U.S. HANDS OFF VENEZUELA!

By Cheryl LaBash

Venezuelan workers were in the streets the morning of Jan. 23 in a massive show of support for President Nicolás Maduro and the program of the pro-working class Bolivarian Revolution. They expressed determination to defend the anti-imperialist struggle against the U.S. military incursion on Jan. 23 to oppose U.S.-backed coups against the Bolivarian Revolution.

Chavista forces routed a short-lived rebellion by members of the National Guard on Jan. 23. According to venezuelananalysis.com, several dozen right-wing residents threw rocks, bottles, and incendiary devices, and shards of the Bolivarian government. A hand grenade put the band in a hand of a protester, according to police. The protesters incited by the U.S. and its regime-change agents in Latin America.

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On Jan. 10, Bolivarian Venezuela inaugurated its president, Nicolás Maduro, for a second term. It was a victory that Maduro, formerly a leader of the bus drivers’ union, took office. Venezuelans have had to overcome multifaceted imperial attacks aimed at destoying the pro-socialist, internationalist project begun by Hugo Chávez, which continues the struggle for independence and liberation envisioned by Simón Bolívar.

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Rosa Estrella

In the days leading up to Maduro’s inauguration on Jan. 9, Resumen Latinoamericanos shared video of U.S. helicopter gunships landing at a military base in Panama. Panama’s President Juan Carlos Varela met with the U.S. Southern Command in Florida on Jan. 5. This was a clear threat to Venezuela.

By John Parker

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In the first place, we must understand who our friends are as compared to our enemies. That’s important because many of the solutions proposed by both Democrats and Republicans would have us rely on politicians bought and paid for by the industrial and financial monopoly entities that actually run this country. We can’t depend on them. They profit from our misery. So who can we depend on and get leadership from?

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FRANCE

Gilets Jaunes Act 12

Tens of thousands of Gilets Jaunes (Yellow Vests) demonstrators marched in Paris and other French cities on Feb. 2, the twelfth consecutive weekend (Act 12) of protests. Official media reports say that more than 100,000 participated. Protests are meeting increased police violence.

The police have started shooting “nonlethal” flashballs — rubber bullets that are fired from weapons with the stopping power of a .38 caliber pistol. They can do real damage. There is a report that someone shot by a flashball lost an eye.

Gilets Jaunes under attack: tinyurl.com/yab68nqd

IRELAND

Nurses in mass strike

Forty thousand members of the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation staged the first in a series of six 12-hour work stoppages on Jan. 30. They are demanding pay parity with other health care professional staff. As it stands now, nurses are the lowest earning degree graduates in the health care system. In addition to pay, conditions in hospitals are appalling.

See Brexit: Reunification in Ireland? Page 2

25,000 auto workers walk out

An estimated 25,000 workers at about 48 factories went on strike on Jan. 32 to demand higher pay. Minimum wage for maquiladora workers in border towns such as Matamoros, a city with about 10 factories directly south of Brownsville, Texas, is about $9.20 a day or $1.55 an hour. Workers are pushing for a 20 percent raise and a one-time bonus of $1,700.

Read more: Canadian auto workers standing behind 25,000 Mexican auto workers who’ve walked off the job: tinyurl.com/yab68nqd
Mumia Abu-Jamal's fight for freedom

The international movement to free Mumia has been working hard to make Mumia Abu-Jamal's name as well known as Malcolm X. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman, Nelson Mandela, Biko, Raul Castro, Paulo Freire, Ali and many others have fought for justice and equality. Freeing Mumia will open the door to freedom for all people who have resisted efforts to dismantle the prison-industrial complex, end the racist death penalty and illuminate police brutality and the discriminatory purpose of the police — if there is any at all.

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What was won in Los Angeles teachers’ strike

By John Parker

For almost two years the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and Superintend-
ent Austin Beutner, whose background is business and not education, had rejected pro-
posals to invest in public schools. They rejected the teachers’ demands for lower class sizes, more full-time nurses, counselors and librarians sufficient for the needs of every school; reject-
ed unresponsive governance; gutted programs, includ-
ing music, art and science — not more testing. Instead, the district was aggressively push-
ing ahead plans to enable the increase of charter schools over public schools in order to defend public education in favor of private schools for the sake of corporate interests and the disem-
powerment of the working class. This is what the ruling class is doing nationally.

This is what the historic UTLA strike was about, pushing back against the attack on public education and the 97% of people of color who make up the students of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

According to many teachers, the Jan. 22 contract agreement had significant gains that in-
cluded wage increases and provisions for smaller class sizes, more essential staff such as nurses and counselors, reduction of standard-
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tial education gets in the way of that.

To continue on build on, this was a victory,” said Ron Gochez, a longtime United Teachers Los Ange-
les member and teacher who’s also a part of the Solidaridad for the teachers, the mayor inter-
ceded and made up of community and teachers, other unions and students. And, the sit-

The strength of the union was bolstered by the massive community, student and parent-
support that organised already doing this work.” This support has gone and counselor additions — although in a way helping the community members could easily take part in or do not have the capacity to do so.

While people are still discussing the outcome of the LAUSD strike, there are those who view the outcome as a major issue in the LA public school system. I’ll be damned if I’m going to let a privileged, self-serving representative of the billionaire capitalist class are hell bent on destroying public education. The spread of privately run charter schools that take funding and other re-
sources from public schools — whose students are mainly Black and Brown — is a major issue in the strike. On Jan. 18, several UTLA chapters joined with Unión del Barrio for a large press con-
ference of students, teachers, parents and community organizations at South Central Los Angeles’ Maya Angelou High School to demonstrate the broad community support for striking teachers.

“Labor unions strengthened

Unions in general have been on the defen-
sive, but in Los Angeles, the community and the state is now fighting back.

The fact that UTLA held a strike resulting in an even more united force with the community — one that required national respect and means that any attacks or backlashing on the part of the billionaires, their politicians and LAUSD that will now be met with a much stronger ability to fight back.

Another lesson of this strike concerns a move across the board. Socio-political concerns about the making of production away from the ruling class billionaires so that the working-class make up a livable wage for teachers, is not an accident. Why this privatization and gutting of essen-
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This privatization and gutting of essen-
tial school staff and programs, this denial of a livable wage for teachers, is not an accident. This is a national phenomenon reflecting the wishes of the owners of capital. And capital-
ism doesn’t want educated workers. As it de-
cays, it requires cheap labor and quick profits, and quality education gets in the way of that.

“But what they require is not our concern. They can be stopped if we march, walk or roll on the picket lines side by side with teachers who have the potential to create a histor-
ic movement, like West Virginia teachers did last year when they sparked a viral movement from the South to the Midwest — a movement that benefited teachers, school workers and especially students, and inspired the imagi-
nation of our class.”

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Las venezolanas se lanzaron a las calles la mañana del 2 de enero en una muestra masiva de solidaridad con Nicolás Maduro, el líder socialista que el gobierno estadounidense ha intentado derrocar desde finales del gobierno de Hugo Chávez. El objetivo de las manifestantes fue mostrar su apoyo al gobierno venezolano y a su presidente, una posición que contrasta con la negativa de la comunidad internacional.

En la madrugada del 2 de enero, miles de mujeres se congregaron en las calles de Caracas, la capital del país, y en otras ciudades nacionales para celebrar la elección de Maduro como presidente de Venezuela. Las manifestantes portaron carteles y banderas de Venezuela y cantaron himnos patrióticos.

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El 9 de marzo del 2015, el presidente Barack Obama ordenó al Pentágono llamar a la "guerra contra el terrorismo" en Venezuela. Los regímenes de derecha en Colombia y Brasil, leales a sus amos en Washington, también presentan un peligro claro e inminente.

La guerra de los Estados Unidos contra Venezuela no es nada nuevo. En el año 2003, las fuerzas de estado de abril del 2003, contra el presidente Hugo Chávez - capturado por un equipo de filmación irlandés visitante en "La revolución no será televisada" - Washington mostró su mano con noticias falsas y declaraciones de apoyo a los golpistas.

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Phipp chapter’s lieutenant of information and started writing articles for the Black Panther newspaper. At that time — in 1969 — the paper was selling 100,000 copies a week.

At 15, Mumia was already known worldwide for his journalism. The local paper, Fill and CIA added this information to their exisiting file on him. Some of what he wrote in the paper and said at various rallies was used against him in his trials.

BPP organizers in New York took notice of Mumia. He was sent to New York and then to Oakland, the Party’s national headquarters. He reported on the police assassination of 21-year-old Fred Hampton, chairman of the Illinois BPP chapter, and many other actions of the local police against the BPP. He was shot and had to stay in a hospital bed, charged with the first degree murder of Daniel Faulkner, the cop who had confronted his brother.

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