by a district court judge — to a ban on evicting people from federally assisted public housing as well as various bans by states, counties and cities.

Both the Cares Act that Trump signed in March of 2020 and the recent American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provide funds for communities and states to create rental assistance programs to forestall evictions. Even with these programs — which have intricate application processes, exemptions and income requirements — evictions still took place. Some evictions were unofficial — landlord thugs removing a tenant by force — and some took place legally when tenants could not vigorously defend their rights.

Hunger — aka ‘food insecurity’

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, more than 42 million people in the U.S. may experience food insecurity in 2021. Food insecurity is defined as “a lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life.” This may be a temporary situation or last a long time. Food insecurity — one way to measure how many people cannot afford food — is especially prevalent in the U.S. among children and older people. (tinyurl.com/jfdkxv3j)

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From 1990 through the early 1970s, the Black Panthers’ Free Breakfast for School Children Program fed tens of thousands of hungry kids, enabling them to deal with their education on a full stomach. This program was the impetus to the widespread free breakfast and lunch programs that most U.S. schools offered before the pandemic.

Approximately 2.65 billion fewer school-based breakfasts and lunches were served in the U.S. between March and November 2020 than in the same 2019 time period — a decrease of 30%. There were numerous attempts, some successful, to maintain school-based hunger prevention.

Feeding America, a network of some of the largest U.S. food banks, expects to collectively distribute the equivalent of 6 billion meals in 2021, about the same amount as in 2020 and far above the 4.2 billion meals given out in 2019. This is a positive side of the response to hunger in the U.S.

But the Census Bureau has been conducting surveys about hunger — defined as not having enough to eat sometimes or often during the previous week. Between 19% and 29% of Black households with children have experienced hunger over the course of the pandemic. This compares with 7% to 14% of white U.S. families, and 16% to 25% of Latinx families. (tinyurl.com/yhk6pfa)

Because it provides support as a percent of income, the food assistance portion of the COVID relief bill will give less help to Black and Latinx families, who are further down the economic ladder.

Jobs and wage theft

U.S. workers — especially women — have lost jobs at a historic and catastrophic rate during the pandemic — a loss exacerbated for some workers by the outright theft of their wages by bosses. A 2016 Economic Policy Institute report defines wage theft as “the failure to pay workers the full wages to which they are legally entitled … which can take many forms, including but not limited to minimum wage violations, overtime violations, meal break violations, pay-stub and illegal deductions or misclassification.” (tinyurl.com/apks79r)

The issue of wage theft has been urgently raised by the Laundry Workers Center, a New York/New Jersey community-led grassroots group organizing in small businesses which mainly employ immigrants. On May Day, LWC protesters marched against the owner of Wash Supply, who had refused to pay his workers overtime. The laundry workers had been fired after voting to form an independent union to defend their rights. (Workers World, May 1)

This is just one example of wage theft. The Center for Public Integrity has examined information on minimum wage and overtime violations from the U.S. Department of Labor. In 2019 alone, the agency cited about 8,500 employers for taking about $287 million in wages away from workers. Big companies such as Halliburton in fossil fuels or Circle-K convenience stores find it easy to stiff their low-skilled workers. These two companies, along with the security giant C4S Wackenhut, have taken more than $22 billion from their employees since 2005. (tinyurl.com/awt4f2t)

But the Department of Labor only handles a small fraction of wage-theft cases — not included are cases under state law or where the employees sue, where the employees are afraid to complain or where a union is involved. Some economists estimate that U.S. wage thefts total $15 billion a year.

Having an extra $15 billion in their pockets every year would be a big step forward for workers to meet their need to pay for a roof over their head and food to put on the table.

We are workers and we have power

The following talk was given at the May Day Union Square rally in New York City on May 1.

Hi! My name is Clarissa and I’m with the Workers Assembly Against Racism, WAAR.

I want to thank our comrades in Bessemer, Alabama, who worked tirelessly to begin a union drive at their Amazon warehouse, a victory in itself.

Although the vote was a “no,” this does not mean we have lost against [Jeff] Bezos and his empire — willing to spend $10,000 a DAY to union bust. It simply means what we already knew: that our capitalist oppressors will stop at nothing to try and snuff out the revolution. The capitalists and gatekeepers of our happiness and security are terrified. What these pigs don’t realize, however, is that their fear is like oxygen to our collective fire — it makes our power grow and we become stronger!

I would next like to thank the Congress of Essential Workers who have picked up the torch, reigned it and just last week began a union drive at our very own Staten Island Amazon Warehouse, JFK 8! Right now only 22 percent of workers in New York City are unionized, and organizing the Staten Island warehouse would pave the way for every warehouse in the city to unionize.

Today is International Workers Day, born of the struggle for the eight-hour workday back in the late 1800s, and revitalized here in NYC in 2006 by migrant workers. You might be wondering, what exactly is a worker? Or “am I a worker?”

If you’re asking these questions and you’re not a cop or landlord or a politician like Chuck Schumer, the answer is probably yes! Home health aides working exploitative 24-hour shifts are workers, car drivers paying off $800,000 loans for their medallions are workers, adjunct faculty providing labor that keeps universities profitable are workers, Uber and Lyft drivers are workers, sex workers are workers, homeless and unemployed people are workers, incarcerated people subjugated under the prison-industrial complex are workers!

We are workers and we have power! None of us are expendable, unlike what capitalism and the state tell us to think. All we desire to have is a good, safe, healthy life. And each and every one of us carries a spark that can burn this whole racist, sexist, exploitative, capitalist system down!
Nurses organize

National Nurses United reported the nurses at Maine Medical Center successfully voted to unionize. The 2,000 nurses will be represented by Maine State Nurses Association (MSNU) and NNU. Maine Medical Center is the largest health care facility in the state.

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Representatives from both sides were at the bargaining table on March 5, and the current staffing ratio at St. Vincent is often 1 nurse to 5 patients or (1-5). The patient load is above the NNU recommendation and is presently the longest strike in the state. The nurses’ strike began March 8 in Worcester, Mass., are still on the picket line. The nurses’ strike began March 8 and is presently the longest strike in the country. The top demand of the nurses is safe staffing.

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Students strike

New York University graduate students are on strike. Unlike the United Mine Workers Local 2110 represents more than 1,000 grad student workers at NYU. Their main demand is a wage increase but, in response to police violence against Black and Brown people, the students are calling on the university to limit police presence on campus.

Graduate students won their first higher education union contract in 1970 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Graduate students formed the Graduate Students Organizing Committee (K-SWOC) continues their battle with Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, to allow undergraduate student workers to vote for a union. Two months ago, the K-SWOC staged the first undergraduate student-worker strike in the country. The students decided to strike in late April, when the college refused to recognize the student-workers’ union. (tinyurl.com/ynouy42cl)

Coal miners rally

The United Mine Workers (UMWA) hosted a Unity Rally for the 1,100 coal miners striking at Warrior Met Coal in Brookwood, Ala. The strike began on April 1 after the workers’ contracts expired, and negotiations for a new contract failed. UMWA President Cecil Roberts urged striking workers to stand firm and pledged over $1 million from union funds to support them. (tinyurl.com/y2bbq60u)

At Pennsylvania governor’s home

Release Russell Maroon Shoatz! Now!

By Joe Piette
Mt. Wolf, Pa.

Activists converged on Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf’s home in Mount Wolf, Pa., May 2 to demand the medical release of political prisoner Russell Maroon Shoatz and all ill and elderly prisoners. The action began with a “caravan of love” from nearby York to Mt. Wolf, where the sign-bearing vehicles encircled the block three times while participants held an in-person rally along the sidewalk in front of his home. In addition to the colorful banners and placards, a scroll bearing the names of 145 organizations—including the Prisoners Solidarity Committee of Workers World Party, that had signed a letter demanding ‘Shoatz’ immediate release—was unfurled and laid out on the sidewalk.

The caravan was organized by The Coalition to Free Russell “Maroon” Shoatz Now! Participants came from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New York City, New Jersey, Los Angeles and New Orleans. For more information on the political prisoners, see workers.org/2020/12/53426/.

Caravans protest immigrant detention

By Jim McHahan
Tacomawash.

Im/migrant-led caravans from the Pacific Northwest region came to protest the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC) in Tacoma, Wash., May 8. The Mothers Day caravan, headquartered earlier in the day before, brought families from Portland and Salem, Ore., Seattle and other cities. Their cars were decorated with “Stop ICE” and “Abolish ICE” flags for their family members and others behind bars.

This caravan was part of nationally coordinated actions by the American Friends Service Committee. Along with several immigrant rights organizations, women’s, labor and various progressive organizations supported the Tacoma action.

The NWDC is the largest immigration prison on the West Coast and is run by the for-profit GEO Group. Prisoners are held under torturous conditions, and legal assistance is rare. This year the Washington State Legislature banned private prisons, but not until NWDC’s contract expires in 2025! But solidarity groups want it shut down now!

The COVID-19 pandemic only increases the crisis for those incarcerated, including 64 prisoners seeking refugee status who were just flown here from the Mexican border. As drivers arrived at the prison, the caravan was greeted by Artic Dancers. Dakota Case, a representative of the Puyallup Nation, on whose land the prison sits, welcomed the people to Puyallup territory. Caravan leaders displayed large bags stuffed with 1,000 letters and solidarity messages from 10 states for the people inside.

The cause of mothers, both inside and outside the prison, who are separated from their families was highlighted. La Resistencia, an immigrant detention solidarity organization, helped coordinate the rally.
Unvaccinated prison staff are a danger

By Betsey Piette

Workers World has received letter after letter from workers incarcerated in Pennsylvania prisons expressing a common concern: “We are at risk of dying from COVID-19, and the only way the pandemic is getting into prisons is from the staff!”

Our incarcerated sisters, brothers and siblings describe a shared crisis: They are subject to 24-hour lockdown, denied visits and isolated in cells without access to fresh air, exercise or even law library visits. Many who report COVID-19 symptoms are placed in restricted housing units, reviled as “the hole.”

Prisoners threatened with the psychological torture of solitary confinement are much less likely to report when they are sick, causing further spread of COVID-19. Yet prison staff can move unencumbered, unaccounted, block to block.

While case numbers in Pennsylvania prisons remained relatively low during 2020, in December more incarcerated people became infected and died at higher rates than outside populations. This trend continued into 2021.

In January, Pennsylvania held public hearings on the crisis. Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Secretary John Wetzel was on the hot seat to explain what his department was doing to curb the pandemic’s spread.

A report on COVID-19 in the state prisons came Feb. 10, when the department reported 4,048 total COVID-19 positive staff cases with four staff deaths and 9,661 positive cases with 101 deaths among incarcerated workers.

Most likely these numbers were an undercount. After February, the DOC statistics became harder to find, even while anecdotal reports from individual incarcerated workers suggested higher numbers of positive tests and deaths. The DOC’s data then went off-line. Though relaunched in April, navigation of the site is still difficult.

Within Pennsylvania prisons, there are 37,245 incarcerated workers and 15,852 staff. According to state data released April 21, only 9,133 staff were fully or partially vaccinated — less than 20%.

In some facilities — Albion, Fayette, Pine Grove and Smithfield — 90% or more of staff remain unvaccinated. Positive tests among staff are currently higher than among incarcerated people.

Inquirer.com, April 22

As of that date, roughly half of incarcerated workers in Pennsylvania have been vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccine is currently available to any adult in the state.

California, Massachusetts, Michigan and North Carolina legally require COVID-19 testing for prison staff. While the Pennsylvania DOC claims it can’t legally force staff to be tested, Philadelphia-based labor lawyer Ryan Hancock said that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has guidelines that waive the prohibition against mandatory employer testing during a pandemic, especially when necessary for public health.

If Pennsylvania prison staff continue to refuse to protect the health of incarcerated workers by getting vaccinated, then the state must begin a massive decarceration program to save the lives of incarcerated people.

When just being yourself is a radical act

By Miley Fletcher

For hundreds of years, racism, bigotry and discrimination have existed in society but especially within prison complexes. Black men, women and transgender people have been subjected, assailed, assaulted, placed in solitary confinement, restrained chairs and psychological observation cells — humiliated and abused by officers and staff alike.

The corruption begins at the head of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) when someone claims, “This prison is being exposed on their daily abuses, racist bigotry and discrimination. What they are doing outside of these prison complexes is being done to us here. If they move a prisoner to another block or transfer them to another institution, it is because the prisoner is right. They transfer us because I keep writing.”

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Incarcerated workers should be allowed to speak out. It is our constitutional right. Remember that what they are doing outside of these prison complexes is being done to us here. If they move a prisoner to another block or transfer them to another institution, it is because the prisoner is right. They transfer us because I keep writing. It is not just in the prisons. Racism, bigotry and discrimination are everywhere.

Fletcher is a trans woman currently incarcerated at SCI Forest, Manxenlle, Pa.
Police agents killed all four of these young Black men in Georgia, and the struggle to prosecute and convict their murderers is ongoing.

Jamarion Robinson was killed Aug. 5, 2016, at the East Point apartment of his partner, by a heavily armed force from seven police agencies under the direction of the U.S. Marshals. Carrying submachine guns in addition to usual police handguns, more than 90 shots were fired with 76 bullets hitting Jamarion. What brought on this massive firepower to arrest this former college athlete who was getting ready to return to school in a few days? They were looking for someone who had allegedly displayed a gun a few days earlier. No body cameras were worn by any of the police to verify their claims that they were fired upon first. Yet, all the bullet holes in the apartment door came from outside.

The U.S. Marshals Service refused to allow their agents to be questioned by Fulton County investigators or to turn over any documents or reports. Fulton County investigators or to turn over any documents or reports.

Jamarion’s family has continued to fight for answers and justice in his brutal murder. There are multiple murals of Jamarion on buildings across Atlanta, and public protests at local and federal offices take place regularly.

Jamarion Robinson was just 21 when he was killed in yet another U.S. Marshals-led task force in January 2019. The warrant was for a stolen cell phone. Atchison fled the apartment and hid in a neighbor’s closet. Several officers, including then-Atlanta policeman Sung Kim, discovered him. Witnesses say he had his hands up when he was shot in the face by Kim. There is no camera footage.

At a rally and march May 8 in a downtown Atlanta park, a spirited crowd chanted his name repeatedly and pledged to keep on until all those responsible for Atchison’s murder are held accountable.

The death of Ahmaud Arbery at the hands of three white vigilantes Feb. 23, 2020, near Brunswick in Glynn County, Ga., gained national attention once the video was released May 5. Travis McMichael, his father Gregory and their friend William “Roddie” Bryan pursued the jogging Arbery in their pickup trucks. Both McMichaels were armed, and Bryan videoed the chase and its deadly conclusion. All three have been charged with multiple counts including felony murder. On April 28, a federal grand jury handed down hate crime indictments. Their state trial is set for Oct. 18.

On May 8, Arbery’s 27th birthday, a large rally was held at a DeKalb County church, where the crowd assured his mother that they would keep up the struggle with her for justice.

Garrett Rolfe, the Atlanta policeman who fatally shot Rayshard Brooks in the back twice June 12, 2020, was reinstated to his job. Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottom had ordered him fired one day after the shooting. On May 5, the Atlanta Civil Service Board determined that Rolfe’s due process rights had been violated. The terms of his bond release will not allow him to return to active duty.

Bottom’s announcement that she would not seek reelection this November may push the question of Rolfe’s prosecution to the winner of the mayoral race.

Philippines supports Anishinaabe resistance to Enbridge Line 3 pipeline

People marched from Philadelphia’s City Hall to a Wells Fargo Bank office May 7 to demand the bank stop funding Enbridge Corporation Line 3. The Line 3 tar sands oil pipeline would bring 760,000 barrels a day of tar sands oil per day from Alberta, Canada, to Superior, Wis.

A 35-foot-long black paper scroll was carried by participants symbolizing the oil pipeline. At the end of the demonstration, participants tore it up, “killing the corporate snake!” Since 2014, thousands of people have organized in their communities in Minnesota and Wisconsin and shown up at hearings to oppose Line 3. All pipelines spill, often at great cost to the surrounding environment and community.

Enbridge was responsible for the July 2010 Kalamazoo River oil spill when the company’s Line 6B pipeline burst and flowed into Talmadge Creek, a tributary of the Kalamazoo River. A six-foot break in the pipeline produced one of the largest inland oil spills in U.S. history.

Opponents on the Stop Line 3 website say: “Line 3 would contribute more to climate change than Minnesota’s entire economy. Minnesota’s own Department of Commerce found our local market does not need Line 3 oil. We need to decommission the old Line 3 and justly transition to a renewable, sustainable economy. Line 3 would violate the treaty rights of Anishinaabe peoples and nations in its path — wild rice is a centerpiece of Anishinaabe culture; it grows in numerous watersheds Line 3 seeks to cross.” (stopline3.org)

According to treaties between the Anishinaabe and the U.S. in 1854 and 1855, which are federal law under the Constitution, the Anishinaabe people retain the rights to hunt, fish, gather medicinal and harvest wild rice on marked territories. The pipeline crosses them without permission. The impact of construction — or, worse, an oil spill — would permanently damage the Anishinaabe’s ability to exercise these rights, and an oil spill would permanently damage their historic wild rice beds.

The proposed route for Line 3 crosses 227 lakes and rivers, including the Mississippi River and rivers that feed directly into Lake Superior, also putting those waterways at risk of a spill from the 760,000 barrels of tar sands oil that would flow through Line 3 every day.

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Philippines supports Anishinaabe resistance to Enbridge Line 3 pipeline

By Joe Piette

Philadelphia

People marched from Philadelphia’s City Hall to a Wells Fargo Bank office May 7 to demand the bank stop funding Enbridge Corporation Line 3. The Line 3 tar sands oil pipeline would bring 760,000 barrels a day of tar sands oil per day from Alberta, Canada, to Superior, Wis.

A 35-foot-long black paper scroll was carried by participants symbolizing the oil pipeline. At the end of the demonstration, participants tore it up, “killing the corporate snake!” Since 2014, thousands of people have organized in their communities in Minnesota and Wisconsin and shown up at hearings to oppose Line 3. All pipelines spill, often at great cost to the surrounding environment and community.

Enbridge was responsible for the July 2010 Kalamazoo River oil spill when the company’s Line 6B pipeline burst and flowed into Talmadge Creek, a tributary of the Kalamazoo River. A six-foot break in the pipeline produced one of the largest inland oil spills in U.S. history.

Opponents on the Stop Line 3 website say: “Line 3 would contribute more to climate change than Minnesota’s entire economy. Minnesota’s own Department of Commerce found our local market does not need Line 3 oil. We need to decommission the old Line 3 and justly transition to a renewable, sustainable economy. Line 3 would violate the treaty rights of Anishinaabe peoples and nations in its path — wild rice is a centerpiece of Anishinaabe culture; it grows in numerous watersheds Line 3 seeks to cross.” (stopline3.org)

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May 6 — The death of 16-year-old Black lesbian Mikayla Miller under mysterious circumstances in mid-April has ignited an outcry from a broad front of anti-racist forces.

Black and LGBTQ+ organizers from the Greater Boston area joined with Mikayla’s grieving community to lead a vigil today that drew thousands from around the state.

Details available about Mikayla Miller’s final hours — and the way her body was discovered — are chilling. On April 17, Mikayla’s mother called local police to report that Mikayla had been jumped in her apartment complex by several white youths whom she knew. Police came to the apartment, where Mikayla gave a statement that she had been assaulted. Less than 12 hours later, a jogger found Mikayla dead in the woods near her home, tied to a tree with a leather belt.

Mikayla’s family was notified that first-responder and police agencies were treating the death as a suicide despite glaring signs of foul play that clearly warranted a homicide investigation. This aroused concern that racism of police and other officials had impacted decisions about how the state was handling Mikayla’s death. Those decisions irreparably delayed a timely, unbiased investigation. This would have been the best chance to confirm or rule out any theory of what occurred in the hours, minutes and moments before Mikayla’s life ended forever.

When the family examined police records, they noted that official logs were missing for both the April 17 assault and the April 18 discovery of Mikayla’s body. They challenged investigators to be transparent about the status of the body. They challenged investigators to be transparent about the status of the body. They challenged investigators to be transparent about the status of the body.

Racist response from district attorney

As news spread, Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan came under fire both for mishandling the investigation and for her office’s anti-Black, anti-LGBTQ+ insensitivity and lack of accountability.

Under mounting public pressure, DA Ryan finally appeared before the media and admitted her office had indeed determined that Mikayla was the victim of a crime, promising information would be released “as soon as legally feasible.”

But the DA’s mealymouthed statements only added insult to injury, because the community’s complaints that the investigation was tainted by racism were brushed off as “patently false.” The DA defended the gross negligence and misconduct of racist cops who mishandled the investigation — and repeatedly subjected Mikayla and those who advocated for her to racist, sexist, homophobic treatment and character assassinations.

All information coming out of the DA’s office has bolstered the racist status quo of the injustice system and amounted to an admission that the whole system is designed to fail Black people, who are victims of deadly white-supremacist violence — especially in an affluent suburban community. Prosecutors often demand airtight evidence before charging or arresting white suspects, as the DA’s office maneuvers to avoid a loss in its prosecution “score,” when going up against a well-funded defense.

Black community organizers advocating for Mikayla and her family have pointed out the history of racist policing. They emphasize that if roles were reversed — with a high profile white victim — Black people would already be in custody named as suspects, subjected to coercive interrogations and heavy charges, their mugshots all over the news, with a full-court press mounted to obtain a confession (plea bargain).

Multinational, queer-straight solidarity

At today’s vigil, a wave of multinational, queer-straight solidarity surronded Mikayla’s family, her loved ones and every young person of color who this incident has forced to ponder: “What if that was me?”

Justice can only be won in the streets, fighting against every case of police and prosecutorial racism and bigotry. In the streets, anti-racist youth — even in suburban towns like Hopkinton, Mass. — can gain experience in how things are done. Only in the streets can the people mount an effective campaign for nothing short of the abolition of the rotten system that allows police harm, oppression and murder to continue unchecked.

Black and Indigenous women and girls are discarded, disappeared and murdered every day in this capitalist society built on settler colonialism and patriarchy. Every day homophobia, gender binarism and transphobia is used to bully and traumatize queer youth, and many are pushed to the edge of suicide.

Every year, dozens of queer youth of color are murdered by people they know. The facts in Mikayla’s death are glaringly conclusive. There should have been zero questions that foul play was the first and most likely thing to consider, when a Black queer teenager is found dead in the manner that Mikayla Miller was.

The police and the DA’s office have proven time and again that all the diversity and “cultural competence” training in the world are incapable of reforming law enforcement into a system that will treat oppressed communities with respect and dignity.

Mikayla Miller’s case is raising an outcry not because it is unusual. Her death and the criminal lack of response by the state resonates with people, because they see what has been wrong here in Massachusetts for centuries: the utter incapacity of the state to respect the humanity of Black and Brown and queer folks. The whole damn system needs to go!

A rally calling for the ouster of DA Marian Ryan is set for May 21.

By Gery Armsby
Hopkinton, Mass.

Lawyer fights for Indigenous people, against Big Oil

By WW staff

Activists and allies turned out May 10 for a rally at Federal Court in New York City to support Steven Donziger, a lawyer and champion for environmental justice and human rights. Donziger led the team that won a historic $9.5 billion lawsuit against Chevron for pollution crimes in Ecuador.

In 1993 Donziger sued Texaco, Inc., on behalf of Indigenous Ecuadorians sickened by the company’s oil operations in the Lago Agrio region of the Amazon. The lawsuit eventually included Chevron, which had acquired Texaco. In 2011 it finally succeeded in holding Chevron liable for water and soil contamination in Ecuador between 1964 and 1992.

Ten years later, the company still refuses to pay and start the cleanup.

Instead, Chevron has hounded Donziger, resulting in a misleading contempt charge for which the lawyer has endured over 600 days of house arrest. Donziger is currently being tried in Manhattan, where the legal battle was organized by Acción Revolución, “the largest group of revolutionary Ecuadorians in the United States, fighting for a better future.”

Donziger’s “real crime” was taking on Big Oil and winning a billion-dollar judgment for Indigenous people in Ecuador whose lives and lands have been destroyed by Chevron.
Defend the freedom of the press! Break the silence about Iraq!

By Swedish Iraq Solidarity Association

The following is an appeal by the Swedish Iraq Solidarity Association on occasion of the World Press Freedom Day, May 3.

Eighteen years have passed since Iraq was invaded on March 20, 2003, by the United States, supported mainly by Britain. The coverage by Western media — not least the Swedish media — of developments in the country has been extremely deficient and often directly misleading.

The Australian journalist Julian Assange, who through WikiLeaks revealed to the world the war crimes of the invading forces, is being held without trial in a British high-security prison under poor sanitation and in total isolation, which equals mental torture. His case is not only a mockery of the rule of law but also an attack on international press freedom, intended as a warning to the media worldwide. Whoever reveals war crimes will be severely punished; whoever commits them goes free.

Iraq, which before the invasion was a rich nation of 25 million people, with a high standard of living for the population, has been destroyed by the invasion. Over one and a half million people have been killed, even more injured or displaced from their homes or subjected to arbitrary violence and abuse.

Large cities such as Mosul and Fallujah have been repeatedly subjected to terror bombings and mass destruction. The country’s infrastructure, including the water system — sewage and sewage treatment plants, has been smashed to pieces. Extensive corruption prevents reconstruction and rehabilitation. The United States has imposed on Iraq a sectarian system to divide its people.

Destruction of Iraq environment

The weapons used by the United States have caused lasting damage to the environment and to its people. Depopulated uranium, white phosphorus and other chemical toxins were used in its warfare. Many children are still (being) born severely malformed due to radioactivity and other environmental degradation. President Joe Biden recently made a big deal out of the fact that the United States is now joining the Paris Agreement. He made no mention of the [U.S.] American war machine’s deliberate environmental destruction and poisoning, not only in Iraq.

Officially, the U.S. role today is said to be to fight terrorism, although it has been a direct creation of the U.S. war, as even President Barack Obama noted. In reality the role of the United States includes massive bombings of civilians, drone strikes on Iraqi territory, such as the one that resulted in the assassination of Iranian General Qasem Soleimani on Jan. 3, 2020, and the deployment of special forces, contract staff and intelligence agents.

There is strong pressure for U.S. troops to leave Iraq. Major demonstrations call for national independence. On Oct. 1, 2019, a series of extensive demonstrations began, over half consider themselves Black or Indigenous people to "Europeanize or lighten" the skin color of the overall population.

It is within this historical context that the major cities of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, with some of the highest concentrations of people of African descent, find themselves in such desperate poverty and unpeachable repression. According to Time Magazine, while 56% of Brazilians identify as Black and Indigenous people were only 8% of Congress and 4.7% of executives in Brazil’s 500 largest companies. On the flip side of the class divide, Black people make up 20% of the justice system and 25% of those killed by police. (Dec. 16, 2020)

Also Black Brazilians, who earn 57 cents on the dollar compared to whites, are dying of COVID-19 at a much higher rate than whites, due to overcrowded conditions and lack of nutrition, sanitation and health facilities in the favelas.

This reign of police terror instigated by Bolsonaro will not intimidate but will help build resistance by the people in the streets with demands to fund decent paying jobs, housing, food and health and the favelas which will take a social revolution.

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Igaporã Institute, a Rio-based research group on trends in violence, stated: “These shootings are obviously routine in Rio de Janeiro, but this is unprecedented in that it’s the operation that has generated the largest number of deaths, ever.” He went on to say that this is “a dangerous reminder of the persistence of police violence in Rio de Janeiro and Brazil.”

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**Brazilians tell police: ‘Stop killing us!’**

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Bolsonaro became president of Brazil in 2018, police massacres in the favelas were commonplace, regardless of who held national power, the police and the army — the state — protected the private property of the wealthy oligarchy.

Even under the social-democratic presidency of Luiz Inácio “Lula” da Silva, and his social-democratic Workers Party from 2003-2011, police killings took place. Lula’s government established or strengthened a vital social safety net including cash transfer to the poor, aid to small farmers, and labor and pension reforms, which improved living conditions for the masses but did not stop police killings.

Bolsonaro is an extreme right-wing president — a Brazilian version of Trump — who has exhibited utter disdain and hatred for the Black and Indigenous population and who has boldly given carte blanche to the police to kill with impunity. He was once quoted saying, “A cop who doesn’t kill isn’t a cop.” (Washington Post, May 6)

In 2011, Brazil had killed an estimated 5,800 people throughout Brazil, which is over five times the annual rate of police killings in the U.S. According to Human Rights Watch, from 2010 to 2020, three-quarters of the 9,000 people the police killed in Rio alone were Black men. (June 6)

State terror won’t stop the struggle

By Tania Siddiqi

In Pakistan, Karachi Bachao Tehreek (IBT), an alliance of local activists struggling against evictions and illegal land grabs, reported that Bahria Town personnel, the town’s private guards, and Sindhi provincial policemen, entered various Gaths [small neighborhoods populated mainly by Sindhi people] May 7 with heavy machinery, intending to further encroach on poor Indigenous people’s lands.

Abdul Hafeez, a member of Sindh Indigenous Rights Alliance, informed the newspaper “Dawn” that guards and police attempted to destroy shops with cement mixers and bulldozers in Kamal Khan Jokhiyo Goth. Community members responded by engaging in acts of resistance against the intruders. After one person threw a stone at Bahria Town personnel, guards began shooting at the villagers.

Indigenous activist Shaukat Khashkelif was shot, yet law enforcement took him to a police station rather than a hospital. Other villagers were kidnapped and tortured by Bahria Town guards for their acts of resistance and their refusal to allow Bahria Town to rob them of their land. (Dawn, May 4) 

Brazilian police barbaric attack parallels similarly horrifying capitalist endeavors taking place elsewhere in Pakistan.

The Pakistani ruling class’s ongoing war against poor workers is centered on promoting corporate marketability and modernization. One of their most blatant attacks on the working class was its 2019 campaign to remove so-called “encroachers” from occupying “illegal” structures. Around the time that the anti-encroachment program was put in place, around 30 to 40 percent of Karachi’s economy consisted of informal markets catering to company employees, which provided livelihoods for about 2 million people.

However, that did not stop government officials from demolishing people’s businesses and homes. At Empress Market, the most well-known markets in Karachi, at least 1,700 shops and stalls were destroyed during the anti-encroachment drive.

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**Good news from China**

By Deirdre Griswold

As the COVID-19 epidemic continues to ravage many countries, including the United States, China has announced that it will make millions of doses of its Sinopharm vaccine available for free to the hard-hit countries in the developing world. The announcement came as the World Health Organization declared the Sinopharm vaccine safe and reliable in fighting the virus.

This is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that People’s China itself is still considered to be a developing country and that the pandemic broke out there first. Because of the virus, its economy contracted for the first time in 2020.

Since January, however, it has rebounded by 18%. It is now in the position of being able to help others combat this terrible disease.

At the beginning of April, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, revealed that in rich countries had received a vaccine, only in 1 in 500 living in poorer countries had gotten a dose. China stepping into the breach now is a big step toward global vaccine justice.

China and India are the two most populous countries in the world, India, with more than 22 million cases, is now second only to the U.S. (53.5 million) in total numbers of coronavirus cases.

China, with almost the same number of people as India, is in the amazingly low position of 96th in the world with just 90,769 cases. (worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries)

These remarkable figures are testimony to the differences in social systems resulting from great revolution—upheavals in the past. The success of the Chinese Revolution in 1949, under the leadership of Mao Zedong and the Chinese Communist Party, laid the basis for the socialist economy, which prevails in China, and the feudal relations, reinforced by Western imperialist penetration and domination.

The 1949 socialist revolution made it possible for China to overcome the deep poverty that once prevailed among its own people, but to now help others who still suffer from capitalist-imperialist underdevelopment.

While such a revolution may now appear to be a distant prospect in the United States, the contradictions that make social change not only possible but inevitable are piling up here. The very fact that the U.S., long the richest large country, now leads the world in coronavirus cases is bound to raise consciousness and spur on the struggle for a society based on the needs of the many, not the greed of the few.

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**All out for Palestine!**

By WW staff

Palestinians in Jerusalem, in Gaza, throughout Palestine and in exile are fighting for their rights and their lives after 73 years of Nakba (the Catastrophe — meaning the founding of Israel).

On May 11 alone, Israeli drone warplanes killed 24 Palestinian civilians, including nine children, in Gaza. Hundreds of Palestinians were injured by Israeli occupation forces, who launched provocative attacks at Al-Aqsa Mosque. Palestinians in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of East Jerusalem fought forcible eviction and displacement by settler colonial mobs.

Join Al-Awda, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, and come out for Palestine now! Join these rallies and raise your voice for Palestine at this critical moment.

- Los Angeles, May 11: Emergency Rally: All Out for Palestine!
- Los Angeles, May 15: Nakba 73 — Resistance Until Liberation Rally & Protest
- San Francisco, May 15: Nakba 73 — We Will Return!
- New York/Brooklyn, May 15: Nakba 73 — Defend Palestine from the River to the Sea!

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**Workers check equipment at a Sinopharm vaccine production plant, Beijing, April 11.**

**Workers protest says ‘U.S. out of Colombia!’**

A militant group of demonstrators occupying a lane of traffic marched through the streets of Portland, Ore., May 8 chanting “U.S. out of Colombia” and “Israel and U.S. puppets.” Cars driving around them honked in support of signs condemning U.S. financial and military aid to the right-wing regime in Colombia and its close ally, Israel. At a rally following the march, Lyn Nesley of Workers World Party said: “We need to put the blame for the violent repression in Colombia squarely on the shoulders of Washington.”

— Report by Workers World Portland bureau

**Let’s take the streets for Palestine!**

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Violating U.S. ‘norms’

China aids global fight vs. hunger, disease

By Sara Flounders

A document released by the Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines April 9, “2021 Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community,” lists China the greatest threat to the United States. It claims China’s threat is so serious that an intensifying level of U.S. intelligence operations, cyberattacks and investment in military technology must be organized to counter it. Democrats and Republicans vie in Congress in their application of anti-China legislation requiring multibil- lion-dollar funding.

A hard line on China is one of the few truly coordinated efforts occupying the divided U.S. Congress. This includes a vast increase in funding to military and technological — and is a peer competitor, challenging the U.S. in the Indo-Pacific region and $75 million to provide basic healthcare for 800 million of its 1.4 billion people.

Some 54 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America support China against these claims, including more than a dozen members of the Organization of Islamic States. Supporting the U.S. charges are non-Muslim countries in Europe, plus Canada, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. Nevertheless, the U.S. has imposed sanctions on China.

Endless funding for war

The “Endless Frontiers Act” is a bill to spend $12 billion over five years on countering China. Tackled onto this are 234 amendments, as various corporations lobby for a cut of the action.

Another mega bill before Congress is the “Strategic Competition Act of 2021.” Its purpose is to respond to China’s technological development with the explicit goal of slowing it or sabotaging it completely. Countermeasures against China include $300 million a year for four years ($1.2 billion), called the “Countering Chinese Influence Fund.” It provides funding for challenging China’s “forced labor” in its Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, suppressing human rights, “unfair competition” and “intellectual theft.” Congressional funding for mercenar- iary operations includes $655 million for a Military Proving Ground in the Indo-Pacific region and $75 million for an “Infrastructure Transaction and Assistance Network” in the Indo-Pacific to generate criticism of China’s Belt and Road Development Initiative.

Some $450 million for the Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Initiative could ensure U.S. aircraft-carrier battle groups can operate freely in the region.

The Strategic Competition and Endless Frontier Acts are part of a fast-track effort promised by President Joe Biden. Both bills are accompanied by an echo chamber of leading electric utility companies’ lack of maintenance, torn 40 million acres. In 2018, wildfires cost $40 billion in losses, and millions of residents were left with shocking medical bills, and polluted air, soil and waterways.

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No recognition is given in this report to China’s historic achievements of ending extreme poverty, illiteracy and lack of potable water, while providing access to basic healthcare for 800 million of its 1.4 billion people.

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Estados Unidos tiene la mayor población encarcelada del mundo, con 2.3 millones de personas, según la Prison Policy Initiative. (24 de marzo de 2020). Muchos de estos trabajadores son esclavos moder- nos, y la malaria, la tuberculosis y otras enfermedades son un problema. Algunos países en países de campos de concentración, donde la gente pobre y de color es encarcelada en un número desproporcio- nal de corredores y campos. La mera existencia de esclavos duplicada con poca ventilación. ¿Es una veneno de los derechos humanos?

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