‘Challenge the U.S. justifications for this war’

By John Parker

Talk given at “Pushback Against Empire,” a holiday party and fundraiser for CovertAction Magazine in New York City on Dec. 1. CovertAction, founded by CIA whistleblower Phillip Agee in 1978, is one of the few publications that has published information exposing the U.S. proxy war in Ukraine, including John Parker’s eyewitness reports from Donbas for Struggle-La Lucha.

If you like horror stories, here’s one for you. It’s the 2022 National Defense Strategy document from the U.S. secretary of defense. This document was blessed by President Biden, who is quoted in the introduction.

Right out of the gate, it calls China, Russia, Iran, and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea threats to U.S. national security. And this threat must be met by making NATO even more powerful and nuclear-capable, especially surrounding Russia.

But in terms of priorities, China is the number one target. This will be done, the document declares, by provoking altercations in the Indo-Pacific region using Japan, South Korea, Australia, and any Southeast Asian countries Washington can recruit to launch a war from the South China Sea to the East China Sea. This week there was a very serious altercation in the South China Sea between the U.S. and China due to U.S. war games there.

As if that’s not enough, the document says the U.S. should begin training and arming Taiwan in asymmetrical warfare (or guerrilla war) against China. So get your tax dollars ready to fund another war costing, this time, hundreds of billions of dollars. And unfortunately, we may have to counter an anti-war movement in the U.S. that will probably blame China when that country is forced to respond to the provocations and threats to its security and sovereignty. That’s what happened with Russia.

What should we learn from this document and the Rand Corporation strategy published three years ago?

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Food deserts: Grocery giant shuts down in southwest Baltimore

By Lev Koufax

Over the past two years, grocery store closures have rolled across the U.S. like an epidemic. In particular, these closures have occurred in working-class communities, especially where most residents are Black or Brown.

Whether it is Kroger, Aldi, Stop and Shop, etc., huge grocery store magnates are closing stores that serve working-class neighborhoods. Corporate public relations departments and their allies in the media tell us that the reason for these closures is shoplifting or a shortage of workers.

In reality, these stores close because of corporate greed. There is no better demonstration of this than the recently announced closure of a Price Rite Marketplace in the heart of southwest Baltimore. Price Rite is part of a national chain of food concessioners that includes ShopRite, Fresh Grocer, Dearborn Market, Fairway, and more. Wakenen Food conglomerates are one of the top 25 retailers in the U.S., with 365 supermarkets, and is the largest private employer in New Jersey, with 45,200 employees.

This particular Price Rite store has been a staple in the Baltimore “Pigtown” neighborhood for over two decades. The Pigtown Price Rite is the only full grocery store easily accessible to those living in Pigtown and all the southwest Baltimore neighborhoods. The recently announced Price Rite closure has sent a wave of shock and concern through the surrounding community. For years, this store has been the only source of fresh produce and meat in the area. Without it, the evolution of southwest Baltimore into a food desert is tragically complete.

Further compounding the injustice, the Giant grocery store chain announced the opening of a new location in the Locust Point neighborhood of Baltimore. Locust Point is a rapidly gentrifying neighborhood just east of Pigtown. While Locust Point is not geographically distant from Pigtown, because of economic segregation, it might as well be.

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Nothing demonstrates the corner clearing plan’s racist nature more than the fact that the banned corridors seem eerily similar to 1930s Baltimore city redlining maps, which drove interest rates sky high for would-be Black homeowners.

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Baltimore City escalates racist attack on squeegee workers and Black youth

By Lev Koufax

Earlier this month, Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott’s “Baltimore Squeegee Collaborative” task force announced an action plan. This plan claims to address the socioeconomic and cultural issues associated with the phenomenon of street laborers, usually in their teens or early 20s, known as “squeegee workers.” These workers aim to supplement their family’s income through cleaning the windshields of cars as they are stopped at intersections.

In reality, this plan simply escalating police crackdowns on the Black community and demonstrates that the Baltimore City government is first and foremost a grip of local employers and investors and the investment banks behind them.

Scott’s plan comes after months of racist “law and order” policies against the business community in Baltimore since a Black teenage squeegee worker killed a 45-year-old white man, Timothy Reynolds, in self-defense.

The fatal shooting occurred when Reynolds exited his car, crossed nine lanes of traffic, and proceeded to swing a baseball bat wildly at a group of squeegee workers, all of whom were Black teenagers. Fearing for his life, one teenager, the rest of the workers disarmed a fire-arm and killed Reynolds.

Judge rejects plea deal

As Struggle-La Lucha has previously reported, the prosecution of the squeegee worker is part of the sustained repression against working-class Black and Brown youth. It has continued since the teen was charged with first-degree murder in August. The teen’s indictment in chal- lenger is the continuous threat. He was charged as an adult on all counts, despite being 14 years old at the time of the alleged crimes.

The case took an unfortunate turn on Nov. 17, when a Baltimore City Juvenile Court Judge rejected a plea deal that would have allowed the case to permanently move under the supervision of the juvenile justice system.

The teen’s persecution has not only played out in the courthouse, but also in the media. Local television stations, radio programs and newspapers have depicted the accused youth as a monster who represents the criminal and violent nature of the Black community.

This propaganda blitz had one clear goal: to whip up a racist panic and place pressure on the city government to enact harsher “law and order” policies.

As a part of this blitz, Timothy Reynolds’ family retained local reaction- ary attorney Thiru Vignarajah. When the plea deal was announced, it was announced as a possibility, various members of the Reynolds family, with Vignara- jah by their sides, spoke to the press to express their feelings of betrayal at the idea of a plea that would allow the teen to be prosecuted as a juvenile.

Without knowing the defendant, the Reynolds family nonetheless depicted the young squeegee worker as a monster and career criminal. According to members of the defendant’s family present at the plea hearing, the Reynolds family repeatedly expressed their feelings of betrayal at the idea of a plea that would allow the teen to be prosecuted as a juvenile.

Mayor, prosecutor make intentions clear

Mayor Scott’s proposed “squeegee action plan” is the exact product of the aforementioned prosecution and its corresponding media campaign.

At the recent closure of the Pigtown Price Rite is one development in a broader trend in the capitalist market. Grocery store magnates have strategically decided to abandon working-class neighborhoods for wealthier, usually white, areas.

For example, when workers at the Kroger-owned Ralph’s supermarket in South Central Los Angeles demanded hero pay for hours worked at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, what was the store’s reaction? Well, Kroger decided to close that store, much like the Price Rite development in Baltimore, which deepened the food desert crisis in South Central Los Angeles.

The developers don’t care about people. The grocery store chains don’t care about people. The politicians in their pockets don’t care, either. The capitalists only care about their bottom line.

We must fight back against these racist closures that cost the community healthy food access and jobs. The only people helped by these closures are millionaire and billionaire investors.
To hell with the railroad barons: The railroads belong to the people!

By Stephen Millies

Nobody should be surprised by President Joe Biden’s strikebreaking role in imposing a contract on railroad workers. The agreement had already been voted down by workers in several unions.

The imposed contract fails to address the need for sick days or any time off — paid or unpaid — for employees subject to call 24/7. Workers can still be written up for seeing a doctor or taking their children to a clinic.

Remember that “Amtrak Joe” had represented the Du Pont dynasty as a U.S. senator from Delaware for 36 years. He loyally served the Master-card plastic loan sharks, also based in Delaware, in that U.S. House of Lords.

Biden worked with the late Sena-tor Strom Thurmond, a vicious rac-ist, to fight school integration. In the 1990s, Biden helped pass laws that increased the prison population to over two million.

The man in the White House can stop a strike of working people seeking fair treatment. But Biden refuses to use his pen to free 75-year-old Leonard Peltier. The Indigenous polit-ical prisoner, a leader of the Amer-

ican Indian Movement, has spent 46 years in jail after being framed.

What now?

The BNSF Railway’s harsh and ar-bitrary attendance policy remains in place. This scheme assigns 30 points to every employee. Except for vacation days, two points will be deducted for being absent on any day from Monday through Thursday. Three points will be taken away for taking off on a Sunday.

Workers will be fined four points if they don’t come in on Friday or Sat-urday. Federal holidays are the grand prize.

Being sick on those days will cost an employee seven points. Never mind that workers and their family members get sick on holidays, too. Many days of overtime are required to earn back new points.

Even the capitalist courts claim to consider people innocent until prov- en guilty. The BNSF — completely owned by super billionaire Warren Buffett’s Berkshire Hathaway hedge fund — automatically penalizes workers who “mark off” whether or not they and their children are ill.

One of Buffett’s BNSF serfs can be fired for “leazing” 30 points despite having a decades-long good record. Railroad management imposed this crap in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic without any negotiating with the unions.

The contract imposed by Biden and Congress doesn’t address any working conditions. Many freight engineers and conductors are on call with no set work schedule. They may be forced to be away from their fam-ilies for a week or more.

So are the maintenance-of-way workers who fix the track. They have to live in bunk cars or motels during the week, sometimes hun-dreds of miles away from home.

These issues go beyond wages, although that “big wage increase” that the media mentions will be eat-up by inflation. All workers de-serve dignity.

An Amtrak yardmaster told this writer that when he worked on the Norfolk Southern Railway, a trainmaster demanded that he do stretching exercises. It was as if this worker’s father were back in kin-dergarten.

Profits first, safety last

This lack of respect has only in-creased since the introduction of the speed-up system called Preci-sion Scheduled Railroading. There’s nothing precise about PSR.

Even capitalists in the chemical, food and other industries have com-plained of increased train delays. “They’ve cut labor below the bone, really,” Surface Transportation Board Chair Martin Oberman told the House Transportation Commit-tee on May 12. “In order to make up for the shortage of labor, they are

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New York City in solidarity with railroad workers

By Struggle-La Lucha Baltimore bureau

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Fight to free Mumia Abu-Jamal continues

By Stephen Millies

Dec. 16 – Supporters packed the courtroom at Mumia Abu-Jamal’s Post-Conviction Relief Act hearing today before Common Pleas Court Judge Lucretia Clemmons. Outside, more supporters demonstrated in the rain.

Mumia Abu-Jamal is a world-renowned political prisoner and past president of the Philadelphia Associated Black Journalists who was framed when Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner was killed in 1981. Originally sentenced to death, the former Black Panther Party member has been jailed for 41 years. That’s over 13 years longer than the imprisonment of Nelson Mandela.

One of Abu-Jamal’s lawyers, Judith Ritter, raised that prosecution witness Robert Chobert demanded money for his testimony. Another state witness, Cynthia White, sought to have several prostitution charges dropped in exchange for her testimony. Prosecutor Joseph McGill also sought to limit the number of Black jurors.

Evidence of these claims by Mumia Abu-Jamal’s lawyers was “suddenly found” in six boxes of material that were stored in District Attorney Larry Krasner’s office. Assistant District Attorney Grady Gervino sought to dismiss these defenses and argued, in particular regarding the bias in jury selection, were flimsy. Former assistant Philadelphia D.A. Jack McMahon actually made a 1986 training video teaching younger prosecutors to avoid selecting Black jurors.

“In selecting Blacks—you don’t want the real educated ones,” McMahon said. “Again, this goes across the board of all races. You don’t want smart people.”

Although this video was made several years after Jamal was convicted, it shows the bigoted atmosphere in the Philadelphia District Attorney’s office.

There are dozens of boxes of material that were withheld from Abu-Jamal’s lawyers that have to be searched. All of these facts lead to a new trial for Mumia Abu-Jamal or throwing out his conviction.

Judge Clemmons said she would make a ruling in 60 to 90 days. Supporters of justice need to spread the truth: Mumia Abu-Jamal is innocent.

https://youtu.be/DnEp6hAaKHM

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.

U.N. rights group files brief about systemic racism in Mumia Abu-Jamal’s case

The United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent filed an amicus brief on Dec. 6 with the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Lucretia Clemmons regarding the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

“The United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (WGEPAD) has followed Mumia’s case for years and has just filed an amicus brief for his hearing,” says Julia Wright, elder daughter of renowned author Richard Wright. “Given instances of the pervasive systemic racism tainting the case to this day, these experts note that international human rights law requires jurists to take responsibility for ongoing effects of racial discrimination, even decades later.”

According to WGEPAD’s amicus brief, “Presumed victims of racial discrimination are not required to show that there was discriminatory intent against them ... The case of Mumia Abu-Jamal may present such concerns ...”

“A significant percentage of the police officers involved in gathering evidence and presenting the case were investigated and eventually convicted and jailed on charges including corruption and evidence tampering, information that was unavailable to the jury at the time it was assessing the credibility, tendency toward bias, and reliability of these officers.”

48,000 student-workers in California strike for their rights

By Scott Scheffer

Los Angeles – Striking University of California workers — 48,000 strong — rallied throughout the state on Monday, Nov. 28. This highly exploited workforce is represented by Auto Workers Local 2865. This is the biggest strike in 2022 and the biggest-ever strike by UC workers.

Workers are demanding higher wages, improved parental leave and childcare support, reduced housing costs and support for international scholars. The strikers are “graduate student workers,” who work for extremely low wages and provide important services for corporations and the general public.

The carrot dangling in front of them is the hope that they will eventually land a tenured position. In recent decades tenure and decent wages for educators have been attacked in the entire range of jobs in the education system from public schools to elite private universities.

During the rally at University of California Los Angeles, Struggle-La Lucha spoke with striker Bineh Ndefru.

Bineh Ndefru: I’m in my fifth year, so a win probably wouldn’t go into effect in time to impact me. But for those newer to the system, it would mean people not having to go through their savings like I had to.

I’ve had to borrow money while being a worker for the university. I’ve been paid $1,800 per month and had to pay $1,600 for rent in university housing. So basically I’ve been living on $200 a month. That’s a very common story for all of us.

It would’ve changed my life a lot. For a lot of people, it would mean maybe visiting their families more often, or having the ability to maybe have some down time. Some students actually have had to live out of their cars because of the high price of housing in Los Angeles.

On top of all that, I’ve even had issues with the university not paying me on time, which is not uncommon.

SL: Can you explain what kind of work and research are done by UC student-workers?

BN: My lab is pretty unique in a way, and there’s a variety. For instance, PGKE [giant California utility company] has funded some of our grants to study how to prevent wildfires caused by their equipment.

The California Energy Commission had us study statewide infrastructure projects, so it’s contributing to both a lot of the risk assessments that benefit California, like earthquake assessments and that sort of thing.

Anyone in this crowd is probably working on amazing research projects that are benefiting the city, the state and even the whole world in different ways. We bring a lot of value not just to the university but to the community surrounding us as well. Solidarity with UC workers!
Honduran Vice Minister of Foreign Relations Gerardo Torres was introduced by a teacher, Lucy Pagoada — Coordinator of Dyp. Libre Party USA-Canada and Costa Rica, which is coordinated in Honduras by former President Manuel Zelaya — at a full house in the People’s Forum in New York. Here is a summary of his remarks, addressed to the enthusiastic gathering of Hondurans and their supporters.

Honduras did not hold regular elections for 13 years. After the government of Honduran President Manuel Zelaya was overthrown by a military coup d’état in 2009, Xi- omara Castro Zelaya, the first lady, went to the streets and became the leader of a revolutionary process that put an end to one of the most violent, weaponized dictatorships in Latin America.

The regime was violent and, at the same time, one of the largest drug cartels in Central America. In November 2022, despite the years of brutal repression and murder, the Honduran people defeated the Juan Orlando Hernández regime by electing Xiomara Castro, the first woman to have an election victory, that cartel would still be flourishing.

Why did they have to wait for a po- litical and electoral defeat to bring down that drug cartel? Why did it last 12 years? Why did the Honduran oligarchs — who struggled for their country, its natural resources, for control of the Honduran military forces — condemn and murder? Would they allow this criminal or- ganization to take over the country without resistance? It is a country that the U.S. egged on the coup in Peru, sent messages to Pedro Re- jas, a former commander in Peru’s army, to go “to the U.S. Embassy and talk to the embassy intelligence officer,” to try and influence the 2021 Peruvian presidential election. Lucía Pagoada introduces Gerardo Torres at the meeting on Honduras.

We are most focused on the way wealth is produced and distribut- ed. Wealth in Honduras has always been concentrated among a rare few. It has been based on a system to extract natural resources to expand industry and exploit people, to reduce them to a state of poverty. We are most focused on the way we are being told, and to be told the opposite reality. The third is to have the imagination to see a dif- ferent way of moving forward. We need to rethink economics, culture, social relationships, couples, chil- dren, neighbors and friends. That is revolutionary ideology, and in Latin America, that is an anti-capitalist, anti-neoliberal model that is win- ning elections. Now it has the re- sponsibility to change things.

The U.S. and the government of President Nicolas Maduro is cur- rently creating a Special National Commission Against Corruption and Impunity at the U.N. Within the next two years, it plans to bring this body from the international community to Honduras with the goal of ending corruption.

Changes under the Castro government

Until now, Honduran people have only had electric light if they can pay for it. It is expensive. President Cas- tro’s government is guaranteeing access to electricity and other forms of energy to all Hondurans.

In another area, Castro is planning new development that will come from the communities. The process may be slower, but it is the only way economic growth will be democratic. In the past, development was con- centrated in small isolated areas with enormous capacities for production.

We are a social-political movement that focuses on human rights. We organized our people into committees, protesting against the coup, calling ourselves the resistance. We are the resistance. President Xiomara Castro has stood up to the police forces, to the military forces. One of her main goals is to promise that there will never be another coup, that the police and military will never again be used to torture, criminalize and murder the Honduran people who protest.

The main message of the presentation was the solidarity with the international community. With the support of this community, the government is investigating incidents carried out by the coup, such as the disappearance of Gari- tuna leaders and hate crimes like the murder of transsexual woman Vicky Hernandez on the same day as the coup in 2009.

The electoral victories in Lat- in America are only part of a much larger struggle. While each country is making its own way, we see the al- liance with each of these progressive movements as a base of support for our own development. [2]
Zero COVID: Don’t be deceived by U.S. reports on the protests in China

By Scott Scheffer

The opportunity of the major U.S. media was on full display in late November 2022 when they criticized China’s anti-COVID lockdowns. The protests began in the Xinjiang city of Urumqi, where akers fire took the lives of 10 people on Nov. 24. People in the district responded to the tragedy by protesting the lockdown that had been put in place without any COVID outbreak in late summer.

The protests occurred in some-where between 25 and 20 cities, including Beijing and Shanghai. The numbers reported by the U.S. press were purposely vague. The liberal PBS claimed that there were “between a Nov. 25 and line and then “tens of thousands” in the article. Some reports indicated hundreds in Shanghai, and many pieced these numbers together.

For context, there are about 60 cities of a million people or larger in China. Some estimate that 20% of the world’s lives are at risk in China. So even if the claim by PBS of “tens of thousands” is true, this brief series of protests was not the mass uprising against the leadership of China that the U.S. capitalist class and their loyal media sallivate over.

Hoping the protests would mark the beginning of their long-desired “color revolution” in China, the U.S. media’s elation got the best of them and they fell for the hype from the start. But the hyperventilating reportage wasn’t limited to slander. There are reports of journalists using Telegram channels to guide “activists” from Hong Kong and Taiwan to the locations of some of the protests. When the “color revolution” failed to materialize, their giddy predictions gave way to another distortion of the facts. They claimed the CCP is being pushed by the momentum of the protests to ease its COVID policy, which they claim is the result of Xi’s authoritarianism and his desire to always be correct regardless of consequences.

Zero COVID

Their omission of the fact that President Xi Jinping had already signaled a relaxation of the “Zero COVID” policy measures a full two weeks before the protests broke out was not an error. It was imperialist media policy.

However, the popular consensus that the Zero COVID policy in a major speech by President Xi on Nov. 11 is only one indication that the national leadership of China was cognizant of the fact that people’s patience was exhausted.

As well as the 11 speech, it was clear that national authorities were trying to address a gap between the thinking of national health officials and the thinking of the people in its influence with a one-size-fits-all approach to lockdowns. The website of Friends of Socialist China reports that Chinese health authorities in Henan’s capital Zhengzhou … of the exceptions that need to be made to stay-home orders” and rebuked “police in Anhui for strict enforcement of quarantine.”

Moving toward a relaxation of quarantine times and lockdowns shows China’s battle against COVID is based on not only physical science but also social science. From the beginning of the outbreak, it was meant to be a dynamic approach that would adjust based on the ever-changing characteristics of the virus and even on differences between locations.

Even if greatly exaggerated by the U.S. press, the tragedy in Urumqi brought frustrations to the surface after three years of dealing with the pandemic. But that doesn’t mean the Chinese people’s dissatisfaction with the leadership of the campaign against COVID.

Just 5,000 COVID deaths

On the contrary, what was smeared in the Western media as extreme has limited the number of deaths in the country. The U.S. government’s success of the “People’s War” against COVID, with widespread testing, lockdowns, and quarantines as essential elements, is nothing short of astounding compared to major capitalist countries. With quarantine, the popular conception that Chinese death toll 200 times less than the more than 1 million deaths in the U.S. China’s sustained policy of lockdowns was unique in the world. It was borne out of necessity and likely saved millions or tens of millions of lives. After more than a hundred years of being ravaged by colonizers and then imperialist countries, the physical health of Chinese people was among the priorities of the 1949 revolution.

China was weak and sick. When Mao Zedong declared that “the Chinese people have awakened!” on his mind must have been bringing health of a giant, poverty-stricken nation up to par. Britain and France had waged war to force opium on the Asian giant, and opium addiction was widespread. Diseases that were inexpensive to treat and, in many cases, eradicable, were rampant at the time of the revolution.

China’s campaign of “barefoot doctors” headed to the countryside. Hospitals were constructed. But bringing a nation of hundreds of millions of people back to health isn’t an overnight process.

A developing country

While China is now on its way to achieving a higher GDP than the U.S., it is still a developing country, and building a complete health care system is an ongoing process. When COVID emerged China still had only four ICU beds per 100,000 people.

Even though health care has improved dramatically in the past decades, the availability of ICU beds was, and is, inadequate for dealing with COVID. During February 2022, the severe symptoms of the original Delta variant quickly overwhelmed hospitals. That hurdle had to be overcome, and China’s leadership and people swung into action.

Some 10,000 volunteer medical workers from all over the country traveled to the areas hit hardest by the virus. Emergency, makeshift hospitals were constructed at speeds the world had never seen. Given the highly transmissible features of the virus, and as-of-then unavailable treatment, widespread testing, quarantine and lockdowns emerged as the best plan to prevent catastrophe death rates. Early on, China’s scientists shared the DNA of the virus with the world and then developed vaccines that protect from severe symptoms and death. The campaign to continue vaccination — especially among the elderly — is ongoing.

COVID-19 has tested the world’s health care capabilities more than anything in living memory. Socialist planning and science saved tens of millions of lives in China and will keep China on the right path as the world and others fall. Socialism will be the future.

By Lallan Schoenstein

Crime has played a dominant role in Haiti since the Taino and Arawak-kan people were decimated by Spanish and French colonialists, and its earliest workers were kidnapped. By the leadership of the campaign against COVID.

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Jimmy Cherizer addressing a rally of Haiti’s poor in La Saline, one of Cite de Princ’s poorest shantytowns.
Dec. 2 – Seventy-five years ago, on Nov. 29, 1947, the United Nations partitioned the land of Palestine against the wishes of its people. The chief architect of this crime was U.S. President Harry S. Truman. The U.S. Department of State threatened dozens of countries with economic retribution if they did not vote to create a colonial settler state on 57% of the land of Palestine.

Most countries in Africa and many in the Caribbean were still under European colonial rule and not allowed to vote. Within months Al Nakba began— the campaign of mass murder and ethnic cleansing that drove the majority of Palestinian people from their homes and created the racist state called “Israel” on their stolen land. In 1967 that state seized all of Palestine and part of Syria and Egypt as well.

The United Nations now marks Nov. 29 as the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The U.S.— armed and funded Israeli occupation forces marked that date this year with a murder spree in the camps and villages of the West Bank, killing to people in four days. At 4 a.m. on Nov. 29, in the village of Kafr Ein near Ramallah, an Israeli military helicopter gunship raided Hiwa University students Jawad Al Rimawi, 22, and Zafer Al Rimawi, 21. The two brothers were the only sons of their family.

Around the same time, Mufid Khalidi, 44, was murdered when Israeli occupation troops invaded the town of Beit Unmar, near Al Khaliil (Hebron). Eight other villagers were wounded.

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that there be no intervention. Haitians are the only ones who can solve their crisis and determine their own future and U.S. and Canada have already announced the dispatch of military aircraft to carry weapons for the country’s security services, [Resumen reported Oct. 24.

Sanctions

Demands for self-determination coming from almost every social sector of Haiti may have temporarily stilled the imperialist intervention, but it has not pushed the一遍mic machinations of the U.S. Treasury of FBI.

Biden’s Nunez, Undersecretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, issued a hypocritical statement stressing U.S. “commitment to act against those who encourage drug trafficking, allow corruption and seek to profit from the social-economic crisis that Haiti is going through.” Nunez’s ridiculously transparent statement cannot hide the source of weapons, dollars and dollars and the criminalization./uni2002

By Bill Dores

Dec. 7 – The massive arms and dollars allow the racist settler state to maintain a permanent state of war against the people of Palestine. It has not, however, defeated their resistance, which intensifies daily. The Palestinian people are defending their homes and land, both with massive operations and sanctions, state and city investment in Israel Bonds and the $35-billion-a-year free-trade agreement signed by Ronald Reagan and the money is being sent by the weapons and the Balata Brigade are among the armed groups that have sprung up in the last three months to resist the colonizers’ attacks. In a Nov 30 statement, the Lion’s Den, based in the Old City of Nablus, said, “It’s worth asking the occupying regime who has surrounded it. Freedom-loving resisters have been shot as a “cold-blooded execution.” Mefleh died as Israeli soldiers prevented him from getting medical aid. Israeli Police Commissioner Kobi Shabtai said the killer cop “acted professionally.” These murders are part of an escalating reign of terror by Israeli occupation troops and armed settlers against Palestinians on the West Bank, in Jerusalem and inside the 1948 territories. Shootings, beatings, arrests without charge, home invasions, home demolitions, fire bombings, settler mob attacks, destruction of olive trees, crops and farm animals, desecration of places of worship and cemeteries and other crimes are daily occurrences under the occupation.

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75 years after partition, U.S. guns and dollars still murder Palestinians

Thousands of Palestinian students at Bir Zeit University take part in the funeral procession of Jawad and Zafer Al Rimawi, two brothers murdered by Israeli occupation forces Nov. 29 near Ramallah.

Rani Abu Ali, 45, was shot near Jerusalem after he rammed an Israeli soldier with his car in retaliation for the murders. Raed Nassar, 22, was gunned down in Al Mughayyir near Ramallah. His “crime”, joining with people from his village to block Israeli troops from demolishing “illegally built” homes. The Israeli occupation regime denies Palestinians building permits.

On Nov. 30, Israeli troops invaded the village of Ya’bad near Jenin and murdered Mohammad Tawfik Badarna, 25. The same day Issa Hani Talataq, 13, died of gunshot wounds. He had been shot by an occupation cop on Nov. 1. The young Palestinian was from Arara, a Bedouin community in the 1948-occupied territories and held “Israeli” citizenship.

Early in the morning of Dec. 1, the occupation forces invaded Jenin Camp, home to 12,000 people whose families were expelled from their homes when the Israeli state was created in 1948. They are crowded on less than a quarter of a square mile. Muhammad Al Saadi and Naim Zabidi, resistance fighters of the Jenin Brigade, gave their lives defending the camp.

Also on Dec. 1, 17-year-old Wadi’h Sidr was found unconscious in Al Khaliil after being beaten by a mob of Zionist settlers.

On Dec. 2, in Huwwarra near Nablus, an Israeli “border” cop shot and murdered unarmed Palestinian Ammar Mefleh, 22, after a scuffle. Witnesses described him as a “cold-blooded execution.” Mefleh died as Israeli soldiers prevented him from getting medical aid. Israeli Police Commissioner Kobi Shabtai said the killer cop “acted professionally.”

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Further, the FBI is bringing criminal charges against alleged gang leaders in Haiti, using the kidnap- ping in 2021 of 16 U.S. missionaries in Port-au-Prince as their excuse. In addition to the indictments for the kidnapping, the U.S. Department of Justice has announced charges against the leaders of other gangs. According to Christopher Wray, director of the FBI, “These charges are a reminder of the bureau’s ability to reach criminal actors overseas.” In so saying, Wray is asserting the U.S. intention to police the world.

Once again, Haitians are being punished for struggling to live in their country. They suffer an inflation rate of 37%, and 4.7 million people are suffering from food insecurity, according to data from the United Nations World Food Program.

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Uncertainty in Peru as the people remain in the streets

By Alejandra Garcia and Bill Hackwell

Peru is experiencing a new episode of its long history of institutional crisis. Today, a new president occupies the seat in the Government Palace, only 16 months after the country elected the leftist teacher Pedro Castillo, and Peruvians are once again suffering uncertainty about the political future of their Andean nation. In his time in office, the teacher of humble origins has been cornered and unable to bring about change because of a neoliberal unicameral congress that spent its time not legislating but plotting non-stop to impeach Castillo.

Congress’s decision to remove Castillo from office came after he tried to dissolve it, and that political move gave his former vice president Dina Boluarte a free hand to abandon Castillo’s loyalty, which got her there in the first place, to take his seat. The bottom line is that the coup was orchestrated by the rich elites of the country with encouragement from abroad.

Today, people are in the streets demanding justice and urging new elections. The death toll has risen to seven, and the number of people injured, including children, has increased to more than 100 due to police brutality. Meanwhile, the international community has strongly rejected this development in a sister country of the region, including strong statements from the presidents of Bolivia, Venezuela, Argentina, and Mexico condemning the coup and demanding Pedro Castillo’s release from prison.

The leftist teacher is the sixth president Peru has had since 2016, and this political instability has shaken confidence in the country’s credit rating, which had already been downgraded.

Diplomat Fernandez de Soto explained, “Peru has a dysfunctional political system, and this has once again become evident. The recent situation has accelerated the country’s deterioration, along with the depreciation of the local currency, which would compromise the evolution of the Gross Domestic Product in 2023. The crisis is deepening economic uncertainty, which could stimulate the paralysis of investments in key sectors such as mining,” he said.

But the people who popularly elected Castillo as their president are furious and believe the election has Continued on page 9

Miami hearing continues for illegally jailed Venezuelan Ambassador Alex Saab

By Sharon Black

On Dec. 12, the U.S. federal court in Miami began hearings in the case of Venezuelan Ambassador Alex Saab, who has been falsely accused and is presently imprisoned in a Miami federal penitentiary on trumped-up charges of money laundering.

His attorneys called on District Judge Robert Scola to dismiss the charges as a diplomat gives him immunity. Alex Saab was on a diplomatic mission from Venezuela to Iran to buy fuel and humanitarian supplies when he was seized as his plane refueled in the Cape Verde islands.

A decision is expected to be rendered by Dec. 20.

Who is Alex Saab?

The Venezuelan people consider Alex Saab a national hero. Saab helped procure and arrange shipments of desperately needed food, medicine, and supplies to Venezuela’s population, who have suffered immensely because of U.S. sanctions that block the shipment of crucial supplies.

U.S. sanctions have not only caused deep hardship from lack of food, fuel and medicine; they have led to death, especially of children and the elderly. In the film “Alex Saab, a Kidnapped Diplomat,” Ana Araujo, from Caribe La Guaira, Venezuela, describes the death of three of her five children, deaths that could have been prevented if there were no U.S. sanctions. The most recent death resulted from not getting diabetic medicine.

Dr. Alfred de Zayas, who served as an independent expert for the United Nations Human Rights Council, estimates 100,000 Venezuelans have died as a result of the sanctions implemented by the U.S. government.

You can see Alex Saab’s picture painted on murals and posters on street corners calling for his release. Massive protests have brought out workers and poor people from Venezuela’s communities to demand his release.

To his family, Alex Saab is a loving father of five children and husband of Camilla Fabria Saab, who has also been the target of official U.S. harassment and sanctions. Alex Saab’s two youngest children, three years old and five months old at the time of his arrest, have not seen their father for over two years.

In the U.S., he is mostly unknown

The State Department, which orchestrated Saab’s kidnapping, and the paid corporate media are not publicizing the U.S. kidnapping of the Venezuelan diplomat. So it is no surprise that few inside the U.S. are familiar with his case. What has been reported has been a shameful gaggle of lies.

Ambassador Saab was illegally seized and arrested for allegedly violating the Vienna Convention when his plane was refueling in Cape Verde. While jailed, Saab was tortured by English-speaking captors who demanded that he denounce Venezuela’s President Nicolas Maduro. He was denied medical treatment for cancer, beaten and cut on his ankles and wrists.

This is despite the Economic Community of West African States, the African Bar Association, and the United Nations Human Rights Committee speaking out against his false imprisonment and plans to extradite him to the United States.

The appeals process in Cape Verde had not been completed, nor were his lawyers or family informed, when Ambassador Saab was shuttled out of the Cape Verde jail on an aircraft to the U.S. Suspiciously, this took place the day before the election in Cape Verde. The winning party had announced they planned to release him.

While he remained jailed in Cape Verde, both of Saab’s parents, who were immigrants from Palestine and Lebanon, died due to the COVID pandemic.

Why and how can such cruel and illegal actions take place?

It is through sheer might and arrogance that the State Department has scuttled international law and has used covert and overt military violence. The mentality of U.S. imperialism is “no one can stop us since we have the guns and economic might.”

The same flagrant disregard for world opinion and law has fueled the U.S. blockade of Cuba. For the last 30 years, the member nations of the U.N. have voted to end the criminal blockade of Cuba. Only two countries, the United States and Israel, continue to vote no.

Similarly, Cuba, which has neither threatened nor perpetrated violence, continues to be classified by the U.S. as a terrorist country.

Remember the Cuban 5

Declare the military might of U.S. imperialism, the united action of the world’s people, particularly Cuba, ultimately freed these five heroes who were falsely accused of being spies.

Well-documented facts confirm that the five Cuban heroes were on a mission to stop terrorist attacks on Cuba, not spy on the United States.

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been stolen from them. Not only do they reject Bulata because of her illegitimacy, but they are working for a new constitution to replace the one imposed on them in 1993 by the reactionary Alberto Fujimori with one that would grant power of the Congress over the figure of the president, who on this occasion was democratically elected.

There is a repetition now of the painful images of the protests that occurred in the country at the end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020 under the mandates of the ousted Martin Vizcarra (2018-2020) and Manuel Merino (2020). People beaten, the nights illuminated by firelight on barricades, and people fleeing police tear gas.

Thousands of Peruvians remain in front of Congress, demand its closure. What will happen next?

The only sure path to peace will be for Peru’s political leaders to respect the vote of its citizens and the human rights of its people, and for them to do that, the people will have to remain determined and mobilized.

Source: Resumen Latinoamericano – US

Cluster bombs: Biden considers sending banned weapons to Ukraine

By Gary Wilson

CNN reports that the Biden administration is considering adding cluster bombs to the mass of weapons it is pouring into Ukraine. The production and use of cluster bombs is prohibited under international law.


“The U.S. Army is seeking a ‘drastic’ ramp up in monthly production of weapons and munitions for Ukraine,” another report adds.

According to CNN, “Ukrainian officials and lawmakers have in recent months urged the Biden administration and members of Congress to provide the Ukrainian military with cluster munition warheads...

“Top U.S. officials have publically stated that they plan to give the Ukrainians as much support as they need to give them an upper hand at the negotiating table. But the United States, should it come to that. But Western military equipment is not infinite, and as stockpiles of warheads dwindle, the Ukrainians have made plain to the U.S. that it could use the cluster munitions currently gathering dust in storage.

For Ukraine, cluster munitions could address two major issues: the need for more ammunition for the artillery and rocket systems the U.S. and others have provided, and a way of showing Russia’s numerical superiority in artillery. The Biden administration has not taken the option off the table.”

A report in “9 weapons banned from modern warfare,” Blake Stillwell says: “A cluster bomb releases a number of projectiles on impact to injure or damage personnel and vehicles.

The 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions banned these for their massive civilian death and injury effects and are unable to distinguish between civilians and combatants.

Cluster munitions leave behind large numbers of dangerous unexploded ordnance.”

Challenge the U.S. justifications for this war

By Alex Saab

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Their mission followed the horrific bombings orchestrated by Posada Carilles, a former CIA operative. Their actions included the infamous bombing of Cuban de Aviacion Flight 455, which was in flight from Barbados to Cuba. This was the first bombing of a civilian plane in flight in the Western hemisphere.

All 73 people on board perished, including the entire Cuban Olympics fencing team who had just won all the gold medals in the Central American and Caribbean Championship Games. Most of the victims were Cuban pilots averted crashing into the sea, saving the lives of countless tourists.

Cuban people, led by comandante Fidel Castro, made it a priority to gain the release of the Cuban 5. Million of people in Cuba and worldwide protested and joined a massive campaign. What seemed impossible happened when the last of the Cuban 5 were released in 2014 and returned to Cuba.

It proved that what seemed impossible was possible.

People’s actions can change history.

And can free Alex Saab. An important step is to break the information blockade. You can watch the film “Free Alex Saab: I’m a Black Diplomat” on YouTube for a detailed explanation of his case. View it and make sure your friends and family see it too.

U.S. proxy war in Ukraine and Donbass

Articles and interviews, 2013-2022

By Melinda Butterfield

The military conflict in Ukraine didn’t start with Russia’s intervention in Feb. 2022. After a U.S.-backed coup in 2014, Ukraine waged a genocidal war against the people of the Donbass region (Donetek and Lugansk) for eight years, while repressing internal opposition. Learn the truth behind Washington’s multi-billion-dollar proxy war against Ukraine in this collection of articles written as events unfolded.

Melinda Butterfield is co-editor of Struggle-La Lucha newspaper.

In 2014, she visited Crimea, where she met with exiled Ukrainian anti-fascists, and was deported from Ukraine at gunpoint. In 2016, she went to the front line in the Donetek and Lugansk People’s Republics.

‘Soon to be released’

So far, the U.S. and its allies have supplied cluster bombs — internationally banned weapons — during an exercise in 2017 at an air base in Southwest Korea, a number of projectiles on impact to injure or damage personnel and vehicles.

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If you want to know what imperialism really looks like, consider this: According to the United Nations Development Program, the U.S. freeze on Afghanistan’s assets is causing the starvation of 1 million children. With a snap of his fingers, Biden could stop that today — but he won’t. There you have real imperialist power, real evil.

Without challenging the main justifications for this war, we are simply allowing lies to take hold, which will, at worst, garner popular support for U.S. imperialist strategies and, at best, encourage resignation and apathy.

That’s why CovertAction Magazine is an invaluable resource. It challenges those primary lies fueling the U.S. proxy war against Russia and China.

It’s that whole truth that will inspire our working class into action. And any effective peace movement must be made up overwhelmingly by our multination working class and people’s movements fighting racism, for union rights and tenant rights, for LGBTQ2S and women’s rights, for the right of self-determination of Palestinian, Haitian, Indigenous, Black, and Brown peoples.

These components are necessary for a peace movement to have any real power because these are the forces most targeted by U.S. imperialism domestically and internationally. It’s these forces that have the most to gain by stopping imperialist wars that seal the resources necessary for the survival of their children. And these are the forces whose exploitation this economic beast depends upon for survival.

Therefore, they contain real potential power.

As a news source dedicated to the truths relevant to the struggles of our class and for countering the barrage of misinformation by the Pentagon and its corporate tools, CovertAction Magazine continues the proud legacy of CovertAction Quarterly. It’s an indispensable resource that must be supported by our movement and our class. So give generously, as if World War III were right around the corner — because so is the solution if we don’t fight for it.
¿Derechos Humanos en una colonia?

Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

Este fin de semana se commemoró la Declaración Universal de los Derechos Humanos. La Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas la proclamó en París en el 1948. Desde entonces, ha servido de guía para la implementación de políticas que garanticen la justicia y la dignidad del ser humano.

Sin embargo, en una colonia, estos derechos no existen. La colonización de por sí, la pertenencia de un país por otro más fuerte, que dispone del territorio y sus habitantes para satisfacer solo a sus intereses, es un crimen a nivel internacional.

Pero incluso, si nos detenemos en algunos de los 30 artículos de la Declaración, salta a la vista el atropello que los EUA comete contra el pueblo boricua.

El más significativo y que conlleva la naturaleza de todos los demás crímenes, es el del Artículo 25 que dice que “Toda persona tiene derecho a una nacionalidad”. Y aquí se nos ha negado el derecho inalienable a tener la ciudadanía puertorriqueña.

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Así que tanto EUA, como el gobierno puertorriqueño que lo asiste, son culpables de muchos crímenes bajo los artículos 25 y 3 de la Declaración de Derechos Humanos, pero no nos permite ir a la corte internacional.

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Instead of BNSF being owned by Warren Buffett with his $100 billion-plus fortune, it should be run by the people. To guarantee jobs, service, and safety, we need a people’s takeover of the railroads.

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Instead of BNSF being owned by Warren Buffett with his $100 billion-plus fortune, it should be run by the people. To guarantee jobs, service, and safety, we need a people’s takeover of the railroads.

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government—through Ambassador Kenneth—recognized Peru’s new govern-ment after Castillo’s removal).

A key figure in the pressure campaign appears to have been Juan Alvarado, operations officer of the Military Assistance and Advisory Group (MAAG), who functioned effectively as the U.S. Defense attaché. We are told that officials such as Alvarado, who are in close contact with the Peruvian military generals, gave them the greenlight to move against Castillo. It is being said that the last phone call that Castillo took before he left the presidential palace came from a U.S. Embassy. It is likely he