NO WAR ON IRAN

Falling oil profits drive U.S. provocations

By Bill Dores

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On June 4, Reuters reported that one U.S. manufacturing index hit the lowest level since October 2017. In 15 of 17 sub-categories, factory employment was shown to have fallen 11 percent since October 2017. From a small bump in after-Super Tuesday markets, President Trump’s tax cuts for the rich and the big corporations, the economy has not recovered since the Great Recession of 2007-2009. According to economist Alan Freeman, “economic growth of the industrialized North has fallen continuously, with only brief and limited interruptions, since at least the early 1960s.”

Most alarming is the data reported by the World Bank. In areas dominated by the capitalist economy, the poverty level among people has worsened drastically since 1981, increasing from 3.2 to 4.2 billion. Inequality of wealth and income in these economies is widening. The gap between rich and poor countries is widening as well.

An outstanding statistical feature of capitalism in the current period is the surplus of labor. The capitalist wants to expand the technology and labor necessary to expand the output of goods and services that human society needs or wants. As measured by gross national product (GNP), the system based on competition and expansion for profit is finding it more and more difficult to expand.

Why they want to stop Bernie

The capitalist media have crowed Joe Biden is seen as having won the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination. This isn’t just because the former vice president is leading in early opinion polls. Biden was brought into the race to stop Bernie Sanders. The billionaire class can’t tolerate someone calling themselves a socialist going to the White House. The wealthy and powerful consider it a threat to their system that 50 million people in the U.S., including fifty percent of youth, have a favorable opinion of socialism.

Leading the charge against Sanders is the capitalist media. They have poured the Washington Post, which on Feb. 5 attacked Sanders for taking a stance to “abolish” the U.S. Senate. This was then the Soviet Union. Fox News gleefully used the Post’s article to condemn the Vermont senator’s “insubordination.”

On Feb. 20, Slate claimed that “Sanders has a soft spot for Latin American strongmen” because he practiced council communism and didn’t immediately condemn Venezuela’s elected president, Nicolás Maduro. Four years before, CNN’s Anderson Cooper had also red baited Bernie Sanders about his honeymoon.

Try to disguise class struggle

Economic policies propounded by capitalist politicians, their academic advisors and the media are re-based on models like Keynesianism, and more recently, Modern Monetary Theory (MMT). These models seek to disguise the antagonistic, profit-making relationship between corporate bosses and workers.

However, these economic models are not founded in reality, their policies entail constant adjustments to try to “correct” an unstable capitalist system. Rather, “inflationary crises” are caused by reckless spending and increased imports. In “Value, Price and Profit,” Karl Marx laid bare the real relationship of exploitor and exploited in a scientific analysis of economic relations.

“We find on the market a set of buyers, possessed of land, machin ery, raw materials and the means of subsistence, all of them save land in its crude state, the products of labor; and on the other hand, a set of sellers who have nothing to sell except their laboring power, their working arms and brains. … One set buys continually in order to make a profit and enrich themselves, while the other set continually sells in order to earn their livelihood.” Marx comments that this ought to be called the “original expropriation.”

And again, in Volume One of Capital: “Accumulation of wealth at one pole is, therefore, at the same time accumulation of misery, agony of toil, slavery, ignorance, brutality, mental degradation, at the opposite pole.”

Gov’t stimulus fails to revive capitalism

The U.S. economy was revived after World War II, the first by military spending on World War II, and then as it gained dominance over the rebuilding of post-war world markets.

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But the lead poisoning of Black and indigenous and Asian/Pacific Islander peoples did call for an end to mass incarceration and the criminalization of the poor, especially young Black men. For Pearson, the “Green New Deal,” call for the decolonization and redistribution of wealth, is a way of stimulating the economy. In feudal times this was referred to as “clipping the coin” — a practice of shutting up the poor and withholding more of them. It doesn’t actually create more value.

The decaying capitalist system can’t be reformed or revived. It’s an outdated system that is depended on harsher exploitation and war to sustain itself — and conditions for the working class are steadily declining.

This wasn’t just repulsive; it cost Sanders the votes of many African Americans. This is an old story in the U.S. socialist movement: If we can just avoid “divisive issues” we can move a significant bloc of voters like Leonard Peltier, Mumia Abu-Jamal and Chelsea Manning.
Why they want to stop Bernie
released at last
After 41 years, all the MOVE 9 women are liberated, no longer in- carcerated, finally released! Janice Horner, Pam Africa, Debbie Simms, Janine Africa, Debbie Africa, Debbie Africa, Mumia Africa and Mumia Africa, the kitchen leaders, are the last of the 14 persons who were imprisoned because they believed in the teachings of John Africa. Teaching Africa and his teachings.

"We are fighting for everybody"

Pam Africa, MOVE member and coordinator of the International MOVE Media narrative of Mumia Abu-Jamal, said at the news conference: "A lot of people say they are so glad that our sisters are free. Our sisters went in there free with the teaching of John Africa. Teaching in there for 41 years. All my sisters needed was to be released." MOVE members were not afraid to speak the truth on the inside and they continue to speak truth on the outside. Their number one priority is to work for the release of their remaining incarcerated members: Chuck Africa and Delbert Africa.

Janine Africa declared: For 41 years, they have tried to beat us down. They have tried to take our health. They have tried everything they could use to stop us no other way. "We have a family that is so strong and supportive. They had our backs and we rode on their strength and that made us strong. ... We can't stop talking about it because we know how important it is.

"We are out here fighting for everybody, whether you are white, Black, Chinese. We know this system is on pins and needles because we are coming.

The U.S. locks up more people than any other country in the world. Over 2.2 million people are in prisons, close to 3,000 on death row, and thousands upon thousands are in local jails because of the failed, racist criminal justice system.

What is significant is that these courageous women were released and reunited with their family on African Liberation Day in 2009, a year that marks 20 years since the first enslaved Africans arrived in Jamestown, Virginia.

We welcome the MOVE 9 victors! We will continue to fight with you until the remaining MOVE 9 members are released. Free all political prisoners, of conscience and prisoners of war.


**Capitalist lies on China exposed:**

The evolving Tiananmen Square narrative

**By John Parker**

Yes, a picture is worth a thousand words. But what happens when we see the words that the pictures are shouting out do not fit their intended use? In that case, the narrator has to supply the words, urging, "Don't believe your lying eyes."

An excellent example comes from the corporate media as they narrate the incidents that occurred in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Once again the corporate media are hewing off their anti-communist campaign of blatant lies and misinformation to sell the U.S. government's line about supposed massacres carried out by the Chinese Communist Party 30 years ago.

Since 1989, however, irrefutable evidence — from Wikileaks documents to eyewitness reports — has exposed the blatant falsehoods promoted as gospel truth by Western capitalist governments and their loyal media.

The fact is that if you scour the mainstream media, you can find not one story or video of any news that any picture could represent a massacre or trampled by a tank in Tiananmen Square.

**Fabrications exposed, narrative changed**

Journalists who helped perpetuate the massacre myth began confessing in 2009. Two years later, Wikileaks exposed cables showing the U.S. government, just a few days after June 4, 1989, had evidence of the fabrication. So the narrative began to evolve.

However, up until that point — for a period of 20 years! — the story of the “massacre in Tiananmen Square" was carried as one unified declaration of truth coming from the New York Times, CNN, the Washington Post, the BBC and other mainstream corporate media. And as time passed, unfortunately, repeated by folks on the left who shouldn't have been so gullible.

Once the truth began leaking out, some journalists, feeling the weight of what was finally being exposed, started adding things that they had lied or withheld the facts about Tiananmen Square.

Here's one such admission, reported on CBSNews.com on June 4, 2009, from Richard Roth. In 1989, Roth was the CBS News correspondent covering events in Beijing on June 3 and 4. He had been briefed by anchor Dan Rather about the approved narrative of events at Tiananmen Square before Rather went on to broadcast these fabrication to the world:

"Dawn was just breaking. There were so many troops in the square, many sitting cross-legged on the pavement in long curving ranks, some cleaning up debris. There were some non-armed troops and armed personnel carriers. But we saw no bodies, injured people, ambulances — any evidence of war. Nothing to even suggest, let alone prove, that a ‘massacre’ had recently occurred in that place.

"I referred to an ‘assault’ and an ‘attack.’ I reported what I saw; I didn't see any bodies. Admittedly, I've never made a point of trying to contradict a colleague on the air; I've simply stuck to my own story, because I believe it's true."

By 2009, after 20 years, the story goes that a civil war had started in China and the U.S. government was preparing to broadcast these fabricated declaration of truth coming from the Voice of America.
¡Celebrando Orgullo de Dos-Espíritus por miles de años!

Por M. Tiahui.

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Tal vez haya escuchado hablar de “Dos-Espíritus” con relación a lesbianas, gay, bisexual, transgénero y otros términos. Si no es indígena, tal vez lo haya hecho porque “Dos-Espíritus” se refiere a gente indígena que es lesbiana, gay, bisexual o transgénero. Pero los Dos-Espíritus no necesariamente significa que alguien es lesbiana o gay, porque este término no se refiere a preferencia sexual.

“Dos-Espíritus” es un término amplio que describe a personas indígenas que tienen roles de género mixtos o no binarios. El término comenzó a ganar popularidad a fines de la década de 1980 y ahora se usa ampliamente en todo Canadá y EE. UU., y otros pueblos indígenas, como los Zapotecas en México, también reconocen el concepto. Aunque el término es relativamente nuevo, el concepto ha existido para cientos de naciones indígenas durante miles de años. Algunos pueblos originarios por ejemplo, tienen hasta 4 y 5 géneros diferentes.

Las personas de Dos-Espíritus se conocen como hermanos y hermanas y tienen elementos sagrados femenino y masculino dentro de ellas. Estos conceptos indígenas vinieron mucho antes que la ‘LGBTQ’ fuera de la terminología ‘LGBTQ’ que ahora se usa a menudo. Una persona de Dos-Espíritus puede que sea lesbiana o gay, pero ser lesbiana o gay no necesariamente hace que alguien sea Dos-Espíritus.

Las personas de Dos-Espíritus han existido durante miles de años. Muchas naciones tribales entendieron que había personas que no formaban parte de un binario masculino/femenino. De hecho, algunas naciones creían que había múltiples géneros, no solo dos.

Tradicionalmente, en muchas naciones tribales, las personas de Dos-Espíritus se consideraban en alta estima. Eran líderes, guerreros y sanadores. A menudo desempeñaban un papel especial en los jóvenes, incluyendo la adopción de niñxs y el otorgamiento de nombres sagrados especiales para los bebés. Cuando los europeos cristianos invadieron, sin embargo, desprecian extremadamente a la gente de Dos-Espíritus. Las personas de Dos-Espíritus a menudo, eran asesinadas u obligadas a ocultar quiénes eran. Los misioneros cristianos hicieron todo lo posible por enseñar a los indígenas que ser Dos-Espíritus era un pecado y diabólico, y las leyes y costumbres coloniales de los invasores prohibían la existencia de personas que no eran específicamente hombres o mujeres.

Por esta represión, más y más gente indígena se apartó de sus antiguos entendimientos, pero no toda. Se hizo más difícil para las personas de Dos-Espíritus ser quiénes eran, y en muchos lugares tenían que funcionar de manera clandestina.

Desafiando el desprecio

Para el siglo XX, algunas personas de Dos-Espíritus abandonaron sus reservaciones para irse a las ciudades donde había comunidades de lesbianas y gays. Algunxs fundaron grupos nativos urbanos, como Indios Americanos Gay (GAI, por sus siglas en inglés) en San Francisco, y muchos se enfrentaron también al racismo y el acoso que provienen las ciudad. A veces, los blancos incluso les decían que los nativos no podían ser lesbianas, homosexuales o Dos-Espíritus debido a algunas extrañas opiniones estereotípicas de los no-nativos. Es difícil para las personas de Dos-Espíritus sentirse completamente cómodas en cualquier lugar.

Pero más y más las personas de Dos-Espíritus han hecho saber a sus familias y tribus quiénes son realmente. Si no son tratadas con respeto, desafían esto, especialmente cuando la propia tradición tribal honra a las personas de Dos-Espíritus.

Durante los campamentos de Standing Rock en 2016-2017 para detener el oleoducto Dakota Access, las personas de Dos-Espíritus se unieron y trabajaron en muchos de los proyectos. Las personas de Dos-Espíritus en Standing Rock desempeñaron un papel espiritual muy importante y trataron de hacer todo de una manera para brindar fortaleza a las miles de personas reunidas.

Con el liderazgo brindado por personas como Candi Brings Plenty, se de un paso hacia delante muy importante en la lucha nativa. Cuando algunos nativos en el campamento no les aceptaban, otros desafian esto y se recordaban a todos sus culturas tradicionales.

Algunas veces personas no-nativas se refieren a sí mismas como Dos-Espíritus. Esto es una falta de respeto, ya que es una apropiación de un concepto y término distintivamente indígena.

Durante este mes de junio, y durante todo el año, desfiles de Orgullo Gay y powwows celebrarán a la gente Do-Espíritus, desde Saskatchewan hasta Bay Area (Baja de California), hasta el Desfile Navajo Pride. Honrar a la gente Dos-Espíritus es una parte importante de la Descolonización — eliminar las ideas neofasta de los colonos de nuestra mentes y volver a los entendimientos más profundos que existen muchos antes del surgimiento del patriarcado, el capitalismo, el colonialismo y la invasión europea de las tierras indígenas.

Too little, 50 years too late

Reclaim Pride slams NYPD’s phony Stonewall apology

On June 6, New York Police Commissioner James O’Neill issued an apology for the police raid on a gay bar that set off the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion and sparked the modern lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and Two Spirit (LGBTQ2S) liberation movement.

The Reclaim Pride Coalition, which is organizing a Queer Liberation March in New York on June 30 to protest the corporate-police takeover of the traditional Pride Parade, condemned the NYPD’s “non-apology [that] ignores ongoing attack on LGBTQ+ communities and of color.”

Readers in the New York area are urged to join the Lucha’s contingent in the Queer Liberation March. Gather at Sheridan Square, on Seventh Avenue south of Christopher Street, beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 30. The march will stop off at 9:30 a.m. and go up Sixth Avenue to the Great Lawn in Central Park, where a rally will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Following is the Reclaim Pride Coalition statement:

“We are not impressed by Commissioner O’Neill’s empty apology, given under pressure during Pride Month. Where has this apology been during the last 50 years? The NYPD Vice Squad is still in business, busting sex workers and others, while its members run their own brothels. The NYPD is still arresting trans kids of color for walking down the street and arrested a transwoman in the Bronx who was walking home from work, holding her in custody for 24 hours, in handcuffs! And the NYPD continues to strike fear in communities of color and other marginalized communities.

“Commissioner O’Neill had the nerve to say that this would never happen in 2019, completely ignoring that the NYPD continues to be an oppressive force in our communities even on the day of Pride. For decades, the Christopher Street Piers have been somewhat of a public safe space for LGBTQ+ youth of color, who are now being violently policed out of the space. Every year, cop watch activists pay a personal price due to the amount of violent policing the youth who hang out there experience. Last year the NYPD completely cut off all access to this space, taking away a gay space of community from hundreds of mostly Black and Brown LGBTQ+ people. This is only one example of the continued oppression faced by marginalized communities.

“The Reclaim Pride Coalition is a group of individuals and organizations producing a massive Queer Liberation March people’s protest for June 30 (reclaimprideny.org). No corporations and no uniformed police in our March. From our first meetings in the months prior to the 2018 Pride Parade, the Reclaim Pride Coalition has called for a comprehensive NYPD apology, including for their ongoing brutality against marginalized groups. Pride is a systemic change in their operations.”