Week of action to insist

Cop City won't be built

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Stop Cop City Solidarity has called a Week of Action for June 24-July 1, beginning with a kickoff barbecue and continuing with multiple protests throughout Atlanta. The call to action states in part: “We must continue to uplift the spirit of our beloved comrade Tortuguita, who was murdered in cold blood by the Georgia State Patrol on Jan. 28 while defending Weelaunee—the forest they loved and called home. We must ensure that the police and their corporate stakeholders never complete their project of death and destruction.”

New strategies to fight Cop City

Within a day of the massive community turnout at the June 5 Atlanta City Council meeting—where, despite 16 1/2 hours of public comment opposing the over $67 million of taxpayer money to build the militarized police training center in the Weelaunee Forest, the Council approved the expenditure—a new strategy to stop “Cop City” was announced on the steps of City Hall.

Representatives of multiple organizations, including Community Movement Builders, the NAACP Legal Fund, Movement for Black Lives, Working Families Party and Black Voters Matter, described the referendum process to allow the people of Atlanta to vote on the fate of Cop City. The first step was taking place as their press conference was occurring.

A representative of the Union of Southern Service Workers delivered the wording of the petition, which was admitted by the close of the press briefing at the City Clerk.

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The language is returned, in the following 60 days, over 75,000 signatures of Atlanta voters, who were registered as of November 2021, have to be gathered. Once the necessary number has been vetted, the referendum language revoking the Cop City lease and all its provisions will be on the November ballot in Atlanta.

This electoral strategy is occurring in tandem with the protest demonstrations, rallies and other events during the upcoming Week of Action, directed at the building contractors, donors and board members of the Atlanta Police Foundation. The list includes well-known businesses like Delta, Chick-fil-A, Home Depot, Coca Cola, Bank of America and AT&T. These wealthy corporations, who form the privately run foundation, are the political and financial muscle behind Cop City.

While the call for the Week of Action originates from Atlanta, participation can be worldwide, since many of the entities listed are national and international profiteers.

For additional information on the referendum campaign, see copcityvote.com and the Week of Action, June 24-July 1, stopcopcitysolidarity.org/mobilize.

Anti-trans fascists threaten all workers

By Betsye Piette
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When the neo-fascist, racist, anti-trans, book-banning group Moms for Liberty comes to Philadelphia for their national summit June 29-July 2, those most at risk will be the workers at hotels, libraries, restaurants and other venues where M4L plans to meet.

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The week before Memorial Day, through anonymously leaked news, workers at the Museum of the American Revolution (MAR) first learned their bosses had agreed to host the opening “Welcome to Philadelphia” reception for M4L. The workers hadn’t been told earlier, even though the contract was negotiated in December 2022. (Philadelphia Gay News, June 5)

Speaking at a rally outside the museum on June 9, Jazmyn Henderson with Act Up Philadelphia said: “When we protest somewhere, we think about the workers. The MAR told its workers that they aren’t allowed to make a statement opposing the M4L event there June 29, but we know that the workers are 100% against it.

“This group is classified by the Southern Poverty Law Center as extremist, yet MAR management says: ‘We want to give everybody the right to speak.’ As a trans woman, my identity is not your opinion. To make this an equal situation, MAR’s ‘both sides are able to speak’ ignores the reality that one side wants to live free and unoppressed, while the other wants to take our rights away.

“That is not about money. Less than 1% of MAR revenue comes from hosting events. They don’t lose anything by canceling.”

Philadelphia Gay News reported that the negative reaction of MAR staff, which includes employees who are members of the LGBTQ+ community, was “immediate and extreme. Not only did the employees individually voice their objections to the administrative staff, a petition was quickly pulled together, signed by over 76% of the museum staff and submitted to the museum President and CEO, Dr. Scott Stephenson.”

A general open forum was held May 30, where all employees and staffers at every level could attend and voice their concerns. The forum was attended by Stephenson and by most of the museum’s senior administrators. According to staff, the forum was highly...
By Monica Moorehead

The significance

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It took a bloody Civil War, where the Confederacy was defeated on the battlefield in 1865, to eventually end chattel slavery, granting legal freedom but also opening the path to semi-slavery for Black people. These are important historic and political events that in one degree or another are absent from the mainstream history books. What led to this federal holiday — similar to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday enacted in 1986 — was the present-day mass struggle against racist police brutality and other forms of white supremacy under the banner of Black Lives Matter. This struggle reached its peak following the public lynching of George Floyd in May 2020, when mil-lions of people took to the streets that summer with the main demand, “Defund the police!”

OK, of course, the liberation of Black people did not begin nor will it end with Juneteenth. The suppression of Black Reconstruction in the aftermath of the Civil War meant the goal of granting Black people full bourgeois democratic rights was abruptly cut short.

The white-supremacist counterrevolution laid the basis for today’s reality of Black people in disproportionate num-bers being relegated to a second-class status, with some of the worst housing, education, health care and nutrition in the country, along with being subjected to mass incarcer-a-tion and police terror.

And now with Juneteenth being elevated on a national level, the ruling class and its media mouthpieces will attempt to co-opt this holiday by finding ways to make profits and by putting their own spin on “looking back at the past,” as a way to distance themselves from the present.

Instead, Juneteenth should be a clarion call for reparations for the descendants of once-enslaved people, whose unpaid labor was superexploited by white plantation own-ers. The inspiration of Juneteenth can inject a heavy dose of anti-racist solidarity to help move the classwide struggle forward by workers of all nationalities, ages and genders, unite to organize for a liveable wage and more humane working conditions. CTL

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Owens was finally arrested days later, with charges of manslaughter with a firearm against her. The Stand Your Ground law has been used by other racist vigilantes besides Zimmerman to try to justify assaults against people of color in Florida.

Owens went to Lorincz’s house to confront her, after Lorincz accused her children of trespassing near her property in a field and threw a Rollerblade at them, hitting one of the children. She had used racist slurs against the children. Lorincz shot Owens when she knocked without even opening the locked metal door, while Owens’ nine-year-old stood next to her.

Guilty of discriminatory conduct

Two weeks after the fatal shooting of Aijike Owens, on June 16 the Department of Justice released a damaging 89-page report of a three-year investigation that found the Minneapolis police guilty of a racist pattern or discrimination targeting Black and Indigenous communities.

The report was initiated following the public riots over the fatal shooting of George Floyd May 25, 2020, by racist cop Derek Chauvin, that created an international mass outcry of protests with the popular demand to hold police accountable. Minneapolis youth burn police station in response to George Floyd’s murder, May 28, 2020.

There were also incidents when an officer pointed a gun at a Christmas tree at a police station with racist decorations; and a woman; a Christmas tree at a police station with racist decorations; and a woman; a Christmas tree at a police station with racist decorations; and a woman; a Christmas tree at a police station with racist decorations; and a woman; a Christmas tree at a police station with racist decorations; and a woman.

The acts of police and vigilante terror from Minneapolis to Ocala are not isolated. They are systemic and rooted in capitalism— a divide-and-conquer system that weakens and alienating itself more and more from society in fruitless struggle, it became necessary to have a power, seemingly standing above society, that would alleviate the conflict and keep it within the bounds of ‘order’; and this power, arisen out of society but placing itself above it, and alienating itself more and more from it, is the state.

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Global solidarity with Writers Guild strike

By Monica Moorehead

The International Affiliation of Writers Guilds (IAWG), Federation of Screenwriters (FSE) and UNI-MEI organized global in-person and social-media protests June 14 in a “Screenwriters Everywhere: International Day of Solidarity” with the Writers Guild (WGA) strike that began on May 1 — International Workers Day. Many of the actions took place outside local WGA offices around the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers.

Writers in at least 35 countries including Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, South Korea and Ukraine participated in these actions.

IAWG Chair Thomas McLaughlin stated: “The companies that seek to exploit and diminish writers are global; our response is global, and the victory gained in America will be a victory for screenwriters everywhere.” (National Public Radio, June 14)

These international writers unions have issued guidelines urging members not to scab, taking jobs away from WGA members. Jobs are being offered by transnational conglomerates like Amazon, Netflix and Disney, which are driven to make profits at the expense of writers’ income and livelihoods.

As was pointed out in a June 2, 2023, WW article, “WGA-West and WGA-East are fighting for decent compensation in the midst of an entertainment industry restructuring. The growth of streaming over network programming, the replacement of long-term series with ministries, and the use of “mini-rooms,” where writers create episodes for only a short number of weeks but are not involved in the full production of a show, have all cut into WGA members’ income and future work potential. Writers fear being turned into gig workers and/or being replaced altogether by artificial intelligence.”

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“Defund the police!” Chauvin, who was convicted of second-degree murder, Minneapolis youth burn police station in response to George Floyd’s murder, May 28, 2020.

The real answer to end state repression is global, and the victory in Minneapolis police under a consent decree. This means that there will be certain federally mandated “reforms” like those in consent decrees affecting police departments in Baltimore, Maryland; Seattle; Albuquerque, New Mexico; New Orleans; and other cities, assigned after complaints were made.

What this consent decree may look like concretely in Minneapolis remains to be seen, but the bigger question is whether or not such decrees will permanently eliminate police brutality in any form and the answer is no. There may be a reduction of brutality abuse in check — unless there is a massive movement that makes demands to arrest and charge them with their crimes, like in the case of the Floyd murder.

In Vladimir Lenin’s classic book, “The State and Revolution,” written over a century ago, Lenin quotes extensively from Frederick Engels’ seminal book, “The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State,” using Engels’ succinct explanation of the state and its role in class society: “The state is, therefore, by no means a power forced on society from without. Rather, it is a product of society at a certain stage of development; it is the admission that this society has become entangled in an insoluble contradiction with itself, that it has split into irreconcilable contradictions which it is powerless to dispel.

“But in order that these antagonisms, these classes with conflicting economic interests, might not consume themselves and society in fruitless struggle, it became necessary to have a power, seemingly standing above society, that would alleviate the conflict and keep it within the bounds of ‘order’; and this power, arisen out of society but placing itself above it, and alienating itself more and more from it, is the state.”

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'Enough is Enough'
National Day of Action organized by nurses’ union

By Marie Kelly

Thousands of nurses in hospitals across the U.S., represented by National Nurses United, participated in the union’s National Day of Action on June 13 to address staffing concerns. Militant actions included press conferences, marches on hospital management and petitioning. NNU is the largest and fastest-growing union of registered nurses in the U.S., with nearly 225,000 members nationwide. The California Nurses Association and National Nurses Organizing Committee are among the affiliates of NNU, which belongs to the AFL-CIO.

NNU is a militant, left-wing union that combines class-struggle unionism with social-justice unionism and promotes workplace organizing to improve the lives of all American workers. Many U.S. unions do not. NNU openly supports Black Lives Matter; it addresses issues such as climate change, and it is critical of capitalism. As a union of nurses, most of its members are women and people of color, and its elected leadership reflects that.

Many of the recent strikes across the country have been by NNU at New York State Nurses. A strike held on June 8 through 11, 2023, was settled with a contract that increased pay, improved working conditions, and increased staffing ratios. NNNU members overwhelmingly voted to join NNU in November 2022, which brought in their 42,000 members.

“Chronic, intentional short-staffing was the key issue over which we New York City nurses decided to go out on strike,” said Nancy Hagan, registered nurse, NYSNA President and a president of NNU. “It is unethical, it is unsafe, and we were united in showing management we will not tolerate these practices that put our patients and ourselves at risk.”

A study by nursing scholars and researchers including Linda Aiken, Ph.D., RN, from University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing (ranked number one in the U.S.) was published in 2021 and examined how patient-to-nurse staffing ratios in New York hospitals influenced patient mortality. The study authors concluded: “Our findings demonstrate considerable variation in the patient-to-nurse staffing ratios on adult medical and surgical units in a large, representative sample of NY hospitals.”

The number of candidates who passed the NCLEX-RN, the nursing licensure exam, is growing, not declining, with 192,007 newly licensed RNs in 2021 compared to 166,247 in 2017. NNU points to these facts as proof that the nursing education-and-licensing pipeline is strong. The truth is that hospitals are refusing to supply in environments that put their licenses on the line and their patients’ lives at risk. While the hospital bosses and their allies in the corporate media blame nurses for the “staffing crisis,” NNU blames the profit-driven hospital industry itself for the crisis.

Hospital industry to blame

In a May 15 press release, NNU highlights that “the hospital industry created the current staffing crisis through its own bad practices of routinely short-staffing units. Moving away from this refusal to tolerate the moral distress and moral injury suffered from working in untenable, unconscionable and unsafe work environments.” (nationalnursesunited.org)

NNU clearly and factually explains what is driving the exodus of nurses: “Although the rampant mistreatment of nurses and health care professionals was on full display during the COVID-19 pandemic, nurses have long experienced dangerous working conditions, fueled by a chronic lack of employer support for their labor and their well-being.”

“Picking after polling of nurses show that workplace conditions are driving them away from the profession: intentional low staffing levels imposed by hospital managers, inadequate occupational health and safety precautions, lack of personal protective equipment, and increased levels of violence in the workplace.”

The facts presented by NNU dispel the nursing shortage myth and clearly lay the blame for inadequate nurse staffing at the feet of hospital capitalists, who will do anything to maximize profits—even if it means putting patients’ lives at risk. The June 13 actions represent militant resistance to the rotten system of health care for profit.

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emotional, given that many staffers are LGBTQ+. PGN noted that “several people spoke, sometimes tearfully, of how threatened they felt and how Moms for Liberty’s open agenda was the antithesis of Museum of the American Revolution’s own stated values, which includes among other things ‘integrity, empathy and inclusivity.’”

Concerns by staffers of M4L’s widespread reputational damage caused them to fear that the organization’s presence at their doorstep would taint and tarnish the work of this exhibit. This group is actively trying to whitewash Black history.”

Unions can protect workers

Speaking at the June 9 rally, Liz Gardiner, eight years a children’s librarian and union member of AFSCME DC 31, told WW: “If you can imagine, for workers at this museum, not only is the Museum of the American Revolution allowing Moms for Liberty into their space, they are welcoming them, which puts museum workers at serious risk. There are obligations at risk, and everyone in and around this space at risk.”

“We don’t want M4L in our libraries derailing our mission to let children become all they can be. There are over 70 Pride events at all 54 Library branches in Philadelphia. They [M4L] have called the library administration and basically said ‘we’re going to— things up in your city.’”

Basic research: The World spoke with librarian Shelley Rosen who organizes and program manages collections at Center City libraries, including the Barbara Gittings Gay and Lesbian collection. “LGBTG stuff is very much my domain,” said Rosen, a member of Local 2187, AFSCME DC 47. "The majority of hospitals do not meet the minimum nurse staffing required by legislation currently under consideration in New York. We find associations between worse nurse staffing and poorer outcomes for NY patients, consistent with a large body of research which shows the clinical benefit to patients of being cared for by a nurse with fewer assigned patients... in NY state enacted the Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act, our evidence projects many lives would be saved, and shorter hospital stays would translate into cost savings for hospitals.” (tinyurl.com/y5hn7dnr)

The nursing shortage myth

Hospital C-suite executives promote the falsehood that schools are responsible and dangerous. When enough people spread a problem, they will fabricate one. They are irresponsible and dangerous. When enough people spread these lies, people believe them.”

It is clear that when M4L says they are trying to protect kids, they are not including trans kids, not LGBTQ+ kids, and not Black and Brown kids.

Two transgender youth speakers addressed the June 9 rally. Noble Henderson, age 17, said: “I’ve been doing research on what the Nazis did—they burned books, wanted to ban them, wanted to erase different people. That is what they are trying to do with these things. How does history make sense if the MAR hosts fascists.”

Ethan Garrity, age 16, said: “When children are not taught critical thinking, it’s false obedience. We see bigots coming to Philly and trying to control what every child can read. They would keep [Hitler’s] Mein Kampf but ban [the graphic anti-Nazi novel] ‘Maus’ by Art Spiegelman. They claim it contains violence in comics, yet they would keep ‘Fifty Shades of Grey’ but ban ‘This Book is Gay.’

“Don’t enough to just oppose M4L!

Unless workers have a union to protect them, as is the case for librarians and some teachers, they stand to be harmed by M4L’s presence in Philadelphia. “But it’s not enough to just oppose M4L,” Dom Santissi told WW with the Community Unit League said. “We need to demand unions for queer people, raise that queer people are part of the working class. They need good, living wages, health care, better working conditions, basic rights.”

Moms for Liberty is not welcome in Philadelphia! Ron “don’t say gay” DeSantis is not welcome in Philadelphia! And Trump has never been welcome in Philadelphia. This is no exception!”
Bronx Antiterror Coalition Chases Military Recruiters Out of College Career Fair

By Richie Merino

The Bronx Antiterror Coalition successfully chased U.S. Army recruiters out of a student career fair June 11. The fair was hosted by U.S. Rep. Adriano Espaillat at the City University of New York in The Heights (BMCC), in the predominantly Dominican neighborhood of Washington Heights. The Coalition organized the anti-recruitment demonstration because BMCC is a popular college choice for Bronx high school students, given its close proximity. (Bronx Anti-war Coalition)

As the military recruiters approached the fair’s entrance, the demonstrators forcefully chanted, “Military recruiters out of BMCC and ‘Money for college, not for war!’” They distributed pamphlets to all attendees that warned them about the physical and psychological dangers of joining the military, explicitly encouraging attendees not to talk to any military or police recruiter. Anti-war protesters presented resources on alternatives to military enlistments, such as obtaining scholarships to study abroad for free. Students eventually reported that the military recruitment table was empty, with no one showing interest.

Within 15-20 minutes, the military recruiters left the fair and did not return. The protest is yet another example of how grassroots organizations like BMCC are resisting the militarization of youth and schools. This is especially important in the current political climate, where almost all politicians are advocating for increased military spending, simultaneously cutting social programs and education funding that would help students further their careers — without being forced to kill other workers abroad in racist U.S. wars.

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Abolitionists celebrate Juneteenth

By Gloria Rubac

Houston

Texas Death Penalty Abolition Movement activists participated in the 16th Annual Acres Homes Juneteenth Parade on June 17, with signs and banners on a truck and a shiny red jeep. Activists spoke on a sound system to the hundreds lining West Montgomery Road in Northwest Houston.

The crowds, with participants from youth to elders, cheered when speakers told them: “We are opposed to the death penalty, because just like the whole criminal justice system, it is based on racism. It only targets people of color and the poor.”

As they paraded along with Black cowboys on horses, marching bands, and various politicians, the abolitionists struck a chord with those lining the streets in almost 100 F weather. They explained, “We know that cops lie, that DAs lie, and they hide evidence, and court appointed attorneys do not defend properly. The system is broken and cannot be fixed. We must abolish the death penalty now!”

Shouted responses varied from “Right on!” to “You ain’t lyin’!” to “That’s the truth!”

When Yancy Balderas, whose spouse, Juan Balderas is on death row, chanted, “Texas says death row,” the crowds responded with “We say beak not!”

Lee Greenwood held a large photo of her son who was executed in 2007, even though he didn’t kill anyone. His face exemplified those sitting on death rows around the country, as 43% on death row are African American, but they comprise only 14% of the general population.

Juneteenth is celebrated as the day that U.S. troops finally arrived in Galveston, Texas, in 1865, two and a half years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, and informed enslaved people in Texas that they were free. It has been celebrated by Black Texans for 150 years.

Texas was the first state to make June 19, or Juneteenth, an official holiday. This was due to the long years of struggle by Black State Rep. Al Edwards. The U.S., however, didn’t declare Juneteenth a holiday until 2021.

Juneteenth is celebrated all over Texas with parades, festivals, film showings, barbecues and concerts, by groups as varied as the Houston Police Museum to the National Black United Front to the Emancipation Park Conservancy.

This park is the oldest in Texas and was founded by four formerly enslaved people, who pooled their money to buy 10 acres of land in 1872, so the Black community would have a place to celebrate their freedom — thus the name. Until the 1950s, it was the only public park and swimming pool in Houston open to African Americans.

Gloria Rubac is one of the founding members of the Texas Death Penalty Abolition Movement.
Letters from behind the walls

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David L., SCI Pine Grove, Pennsylvania

I am a prisoner who has recently relocated to another state prison. I was transferred to SCI South East Correctional Center, Missouri. I heard about you from a friend, and I am hoping to get on your mailing list and a subscription to your paper. Any help is appreciated. Thank you!

James N., South East Correctional Center, Missouri

The following letter is a response to the repeated censorship of Workers World newspaper by officials in the Missouri Department of Corrections. (wwp.pub/modoc)

As-samaulu alaikum,

The information that’s prominent in your newspaper is highly retained among the aging population here in Missouri, in one of the last free state plantations. It’s been a serious problem with the Directors, stopping Vol. 65, No. 8 of Workers World, along with other censorship. What happened to freedom of the press?

Workers World, I would like for all to address this issue with the Department of Corrections Director Jason Lewis, 2729 Plaza Drive, P.O. Box 236, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

Again, Workers World, continue to keep us informed on injustices and ways we can make a stand!

Inshallah, y'all can make this state of Missouri no longer a state of Misery.

Sincerely,
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Potoshi Correctional Center, Missouri

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get success. Money is secondary. Money is just a means of exchange."

*Felony murder rule = death by incarceration*

Pepin was convicted of second-degree murder. Even though he didn't kill anyone, he was part of a group of six people who planned a crime that resulted in a murder. In Pennsylvania, the felony murder rule under those circumstances stipulates an automatic life sentence without parole.

"Before me, Professor Kapur, three legislators and the lieutenant governor spoke. I was followed by Pezzcora, Cramer and Arroyo. Then we all broke off into small group discussions consisting of four topics: victim advocacy and empathy; life without the possibility of parole; community relief and compensation.

"This was my first time doing any public speaking. I got choked up at the beginning, but I was able to collect my thoughts. Everybody said I did a good job. Now I'm obligated to do it again. It's for our freedom and the broader humanity."
Hunger strike threat by Palestinian prisoners forces concessions

By Teddie Kelly

Over 1,000 Palestinian prisoners, who had been held without charges by Israeli authorities, were poised to launch a mass hunger strike beginning on June 18. But in a statement by The Administrative Detainees’ Committee of the Palestinian prisoners’ movement, the strike has been postponed.

This was because the organized and coordinated efforts of the incarcerated Palestinian workers have already managed to win some concessions from the Israeli occupation forces.

A statement signed by the Administrative Detainees’ Committee in Occupation Prisons dated June 17, 2023, reads in part: “After the last dialogue session that took place last Wednesday, between the representatives of the administrative detention and the prisoner authorities, and after consulting the administrative prisoners, it was decided to give the opportunity to continue the dialogue after accepting some of the prisoners’ demands and not responding to the main demands, until the beginning of next month.

“Respectively, We affirm the following:

“First: This opportunity is the last chance to respond to our just demands.”

“Second: Our constant disposition and prompt response is the guarantor of the preservation of our rights and the enemy’s response to all of our demands.”

This mass effort comes just weeks after the martyrdom of Sheikh Khader Adnan, a Palestinian man locked up by the Israelis without having been charged with a crime. A prominent leader in the Islamic Jihad movement, Adnan resisted his jailing by refusing food and medicine for 86 days before dying on May 2. At 45 years old, the father of four who had already participated in hunger strikes at least four previous times between 2012 and 2021. As Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network reported at the time of his death: “The Israeli prison administration refused to transfer him to a civilian hospital and refused his release on bail just last week, declaring that more information was needed regarding his medical condition. Just yesterday, yet another military court hearing in his case was postponed and delayed into the future, a clear policy of acting to ensure his death behind occupation bars.”

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U.S. and Taiwanese delegates meet on seeking a united China

By Arjae Red
Beijing, China

Workers World Party and International Action Center delegates traveled to the People’s Republic of China as a part of an educational and political exchange organized by the China-U.S. Solidarity Network. The purpose of the delegation was multifold: to conduct research that brings truth to expose the lies of the U.S. empire, as well as to strengthen international solidarity against the U.S.-China’s resurgent global anti-imperialist movement.

One of eight parties in the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, a unifying platform of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), it supports the unification of Taiwan with the People’s Republic of China.

The meeting between the Taiwan Democratic Self-Government League and Workers World Party May 14 took place at a time when U.S.-China tensions are at an all-time high. Both parties exchanged friendly meeting, with a common interest in de-escalating the U.S.-China war threat against China, which isTaiwan as a pawn by U.S. imperialism.

The U.S.-Taiwan relationship is the bedrock of U.S.-China relations, either formalized or de facto. In the wake of Taiwan’s independence, a self-proclaimed Taiwan independence movement emerged in the 1940s. The meeting between the Taiwan Democratic Self-Government League delegation. The China/U.S. Solidarity Network organized the visit to provide a more realistic picture of this rapidly and quickly modernizing, multiethnic region.

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Vibrant communities, zero ‘slave labor’

What we saw in Xinjiang were vibrant cities—Kashgar and Urumqi—full of tens of thousands of tourists and a local population of many nationalities. Huge and colorful marketplaces and bazaars, almost all run by Uygur families, stretched for blocks. Busy subway lines crossed the cities. Everywhere we saw workers, families and workers, engage in productive. Tourists, numerous cafes and street food stalls were packed with local people. In the evenings, the streets were lively and full. Numerous international studies, ignored in the Western media, back up our observations.

The illiteracy rate in Xinjiang has fallen to 2.66%, lower than China’s impressive 2.85% national average. Before the 1949 Chinese Revolution, illiteracy was 88% throughout China and more than 90% in Tibet and Xinjiang. Today, 97.51% of small children are in preschool programs. Some 98.82% of the youth are enrolled in senior high schools in Xinjiang.

Over the past 60 years, the Uygur population has increased from 2.2 million to about 12 million, and average life expectancy has grown from 30 to 75 years.

Drives through the countryside revealed fully mechanized agriculture with tractors, planters, drone sprayers, irrigation canals and acres of plastic-topped greenhouses.

We saw no fields with workers doing hard labor—hoing, picking or trimming. This is confirmed in numerous reports and many photos. The mechanization of cotton production is at 90% (tinyurl.com/3j7e5790).

In Kashgar, the 14th-century Id Kah Mosque houses up to 20,000 worshippers. It is only one of the many Islamic centers and mosques we saw while walking the city streets and in several villages. Tall, slender minarets and dome-shaped roofs seemed to be a part of every block.

We met with Uygur people working in food stalls, small groceries and farms. People of many nationalities are construction workers, truck drivers, animal herders, veterinarians, teachers and retirees. Many of them described how government subsidies and training programs had dramatically improved their living conditions and life opportunities.

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My visit to Xinjiang

I had an opportunity to visit the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region (XUAR) days before the Arab League delegation. The China/U.S. Solidarity Network organized the visit to provide a more realistic picture of this rapidly and quickly modernizing, multiethnic region.

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What’s happening, the Afghan migrant asks himself, what is the Greek patrol boat doing? In the middle of his question, someone says the Greek ship tried to tug the boat with the migrants and caused it to capsize. The Greek Navy denies this.

Amid the chaos and panic, a man paddles to stay afloat, dragged by his clothes and shoes, watching the Adrianna founder, aware as the fishing boat sinks that his three children and their mother are locked in its hold. He can do nothing to save them, can barely swim to save what’s left of his life.

Those standing on the Adrianna’s deck had paid $6,000 to smugglers to take them from eastern Libya to Sicily, a common passage in the last decade. Their ship strayed toward Greece and lost its way.

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The officials and the media blame it all on “trampers,” those who smuggle migrants on overloaded ships, charging prices baited by the impossibility for migrants from Egypt, Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, countries where the Adrianna’s passengers came from, to travel by normal, legal channels.

Whoever is to blame for the capsizing of the boat, the Greek Navy reported it pulled 104 migrants from the water along with 26 bodies of people who had drowned, with unknown hundreds of people below the decks, including children.

Beyond the immediate crime are EU bureaucrats and the EU member politicians, who first created the crisis that forced people to leave their home countries and then built a wall to keep them out of Europe.

Behind the politicians and bureaucrats is the capitalist-imperialist system, whose profit drive pushes hundreds of millions of human beings from poverty level down to starvation level and whose wars turn livable societies into a living hell, as in Syria and Afghanistan.

Since 2014, it is estimated that 21,000 migrants have died trying to travel from Africa and Asia to Europe. Washington is also responsible, with its Pentagon, CIA and State Department sowing chaos in Libya, Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq. Before 2011, Libya was a relatively wealthy and stable North African country that drew millions of African migrants and found work for them. There were roughly 2.5 million migrants in Libya in 2011. (migrationpolicy.org)

That year the U.S. led NATO’s bombing raids that tore Libya apart, turned it into an impoverished and chaotic failed state, where traffickers ship desperate people to Italy.

U.S. sanctions on Afghanistan — after 20 years of occupation — have left a large part of the population with little choice but to migrate or die. And let’s not even discuss the crimes of the U.S. war and intervention against Syria.

On the U.S. border with Mexico, some 8,000 people from 1998 to 2020 were listed as having died crossing — and that omits those who disappeared in the border rivers and the vast Sonoran Desert or drowned in the Atlantic Ocean. U.S. interventions in Central America and imperialist domination of the local economies, plus bickering against Cuba and Venezuela, have forced millions of people to migrate to survive. Imperialist propaganda describes the U.S. and the EU powers as “democracies,” supposedly part of the “Free World,” but their border policies expose them for what they really are: countries whose tiny billionnaire ruling class uses force throughout the world to exploit lands and people. When the aggrieved people flee to survive, this class saws death along these countries’ borders and in nearby seas.

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Leslie Feinberg’s impact in communist and queer spaces

By Stephanie M. Frias

“There’s this African proverb … Until the lion’s claws come together, the history of the hunt will glorify the hunter.” — Leslie Feinberg

As a transgender, butch, lesbian communist, Leslie Feinberg’s work shines a light on the identities of queer people of color, who deserved our support, because we were the aircraft carrier in which the war was being launched in all our names.

In a talk given at California State University-Sonoma on April 26, 2008, zie discusses that before the Pride flag, the Stonewall Riots Front carried the North Vietnamese flag in solidarity: “If we didn’t defend the Vietnamese people, we were gonna weaken, first of all, the people who deserved our support, because we were the aircraft carrier in which the war was being launched in all our names. We would lose the solidarity with the Vietnamese people, and we would lose our own political souls and movement as well if we didn’t take a position in support.”

Feinberg believed in the power of connection and unity across all oppressed peoples. Zie understood that liberation was not a one-person job. Under a regime that sought to expel those who experienced with the fluidity of their sexual identity and gender and those who resisted as regimented forces of an intolerant capitalist machine, Feinberg always assured those individuals that what was considered “unnatural” was indeed natural.

In zie’s own words: “Transgender women and men have always been a part of every movement, not merely products of oppression. It is passing that’s historically new. Passing means hiding. Passing means invisibility. Transgender people should be able to live and express their gender… That is not the case today.”

Despite what the media would like to tell you, being trans is not a new concept. It was not born from the womb of TikTok or social media or from “Gen Z.” It has existed for ages, spanning across cultures from the Philippines to the Kalinga people of the Willamette Valley to the Bugis people of Indonesia. It is activists like Feinberg who paved the way for the growing visibility of queer identities, from a trans military laws, to names, to care about celebrating their gender and sexual expression.

Capitalism is poison

My generation is living in a epoch of metamorphosis. We are seeing the way capitalism has eroded and destroyed both life and the places we live, and the things we choose, is inhibited by a stagnant regime that is dependent on our captivity, to our being miserable and subjugated. It is a poison that has eroded and blanched humanity and abundance.

Therefore every activist who seeks to dismantle these structures and introduce expression and passion should be celebrated. Feinberg reminds us of a grove of visibility. Visibility is essential to our ability to flourish! Each time a trans person feels comfortable enough to speak out about their experience, each time a binary individual talks about their identity using gender-neutral pronouns, each time a butch calls themselves butch, each time someone feels comfortable enough to don clothes that traditionally aren’t a part of their assigned gender, each time someone speaks out about their struggle and exposes their gender identity, it is a blow to the capitalist Western machine.

Capitalism fights for homogeneity; it fights for compliance and for domination. In zie’s article, “Many histories converged at Stonewall,” Feinberg expands on this talking about the destruction of culturally diverse gender and sexual structures in both African and Indigenous communities. In a world that still seeks to hide queer people from societly, Feinberg fought against the idea that it is a sin to just exist. When just existing was a revolutionary act.

As a lesbian, zie believed for a long time that my sexuality was an arbitrary and unsettling part of my identity. The last thing I wanted was the world to see me for who I was. It wasn’t until I read “Stone Butch Blues” and Feinberg’s subsequent works that I learned about the historical and material roots of queerness in the class struggle.

“Stone Butch Blues” discusses the lesbian bar culture of the 1960s and the way butches and femmes, women and men, put themselves together outside of community and out of love. Even out of the way. Butch and cross-dressing butches (who often worked blue-collar jobs) faced their reality viewed as being “wrong,” they bore a stunning amount of unity from this pain. Cross-dresses, butches, femmes and trans people all worked hard, and every one of them put themselves together. Individualism was not an option.

This course of over-landscape with the work-class-thing-class themes of the book. Unionization and the power in numbers present in working-class revolutions were foundational communist themes in “Stone Butch Blues.” Personally, Feinberg’s work has done wonders for me in understanding my place in the capitalist West, as a lesbian and as a woman of color.

Consciousness and liberation

At the heart of true liberation from oppression is consciousness. Feinberg as an activist made me conscious of the fruit that my sexual and political identities both have. My generation faces identities that I hold dear to my heart, that entangle deeply with one another. Each of these identities is a part of a larger structure that structures such as racism, gender domination (patriarchy and heteropatriarchy) and class domination are needlessly imposed and institutional parts of existence. That when the state passes fascist legislation and uses military and police authority to coerce and force a certain status quo, it is simply the maintenance of ‘law and order.’

This is a story that Feinberg sought to tell all of society. This story of queer people, people of color and the working class in hir work, zee effectively revealed the catastrophic impact of queer identities against capitalist structures. During this month of Pride, as the state continues to try to police the bodies of others, it is important to remember Leslie Feinberg’s name and impact. Feinberg’s work brings to the forefront that another world is possible for communists, for people of color and for members of the LGBTQ+ movement. 😊

The incendiary devastations the tierras and the aire indígenas

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La crisis de salud pública, como la actual pandemia de COVID-19, que sigue infectando, incapacitando y matando a miles de personas. (Cari, New York Magazine, 8 de junio)

Teniendo esto en cuenta, no es de extrañar que la clase dirigente no haya tomado medidas que puedan garantizar la fuerza para enfrentar la catástrofe climática que está provocando incendios forestales en todo el planeta.

En cambio, en gran parte del mundo dominado por el imperialismo, los proyectores corporativos de fracturación hidráulica, perforación petrolífera y oleoductos siguen devastando las tierras de los pueblos indígenas, que protegen más del 80% de la biodiversidad de la Tierra. Canadá, centro mundial de las industrias mineras, no es ajeno a esto. Son unos de los mayores emisores de CO2 del planeta, liberando más de 675 millones de toneladas matricial de dióxido de carbono cada año. (www.klimawandel.de; www.gaz die landen.extern.de)

En lugar de reconocer las causas sistémicas del desastre climático, los medios de comunicación burgueses intentan "lavar de verde" (greenwash) al capitalismo peregrinando las "solutions of mercado" neoliberales, como los parques eólicos y los geotermal, las centrales nucleares y la producción masiva de vehículos eléctricos (VE). Sin embargo, todas estas tecnologías "milagrosas", supuestamente para "salvar" el planeta, se basan en la explotación de los tierra y los recursos indígenas que están destruyendo el planeta.

Como deja claro el artículo de inciden- dios forestales en Canadá, el sistema de explotación capitalista, que es el que está causando la crisis climática, no puede resolverla. Para combatir realmente esta crisis, los milenarios, la acción colectiva de los pueblos indígenas de los pueblos que ven rezumando el planeta. Así, la continuação de la obra de inciden- dios forestales en Canadá, el sistema del capitalismo y el colonialismo, que está causando la crisis climática, no puede resolverla. Para combatir realmente esta crisis, los milenarios, la acción colectiva de los pueblos indígenas, que ven rezumando el planeta.
Los incendios devastan las tierras y el aire indígenas

Por Will Hodgkinson

En todo el norte de Norteamérica, los incendios forestales siguen causando estragos, amenazando vidas y organizaciones y comunidades para la reunión del 5 de junio, que comenzará con ruecas de prensa y una concentración ante el Ayuntamiento, a la que seguirán cientos y cientos de atlantinos decididos a expresar su indignación y a inundar la reunión del Ayuntamiento. Este será un día histórico de ajuste de cuentas para el alcalde Andre Dickens, cada uno de los miembros del Consejo Municipal y la élite de la ciudad.

El Atlanta Press Collective presentó pruebas el 24 de mayo -el mismo día en que el Comité de Finanzas del Consejo aprobó la asignación presupuestaria de 2024 para financiar la construcción- de que el coste real para construir el centro de entrenamiento de que el Comité de Finanzas del Consejo Municipal estalló en cánticos, permitió la entrada de más gente al edificio. Extendía casi dos cuadras cuando ya no se podía pasar, subía por las escaleras y bajaba por las mismas escaleras, subía por las escaleras y bajaba por las mismas escaleras. Llegó al 24 de mayo, un equipo SWAT acompañado por agentes de la Oficina de Investigación de Georgia y otros policías, allanó la casa de Marlon Kautz y Adele MacLean (conocida como Earthwork) en el barrio históricamente negro de Kirkwood, en Atlanta, y los detuvo. Savannah Patterson también fue detenida en ese domicilio por la policía, que llevaran armas largas. Algunos podrían decir que fue un ejemplo perfecto de cómo es la policía militarizada.

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Kautz y Earthwork, en particular, son conocidos activistas que han organizado equipos CopWatch en barrios con exceso de policía, en manifestaciones de protesta por las muertes a manos de la policía y nacional, y en concentraciones contra el Ku Klux Klan y los nazis celebradas en Stone Mountain y otras ciudades de Georgia. Kautz se refiere al centro de entrenamiento de los que detuvieron durante la indignación en todo el país por los numerosos asesinatos policiales, crear el Fondo de Solidaridad de la ciudad se duplicará, pasando de los 31 millones de dólares estimados a unos 67 millones. A pesar de la oposición del público en la reunión, los miembros del Comité aprobaron la financiación por cuatro votos a favor, uno en contra y una abstención.

Durante más de dos años, dos alcalde diferentes, dirigentes corporativos de la fundación privada Atlanta Police Foundation y varios miembros del Ayuntamiento repitieron información financiera falsa y engañosa. Ha quedado claro que la imagen de la financiación que la APP ha promovido era, como mínimo, inexacta, y las familias de la clase trabajadora deAtlanta soportarán el coste directo e indirectamente, ya que los fondos municipales destinados a otros servicios sociales se recortarán para pagar Cop City.

Las detenciones de activistas avivan la ira

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A las 5:30 de la mañana del 6 de junio de 2023, a peor de los apasionados y razonados comentarios de los residentes a evacuar. El 6 de junio, la zona de Nueva York registró la peor calidad del aire de todas las ciudades del mundo en cuanto a inmunodeprimidas y sin vivienda, y las personas con discapacidad, las personas mayores, las personas de edades más bajas, los niños, las personas de color, las personas de raza no blanca que Operaban desde su casa, conocidos como The TearDown. Los voluntarios sirven entregando semanalmente cajas de alimentos a ancianos y otras familias con bajos ingresos, mientras la inflación aumenta las dificultades de los pobres.

La organización sin ánimo de lucro Incu Network for Strong Communities es el centro de entrenamiento Stop Cop City es ahora nacional. Este centro de entrenamiento es estratégico y militarizado será utilizado para las fuerzas policiales estadounidenses y, al igual que la tristemente célebre policía de la ciudad de Columbia, Georgia, atrajo a alumnos de los estados de todo el mundo. Los levantamientos de trabajadores, jóvenes y estudiantes, jubilados, agricultores, mujeres y personas LGBTQ+ tie-

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Rett dijo: “No podemos conseguir más de la administración federal. Los servicios médicos en caso de que les ocurrieran algo a los miembros de nuestra comunidad”. El humo de los incendios ha asfixiado a Canadá y ha cubierto el noreste de Estados Unidos. Siguen en vigor alertas por la calidad del aire en ambas regiones, que afectan al menos a 90 millones de personas en Estados Unidos y Canadá. Durante la semana que comenzó el 5 de junio, la zona de Nueva York y Nueva Jersey experimentó el humo más intenso del noreste de EE.UU.

Los detenidos cuentan con un amplio apoyo

La noche de las detenciones, cientos de personas se concentraron durante tres horas frente a la cárcel del condado de Dekalb, exigiendo la puesta en libertad de Kautz, Earthwork y Patterson y coroneando “Alto a Cop City” a los hacinamientos de aproximación de los coches que pasaban.

El 2 de junio se concedió a estos tres individuos una fianza de 15.000 dólares cada uno por cada cargo.

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Según los expertos en salud, respirar el aire contaminado de Nueva York durante 24 horas equivale a fumar seis cigarrillos al día. Esta contaminación afecta a muchas personas más que apenas a los residentes con ruidos bajos, los ancianos, las personas con discapacidad, las personas inmunodeprimidas y sin vivienda, y los niños pequeños.

El 8 de junio, el humo se desplazó hacia el sur, cubriendo Washington D.C., que también fue durante un tiempo una de las peores ciudades del mundo en cuanto a la calidad del aire. Seguían en vigor alertas por la calidad del aire en ambas regiones, que afectan al menos a 90 millones de personas en Estados Unidos y Canadá. Durante la semana que comenzó el 5 de junio, la zona de Nueva York y Nueva Jersey experimentó el humo más intenso del noreste de EE.UU.