No U.S./French-backed invasion of Niger!

Today, Aug. 6, is the deadline issued by the Economic Community of West African States for the current government of Niger, headed by Abdourahamane Tchiani, to abdicate power or face a possible military intervention by ECOWAS forces. Tchiani came to power through a military coup which has been condemned by imperialist powers, such as the United States and France, which have vested interests in maintaining a foothold in Niger.

Demonstrations in Niger support the new government, along with targeting the French Embassy, a symbol of brutal French colonialism and exploitation of Nigerien people. (Nigerien refers to the people of Niger; Nigerian refers to the people of Nigeria.)

Niger is a target of imperialism for many reasons. Its natural resources include uranium used in the production of nuclear weapons. It is also one of the poorest countries in the world with over 27 million people lacking access to electricity. Niger also holds strategic importance to the U.S. military as a hub for its drone operations in Central Africa, used to maintain U.S. influence in the region as well as assist in French military interventions.

In addition to 1,500 French troops, there are over 1,000 U.S. troops stationed in Niger, which the U.S. government refuses to withdraw, despite the security agreements between the U.S. and Niger being suspended over sanctions against Niger.

Sanctions against Niger have already been implemented, but a military option remains on the table, through which the U.S. and France will be able to use ECOWAS security forces as a proxy. Sanctions against Niger are illegal and inhumane. The Nigerian Senate, headed by Abdourahamane Tchiani, has authorized the deployment of Nigerian soldiers against Niger; they would make up the bulk of ECOWAS forces. However, the Nigerian Senate has yet to be formed.

French colonies — are among the countries that have come out in support of Niger against imperialist threats.

African opposition to invasion of Niger

The governments of Burkina Faso and Mali issued a joint statement, asserting that any attempt at military intervention to remove Tchiani would be taken as a declaration of war against both their countries. “The transitional governments of Burkina Faso and Mali, One: have expressed their fraternal solidarity of the people of Mali and Burkina Faso with their brothers in Niger who have decided of their own accord to take their destiny in hand and to assume their sovereignty. Two: Denounce the persistence of the regional organizations to apply sanctions that aggravate the suffering of the population and imperil the spirit of Pan-Africanism. Three: Refuse to apply these illegal, illegitimate and inhumane sanctions against the Nigerien people and authorities. Four: Any military intervention against Niger would be tantamount to a declaration of war against Burkina Faso and Mali,” the statement read.

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Workers World Party is a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist party inside the belly of the imperialist beast. We are a multinational, multigendered organization that not only denounces abolishing capitalist exploitation, but to build a socialist society because it’s the only way forward.

Capitalism and imperialism threaten the peoples of the world and the planet itself in the neverending quest for ever-greater profits. Workers World is in solidarity with all immigrants and asylum seekers. Under pressure from 800,000 young undocumented children from their parents, with no tracking process or records, so many of the families could not be reunited.

President candidate Joe Biden secured broad backing from immigrant groups during his 2020 campaign with promises to undo the criminalization and punitive nature of immigrant detention. Biden has instead expanded deportations and embraced Trump-era anti-immigrant policies, including “Remain in Mexico” and deportations of migrants previously protected from Title IV expeditions. Haitians and other immigrants of African descent have been particularly targeted by racist policies and politicians.

Biden has also continued deadly imperialist, economic sanctions against many Latin American and Caribbean countries. These sanctions have been the driving force behind the migration of hundreds of thousands of people. Obama, Trump, and now Biden share the blame for Abbott’s horrors by failing to create a secure, humane policy for migrants seeking to enter the U.S. without retaliation.

Workers World is in solidarity with all immigrants and migrants forced to attempt unsafe border crossings, driven by economic oppression caused by decades of U.S. neoliberal policies in their countries and U.S.-backed political repression.

Obama, Trump, Biden share blame for Abbott’s border horrors

Reports in recent weeks from a whistleblowing Texas Department of Public Safety trooper has laid bare the state-sponsored, inhumane, anti-migrant policies confronting families crossing the border at the Texas/Mexico border.

An article in the July 3 Houston Chronicle disclosed previously unreported incidents witnessed by the trooper in Eagle Pass, Texas. There, Gov. Greg Abbott ordered state troopers to set “traps” of razor wire-wrapped barrels in parts of the river with low visibility; to push small children and women nursing babies back into the Rio Grande, resulting in their deaths; and to refuse water to asylum seekers despite the oppressive heat.

The consequences of these terrorist directives include drownings of adults and children; a miscarriage by a pregnant woman caught in the wire; serious lacerations suffered by children and adults from the barbed wire; and children, among others, passing out of heat exhaustion, but then being hauled back into the river by Texas National Guard soldiers.

The DPS trooper wrote that the placement of wire along the river “for people to cross in areas that are deeper and not as safe for people carrying kids and bags.” (HoustonChronicle.com, July 10)

Workers World totally agrees with a Texas comrade who wrote to us: “Despicable Texas Gov. Greg Abbott should be deported to hell!” But we recognize that Abbott is able to get away with the atrocities he’s pursuing at the Texas border because organizers, policies by people’s movements, Democratic and Republican administrations that set the stage for this brutal treatment of migrants, immigrants, and asylum seekers.

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A delegation from Workers World Party branches in Seattle, Portland, Oregon and New York City attended the People's Summit Against APEC on July 29 and 30, put on by Pacific Northwest People Over Profit. The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is a neoliberal, free-trade conference where “government and big business collude to prioritize corporate profits at the expense of the global working class and poor.” (International League of Peoples’ Struggle)

The People’s Summit had over 350 people in attendance and was sponsored by nearly two dozen groups. Organizers included Anakbayan USA, BAYAN Seattle, Oregon People Organizing for Philippines Solidarity, International Women’s Alliance and more. One of the major themes that emerged from the conference was the need for a united front amongst those fighting injustices created by capitalism and imperialism.

The People’s Summit Against APEC, July 29-30, with a banner drop Aug. 3 against the imperialist-dominated Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum. The giant banner drop was part of a mass leafleting, rally and teach-in by the Pacific Northwest People Over Profits Coalition. The coalition is made up of organizations, individuals and alliances working to confront APEC.

APEC meets regularly to make corporate deals and the interests of the working masses of the Asia Pacific region. The protests also challenge APEC’s support for the privatization of health care, which allows health care costs to skyrocket beyond the means of workers. General funds for medical care are being diverted for military health care.

The U.S.-dominated, closed-door meeting will run through Aug. 20 and resume in San Francisco this fall, where more counter-protests are planned.

The People’s Summit delegation, July 29.

Muamin Collective, Aug. 4, 2023
McCarthyismo rastreño

Por Mumia Abu-Jamal

Y ahora vemos, tal vez por primera vez en la historia moderna, a estados como Florida donde luchan contra la historia Negra al aprobar leyes contra cualquier materia que el magisterio pueda enseñar y lo que es más importante, lo que no pueda enseñar.

En el país que se jacta de la libertad de expresión garantizada por la Primera Enmienda de la Constitución, las y los maestros ahora son amenazados con despido si no guardan silencio sobre la Historia Negra después del fin de la época de la Reconstrucción en 1865. Es como si, para los Negros, la historia se detuviera en la Reconstrucción y no haya pasado nada en sus vidas.

Para añadir un insulto más a la herida, algunos legisladores argumentan que tal vez la esclavitud benefició a las personas de color, que a menudo son personas de color. Órganos sindicales, purgando a los profesores, organizadores sindicales, actores, periodistas, etc., para promover la división de la historia mundial. Cientos de personas fueron encarceladas y destruyeron por el trabajo. Y el capitalismo tan particular ideal de los comunistas estaría al acecho en cualquier parte, utilizando sus trabajos como profesores, organizadores sindicales, actores, periodistas, etc., para promover la división de la historia mundial.

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La extrema derecha de la clase dominante ha utilizado especialmente para la esfuerzo de millones de personas en todo el mundo en 2020 en el movimiento Black Lives Matter tratando el asesinato político de George Floyd, cuando jóvenes trabajadores blancos salieron a las calles en protestas militantes codo con codo con sus compañeros de vida y negros.

Aunque las acciones callejeras han disminuido temporalmente, su energía ayudó a dar a los Moviements de jóvenes trabajadores -multinacionales y multigénero- para organizar sindicatos en lugares de trabajo desde Starbucks a Amazon y más allá. Sólo la amenaza de huelga de 340.000 trabajadores de UPS obligó a la empresa a satisfacer muchas de sus reivindicaciones.

El capitalismo es un sistema moribundo, sostenido por el gasto masivo en guerras y esploraciones de todos los programas sociales. Los jóvenes de todas las nacionalidades, los estudiantes, los delincuentes de las personas esclavizadas en la historia o del esclavismo, lo que más temen hoy la clase dominante.