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TELL BIDEN: No war! U.S./NATO hands off Russia and Donbass!

By Greg Butterfield

Jan. 24 — U.S. imperialism is playing with fire in Eastern Europe. U.S. officials are toying with the lives of millions of people in Europe, Asia and potentially the entire world with their unprecedented campaign of threats, provocations and war propaganda aimed at the Russian Federation.

The Biden regime and corporate media are lying when they warn of an "imminent" Russian invasion of Ukraine. The real danger of invasion comes from the U.S.-supported, NATO-armed Ukrainian government against the peoples of the independent Donbass republics of Donetsk and Lugansk on Russia's Western border.

Wall Street, its bought-and-paid-for politicians and the Pentagon have long sought to dominate all of the former Soviet Union, including Russia. Big Oil is especially rabid to stop Russian oil and gas from reaching the European Union, so that erstwhile U.S. allies are forced to rely on their products instead.

Today the U.S. announced it was pulling diplomats' families and other "nonessential personnel" out of Ukraine. It's not because they are in danger from Russia. Rather, it's another in a long line of war provocations by Washington and the NATO military alliance it dominates.

U.S. politicians are working to create a wartime atmosphere so that any defensive action by Russia or the Donbass republics, or a wholly manufactured incident, can be used to justify Ukrainian aggression and NATO intervention.

After a week of talks where Secretary of State Antony Blinken continued stonewalling Russia on its just demands for security guarantees against NATO expansion, and when Biden said at a news conference that his "guess" was that a Russian invasion of Ukraine was inevitable, it seemed on Jan. 21 there might be a glimmer of hope that the U.S. warmongers would take a step back.

Blinken finally agreed to Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's request to give a written U.S. response to Russia's draft statement on security guarantees, more than a month after it was pre-



Protest against NATO Summit in Chicago, May 2012.

National Days of Action Feb. 4-12



HONDURAS inaugurates Xiomara Castro

By John Parker

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Jan. 26 — A delegation of activists representing organizations from various countries arrived in Tegucigalpa yesterday, at the invitation of the Libre Party, to celebrate with them the inauguration of President-elect Xiomara Castro, who is also a member of the Libre Party.

President Castro's overwhelming victory follows the rapid deterioration of life for the people of Honduras after the 2009 coup that kidnapped and overthrew the elected government of self-described pro-socialist President Manuel Zelaya. That coup — with technical, logistical and monetary support from the U.S. — was led by two Honduran military officers who had trained at the Pentagon's notorious "School of the Americas." The school made headlines in 1996 when the Pentagon released training manuals used at the school that advocated torture, extortion and execution.

After the coup, fraudulent elections were imposed on the country, seeking to give legitimacy to the coup regime. But the economy and social well-being of Honduras was destroyed by rapid privatizations, environmental destruction and brutal repression and torture targeting any supporters of Zelaya, especially those in the National Front of Popular Resistance (FNRP) which formed after the coup to bring back the legitimate presidency of Zelaya. Women and LGBTQ2S members were also severely targeted and tortured.

In spite of the repression, the courageous people of Honduras continued to grow their re-

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Donbass! U.S./NATO Out of Ukraine! Feb. 5

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In response to capitalist economic turmoil, war funding soars

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Wall Street and the stock market have been like a roller coaster.

On Jan. 24, stocks were falling, with the S&P 500 Index down 3.8%, the Dow Industrial Average down 2.7% and the Nasdaq Composite down 4.5%. The widespread sell-off for the Dow and the S&P 500 started on the second trading day in January; and for the Nasdaq in November. The Nasdaq is down nearly 20% from its high in November.

Early 2022 is now, officially, the worst-ever start in the history of the S&P 500, which goes back to 1929.

Part of the stock market volatility is that inflation keeps jumping upward, pushing wages to new lows. “Although average hourly wages rose 4.7% last year, overall wages fell 2.4% on average for all workers, when adjusted for inflation, according to the Labor Department,” the [Jan. 22 Washington Post reported](#).

Cryptocurrency vaporized

Also part of the turmoil is the cryptocurrency crash. The dramatic sell-off in bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies has been even steeper than the stock market fall. Bitcoin lost more than 12% on Jan. 21, with Ethereum losing 15%.

The two largest cryptos now trade at 50% below from their all-time highs. As the [Washington Post reported](#), “A two-month slide in the global cryptocurrency market has vaporized \$1.4 trillion.” The losses are tremendous.

The capitalist economy was pushed into a steep downturn by the pandemic.

At the beginning of the global COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, shutdowns swept the capitalist world economy in a frantic and failed attempt to bring the pandemic to a halt.

Much like what happens when a country goes into a war economy, normal capitalist production stopped. Industrial production in the U.S. suffered the most severe plunge on record.

The Federal Reserve reported on May 15, 2020, that its industrial production index tumbled a record 11.2% in April 2020. Manufacturing output also posted a record drop — 13.7% — as the production of cars, trucks and auto parts plummeted more than 70%.

Production of aerospace and other transportation products, metals and furniture fell around 20%. Output dropped 6.1% at mines and 0.9% at utilities. The implosion of the U.S. industrial sector was known, but the scale of the collapse was stunning.

Industry was running at 64.9% of capacity in April 2020, shattering the previous record low set in the Great Recession years of 2007-09. Factory capacity utilization also hit a record low of 61.1%.

Industrial production remained depressed throughout 2020.

This was not a capitalist crisis of overproduction, the usual boom and bust cycle of capitalism, but instead capitalist production crashed because of the shutdown to fight the pandemic.

The coronavirus depression

This sudden cutback in production threatened to cause a deeper crisis. That's when

the Federal Reserve central bank “expanded” the money supply, printing more money. That stalled a general collapse.

Congress distributed some of this newly-created money to the general population with stimulus checks. The IRS issued three stimulus checks, one in April 2020, a second in December 2020-January 2021, and the last one in March 2021.

In the initial \$4 trillion “relief” package passed by Congress, \$884 billion went to workers and their families; that is less than one-fifth of the money. The rest went to businesses, primarily major corporations like the airline industry that are part of the military-industrial complex, not just to producers of consumer goods and services.

One of the effects of the stimulus checks, however, was a surge in consumer spending. This surge meant the industrial and merchant capitalists had to rebuild inventories, as well as rebuild raw material supplies and parts. This created a demand for commodities throughout the capitalist world, which turned out to be highly inflationary.

Coming out of the coronavirus depression has been bumpy in the U.S. The shutdowns ended prematurely, with industry reopening without controlling the spread of the coronavirus. With each reopening there has been a new wave of COVID-19 infections, followed by temporary restrictions and mandates that have so far failed to bring an end to the pandemic in the U.S.

Putting business demands first has proven to be bad for public health. In China, using a broad, socialist public health system, the coronavirus is under control. China has not turned over its healthcare system to the pharmaceutical industry and therefore has not made vaccinations its only way to fight the coronavirus.

In fact, China has no vaccine mandate — everyone can get the vaccine and most do because they want to protect themselves and everyone around them.

China has taken a broad and vigorous approach to fighting COVID-19 that includes easy testing, physical distancing and full meal delivery to anyone requiring isolation, masks, good ventilation, and full contact tracing as well as vaccines.

Build back better?

As with any capitalist depression, the economic impact has been hardest on the working class.

The official unemployment rate reached 14.8% — or really 33.2% according to the [Ludwig Institute](#) — in April 2020 after industrial production was shut down. That was the highest since the Great Depression of the 1930s. In October 2021, reports indicated that almost 10% of adults in the U.S. reported that their households didn't have enough to eat.

The unemployment figures given by the Labor Department and reported in the big business media don't include part-time workers who want full-time jobs or so-called discouraged workers who have been unable to find a job. The true rate of unemployment right now is 23.3%, says the Ludwig Institute.

While there are misleading reports about “labor shortages” in the big business media, the jobs that aren't being taken are at poverty-level wages and most often are dangerous to personal health and well-being, mainly from exposure to COVID-19.

To help revive the economy, President Joe Biden and the Democrats have proposed a set of legislative packages that together they call “Build Back Better,” at a projected cost of \$2.2 trillion over 10 years. So far, they have been unable to enact any of this legislation, mainly because of two Democratic senators.

Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) [got a surge in donations](#) from “corporations, business leaders and outside groups” including Verizon, Union Pacific, Wells Fargo as well as the Koch network, CNBC reported, to oppose Build Back Better.

The other is Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.), who [got contributions from over 50 billionaires](#), including several Trump supporters, to oppose Build Back Better.

Meanwhile the Democrats have been able to super-size the Pentagon's budget to \$768 billion for 2022. According to a projection by the [Congressional Budget Office](#), military spending over the next decade will be about \$8.5 trillion.

On Jan. 25, [The Intercept reported](#) that House Democrats are looking to bypass typical procedures and fast-track a vote on legislation that would send \$500 million in military aid to Ukraine.

Why is Congress increasing military spending, when the alleged reason to block "Build Back Better" was because it was excessive?

The Pentagon buildup is a political manifestation of the capitalist economic drive to war caused by the need to subordinate other countries and peoples to the profit-making activities of U.S. big business.

The demands of imperialism are what's driving Congress, determining what gets funded and what's put aside.

Right now, the U.S. sees the confrontation with Russia as a way to cut Europe off from Russian gas — and force it to buy U.S.-controlled gas — as well as blocking the "Silk Road" overland trade with China. That's why the Democrats can pass the biggest Pentagon budget increase ever but can't manage to fund Build Back Better.



Special briefing - Tell Biden No War! U.S./NATO hands off Russia & Donbass!

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He has written extensively on developments in Ukraine and Donbass since 2014. In September 2014, he visited Crimea to meet with exiled Ukrainian activists; when he attempted to visit the city of Kharkov in eastern Ukraine, he was deported at gunpoint.

In 2016, he went to Donetsk and Lugansk, attending an anti-fascist conference and visiting the people's militia near the front line. Many of his articles and translations can be found at Red Star Over Donbass.



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Murder and voting rights

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The Moore home after the bomb explosion Photo: Moore Cultural Complex
Harriette Moore and Harry T. Moore died for the right to vote. The [Ku Klux Klan bombed their Mims, Florida, home](#) on Christmas Day in 1951.

It was the couple's 25th wedding anniversary. They left behind two daughters, Annie Moore and Evangeline Moore.

Harry Moore died on the way to the hospital while Harriette Moore died nine days later. Both had to be taken to a hospital 30 miles away in Sanford because the

nearest hospital wouldn't admit Black patients.

The [Klan chose Christmas to bomb](#) because that was the only day these two organizers and teachers would both be at home. As leader of the Florida NAACP, Harry Moore helped register more than 100,000 Black voters, more than in any other Southern state at the time.

No one was ever convicted of these foul murders. Nearby Orange County was so [Klan-infested](#) that the county sheriff was a member.

Medgar Evers assassinated

Medgar Evers was also murdered for the right to vote. The Mississippi NAACP field secretary was assassinated on June 12, 1963. Evers traveled constantly through Mississippi encouraging Black people to register to vote.

It took 30 years to bring the assassin, Byron De La Beckwith, to justice. At this murderer's first trial, Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett embraced Beckwith in the courtroom leading to a hung jury.

World War II veteran [Maceo Snipes](#) was the first Black person to vote in a primary election in Georgia's Taylor County on July 17, 1946. He was named after the "Bronze Titan" who helped lead the Cuban wars of independence.

The next day four Klan members confronted Snipes while he was eating dinner with his mother. Snipes was shot in the back by Edward Cooper.

Snipes wasn't operated on until six hours after he was wounded. He was denied a blood transfusion because the blood supply was segregated and the hospital didn't have any "Black blood."

As a result Maceo Snipes died on July 20, 1946. The coroner's jury claimed Cooper

was justified in killing Maceo Snipes.

A 17-year-old student at Morehouse College wrote a letter of protest to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. His name was Martin Luther King, Jr.

Without struggle there is no progress

Seventy-five years after Maceo Snipes was murdered, the Georgia state legislature made it illegal to offer a chair or a glass of water to people waiting in line to vote, even if they were elderly or disabled.

What should be illegal are laws like these that try to prevent poor and working people from voting. Hundreds of laws are being railroaded through state capitols designed to deprive people of their voting rights.

All of them violate the U.S. Constitution's 15th Amendment, which guarantees the right to vote. Don't look to the U.S. Supreme Court to enforce it.

In 2013 a majority of the high court threw out a key enforcement provision of the Voting Rights Act in their *Shelby v. Holder* decision.

The 24th Amendment outlawed poll taxes. Yet the same court has upheld laws that often require money to purchase identification and are indeed taxes.

The right to vote was won on the battlefields of the Civil War and by the Reconstruction governments that followed. It was Black troops in the Union Army and the general strike of Black workers in the South that played the key role in defeating the slave masters' confederacy.

The Reconstruction state governments, backed by Black voters, established the first public school systems in the South. These were the best governments poor white people ever had.

Ku Klux Klan terror overthrew Reconstruction and stole the right to vote from Black people. The 1890 Mississippi state constitution outlawed Black people from voting. A white mob in 1898 overthrew the Black-majority city government in Wilmington, North Carolina.

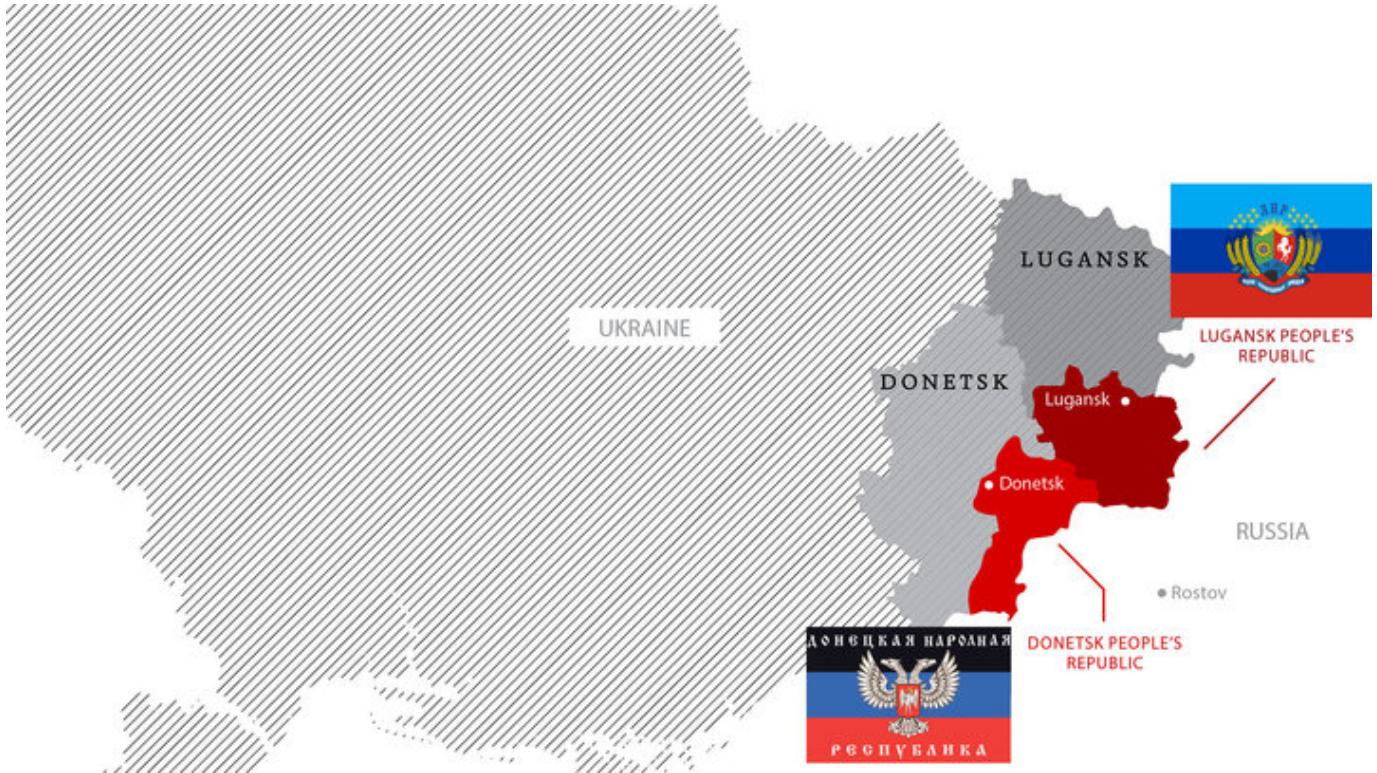
Thousands of people — including Harriette Moore, Harry T. Moore, Medgar Evers, Maceo Snipes and Dr. King — died for the right to vote. The drive to roll back voting rights is revenge for Trump's defeat and the 26 million people who marched to declare Black Lives Matter!

As Frederick Douglass said, without struggle there is no progress. After 50 years of cutbacks, the pent-up anger of workers and poor people will defend their right to vote by any means necessary.



'We have a common cause': Anti-war appeals from Donbass activists

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As the U.S. and NATO threaten war with Russia and push Ukraine to invade the Donbass republics of Donetsk and Lugansk, Struggle-La Lucha shares these messages to the anti-war movement from activists living in the Donbass.

Alexey Albu is a coordinator of Borotba (Struggle) of Ukraine and Donbass, a Marxist and anti-fascist organization banned by the Ukrainian regime. Albu is a survivor of the May 2, 2014, Odessa massacre, when Ukrainian neo-Nazis set fire to the House of Trade Unions, killing nearly 50 people. Albu was then forced into exile under threat of death.

Hello dear friends!

Western countries are whipping up hysteria in the media, evacuating diplomats, sending military instructors, weapons and ammunition to the Ukrainian neo-Nazi government.

Now right-wing radical groups have announced mobilization all over Ukraine - they are gathering volunteers for the front.

In addition, we are receiving disturbing news from Transnistria - Moldova is also transferring military equipment, and negotiations between Tiraspol and Chisinau have reached an impasse.

All this is happening against the backdrop of an unprecedented impoverishment of the people, rising utility costs and prices, an infrastructure crisis, and a lack of heat in many homes in Ukraine.

For President Zelensky, the war can be a salvation - he will say that Russia is to blame for everything.

We will be grateful if you, together with other comrades at your actions, demand that your government not send aid to the neo-fascist regime of Ukraine, because this money can be used to solve social problems at home.

I also want all comrades to know that the Donbass is no longer as weak as before. And anti-fascists from Odessa, Kharkov, Zaporozhye, Nikolaev and other cities of Ukraine are not sitting idly by - they are also preparing very hard.

We sincerely thank you for your solidarity! We really hope that peace, equality and progress will come to the planet Earth!

Red salute!

Alexey Albu, Borotba

*Message from **Communist Party of the Donetsk People's Republic***

Dear comrades!

On behalf of the Communist Party of the Donetsk People's Republic, we sincerely thank you for your solidarity with the people of Donbass.

Today, the irresponsible actions of the U.S. imperialists, their allies and satellites have once again brought the world to the brink of a global armed conflict. The progressive forces of all countries must unite their efforts to prevent a catastrophe.

The key elements of the international anti-imperialist front - the people's republics of Donbass, Syria, Venezuela, North Korea, Cuba - are now in a particularly difficult situation. Each of these states may at any moment be subjected to a full-scale attack on the part of the imperialists.

Today, it is especially important to strengthen the international solidarity of the working people and use the current difficult situation to move towards a more just society. We greatly appreciate your support and will do our best to live up to the expectations that foreign comrades place on our struggle.

We have a common cause. The most acute problems of our time can be solved only on a worldwide basis, only through global socialist transformations.

Long live international anti-imperialist solidarity!

Sincerely,

Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Donetsk People's Republic



Long March begins for Turkish revolutionaries imprisoned in Greece

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We want a fair trial for the 11 revolutionaries from Turkey imprisoned in Greece

The fascist oligarchy in Turkey and U.S. imperialism ordered and the lackey Greek state carried out the arrests.

[Eleven revolutionaries from Turkey](#) were sentenced to a total of 333 years of imprisonment without any evidence against them. The decision was made on behalf of the fascist oligarchy in Turkey and U.S. imperialism.

We will not bow our heads before injustice and unlawfulness!

Our Long March for Justice and Freedom for the 11 revolutionary captives in Greece will commence on Jan. 27, 2022, starting from Germany and then to Ireland, England, Belgium, France, Austria, Switzerland and Italy, and will end in Greece.

Revolutionaries cannot be tried and punished under the pretext of “terrorism.” Being a revolutionary is a historical duty. The real terrorists are imperialists and the fascist states collaborating with them.

With our Long March, we will show that revolutionaries, who have undertaken the most historical and honorable duty in the world, are not alone. We will condemn imperialism and fascism that turned the world into a bloodbath, exploiting the people of the world and condemning them to starvation and poverty.

We are looking forward to the utmost internationalist solidarity of our people and friends and all oppressed-exploited people of the world who live in every country we will pass through.

Internationalism is the most powerful weapon of the peoples against the imperialist looters!

Internationalism is the brotherhood and friendship of peoples!

Let us strengthen international solidarity and common struggle to demand freedom and justice for the 11 revolutionaries in Turkey. Let's join the Long March and support it.

Committee for Justice

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While China successfully battles COVID, the U.S. targets China and loses the battle against COVID

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The U.S. media is spreading a message that the omicron variant of COVID-19 may be the final wave in the pandemic that has taken 5.63 million lives globally, and 875,000 in the U.S. - the U.S. has the highest death toll in the world.

Even as the death count in areas of the U.S. is rising as predicted by epidemiologists and virologists, a pro-business push to herd people back to work and students back to in-person classes is underway. The push has been embraced by the Centers for Disease Control, and by Biden's Chief Medical Adviser, Anthony Fauci.

While omicron's symptoms may be less severe than the delta variant, it is still a killer and is currently averaging 2,200 deaths per day throughout the country. Because it infects people so much more efficiently than previous variants, according

to a [Jan. 24 Reuters article](#), “The omicron death toll has now surpassed the height of deaths caused by the more severe delta variant when the seven-day average peaked at 2,078 on Sept. 23 last year.”

In the year 2021, there were 476,863 deaths from the disease in the U.S. During the same year, in China there were only two coronavirus deaths.

Comparing population figures of the United States and China to the respective numbers of COVID-19 deaths, one arrives at a jaw-dropping conclusion. In China, 0.00041% of the population died, while in the U.S. 0.26596% of the population died. You would have to multiply China’s percentage by 653 for it to have been as bad as the death toll in the U.S.

This yawning gap of a difference has had the U.S. propaganda machine – from intelligence agencies, to the White House and State Department and the multi-millionaire spokesmodels that serve as newscasters – spinning a defensive web of lies and all manner of slander against every aspect of China’s “People’s War” against the virus. The bogus “lab leak” theory has lost steam, but the latest tirade is to rally around the case of Zhang Zhan, a right-wing, anti-communist crusader, championed by the Western media and by Amnesty International.

At the beginning of the pandemic

Zhang, who calls herself a “citizen journalist,” was arrested by Chinese authorities in May of 2020. She had traveled to Wuhan in February 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic. She didn’t go there to help in the way that tens of thousands of Chinese volunteers did at the risk of their own health. Instead, she went to record and publish video to opportunistically show the suffering and bolster the U.S. cold-war propaganda that was already underway before the pandemic.

Zhang recorded video at crematoria in Wuhan and at overcrowded hospitals that

were in crisis mode. She posted videos on YouTube accusing the government of “intimidation and threats” and claiming that people were going hungry and being neglected. She did all of this as scientists and government leaders were scrambling to understand and gain control of the virus. If she had arrived several weeks later she would have witnessed the beginning of the end for the initial short-lived torrent of death. For nearly two years now, only 3 people have died of COVID in China.

Zhang is a longtime participant of the U.S. system that churns out lies and foments counterrevolutions. The National Endowment for Democracy and other neo-CIA organizations have nurtured “protest” groups in Hong Kong and Taiwan and have supported the “Weiquan movement” in mainland China, which Zhang is a participant in. They spout the usual laundry list of “issues” against the Communist Party leadership. Sometimes their message is not subtle criticism. While the U.S. pushed the anti-communist “protest” movement in Hong Kong in 2019, Zhang held up an umbrella in Shanghai emblazoned with the words “End socialism, Communist Party down.”

Her case has garnered sympathy from organizations that are based on anti-communism as they stand as opponents of human rights abuses. Her history of engaging in “hunger strikes” gives her a façade that appeals to “liberal” media outlets like the Guardian and the New York Times, and nongovernmental organizations like Amnesty International, as well as the United Nations human rights office.

Zhang’s mother told the press that she’s very concerned because her daughter is only eating fruit and cookies. Admittedly, that is not the healthiest diet and that would concern any mother, but it is not a hunger strike. Zhang is not anything like Bobby Sands or the other Irish republican hunger strikers in the struggle against British imperialism or any of the Palestinian hunger strikers protesting their imprisonment without trial by the Zionist occupation regime of Israel.

China has literally saved millions of lives through their “People’s War” and their continuing zero-COVID campaign. China’s international medical solidarity, and their call for global cooperation to aid Africa, Asia and Latin America points the way forward to end the pandemic. Regardless of whatever media campaign they are using, the U.S. will never be able to drive a wedge between the Chinese people and the Chinese Communist leadership.

