Jail Trump for racism & war crimes

By Stephen Millies

The whole world witnessed the insurrection in the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, that sought to overturn the 2020 presidential election. So why did it take two and a half years to finally indict Trump on Aug. 1 for trying to steal the votes?

Federal prosecutor Jack Smith never lacked evidence. Trump’s fingers were all over the attempt to reverse the election.

Key to Trump’s conspiracy was attempting to steal Black votes in Atlanta, Detroit, Milwaukee, and Philadelphia. Election workers were threatened and harassed by pro-Trump mobs.

Accompanying all of the Trump indictments is the burning hatred of tens of millions in the working class who know the danger that Trump represents. This is particularly so in Asian, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx communities.

For many, it was as if the segregationist former Alabama governor and presidential candidate George Wallace had made it to the White House.

Trump isn’t being indicted for his bigotry and encouragement of racist violence. He’s not being prosecuted for keeping immigrant children in cages and denying them health care.

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Nobody should think that Trump’s behavior is out of the ordinary for the super-rich. Many big capitalists support Trump, including hedge fund operators as well as oil and gas frackers.

That’s how he got to the White House in the first place. Many of the 756 U.S. billionaires are just as greedy, crude, and bigoted as Trump.

The “old money” in Philadelphia made the fascist Frank Rizzo Philly’s mayor. Their police bombed the MOVE house on May 13, 1985, killing 13 Black people, including six children. None of the U.S. billionaires refused Trump’s tax cuts. That includes former New York mayor and current Trump critic Michael Bloomberg, whose $94 billion stash is almost 40 times larger than Trump’s. Bloomberg spent $200 million to buy three elections as the Big Apple’s mayor. That’s as corrupt as anything Trump did.

The New York Times attacks Trump. Yet the newspaper endorsed Rudolph Giuliani (the “No. 1 unindicted co-conspirator” in the latest Trump indictment) for reelection as New York City mayor in 1997.

Giuliani should have been jailed decades ago for presiding over a trigger-happy police force whose cops fired 42 bullets at Amadou Diallo, killing the African immigrant. As Trump’s top accomplice, Giuliani bragged that he kicked 60,000 New Yorkers off public assistance.

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Hunt’s newspaper endorsed Gov. Al Gore in the 2000 election. Gore’s $10 billion stash is only 30 times larger than Trump’s. The wealthy and powerful are just as greedy, crude, and bigoted as Trump.

The world witnessed the inhumanity of the U.S. government when it killed General Soleimani, Commander of General Soleimani, Commander Muhandis, and five others.

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The revolutionary spirit of Minnie Bruce Pratt

By Bob McCubbin

Minnie Bruce Pratt died July 2, 2023, in Syracuse, N.Y. See https://minniebrucepratt.net

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It was a cool sunny morning at a La Jolla Shores outdoor café where I first met Minnie Bruce Pratt. Maybe I should more accurately say “briefly met” since, to avoid any possible distraction from an intense personal/political discussion in the offing between revolutionary communist and transgender warrior Leslie Feinberg and this author, Minnie Bruce, with no prompting from either Leslie or me, almost immediately after some brief introductory chat, smiled and moved with her coffee cup to an unoccupied table some distance from Leslie and me. It was only later, as the three of us found occasions when we were in the same city at the same time for precious, if all too brief rendezvous, that Minnie Bruce’s brilliance, beauty, and devotion to supporting the struggles of the most oppressed among humanity’s billions, captured my heart.

The love of Minnie Bruce’s life was Leslie Feinberg, and, equally, the love of Leslie’s life was Minnie Bruce. Leslie Feinberg, Minnie Bruce saw, expressed in each and all of Leslie’s many contributions to the struggle for social justice (as a journalist, novelist, and Marxist theoretician, as an organizer of many of the most significant political mobilizations of the time, and as a political leader in the front ranks, whose inspiring speeches won many a young train or gender nonbinary youth to the struggle). Witness to these attributes, Minnie Bruce saw Leslie as a bellwether of the future of humankind, when, with the return of communal society at a higher level of technology, all of humanity will be able to regain the autonomous patterns of life lived in harmony with the natural world by our pre-private property ancestors.

In Minnie Bruce, Leslie found the profound sensibility, understanding, and love that had always been elusive in her previous relationships. (See her semi-autobiographical novel Stone Butch Blues.) And Minnie Bruce was herself a courageous fighter, had always been a fighter, had fought the homophobic, transphobic, racist state that took her children from her to punish her for her audacity in coming out publicly at a time and place when and where it was simply outrageous and unacceptable to do so. From the point of view of the racist Southern establishment, she must be punished for being a proud lesbian, a fiercely anti-racist activist, and an outspoken opponent of imperialist war.

I’m unqualified to write about Minnie Bruce’s phenomenal achievements as a revolutionary lesbian poet. Our all too infrequent get-togethers were dominated by the exchange of personal snippets from our own lives and serious discussions about current local, national, and world political developments. In what smacks, to me, of blatant, politically motivated misrepresentation, Minnie Bruce’s New York Times obituary (NYT, 7/16/2023) conveniently ignored her longtime active membership in Workers World Party and her active role for many years as a contributing journalist to and managing editor of that Party’s newspaper. This shameless imperialist mouthpiece focused, instead, only on her many literary accomplishments.

But any obituary celebrating her life would be incomplete without acknowledgment of those well-deserved honors. In the Times’ article, Penelope Green writes, “Minnie Bruce Pratt, a feminist poet and essayist whose collection “Crime Against Nature,” which mapped her despair, anger and resilience after losing custody of her children when she came out as a lesbian, earned one of poetry’s highest honors. In the Times’ article, Penelope Green writes, “Minnie Bruce Pratt, a feminist poet and essayist whose collection “Crime Against Nature,” which mapped her despair, anger and resilience after losing custody of her children when she came out as a lesbian, earned one of poetry’s highest honors.

Eyes and hair. Night and day. All that work no one knew about but me. I was down south when I carried them. Later I came up north to learn These cities, these other rivers, the work at the long eddy and curve Where rafts of timber waited to float down at Basket-Switch, Where the railroad finally came to pick up blue flagstones piled high At the dock, the men who mined the mountain ribs by hand and chisel, The women packing apples into barrels, into baskets, into wooden lugs, A thousand trainloads from orchards they tended that finally rotted To the ground, the people gone, the words between gone to the air. What’s left now are pyramids of fruit piled up in supermarkets, A few saleable kinds, the red of Jonathan, Cortland, Sweet Winesap, And the grass giving way to other trees, the valley down river Flowing dense as midnight even in mid-day, growing dark again. Somewhere, further west, a first woman weaves her Delaware Basket again. Somewhere a basket is brought to her grave And the weave torn through, or her last pot brought and broke, So all her life of work runs out, down and back into the ground, Past her head and her hands, her belly, her feet, where it came. The fumbled load we carry, the jumble, our lives unknown, We who make and are shaped, we who hold and are held.
The Supreme Court has no compassion for working-class families!

By Gloria Verdieu

The following was presented as part of a discussion of the Supreme Court’s recent rulings on affirmative action, LGBTQ+ rights, and student loans.

The Court overturned affirmative action policies against racism, endorsed discrimination against LGBTQ+ people, and backed bond case on student loans.

This was on the WBAAI program “Voices of Resistance,” hosted by Lucy Pagoada-Quesada and Andrea Vizue. Listen here: tinyurl.com/3w4t7p94

When I heard about the Supreme Court decision on affirmative action, I was saddened but not surprised.

The decision came amid a gradual rolling back of several laws that protect society’s most vulnerable people, including abortion rights, gun safety laws, voting rights, housing livable wages, and health — mental and physical — as well as climate change — so many issues. But once again, the Supreme Court chose the path that will make it more difficult and miserable for the working class currently facing a huge financial crisis.

This ruling overlooks a longstanding precedent that had previously benefited Black, Indigenous, and Latino, and Asian students in higher education due to an apparent historic lack of opportunities for these students. The court’s decision that considering race as a significant factor in admissions violates the Equal Protection Clause.

Why is race the only factor being scapegoated? There are many forms of admission preferences for affirmative action, such as athletic scholarships, legacy, and donor admissions.

A study published in the National Bureau of Economic Research found that 43% of white students admitted to Harvard University were recruited ALDCs, shorthand for athletic recruits, legacies (relatives of Harvard Alumni), children of faculty and staff — applicants whose parents or relatives have donated to Harvard.

The study found that 75% of the white students admitted from those categories would have been rejected if they had been treated as white non-ALDCs.

In June 2022, the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade — declaring the constitutional right to abortion, upheld for nearly 49 years, no longer exists.

In August 2022, Biden announced a student loan forgiveness plan. However, this plan was officially ruled out by the Supreme Court in June 2023.

President Biden criticized the decision and responded, “This is not a normal court,” and confirmed that discrimination still exists in America. Biden urged colleges and universities to continue to try to achieve diversity on their campuses by considering the hardships that their applicants have faced in their lives.

Even though the Supreme Court’s decision is final, they have no power to enforce it. Biden has the power. The people must take it to the streets and fight these oppressive attacks against the working class.

These issues — affirmative action, women’s right to choose, voting rights, reparations, police brutality, mass incarceration, and the whole criminal justice system — are all domestic issues that affect families. The family is the base of society. When families are affected, the whole of society is in crisis. Here is where we look to socialist Cuba, which just recently replaced the Family Code that went into effect on March 8, International Women’s Day, creating one of the most basic conditions for the further development of the revolution. The Family Code was approved in a national referendum by nearly two-thirds of voters.

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The Tampa 5, Laura Rodriguez, and Jeanie K — were brutally attacked by campus police during a peaceful protest against Florida’s anti-Queer law. Laura Rodriguez, and Jeanie K — were brutally attacked by campus police.

A June 21 update from the Tampa 5 reports: “The state attorney had offered one plea deal to potentially drop felony charges if they agreed to drop a show of true participatory democracy. Some 6.5 million people participated, a show of true participatory democracy. Some 6.5 million people participated.

The Tampa 5 fought for me and all trans people, for immigrants, for students, for all of us. And we must fight for them.”

Partial list of endorsers:

- Orange & Anderson
- Orlando & Florida

The Supreme Court really serves no purpose that is worth preserving. It is time for the people to abolish it. Issues affecting the lives of the working class should be decided by the people through participatory democracy.

Issues like removing Cuba from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism, ending the U.S. blockade, getting the U.S. out of Guantanamo, and normalizing relations with Cuba must be decided by the people.

We must fight for a stronger affirmative action that is truly for leveling the playing field for Africans and all oppressed people. We all know that regardless of what corporate media says, affirmative action — one way to equalize the playing field for formerly enslaved people — has benefited many oppressed groups, including white women.

For true equality, we need to study socialism. We need a socialist revolution.
By Stephen Millies

The Bibb Mills in Macon also refused to hire Black workers. The management there was just admitting class truth when they blunted out that “Negroes are more prone to join unions than machinists.” Bibb used the Klan to crush a union organizing drive at their plants during the CIO’s “Operation Dixie” campaign in 1945 and 1946.

Twenty years later, in 1966, Bibb Mills helped put “Machine Gun” Ronnie Thompson in Macon’s city hall. This mayor got his nickname by handing out submachine guns to local cops.

He used the outline of a Thompson submachine gun in campaign literature and handed out lapel pins for the shape of this weapon. (After all, it was his namesake.)

Police were given “shoot to kill” orders by this racist mayor. In 1968, Thompson even moved a National Guard tank to a playground in a Black community.

The Bibb Mills are now closed. White and Black workers lost their jobs. Macon was devastated by the hundreds of jobs destroyed.

Jason Aldean’s racism doesn’t help any poor and working people. People in small and big towns will support UPS workers if they strike. Workers at Amazon and everywhere else need union wages, benefits, and protection.

By Stephen Millies

NYC transit fares have risen 58 times since 1948
Transit and rent hikes are wholesale robberies

By Stephen Millies

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is raising the fare on New York City’s buses and subways to $2.90 on Aug. 20. Transit fares are also going up in the Washington, D.C. area and on the BART system serving San Francisco Bay communities.

Until July 1, 1968, New York City’s subway fare was a nickel. Since then, the fare will have increased 58 times.

Nobody’s wages have risen like that. Certainly not those of the Metropoli- tan Transportation Authority’s employees, 177 of whom died of the coronavi- rus while keeping the region moving.

At the same time, rents are going through the roof across the United States. Despite protests, New York City’s Rent Guidelines Board has authorized 7% rent increases over two years in a million apartments. Go- than landlords can charge whatever they want in another million unregu- lated dwellings.

Median rents have increased over six times in California since 1980, from $283 per month to $1,750 in 2021. (Median means half the rents are below these figures and half are above.)

Rent hikes in the Golden State are 43% above the average inflation rate. That’s criminal. No wonder California has 28% of the homeless people in the United States.

Wage increases don’t mean much if your landlord can steal most of it. Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve Sys- tem bankers are jacking up interest rates on mortgages.

The Fed’s chairperson, Jerome Powell, worries that there are not enough people who are underemployed and living in misery. He actually thinks wage increases cause infla- tion, not the price fixers in the corpo- rate boardrooms.

So why did President Biden appoint Powell to another term in charge of the country’s central bank?

Dead animal capitalists and other food industry monopolists have taken advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic to raise their prices by 20% since 2020. These rip-offs are the reason 53 million people had to use food banks in 2021.

Roll back prices, rents and fares!

We need a rollback in prices on ev- erything we need to live. Let’s start with the price of public transportation.

Transit Workers Union founder Mike Quill — who died of a heart at- tack after being jailed for leading a strike once called for free fares.

For a worker going to and back from their job five days a week, the new $2.90 fare is a weekly $29 wage cut. Making the fare free means a $29 weekly wage increase or about $1,500 annually.

Already New York City, Boston, and Kansas City, Missouri, have exper- imented with free bus routes. This should be made a national program.

The White House and Congress have spent at least $77 billion on a bloody war in Ukraine provoked by the Unit- ed States and its NATO allies. Instead of spending this money to kill peo- ple, why not use it to have free transit programs across the United States?

That would be a big help to the lowest-paid workers as well as students and the unemployed. It could create thousands of jobs.

While transit fares in New York City will be 58 times as much as they were 75 years ago, the capital of capitalism is the only city in the world with fewer transit lines than it had in the 1940s.

That’s because elevated lines like the Third Avenue El in Manhattan and the Bronx were torn down without being replaced by subways. Service on some commuter railroad routes — such as the West Shore line along the Hudson River — were abandoned.

Only a tiny portion of a Second Av- enue subway planned a century ago has been opened.

In contrast, the socialist People’s Republic of China built 62 new metro lines in 35 cities in 2021.

Despite the conflict in Ukraine, Mulsarte, the military, and the United States think the Russian Federation is wealthy. We need peace with the Russian Fed- eration and China and free fares on buses, subways, and streetcars.

By Stephen Millies

Twenty thousand people marched into Lima, the capital of Peru on July 19. They are demanding an end to the illegal regime that has crushed de- monstrators and killed over 80 protesters. Thousands more have been arrested or wounded.

On Dec. 7, 2022, Peru’s elected Pres- ident, Pedro Castillo Terrones, was removed from office and jailed. He’s still imprisoned.

The former vice president, Dina Boluarte, is the figurehead for a mili- tary dictatorship whose real master is in the U.S. embassy. One thousand and five hundred U.S. troops were sent to Peru, supposedly for “exercises” but really to bolster the dictatorship.

On July 22, members of New York City’s Peruvian community and other supporters gathered in Manhattan’s Union Square in solidarity with the struggle in Peru. Speeches described the police terror against peasants, workers, and students.

They demanded the freeing of Pres- ident Castillo from jail and his resto- ration to office. Castillo was a teacher and is from the people.

Pictures were displayed in Union Square of those who police and the army had killed. People walking back stopped to listen.

The people of Peru are determined to overthrow the dictatorship of Dina Boluarte, the military, and the U.S. embassy. Working and poor people here need to demand: U.S. out of Peru!
**Mutulu Shakur’s life & legacy**

By the Family of Mutulu Shakur

Dr. Mutulu Shakur, a highly esteemed acupuncturist, healer, revolutionary, and leader in the Black liberation movement, peacefully passed away on Friday, July 7, 2023, at 72 years old. He courageously battled multiple myeloma, a blood cancer that damages the bones and kidneys, since 2019. In December 2022, he was released on parole from federal prison, affording him the opportunity to spend his remaining days surrounded by loved ones. Having endured nearly 37 years of incarceration, his profound legacy will serve as a timeless inspiration for future generations.

Born Jeral Wayne Williams on August 8, 1950, in Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Mutulu Shakur was raised in Jamaica, Queens, under the loving care of his blind mother. It was within the struggle of helping his mother navigate an unjust social service system that his political consciousness awakened. At the tender age of 16, he joined the Black Panther Party and was a founding member of the New Afrikan Independence Movement (NAPO) and Malcolm X Grassroots Movement (MXGM), as a pillar of strength and leadership.

While his revolutionary activism influenced countless lives, Dr. Mutulu Shakur also made groundbreaking contributions as an acupuncturist, affectionately known as “Doc.” After receiving training in Canada and China, he obtained his license in California in 1979. Dr. Mutulu Shakur practiced holistic medicine with unwavering dedication, working tirelessly to heal and help countless individuals. His journey started at Lincoln De.tox., an addiction treatment program. The real reason for the latest indictment of Trump is the same one that prevented him from declaring martial law on June 1, 2020. That was a week after Kyle Rittenhouse was de.

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Black August commemorates 400 years of Black freedom struggle

This book examines the construction of a racial capitalist venture — slavery — where the histories of African, Native and working people overlapped.

**Black August** celebrates legacy and accomplishments of Black women.

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By Gary Wilson

The July 12 New York Times Magazine headlined: “An Act of War: Inside America’s Silicon Blockade Against China.” The report is about the October 2022 “export controls” against China. Last October, the United States Bureau of Industry and Security issued a document that—underneath its 139 pages of dense bureaucratic jargon and minute technical detail—announced a declaration of economic war on China....

(The Oct. 7 controls essentially seek to eradicate, root and branch, China’s entire ecosystem of advanced technology. The new policy embodied in Oct. 7 is: Not only are we not going to allow China to progress further technologically, we are going to actively reverse their current state of the art.) (Gregory) Allen of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington says. C.J. Muse, a senior semiconductor analyst at Evercore ISI, put it this way: “If you’d told me about these rules five years ago, I would’ve told you that’s an act of war — we’d have to at war.”

The export controls (the act of war) on computer chips aim to undermine China’s ability to produce or purchase high-end chips, which are crucial for the development of advanced technologies such as supercomputers and artificial intelligence (AI). Some call this a Silicon Curtain in the New Cold War against China.

The U.S. controls (again, an act of war) are not narrowly targeted at curbing Chinese military development, as claimed by the Biden administration. On her recent visit to China, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen seemed openly insincere when she tried to say the controls were not aimed at the broader economy. China’s Premier Li Qiang, who met Yellen, told her that she was “overs代表着.”

The export controls are broad. As the New York Times reports, they seek to stop China from developing a system of advanced technology, including its AI industry. The semiconductor industry is seen as a means to achieve this goal.

The semiconductor industry is a global industry that the U.S. has dominated and controlled, as U.S. Big Oil has dominated the global energy industry.

The Pentagon’s semiconductor project

The semiconductor industry began as a project of the Pentagon’s Semiconductor Technology Advanced Research Agency (STAR). In 2010, the Department of Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). The industry in the U.S. was and is, to this day, heavily financed by the Pentagon and the U.S. government.

The CHIPS Act, passed by Congress and signed by President Biden in August 2022, pumped an additional $280 billion in new funding for the research and manufacture of semiconductors in the U.S. That was followed by a DARPA announcement in January 2023 that it was putting almost half a billion dollars into a project to help advance the semiconductor industry in the U.S.

None of this, by the way, was created or developed by any capitalist entrepreneur. Capitalism does not create anything on its own, it just finds a way to exploit the new technology, to make a profit. And many of the biggest, highest-profit-making capitalist industries were created and funded by the government in various ways including most of the technology industries, the internet, the pharmaceutical industry, the automobile industry and so on.

The semiconductor industry is a knowledge-intensive industry. It is built on shared knowledge and resources. Initially, semiconductor companies were built on open innovation. Because of its complexity, development and production required the collaboration of research centers, universities, scientists, engineers, and many others to develop the techniques and methodologies required.

The pace of innovation in the semiconductor industry has been incredibly rapid. New chip designs are constantly being developed, and the capabilities of chips are constantly increasing. This is due to a number of factors, including:

• The increasing complexity of chips.
• Chips are becoming increasingly complex, with billions of transistors packed into a tiny space. This complexity requires the use of advanced manufacturing techniques and the development of new materials.
• New materials and manufacturing techniques. The semiconductor industry is constantly developing new materials and manufacturing techniques to improve the performance and efficiency of chips.
• For example, new materials, such as gallium arsenide, silicon carbide, and graphene, have allowed for the development of faster and more powerful chips.
• The increasing availability of computing power. The increasing availability of computing power has allowed chip designers to develop more complex and sophisticated chip designs.

Biden sends $345 million in weapons to Taiwan

Activists protest U.S.-Australia anti-China war games

By Gary Wilson

The Biden administration announced a $345 million weapons package for Taiwan on July 28. The package includes a variety of weapons systems, including Reaper drones, Harpoon anti-ship missiles, Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, and TOW anti-tank missiles.

This is the first part of a $1 billion weapons package thatASHINGTON has delivered to TAIWAN to Stockpiles to Taiwan this year. The transfer of weapons from the U.S. to Taiwan is a violation of Chinese sovereignty, an international law, which recognizes Taiwan as an island province of China.

The United States does not officially recognize Taiwan as an independent country.

The MQ-9A Reaper is a long-endurance, medium-altitude, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) that is used for surveillance and strike missions. It is equipped with a variety of sensors, including a radar, a camera, and a laser designator. The Reaper can also carry a variety of weapons, including Hellfire missiles and laser-guided bombs.

The drones will be used to gather intelligence and could be used to strike population centers in mainland China, as Ukraine is doing with drone strikes on civilian apartment buildings in Moscow.

The transfer of the MQ-9A Reapers to Taiwan is a significant development, as it is the first time that the U.S. has sent this type of drone to a country in the Asia-Pacific region. It is clearly a significant increase in the supply chain is highly interconnected and spans across many countries. Every chip has been produced from parts developed and produced in a dozens or even more countries. This necessitates collaboration and sharing to ensure smooth operations and product quality. The export restrictions (an act of war) are designed not only to prevent further advances in China’s tech- 术, but to reverse its technological development. The controls are intended to eradicate China’s advanced technology ecosystem and hinder its progress in economic growth and development.

U.S. export controls, introduced by the Trump administration and now expanded by the Biden administration, have already had devastating consequences for Chinese companies like Huawei, which was heavily impacted by the trade restrictions imposed by the Trump administration in 2019. Huawei, one of the largest smartphone sellers in the world, has seen its market share dramatically decline as a result of these measures.

Biden expands what Trump started

The Biden administration has continued the Trump administration’s campaign against Chinese technology companies, but it has taken a more expanded approach. The Trump administration imposed broad sanctions on Chinese companies, including Huawei, ZTE, and Hillwood. The Biden administration has focused on whittling down industries that communicate with China.

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Global means global

• Global means that chips are designed and manufactured in many countries around the world, not just the U.S. This means:
• A global workforce of engineers, technicians, and other skilled workers. The semiconductor industry requires a large pool of skilled labor. This labor is not only highly skilled, but it is distributed around the world. Most of the semiconductor industry is now concentrated in China, Taiwan, and South Korea. A global workforce means that China’s progress in technology depends on a complicated matrix of manufacturing, warehousing, shipping, and transportation. This global supply chain is highly interconnected and spans across many countries. Every chip has been produced from parts developed and produced in a dozens or even more countries. This necessitates collaboration and sharing to ensure smooth operations and product quality.

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Stop Talisman Sabre, stop AUKUS. U.S. military threat against China.

Politics reported: “The package marks the first time the U.S. has used new authority from Congress to transfer military equipment directly from Pentagon inventory to Taiwan. The transfer is done under the Presidential Drawdown Authority, the same mechanism Washington uses to send weapons to Ukraine.” On July 21, the U.S. and Australia began two weeks of “Talisman Sabre war games” involving more than 30,000 troops and participants from 11 other countries, in a show of force against China, Reuters reported.

“This year will see Germany participate for the first time, with 210 para- troopers and marines taking part as the European nation bolsters its presence in the Indo-Pacific,” Reuters adds.

Activists from around Australia and Indonesia speak out against the Talisman Sabre war training on July 30 outside the Esgogerr Army Base, Green Left reports. Activists who addressed the “Calling for Peace in the Pacific” conference, including Indigenous women Naek Flores from Guahan (Guam) and Shinako Oyaka from Ryuku (Okinawa).
In wake of uprisings against racism: French authorities escalate repression

By Lev Koufax

On June 27, French police executed a French-Algerian teenager named Nahel Merzouk in the Parisian suburb of Nanterre. Two Paris motorcycle cops fired multiple rounds at close range into the driver’s side seat of the car that Merzouk was driving. Initially, the Nanterre prosecutor’s office insisted that the police fired into Merzouk’s vehicle because it was accelerating towards them. To ensure their safety, the two officers opened fire. Unsurprisingly, the prosecutor’s account was a lie. This is what capitalist police do. They murder, lie, and steal.

A few days after Merzouk’s execution, a video was released publicly that clearly shows that the vehicle was not accelerating towards the officers. They were not in imminent danger. Both officers were standing parallel to the driver’s window when they fired multiple rounds into him.

The 17-year-old pizza delivery driver was dead an hour later.

In the wake of the murder and police lies, protests and rebellions cropped up throughout Paris and the surrounding suburbs, and spread across France. Cars and businesses burned. People fought back against the storm troopers sent in to repress the protests.

Western media coverage expressed sympathy for the Parisian immigrant community, but ultimately condemned the uprising as the act of provocateurs, instead of an expression of genuine rage against racism.

For decades, Black and Arab communities in France have been treated as second-class citizens. Due to discrimination and over-policing, the predominantly North African and Arab immigrant Parisian face cycles of racism, poverty, and crime similar to those experienced by Black and Brown communities in the United States.

This is far from the first oppressed youth that French police have murdered. Parisian cops have a long history of inflicting terror and brutality against immigrant communities. As long as this racist terror continues, so will the rebellions against them.

Corporate media continue to insist that these racist police murders and the corresponding rebellions are isolated events or aberrations. We know otherwise.

We know that these protests are born from decades of murders, socioeconomic discrimination, and exploitation at the hands of French capitalists and their racist storm troopers. This is how the capitalists maintain order — through brutally repressing the most oppressed sections of the working class.

In support of that goal, President Emmanuel Macron and the French police have attempted to ban anti-police protests, claiming safety concerns. The escalation of state repression is ironic coming from a government that constantly accuses Russia and other countries of free speech violations.

U.S. and European police are real anti-free-speech institutions. The people of France, particularly those in immigrant, Black, and Brown communities must be supported in their struggle against racism and brutal police practices.

Down with racism! Down with Macron! Black Lives Matter!

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Chinese economy. Chips are used in a wide range of products, from smartphones to cars to industrial machinery. But the New Cold War and its Silicon Curtain cannot reproduce the old Cold War. In the Cold War, the United States and the European imperialist powers in NATO were the biggest manufacturers in the world. This gave them dominance in terms of economic power and military strength.

Now, socialist China has emerged as a major manufacturing power. Today, China is the world’s largest manufacturer, including the semiconductors industry. China is the largest trade partner for 70% of the countries in the world.

This has led to a decline in the United States’ relative power. The United States is no longer the dominant producer in the world.

In addition, the U.S. used to have a significant advantage in the global energy market, due to its control of West Asia’s hydrocarbon resources. However, in recent years, China has become a major player in the global energy market, and OPEC has become less reliant on the United States. The U.S. has greatly reduced oil imports because of domestic shale oil (fracking) and gas production. This means that OPEC is no longer as dependent on the United States for its production. This means that OPEC is no longer as dependent on the United States for its production.
NYC meeting salutes 70th anniversary of Cuban Revolution’s beginning

By Stephen Millies

Hundreds of people packed the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center in New York City on July 29 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the attack on the Moncada barracks in Santiago de Cuba. They came to denounce the cruelty of the U.S. and salute socialist Cuba’s achievements.

Called National Rebellion Day in Cuba, the courageous action on July 26, 1953, against the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista was the beginning of the Cuban Revolution. It inspired the July 26th Movement led by Fidel Castro that overthrew the U.S.-backed Batista on New Year’s Day, 1959.

The meeting opened with the singing of Cuba’s national anthem.

Ike Nahem of the New York / New Jersey Cuba Si Coalition welcomed the large delegation from Cuba’s mission to the United Nations.

Nahem and other speakers pointed out that the meeting was held on hallowed ground, where Malcolm X had spoken back in 1965.

Malcolm X defended the Cuban Revolution and met with Fidel Castro in Havana in February 1960.

Rosemarie Mealy, J.D., Ph.D., a leading member of the Cuba Si Coalition, has written a vivid account of this historic meeting, “DeClare: Fidel, Malcolm X: Memoirs of a Meeting.”

Nahem paid tribute to four remarkable defenders of Cuba who had passed: Frank Velgara, long-time Puerto Rican activist and founder of the ProLiberatión Freedom Campaign; Pat Fry, a member of the Committee, the Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism, and a union activist in 1969; Chris Cole Mariko, staunch internationalist and central committee member of the South African Communist Party; and Mary Elaine Franklin, author of the classic “Cuba and the United States: A Chronological History.”

Co-chairs of the meeting were Andreia Vizeu, former Fidel and presidential organizer, and Nancy Cabrelo of Casa de las Americas.

Cuban UN Ambassador Gerardo Peñalver speaking at the Shabazz Center in New York City, July 29.

Vizeu compared the attack on the Moncada barracks to the power that freed “Lula” (Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva) from jail and brought him back as president of Brazil. Cabero paid tribute to Fidel Castro’s determination and compared his leadership to the spirit of José Martí, the apostle of Cuban independence.

Steve Clark, editorial director of Pathfinder Press, has published 40 books on Cuba, and a member of the Socialist Workers Party national committee, described the sacrifices of those who stormed the Moncada.

Fortunately, Fidel Castro survived. Clark told how Fidel’s great speech, “History Will Absolve Me,” was smuggled out of prison. Twenty thousand copies were distributed throughout Cuba.

Cuba’s UN ambassador speaks

The meeting’s highlight was the talk given by the excellence Gerardo Peñalver Portal, Cuba’s ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations. Peñalver is also Cuba’s Deputy Foreign Minister.

“Dear friends, today, more than ever, the solidarity received from you takes on special significance because Cuba is under heavy siege tied to the blockade,” that (continues to be the central element that defines the policy of the United States to Cuba, “said the ambassador.

Referring to the by the U.S. government of Cuba as a State Sponsor of Terrorism, Ambassador Peñalver said, “The consequences of such a designation are extremely harmful for a small nation like ours. It gravely damages international financial and commercial transactions in short, it is a measure that reinforces the blockade against Cuba. It should not be forgotten that the U.S. government used the COVID-19 pandemic in its efforts to increase the siege of Cuba. This included actions aimed at preventing our access to basic medical supplies just at a time when the world needed solidarity more than ever.

“We are pleased that Cuba was able to successfully develop three COVID-19 vaccines… we were able to vaccinate more than 90% of Cubans in spite of the blockade,” said Ambassador Peñalver.

He continued, “Dear friends … the government of Cuba has expressed its willingness … to foster civilized … relations with the U.S. based on mutual respect… We will continue to promote and facilitate the closest possible ties with numbers of sectors of this country that want to build bridges with Cuba. … Cuba will never renounce its socialist system of social justice.

“We have the support of many good people in the world like you who are tireless defenders of the lifting of the blockade and the right of our people to live in peace and to decide our own destiny.”

The representative of revolutionary Cuba concluded by declaring, “Cuba will not give up and we will continue to resist and overcome. Long live the Cuban solidarity movement in the U.S.”

New York says NO to the blockade

Andrea Vizeu led the audience in chanting “Cuba sí, bloqueo no!” as she introduced Baba Zayid Muhammad of the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee.

Muhammad pointed out the significance of the meeting being held at the Shabazz Center. “This stage was built on Malcolm’s blood,” he said, referring to the spot of the Black leader’s assassination, adding that Malcolm was killed in front of his wife and four daughters.

Baba Zayid Muhammad recited a fiery “praise poem” about Malcolm X and quoted Assata Shakur, a Black revolutionary given asylum by Cuba.

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Speakers commented on the New York City Council, representing over 8 million people, passing a resolution calling for lifting the U.S. blockade of Cuba. Many organizations, including the Communist Party and the Democratic Socialists of America, worked to achieve this.

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Vinson Verderey of the December 12 Movement emphasized the hard work it took to pass the New York City resolution.

Coast-to-coast book tour introduces Cleophas Williams, first Black president of Bay Area dockworkers

By Gary Wilson


This is a coast-to-coast book signing tour produced by Clarence Thomas and edited by Delores Lemon-Thomas, in consultation with Cleophas’ widow Sadie Williams — giving a first-hand account of the life and work of the first African American president of ILWU Local 10. Williams was a union leader, civil rights activist, and community organizer who played a major role in the fight for social justice and economic equality in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The book comes at a time when there is renewed interest in the history of the labor movement, the Black liberation movement, and the fight for social justice.

It provides a rare inside look at working on the waterfront in the San Francisco Bay Area in the mid-20th century. Williams’ story is one of struggle and triumph, as he became a powerful voice for working people and for civil rights.

Williams’ writings also illuminate the history of the ILWU, one of the most militant and successful unions in U.S. history.

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The book is a valuable contribution to the history of African Americans in the labor movement, providing a reminder that African Americans have played a major role in the fight for workers’ rights, making significant contributions to American history.

The book is also a powerful reminder of the importance of fighting against racism and for economic equality.

To get your copy, visit MillionWorkerMarch.com
Hazard pay approved: Pentagon prepares to expand troops in Ukraine

By Gary Wilson

The Pentagon has approved hazard pay for U.S. troops serving in Ukraine, paving the way for a possible expanded peacekeeping mission. Military Times reported July 27 on the new hazard pay policy. Troops who qualify will get back pay as far back as April 22, 2022.

“Grier Martin, who is temporarily serving as the Pentagon’s top personnel official, approved the change in a July 17 memo, which was posted to the unclassified ‘Air Force amn/nco/snco’ Facebook page,” Military Times says.

The approval of hazard pay is seen as a sign that the Pentagon is preparing for a possible expansion of the U.S. military presence in Ukraine. The Biden administration has steadily increased the number of special forces “advisers” and trainers in the country. While calling them advisers and trainers, they actively participate in the war.

Washington has a long history of entering wars this way, from Vietnam to Central America to Afghanistan. The U.S. initially claimed it was not sending “boots on the ground” to Vietnam, but eventually, there were over 500,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam. The U.S. also claimed that it was not sending troops to El Salvador, but eventually, over 500 U.S. special forces were operating in El Salvador, commanding the Salvadoran military dictatorship.

Washington won’t say that it is directly involved in combat in Ukraine. It can be expected to stick to euphemisms (advisers or security details) to describe its activities. The euphemisms are its way of expanding involvement, hoping no one will notice the increasing numbers of troops on the ground.

JoAnn Watson, beloved Detroit leader, dies

By Cheryl LaBash

Cuba lost a good friend on July 10 when the Rev. Dr. JoAnn Watson joined the ancestors. Watson originated the call “Doctors for Detroit” with the late Rev. Lucius Walker, founder of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization.

The goal of her Dec. 9, 2006, Saturday forum featuring Walker was to utilize her office as a Detroit Councilmember to explore “opportunities for Free Medical Training in Cuba” at the Latin American School of Medicine, known for its Spanish acronym ELAM.

Cuba’s historic leader Fidel Castro offered the scholarships during a Congressional delegation in 2000 when Watson was a representative. Bennie Thompson asked for Cuban doctors to help the people of his state. Every report on U.S. health outcomes ranks Mississippi at 49th or 50th. Black infant and maternal death are still genocidal even beyond Mississippi.

Today more than 220 Cuban-trained, debt-free doctors have returned to enter U.S. residency programs and serve the people throughout the U.S. Currently, three women are in Detroit hospital residency programs, and another is already providing first-rate, culturally competent, bilingual medical care in this city, plus more are in school now.

Detroit said goodbye to this beloved leader, unapologetically Black and Pan-African, on July 22 at a packed Fellowship Chapel. She was a teacher, mentor, radio host, grandmother, friend. The lifelong neighborhood friendships and ties that impacted her life included Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony, NAACP National Board Member and pastor at Fellowship Chapel, who concluded the tribute to her life; the late Representative John Conyers, who authored the original reparations congressional resolution in 1989 — HR 40 — to examine the merits of reparations to African Americans for U.S. slavery, putting the issue and systemic racism represented by it squarely on the national table, and the late Senator Barack Obama, who, while still a Chicago senator, endorsed her candidacy for mayor of Chicago.

Watson authored a Water Affordability Plan and testified in defense of demonstrators arrested for blocking the contractors from shutting off water at the order of the appointed emergency manager. After the imposed bankruptcy, she retired from the City Council, continuing the fight in other arenas.

Ebony J Curry, Senior Reporter for the Michigan Chronicle, wrote: “The memorial service for Watson was not merely a farewell. It was a shining beacon, a reflective mirror of the monumental influence this extraor- dinary woman wielded not only over the city of Detroit but within the pulsating heart of the Black movement in its entirety. Her spirit, her drive, and her unyielding commitment to justice were encapsulated in this gathering, in every tear shed, every fist raised, and every drumbeat that called us back to our roots. For in her passing, we did not lose a leader; we gained an ancestor whose memory will continue to inspire and guide us in the struggle for equality and freedom.”

At the time of her death, Watson co-chaired the Detroit Reparations Task Force initiated by the approval of 80% of Detroit voters for a 2021 ballot measure that called for the creation of a City Council Task Force to study and adopt the measure of reparations for African Americans.

Watson had been scheduled to meet the Cuban president last February during the embassy’s Detroit visit but was prevented from doing so due to a scheduling change at Wayne County Community College, where Watson taught classes.

We will forever hear her clarion call: Wake up, Detroit!

Women in Struggle rejects U.S./EU hostility to Cuba

From the United States, the members of Women in Struggle—Mujeres en Lucha strongly reject the hostile resolution proposed by the European Union against the Republic of Cuba.

The resolution raised in the European Parliament, which deals with the agreement on EU—Cuba cooperation and political dialogue, reflects once again the imperialist interference of the state that causes most wars and political instability in the world: the United States of America.

We do not doubt that these right-wing European representatives are mere messengers, lackeys of imperialism and its fascist impulse around the world, that feed the lowest and most inhuman political tendencies.

By Women in Struggle

We see it in the resurgence of racist attacks on African immigrants in various countries of the European Union, where their governments have chosen to make the lives of their own population more expensive to satisfy the cravings of U.S. warmongers.

As people who reside in the United States, we are witnessing the attacks committed daily against the poor, Black, Latinx and immigrant population. We stand in solidarity with the people and leadership of Revolutionary Cuba, which instead sends armies of teachers, doctors, firefighters and emergency personnel abroad. A Cuba that overflows with love instead of weapons. That promotes and embraces negotiation, as it has shown very well with our sister country Colombia.

So again we say: Long live Revolutionary Cuba, down with the Yankee empire!
NIGER: Old Europe on trial

By Geraldina Colott

Gold, silicon, oil (reserves es-
timated at 2 billion barrels), and
ew above, uranium are essential for
both the production of nuclear
plants and atomic bombs. Stra-
tegic raw materials for imperial-
ism, which needs to consolidate its
time, it is the European Union's ex-
pedition of the countries of the South.
This is the key to understanding the
filtration provoked, in the
United States and especially in
the European Union, by the coup
d'état in Niger.
On November 27, General Abdourah-
amane Tchiani, head of the
Presidential Guard, was pro-
claimed the new leader of Niger
and assumed the presidency of the
National Council for the Protection
of the Homeland (CNSP), after having
ousted the Western-backed President
Mohamed Bazoum. The communi-
quelled of the rebel military denounces
the “lack of measures to face the eco-
nomic crisis” and the “invasion of the
security situation,” undermined
by the violence of the jihadist groups.
Bazoum is accused of having “tried
to convince people that everything is
going well, the harsh reality is a lot of
death, displaced people, humiliation
and a crisis that has not brought
down. The current approach
has not brought security despite great
sacrifices.”

Niger is, in fact, the first supplier of uranium in the world (24% of its needs). With its 3.527 tons (5% of world production), it is the world’s six-largest uranium producer. A re-
source, however, which has not
benefit, considering that, accord-
ing to World Bank data from 2021, out
of a population of 27 million, only
18.6% had access to electricity.

Then there is on the table the large
amount of depleted uranium, waste from nuclear arms programs. This is
safeguarded by signing it over to
weapons companies, which use it as
virtually free “raw material” to
produce anti-tank munitions for use in the Middle East.

France directly controls two uran-
ium mines, Akouta and Arlit, through
its domination at the expense of a
French, Japanese, and Spanish joint
venture mine in the world, managed by
the company Orano, which changed
its name to Enevt at the beginning of
June. The president in 1961. The pro-West
Niger is a country that is under the
time of the so-called “Arab Spring,” which destabilized or
affected millions of people in the
Middle East. Italy, in a country with
similar problems, is subjected to
international “flows,” relying on rulers friendly
to the West.

France has not lost sight of reality and to
has said – as a threat to our country
and to the region that will drag on for years to come. We warned
the West against the destruction of the Libyan state... We told the West
to not lose sight of reality and to
cannot be taken lightly.

The failure of the neo-colonial model of Sahel politics is similar to that recorded in the Arab world today, especially among the Gulf monarchies, there is a marked tendency for pro-
Pantheon, who, with the Obama Ad-
ministration, supported the so-called
“Arab Spring,” which destabilized or
attempted to destabilize the Arab re-
ignitions and tactics of military interven-
tions, which has been fighting for years against the colonial pres-
ence, has led them to involve people to
protest, waving Russian flags and
shouting pro-Putin slogans in sup-
port of the military junta that seized
power. France charmed by the spread of rad-
ical Islamism, used as a weapon of
control by the U.S. and its allies, the
sahel, like the rest of the African con-
tinent, has seen the spread of a new
colonial occupation through the mili-
tary missions of multinational forces.

Military insurgents have denounced
that, despite having become the “core
of the French and Western interven-
tion in the Sahel,” Niger has remained
depressed by the explosion of Islamic
uprisings, and the Islamic State of
Libya, which brought together
300 soldiers. The failure of the so-
called “French intervention” is that
has not brought security despite great
sacrifices.

Niger is also a center of migra-
tory routes, and the issue of Libya, a
neighboring country, has much to do
with the management of flows im-
posed by “fortress Europe,” where
migrant trafficking is rampant. Into
this picture fits the so-called “Mattel plan” that the new government of
Giorgia Meloni (extreme right) is try-
ing to impose in Africa, and especially
in the Sahel, which has great impor-
tance for the empire; and the so-
called “Fortress Europe,” which is
friendly to the West.

In the past 20 years, Libya has become a transit point for millions of people of
different nationalities trying to
reach Europe. Since the signing of the
pga of Brussels in 2000, which
in 2017, more than 100 million euros
have found their way into the pockets
of the so-called Libyan coast guard in
training and equipment. One billion
from Italy and the EU for the various
missions in Libya and the Mediterr-
anean often used more to counter
volunteer rescuers on NGO boats than
to save lives. Since 2017, more than
500,000 people have been turned back
after being intercepted by the Libyan
Coast Guard in central Mediterranean
waters.

Italy, like all EU member states, needs oil and gas from Libya, a coun-
try that imperialist forces dismem-
bered by killing Gaddafi in 2011 and
over the last 12 years.

Meloni recently signed an $8 billion deal between Eni, the Italian national
hydrocarbon company, and the Libya-
ian National Oil Corporation for the
exploitation of an offshore gas field
off the coast of Tripoli.

To follow both the informal and
European Union directives, Italy does not
can be tackled.

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Bashagha, who controls most of Lib- ya’s territory and energy resources, and who operates on a pariah track from the cities of Syrte and Benghazi because Dbeibah government militias prevented him from entering Tripoli. Bashagha would be willing to offer Italy, whose Libyan gas imports have fallen from about 8 billion cubic me ters per year before 2011 to about 2.5 billion in 2022, gas and oil at low pric es. Italy, however, refuses.

In addition, it is estimated that from 2015 to 2022, the European Union spent between 93 and 178 million eu ros to reinforce Tunisia’s land and sea borders. To this must be added a final tranche of 105 million. A trend that will certainly not diminish with the rhetoric of the so-called “Mattei plan” for the development of Africa, launched by Meloni with a new inten tion of “colonialism in disguise.”

As Emmanuel Ness, author of the book “Migration as Economic Impe rialism” rightly explains, neoliberal capitalism and economic imperial ism cannot coexist. It is a question of the people without Third World migration. If we examine — says Ness in an interview to El Salto — the demographics of most rich countries, we see a population of migrants, mostly temporary migrants, represents more than 30% of the population.

In Qatar, foreign migrant labor makes up around a fifth of the population without citizenship rights. They are integral to the satisfaction of a whole range of needs of the capitalist class: from agricultural products, housing, and manufactured goods, to domestic and welfare services. Benefits that, without workers from the global pe riphery, would not be possible. But these migrant workers, who serve to ensure that capitalist profit ability is not reduced and the working class in the North continues to main tain a high standard of living, cannot enter and remain in the Global North permanently but are considered tem porary or “illegal” in most of Western Europe and North America, as well as in other rich states and economic cen ters, and are under relentless threat of detention, imprisonment, and depor tation. It is a central feature of the de pravity of 21st-century economic im perialism, says Ness.

In Niger, the military rebels issue a precise warning: “Any external military intervention, whatever its origin, would risk causing disastrous and in calculable consequences for our pop ulations and would be chaos for our country.” Words that echo those of the Ghanaian revolutionary, a lead ing figure in the history of decoloni zation and pan-Africanism, Kwame Nkrumah, born in 1909 and died in 1972: “Dedicated as I am to the total destruction of colonialism in all its forms, I do not support any colonial government of any kind. The British, French, Portuguese, Belgians, Span ish, Germans and Italians, at one time or another, have ruled parts of Africa or continue to do so. Their methods may have been different, but their objectives were the same: to enrich themselves at the expense of their colonies.”

Source: Cuba en Resumen

of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso, to name a few.

The objective of the U.S./EU/NATO Axis of Domination is colonial con trol of Niger and the Sahel region. France and other EU countries rely on Niger for 15-30 percent of their uranium imports, critical to Europe’s nuclear energy sector. Meanwhile, the majority of Niger’s population doesn’t even have access to electric ity. Furthermore, Niger is the last state in West Africa where a large number of Western soldiers are stationed under the U.S. “War on Terror” regime. The $100 million U.S. base in Agadez, Niger, is where the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) op erates its drones, and is just one such AFRICOM facility in that country. As Ezra Otiño, member of the Revolutionary Socialist League in Britain and AFRICOM’s U.S. Out of Africa Network Steering Committee, says: “For all of these factors, France, the EU, and the U.S. are keen to maintain control over Niger. They aim to push the new authorities to restore their puppet Bazoum or to reach an arrangement with General Tchiani to maintain his predeces sor’s pro-Western stance. If these preparations fail within the next few days, Western imperialists want to intervene militarily with the support of their foot soldiers in the Nige ria-dominated ECOWAS bloc.”

It is clear that the United States and France have decided to draw a line here before France is expelled and U.S. interests are threatened. Without NATO, the United States or France, ECOWAS would not be able to intervene. It is telling that, of all the coups in Africa, ECOWAS is ready to intervene militarily in Niger. This is because their masters in the West demand it. Apparently, ECOWAS member states have chosen servitude to imperialism over the people’s will. In Haiti, the imperialists use Kenya and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) as cover for their intervention. To do the same for the coup in Niger, they have the President of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, and ECOWAS.

Now they are facing a unified front composed of Burkina Faso and Mali, whose leadership have all expressed support for Niger’s sovereignty. While the CNRD of Guinea, Comité national du rassemblement et du développement (National Committee of Reconciliation and Development) is not part of the front, its spokes person, Aminata Diallo said that if “... requested by ECOWAS to send troops that we would refuse...”

ECOWAS is working as a comprador structure, along with the West Afri can Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), which has levied financial sanctions against Niger and the coup leaders. The situation in Niger demands an African response, not the imperialist-led and anti-people militarized one suggested by mem bers of ECOWAS.

The Black Alliance for Peace October 2023 International Month of Action against western militariza tion of the African continent, de manding that the U.S. Africa Com mand (AFRICOM) is shut down, will be more important than ever before. The annual Month of Action is an opportunity for political education and action that links the domestic war being waged against African peoples in the United States with the war that the United States wages on the continent of Africa and globally. From Haiti to Niger and beyond, we must build an understanding of Pan-Africanism and illuminate the interdependent geo-political and economic interests among African and Black people in Haiti, the Americas, the African continent, and among those domestically colonized in the enclaves of the imperialist countries.

No to imperialism in Black face. Yes to Pan-African self-determination. U.S. out of Africa!
En peligro juvenil boricua

Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

PR es un país donde la inestabilidad económica y política hace migrar a su población, sobre todo a la más joven. Un país-colonia donde la administración local es meramente el servidor del verdadero gobier-

no, que es la Junta de Control Fiscal impuesta por el Congreso estadounidense. Y ambos, junta y gobier-

no local, han obliterado la esperanza de un futuro a nuestros jóvenes al dar prioridad al capital, sobre todo el extranjero, a costa de las necesidades del pueblo boricua. Por eso se han cerrado escuelas, se han privatizado servicios esenciales como la salud y en gran medida la educación. Se ha dificultado el tener una vivienda y un trabajo digno, mientras se le abren las puertas a los inversionistas millonarios ex-

trajeros que compran miles de edificios para con-

vertirlos en alquileres de corto plazo para turistas.

Y para añadir, esta semana la Organización Kilómetro Cero ha develado en un artículo una re-

alidad que se ha ocultado por más de 15 años: y es

que en PUERTO RICO se protege más a las armas que a los menores. Aquí, las armas de fuego son la prim-

era causa de muerte en menores de edad. 

Casi a diario nos enteramos de muertes violentas donde menores de edad están involucrados. Porque además, por la falta de recursos y de interés del go-

bierno por el bienestar de nuestro pueblo, de nuestros jóvenes, niños y niñas de hasta de 12 años o menos, son reclutados por el Narco. Y no se puede dudar que PR es ahora un Narcoestado.

Si hay una poderosa razón para descolonizar aho-

ra mismo a Puerto Rico, para obtener nuestra in-

dependencia y nuestra soberanía, es precisamente esa: ¡nuestra juventud!

Eventos del Cerro de los Mártires

Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

Esta semana se ha conmemorado en Puerto Rico el horro crimen de estado perpetrado contra dos jóvenes independentistas el 25 de julio de 1978 durante el aniversario de la invasión estadounidense. En ese entonces, un agente encubierto de la policía se había infiltrado en un grupo pro indepen-

dencia para incitar a cometer un acto terrorista en una montaña al sur de la isla. La acción sería lalar una torre de comunicaciones. Al final, los jóvenes independentistas Armando Diego Rosa-

do y Carlos Soto Arrivi, víctimas de una emboscada de la policía, fueron cobar-

damente asesinadas cuando agentes de la policía les dispararon por la espalda. 

Cada 25 de julio, las fuerzas independentistas acuden a ese lugar, el Cerro Maravilla bautizado como Cerro de los Mártires, para honrar la memo-

ría de estos jóvenes y renovar el voto por la lucha de liberación.

Este año fue dedicado a la gran activista Rita Ze-

gotita, socialista e independentista, luchadora por los derechos humanos.

Mujeres en Lucha rechaza hostilidad de EE.UU. y la UE hacia Cuba

Desde los Estados Unidos, la membresía de Mujeres en Lucha-Women in Struggle re-

chazamos contundentemente la hostil reso-

lución propuesta por la Unión Europea en contra de la República de Cuba. La resolución elevada en el Parlamento Eu-

ropeo, y que trata sobre el acuerdo de cooperación y diálogo político UE-Cuba, refleja una vez más la injerencia imperialista del estado que más guerras e inestabilidad política provoca en el mundo: los Estados Unidos de América. Porque no dudamos que estos representantes europeos de derecho son meros mensajeros, la-

cayos del imperialismo y de su impulso fascista alrededor del mundo que alimenta las más bajas e

humanas tendencias políticas. Lo vemos en el re-

surgimiento de ataques racistas a inmigrantes afrí-

canos en varios países de la Unión Europea. Donde sus gobiernos han optado por encarecer la vida de

su propia población para satisfacer las ansias guer-

ristas de EUA.

Como personas que residimos en EUA, somos testigos de los atques cometidos diariamente en contra de su propia población pobre, negra, latina e inmigrante. Nos solidarizamos con el pueblo y dirigencia de esa Cuba Revolucionaria que sir la vivencia: ejércitos de maestros, de médicos, de bomberos y de personal de emergencias. Una Cuba que desbor-

da amor en vez de armas. Que promueve y abraza la negociación como muy bien ha demostrado con nuestra hermana Colombia.

Así que de nuevo decimos: ¡Viva Cuba Revolucio-

naria y Abajo el Imperio Yanqui!

NYC salutes 70th anniversary of Cuban Revolution

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olution. It was important, he said, that it demands Cubas to be taken off the bogus State Sponsors of Ter-

orism list.

Council member Charles Barron played a key role in pushing the resolution through the council. Bar-

ron rightfully wants the United States on a list of terrorist countries.

Verdree paid tribute to Cuba’s aid to African lib-

eration. Over 2,000 Cubans died alongside their Af-

rican comrades in defeating the fascist armies of apartheid South Africa.

Several people, including Gail Walker, Executive Director of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, were recently arrest-

ed for merely asking to speak to U.S. Senator Robert Menendez about Cuba. Menendez is chair of the Senate’s Foreign Relations Committee and a hardline supporter of the cruel blockade of Cuba. One of those arrested was Calla Walsh, a co-chair of the National Network on Cuba, who spoke at the rally. Walsh said that when she and the others were released from jail on

June 22, one of the first things she heard was that the New York City Council resolution condemning the blockade of Cuba had passed.

Across the United States, the struggle is heating up. Hands off Cuba! 