World condemns U.S. blockade of Cuba

By Monica Moorehead
New York City

For the 30th time since 1992, the United Nations General Assembly voted overwhelmingly 185-2 on Nov. 3 to end the criminal U.S. blockade of Cuba. This historic vote was virtually absent from the big bourgeois media reporting, such as the New York Times and Washington Post.

The blockade, first implemented by the Kennedy administration on Feb. 2, 1962, has banned U.S. trade and financial transactions with the Cuban people, including medicines and other essential goods, since that date.

The blockade is the U.S. punishment of Cuba for carrying out a socialist revolution—led by the July 26th Movement—on Jan. 1, 1959, with the defeat of the U.S. puppet regime of military dictator Fulgencio Batista.

The U.N. vote is symbolic and nonbinding, since only the U.S. Congress can overturn the blockade. The vote does signal the deepening isolation of the U.S. from the rest of the world.

Not surprisingly, the only two countries who voted no against resolution A/76/405—entitled “Necessity of putting an end to the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America against Cuba”—were the United States and its staunch ally, the racist Israeli settler regime. Two abstentions came from Ukraine and the fascist Jaíl Bolsonaro government in Brazil, recently defeated in national elections there.

Representatives from different countries spoke on Nov. 2 and Nov. 3 to express their support for ending the blockade, a human rights violation which runs counter to a number of U.N. declarations, including the right to national sovereignty. Those speaking from around the globe expressed their appreciation toward Cuba for the almost 60 health brigades the country has sent to over 40 countries, especially during the pandemic. Cuba has carried out these and many other acts of solidarity, despite the hardships the blockade has imposed on the Cuban people.

There was also a call to remove Cuba from the U.S. state terrorist list.

Devastating impact of blockade

On Nov. 3, Cuba’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, presented a 25-minute report before the U.N. General Assembly outlining the historic and present-day impact of the blockade. He received much applause from the delegates on his report.

According to Granma, the report stated “that only between August 2021 and February 2022, that unilateral policy caused Cuba losses in the order of $3,806.5 million [$over $3.8 billion]. The figure is 49% higher than that reported between January and July 2021 and a record in just seven months.” At current prices, the accumulated damages during six decades of the blockade amount to $150,410.8 million [$over $1.5 trillion], with a great weight on sectors such as health and education, in addition to the damage to the national economy and the quality of life of Cuban families.

“In the first 14 months of the Biden administration alone, the losses caused by the blockade amounted to $6,364 million [$over $6.3 billion], which is equivalent to an impact of more than $454 million a month and more than $15 million a day, according to the document.” (Nov. 3)

U.S. human rights violations

When U.S. Political Coordinator, John Kelley, attacked Cuba for “human rights violations” following the vote, Cuba’s representative to the U.N., Yuri Gala, offered a powerful rebuttal.

Gala stated, “Cuba does not need lessons on democracy and human rights, much less from the United States. If the United States government was really interested in the welfare, human rights and self-determination of Cubans, it could lift the blockade.” (Reuters, Nov. 3)

Gala then cited U.S. human rights violations, using vital statistics in the areas of mass incarceration, including disproportionately those who are African Americans, migrants and minors, as well as police killings of people of color.

The writer was part of a delegation, along with other Cuba solidarity activists, present at the Nov. 3 vote.
Honor Day of Mourning
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Workers World honors Indigenous peoples on their commemoration of the 53rd National Day of Mourning Nov. 24, on so-called “Thanksgiving.” On that special day, Native people pay homage to their ancestors and tell their true history, as the original inhabitants of this country, while exposing European colonialists’ massive crimes against Indigenous people, including theft of their lands and food sources, obliteration of their culture, racism, oppression and genocide.

In 1970, the United American Indians of New England gathered in Plymouth, Massachusetts, site of the original “Pilgrim” invasion, and observed the first National Day of Mourning. Only Indigenous people speak at these solemn events.

WW has attended the Day of Mourning commemorations across this country and has reported firsthand on these events in our pages.

WW applauds Indigenous peoples in the U.S., and globally, who fight oppression and lead struggles to save lands, forests and rivers from capitalist destruction. Our newspaper calls courageous Native, water and land and forest protectors who lead these movements, often putting their lives on the line to confront rapacious corporations, which in their reckless drive for profits harm the planet.

We honor those who have lost their lives in these struggles, including Indigenous leader and Lenca leader, Berta Caceres, of Honduras.

We say “Free Leonard Peltier!” This member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chipewa Indians has been unjustly imprisoned for over four decades, far from his family and people. Recognized globally as a political prisoner, Peltier was nominated for the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. The U.S. government has violated its own laws by denying parole to this aging 79-year-old.

WW calls on our readers and supporters to support these movements and commemorate the National Day of Mourning.

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Koreans oppose U.S. military aggression

By Lyn Neeley

Five days of large-scale U.S.-South Korea joint military drills aimed at North Korea began Oct. 31 and were executed in collaboration with Japan and Australia.

The U.S. media repeatedly reported that “Operation Vigilant Storm” was in retaliation to four missiles fired by North Korea. These joint military drills were the largest in the history of such operations, with a display of about 240 warplanes including F-35B fighters, which conducted some 1,600 sorties.

But more transparent reasons for the joint exercises were published in the Aug. 19 Daily Beast: “The joint exercises between the U.S. and South Korea this month will culminate in a trial run of decapitating the North Korean leadership.” (tinyurl.com/zu8hm3cx)

Ankit Panda of the Carnegie Endowment described how after the drills, Washington will carry out “Korea Massive Punishment and Retaliation,” followed by “climaxing in the decapitation in which special forces smalt the target—one Kim Jong Un—under an intricately re-photographed shock strike. Third is air and missile defense.”

The U.S. maintains 73 military bases in South Korea with 28,000 U.S. soldiers, and more than 40 joint military drills take place each year. South Korea is forced to pay for more and more US troops, and now that country is being pressured to pay higher costs for hosting these troops.

Strategy: balance struggle

Every show of force by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea has been to defend themselves against Washington’s escalating aggression. Pak Jong Chon, a secretary of North Korea’s ruling Workers’ Party, called the U.S. Air Force “aggressive and provocative,” aimed at causing a collapse of North Korea. (AP, Nov. 3)

North Korea joint military drills aimed at North Korea-U.S.-Japan military cooperation.” (Global Times, Aug. 13, demanding the U.S. leave Korea.

Koreans hold a Nov. 4 press conference in Seoul to oppose the latest joint military drills. As Sara Flounders wrote in Workers World in August, “People’s Korea wants peace but has been forced to develop nuclear weapons in order to defend themselves. Despite decades of threats and the harshest economic sanctions, they have refused to surrender.” (workers.org/2022/08/66398)

China and Russia maintain that Washington’s goal is to change the strategic balance in the region, undermine China’s security interests and worsen tensions. They say the main target of this new Pentagon system is China. (Global Times, Nov. 2)

Koreans oppose U.S. military presence

In 2016, when the U.S. first deployed THAAD (the anti-ballistic Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system) in South Korea, farmers and supporters carried out daily anti-THAAD protests, waged a hunger strike and cut their fingers to write in their own blood: “We oppose THAAD with our lives!” Some parents refused to send their children to school and vowed not to lose the land of their ancestors to THAAD. Then-President Hwang Kyo-ahn was pelted with eggs and water bottles by a crowd of over 3,000, forcing him to retreat into a government building.

This August tens of thousands of protesters chanted “This land is not a U.S. war base.” According to the Korean Policy Institute, they “took direct aim at the heart of U.S. policy in Korea, with signs that read: ‘No war rehearsal on U.S. and No Korea-U.S.-Japan military cooperation.”’ Asia News on Aug. 14 quoted a speaker at an August demonstration who said, “Conservative forces of Yoon Suk Yol and those in the U.S. are frantically conducting aggressive war drills in sky, land and sea and are about to start large military exercises aimed at the invasion of North Korea. We must stamp out this behavior of anti-reunification forces.”

Solidarity with anti-Pentagon protests in South Korea

New York City — Continuing military drills, organized by the U.S., directly threaten the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. In South Korea huge street rallies denounced these military threats.

A New York City demonstration, held outside the Consul General of Japan and South Korea Nov. 3, protested discrimination against Koreans in Japan as well as the military drills. The action was organized by 6.15 New York Committee for Korean Reunification and supported by Nodutdol, New South Korea-U.S.-Japan Peace Action, Veterans For Peace and the International Action Center.

Bay Area demands: ‘Let Cuba live!’

By Judy Greenspan
San Francisco

Nov. 3 — As the 30th United Nations General Assembly vote condemning the U.S. blockade against Cuba was taking place, angry protesters in the Bay Area gathered at the San Francisco Federal Building and took to the streets to demand “Let Cuba live!”

The demonstration, organized and endorsed by a broad coalition of organizations, specifically called out Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, elected from California. The rally demanded she work to end the blockade, remove Cuba from the U.S. “State Sponsors of Terrorism” list, reverse all U.S. sanctions, including Trump’s 243 “coercive measures,” and help Cuba rebuild from recent climate catastrophes.

Many speakers expressed their solidarity with Cuba, its revolution and its accomplishments. “We’re here today because we stand with Cuba and defend Cuba against the decades-long campaign launched by the U.S. through deadly sanctions, blockade and imperialist propaganda that attempt to villainize and isolate Cuba,” stated Lujain Al-Saleh, member-leader of the Arab Resource and Organizing Center in San Francisco.

Al-Saleh recounted the long history of Cuban solidarity with the liberation of Palestine and called upon everyone to unite to “re vive an anti-imperialist and internationalist front that challenges U.S. imperialism on every level.”

The protesters then marched to the city’s U.N. Plaza, where on the steps of the statue of Simon Bolivar the Liberator, people gathered to loudly chant: “Cuba SI! Bloqueo No!”

Organizations delivering solidarity messages and organizing the action included the Task Force on the Americas, Black Alliance for Peace, National Lawyers Guild, AROC, Bay Area Cuba Saving Lives, ANSWER, Democratic Socialists of America and Workers World Party.

Lujain Al-Saleh, a member-leader of the Arab Resource and Organizing Center in San Francisco, extends Palestinian solidarity to Cuba, Nov. 3.
Rhode Island activists demand local job funding

By Myia X and Phebe Eckfeldt
Providence, Rhode Island

Oct. 19 — “Organize! Mobilize! Fightback!” The sound of the tenor drum reverberated up the sweeping staircase and into the corridors of Providence City Hall as a veritable army of over 40 community activists aligned and ascended towards the Mayor’s office. They then held a press conference and speak-out focused on the city’s failure to implement the First Source Ordinance for workers.

Established in 1986, First Source Ordinance mandates that 100% of new hires by companies that receive over $25,000 in one year in city loans, subsidies or tax breaks, and have four or more employees, must be Providence residents.

The activists were united in their determination to expose the rampant failures of the laws in the 22% raise offered over five years will barely keep pace with inflation.

On Oct. 19, formerly incarcerated workers demand the city’s proposed benefits of the jobs. The proposed benefits of the jobs. “I was here in those same halls in 1986 when First Source was introduced to the City Council,” said Calvin Drayton from the George Wiley Center. Multiple speakers at the press conference reiterated that the ordinance has lacked and continues to lack enforcement.

Ray Two-Hawks Watson of the Narragansett Tribe and Providence Cultural Equity Initiative reiterated a salute to the Providence community and their commitment to keep exposing the systemic failures of prior administrations, by continuing to put pressure on those in political leadership. The funds for First Source are required to come from corporations who receive tax abatements from the city. In tax year 2010, the city of Providence granted $4.6 million in tax breaks to more than 30 companies.

By Martha Grevatt

Potential railroad strike could ‘shut it down’

U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh, once a building trades union leader, has threatened the 12 unions that represent freight rail workers. Walsh said “falling new negotiated agreements. Congress would have to impose a contract on the unions as a way to keep union members on the job,” according to CNN Nov. 5. “If for some reason [one of the unions] doesn’t get into an agreement with the companies, then … Congress will have to take action to avert a strike in our country, he said.”

In September, Walsh, President Joe Biden and the Presidential Emergency Board — an optional body under the dispute resolution procedures of the Railway Labor Act — brokered a tentative agreement between the unions and the National Carriers Conference Coalition. The NCCC represents six “Class One” freight rail companies.

The key issues are lack of paid sick time, last-minute scheduling and a ruthless absenteeism procedure. Rail workers often go to work sick and are unable to make or keep medical appointments, which has led to deaths. Workers are “doing more work faster,” according to SMART-TD member and RWU co-chair Ross Grooters. At best, the workers offered over five years will barely keep pace with inflation.

These included immediate enforcement of First Source, with opening of the books providing numbers and financial demography of a accessible website, with a list of weekly updated job openings so people can easily apply. The city must advertise First Source by Leigh-Ann McInnes of the Narragansett Tribe.

Finally, the group called on the city to increase the $250,000 allocated to First Source, as that is a 1980s found of a pittance of what is needed. “It makes me furious that Mayor Elorza ran on enforcement of First Source, but it was just a dog-and-pony show for him,” stated Prince. “We now call on the new mayor, Brett Smiley, to enforce the First Source Ordinance.”

Rally in solidarity with railroad workers’ contract fight, with support from International Longshore Workers Union Local 10, Oakland, California, Oct. 27.

This should shatter any illusions that the Democratic Party is the party of the working class. Walsh — Boston’s former mayor whose March 2021 appointment was cheered by many union leaders — is now acting like an old-fashioned union buster.

Rank-and-file activists call for a “NO” vote

Railroad Workers United, a progressive caucus with members in all 12 unions, held a virtual “solidarity rally” and webinar Nov. 1 that drew over 250 supporters. Members of BLET, SMART-TD and IAM all echoed RWU’s call for workers to reject the PEB agreements.

Gabe Christensen, a SMART-TD member and RWU co-chair, said the contract “didn’t even touch the quality-of-life issues that we have here out. There’s no sick days that were involved in that … It’s purely a job-slash-offing, what was given to the railroads, and it’s going to actually make the quality of life for railroaders worse, because our schedules are going to be even more unpre-

dictable. (youtube.com/watch?v=7gU-Vj_-IqY)

Biden to prevent a rail strike.

If the White House is unable to avert a strike, both Democrats and Republicans in Congress are prepared to pass legislation to keep railroad workers on the job. Rail union officials have been trying to negotiate a just contract with the carriers for three years. Their last strike was in 1992; Congress forced them back to work. Since then, the workforce has been systematically cut from 150,000 to 120,000, with trained teams of only two people — which the companies want to reduce to one engi-

neer — operating “mega-monster trains.”

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Profit plays skyrocketed. “Congress should not have to intervene. The railroads should provide paid sick leave to their employees.” BLET called in a step, “We have the money to do it, and it literally would cost them a penny of every dollar of record profits to provide it. It’s out of what they want to provide, not what they need.”

If they strike, rail unions will be taking on the capi-

talist state apparatus, as well as the freight companies. Unlike the bulk of U.S. private sector workers, they are not covered by the 1935 National Labor Relations Act. The Railway Labor Act, National Labor Relations Act and before the mass labor upsurge of the 1930s, has particular language attempting to limit the ability to strike. Congress can impose the PEB contract or require workers to continue working under their current contract.

On the other hand, as speakers at the virtual rally pointed out, the KLA was not impacted by the 1947 Taft- Hartley Act [that bars national unions from engaging in secondary boycotts]. Rail unions can legally engage in secondary boycotts — such as boycotting the companies that called on Biden and Congress to act as strikebreak-

ers — with impunity. There is also the possibility of a West Coast dock strike by some locals of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Teamsters President Sean O’Brien and Association of Flight Attendants-CWA President Sara Nelson have held joint rallies promoting the idea of a general strike in transportation.

Railroad workers, even more so in concert with other workers, do have the power to “shut it down!”

Come to our local meeting! We are a grassroots organization of workers, who fight for their rights and demand the respect and dignity they deserve. Every voice counts! Join the struggle for a better tomorrow.
Seifullah Paracha released from U.S. custody after 19 years

By Ted Kelly

Seifullah Paracha was finally reunited with his family in Pakistan in October for the first time since 2003, the year his life was turned upside down. Paracha has the dubious distinction of having survived — for almost two decades — some of the most notorious U.S. prisons and torture chambers of the 21st century.

Now 75 years old, when he was 24 Paracha first moved to New York City and studied at the New York Institute of Technology. For the next 15 years, he lived and worked as a businessman there. He met his spouse, Farhat, a graduate of New York University, and their son, Uzair Paracha, attended a Montessori school in Brooklyn. The young family moved back home to Pakistan in the late 1980s and settled in Karachi.

Then Seifullah Paracha was arrested in July 2003 by FBI agents operating out of a covert “Black Site” in Thailand, the site where former CIA director Gina Haspel personally oversaw the torture of prisoners. Paracha had set up a garment company based in New York City and had been visiting Bangkok to do business with representatives of Knart department stores. Now he found himself facing vague accusations of “financing terrorism.”

“I had surgery today, still can’t believe it will finally be me who is looking back. It is true. … No one can take this from me. I matter …” (pilp.org/news/doe-surgery)

In 2017, PILP began advocating for Mx. Doe to receive necessary medical care, a constitutional right. Mx. Doe suffered under the carceral state when testosterone therapy was withheld, causing an exacerbation of gender dysphoria. The Mayo Clinic defines gender dysphoria as “the feeling of discomfort or distress that might occur in people whose gender identity differs from their sex assigned at birth or sex-related physical characteristics.” Denying care to an incarcerated individual with gender dysphoria is cruel and unusual punishment and a violation of the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution.

PILP stated in a press release: “After five years of advocacy, the Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project is pleased to announce that their client has become the first person in Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) custody to receive gender-affirming surgery. … This gender-affirming surgery was essential for our client’s well-being and is a historic step forward for transgender people in Pennsylvania’s prisons and jails.”

PILP will continue the lawsuit to sue for damages on their client’s behalf and a further injunction to require the DOC to provide all necessary medical care.

Cleveland jail deaths

‘This persistent neglect is intolerable’

The Cuyahoga County Jail Coalition issued the following statement Nov. 6 in response to three recent deaths in the jail, located in downtown Cleveland.

The Cuyahoga County Jail Coalition is griefed to report that within the past month, three people have died while in police custody inside the Justice Center [where the county jail is located]. On Oct. 7, Adolph Nance Jr. (57) was arrested, fell ill and died upon arrival at the jail. Just this Tuesday [Nov. 1], Mark Turner (47) and Steven Miner (47) both died within 24 hours of each other. Turner was found unresponsive in his cell after arriving from jail on Monday. Miner and Munson was found in distress only hours after being booked. Causes of their deaths are inconclusive. We would like to hold space for the lives lost and the loved ones they left behind.

No one should die in state custody, and yet these deaths make at least 16 total people who have died at the Cuyahoga County Jail since 2018. Countless other deaths from the COVID-19 pandemic are unreported, a violation of the Death in Custody Reporting Act. Despite preventative attempts, the jail continues to experience problems with overdoses, suicides and assaults on inmates and officers.

What is happening in this county is happening nationwide, as jail deaths increase in sync with the rise of the total incarcerated population. Someone in jail is more than three times as likely to die from suicide as someone in the general U.S. population; and since 2000, drug-related deaths in U.S. jails have almost quadrupled (Prison Policy, 2021).

These numbers alone highlight an infuriating flaw in our society. The historical and current response to health crises has been incarceration. As poverty has been criminalized, jails and prisons became places of punishment.

This persistent neglect is intolerable. Cuyahoga County asserts its only solution is and has been to expand incarceration, despite the community call for alternatives.

The Jail Coalition will not stand for this injustice. We will not be silent. We continue to fight for lives and against atrocities associated with the County Jail. We advocate for the rights of all [who] suffer due to the circumstances that surround the jail.

We cannot continue to separate the jail from the criminal justice system and policing, as they are all connected together. We will not stay silent, let our policies continue to induce harm. We must focus on building a more just future within our community, that centers care over cages.
Disability justice is a right — and a demand!

By Disability Justice and Rights Caucus of WW

Since its founding in 1999, Workers World Party has had a Disability Justice and Rights Caucus. From its beginning there have been WWP comrades who self-identify as people with disabilities.

We try to align ourselves with racial justice, reproductive justice, LGBTQ+ justice, women and oppressed genders’ justice, Indigenous peoples’ justice, and we totally embrace the principle of intersectionality — “An injury to one is an injury to all” — in our work.

Our caucus has worked to promote inclusion and access for folks with disabilities, inside and outside of the Party, and in the struggle for disabled liberation under our banner “From each according to our abilities, to each according to our needs.” We were founded by Karl Marx in 1875. We have attended conferences of disabled peoples’ organizations in many countries, including revolutionary Cuba.

One of the former leaders of this caucus was wheelchair user Betsy Gimbel. She was instrumental in helping make the mass layoffs, and several laid-off workers in California have filed a class-action lawsuit on that basis. (nbcnews.com, Nov. 4)

Coupled with the mass layoffs was a lowering of content rules — i.e. making hate speech permissible again. Openly racist tweets surged, and rumors spread that former President Donald Trump would have the suspension lifted on his Twitter account — proving true the warnings of civil rights groups that toxic messages were increasing, once Musk applied his “free speech.”

Musk’s immediate cuts included Twitter’s human rights and disability rights teams. The social media platform takeover raises questions: Will Musk, while he allows hate speech to flourish, use his control of Twitter to impede its widespread use by union organizers at Starbucks and Amazon?

Sandra Sueher, a professor of management at Harvard University, called the suddenness of the layoffs “particularly inhumane.” But Musk’s brutality is par for the course under capitalism.

Cuba offers words of socialist wisdom

In the past few years, platforms like Facebook and Twitter have censored accounts which are alleged to have official ties to the Cuban government. Writing in “Gramma,” the official voice of the Cuban Communist Party’s Central Committee, Michel E. Torres Corona explained the class character of these social media companies: “They are the geniuses — to be dismissed by the brilliant minds behind the creation of the internet: The digital extension of the wartime, war-like logic of the Camp, the Serpent in Paradise. Its bite continues to come, as late-stage capitalism begins to give us the blank walls of the horizon of the iceberg, as recent job creation figures point toward a major economic slowdown. The solution? Follow Cuba’s example. Fight capitalism, win socialism.

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Jalen was shot and killed by officer Shane Privette, shot in the back of the head, after the car he was riding in was pulled over by Houston police. We want [Privette] indicted. We want him fired. They need to get rid of him. We want him off the streets,” said Rachel, responding to a question from the news media.

Jalen’s father, Warren Randle, explained to the crowd and the media that this wasn’t the first time Privette was facing charges for his dealings with civilians. “Privette has a case of excessive force on another minority person. That case is in federal court right now. It’s a civil case. If the roles were reversed, and if a civilian had shot a police officer, there has been an immediate response. They have had six months to review the body cam footage and see that before a command was even executed being issued a fatal shot was fired.”

As the rally was going on, the police chief, along with a group of cops, actually walked into City Hall. Some shouted for him to come give an update, but he ignored the crowd. Later the family and several activists went in to try to talk with the chief, to no avail. As late as today.

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Cherokee Nation

Broken treaties and Indigenous sovereignty

By Will Hodgkinson

The Cherokee Nation has renewed its long-standing demands that the U.S. Congress honor its treaty obligations by seating a nonvoting delegate from the Nation in the House of Representatives.

The right of the Cherokee Nation to land in present-day Oklahoma. Over a quarter of the Cherokee population died on the Trail of Tears. Now, 187 years later, the U.S. set- tler-colonial government continues to flout even the lapsed terms of the New Echota Treaty by refusing to seat a rep- resentative of the Cherokee Nation in Congress. "For two centuries, Congress has failed to honor that promise," said Hoskin. "Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. has been a champion of the Cherokee Nation. "However, the Treaty of New Echota has no expiration date." (youtube.com/c1BxXAIQo) Although Hoskin and the Council of the Cherokee Nation proposed Kimberly Teehee to serve as repre- sentative in 2019, the U.S. Congress has so far declined to recognize her nomination. However, increasing pressure by the Cherokee Nation and Indigenous activists has forced the House Rules Committee to plan hear- ings on the Cherokee representative for mid-November.

An essay on the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of China

By Sergio Rodriguez Gelfenstein

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Many important issues were discussed at the recently concluded 20th Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC). Chinese and foreign analysts have written extensively on the subject. As almost always when giving an opinion about China, one must deal with the debate issues that – in this case – were dis- cussed at the event.

But if we were asked what was the high- light of this event, we would have no hesi- tation in affirming that the great event of the Chinese Communist Party had a keen orientation toward the internal strengthening of the organization, so that it can play its role as leader of the Chinese soci- ety on its way to socialism.

CPC part of a long process

In this context, it seems necessary to highlight the strong ideological content of the debates in this Congress. It continued discussions held in the past and in previous similar events, and has presented a solid vindication of Marxism-Leninism as part of the support that has allowed the Communist Party of China "to comprehensively dominate the great struggle, the great work, the great cause and the great dream..." that “has culminated in the historic task of completing the comprehensive construction of a society modestly well off..."-- the consequent fulfillment of the objective of struggle established for the first centenary (year 2021) and has underlined this event as a new stage in the comprehensive construction of a modern socialist country toward the objective of struggle set for the second." (2049)

Although the documents debated in the Congress, the Communist Party of China occupies at this time a place under- stood as within a continuous process, based on the 100 years of existence of Chinese civilization, the almost 170 years since the end of foreign occupation, the little more than 100 years since the found- ing of the CPC, the 73 years since the cre- ation of the People’s Republic of China and the 44 years since the implementa- tion of the reform and opening policy.

With that last step, the party also began the construction of socialism with Chinese characteristics, which is considered part of the construction of socialism in the world. After the enunciation of scientific social- ism by Marx and Engels 170 years ago, and its foundation with the labor movement that made possible the triumph of the October Revolution in Russia in 1917, other nations in Europe and Asia, includ- ing China (at the end of the Second World War) also undertook the construction of socialism, creating a socialist camp that came together with the anti-imperialist and anti-colonial struggles of the 20th century to achieve a general balance in the world.

But after the disappearance of the Soviet Union and the socialist camp in the last decade of the last century, many countries of the South were forced to fol- low the Western political and economic model, which meant a great defeat for socialism.

Lenin: 'Struggle has only begun'

However, it must be understood that, as Lenin said when referring to the epic of October 1917 on the commemoration of its fourth anniversary, "The first victory is not the final victory. The struggle has only just begun." China has understood that it does not matter when, on what date and at what time the proletarians will complete this process, but there is full certainty that they will reach the last victorious stage. At this time, more and more, the Chinese model is viewed with admiration by many countries of the South, since socialism with Chinese characteristics is good, in the last analysis, that Marxism is valid, and so is Marxism Chinese-ized and adapted to our times.

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Los trabajadores y los más oprimidos derrotan al fascista Bolsonaro

Por Martha Grevatt

Los trabajadores y las más oprimidas lograron los poderes que se esperaban para ellos. El ex presidente y líder obreño, Lula da Silva, venció a Bolsonaro gracias a un enorme apoyo obrero, y candidato del Partido de los Trabajadores (PT), Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva recibió más de 2 millones de votos. Lula, como se le conoce cariñosamente, obtuvo el 50,8% de los votos frente al 49,1% de Bolsonaro en la segunda vuelta, celebrada después de las elecciones generales del 2 de octubre con sus numerosos candidatos, que terminaron sin ningún candidato obtuviera más del 50% de los votos. Lula trabajó duro para ganar el 50% de los tercios de los votos— entre los votantes pobres y rurales del norte de Brasil. Cuando Lula fue presidente de 2003 a 2010, la pobreza se redujo, pero se ha disparado bajo Bolsonaro desde su toma de posesión el 1 de enero de 2019. Bolsonaro había declarado esencialmente la guerra a las más de 300 comunidades indígenas de Brasil, prometiendo que solarizarán las tierras que le correspondían. Los esfuerzos de desmantelamiento de los territorios que amenazan su cultura y soberanía. Bajo Lula, el 80% de los territorios indígenas fueron cedidos a las grandes empresas mundiales. Bolsonaro, por otro lado, estableció bloqueos el 30 de octubre que impidieron el acceso a las tierras indígenas, lo que provocó casi 700,000 muertos. Al igual que Trump, el derrotado presidente de Brasil ha mostrado su desprecio por el medio ambiente y la crisis climática, promoviendo la destrucción gradual del bosque de la Amazonía. Bajo el mandato de Bolsonaro, se desviaron más de 16,000 millas cuadradas de la Amazonía, un área más grande que Suiza, según el Instituto Nacional de Investigación Espacial de Brasil, que rastrea los incendios en la Amazonia. (npri.org, 28 de octubre)

Al igual que con las recientes elecciones de los presidentes de izquierda Xiomara Castro de Zelaya en Honduras y Gustavo Petro en Colombia, la victoria electoral de Lula no significa que la clase obrera tenga ahora el poder del Estado. Estos progresistas ocupan el cargo, pero el capitalismo y el imperialismo no han sido derribados. Esto crea un peligro siempre presente de una reacción de la derecha y pone límites a lo que cualquier presidente puede hacer.

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