Tyre Nichols, a 29-year-old Black man and FedEx driver in Memphis, Tennessee, was brutally beaten by Memphis police. Pulled over two minutes away from his house on Jan. 7, he was beaten so severely that he succumbed to his injuries three days later.

A week in advance of the body camera and street camera footage being released by Memphis police, the five officers responsible for the killing were fired, and their names and photos were released to the public. The day before the footage was released, all officers were charged with the second-degree murder of Tyre Nichols as well as other charges like aggravated assault.

This response from the state was uncharacteristic compared to the standard response to a police murder. The five officers fired and charged are all Black, and they were not afforded the same legal impunity that white officers who murder Black people have been given. There are countless examples of police departments, so-called “police unions” and courts, bending over backwards to protect white cops for racist lynchings.

The fact that the five officers who killed Tyre Nichols are Black does not make this crime any less brutal or any less of an issue of racism. The Memphis Police Department, like every police department across the U.S., is an institution of white-supremacist violence and capitalist-class rule. Whether the perpetrators of this violence were Black or white officers, the result is that yet another Black person is slain, and white supremacy is maintained.

We must not see racism merely as a manifestation of personal prejudices and hate by white people toward Black people, but rather racism is a system of structural oppression — bigger than any set of individuals involved. We must understand that racism is inseparable from the capitalist socioeconomic system. Merely requiring sensitivity training for police or hiring more Black police officers will not end the violence, as is evident by this killing of Tyre Nichols.

Fighting racism must go hand in hand with fighting the capitalist system that perpetuates it. The racist violence of the capitalist system permeates our society from police violence in our local communities, to the for-profit mass-incarceration system, to the genocidal military-industrial complex. Workers World Party is in solidarity with all those in the streets fighting against white supremacy, police terror and state violence.

Justice for Tyre Nichols! Abolish the police! Smash white supremacy!

Protest condemns massacres by Israel

Hundreds of people came out in the Bay Ridge community in Brooklyn, New York, Jan. 29, to demonstrate against the genocidal Zionist murders of Palestinian people in Jenin and all of Palestine and to honor these people as martyrs of the Palestinian struggle.

This demonstration was called by Within Our Lifetime (WOL), Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network and several other organizations. Since the beginning of 2023, 32 Palestinians have been killed. During the protest, organizers announced that nine more people had been killed.

When Neerdeen Kiswani, the chairperson of WOL, asked for people to raise their hands if they had family who had been killed or wounded in Palestine, many hands went up. Although the imperialist media always gives constant coverage of the killings of Israelis, they never give voice to the many Palestinian young people who are defending their homes. Many families from the Bay Ridge community came out with young children carrying the Palestinian flag. Displaying this flag in the Occupied Territories has now been legally banned by the fascist Israeli regime.

There have been actions in many other cities in the U.S., England, France and other countries in solidarity with Palestine, including the one in Bay Ridge.

— Report and photos by Toni Arenstein

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Black Reconstruction: lessons for today
Coast-to-coast protests call for justice for Tyre Nichols

Raleigh: Several hundred people marched through the streets of downtown Raleigh, North Carolina, on Jan. 28, to protest the police murder of Tyre Nichols and Darryl Williams. Williams was killed by the Raleigh Police Department on Jan. 17 after being shot multiple times with a taser. The protest snaked through downtown for several hours, stopping at the Governor’s Mansion, the Justice Department, Raleigh City Council and other locations to raise demands for justice for Darryl Williams and Tyre Nichols and for an end to police violence against Black and working-class communities.

Speakers at the demonstration and stops along the march emphasized the connection between police murders and broader attacks on the working class in the U.S., as well as the fight against U.S. imperialism and solidarity with liberation struggles abroad.

Cleveland: An evening vigil held in downtown Cleveland, Jan. 28, drew hundreds of outraged residents. A rally featured mothers, fathers and other family members of Black people murdered by police. Progressive organizations, including Black Lives Matter Cleveland, Black Spring Cleveland, Cuyahoga County Jail Coalition, InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia, and Clevelanders Against Federal Policing, united to build this powerful action.

Oakland: Hundreds of protesters marched through downtown Oakland, California, Jan. 29, demanding “Justice for Tyre Nichols.” Organized by the Anti Police-Terror Project, the demonstration ended in the streets in front of the Oakland Police Department with chants of “If OPD (Oakland Police Department) doesn’t get it, shut it down!” In this photo Uncle Bobby, Orphus Johnson, uncle of Oscar Grant, assassinated by BART police in 2009, addresses the rally.

Contributors to these summaries are Ben Carroll, Judy Greenspan and Martha Grevatt.

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Harlem resists gentrification, environmental racism

By Richie Merino
Harlem, New York

Harlem families and grassroots community groups gathered Jan. 28 on West 145th Street, said: “Nobody talks about...poor and working-class Black community and indigenous workers suffer most...key workers to be opti...build their resumes.” With mass layoffs at such a high rate, it is difficult for the displaced workers to...Tech workers from India, as well as China and other countries, depend on an insatiable drive for profit...will not stop. They are just pushing us out economi...that match Harlem’s levels of affordability that match Harlem’s needs.”

Gentrification is like modern settler colonialism

Gentrification, settler colonialism, white supremacy and police brutality are...of the means of production. The development of not only products and devices...as a personal spat between the developer, who eventually withdrew...have a radical history of struggle against the imperialist, capitalist and white-supremacist forces and will undoubtedly prevail with class solidarity.

Harlem rally. Jan. 28, 2023

A sign of capitalist decline

Pink slips hit tech workers hard

By Otis Grotewohl

In a vulgar display of capitalist greed, indicative of the system’s state of decay, high tech companies have laid off more than 58,000 workers since the start of the new year. These figures include the latest announcements...11,000 at tech companies to employ workers from around the world for specific occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise...businesses here that will hire our people.”

Black community wins concession

The protests placed enough pressure on the developer, who eventually withdrew the plans for One45; but he then dumped any claim that the building project would have been...We came together and defeated One45,” he said. “This truck stop is Bruce’s retaliation. He wants to poison our community and subject us to a slow death. He wants to expose our elders to diesel fumes and other toxic gases by putting the truck stop here.” Across the country, truck stops are generally located at city limits or on the interstate highways where children play.

The Chief of Staff for local Councilwoman Kristin Richardson-Jordan, Giselle Hearne, was present at the rally and spoke out against the new development, said: “Nobody talks about...public to prove that we invited this man...we said ‘no’ to the original plan. There was even a meeting set up for him by the Mayor and HPD [New York City’s Department of Housing Preservation and Development], and he refused to come back. Ultimately, this truck stop is just retaliation, because we said ‘no’ to the original plan. There was even a meeting set up for him by the Mayor and HPD [New York City’s Department of Housing Preservation and Development], and he refused to come back.

When luxury developments such as One45 are built in poor and oppressed communities like Harlem, the rents and property values in the surrounding building market, causing higher food prices and housing that better fits their needs. Were we to release the current mean income and need for larger family-size units.

For 90% of the people that live in Harlem, the proposed complex was designed to attract new, young, high-income singles or couples, while excluding the large, poor families who are already living there. The proposed characteristics of Teitelbaum’s One45 indicate it is a gentrification and displacement project; it was never intended to address the community’s dire need for low-income, 2- and 3-bedroom apartments.

Lucky Rivera, the Black and Puerto Rican Coalition director, said the original project was “not affordable for the majority, for 90% of the people that live in Harlem, it’s not affordable for them. We have to stop this.”

Oppressed and international workers suffer most

All the workers who have been criminally laid off by the tech bosses are now scrambling to find a new source of income. Black and Brown tech workers, especially immi...of high technology under capitalism is detrimental to the working class and oppressed.

Macy wrote, “High technology, especially in the era of computers and electronics, continues to take quantum jumps. A plant, which just recently may have had 10 years to go, can now become obsolete as a result of the constant reduction of the costs of production. The development of not only products and devices but of whole new technologies makes what otherwise would be a well-functioning, long-lasting plant with a stable workforce obsolete, but only in comparison to the new technologies.”

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States escalate coordinated attack on transgender workers with bar ban

By Elise Kohle

After last year’s campaign to ban ado- lescents from accessing gender-affirming health care, several Christian right-dom- inant states are now turning their efforts toward the disenfranchise- ment of transgender adults.

One such example is the bill being lead the pack with Senate Bill 270, a ban on gen- der-affirming treatment, extending up to the age of 26. The bill would strip the medical exemptions currently available to individuals who participate in treatment or referral for treatment that acknowledges the gender of transgender people under 26.

But that’s not the only legal barrier pro- fessional ethics and standards in order to endanger trans health are not new. The American Medical Association has already said such bills a “dangerous intrusion,” noting that access to supportive medical treat- ment is often a vital resource for prevent- ing and treating trauma and preventing themselves in response to persecution.

Bans such as this are especially dan- gerous to trans women, for whom med- ical payment is often less draconian, are pending before the state legislators are now turning existences, nationally.

The complaints had involved interviews with LGBTQ+ youth, their parents, their teachers and others, who saw firsthand the trauma and pain the students have experi- enced. Reports included a tragic story of a trans student who attempted suicide in 2019. Seven specific students were rep- resented by the ACLU-Pennsylvania in their complaint to the U.S. Department of Education, the department responsible for investigating Title IX complaints.

Now, instead of gaining relief, students in the entire school district will have to experience bullying for being queer — for being who they are. Students reported only attack in Bucks County on queer and trans youth. Former gubernatorial candidate and State Senator Doug Mastriano is attempting to make sure that they are not the only,” which would put them under the same rules as strip clubs and adult book and sex toy stores. He took this step after learning of a gay park, Jim – a prom held by and for queer students who did not get to participate in their own prom— that had a drag performer as entertainment.

Mastriano claimed that drag shows show up for minors — which are not, in any way, adult-oriented — should not be tolerated in “any functioning society.” The queer prom — held by the Planned Parenthood-sponsored Rainbow Room, a queer youth community center that has come under frequent attack by reactionary conservatives — gives youth the chance to experience the magic of a prom without the threat of bullying.

Coordinated attacks in multiple states

These two attacks on queer youth in Pennsylvania cannot be separated from the fact that there are increasing attacks on queer and trans people and their visi- ble existences, nationally.

Texas, for example, has engaged in open warfare against transgender youth. The state legislature tried to make taking children to drag shows a Class C misdemeanor on par with vehicular robbery; they gathered data on trans residents who have changed the sex on their identification cards or drivers’ licenses. And they are attempting to limit in bar trans-affirming health care for youth — causing an exodus of trans youth and their families from the state of Texas.

In Utah, a moratorium on trans-affirm- ing health care for youth — access

School board targets queer youth

By Princess Harmony

Queer youth need support and love, but this was denied by Pennsylvania’s Central Bucks School District when it passed Policy 321, banning Pride flags and other symbols of solidarity of and with LGBTQ+ youth.

Officially, this policy is to maintain “neutrality” when it comes to “social issues.” In reality, it was intended to silence and stifle queer youth, denying them what they need to thrive. After a legal review, the district had to alter the policy to include transgender symbols to targeting any “social issue.”

How was Policy 321 conceived? It was spawned after complaints against the school’s chicken parmesan by the Civil Rights Union of Pennsylvania, alleging that trans and queer youth were being harassed relentlessly by their class- mates through silent eff by upper administra- tors and the school board. But the board then banned Pride flags, refused to publish hillies and even went so far as to ban the use of preferred names and pronouns, unless students had parental consent. The complaints had involved interviews with LGBTQ+ youth, their parents, their

By Jesse Eikmann

I am disgusted. And by the way, I’m not a religious extremist organizations has drafted these laws.

SB 429 is a two-sentence resolution with 17 pages of attached definitions. Sponsored by State Senator Jill Carter (R-Jasper), it would force any business that hosts trans individuals to follow the restrictive laws gov- erning “Sexually Oriented Businesses” (SOBs), like strip clubs.

By regulating drag shows and defining in this as a transgender person does within view of two or more people as a drag show, this bill could enforce the SOB code on any establishment that does not bar transgender performers or patrons, excluding those whose acts are not at all sexually themed. This evokes pain, pain and potential overexposure to violence.

Among the regulations SOBs must follow: They are forbidden from most advertising and are required to be located over two city blocks from any residence, church, public park, library, post office, school or medical facility.

‘I am disgusted’

Carter’s bill defines “drag perfor- mances,” as “[a]ny performance in which a performer exhibits a gender that is differ- ent from the one assigned, at birth, to the performer by medical personnel, for Purposes of this definition, a trans person is gender different than that assigned to them at birth, as the same as drag per- formers — people who dress as a differ- ent gender for entertainment. It actually poses a set of restrictions on cisgender people too. Since SB 429 defines drag performances as performing while exhib- iting a different gender while singing, lip-synching or otherwise performing, there will need to be a legal definition of drag show before any performance is permitted for men and which for women.

Would a man singing a song on stage be considered a drag performer if he wears a pink shirt? What about a scarf? What about a woman wearing pants? What sort of rule will businesses have to enforce to keep “male-like” licenses.

Even business leaders worry that they will be unable to attract and retain workers.

There is a group of employees who don’t think they’ll be able to bring their families, because they think Missouri is a backwards and bigoted state,” said Shannon Cooper with the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. (kckl.com)

Bills rooted in bigoted stereotypes

It should be obvious that this bill will result in inconsistent, arbitrary enforce- ment. In order to comply, every karaoke bar in the state will have to approve every performer’s wardrobe and do a blood test before allowing them on stage. Few establishments have the resources and inclination to do this, but the knowledge that merely allowing participation by

transgender patrons could cost them their licenses. And businesses think seriously about banning trans people alto- gether — which is clearly the point of this legislation.

Taking this bill at face value, should be enacted, a whole range of performances will be classified as “drag shows” and there- fore illegal for most venues to host.

“Under the language of the bill, it seems like there could be no place for a trans person ... to be allowed to perform in drag. For example, poetry readings, church choir, school plays, Pride events, the Miss Gay America pageant and other forms of artistic and free expression that are protected by the First Amendment,” said Holly Dickson of the Arkansas ACLU. (tinyurl.com/seyyukhle)

These bills are based on the recurrent charge that LGBTQ+ people are inher- ently sick and predatory — the idea that even seeing queer people exist is equiva- lent to being sexually assaulted. Far-right governments around the world, from Italy to Indiana, from Hungary to Florida, are banning public acknowledgment of — or not allowing access to — persons who are or may be perceived as LGBTQ+. They claim this is to stop LGBTQ+ people from attacking children, a claim that always has been and will always be baseless.

LGBTQ+ workers pose no special threat to anyone else; but, selecting reli- gious scriptures that are used to demand an execution, far-right lawmakers con- tinue finding new ways to persecute the LGBTQ+ community. Now, businesses that dare to not ensure all-straight, all-cis entertainment could lose their ability to operate in Missouri and beyond.

The next step in attempting the se- xual extermination of the LGBTQ2S+ com- munity has arrived. But a united work- ing-class effort can stop it.

Both of the above points of view are clearly extreme, but both are certainly present in Missouri. Everyone is free to side with - whichever view suits you. I am for the rights of our LGBTQ+ youth, and I will fight for them with every ounce of my being.

One cannot simply ignore the facts and data presented in this article. The reality is that LGBTQ+ youth in Missouri are being targeted and虐待ed by the state legislature. They are denied their basic human rights and freedoms, and this is unacceptable.

The struggle for LGBTQ+ rights in Missouri is just one example of the continued discrimination and violence faced by the LGBTQ+ community. It is crucial for all of us to stand together and fight for a world where everyone is respected and valued.

By Alvin Carter

Missouri Senate Bill 429 takes a different tack. While other bills seek to limit access to health care or permit businesses to dis- criminate, SB 429 could force many private businesses to bar transgender performers and patrons. Similar bills, although cur- rently less draconian, are pending before the U.S. House of Representatives and the state legislatures of Tennessee, Arkansas, Arizona, and New York.

When, if ever, their defined “drag performance” providers, it could also extend legal consequences and misdemeanor charges to “Shakespeare in the Park” companies performing keystones. This definition is expansive, going beyond the traditional nightclub drag show, and could apply to any karaoke bar or any cof- fee shop hosting an open-mic night that does not bar transgender patrons and to any library hosting a drag story hour.

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Du Bois’ ‘Black Reconstruction’ and the lessons for today

By Leilani Dowell

Based on a talk given at a Workers World Party conference on Feb. 16, 2017.

W.E.B. Du Bois’ “Black Reconstruction” is part of the effort that Black History Month has been used to reify to reify the erasure and maligning of the lives and struggle of enslaved, formerly enslaved and Black people in the U.S. from the very founding of that country on stolen land.

Du Bois was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, in 1868. He studied at Fisk University in Berlin and Harvard, where he was the first African American to earn a doctorate. He became a professor of history, sociology and economics at Atlanta University in 1895. In 1912, he began the research and writing of “Black Reconstruction.”

The book showcases a turn to Marxist analysis. Du Bois had visited the Soviet Union in 1920, where he scoured the archives and made some critiques, he was also impressed by the emphasis on workers there.

With “Black Reconstruction,” Du Bois was correcting the historical record. Almost all histories produced at that time either neglected the Black role in the Civil War and Reconstruction or defended the overthrow of Reconstruction as the fault of Black people.

Du Bois’ book is also a plea for labor unity on the eve of the 1930s Great Depression. It wasn’t until the enslaved forced upon the old guarantees—both despising the Constitution, and the North fighting for the South is the planter. For the planter, the desire of Black people to learn and eventually become one. “American Dream,” these workers caught the prevalent view who “freed the slaves.” But Lincoln was born in Great Britain, who “freed the slaves.” But Lincoln

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Divisions resulted in, according to Du Bois, that “the black worker and the white were in a different position. The White worker sought the abolition of slavery, the other focused on bettering the condition of white workers. And each, Du Bois notes, either ignored or was unsympathetic to the other.

The third of the cast of characters in the South is the planter. For the planter, slavery represents a way not just to make a political power via the “three-fifths” compromise, which was “used not only to degrade Negroes in theory but in practice to disenfranchise the white South.”

Plantees were desperately hoping on to an outdated mode of production. Du Bois says that “slavery was the economic lag of the 16th century but had carried over into the 19th century and by contrast and by friction, moral lapses and political differences.”

Harpers Ferry, cotton and war

This all came to a head in 1860, when the cotton crop reached an all-time high in 1860. A year earlier, John Brown had led the raid at Harpers Ferry, and the threat of further social upheaval, coupled with the greed of the planters, forced a crisis. Beginning with South Carolina, Southern states began seceding. The Civil War had begun.

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Du Bois notes that “the new labor that came to the United States ... was not willing, after it reached America, to regard itself as a permanent laboring class. ... The more energetic and thrifty among the immigrants caught the prevalent [U.S.] American ideal of hard work that could become emancipated from the necessity of continuous toil and that an increasing proportion could join the class of employers in terms as the ‘American Dream.’ In pursuit of the ‘American Dream,’ these poor white workers in the South allied with the planter in the hopes of ultimately becoming one.”

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¡Que tiemblen las clases dominantes!

La clase obrera de Francia tiene una larga y significativa historia en la lucha entre el trabajo y el capital, incluyendo las revoluciones de 1848 que envolvieron a varios países europeos. Fue en el contexto de estas revoluciones que Karl Marx y Friedrich Engels escribieron el Manifiesto Comunista —entonces y ahora, uno de los libros más leídos en el mundo.

Marx y Engels no fueron los primeros escritores en denunciar el capitalismo y acusar a la clase dominante de ser contraria a los intereses del pueblo. Uno de sus contribuciones clave fue afirmar que la clase capitalista (la burguesía) había creado “sus propios sepultureros”; la clase obrera, o proletariado. El proletariado era “una clase revolucionaria” que impulsaría la historia hacia la abolición de los antagonismos de clase y la creación de una nueva sociedad, en la que los medios de producción fueran propiedad colectiva al servicio del bien común.

Durante 175 años, los economistas y “polítólogos” burgueses se han propuesto demostrar que Marx estaba equivocado y negar el papel histórico de la clase obrera. Quieren hacernos creer que “el comunismo es bueno en teoría, pero nunca funcionará”, porque los seres humanos son codiciosos por naturaleza. ¿Cuántas veces hemos oído eso?

Pero una y otra vez, con cada movimiento que hace para aumentar su riqueza y reducir el nivel de vida de las masas, el capitalismo ha demostrado ser el enemigo de la clase obrera.

Y una vez más —como en 1848, como en la Comuna de París de 1871, como en el estallido de obreros y estudiantes de 1968— el proletariado de Francia ha respondido al empuje de la clase capitalista para intensificar la explotación con una demostración masiva de poder de clase. Alrededor de 2 de millones de trabajadores, en un país de 67,5 millones, pararon el 19 de enero, con un llamamiento a otra huelga de un día el 31 de enero.

A pesar de sus diferencias, ocho federaciones sindicales unieron sus fuerzas para organizar la huelga. La provocación fue el plan del presidente Emmanuel Macron, un ex banquero, de aumentar la edad de jubilación —la edad en la que un trabajador tiene derecho a una pensión en virtud del sistema de pensiones estatal— de 62 a 64 años. La burguesía se esfuerza por minimizar el impacto de la huelga. France 24 informa “No creo que las huelgas tengan un impacto económico realmente importante en la economía francesa”, dijo [el ministro de Finanzas Bruno] Le Maire a Bloomberg TV en el Foro Económico Mundial de Davos, añadiendo que la economía francesa “iba bien”. (20 de enero) (Mantén la inflación en Francia rusa el 7% y si la economía francesa va tan bien, ¿para qué contemplar siquiera el retraso de la edad de jubilación? ¿Nada de este autoconsuelo puede borrar los hechos históricos. La clase obrera de Francia ha entrado una vez más en el escenario de la historia, y de la lucha de clases. Este desarrollo sigue a las huelgas masivas en Bretaña, Perú, Ecuador, Indias y otros lugares en el último año.

El Partido Mundo Obrero/Workers Party World se solidarizará plenamente con el creciente levantamiento de clase en Francia y en todo el mundo. Como Marx y Engels escribieron en el párrafo final del Manifiesto: “Que tiemblen las clases dominantes.”

Cobre, uranio, petróleo, gas, litio... las razones de EE.UU. para derrocar a Pedro Castillo

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En nombre de la democracia, el régimen golpista de Dina Boluarte y del general José Williams en Perú asesinaron a más de 60 personas, para satisfacer las demandas estadounidenses la explotación de los recursos minerales y energéticos de Perú. Fue el propio secretario de Estado estadounidense Antony Blinken quien le brindó el respaldo a Boluarte para realizar “reformas” en medio de una grave crisis institucional, política, económica e institucional, teniendo la incursión de empresas chinas en la explotación de las materias primas y de los recursos estratégicos.

Perú fue presentado como un ejemplo exitoso del mundo neoliberal, pese (o gracias) a la corrupción probada de sus últimos presidentes, pero paulatinamente fue profundizando, también, sus relaciones con China. Con una legislación perjudicial, hoy temiendo la incursión de empresas chinas en la explotación de los recursos minerales y energéticos.

La fuerte presencia de empresas transnacionales europeas y estadounidenses en sectores estratégicos de su economía, no impidió que Perú se abriera a la creciente influencia de China. Más allá de cualquier orientación ideológica, en 2010 Lima y Beijing firmaron un estratégico Tratado de Libre Comercio. Y en 2011, China se convirtió en el mayor socio comercial de Perú, por encima de EE.UU.

Pero las inversiones estratégicas más importantes provienen de EE.UU. A través de empresas como Cerro Verde y Southern Copper Corporation, que operan en la explotación del cobre, mineral del que Perú es el segundo exportador mundial. A las empresas estadounidenses se le sumó la canadiense Plateau Energy, que descubrió uranio en 2017 en el nor, en Macuyuni. Muchó cambió con el hallazgo de litio por la canadiense American Lithium en Falchani, quizá el sexto yacimiento más grande en el mundo.

La realidad mostraba, con el gobierno de Castillo, que después de Brasil, Perú es el país de la región que recibe la mayor cantidad de inversiones chinas: más de 200 compañías chinas, cuyas inversiones ascienden a más de 30 mil millones de dólares, bastante más que la suma de las occidentales. Pero para Washington, aquella redituable asociación comercial devino en una estratégica relación establecida. El mercado franco desarrolló en el contra el golpe en Perú. Union Square, New York. 15 de enero, 2023. MO FOTO/BRANDON RYAN