By Steve Gillis

Boston University

Over 3,000 new members of the Boston University Graduate Workers Union (BUGWU), Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 509, celebrated a 98.8% NLRB election victory Dec. 7, which was months in the organizing. To punctuate that 2022 has been a wildly successful year of rank-and-file union organizing in the U.S., some labor researchers have characterized the 1,414 to 28 vote as “the most lopsided NLRB election win ever” by a bargaining unit of more than 1,000 people. (@dkamper, @gradworkernoBU, Twitter)

Speaking at a Dec. 9 Boston rally marking the one-year anniversary of the first victory for Starbucks Workers United, rank-and-file BUGWU organizer Wu Nairan credited “the inspiration and solidarity of [this summer’s 64-day] strike of Boston Starbucks Workers United on the BU campus” with propelling BUGWU’s win. “I was there when Starbucks management brought in the Pinkertons and Boston police,” recalled Nairan to rousing cheers. “And guess what happened. The next day they were defeated by the solidarity of the workers!”

BUGWU organizers applied these militant lessons on the same streets and in the boardroom suites on Oct. 18, when they marched on BU’s administration building to demand voluntary recognition from BU’s University Council while it was meeting upstairs. When the union delegation was refused a hearing, squads of organizers evaded dozens of hastily-scrambled-together BU and Boston cops, making their way in elevators and stairways to present most lectures and get sometimes larger salaried street-sponsored companies and foundations to various university departments. The lion’s share goes to STEM. “With these enormous funds,” Wu said, “BU’s sprawling campus and neighborhood housing for over 34,000 students is like a giant real estate company that sells modern education and research.”

It’s the thousands of graduate students, master’s and Ph.D. levels, who provide the labor to produce research advances and educate undergraduates, the next generation of workers, for pillars of capitalist industry like Boston’s Raytheon, GE, Fidelity, Akamai, iRobot and Moderna. Low pay for student labor

While the shrinking ranks of tenured professors present most lectures and get sometimes larger salaries, sometimes headlines from the university, graduate workers perform more than 90% of the educational labor for the corporation. In addition to leading all daily discussion groups and labs, handling tens of thousands of student communications, providing office staffing and scoring all quizzes, tests and theses, graduate workers simultaneously work full-time as students, while doing the research that drives the grants for every department.

Master’s candidates go into debt to pay BU’s $50-65,000 yearly tuition and fees. Their hourly wage is based on minimum required hours; if actual hours spent working are added up, they are often paid less than Massachusetts’ minimum wage. Ph.D.-level workers receive a department-dependent “stipend,” with the “arts” at the lowest pay rate of $14.60 per hour.

Graduate workers’ health benefits are akin to the company store of years past, with BU Health Services the sole referral agent to Boston’s for-profit health market, where student workers often have massive out-of-pocket expenses. Dental and vision benefits are currently non-existent and mental health services largely inaccessible.

When it comes to room and board, these frontline graduate workers are essentially on their own, with Boston’s studio apartments averaging $2,885 per month, more than 100% of what most graduate workers earn in pay. BU and other big landlords in the near-zero vacancy rate neighborhood have almost total control of rental costs. Most graduate workers can’t afford the university’s meal plan.

Nairan pointed to BU administration’s dangerous requirement for graduate workers to teach in-person at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic as a major catalyst for BUGWU’s organizing drive. While nearly 100% of undergraduate students opted for remote learning before introduction of vaccines in 2021, BU bosses forced graduate workers to show up to often empty, windowless classrooms and labs, many without ventilation. And in 2022, like nearly every other employer in the U.S., BU administration has discarded every pandemic mitigation protocol that its own scientists and public health specialists advocated, like masking and testing. This has made life for graduate workers in Boston even more precarious.

For the many international graduate student-workers, the right to study and live in the U.S. is tied by the
Workers World’s message for 2023
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Workers World is a workers’ newspaper, written by, for and about workers. Now at the end of the year, we hail the many struggles for union recognition and rights, higher wages and safer working conditions that took place in 2022, many of which have been covered in our pages.

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Our pages have devoted much space to news of the brave Amazon Labor Union, which seeks to organize those whose labor increases the coffers of founder Jeff Bezos. WW applauds the courageous young organizers who have unionized 270 Starbucks stores this year, staying strong against hostile union-busting bosses. Their victories have inspired workers around the country to organize.

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How the war machine ‘recruits’ poor, oppressed youth

By Richie Merino

A Dec. 11 New York Times report highlighted how thousands of public high school students in majority poor, Black and Brown districts are funneled into the U.S. military’s Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program. Students are automatically enrolled and forced to participate as an explicit requirement without parental consent. While some schools have saved money by using JROTC, which is ostensibly a feeder system for children to ultimately enlist in the military, as an alternative to hiring physical education or health teachers.

NY Times, Dec. 11

More than 10,000 military recruiters stalk the hallways of high schools across the country with promises of a good job, paid vacations, housing and a free college education. Poverty is one of the Pentagon’s most effective recruiting tools. Military officials explicitly acknowledge that young people’s inability to afford a college education is a major reason for recruiting recruiting centers and politicians warn that helping people pay off crushing student debt will hurt recruitment. Military recruiters say that student debt crisis is core to youth into believing that enlistment is their only option.

No one should have to invade foreign lands and kill poor Black and Brown citizens worldwide in exchange for an education. Defenders of mandatory JROTC enrollment cite the need to “divert students away from drugs or violence” and “the allure of drugs and gangs” in urban areas, while simultaneously corralling them into the single largest market on earth: the U.S. military.

The fact the U.S. military spends $400 million a year to lure children into that violent, predatory institution should come as no surprise. The U.S. government utilizes the cultural infrastructure to embed the military into almost all aspects of life and to promote militarism. From pledging allegiance to the flag to applauding veterans during holidays, it is nearly impossible to watch sports without billionaire-owned teams constantly idolizing war.

Military recruiters reach youth through video games, such as the popular “Call of Duty” franchise. The role-playing game teaches children to glorify guns and violence and then funnels them into the military to live out their murderous fantasies. Hollywood is the most prominent recruiter for the U.S. military; the Pentagon spends billions on “heroic” war movies vilifying Russia, China and the Middle East. For example, the U.S. Department of Defense collaborated with Paramount Pictures to weave imperialist, pro-war narratives into the movie “Top Gun: Maverick.”

War machine embedded in education

Some public high schools, like the one I teach at in the South Bronx, do not have a formal JROTC program, but military recruiters are very much embedded in the school’s culture. For example, during our annual field day where students participate in competitive sports to win trophies and prizes, the school invites military recruiters to host push-up, pull-up, running and other competitions. The school invites military recruiters to graduation ceremonies, where veterans present several memorial scholarship awards to “honor” the students who have decided to join the military upon graduation.

If military recruiters don’t capture poor kids in high school, they continue to prey upon low-income students in community colleges and public universities, such as the City University of New York, where a majority of students are housing insecure. As a current CUNY student, my personal contact information was shared with military recruiters without my explicit consent. As a result, I receive an obscene number of emails, phone calls and text messages coaxing me to join the military and even to refer a friend.

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The struggle against the military draft is personal to me, not only because I’ve seen my students’ eyes light up at the thought of having stable housing and food for the first time in their life, but because I saw how my brother’s economic deprivation led him to join the U.S. Navy. At 18 years old, his partner had an unexpected pregnancy, and he found himself scrambling to find a job that would pay him enough to survive and support his newborn. As a college freshman at a State University of New York campus, he found the military to be his only option.

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As the Western empire and U.S. hegemony decline, the capitalist ruling class grows desperate to maintain rising profits through brute military adventures. We can expect the U.S. military to further increase its deceitful targeting of poor and disenfranchised youth to serve as cannon fodder for the military-industrial complex. We must take our antiraw and anti-imperialist movement into the streets.

The only war worth fighting is class war. Dismantle the school-to-military pipeline! Police and military recruiters out of our schools! We will no longer be used as tools for imperialist aggression! We will no longer be used to fight and kill working people like ourselves! Money for jobs, education, housing and health—not for war—!

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Why rail workers need paid sick days

By Olujimi Alade

On Dec. 1, 2022, congressional Democrats and Republicans came together in a bipartisan effort to shut down the railroad workers’ nationwide strike and end a five-week backlog in healthcare education. This legislation, which passed 290-137 in the House, codified a tentative agreement reached by the rail companies and the federal government to negate the autonomy of the railroad workers and further suppress them under the boot of the capitalist ruling class.

One of the most important measures rail workers are fighting for was paid sick leave. If the blatantly false secondary bill the House passed had contained seven days of sick leave, which is over a third more than workers in wealthier towns have, it would have been $400 million a year to lure children into that violent, predatory institution as a major reason for recruiting recruit centers.

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COVID-19 and flu underscore need for sick leave

While sick leave should be a human right that all workers are entitled to, not all workers have equal access to sick days, paid or unpaid. As in many things under a capitalistic and racist society, it seems that the ruling class and the politicians have more access to sick days than workers in the industries which keep society running.

As recently as 2019, close to 100% of the top 10% of wage earners have access to paid sick leave, compared to only 25% of the lowest-paid 10%. (pewresearch.org) As far as the specific professions are concerned, over 90% of workers in management and finance have access to sick leave, which is over a third more than workers in service industries. The U.S. government’s ruthless assault on workers’ rights comes at a time when COVID-19 and influenza cases are on the rise. At the beginning of December, there was a 32% increase in patients admitted to the hospital with the flu and a 14% increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations. (cnn.com)

COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on lower-income communities, with casualties twice as high in poor countries than in wealthier ones. This highlights how necessary sick leave is to the working class. Not only could workers stay at home and recuperate, but they could limit transmitting viruses to co-workers and make the spread of the virus more manageable.

As a wage worker, I know how valuable having paid sick leave can be. One morning I woke up with a very high fever and an overall body ache. It took all my energy and strength to get out of bed and get ready for the day. Coming into work that day, I didn’t think I had what it took to stay alert and focused. Feeling that I had no other choice, I decided to press through and work the rest of the day, headaches and sweat be damned. When I got home, all I could do was lie in bed. I didn’t have the stamina to stand nor even sit upright.

Knowing how important my well-being was, I decided not to risk anything and took a couple of days to rest and recuperate. Those two days were the difference between a lethargic, unfocused person and an alert, energetic one. In fact, a study found that people without paid sick leave had more trouble staying awake than those who did have sick leave. (csuohio.edu)

Having paid sick leave to recover from illness can make a huge difference in the health of an individual. It is imperative for all workers to support the rail workers in their fight for paid sick days, because a healthy workforce is a safer and more empowered workforce.
**Critical hearing for Mumia Abu-Jamal**

By Betsy Piette

Dec. 16 — Supporters and family of Pennsylvania political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal filled the courtroom and demanded a moratorium on executions in the U.S. Criminal Justice Center today. All were asking whether Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Lucretia Clemons would continue the long march of justice against Mumia — 41 years in prison — or whether she would place herself on the side of justice and rule in favor of Abu-Jamal.

In the end, it is accurate to say Clemons straddled the judicial fence — but in a way that could not be called fair.

After hearing additional oral arguments from attorneys Judith Ritter and Sam Spital for the defense and counter arguments from Assistant District Attorney Grady Gervino for the commonwealth, Clemons announced she would not make a ruling today. But in a surprise move, Clemons asked how much access Abu-Jamal’s attorneys had been given to the case files, beyond the six boxes made available since February 2019.

Ritter explained that, when the case was before Common Pleas Court Judge Leon Tucker, only the staff for the judge reviewed evidence boxes related to the case. Evidence boxes related to former Philadelphia District Attorney, and subsequently Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice, Ronald Castille, and the issue of his judicial bias against Abu-Jamal.

In piecemeal fashion, the commonwealth provided another evidence box to Tucker during the entirety of the hearings, from April 24, 2017, through December 2018. Toward the end of that initial appeal, District Attorney Larry Krasner’s office admitted there were more than 200 boxes of files that could be relevant to the case.

Following Tucker’s December 2018 ruling, Krasner admitted finding six additional evidence boxes, which were numbered as if belonging to a separate group made in the 1970s. Abu-Jamal’s attorneys were given access to the six boxes, but they raised questions about whether there were 23 more that were not made available to review.

At the hearing today, Spital reiterated the five main points made in the 1982 Mucho’s Brief to the court. They are: Post-Conviction Relief Application (PCRA) hearing, regarding jury selection by race. These were dismissed by trial judge Albert Sabo, who was also the judge in Mumia’s initial hearing. Judge Sabo announced an initial 1982 hearing.

Sab their history of convictions and sentences in capital cases evidenced deep racial disparities, including a high number of death sentences sent to death — 31 people given death sentences over a period of 14 years, 29 of whom were racial minorities. In 1982, the death penalty court stenographer Terri Maurer-Carter declared under oath that she had heard Sabo to another judge, “I'm going to help them fry the n**ger,” referring to jurists in Abu-Jamal’s 1982 trial.

#LoveNotPhear of Abu-Jamal before his incarceration. They chose an older, personal photo of him, but they included a picture of him today on a postcard at the top, to depict how incarcerated individuals are cut off from the outside world through mail. The mural carries the message “From the Darkness Shines a Light.”

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**Oregon governor commutes death row sentences**

By Maddi Johnson

**Portland, Oregon**

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has commuted the sentences of everyone awaiting the death penalty who is not a white man who is younger than 40. She acted in response to a threat to society, the death penalty serves as little more than an expensive way of avoiding the costs of society. We would be better off pursuing the right to life and the state’s economic needs, rather than criminal law practice, Brady v. Maryland, the Supreme Court of the United States held that due process of law is violated when the state, in this kind of precedent, should have required Mucho to be released, and the state, or the commonwealth, in this case, decide whether or not to prosecute him based upon having the right to life, the death penalty serves as little more than an expensive way of avoiding the costs of society, which is poverty and state-sponsored violence.

**‘From the Darkness Shines a Light’**

By Betsy Piette

Philadelphia is known as the “City of Murals,” with over 4,000 works of community-based public art adorning outer brick walls or windows. The works are part of a “campaign by the city to repurpose public spaces and create positive dialogue in communities,” according to Mural Arts Philadelphia.

Yet since its inception in 1984, this government sponsored nonprofit, anti-graffiti program has never included a mural of Philadelphia’s most famous native son — no, not the fictitious Rocky Balboa — but Mumia Abu-Jamal, the life prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Artists and activists supporting Abu-Jamal took it upon their own hands to do everything to keep alive the memory of his activism, their feeling it important to “humanize” Pennsylvania’s most famous political prisoner.

Lead artist Makeba Rainey and support crew Sam Rodriquez and Boris Bernard wanted to create an image for Mumia supporters march against flow of traffic on Chester Street in Philadelphia, Dec. 16.

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Visit Sunny Singh’s video at tinyurl.com/y86bd3ks to witness the production.
Three-day strike at 100+ Starbucks stores

By Maddi Johnson, Portland, Oregon, and Jim McManah, Seattle, Washington

Union coffee is hot, and at this point the bosses must feel like they’re getting boiled. In November more than 100 Starbucks stores nationwide went on strike for three days; and over the weekend of Dec. 16-18, Starbucks Workers United (SBWU) did it again. “This store has been unionized since last year, and Starbucks won’t bargain with us. We are demanding decent pay, so that we can be able to live in this city,” exclaimed a picket leader at a strike-picket in front of the Seattle Starbucks Roastery on Dec. 17. This was followed by chants of “No Contract, No Coffee! No Workers, No Starbucks!”

The coordinated strike involving 1,000+ workers protested Starbucks’ store closures, which are part of the company’s union-busting campaign. Seattle workers were particularly outraged when Starbucks recently closed its Broadway and Denny store; it was the first store to unionize in Seattle. But five other recently unionized stores here — in the original home of Starbucks — and many more across the country have been shuttered.

In the last week, Bugwu rank and file confront BU finance workforce should be contractually empowered to counter BU’s attempts to suppress the union membership and demands of all the workers who have experienced this onslaught, sparking outcries from co-workers and former co-workers. Bugwu’s position is that BU’s diverse workforce should be contractually empowered to participate in deciding every aspect of student-worker life. Nairan emphasized that last week’s historic vote was the result of months of building solidarity through the Black Student Caucus; the Caucus for Disabled, Chronically Ill and Neurodivergent Grad Workers; the Women and Sexual Minorities Caucus; the Queer Students Caucus; the Latino and Asian American Grad Workers Caucus; the International Students Working Group; and the Parent and Caregiver Caucus. The new union’s caucuses are publicized on its website. (BUGWUgradworkers.org) "Caucuses are the vehicle for bargaining out what is fair treatment for every group of workers on BU’s huge campus,” concluded Nairan. "The union is about giving a voice to and promoting the identities, human needs and demands of all the workers who have been denied a voice for too long by the BU administration.

“During the three weeks before the election, over 100 people, including community members and supporters from other unions, collectively made over 10,000 calls to counter BU’s attempts to suppress the vote. We have shown that we will no longer accept BU’s attacks on students and faculty, especially by how much labor and profit they can extract from us. At BUGWU we mean what we say, "No decisions about us without us!”

Steve Gilliss is a 37-year member and an elected leader of the Boston School of the Arts Drivers Union, United Steelworkers Local 8751, now working for the members and retired from driving.

Freight workers union calls 2022 Rail Solidarity Rally

By Stephanie Hedgcocke

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Rail union conductors and supporters gathered outside the New Mexico Roundhouse Tuesday, Dec. 13, despite 15 F winds, to demonstrate against the corporate freight push to run one-person trains, which will endanger the lives of freight engineers, railroad workers and the communities that freight trains traverse nationally.

SMART-TD (Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers) union members rallied in multiple cities Dec. 13, as the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) held a public hearing on a safety proposal for a two-person train crew requirement. Railroad corporate bosses oppose the rule and are pushing to run trains with only one engineer.

The demonstrations called for paid sick days and drew attention to the dangers of the cut-scheduling regime known as “Two Person Scheduled Railroading.” Congress passed a bill to impose a contract on rail workers that contains no paid sick days and does nothing to address huge scheduling problems that negatively affect workers’ health and family lives.

Rail union protests in Denver; Galesburg, Illinois; Des Moines, Iowa; Royal Oak, Michigan; Minneapolis; Sparks, Nevada; Columbus, Ohio; Salt Lake City; and Cheyenne, Wyoming; as well as Santa Fe. On the picket line, retired conductors told stories of keeping engineers awake on long runs, of being forced to work while sick and of deaths due to unsafe conditions. As freight rail workers are prevented from taking a day off under the federally enforced contracts, union retirees turned out nationally to represent SMART-Transportation Division. SMART-TD is the largest of the 12 unions representing freight rail workers, with 450 locals representing railroad conductors and engineers.

The FRA has extended the period to accept public comments on the proposed two-person train crew rule through Dec. 21. Comments may be submitted through Dec. 21 to docket FRA-2021-0032 at regulations.gov.

Martha Grevatt contributed to this article.

Historic union win for grad workers

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A major Keystone oil spill of roughly 600,000 gallons occurred Dec. 7 in a rural Washington County, Kansas, in the northwest region of the state. The Keystone spill is the largest in the history of that pipeline network; even more alarming is the fact that it was not a spill of conventional crude oil — problem- atic enough — but a product of the filthy Canadian tar sands, diluted bitumen, also known as “dilbit.”

Diluted bitumen is much harder to clean up than standard crude oil, because it is a much thicker, heavier substance. According to a recent report in the Tepoka Capital-Journal, bitumen does not float on water as does standard crude oil, which leaves a long trail of pollution behind as the dilbit sinks to the bottom of the rivers and lakes. It leaves a short time to capture diluted bitumen as does standard crude oil, which is a much thicker, heavier substance.}

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Disastrous Keystone oil spill in Kansas

Water polluting energy company gets green light to resume fracking

Water lit on fire in Pennsylvania

By Betsey Piette

Though the pollution from the Keystone pipeline runs from the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin in Alberta to refineries in Oklahoma, it has been the target of many protests in the last 12 years, especially from Indigenous activists and area ranchers. TC Energy also owned the infamous Keystone XL pipeline, which was shut down in 2021 after years of protests and court battles. Prior to the construction of the Keystone pipeline, TC Energy received a “special permit” from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to generate portions of the pipeline at a higher pressure level than is ordinarily used under agency regulations for oil transport. (NPR, Dec. 17) This made the operation more profitable.

The fact that a Canadian corporation was able to force, by government, the taxpayers to “bend the rules” in a way that led to a major ecological disaster proves finance capital does not recognize the.

SanctionsKill Coalition holds nationwide meetings

By G. Dunkel

The SanctionsKill Campaign has tried to explain and organize resistance to sanctions in the worldwide political movement in response.

Sara Flounders, editor of “SANCTIONS: A Wrecking Ball in a Global Economy,” said: “When the U.S. tried to impose sanctions on China — the world’s second largest economy — and Russia, a major energy producer, the oppressed countries of the world could see how de-dollarization of world trade was an essential step in their own survival. Our book, which is an analysis flowing from a number of different authors, provides some explanation of what was going on and examples of struggles.”

Flounders said the first edition of “SANCTIONS” has already sold out, but a new edition is almost finished and will be available at sanctions-book.org.

EPA photo of section of Dec. 7 oil spill in Kansas.

During a protest in 2017, Dimock resident Ray Kemble holds a gallon jug containing water contaminated by Cabot Oil & Gas, which tried to sue Kemble for his “frivolous claim.”

Oct. 7, 2022

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The SanctionsKill Campaign held a very successful webinar Dec. 10 that registered over 1,000, people, some from outside the U.S. Many speakers explained how the U.S. policies of sanctions, blockade, and isolation have 40 countries currently sanctioned and how these efforts are strangling and disrupting the world. The for the imposing on the countries imposing on them. (youtube.com/ watch?v=6_ro7VTvOc8)
German warmakers target antiwar organizer

By John Catalinotto

Antiterror organizer Heinrich Bückner, who operates the Co-op Anti-War Cafe in Berlin, Germany, faces charges stemming from his speech at a protest last June. His case impacts antiterror activists worldwide. Bückner’s speech focused on the horrors the Nazi Wehrmacht inflicted on Ukraine during German imperialism’s World War II occupation of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. He described the close relation between the Ukrainian ultranationalist Peace Group of the 20th Century and the Nazi collaboration, which has continued into the current Ukraine regime in Kiev. The German army’s crimes of the 1941-44 occupation included “the whole or partial destruction of 15 cities, 1,700 towns and 70,000 villages, nearly 60 million buildings,” according to Bückner, plus the murder of millions of Jews and other minorities, communists and the many Ukrainians who resisted the Nazis. Bückner’s speech thus reported information that many historians consider factual. Since pro-fascist groups— Bandera, the Azov battalion—are part of the Kiev regime, his facts disprove the imperialist propaganda that describes the current Ukrainian regime as “democratic.”

Bückner writes of a “narrowing of political space” in Germany to express opinions opposing German participation in the proxy war in Ukraine against Russia. The charges brought against him for his speech, for which he can face up to three years in prison and a fine, is proof of it. This increase in repression of antiterror forces, he writes, also exists in other European Union countries. The U.S.-led war and sanctions against Russia, which the coalition government in Berlin has backed in full, has forced sacrifices on Germany’s working class. Many won’t afford to heat their homes this winter and put food on the table. Meanwhile, big capital in Germany has accelerated investments abroad, including building factories in U.S. states with union-busting conditions.

The reaction, especially in Eastern Germany, has been massive protests against the economic war, blockading Russian oil and gas, the cause of high fuel prices. This mass sentiment provides an opportunity for anti-imperialists in Germany to mobilize, by opposing Germany’s military and political decisions against Russia, to the Kievin regime, demanding an end to the sanctions against Russia and opposing plans to double Germany’s military budget. The German Peace Council took such a position at their Dec. 10 annual meeting in Kassel.

Many antiterror activists in Germany are disappointed that, except for some resolute anti-imperialists, the leadership of The Left Party (Die Linke) has aban- doned their usual opposition to German militarism in Bundestag (Parliament) voting. This retreat has left an opening for far-right parties—which oppose the current government but are pro-militarist at heart—to play a major role in mobilizing the discontent. Antiwar organizations in the United States should make clear their solidarity with Bückner and with all in Germany who oppose NATO and German and European Union’s imperial war against Russia.

German Peace Council statement

‘On the way to a new world order for cooperation instead of confrontation!’

The text below is the final statement of the German Peace Council at their Dec. 10-11, 2022, in Kassel, Germany. It is important to U.S. antiterror activists, as the debate within the movement in Germany mirrors what is taking place here in the United States. Translation: John Catalinotto.

The old U.S.-dominated unipolar world order is coming to an end. The United States and its allies are using all means to try to stop this development. At the risk of a major war, they are intensifying their proxy war in Ukraine against Russia—and at the same time ignoring military activities directed against China in the Pacific and provocations around Taiwan. The economic war, expanded since February 2022, involving hunger and social inequality worldwide and undermining the fight against climate change. From the 1999 Zeitewende to the war in Ukraine

The often cited “Zeitewende” (historic turning point) began, not with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, but in March 1999. NATO’s invasion of Yugoslavia then was the overture to further Western-led wars and interventions, all of which violated international law. At the same time, NATO began to advance toward Russia by absorbing countries that had been members of the Warsaw Pact—this broke binding promises to Moscow that the military alliance would be “not an inch to the east.”

[...]

This churn was the beginning of the end of the attempt at a European peace order that had been initiated in the early 1990s with the Charter of Paris, among others, and also became part of the Two-plusses-Four Treaty (of 1990, setting the borders of Germany). The agreements combined the right to choose one’s own alliance with the obligation not to strengthen one’s own military position at the expense of third parties but to take into account the security interests of other states.

NATO ruthlessly disregarded this [agreement] and pushed the confrontation ever further with troops and large-scale maneuvers on Russia’s borders and by pledging that Ukraine would join NATO. The Maidan Coup in 2014, the subsequent rearmament and successive NATO integration of Ukraine finally crossed Moscow’s red lines and set off a confrontation with the imminent deployment of new U.S. medium-range missiles—sharply increased the threat posed to Russia. Then the U.S. and NATO brutally rejected negotiations on security guarantees that Russia demanded.

At the same time, Kiev escalated the war in the Donbass. After refusing for seven years to implement the Minsk Agreement [establishing a cease-fire in Ukraine’s civil war], which was binding under international law, the Ukrainian government launched a military offensive against the Donbass republics in mid-February 2022. This entire background cannot be ignored when assessing Russia’s invasion, which violates international law and shows where negotiations to end the war in Ukraine must begin.

The United States and its allies, on the other hand, torpedoed the promised negotiations in Istanbul at the end of March and, even after nine months of war, are urging Kiev to refuse to show any serious willingness to negotiate under any circumstances. They see a pro- longed war as an opportunity to decisively weaken their rival [Russia] and, in conjunction with an unprecedented economic war, to “ruin” it. (German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock)

By increasingly feeding the war with heavier weapons, military advisors, trainers, enemy reconnaissance, intelligence information and mercenaries, they helped Ukrainian troops achieve successes, albeit with heavy losses. The Russian army responded with massive attacks on Ukraine’s infrastructure.

As the impact of Ukrainian defensive missiles in Poland showed, the war can escalate into a larger one at any time. With each passing day, not only the risk of a state using nuclear weapons grows, but also that of a nuclear catastrophe through attacks on nuclear power plants in the war zone.

We demand that the German government and the EU stop fueling the war with arms deliveries and propaganda and instead make serious efforts to achieve a cease-fire and negotiations — without preconditions.

The Social Democratic-Green-Free Democrat (Ampel) government is driving a course that leads straight into the abyss. Together with its partners in the EU, it is ensuring supply bottlenecks and price explosions for oil and gas, causing increases in living costs and a foreseeable crash of the economy, by striving to achieve as complete an economic decoupling from Russia as possible.

At the same time, the government plans to further expand Germany’s role as a major power, with gigantic armaments projects, and to make the German armed forces the strongest conventional military power in Europe. With the planned increase in military spending to 2% of gross domestic product—it threatens to double to 100 billion euros ($105 billion) in just a few years—funds the country urgently needs to overcome pressing problems in the areas of social welfare, health, the environment and climate.

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We oppose weapons systems like hypersonic weapons, which make the option of a USA/NATO decisive [nuclear] first strike possible against Russia—like the Pershing II did in 1980 against the Soviet Union.

The German government must refusing to deploy U.S. hypersonic missiles and other intermediate-range missiles. It must join the United Nations’ nuclear weapon-ban treaty and cancel the treaties on the stationing of troops.

The German government now wants to join the U.S. efforts to encircle Europe—by mobilizing money from 100 billion euros ($105 billion) in just a few years—funds the country urgently needs to overcome pressing problems in the areas of social welfare, health, the environment and climate.

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The inevitable contradictions must be resolved at the negotiating table. The time of climate catastrophe, global hunger and simultaneous increases in world population urgently calls for cooperation instead of ever more confrontation.

We therefore advocate a peace order consisting of equal common security, agreements and structures that take into account the security interests of each state.

Instead of a NATO geared to high armament and deter-
This is the year of the striking, fighting workers in the U.S.—coal miners, warehouse workers, nurses, baristas, prisoners, teachers and more. You’ve seen the numbers.

On Jan. 1, there was one unionized Starbucks store—unions in the U.S. on April 1 in Staten Island, New York, with an impressive multilingual, multicultural, everybody-onboard campaign. In Alabama—where Black majority-Black, incarcerated people at 17 separate prisons posted a May 26 to Oct. 2, withheld-labor strike to protest killing conditions in the jails. In their letters from the inside, organizers signed themselves “Alabama’s slaves” and said that the strike is “in protest of the continued institution of neo-slavery.” (tinyurl.com/6ehc43j9)

In the last three months, educators workers rising up for a union or improved contracts totaled more than 18,000, including graduate students at the University of California, Boston University, Northwestern, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Alaska and Yale (More Perfect Union) at the New School in New York City, after a three-week strike, adjunct workers were victorious in securing a contract that provided significant back wages.

These are a few highlights of a very long list of actions—from school bus drivers in Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, who went out on a one-day strike for fair wages and won, to picketing Teamsters in Boston reinforced by other Teamster local members showing up at dawn with big self-defense.

Revolutionary infrasagr and cross-union solidarity infused a Clarksville, Tennessee, Starbucks worker: “Educators are among those who have kept organized labor alive in this country for the last several decades, and we wouldn’t be on the line today without them!” This tweet with a photo from a 1930s teachers’ strike sign bearing the question: “Is a pledge to city employees less sacred than an agreement with bankers?” (Twitter, Mila Wren/milawren, Dec. 17)

Yes, that is the question! What is our sacred pledge—to each other as workers or to the bosses? The showdown between the capitalist “democracy” and workers came to a head Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, when Congress denied railway workers any sick days. That’s right. Not one single sick day. Coming from legislators who get luxury-level health care from the state, this was a decision that left even a mainstream news commentator calling for workers to “Shut it down!” (Philadelphia Inquirer, Dec. 4)

Corporations have bitterly opposed the workers through brutal union busting: harassment, firings and court cases. Capitalist owners and investors are desperate to pile up more profits within an economic system teetering on the brink of collapse—and to push workers to the edge of survival. When the district manager threatened to call the cops on striking workers at Nottingham Square Starbucks near Baltimore, the workers replied “WE DO NOT CARE!” (Twitter, Lee Lee @RosalLeah, Dec. 17)

These are the multigender, multinational, defiant, winecracking, dancing, shouting, militant workers with signs that say “Seize the beans of production!” Infused into this year of class struggle is the left-forward, socialist-leaning, proletarian-rooted, revolutionary outlook of millennials and Generation Zers.

Join antiwar actions Jan. 13-22

“Don’t be constrained by the laws of the world: my own Government; I can and will do what I think ought to be done!” (Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, Nov. 19, 1863)

The antiwar movement should keep pressuring the U.S. and its imperialist allies in Western Europe, Japan and Australia. These are the states and militaries that conquered much of the rest of the world in the 18th and 19th centuries and fought each other for domination in the first half of the 20th century, unleashing two murderous and mutually destructive world wars.

They ignored the working class’s attempt to build socialism from the first days of the 1917 Russian Revolution. Since the 1989-91 counterrevolution, the U.S. and its allies, led by the Pentagon, have been trying to reconquer any parts of the Global South that had managed to win some measure of sovereignty.

Using NATO, an alliance of oppressors nations—disguising itself as “the free world,” Washington has since 1999 unleashed wars destroying Yugoslavia, Libya, Iraq and Afghanistan and wreaking havoc in Syria. Meanwhile it has armed the Saudi monarchy in its war against Yemen, and it has sewn chaos across Africa to plunder its natural resources. This warmakers’ alliance has led its military-industrial complex with arms that greatly increase the killing of Russians and Ukrainians.

The antiwar movement should keep these facts up-front while mobilizing against the wars in Ukraine and in the Pacific. As revolutionaries have repeated since 1914, the main enemy is at home, and that’s the front where we have to take the fight. The next step in that struggle is to call a protest in your city, inform UNAC, and take to the streets to support other actions this January. (tinyurl.com/gj8wtdzaj)

Rest in power, Chairman Sison!

By Princess Harmony

The revolutionary movement lost an immensely important leader—Professor Jose Maria Sison—Dec. 16, 2022. As the founding chairman of the revolutionary Communist Party of the Philippines, he used the revolutionary thought of Marxism to lead the proletariat in the Philippines to battle against U.S. imperialism and against the reactionary bourgeoisie of the Philippines.

Workers’ World Party recognizes his great achievements of Joma and Jomawin alongside the Communist Party of the Philippines and the world proletarian movement.

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The following message was issued by BAYAN:

#KajomaLives in every Filipino fighting for a better future against foreign domination, domestic feudalism, bureaucratic capitalism and fascism. We honor the man who led the founding of the revolutionary party of the proletariat that continues to fight for national and social liberation in the Philippines. His impact on Philippine society as well as the global stage is far-reaching indeed.

Like the end of a revolution does not revolve around one man. The vultures will glot, they will be ultimately frustrated, because the seeds of resistance have already been planted, and these will continue to grow over oppression and injustice exist.

The life of Jose Ma. Sison should lead us to take a hard look at the social ills that he fought against and the pressing need for change. The cause of just peace can only be attained if the roots of the armed conflict are finally addressed. We know for a fact that, in the face of widespread repression and exploitation, the people will not be satisfied to fight, by all means necessary, until they are free.
The United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent filed an amicus brief Dec. 6 with Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Lucretia Clemons regarding the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal. The primary message to Clemons is that no judicial time bar should be applied when the defendant is a victim of historic racial bias that may have tainted the possibility of a fair trial and due process.

A press conference was held Dec. 13 to discuss the working group’s brief and key evidence regarding the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal. The evidence was first discovered in 2019 in six evidence boxes hidden in a remote storage area in the Philadelphia District Attorney’s office. The next court appearance for Mumia will be held Dec. 16 at 8:30 a.m. at the Philadelphia Criminal Justice Center, 1301 Filbert St., Philadelphia. Abu-Jamal supporters will demonstrate outside during the hearing and the rally will be live-streamed at you tubes://ceA4FIViXOc.

Impact of systemic racism

Under the jurisdiction of the U.N. Human Rights Committee, the Working Group has followed this case for years regarding the impact of systemic racism, the legacies of colonialism and the historic trafficking of enslaved Africans. Their brief states in part: “Exposed victims of racial discrimination are not required to show that there was discriminatory intent against them … Instead the U.N. Member State [United States] has an obligation to investigate and take steps to redress discriminatory outcomes.”

[...][U]nder international human rights law, the State has an obligation to confront and address ongoing racial discriminatory effects. This obligation is not mitigated by the age of the case or the fact these discriminatory outcomes have persisted for decades already. The case of Mumia Abu-Jamal may present such concerns. [...][T]he courts have an independent responsibility to review in light of the possibility of racial animus, racial bias or systemic racism that may have tainted the guarantee of a fair trial and due process.”


Fernandez explained that the new evidence involves prosecutorial misconduct in relation to the state’s two primary witnesses and the prosecutor’s tracking of potential jurors by race — known as a Batson violation. During a hearing Oct. 19, Clemons indicated her intent to dismiss the appeal based on the delayed introduction of the evidence, ignoring that it was withheld from Abu-Jamal and his attorneys for over 30 years. Clemons claimed Abu-Jamal and his attorneys should have known that Prosecutor Joseph McGill was using race to track jurors, while offering no explanation as to how the defense could have seen the prosecutor’s notes from across the courtroom.

Police, prosecutorial and judicial racial bias, misconduct

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La especulación tecnológica quiebra: decenas de miles de despedidos

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Facebook, por ejemplo, oferta comidas gratis, servicios de tinturería y servicio de Wall Street.

Amazon en 2020, según los analistas de herramienteros de software que trabajaban para Wall Street.

Amazon se dieron cuenta de que la forma que se avecina será aguda.

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Los trabajadores anti-LGBT+ han sido agresivos e impulsa- bles — desde cientos de proyectos de ley punitivos hasta un ataque mortal contra personas — homosexuales, trans, heterosexuales — en el Club Q. Las mezquinas voces burlonas han sido ridículas en la radio, la televisión y las redes sociales.

Pero, inóctas de última hora! A pesar de estos ataques coordinados, las personas LGBT+ están muy por delante en la opinión pública. En una encuesta previa a las elecciones de mitad de mandato realizada por la Campaña de Derechos Humanos y la empresa de análisis de datos Catalyst, los votantes clasifi- caron las cuestiones LGBT+ en un lugar tan bajo entre los temas de lo que les preocupan que la atención sanitaria y la participación en deportes de los transexuales quedaron en último lugar con sólo un 5%, frente a la preocupación sobre la inflación con un 59%.

En general, la gente —aunque no se identifique como LGBT+— no ve el flujo de género o la sexualidad queer como una amenaza. Una minoría muy pequeña es des- piadada y asesina.

Esta encuesta equivale a un amplio sondeo de opinión pública: una comprobación de la realidad de hasta qué punto las personas LGBT+ han creado un futuro del sexo, el género y la sexualidad para reflejar el amplio y hermoso espectro de la vida humana. Así que hagámoslo cargo de la realidad y del valor de la historia de la organización. Recordemos los gran- des logros que se han conseguido con coordinación e inteligencia y determinación, por un movimiento amplio y decidido del que Workers World Party/Partido Mundo Obrero ha formado parte desde el principio.

Estábamos organizando en 1975, cuando la derecha estaba empezando a meter fundamentalistas cristianos en la legislatura de Carolina del Norte para oponerse a la Enmienda de Igualdad de Derechos. Debátense en las bibliotecas públicas contra el Foro Eagle, contrario a la igualdad; mientras ellos temblaban de miedo con la transfobia y las tácticas de miedo de que hombres y mujeres “usan los mismos baños”.

Luchamos contra la campaña de desprestigio de Anita Bryant de Florida en 1977 para “Salvar a nuestros hijos”. Hicimos retroceder la odiosa Enmienda Briggs de California en 1978 que amenazaba con prohibir a todas las personas LGBT+ enseñar en las escuelas públicas. En 1987 nos uní- mos con la mayor manifestación de desobediencia civil y detenciones de la historia ante el Tribunal Supremo de Estados Unidos, después de que los jueces confirmaran el infame caso Bowers contra Hardwick para mantener las leyes de “crimen contra la naturaleza” en los estados, deján- donos marcados como delincuentes en muchos estados. Claro que el armario ante amigos, familiares, compa- ñeros de trabajo y jefes, y celebramos marchas estatales y nacionales ano tras año. Y en 2003, once historiadores de la comunidad LGBT+ presentaron un escrito ante el Tribunal Supremo que destripaba las actitudes religiosas intolerantes y las mentiras históricas utilizadas para defen- der el caso Bowers, lo que dio lugar a la sentencia Lawrence v. Texas, que derogó la ley de Texas que denunciaba el uso del “sexto género”.

En 2015 Obergefell v. Hodges afirmó el derecho al matrimonio entre personas del mismo sexo, y las encues- tas Gallup concluyeron que el apoyo público a la igualdad matrimonial alcanzó el 50% en 2011, el 60% en 2015 y el 70% en 2021. Esto es: la sociedad en general, o al menos la parte de esa sociedad que vota, no muestra temor al uso del nuevo lenguaje y al significado de “sexto género”.

En 2021 el juicio Hakim v. Hargroves contra Texas, que despenalizó nuestra sexualidad, fue considerado como un escenario para el tribunal supremo que, en su sentencia Lawrence v. Texas, decidió no extendernos el mismo tratamiento a nosotros que a “un matrimonio heterosexual”. Pero, ¡noticias de última hora! A mitad de este año, así como a lo largo del 2021, y para cuando llegue a la reunión de la Corte Suprema en octubre, el abogado anti-LGBT+ de Texas no ha conseguido que los jueces confirmen el “caso de diferentes géneros” del que hablaron en 1977.

Entonces, al final, logramos cosas. Y las personas LGBT+ enseñan en las escuelas públicas de los Estados Unidos.

La escuelita que no quiere aprender

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Decenas de miles de trabajadores del sector tecnológico han sido despedidos este año de 2022.

Las estimaciones varían, dependiendo de cuándo se empiece a contar —enero o junio— y de cómo se clasifique a los traba- jadores. La clase capitalista, que ha uti- lizado la “alta tecnología” para bajar los salarios de los trabajadores en múltiples industrias, ahora está tratando de bajar los salarios de los trabajadores de alta tecnología.

Las empresas tecnológicas, en particular Amazon, tienen importantes operaciones e industria, que prestan servicios vitales de procesamiento de datos a miles de empre- sas, si han sido avisados.

Según el grupo comercial CompTIA, unos 757,000 trabajadores han encon- trado empleo en el sector tecnológico este año. Al mismo tiempo, Meta, el gigante del comercio electrónico y empresa matriz de Facebook, ha anunciado que va a despedir a más de 11,000 trabajadores, alrededor del 13% de sus empleados. Twitter, actualmente de actualización a través de la adquisición por parte del multimillonario de extrema derecha Elon Musk, ha despedido a cerca de 3,700 trabajadores y 1,200 traba- jadores de Twitter han anunciado. Lyft, el principal competidor de Uber, despedido a 700 de su administración; Stripe, una gran empresa de pagos en línea, a otros 1,100. Intel, el principal fabricante estadou- nidense de chips, está ligado al mercado de los ordenadores personales. Debido a las previsiones de un fuerte descenso de la demanda de ordenadores personales, Intel ha anunciado que la empresa redu- cirá sus costes en $3,000 millones en 2023 y $8,000 y $10,000 millones en 2025, lo que implica que se averigüen grandes despido.

Los despidos de Meta van acompañados de una tremenda caída del valor de sus acciones. Valorada en un billón de dólares hace tan sólo un año, el valor de Meta ha cayó hasta $600 mil millones, en comparación con $4,000 mil millones, el valor de Facebook.

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La estrategia de la Reserva Federal para tratar de contener la inflación se ha visto en parte por el desempeño de varias empresas no es una deci- siónd el 70% de la inflación. Pero, “trastornado por la inflación” o “con preocupaciones de inflación”, el valor de sus acciones no suele verse afectado.


La actual caída de los valores de mer- cado de varias empresas no es una deci- sión empresarial consciente. Refleja fuerzas económicas generales. En lo que afirma su objetivo de controlar la infla- ción, que es más alta ahora en cuanto el salario mínimo, y ya que el salario mínimo no sube tanto, es la causa de una recesión. A pesar de los despidos, la empresa Amazon ha sido devengado en miles de empleos en el sector de la tecnología durante este año.

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