Unions tell bosses: We won’t take it anymore!

Actors, writers, shut down Hollywood

By Martha Grevatt

Members of the Writers Guild (WGA) have been on strike since May 2 against television and film studio giants like Netflix, Amazon, Sony, Disney, Fox and others. They were joined July 13 by actors in Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. This united strike has effectively shut down studios in Hollywood, New York City and elsewhere.

Actors and writers face similar issues. The studios are using new technology — including digitization, streaming and artificial intelligence — to shrink the workforce and reduce workers’ income. As SAG-AFTRA President Fran Drescher explains, “the entire business model has been changed.” SAG-AFTRA and WGA members need contracts that reflect the new model and protect their jobs and living standards. (CBS News, July 13) The union is demanding an 11% wage increase for every member.

The video of President Drescher’s militant speech announcing the strike has gone viral, with over 300,000 views. In it she proclaims that, “We stand in solidarity, in unprecedented unity. … Big business cares more about Wall Street than you and your families.” … At some point you have to say no, we’re not going to take this anymore.”

This is the first simultaneous strike by both writers and actors since 1960, when they won improvements in health insurance, pension plans and residual payments.

“Residuals are additional compensation paid to performers when a production is shown beyond the original use covered by the initial compensation,” SAG-AFTRA explains on its web site. They are a key issue in the current strike as actors and writers have seen their residual income fall in the midst of rampant inflation. It should be no surprise that the vote of SAG-AFTRA members was 98% in favor of authorizing a strike, which began with the unanimous agreement of the union’s negotiating team and executive board.

During the union’s press conference, SAG-AFTRA National Executive Director and chief negotiator Duncan Crabtree-Ireland drew parallels with the 1960 strike, saying both were “100% necessary.” When the entire negotiating team posed together for photos, they had their fists raised.

More strikes coming!

With the expiration of the United Parcel Service contract with the Teamsters union fast approaching, dozens of hog island UPS facility, Philadelphia, July 13, 2023.
Tens of thousands of Portland’s LGBTQ2S+ community and supporters attended a weekend of events during Portland Pride July 14 and 15. On July 14, the Trans March ended at the waterfront festival in front of the main stage. An hour later, the Dyke March, four blocks long, took off.

There were over 90 drag performers at the Pride events, including Flawless Shade. This year’s Miss Gay Pride and former Miss Gay Oregon, Shade explained that Pride weekend is a chance for the LGBTQ2S+ community to celebrate, to come out of isolation and be together. But, she said, the parade is first of all a protest. It’s about fighting for freedom. Pride is about visibility to show Portland who the community is at a time when it is under attack.

Solidarity between unions is growing. United Auto Workers President Shawn Fain traveled to New Hyde Park, New York, to join President O’Brien in a UPS strike preparation rally. The Teamsters union members will honor UAW picket lines in the event of a strike at Ford, General Motors or Stellantis — or all three — when their contracts with the UAW expire Sept. 14. President Fain declined to begin negotiations with the traditional “handshake across the table” with company representatives, opting instead to shake hands with rank-and-file autoworkers outside the plants.

According to Association of Flight Attendants (AFA-CWA) President Sara Nelson, there could be a “Summer of Strikers” as AFA members begin their own practice pickets at Alaska Airlines and United Airlines. “There’s more solidarity than we’ve ever seen before. It’s everyone across the working class, and that solidarity is rising up, especially with this Gen Z leading us, and we’re not gonna take it anymore!” (MSNBC, July 16)

Joe Piette contributed to this article.

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Bay Area activists launch new anti-APEC coalition

By Danny O’Brien
Seattle

For the first time in over a decade, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum has being its meetings in the U.S., first in Palm Springs, California, in February and then in Detroit in May. It is now gearing up to meet in Seattle. Capitolist trade ministers will attend a series of meetings here from July 29 to Aug. 4.

On their first two days, these ministers will confront a large mass of conscientious workers who will vehemently oppose their conference. These workers are deceived by APEC’s thin veneer of corporatist and neoliberal buzzwords and recognize it as a moving cog in brewing war plans and continued exploitation from the imperialist United States.

APEC: tool of imperialism

APEC was founded in 1989 as an intergovernmental forum and “free trade agreement” (FTA) among 12 original member states in the Asia-Pacific region. Today, APEC has a total membership of 21 countries, while excluding Laos and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea). APEC functions in much the same way as similar organizations, such as the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (formerly NAFTA) or the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) or the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), was officially signed. It took effect in 2021, known as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

APEC was heavily criticized for being such a clear, hawkish attempt to benefit the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) coincide with the large-scale and long-term shifting of imperial momentum toward the Asia-Pacific region— in Uncle Sam’s own rhetoric, “a pivot to Asia.” This year will be the beginning of the path of that pivot, no doubt foreshadowing high tensions and warmongering at the upcoming conference. One major milestone, Gen. Michael A. “Mike” Minihan’s memo, sets the stage boldly.

Premeditated war with China?

On Feb. 1, the Department of the Air Force accidentally revealed in a memo that Gen. Minihan, intended to be between commanders, which exposed his belligerency: “My gut tells me we will fight China” in 2025, “We spent 2022 setting the foundation for victory. We will spend 2023 in crisp operational motion building on that foundation. … Drive readiness, integration and agility for ourselves and the Joint Force to deter, and if required, fight China.” (airandspaceforces.com, Jan. 30)

Gen. Minihan revealed premeditation about this coming war, referring in his End State section of the memo to “a fortified, ready, integrated and agile Joint Force Maneuver Team ready to fight and win inside the first island chain.” Despite all the public relations the Air Force could muster to try to cover up the fallout from this leak from the horse’s mouth, it is clearly stated that Pentagon strategists regard China as the U.S.’s main enemy and have developed plans to wage war with Beijing in the near future.

In that mindset, workers and communists must look to the Asia-Pacific region with a vigilant eye for the strings that Washington and its allies are currently pulling. In February, an Enhanced Defense Co-operation Agreement went into effect, announcing five new U.S. military bases in the Philippines: Cesar Basa Air Base, Fort Magasay’s Military Reservation, Lumbia Air Base, Antonio Bautista Air Base and Macan Tunet Eleno Air Base.

In April, the agreement added four more: Naval Base Camilo Osias, Camp Melchor Dela Cruz, Balabac Island and Lao-Li Airport. This massive and quick militarization and mobilization of the Pentagon budget is aimed at increasing U.S. readiness and agility to strike or fight China.

On March 13, the AUKUS (Australia, Britain, U.S.) military alliance tightened its noose, announcing an arrangement to supply Australia with a nuclear-powered submarine. The White House public statement stressed that Australia would not be allowed to repurpose the submarine to carry a nuclear explosive device and that Australia should not seek to enrich any uranium or try to acquire any nuclear weapons.

Nuclear subs and semiconductors

Despite these public denials, a nuclear-powered submarine armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles and torpedoes is still a very dangerous weapon, and it has arrived in the Asia-Pacific region. On June 16, another nuclear-powered submarine arrived in Busan, South Korea. The pretext for its delivery was missile tests conducted by North Korea.

The economic resources most at stake in these brewing war plans are semiconductors, the vast majority of which are manufactured at the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC). U.S. strategists say they will keep the company under U.S. control and as detached from China as possible. They even worked out a deal during former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi’s 2022 visit to Taiwan at a TSMC factory in Arizona. The phrase “semiconductors are the new oil” has popped into public discourse in the corporate media, and Washington’s chestnuts for Taiwan has been about increasing military buildup.

Wisconsin Republican Rep. Mike Gallagher flat-out said, “We need to arm Taiwan to the teeth right now.” (Defense News, May 24)

In conclusion, the U.S. has established nine new bases in the Philippines in less than six months, even as its military pacts moved high-value weaponry to Australia and South Korea — both countries a ballistic stone’s throw away from China. Politicians’ and corporate media’s rhetorical focus is on Taiwan and its semiconductors, coupled with preemptively establishing semiconductor production within U.S. borders.

Together these are a clear sign that Washington is fortifying its offensive capabilities in the Asia-Pacific region, reshuffling the chessboard, while spinning and strewing economic chokeholds and linguistic weaves around China — in preparation for a coming war.

But the working class in the U.S. wants no part of imperialist war! These kinds of wars lower wages, inflate prices, hike up the cost of fuel and take humanity far too close to the brink of extinction with nuclear threats. The only way of use to the workers is a class war against the imperialists who oppress and exploit them.

Join Workers World Party, the International League of Peoples’ Struggle, the Resist U.S.-Led War Movement, Anakbayan, People Over Profit and many other comrades at the Peoples’ Summit Against APEC in Seattle this July 29-30! Register at tinylurl.com/3ziezgr96/.

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Comes to Seattle July 29

Protest APEC — carriers of debt and war

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Heat wave: Texas prison officials are murderers

By Gloria Rubac
Houston

Prisoners are dying almost every day in Texas due to the extreme heat. They are dying in cells, dorms, factories, and bathrooms. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) has a policy, AD06.04, which says people are allowed to go outside if being affected by the heat. In reality, their policy is nothing but a cruel and deadly lie.

Since a heat wave gripped Texas this June, at least 29 prisoners, including two men in their 30s, died of heart attacks or unknown causes in prisons lacking air conditioning, according to the Texas Tribune. (July 12)

Major daily newspapers around the state are editorializing about the heat in prisons. Activists, family members of incarcerated people are organizing against these horrific deaths. This issue is as hot as the prison cells.

The Texas prison system incarcerates 118,277 people in 98 facilities located throughout the state. According to research by Julie Skarha, an environmental epidemiologist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 271 prisoners died of heat-related causes in non-air-conditioned Texas prisons between 2001 and 2019. (Texas Prisons Community Advocates Facebook)

Many more suffer from heat exhaustion each year, reporting dizziness, nausea, heat rashes, and family members. Yet it’s been 11 years since Texas has classified a death as heat-related.

TDCJ Communications Director Amanda Hernandez claimed that Texas prisons have had no heat deaths since 2012. She told the New York Times: “Death from the heat is like that of any Texas person who do not have access to air-conditioning in their homes, inmates are able to keep cool by whatever means: ice water, fans, and topped unusual respite areas when needed.” (June 29)

Sounds nice, but the reality is that this is cruel.

Heat exhaustion, heatstroke, heart attacks and passing out occur every minute that you are reading this, as reported on the Facebook page of TDCJ Polunsky (Prison) Wives, Girlfriends, Friends and Family. There, Korean Gooden wrote: “I’m sooo sick of this damn prison since my husband has been here, always on lockdown or it’s some bs with this prison. My husband had a seizure because of the heat and his insul- lin being low. The damn officers did f-king nothing. This is the second time this has happened. It’s too damn hot.”

Another woman wrote on that page: “I don’t know what else to do anymore. My husband said they still aren’t passing out water. He has been going to medical to go medical and they have ignored him. He passed out from extreme heat and died here in TXPrisons.”

And another: “I’m dehydrated and I’m dying from the heat. I haven’t been able to shower in over a week. They denied her. Then she tried getting a cold shower but started throwing up and died. She was sent seven hours without water. They hardly ever have drinking water. Women died and laid in their bunks for four hours before medical picked them up. There are over 35,000 women here and not just old women are dying. Young healthy women are also dying from the heat.”

On the same page a man’s family posted his remarks: “It is so hot that I am covered with a heat rash from my head to my toes. They have fans on my wing but only one works. A mother posted on the TPCA page about her daughter: “She has been there seven years. She has nine months to go. She’s sweating profusely all the time. Can’t sleep. She works in the kitchen. So you know, it’s like 120 degrees in there and people or fainting people are seizing and falling on the floor. Heat-related seizures are very common in the summer months in prison. And I don’t mean common like one a day. I mean common like three or four a day.”

There were four bills in the Texas legislature this spring that would have provided money for air conditioning in the House, but Texas senators killed a bill that would have established a prison temper-ature standard of 65 to 85 degrees, with funding of $85.45 million for the first two parts of a four-phase air-conditioning installation plan. Despite a $32.7 billion budget surplus this year, the legislature allocated no funds specifically for prison air conditioning.

A press conference and demonstration at the Capitol in Austin took place on July 18. A mock cell will be brought to the Capitol’s south steps where people can sit in the heat and feel the temperature of 110-120 degrees. And get a taste of what is the reality for prisoners under a “heat dome.”

Mutulu Shakur

By Akinyele Umoja

This article was originally published in Black Agenda Report on July 12.

Mutulu Shakur passed away [on July 6] just seven months after his 70th birthday. Like other political prisoners he was released only when he was terminally ill. The U.S. has more political prisoners and incarcerates them for 30, 40, 50, and even 60 years, far longer than any other nation in the world.

The New African Independence Movement and revolu-tionary Pan-Africanists salute our freedom fighter, Dr. Mutulu Shakur. We also joined the Ancients on July 7, 2023. Dr. Shakur was a grassroots organizer, teacher, soldier, anti-repression activist, healer, and unifier of the youth and street forces (whether in the community or inside prison walls).

Dr. Shakur defined himself as a revolutionary nation-alist, Pan-Africanist, and anti-imperialist. He joined the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) as a teenager in 1966. He was also a signer of the Declaration of Independence of the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika (PRNGA) in 1968 and a found-ing member of the New Afrikan People’s Organization (NAPO) in 1984.

Dr. Shakur lived underground for four years due to his involvement in the New African Freedom Fighter wing of the Black Liberation Army (BLA). Dr. Shakur was captured on February 12, 1986, and convicted on conspiracy charges that included revolutionary acts of expropria-tion of capitalist institutions to support movement insti-tutions, armed struggle, and human rights activism, and acade-mics. He continued to advocate for the national liberation of New Afrika, the freedom of political prisoners, and peo-ples’ medicine in the last months of his life. Dr. Shakur also championed the lead-ership of women in the national liberation struggle and human rights activism.

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Mutulu Shakur, Live like him. Dare to Struggle. Dare to Win.
Free the land. Free ‘em all.

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Incarcerees organize unprecedented seminar against life without parole

By Joe Piette

A group of incarcerated worker leaders at Pennsylvania’s State Correctional Institution Coalition Township understands that it’s never too early or too late to change a law. Amazingly, from behind bars, sentenced to life without parole (LWOP), unfair, repressive laws might be changed. They were able to organize an unprecedented gathering called “A Criminal Justice Reform/Lifers Seminar” on May 23 inside SCI Coal Township.

This is part two of the interviews conducted by Joe Piette with seminar organizers.

Robert Pezzeca is 46 years old, grew up in the Philadelphia area and, at 21, was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

DS: “I was able to obtain my GED in prison. I’ve learned comprehension and so many other skills. I’m a Certified Peer Specialist; that’s my job in here. I help my peers with their challenges and their growth as they come to mental health. I think my nature is to help people. We just completed a course through Bucknell University on science and technology. If you ask the staff, they will tell you lifers are the most well-educated prisoners. We are the mentors. We are the ones who give back to the community. In the last 10 years, lifers here have raised over $100,000 for various community causes. Lifers increase their educational level significantly.”

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Minnie Bruce Pratt was already a renowned lesbian poet, author and anti-racist activist even before she joined Workers World Party over 20 years ago. She became a managing editor of Workers World/Mundo Obrero newspaper following the death of her longtime partner and spouse, Leslie Feinberg, in 2014.

Minnie Bruce and I became political kindred spirits, working together as managing editors and on the education committee. We were both born in segregated Alabama—she in Selma and me in Tuscaloosa, she being white and me being African American. Although our experiences growing up were different as night and day, our hatred of white supremacy and our joining the Party as a vehicle to fight it, brought us even closer.

In 2016, when I was the WWP presidential candidate, Minnie Bruce organized a dynamic meeting of young people in the town where she was living, Syracuse, New York, for me to speak on our program of revolutionary struggle. The next day as we drove to Rochester for another meeting, we talked about taking a trip together to Seneca Falls, New York, where the feminist movement arose in the 1800s and also to the Adirondacks to visit the gravesite of abolitionist John Brown.

Since Minnie Bruce died on July 2, I feel profound regret that we never took that trip together to deepen our camaraderie. I am grateful that Martha Grevatt and I were able to visit her in hospice care on June 23. I will miss everything Southern about her—her voice, her warmth, her personal and political sensitivity and most of all, her lifetime commitment to the abolishment of the most horrific scourge known to humankind—capitalism. Minnie Bruce Pratt, your legacy will live on now and for future generations of revolutionaries until a better world is truly in birth. Go to minniebrucepratt.net.

Here are more remembrances of Minnie Bruce Pratt:

We are forever grateful to our dear friend and comrade, Minnie Bruce Pratt, for her profound interventions and contributions to workers’ struggles in our region.

Two of our fondest memories of Minnie Bruce include her August 2015 visit to Boston in support of our comrades and leaders of United Steelworkers Local 8751—the Boston school bus drivers’ union—who had been fired by the racist, union-busting Veolia/Transdev corporation. Her trip to the bus yards and interview with Local 8751 leader Georgia Scott, who was from Minnie Bruce’s home state of Alabama, will never be forgotten by the workers. (tinyurl.com/ajb0bf8)

Her memory, life’s work and sensuous, fierce poetry will inspire generations at the Sexual Minorities Archive in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where on July 7, 2017, Minnie Bruce presided over the grand opening and dedication of the Leslie Feinberg book collection in the Sylvia Rivera Room. (workers.org/2017/06/35638/)

Live like Minnie Bruce Pratt!

Boston branch of WWP

I knew Minnie Bruce best from working with her on the WWP education committee starting in 2018. She had brilliant skills from editing and being a college professor. We persevered in developing 12 classes, based on topics that most represent our Party’s politics, that included once a month classes for candidates joining the party. However, my deep hearted connection to Minnie Bruce evolved from experiencing her as a mentor. She was there for me through many calls, me sobbing, trying to make sense of seemingly insurmountable challenges with new candidates. Minnie Bruce always offered a levelheaded perspective. She had deep rooted politics from her background in the women’s and LGBTQ2S+ communities, her time with Leslie, experience in the party and perhaps from being a mother who lost her children because she had the courage to come out early as a lesbian in the South.

Lyn Neeley
Portland WW branch

One of my favorite memories was when Minnie Bruce and I went to Durham, North Carolina, for Pride Week in September 2018. We marched in the Workers World contingent in the parade and shared moments speaking at different events there. Some of them were sponsored by WWP. She was so influential in my life that it would not be the same without having known one of the most profound lesbian revolutionaries who touched so many lives—and we carry on some of those every day. Minnie Bruce Pratt, presents! Build A Workers World!

Renée Imperato
LGBTQIA+ caucus of WWP

Dear Minnie Bruce, I want to thank you for your consistent, loving embrace and inclusion of all oppressed people globally. You were a teacher both in a classroom and as an editor of Workers World newspaper, well known for your fierce love and your gut hatred of racism and bigotry. I’m especially thinking about what isn’t noticed—your selfless ability to work with young and older comrades on hundreds of their articles.

Along with your own substantial body of work, every word beautifully crafted, you helped hundreds of comrades and activists shape their thoughts. You didn’t just quickly edit articles and move on to the next task. You would give thought to the formulations or a better opening. I treasured the personal Minnie Bruce touch.

I’m remembering with tears and a smile your and Leslie’s visits to my little Jersey City garden to watch the fireflies. We shared our love of Jersey City at a time when it was still gritty, industrial and low-rent.

So many late nights of PATH trains rides home. You both loved your fourth-floor walkup—a railroad apartment with skyline views from every window. We tested coffee shops and listened to Leslie’s antenna, measuring what was safe space.

We traded plant cuttings. A favorite was the Dottie plant (named for WWP founder, Dorothy Ballan) because it confirmed that life continues and contributions take new roots. All that you gave to the struggle for a new world doesn’t end with you. Those little roots proliferate in new soil. Thank you Minnie Bruce!

Sara Flounders
WW contributing editor

While we crossed paths over all our years in Workers World, becoming one of the paper’s managing editors offered me the wonderful opportunity to work closely with Minnie Bruce. When I first started as a managing editor four years ago, she was my mentor, carefully guiding me through the complicated process, reassuring me I could be up to the task.

She was always gracious in staff meetings, but perhaps my fondest memories were when just managing editors would meet at the end of each session, and Minnie Bruce would say, “Ain’t nobody here but us chickens.” We eventually learned this was from a jump blues song, played by Louis Jordan and his band, clearly a link to her Southern upbringing. She is already sorely missed by the editorial staff.

Betsy Piette
Philadelphia WW branch

I met Minnie Bruce when she started dating Leslie Feinberg. I had read her poetry and really appreciated her bold anti-racist poetics. Minnie Bruce and Leslie got together, I was so happy to see the blending of communism and feminism in a couple so much in love.

From Minnie Bruce I learned about the radical art movement which developed during the Great Depression. We were at a pre-COVID-19 WW party conference and began discussing art within bourgeois society. The Depression was a section of the WPA (Works Progress Administration) which employed artists of all creative fields. It was quite a radical mix. Many of the murals painted in the 1930s still exist today in post offices, government buildings and other public spaces.

After WWII, the hammer of anti-communism fell on all areas of public life. No longer was art depicting working people promoted. The bourgeoisie wanted people to see only empty random visions, not anything even remotely suggesting fightback and the innate dignity of workers and oppressed people. No area of life is untouched by the class in power. This is what I learned from Minnie Bruce Pratt.

Susan Schnur
Cleveland WW branch
Workers World Party remembers Minnie Bruce Pratt

I reminisced about how Leslie, after noticing my neurodiverse difficulties with maintaining my personal appearance, instead of making fun of me, offered to give me free haircuts.

When I conceived my idea which Leslie Feinberg’s writings had first suggested to me about writing about the rainbow of disabled oppression, Minnie Bruce became my writing coach and adviser. She also arranged a meeting of the WWP Educational Committee with the WWP Disability Justice and Rights Caucus, to discuss developing the curriculum for a candidates’ and seasoned comrades’ class on disabled oppression, which the DJRC now hopes to launch very soon.

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Our right to be Marxist-Leninists

By Fidel Castro

This commentary, reprinted from Havana Times, was given May 7, 2015, by late Cuban President Fidel Castro Ruz. We share this now in honor of the 70th anniversary of the attack on the Moncada Barracks, which launched the Cuban Revolution.

The 70th anniversary of the Great Patriotic War will be commemorated the day after tomorrow, May 9. Given the time difference, while I write these lines, the soldiers and officials of the Army of the Russian Federation, full of pride, will be parading through Moscow’s Red Square with their characteristic quick, military steps.

Lenin was a brilliant revolutionary strategist who did not hesitate in assuming the ideas of Marx and implementing them in an immense and only partly industrialized country, whose proletariat party became the most radical and courageous on the planet in the wake of the greatest slaughter that capitalism had caused in the world; where for the first time tanks, automatic weapons, aviation and poison gases made an appearance in wars, and even a legendary cannon capable of launching a heavy projectile more than 100 kilometers made its presence felt in the bloody conflict.

From that carnage emerged the League of Nations, an institution that should have preserved peace but which did not even manage to stop the rapid advance of colonialism in Africa, a great part of Asia, Oceania, the Caribbean, Canada and a contemptuous neo-colonialism in Latin America. Barely 20 years later, another atrocity world war broke out in Europe, the responsibility of which was the Spanish Civil War, in 1936.

After the crushing defeat of the Nazis, world nations placed their hopes in the United Nations, which strives to generate cooperation in order to put an end to aggressions and wars, such that countries can preserve the peace, development and peaceful cooperation of the big and small, rich or poor states of the world.

Millions of scientists could, among other tasks, increase the chances of the survival of the human species, with billions of people already threatened by food and water shortages within a short period of time. We are already 7.3 billion people on the planet. In 1800, there were only 978 million; this figure rose to 6.07 billion in 2009; and according to conservative estimates, by the year 2050 there will be 10 billion.

Of course, scarcely is the arrival to Western Europe of boats full of migrants mentioned, traveling in any object that floats; a river of African migrants, from the continent colonized by the Europeans over hundreds of years. Twenty-three years ago, in a United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development I stated: “An important biological species is in danger of disappearing given the rapid and progressive destruction of its natural life-sustaining conditions: man.” I did not know at that time how close we were to this.

We commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Great Patriotic War, I wish to put on record our profound admiration for the heroic Soviet people, who provided humankind an enormous service. Today we are seeing the solid alliance between the people of the Russian Federation and the state with the fastest growing economy in the world: the People’s Republic of China. Both countries, with their close cooperation, modern science and powerful armies and brave soldiers constitute a powerful shield of world peace and security, so that the life of our species may be preserved.

Physical and mental health, and the spirit of solidarity are norms which must prevail or the future of humankind, as we know it, will be lost forever. The 27 million Soviets who died in the Great Patriotic War, also did so for humanity and the right to think and be socialists, to be Marxist-Leninists, communists, and leave the dark ages behind.

U.S. activists visit Nicaragua to mark revolutionary gains

Special to Workers World

Workers World Party members from Boston and Portland joined the Jubilee House Community’s solidarity delegation in Nicaragua to learn about the country’s gains under the Sandinista National Liberation Front-led government since the triumph of their revolution July 19, 1979.

Included in this tour of achievements was a meeting with geothermal plant workers proudly meeting with geothermal plant workers proudly working at the Moncada Power Plant, which has a capacity of 26 megawatts and was officially inaugurated July 19, 1979.

Workers World/Mundo Obrero joins with the Cuban people in celebrating the 70th anniversary of an event which changed the course of history for their island nation. On July 26, 1953, Cuban revolutionaries boldly attacked the Moncada garrison in Santiago de Cuba and simultaneously conducted a siege of the army barracks in Bayamo.

These courageous acts were aimed to strike a blow against the brutal U.S.-backed dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista. Although the military goals were not achieved in Bayamo, simultaneously conducted a siege of the army barracks in Bayamo.

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Cuba has not only developed in every sphere since the socialist revolution, this island nation has carried out acts of international solidarity to aid oppressed countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia, whether with military might or aid by the Henry Reeve International Medical Brigade with medical personnel and supplies. This assistance has been given generously, despite the horrific blockade implemented against Cuba by Washington for 65 years.

Even during the pandemic, despite having a dearth of medical supplies, Cuba shared their COVID-19 vaccines with countries denied them by the imperialist West. Due to the dedication and meticulous efforts of their scientists and health care workers, nearly all of their own population has been inoculated with Cuban-produced vaccines.

In recognition of their heroic work in dealing with this health crisis, 50,000 representatives of the health and science sectors were invited to lead the 2022 May Day march in Havana, and were thanked by Cuba’s leaders.

International support of Cuba and its people is ever more important now due to the restrictions on travel, trade and financial transactions imposed by the Trump administration, and continued by Biden’s.

Cuba has deservedly won the support and respect of peoples around the globe. Workers World/Mundo Obrero has shown our unwavering solidarity with this socialist country on this newspaper’s pages and in countless activities on the streets.

WW needs your support!

If you appreciate our coverage, it’s time to join the Workers World Supporter Program. WW depends on its readers’ backing. The program was established 46 years ago so readers could help WW publish anti-racist, working-class truth and build campaigns needed to fight against capitalism and for revolutionary change leading to socialism.

Since the early 1990s, the fund has sponsored workers.org, where news and analysis of global and domestic issues and struggles are posted continually. The website is a resource for political activists. It contains first-hand accounts by writer-activists in many countries, translated by our staff. Timely articles written by writers-organizers keep the newspaper current on union drives and progressive destruction of its natural life-sustaining conditions: man.” I did not know at that time how close we were to this.

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Jenin: 2002 and now
Israel can’t crush Palestinian resistance
By Sara Flounders

The writer traveled to the occupied West Bank during the Second Intifada representing the International Action Center. She gained access to Jenin in April 2002 when Israeli Defense Forces were barricading the destroyed refugee camp.

The densely populated Jenin refugee camp was bombarded with days of Israeli air attacks and ground raids, starting July 3. The attack involved over 1,000 troops, mostly drawn from elite commando units, who invaded the densely populated residential area. They attacked the ground with tanks and snipers, and from the sky with drones and attack helicopters launching rockets. Israel has an official policy of collective retaliatory punishment. This attack was described as Israel’s “right to defend” itself. The Biden administration called it a “limited self-defense.” The ceasefire is still a fragile one, despite being reaffirmed by the United Nations.

The occupation it called Israel’s “right to defend” itself. The Biden administration’s unconditioned backing emboldens the escalating Zionist violence against Palestinians.

At least 120 Palestinians have been killed by soldiers and settlers in near-daily Israeli raids in the West Bank in 2023. The current assault on the Jenin refugee camp shares the goals of “Jenin” and “ occupied areas of the West Bank. The reports and photos were used to support the argument that the occupation is illegal and should be halted. The destruction of homes and businesses was widespread.

I witnessed the onslaught of the Second Intifada, the military’s indiscriminate shooting against civilians, which began in 2000. The occupation started in the early 2000s in the West Bank — the blocks of ruined cinder block homes, the overwhelmed hospitals, the devastation and rubble from bulldozers and bombs caused by the 2002 Zionist attack on Jenin.

In 2002, in the face of world condemnation of this most extreme attack on Jenin, it was U.S. diplomatic and massive media support that went to great effort to sugarcoat Israel’s war crimes.

Insidious role of Human Rights Watch
The U.S. not only had weapons to ship and diplomatic support to provide, but also well-financed organizations that could speak hypocritically in the name of human rights. In every global crisis, these organizations will step forward to issue reports of political support to support U.S. imperialist aims.

In 2002, international bodies and United Nations bodies resoundingly called for a war crimes investigation of the Zionist massacre in Jenin. There was a world outcry. The U.S. government used Human Rights Watch (HRW), a notorious NGO funded by the U.S. Congress through the National Endowment for Democracy, to divert and railroad the call for an international inquiry.

The Israeli military conveniently lifted the total ban on Jenin, the result of the HRW report and photos we provided were sharply different from the sanitized report from HRW. Our reports and photos were intended for the Arab media and alternative antizionist media, which were anxious for coverage.

HRW conceded that there were at least 52 deaths and perhaps many more bodies under the rubble, along with thousands of injured people and refugees. Hospitals were overflowing. HRW stated that many of the civilians were killed willfully or unlawfully; others were used as “human shields.” Their report listed the numbers of known deaths.

But the Human Rights Watch report’s sly wording included in their endless reports — and repeated in all the U.S. corporate media — stated that this indiscriminate killing of Palestinian civilians did not constitute evidence of a “massacre” or a “war crime.” HRW knew very well that that headline was needed.

Today, this is the headline run by all the corporate media. It wrapped up their coverage nicely. It was repeated endlessly. This report was then announced while — at the same time — the United Nations bowed to Israeli and U.S. demands and withdrew their request to investigate war crimes in Jenin.

Israel crimes can’t defeat Palestine!
Today, both Israeli and U.S. wars are so openly brutal, using cluster bombs, artillery shells, drone attacks and armored tanks on city streets in civilian areas, that they don’t bother with painstaking efforts to deny or cover up their crimes. Instead, the Biden administration just gives a green light and emboldens the extreme right-wing government in Israel while denouncing Palestinian so-called “terrorists.” This support is bipartisan, echoing both Democrats and Republicans.

Once again, U.S.-funded organizations, such as Human Rights Watch, have been willing to support U.S. wars — weapons shipments to Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Yugoslavia, and Ukraine — while they back Israel’s continuing war against the Palestinians, claiming these wars are to defend “human rights.” But the reality is all too clear. The Zionists’ apparatus and the fascist settlers openly declare that they will continue to target the new wave of militants. But overwhelming military force fails to crush the resistance, despite the use of the most extreme measures and destruction.

Due to the continuing fascist attacks, Palestinians are left with no choice but armed resistance. Today, the whole world overwhelmingly supports Palestine and the Palestinian people’s right to resist. Like Gaza, Jenin is a symbol of Palestinian resistance. Its refugee populations hold a fierce, collective memory of the 1948 Nakba — or catastrophe — the forced removal and dispossession of 750,000 Palestinians. These refugee camps have been a source of resistance to Zionism for decades.

Now Israel faces a tactical defeat. Israeli brutality has failed to break this heroic Palestinian resistance. It is reaching a new stage of greater unity and new tactics throughout the occupied West Bank, within the 1948 borders and in Gaza.

This is a reality that Zionists bombing and new waves of right-wing propaganda can’t change. Palestinian activist and author of “Mornings in Jenin,” Susan Abuhaile, who lives in the U.S., told Workers World: “I’d say Israel was the devil. But that implies it’s here to stay. That racist settler colonial project is nearing its end.”

Peace in the World

70 years after 1953 ceasefire
Protests call for end of Korean War
By Joe Piette

July 27 marks 70 years since the Korean War armistice was signed. In just three years, an estimated 4 million people — mostly North Korean civilians — had been killed by the time of the 1953 ceasefire agreement.

And up to this year, seven decades later, the war continues unresolved and nuclear concerns were made ever more dangerous since the U.S. first introduced nuclear weapons in South Korea in 1958, unilaterally abrogating an agreement not to deploy nuclear weapons in South Korea.

The 70 years of sanctions, isolation and military threats have only denied North Korea’s population the necessities of life, prevented the reunification of Korea and prolonged the state of war in Korea. It’s time to end the Korean War and reunite Korean families, demilitarize the Korean Peninsula and reduce the risk of nuclear war in northeast Asia.

Protests planned in Washington and Korea on armistice anniversary
To mark the 70th anniversary of the Korean War armistice, which will mark the 70th anniversary of the Korean War, a group of workers and representatives of the Korean Peninsula will converge on Washington, D.C., to call on President Joe Biden and South Korean President Moon Jae-in to end the Korean War and replace the armistice with a peace agreement.

A major goal of the activities is catalyzing Congressional and public support for the Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act.
Hornet’s nest of misogynist enablers

This time even the Supreme Court of the United States “liberals” got it wrong. On June 27, in a 7-2 ruling reversing a lower court’s decision in Counterman v. Colorado, SCOTUS prioritized so-called “free speech” over protecting millions of victims of stalking — primarily women and gender-oppressed people.

According to Colorado Public Radio, Billy Raymond Counterman targeted Colorado singer Cole Whalen for years on Facebook, with thousands of messages describing “physical sightings” he had of her, and angry explosive-filled threatening messages, including telling her “to die.” (tinyurl.com/4zrnx4zy7?)

Whalen wasn’t Counterman’s first victim. He had been arrested for threatening two other women, saying he would “bash their heads in” and “rip their throats out.” Yet with the court’s new ruling, such threats would be perfectly acceptable because of the “Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment requiring proof of intent” in order to be considered “true threats.”

The majority decision, written by Justice Elena Kagan, found Counterman’s stalking — which caused Whalen to leave her job and move out of Colorado for personal safety — comparable to political parody or angry commentary made by protesters at demonstrations. Despite ample evidence that Counterman was intentionally stalking Whalen, the justices decided his “inadverently threatening speech cannot be criminalized.”

Justices Roberts, Alito, Kavaunagh, Jackson, Sotomayor, and Gorsuch concurred. In essence, the so-called liberal coalition culminated with neo-conservatives to legalize stalking — supporting men’s “right” to harass women’s rights to feel safe. This is not just a question of the intent of language. During oral arguments, Chief Justice Roberts joked about Counterman’s cyber death threats to oral arguments, Chief Justice Roberts joked about Counterman’s cyber death threats to Counterman’s convic...
working-class movement, advancing the struggle for national liberation and self-determination as critical to the global class struggle – and forging the solidarity necessary to unite the workers and the oppressed of the world to defeat imperialism and capitalism.

Lenin regarded racism and white supremacy as products of colonialism and neo-colonialism, as posing the most dangerous threats to the working class.

What's often not entirely understood, even by some who consider themselves adherents of Leninism, is that Lenin's thinking about imperialism was fundamentally centered on its impact on the working class. Lenin understood that the growth of imperialism afforded the ruling classes – especially in the most advanced imperialist countries – the means to divide and stratify the working class on the basis of living standard, race and gender. This ability to divide the working class is one of the main pillars of imperialism.

This is why the struggle against imperialism, in effect, the struggle against all of the stratification, chauvinism and backwardness that capitalism relies upon to keep it from ever being hopelessly divided. The building of a new international revolutionary workers’ movement, based on unconditional solidarity with the struggle of oppressed people for self-determination, was one of the goals to which Lenin devoted his final years.

The problem in the struggle against imperialism is, in the direction of greater explosions, greater violence, steeper cliffs to fall off of, and bottomless fangs. The work and all forms of life are at the mercy of a dying capitalist system that refuses to go quietly and quietly, instead insisting on torturing society – and threatening its existence until capital is forced into the dustbin of history.

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El legado de Lenin

Lenin es más conocido como el princi- pal líder de la revolución rusa. Los que están más familiarizados con las contri- buciones de Lenin saben que Lenin, entre otras cosas, analizó las leyes que rigen el imperialismo (la fase superior del capitalismo), aclara la naturaleza y el pro- pósito del Estado, y desarrolló tanto en la teoría como en la práctica el tipo de organización profesional de los revolu- cionarios que es necesario si un objetivo es la revolución.

Lenin y la lucha contra el racismo

Para muchos, la contribución más sig- nificativa de Lenin fue elevar la cuestión del colonialismo en el movimiento obrero y avanzar en la lucha por la liberación nacional y la autodeterminación como algo crítico para la lucha de clases glo- bal. Lenin consideraba que el colonialismo y la supremacía blanca, pro- ductos ideológicos del colonialismo y el neocolonialismo, eran las amenazas más peligrosas para la clase obrera.

Lo que a menudo no se entiende del todo, incluso por algunos que se consi- deran partidarios del leninismo, es que el pensamiento de Lenin sobre el impe- rialismo se centraba fundamentalmente en su impacto sobre la clase obrera. Lenin comprendió que el crecimiento del imperialismo proporcionaba a las clases dominantes, especialmente en los países imperialistas más avanzados, los medios para dividir y estafar a la clase obrera sobre la base del nivel de vida y el género. Esto creó las bases para la lucha contra el imperialismo y por la revolución.

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Esta situación -la existencia de un bloque de países aliados y antiamericanistas- sólo puede ser una solución temporal para evitar el imperialismo estadio- nunidense. En última instancia, el movi- miento de la clase obrera, como parte de su desarrollo hacia una clase global cons- ciente de su propio interés de clase, debe convertirse en la fuerza social dominante que luche contra el imperialismo y el impe- rialismo a escala mundial.

Para algunos, este desarrollo puede parecer totalmente inconcebible, pero no lo es. No es menos concebible que la idea y la necesidad de la revolución socialista. Ambas batallas están inextricablemente unidas y son fundamentales para la evol-ución de la lucha de clases mundial.