How could this be happening on such a large scale?

By Jefferson Azevedo

In 1992, leaders of many countries gathered in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to discuss mutual post-Cold War cooperation for international development — environmental issues were the main topic. In his speech at that meeting, Fidel Castro warned about the destruction of the Amazon forest. Fidel pointed out that a society based on consumerism is the fundamental culprit, and that it is geared by the old colonial metropolis and the imperialist policies that generated the poverty and underdevelopment that assails the vast majority of mankind. He also questioned what — without the supposed threat of communism and therefore without the pretext for the cold war — what is impeding the rich and developed nations from investing all the resources spent on weapons, to be spent instead on the development of the Third World, with policies that will end hunger, poverty and the ecological destruction of the planet.

The recent fires in the Brazilian part of the Amazon forest are just the latest and biggest blow to the "Green Giant." After seeing video footage on TV, on social media and on various websites across the globe, people from all parts of the earth have reacted. All are wondering, how could this be happening on such a large scale? Who is behind it? Why has the Brazilian government been silent about the Amazon fires since late July and not doing anything concrete to extinguish them?

The silence is due to the government’s, although indirect, participation in it. During his presidential campaign, Jair Bolsonaro spoke many times about the necessity to deregulate, loosen and/or simply end all of the laws and regulations that hindered the exploitation of the Amazon. To the third question, the answer is that it simply does not want to. It wants to let the forest burn as much as possible because that is the wish of the big bosses of the agro, meat and mineral businesses. Brazil is the world’s largest exporter of soy, soybeans, coffee and sugar. It is also one of the biggest exporters of minerals in their natural form. In a capitalist economy, such rich and powerful industries gain a lot of control over policymaking decisions. Brazil is no different.

With all the money they have, the agro-cattle business developed the most powerful lobby in the history of the Brazilian Congress: the Rural Lobby. In 1996, an organization called Frente Parlamentar de Apoio aos Agricultores (FPA) was formed. It is represented in Congress in around 40 percent of the representatives in its ranks. The Parliamentary Agricultural Front (FPA) has around 40 percent of the representatives in its ranks fighting for the interests of the big landowners and big agribusiness. These bosses will go to any lengths or take any measures to achieve their goals, even killing people or burning an area larger than many countries. Nothing is approved, or done, in the Brazilian Congress without the consent of the Rural Lobby.

Former President Dilma Rousseff would not have been deposed on bogus infraction charges and Lula would not have been arrested on trumped up charges without the support of this lobby. Also, Bolsonaro would not have been elected, or would not still be in the presidential palace. This explains his silence and inertia in regards to the fire that has been consuming one of the greatest wonders of this planet and the habitat of a wide variety of living species. With five million square kilometers, the Amazon forest encompass an area larger than the European Union and that takes up more than half of the Brazilian territory. Home of twenty-five million inhabitants, one fifth of Earth’s plants and animals, and approximately three hundred and ninety billion trees, the Amazon has been under attack since the first colonizer set foot on its soil.

Amazon deforestation — with the use of chain saws or fire — is nothing new to the Indigenous and local people. The Indigenous tribes, on top of dealing with the invasion of their land and the murder of their people, now have also to fight against the pressure exerted on the authorities to end the demarcation of their land, thus opening the doors even more to the landowners and their goons. Without any representation in the congress, their pleas are heard by only a few.

The deforestation of the Amazon took a dive for a few years during the administration of former President Lula Da Silva and Dilma Rousseff but rose again during the second term of the latter, which coincided with the growth of the Rural Lobby, which elected around 44 percent of the congress. In 2016, the deforestation had its greatest increase ever with a 29 percent rise. This was right after the coup that ousted Dilma Rousseff, replacing her with Michel Temer, a friend of the oligarchs, who paved the way for the continuation of the destruction of the Amazon that, sadly, continues to burn.

In a study titled “O Futuro Climático da Amazônia,” a Brazilian scientist named Antonio Nobre argues that the trees are more important for the survival of our planet than most people think. Nobre, who is also a member of the National Institute for Space Research (INPE), states that the water that evaporates from the trees, which is pulled from the ground, lowers the atmosphere’s temperature.
ICE raids are union busting

Workers' rights under attack

By Sharon Black

Aug. 8 — While the El Paso, Texas, community was still in mourning, deeply shaken and suffering from the racist mass murder, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) launched the largest single-state raid in U.S. history in Mississippi on seven poultry processing plants. Six hundred and eighty workers were rounded up and arrested.

This raid was timed to come on the first day of the school year, so that many children had to walk home, only to find their loved ones, their mothers and fathers, missing. If anyone has any question of whether or not this is an act of war and terror, listen to the CNN news video or the aftermath.

What is key for all workers to understand is that this raid was calculated payback for workers organizing, and it was aimed at the heart of the movement to unionize the South, which has historically been a cheap source of labor.

Two of the chicken processing plants operated by Koch Foods are in Canton, Bay Springs and Sebastopol — were targeted by ICE agents. Workers at the Peco Foods Sebastopol and Canton plants had filed safety complaints, which resulted in OSHA penalties. Peco settled a $9,550 penalty in 2015 and then was investigated five more times. Workers suffered amputations and fractures.

Peco was also charged with violating the Fair Labor Standards Act by requiring workers to perform “off the clock” work and denying overtime.

It took unbelievable courage for workers to stand up to these brutal conditions and the ICE raid was aimed at breaking their will and determination.

UFCW spokesperson Abraham White said: “Workers across this country are too scared to stand up for their rights and to report wage theft, dangerous work conditions, and other workplace issues. We must act now to end this dangerous climate of fear.”

Meatpacking still remains one of the most dangerous jobs, which has gotten worse with speedups introduced through increased automation. It’s hard to describe the work environment to anyone who has never worked inside a food processing plant.

Temperatures are cold or freezing depending on what is being produced; water and animal fat frequently make floors slippery and dangerous. Workers risk amputations and machine related injuries that leave lifetime scars.

Koch Foods hires about 13,000 workers in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Ohio and Tennessee. The company headquarters is in Park Ridge, Ill. It supplies chicken to Walmart, Burger King, Kroger and Aldi markets.

According to the Jackson, Miss., Free Press: “Executives at PECO Foods and Koch Foods have donated at least $70,000 to the National Chicken Council Political Action Committee, or NCCC, which in turn gives money mostly to Republican politicians. In 2018, the NCCC gave $90,000 to U.S. House Republicans, and just $23,000 to House Democrats.”

To date, there have been no reports of penalties against these companies. Forbes lists the owner of Koch Foods, Joseph C. Grendy, as being worth $7.3 billion.

Call a new “Solidarity Day” against racism and bigotry! Defend migrants and refugees!

On September 18, 1981, the AFL-CIO called for a March on Washington, D.C., to defend PATCO, the unionized air controller workers whom Reagan fired. Close to a half million workers participated.

It’s time to call for a new “Solidarity Day” against racism and bigotry! Defend migrants and refugees!

Now is the time to organize a major show of workers’ solidarity against Trump’s anti-worker, racist offensive. We urge the AFL-CIO to call a national march, whether at the border, in Mississippi or in Washington, to say “No!” to Trump and racism.

The labor movement has been under attack for more than 40 years. Automation and plant closings have created a precarious position. Deregulation by the capitalist government did the same to airline unions and the Teamsters.

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka’s own United Mine Workers has less than 40,000 members. It once had 600,000. It was the miners that built the mighty CIO during the 1930s. But the labor movement is like an uncoiled spring with vast amounts of potential energy. Millions of workers want union protection, pay and benefits. Teachers in West Virginia and around the country have been leading the way. Mississippi poultry workers have been standing up.

We remember the wonderful union song and battle cry first popularized by coal miners in Harlan County: “Which side are you on!” We ask the officials of the AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka and all of the other unions, that question: “Which side are you on?” The time to fight and defend migrants and refugees is now!

An injury to one is an injury to all.

The writer is a former UFCW food processing plant worker.
On Aug. 18, Berta Joubert-Ceci spoke via webinar about the recent developments affecting life in Puerto Rico. Joubert-Ceci is a longtime Puerto Rican activist who initiated the 2018 Puerto Rico Tribunal. PuertoRicoTribunal.org archives the verdict finding the U.S. guilty for its colonial crimes against that nation.

Struggle-La Lucha: Berta, after the hurricane devastated Puerto Rico and jolted the U.S. to face the Trump administration, a private chat by the governor and other officials that was anti-woman, homophobic and disparaged poor Puerto Ricans and mocked the suffering was publicly revealed, resulting in huge protests and the governor being thrown out of office. Can you provide some context and analysis for what happened?

BERTA JOUBERT-CECI: The overthrow of Governor Ricky Roselló was not based only on the chat. The chat was the door to open everything that has been closing many schools, basic services and getting so rich, the Puerto Rican people, destroying the economy, the $73 billion debt, the fiscal impact. It showed how the capitalists really gave the people in Puerto Rico.

Congress to make Puerto Ricans pay for it to be discussed at the 74th United Nations issue for support by the AU and SADC have resolved to conduct actions in solidarity with the people of Puerto Rico. Joubert-Ceci is a longtime Puerto Rican activist who spoke via webinar about the chat talking against women, against LGBTQ2S people, against the poor people of Puerto Rico, against people with different abilities. They would criticize everybody except their own class, which white supremacists.

The indignation was such that the people massively turned to the streets. We have a population of 3.2 million and there were a million at demonstrating. Compared to the U.S., where, I think, it’s like a little over 3 million population, it’s like a demonstration of 100 million in this country. They were able to overthrow — to get Ricky Roselló out. This is so significant because we always say in the movement that even if it’s a small victory, people need to know that their actions can bring victory.

This was a big thing because even in Puerto Rico’s Constitution there’s nothing like a recall referendum or anything like it. But people would say, “We don’t care if it’s not lawful or it’s not in the constitution, we want him out and we want him out now!”

SLL: Do you think this recent history will shape the future of the movement in Puerto Rico?

BJC: What people are doing now — and this is very important — are people’s assemblies. In general, these assemblies are not called by organizations. These assemblies are mainly just people putting out on social media, “We’re meeting in the plaza at 6 or 7 or 8,” whatever time, and people go.

There have been dozens of cities that already have had people’s assemblies. People go. There are sometimes hundreds, sometimes dozens, but they have been consistent. So this is very important. They’re talking about different issues that are not all the same. But they’re dealing with the issues that are pertinent.

It’s not only about the chat that happened. There was also 1,000 percent increase in the debt — not to pay the debt, but to audit the debt. They are saying “No” to privatization of schools. They want a new constitution. They don’t want to close down any of the services. They don’t want to go closer to Roselló and of course they’re against the corruption and the impunity that permeate the elite government. There are many, many activist groups who had never been in the streets are involved. It’s like a dam that has been ruptured. I think that’s basically the most important thing now. These assemblies cover what kind of future for Puerto Rico people want.

Then the economic situation has been so beautiful to see all these Puerto Rican flags with the rainbow flag flying together. And Ricky Martin, for example, the very famous singer from Puerto Rico who was one of the many people insulted by the anti-LGBTQ2S insults in this chat, said to Roselló, “I am gay and I’m more of a man than you.”

And there is also a lot of misogyny in our society, in Latin American society, because of the Catholic culture, so all this turned around with this demonstration. There was more and more understanding of the women’s question. There is actually a crisis in Puerto Rico — there had been many women murdered, victims of domestic violence, the governor never wanted to acknowledge it. So these two things were very important.

There are many serious problems in Puerto Rico. I think the important question that they’re dealing with is having a new constitution. Well, Puerto Rico’s Constitution was approved by the U.S. Congress and the Congress even took out parts that they didn’t want. Basically the constitution is a U.S. constitution.

Puerto Rican people cannot do whatever they want because it’s a colonial constitution. Having the constitution as one of the points in the agenda of the peoples assemblies will be a point. It’s so urgent, you cannot change it because it’s not a people’s government, it’s a colonial government.

I think that’s a big step forward that eventually will bring people to discuss the necessity of decolonization and independence for Puerto Rico.

ZIMBABWE

Southern African Development Community calls for solidarity on ending illegal sanctions

By Amadi Ajamu

On Aug. 18, the 39th Southern African Development Community (SADC) Summit of the Heads of State and Government held in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, announced on Oct. 25, 2019 to be a Day of Solidarity to Lift the Illegal Sanctions Imposed on Zimbabwe. The 16 member states of SADC resolved to support actions in their countries to vigorously work toward this objective.

The SADC Secretariat is reaching out to the African Union chairperson, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, to push the anti-sanctions issue for support by the AU and for it to be discussed at the 74th United Nations General Assembly in September 2019. As Executive Director Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax stated at the summit, “The embargo is militating against economic growth in both Zimbabwe and the region.”

Onslow Clay, spokesman of the December 12th International Socialists, based in New York, said, “We are clear that this powerful show of solidarity and action by SADC helps to put pressure on the United States that sanctions on Zimbabwe only targeted individuals rather than their real purpose to crash their economy in the hopes of forcing Zimbabwe to change.”

“Sanctions have challenged the economic growth of Zimbabwe by cutting off its foreign trade, and as a result, created a shortage of foreign currency, which compromises the government’s ability to acquire life sustaining necessities such as medicines, water purification equipment, heavy industrial equipment, fuel and many other necessities — sanctions kill!”

The fight for independence from the British (Rhodesian) colonizers in 1980, over 80 percent of the arable land was still held by settlers who were less than 1 percent of the population. In 1998, Zimbabwe enacted its land reform program and the land was finally returned to its true owners — the Zimbabwean farmers — and died for it. The ZDERA (the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Re-构和经济改革) sanctions are imposed by the U.S. violate international laws.

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Robert Mugabe 1924-2019

Mugabe served as Zimbabwean Prime Minister from 1980 to 1987 and then as Pre-ident from 1987 to 2017.

Statement from Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa on Fri., Sept. 6, 2019: It is with the utmost sadness that I announce the passing on of Zimbabwe’s founding father, President, Cde Robert Mugabe. Cde Mugabe was an icon of liberation, a pan-Africanist who dedicated his life to the emancipation and empowerment of his people. His contribution to the history of our nation and continent will never be forgotten.
U.S. war on Venezuela continues

Banks and Big Pharma kill

By Cheryl LaBash


“The U.S. bank Citibank blocked, in August this year, part of the funds destined to import 300,000 doses of insulin, a criminal act that affects more than 450,000 patients, the Venezuelan Ministry of Economy and Finance reported on Thursday,” reported the LA Tribune.

Many diabetes patients require insulin to stay alive. Without insulin to regulate blood sugar, people can suffer other serious health problems, such as heart disease, vision loss and kidney disease, or die from ketoacidosis. Denying insulin may be slower, but is as deadly as a bomb.

In June, Xinhua.net reported that Venezuela planned to buy needed medicines through PAHO (Pan American Health Organization) for “all oncological treatments, treatments for patients who have had transplants, patients who require insulin.”

Medicine for the people, not profit

According to Venezuelan Health Minister Luis López: “There is a cartel which places pressure on an international level, but also at the national level. The pharmaceutical companies do nothing for the population, they only operate based on their profits.”

Buying medicines through PAHO intends to bypass intermediaries and profiteers, some of whom have been arrested for illicit sales of medicines.

The U.S. economic blockade of Venezuela and the collaboration of the international banks reinforce the medicine smugglers in Venezuela who profit from the economic situation and then blame the government.

Banks and Big Pharma profit, while people die

People are dying from lack of insulin, too. WebMD reports caravans driving to Canada to buy insulin. “We can fly to Canada, stay in a hotel for the night and buy insulin for a year for less than what a three months’ supply here would cost,” an Atlanta writer says.

“By the time the insulin gets from the factory where it’s made until it comes all the way down the chain to the patient, there are a lot of people who touch the insulin, and everyone wants money for touching it,” Irli Hirsch, M.D., says.

In reference to the fight for justice around BigPharma, which has jacked up insulin prices 700 percent in just two decades, Sharon Black, a registered nurse and Peoples Power Assembly organizer, said, “Poor and working class people in the United States have much more in common with the Venezuelan people than with Trump and the big banks.”

She continued, “Imperialist war for big oil profits, killing the people of Venezuela while capitalist greed for big oil profits is killing the people here at home. In addition, the billions spent on the Pentagon budget here are money siphoned from our cities, schools and health care.”

Sharon Black referenced the case of Josh Wilkerson, who was rationing his insulin because he couldn’t afford the $3,200 monthly cost. His fiancée and family watched him die from a diabetic coma brought on by high blood sugar. Josh was just 27 years old.

The fact that the U.S. government does not care about these people in the U.S. cannot afford their medications.

John Parker, representing the Partido Socialista por la Unidad (Socialist Unity Party), added: “Magnify this to a much larger scale and you can see what U.S. imperialism wants to do with the Venezuelan people. It is criminal and we must fight to stop it!”

Parker is also an organizer with the Partido Socialista por la Unidad (Socialist Unity in Los Angeles and active with the South Central Harvard Street Block Club. His neighborhood faces constant threats in health care as a result of racism against both Black and Latinx residents.

Sanctions are war

OrinocoTribune.com points out that even after payment, delivery of medicine has been blocked and delayed.

“The BSN Medical laboratory, based in Colombia, after receiving payment for the purchase of 2 million units of antimalarial treatment, denied the clearance of the drugs.”

“The (Venezuelan Health) ministry indicated that this fact caused the Swiss bank UBS AG to block the transactions made by the country with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), destined for the purchase of vaccines for the immunization campaign.”

“Given this circumstance, Venezuela and PAHO sought alternatives such as Pfizer and Novartis refuse to sell medicines, reagents and supplies to Venezuela.”

(Source URL: La IgunaTV translated by JRE/EF)

John Parker responded: “This is part of a criminal war directed against the Venezuelan people meant to increase death and suffering and to force Venezuela to bend to the will of world imperialism led by the United States. The intended targets are the people of Venezuela, including as well as rich capitalists. Sanctions are war! In fact, they are as lethal as bombs and bullets.”

Citibank’s war on Puerto Ricans

Citibank, which is the 3rd largest bank, following JP Morgan and Bank of America is the main investment bank consultant in the restructuring and privatization of PREPA (Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority). The Washington appointed Fiscal Control Board PROMESA announced in 2018. PROMESA oversees Puerto Rico’s finances. Citibank drove Puerto Rico’s Electric Power Authority into the red and then auctioned it off to the highest bidder.

PORTLAND:

Anti-fascist resistance is not a crime

By Leon Koufax

On Aug. 17, 2019, President Donald Trump took to Twitter to rant about the political left, as he often does. In this particular instance, the racist in chief was engaged in labeling the anti-fascist movement as a terrorist organization. The president’s comments preceded a confrontation late on Aug. 17 when right-wing demonstrators came to Portland, Ore., endangering its community. Antifa with broader anti-fascist tactics and near sympathy for the victims of police officials and law enforcement. Yet, the injury of one alt-right provocateur journalist at a demonstration.

What becomes even more stunning about this is the level to which the right—are flying in the face of history. It has been shown again and again that most acts of terrorism in the United States are perpetrated by white supremacists. The list of these crimes is tragic and includes the murder of Heather Hayer in Charlottesville, the fascist attack on the El Paso Latinx community, the fatality of Ricky John Best and Taliesin Myrdin Namkai-Meche in Portland and many more. Even with all this hate and pain, the right continues to be given a pass by government officials and law enforcement. Yet, the injury of one alt-right provocateur journalist at a demonstration is tantamount to demonstrating the supposedly unacceptable violence of progressive forces. This double standard is apparent.

Anti-fascism is not terrorism. Militant resistance against racism should not be criminal. On the other hand, neo-Nazism is the very essence of terror. When neo-Nazis march in our streets, they march in support of violence against all oppressed communities: Black people, Latinxs, Indigenous people, LGBTQ2P people, Jewish people, Muslim people, all immigrants and all workers. Their hate has no bounds and in many ways reflects the true agenda of many in the ruling class.

The alt-right movement is not only a shocking expression of racism and hate, but is also a political movement that has its origins in the ideology of big business and ruling-class politicians like Donald Trump.

Progressive resistance against the movement of hate is a stirring and heroic effort against racism in our communities. All of us, including as well as the capitalist-terrorist oppressors that causes it in the first place. All progressive organizations and individuals must support anti-fascist resistance and militant anti-racism. Wherever these fascist marches, whether in Portland or Charlotte or Los Angeles or London and should be met by communities unwilling to accept their hate.

Koufax is a Jewish communist and writer for Struggle-La Lucha who has participated in many anti-fascist demonstrations.
Behind the anti-China protest in Hong Kong

By Scott Scheffer

Hong Kong executive Carrie Lam has officially withdrawn the bill that would have created an extradition treaty between Mainland China and Hong Kong. Its withdrawal was the initial demand of the destructive and violent U.S.-backed protests in Hong Kong which are now entering their fourteenth week.

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In July, the Hong Kong Legislature was badly vandalized, and a Hong Kong police station was attacked and lit on fire. The hurling of bricks and gasoline bombs and the defacing of symbols of the Chinese revolution have been frequent occurrences.

One protester reported to the New York Times how she was inspired by the “anti-Russian protests in Ukraine in 2014,” which led to the eruption of a fascist government there.

Western media have ignored Hong Kongers who oppose the U.S.-backed protestors. The Hong Kong Free Press reported on an Aug. 17 pro-Beijing rally of almost a half million in central Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is China

Hong Kong was seized from China in 1842 by the British in the first of the “Opium Wars,” fought by the British Empire to impose the opium trade on China. For over a century, China was ravaged by drug addiction and imperialist exploitation.

In popular parlance before the revolution, the very name of China was synonymous with hunger. Since China’s 1949 revolution threw out the imperialists and began the task of building a socialist economy, drug addiction, homelessness, illiteracy, hunger and joblessness are distant memories. Some 800 million people have been lifted out of poverty in recent decades in what the United Nations acknowledges as a stunning achievement by any standard of social progress.

After negotiations that lasted well over a decade, Hong Kong was repatriated with China in 1997 as a semi-autonomous region. By agreement, capitalism may operate freely there until 2047, when China’s political system.

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President Trump, Please Liberate Hong Kong

Protesters in Hong Kong call for Trump’s support.

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Anti-imperialist meeting of solidarity, for democracy & against neoliberalism

The Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP), the Central Organization of Cuban Trade Unions (CTC) and the Cuban Chapter of Social Movements and Continental Conference for Democracy and against Neoliberalism invite everyone on the frontlines of struggle...
The status of women in the USA

Greetings comrades and friends, I bring you solidarity and love from Mujeres en Lucha and the Socialist Unity Party in the USA.

“The status and condition of women workers in the capitalist USA continues to be highly exploitative and dismal. While 46 percent of the U.S. total workforce consists of women, we still remain in the lowest paid jobs such as food service, clerical, factory and health care. In 2019, women still earn 79 cents for every dollar that men make.

“Nevertheless, women workers recently led the most dynamic union struggles, including the teachers’ uprisings from West Virginia to Los Angeles. In each case, teachers sometimes without traditional union backing, conducted strikes and refused to back down until they won.

“Food workers employed at McDonald’s restaurant chain challenged common on-the-job sexual harassment and assault by conducting 10-day walkouts and victories. Most of the workers are poorly paid; they are primarily Black, Latinx and immigrant workers.

“Migrant East African women played a key leadership role in the July 15 strike of Amazon warehouse workers throughout the USA. Hibaq Mohamed, who is one of the leaders of the strike that took place during Amazon’s Prime Day, was among those women who bravely made public statements. Women who worked in police, police and security guards to lead a walkout over working conditions. She said, ‘As it is just 26 years old,’ reports former Amazon worker Sharon.

“Many of our sisters are still facing constant domestic abuse. They are often ostracized by their family and communities. Depression, substance abuse and poverty are still the norm for Latinx lesbians and trans women in the U.S., and as lesbians we face multiple oppressions. We continue to fight back, defining and protecting our sisters everywhere,” reports Celenia T., a Latina lesbian activist.

“Capitalism decays, fewer good-paying jobs than ever are available to young women, especially women and queer people of color and immigrants. Extreme lack of economic opportunity has left many young women underemployed or unemployed and unable to access basic needs, including health care and education.

“The Trump administration has cut back on abortion rights and access to contraceptives. Multitudes of young women and queer people find themselves going into massive debt to fund their educations, even as university degrees become more and more devalued by the day.

“There is an epidemic of sexual violence and gender-based violence against young women and queer people that continues to grow. Transgender people, Black and Brown women, migrant women, Indigenous women are murdered and go missing every day.

“Mental illness and trauma are common, and health care is unavailable, so young women and queer people have even more difficulty accessing productive work opportunities. These obstacles disproportionate-ably affect women of color, Indigenous women and girls, and LGBTQ2S+ young people.

“As socialists, it is our duty to fight back. We are educating the masses of young women and queer people about the root cause of their oppression, which is not working-class women, but rather the capitalist system that robs young women workers, and all workers and oppressed people, of their basic rights and opportunities.

“We wish to spread a collective vision of a society where young women and girls are empowered and have the tools to achieve full liberation from patriarchy, all forms of gender and sex-based violence, and capitalist exploitation. Now is the time for young women, girls and LGBTQ2S+ people of the working class to unite in struggle,” says Miranda from Mujeres en Lucha and Youth Against War & Racism.

“The status of women in the United States remains to be in the forefront of union struggle. Women have been and continue to be in the forefront of all people’s fights for liberation. We are union workers fighting to raise the minimum wage to $15 and fighting for equal pay. We are in the Immigrant Rights movement demanding that fascist Trump return to the ICU (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) police.

“While in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, communities bured their dead from racist mass shootings, the U.S. government arrested 800 workers at their jobs in Mississippi chicken processing factories. Their children were left without their parents on their first day of school, but the racist bosses and their fascist campaigns forcing these workers were not arrested for hiring undocumented workers.

“We are in the struggle demanding an end to mass incarceration and to abolish the oppressive police system that only serves the rich and powerful, who continue to kill Black and Brown youth at will and with impunity.

“We are among the fighters for LGBTQ2S+ liberation. Stonewall 50 was celebrated this past June 30 in New York City, as delegates from around the world came to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the birth of the modern-day LGBTQ2S+ movement.

“We organize and fight to end sexual and domestic violence of any kind directed at women and girls. We are anti-war and anti-imperialist. Even with the boot of U.S. imperialism on our necks, we continue to defend Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Iran, Syria, Iraq, Zimbabwe, Palestine, Cuba and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea from U.S. aggressive imperialism. End imperialist wars! Long live the international working class!”

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Situación de las mujeres en EUA

Saludos camaradas y amigas, traigo ustedes la solidaridad y amor de las Mujeres en Lucha y del Partido de Socialismo Unido en Estados Unidos.

“La situación y la condición de las mujeres trabajadoras en el capitalismo EE.UU continúa siendo miserable y desastroso. Aunque el 46,9% de la fuerza laboral total son mujeres, nos mantenemos en los trabajos más básicos, incluyendo las de comida, oficinas, fábricas y asistencia médica. En el 2019, las mujeres todavía ganan 79 centavos por cada dólar que ganan los hombres.

“Sin embargo, las trabajadoras en EUA recientemente dirigieron las luchas sindicales más dinámicas, incluyendo los paros de maestras en el centro de distribución en Shakopee, Minnesota.

“Hibaq Mohamed, una de las líderes del paro en Amazon Prime Day, fue una de las mujeres que enfrentaron el acoso y abuso en el trabajo. Ella tiene solo 26 años,” reporta la ex trabajadora de Amazon, Sharon Black.

“Muchas de nuestras hermanas, y personas que se identifican como tales, enfrentan opresiones y desigualdades que van más allá de las que enfrentan las mujeres blancas, las mujeres de origen latino, las personas trans y las mujeres indígenas. Estas opresiones a menudo son más intensas para las mujeres de color, las personas trans e indígenas y las mujeres jóvenes.

“Mientras que el capitalismo decae, hay menos empleos bien remunerados que nunca disponibles para las mujeres jóvenes, especialmente las mujeres y las personas que se identifican como tales. Las mujeres de color y las personas trans e indígenas a menudo tienen menos oportunidades, lo que las lleva a trabajar en trabajos más bajos que no compensan su esfuerzo.

“La administración Trump ha reducido los derechos de aborto y el acceso a anticonceptivos. Multitudes de mujeres jóvenes y personas que se identifican como tales encuentran desacertadas por financiar su educación, incluso cuando los índices universitarios se desvían cada vez más.

“Hay una epidemia de violencia sexual y violencia de género contra mujeres jóvenes y personas que se identifican como tales, que continúa creciendo. Las personas transgénero, las mujeres negras y bilingües, las mujeres indígenas y las mujeres jóvenes son aseñadas y desaparecen todos los días.”

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Liz Toledo, with fist raised, at the WIDF/FDIM in Windhoek, Namibia.
Honoring our ‘Ancestors Sustaining Resistance from 1619 to 2019’

By Gloria Verduz

The Black August Organizing Committee was honored to sponsor a Black August program for the last three years at San Diego’s Malcolm X Library at the Chicano Arts Center. This year’s program is of particular significance because this is the 400th year anniversary since the arrival of the first Africans to the Americas. African American laborers to the English colony of Jamestown, Va. Jamestown is where “a society with slaves was transformed from a Spanish conquistador and introduced to the memory of George Jackson and his teenaged brother, Jonathan Jackson. We emphasized that Black August is a call to action by immediate Black people in order to commemorate the lives lost in the struggle for Black liberation.

The Performance Annex was decorated with posters honoring Black freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for freedom and justice for future generations: George Jackson, political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal, political prisoners Leada Shakur, and photos of people killed by the police in San Diego. And books about Black liberation movements were also on display. Our intent was to spark the interest of all who came to the library and encourage people to read more to learn more about the historical context of struggle, especially in this current racist climate.

The first presenter was Dr. Ada Al-Amin of the San Diego State University’s Department of African Studies. She spoke on 400 plus years of struggle from the first African to arrive in the Americas to the present. He began his talk asserting, “[The beginning] is not about 1619 or the Jamestown Colony.”

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Washington's long war in the 'Middle East'

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U.S. warships are not prowling the coast of Iran’s pocket nuke and the free flow of oil. That’s a lie. For decades, Washington has used wars and sanctions to stop the flow of any oil or gas not owned by U.S. corporations.

The name of the game is monopoly. It’s a global version of what John D. Rockefeller did when he set up the Standard Oil trust—ancestor of ExxonMobil and ChevronTexaco—in the 1870s. But much, much bloodier. Rockefeller’s goons sometimes torched or dynamited competitors’ drilling rigs and pipelines. The Pentagon and its proxies have murdered hundreds of thousands of people in the past 30 years to keep the world’s energy revenues flowing to U.S. banks and corporations.

The U.S.-Israel-Saudi axis

Who are those proxies? First and foremost, the racist state of Israel and the brutal House of Saud. Gen. Alexander Haig, Ronald Reagan’s secretary of state, called Israel “the biggest U.S. aircraft carrier in the world and the only one that can’t be sunk.” The Zionist state has been in a state of war since it was created on the stolen land of Palestine. And every war it has waged has benefited U.S. corporate interests.

Saudi-occupied Arabia is a U.S. tribute state, a cash cow for U.S. banks and oil and arms companies. So are the other five kingdoms on the Arabian Peninsula: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. As dictator, they’re using their ruling families have put their oil revenues and production policy at the service of Washington’s long war in the ‘Middle East’ – the war on Iraq.

Saudi ARAMCO, the world’s richest oil company, was originally the Arabian-American Oil Company. Now, it is supposedly owned by the Saudi royal family. But its top executives are U.S. and British citizens. Four Western monopolies—ExxonMobil, Chevron, BP and Shell—control and market its output. U.S. bankers invert the kingdom’s oil revenues, and U.S. contractors run its military.

The Saudi kingdom is the biggest overseas customer of the U.S. military-industrial complex. For the past 40 years the kingdom has used its U.S.-made weaponry to murder and starve the people of neighboring Yemen. The United Nations has described the situation in that impoverished land as “the worst humanitarian catastrophe in the world.” The U.S. congress has rejected two congressional resolutions to limit U.S. involvement in the war. The Senate upheld the veto.

The United Arab Emirates, also involved in the war in Yemen, is the world’s third biggest purchaser of U.S. arms. General Dynamics keeps an F16 production line open to fill a contract from Bahrain. On July 27, Bahrain’s ruling Al Khalifa family executed two young pro-democracy activists, Ahmad al Malali, 24, and Haitham al Adda, 24, who had been tortured and convicted with 56 others in a mass trial. Bahrain is under Saudi military occupation. It is also home to the U.S. Naval Central Command and the U.S. Fifth Fleet, whose ships are off the coast of Iran.

Why they hate Iran

Before the 1979 Revolution, the Shah of Iran was the U.S. arms industry’s biggest overseas customer and Chase Manhattan Bank’s largest depositor. At Henry Kissinger’s request, the shah bailed the U.S. arms industry out of the slump that followed the end of the Vietnam War. Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi (“King of Kings, Shadow of God, Light of the Aryans”) was put on the throne by British troops in 1941. The CIA kept him on it. In 1953, as the monarch hid out in Rome, a CIA-organized coup overthrew Iran’s elected prime minister, Mohammed Mossadegh. Mossadegh’s government had nationalized Iran’s then British-owned oil industry. The grateful shah cut the Gulf Oil Company, now part of Chevron, in on Iran’s oil reserves. And Kermit Roosevelt, the CIA agent who ran the coup, became a vice president of Gulf Oil.

The 1979 Revolution, which threw out the shah, ended Iran’s subservience to Washington and Wall Street. The country’s oil revenues no longer went into U.S. bankers’ pockets. The Islamic Republic has been on Washington’s enemy list ever since.

There are a lot of differences between Islamic Iran, Bolivarian Venezuela, Baathist Iraq, Jamaahiriya Libya and Putin’s Russia. But in the eyes of the U.S. ruling class they are all guilty of the same sin: using their oil revenues for their own interests and not those of Wall Street.

Something more urgent than greed for lost tribute drives the Trump regime’s desperation to confront Iran. It’s the same thing that drove the U.S. to attack, sanction and invade Iraq, sanction Venezuela and Russia, bomb Libya and launch proxy wars in Syria and Ukraine. It’s the deeper struggle of capital against that crisis unique to the capitalist system, what Karl Marx called “an epidemic that, in all earlier epochs, would have seemed an absurdity — the epidemic of overproduction.”

The ‘end of history’ and endless war

Let’s go back 30 years, to the summer of 1989. The so-called Cold War, which was hot and bloody in most of the world, seemed to be ending. The Soviet Union was imploding under the impact of Mikhail Gorbachev’s perestroika. Politicians promised a “peace dividend” as military budgets would supposedly be slashed. A State Department employee named Francis Fukuyama wrote an essay called “The End of History.” Its theme was that “the triumph of the West,” its capital, would usher in an epoch of global stability.

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The end of the Soviet bloc’s planned economy and state-owned industries drove down the price of labor on a world scale. It opened up new markets for the U.S. dollar and for capitalist investment and exploitation.

It however caused a huge drop in global demand, threatening to drive energy prices lower still. And it left the U.S. military-industrial complex without an enemy to justify bloated budgets and new contracts. The children of Iran were collateral damage in a desperate attempt by the wealthiest U.S. corporations to salvage their bottom line.
Barack Obama visited Hiroshima on May 27, 2016, the first sitting U.S. president to do so. Obama’s visit to the Japanese city revived the question of whether killing hundreds of thousands of people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki with atom bombs was a necessary step.

Dwight Eisenhower didn’t think so. The former president and five-star general wrote in his autobiography “Mandate for Change” that dropping atom bombs on Japan “was completely unnecessary.” He claimed that he said this to War Secretary Henry Stimson.

General Curtis LeMay told a Sept. 20, 1945, news conference, “The atomic bomb had nothing to do with the end of the war at all.” Even President Truman declared that dropping the bombs “did not win the war.” (“Hiroshima in America, Fifty Years the bombs “did not win the war.”

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This didn’t stop Bagenent from being the Democratic candidate for vice president in 1948 serving as President Bill Clinton’s first Treasury Secretary. Korea also remembers the Hiroshima holocaust.

The Manhattan Project’s real target More than 100,000 workers were mobilized by the U.S. Army’s Manhattan Project to build the death bombs. At least $2 billion was spent, which, as a percentage of the U.S. economy, is equal to $30 billion today.

The excuse for the Manhattan Project was that the U.S. had to “beat Hitler” at developing the atom bomb. This was the reason given to scientists like the young physicist and Nobel Prize winner Richard Feynman.

But the real target of the Manhattan Project was the Soviet Union. According to William Shirer in “The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich,” U.S. brass hats expected the Soviet Union to collapse within six weeks of Hitler’s invasion in June 1941.

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The New Cold War Against China

By Fred Goldstein

During the Cold War and the struggle that followed the U.S.-China on one side and imperialism headed by Washington on the other side, revolutionaries used to characterize the conflict as a class war between two irreconcilable social systems.

There was the socialist camp, based upon socialist property, economic planning for human need and the government monopoly of foreign trade on the USSR-China side, and capitalism, a system of production for profit, on the other.

That the two systems were irreconcilable was at the bottom of the conflict dubbed the Cold War. In light of the current sharpening economic, diplomatic, political and military conflict between U.S. imperialism and the People’s Republic of China (PRC), it is time to revive the concepts that were applied during the height of the Cold War.

Of course it is necessary to make modifications in these formulations with respect to socialism in China, with its mix of controlled capitalism and guided socialism.

Nevertheless, the conflict between capitalist imperialism, headed by Washington, Wall Street and the Pentagon, and the Chinese socialist economic system, which has state-owned industry at its core and planned economic guidance, is becoming much sharper, and imperialism is growing more openly hostile.

U.S. imperialism’s long-standing strategy of containing socialism in China, Chinese capitalism notwithstanding, has been concealed beneath sugary bourgeois phrases about so-called “common interests” and “economic collaboration.” But this kind of talk is coming to an end.

Washington’s first campaign to overthrow China — 1949-1975

This struggle has been ongoing since 1949, when the Chinese Red Army drove U.S. puppet Chiang Kai-shek and his nationalist army from the mainland as it retreated to Taiwan under the protection of the Pentagon.

The conflict continued through the Korean War, when Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the U.S. high command drove the U.S. troops to the Chinese border and threatened atomic war. Only the defeat of the U.S. military by the heroic Chinese people under the leadership of Kim Il Sung, with the aid of the Chinese Red Army, stopped the U.S. invasion of China.

The struggle further continued with the U.S. war against Vietnam. The war’s strategic goal was to overthrow the socialist government of Vietnam in the north and drive to the border of China to complete the military encirclement of the PRC.

Only the world-historic efforts of the Vietnamese people under the leadership of Ho Chi Minh stopped the Pentagon in its tracks.

The Pentagon’s plans for military conquest failed

With the rise of Deng Xiaoping and the opening up of China to foreign investment beginning in December 1978, Wall Street began to reevaluate its strategy.

The U.S. ruling class began to take advantage of the opening up of China to foreign investment and the permission for private capitalism to function, which could both enrich U.S. corporations in the massive Chinese market and at the same time penetrate the Chinese economy with a long-range view to overturning socialism.

U.S. multinational corporations set up operations in China, hiring millions of low-wage Chinese workers, who flocked to the coastal cities from the rural areas. These operations were part of a broader effort by the U.S. capitalists to set up low-wage, global supply chains that integrated the Chinese economy into the world capitalist market.

The U.S. is a now a growing counterweight to Washington in international economics, high technology, diplomacy and regional military might in the Pacific, which the Pentagon has always considered to be a “U.S. lake” ruled by the Seventh Fleet.

The attack on Huawei

A dramatic illustration of the developing antagonisms is the way the U.S. has targeted Huawei, the deputy chairwoman and chief financial officer of Huawei, arrested in Canada for supposed violations of U.S. sanctions against Iran — an outrageous example of imperialism exercising extraterritoriality. The Trump administration has also leveled sanctions against Huawei electronics, the world’s largest supplier of high-tech operating systems in the world. Huawei employs 180,000 workers and is the second largest cell phone manufacturer in the world after the South Korean-based Samsung.

The sanctions are part of the U.S. campaign to stifle China’s development of the latest version of data-transmission technology known as Fifth Generation or 5G.

The Trump administration has barred U.S. companies from selling supplies to Huawei, which has been developing its alternative operating system for its equipment and Microsoft for its laptop products — both U.S.-based companies. Huawei is contesting the U.S. ban in court.

Meanwhile, as a backup plan in case Washington bans all access to Android and Microsoft, Huawei has quietly spent years building up an operating system of its own. Huawei developed its alternative operating system after a 2012 finding by Washington that Huawei and ZTE, another Chinese giant cell phone maker, were in criminal violation of U.S.’ national security.” ZTE was forced to shut down for four months. (South China Morning Post, March 24, 2019).

But the conflict is about more than just Huawei and ZTE.

The new red scare in Washington


A few excerpts give the flavor: “In a balcony across from the Capitol building, an unlikely group of military hawks, populist crusaders, Chinese Muslim freedom fighters and followers of the Falun Gong has been meeting to warn anyone who will listen that China poses an existential threat to the United States that will not end until the Communist Party is overthrown.”

“But if the warnings sound straight out of the Cold War, they are. The Committee on the Present Danger, a long-defunct group that campaigned against the dangers of the Soviet Union in the 1970s and 1980s, has recently been revived with the help of Stephen K. Bannon, the president’s former chief strategist, to warn against the dangers of China.”

“Since dismissed as xenophobes and fringe elements, the group’s members are finding their views increasingly embraced in President Trump’s Washington, where skepticism and mistrust of China have taken hold. Fear of China has spread across the government, from the White House to Congress to federal agencies.”

The Trump administration has opened a turf war against the PRC, imposing a 25-percent tariff on $250 billion worth of Chinese exports and threatening tariffs on another $50 billion. But there is much more to Washington’s campaign than just tariffs.

The FBI and officials from the NSC (National Security Council) have been conducting a witch hunt, continues the Times article, “particularly at universities and research institutions. Officials from the FBI and the National Security Council have been dispatched to Ivy League universities to warn administrators to be vigilant against Chinese students.”

And according to the Times there are concerns that this witch hunt “is stoking a new red scare, fueling discrimination against students, scientists and companies with ties to China and risking the collapse of a fraught but deeply enmeshed trade relationship between the world’s two largest economies.” (New York Times, July 20, 2019).

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tional Institutes of Health) and many research institutions, particularly MD Anderson [a major cancer treatment center and research institute in Houston], are now quasi-criminalized, with FBI agents reading private emails, stopping Chinese scientists at airports, and visiting people’s homes to ask about their loyalty.

“Xi Jinping Wu, who has been investigated by the FBI, joined MD Anderson while in graduate school and gained recognition for creating several so-called study cohorts with data amassed from hundreds of thousands of patients in Asia and the U.S. Those cohorts, which combine patient histories with personal biomarkers such as DNA characteristics and treatment descriptions, outcomes, and survival statistics, are a gold mine for researchers.

“She was branded an oncological double agent.”

The underlying accusation against Chinese scientists in the U.S. is that their research can lead to patentable medicines or cures, which in turn can be sold at enormous profits.

The Bloomberg article continues, “In recent years, cooperation with China has become increasingly globalized, with scientists around the world pooling data and ideas to jointly study diseases that affect millions of people a year. International collaborations are an intrinsic part of the U.S. National Cancer Institute’s Moonshot program, the government’s $1 billion blitz to double the pace of treatment discoveries by 2022. One of the program’s tag lines is: ‘Cancer knows no borders.’”

“Except, it turns out, the borders around China. In January, Wu, an award-winning epidemiologist and naturalized American citizen, quietly stepped down as director of the Center for Public Health and Translational Genomics at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center after a three-month investigation into his professional ties in China. Wu’s resignation, and the departures in recent months of three other top Chinese-American scientists from Houston-based MD Anderson, stem from a Trump administration drive to counter Chinese influence at U.S. research institutions. … The collateral effect, however, is to stymie basic science, the foundational research that underlies new medical treatments. The situation is evolving as rapid changes have been occurring in recent years in the world of cancer research, the foundation for with fervent anticipation for a cure for cancer.”

At U.S. research institutions, particularly the National Institutes of Health and many others, scientists are being targeted in the economic cold war with China, including the struggle to find a cure for cancer.”

Big surprise. A world famous Chinese epidemiologist, trying to find a cure for cancer, collaborates with scientists in China!

Looking for the ‘reformers’ and the counterrevolution

For decades, the Chinese Communist Party has had changes of leadership every five years. These changes have been stable and manageable for the most part. With each changeover, so-called “China experts” in the State Department in Washington think-tanks and U.S. universities have predicted the coming to power of a new “reformer” wing that will deepen capitalist reforms and lay the foundations for a new large-scale capitalist counterrevolution.

To be sure, there has been a steady erosion of China’s socialist institutions. The “iron rice bowl” which guaranteed a living to Chinese workers has been eliminated in private enterprises. Numerous state factories and enterprises have been sold off to the detriment of the workers, and in the rural areas land was de-collectivized.

One of the biggest setbacks for socialism in China and one which truly gladdened the hearts of the prophets of counterrevolution, was the decision by the Jiang Jemin CCP leadership to allow capitalists into the Chinese Communist Party in 2001.

As the New York Times noted at the time, “This decision raises the possibility of Communists co-opting capitalists — or of capitalists co-opting the party.” (New York Times, Aug. 13, 2001) It was the latter that the capitalist class has been looking forward to and striving for all along.

But on balance, this capitalist takeover has not materialized. Chinese socialism, despite the capitalist inroads into the economy, has proved far more durable than Washington ever imagined.

And, under the Xi Jinping leadership, the counterrevolution seems to be getting further and further away. It is not that Xi Jinping has become a revolutionary internationalist and a champion of proletarian control. But it has become apparent that China’s status in the world is completely connected to its social and economic planning.

“Deseamos difundir una visión colectiva de una sociedad en la que las mujeres y las niñas jóvenes es- tén empoderadas y tienen las herramientas para lograr la liberación total del patriarcado, todas las for- mas de violencia de género y sexual y la explotación capitalista. Ahora es el momento para que las mujeres jóvenes, las niñas y las personas LGBTIQ2S de la clase trabajadora se unan para defender el derecho de las mujeres en Lucha y Juventud Contra la Guerra y el Racismo. La condición de la mujer en Esta- dos Unidos sigue siendo una lucha. Las mujeres han estado y continúan estando en la primera línea de las luchas por la liberación de todas las personas. Somos trabajadoras sindicales que luchan para aumentar el salario mínimo a $25 y por la igualdad salarial. Estamos en el movimiento de Derechos Em/Migrantes exigen- do que terminen las separaciones familiares y abolir la policía de ICE (Inmigración y Control de Aduanas). Mientras que en El Paso, Texas, y Dayton, Ohio, las comunidades en- terraron a sus muertos por tiroteos racistas, el gobierno de los Estados Unidos arrestó a 800 trabajadores en sus trabajos en las fábricas de procesamiento de alimentos de Adanapi. Sus hijos se quedaron sin sus padres en su primer día de escuela, pero los propietarios multinacionales racistas que explotan a estos trabajadores no fueron arrestados para contratar trabajadores indocumentados. Estamos en las calles exigiendo que se bajen los salarios y se detengan con impunidad.”

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is to fire the current police chief, Williamson is a people’s candidate who promises to open up this government and make sure everybody counts.

The program was lengthy and, unfortunately, there was no time left for questions, comments or discussion. Sadly, this includes many questions that could not be answered.

Pamphlet published for the historic Black August Commemoration.

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Situación de las mujeres en EUA
Los fuegos de las Amazonas

¿Cómo es que esto está pasando en tan grande escala?

Por: Jefferson Azevedo

En 1992, líderes de varios países se reunieron en Río de Janeiro, Brasil, a discutir cooperación mutua posible para frenar deforestaciones internacionales. Los temas ambientales fueron el tema principal. En su discurso en esta junta, Fidel Castro, advirtió sobre la destrucción de la selva amazónica. Fidel señaló que una sociedad basada en consumismo es el culpable fundamental y que está orientado por la vieja metrópoli colonial y las políticas imperialistas que generaron la pobreza y el subdesarrollo que asistan a la gran mayoría de la humanidad. También cuestionó qué, sin la supuesta amenaza del comunismo y – a todo el frente para la guerra fría, lo que está impidiendo que las naciones ricas y desarrolladas, que monopolizan todo el mercado, gastados en armas, que se gastarán en el desarrollo del Tercer Mundo, con pólizas que eliminarán el hambre y el subdesarrollo y la destrucción ecológica del planeta.

Los recientes fuegos en la parte brasileña de la selva amazónica son sólo el último y mayor golpe para el “Gigante Verde.” Después de ver vídeos en la televisión, en las redes sociales y en varios sitios web en todo el mundo, personas de todas partes de la tierra han reaccionado.

Todos se preguntan, cómo es que esto está pasando en tan grande escala? ¿Quién está detrás de esto? ¿Porque es que el gobierno brasileño se ha quedado callado acerca de los incendios en la selva amazónica desde julio y no están haciendo nada concretos para extinguirlos?

El silencio se debe a la participación del gobierno, aunque indirecta, en él. Durante su campaña presidencial, Jair Bolsonaro, habló mucho sobre la presencia de desregulación, aflojar y/o simplemente poner fin a muchas de las leyes y reglamentos que facilitaron la explotación de la Amazonia.

A la segunda pregunta, la respuesta ta es que el gobierno simplemente no quiere. Quiere dejar que el siete de la selva se queme tanto como sea posible porque es el deseo de los grandes jefes de los negocios agrícolas, cárnicos y minerales. Brasil es el primero en el mundo en el uso de agua para desensillar a los animales de la tierra, de roja, caña y azúcar. También es uno de los más grandes exportadores de minerales en formas de sus productos. En una economía capitalista, industrias tan ricas y poderosas tienen mucho control sobre las decisiones de formulación de políticas. Brasil no es diferente.

Con todo el dinero que tienen en el sector agrícola desarrollado el negocio más poderoso de la historia del Congreso brasileño: el lobby rural o la Bancada Ruralista en portugués. Entre los objetivos principales del lobby rural están el perdimiento de las deudas contraídas por los agricultores, la expansión de las tierras cultivables y el fin de la demarcación de las tierras de los pueblos indígenas, porque consis- ten de los más obstáculos mayores para la expansión de sus negocios.

El Frente Agrícola Parlamentario (FPA) tiene el 40 por ciento de los representantes peleando por los intereses de grandes terratenientes y grandes agronegocios. Estos jefes irán a cualquier extremo o tomarán cualquier medida para lograr sus objetivos, incluso matar personas de las organizaciones indígenas de muchos países. Nada es aprobado, o hecho, en el congreso brasileño sin el permiso del FPA. La ex presidenta Dilma Rousseff no habría sido despidida por falsos cargos de infracción y Lula no habría sido arrestado por cargos falsos sin el apoyo de este lobby. También, Bolsonaro no habrá sido elegido o no estaría todavía en el palacio presi- dencial. Esto explica su silencio y su inercia con respecto al fuego que ha estado consumiendo una de las mayores maravillas de este planeta y el hábitat de una amplia gama de especies vivas. Con cinco mil- lones cuadrados de quilómetros, la selva amazónica engloba una área más grande que la Unión Europea y que ocupa más de la mitad del territorio brasileño. Hogar de veinticinco mil- lones de habitantes, una quinta parte de las plantas y animales de la tier- ra, y aproximadamente trescientos veinte mil millones de árboles, las Amazonas ha sido atacado desde que el primer colonizador pisó su suelo. Deformación de las Amazonas—con el uso de motosierras o fuego—nada nuevo para los indígenas o el pueblo local. Las tribus indígenas, además de lidiar con la invasión de sus tierras y el asesinato de su gen- te, ahora también tienen que luchar contra la presión ejercida sobre las autoridades para poner fin a la demarcación de sus tierras, abriendo así aún más las puertas a los terraten- nientes y sus matones. Sin representación en el congreso, sus súplicas son escuchadas solo por unos pocos. La deforestación de las Amazonas se |emobilizó durante diez años du- rante la administración del ex pres- idente Lula da Silva y Dilma Rous- seff, pero subió otra vez durante el segundo término de este último, que coincidió con el crecimiento del Lob- by Rural, que eligió alrededor del 44 por ciento del congreso.

En 2018, la deforestación tuvo su crecimiento más grande con un au- mento del 29 por ciento. Esto paso directamente después del coup que sacó a Dilma Rousseff, reemplazando Michel Temer, un buen amico de las oligarquías, que allanaron el camino para la destrucción de la Amazonía que, lam- entablemente, continúa ardiendo.

En un artículo titulado “Clima Cálido Amazónica,” un científico brasileño llamado Antonio No- bre, discute que los árboles son más importantes para la sobrevivencia de nuestro planeta de lo que la may- oría de la gente piensa. Nobre, que también es un miembro del Institu- to de Investigaciones Espaciales Na- cional (INPE), afirma que el agua que se evapora de los árboles, que se saca de la tierra, produce la atmósfera cuando se condensa. De- bido a la menor presión atmosférica, el aire húmedo del océano ingresa a la atmósfera y, con un enfase de agua vaporizada. Este fenómeno se llama un “riol volador.” Este río volador es más ancho que cualquier otro y a medida que se disuelve, se convierte en lluvia, no sólo en el bosque sino en todo el continente creando un enorme flujo de agua vaporizada.

El presidente brasileño Bolsono- rro pone la culpa por estos incendios criminales sobre las organizaciones indígenas y sus matones y las personas que defienden el bosque. Aunque no directamente pronunció el fuego como una preocupación viable. El es culpable por desmantelar y desembozar, nuevamente sobre las propie- dades que estaban evitando la destrucción masiva del medio ambiente en Brasil. Es culpable por uso de palabras que empoderan a aquellos que ga- nan de ellos y que garantizan la im- punidad de sus crímenes. También es culpable por haber puesto a Ricardo Saillies como el ministro de ambiente, un hombre que declaró que las Ama- zonas debe de ser explotado y quien, según The Intercept, falsificó docu- mentos para beneficiar a las empre- sas mineras. Es culpable, junto con los oligarcas que, a través del dinero y la influencia, todavía hacen creer a muchos trabajadores brasileños que los recursos minerales y su buenos padres son el motor para su país, que les da el poder en ellos. La lucha de las Ara- mazonas representa la lucha, no solo del pueblo brasileño, pero también de todo Latinoamérica y el Caribe que, después de siglos de devastaciones, lucha por su supervivencia, su hábitat, su cultura y su inclusión la Amazonía. 

Amazon fires

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ic pressure when condensed. Due to the lower atmospheric pressure, the cloud is forced to rise and condense creating a huge flow of va- porized water.

The Amazon is also known as a “fly- ing river.” This flying river is bigger than any other river and, as it dis- solves, turns into rain, not only in the forest but all over the continent. Without the trees to pull the water out of the ground, the atmospheric pressure cannot rise as it does in rainforests. Thus, seeing all the water to the ocean and eventual- ly creating a desert where once ex- isted the largest forest on earth.

Who is responsible?

As to the question of who is to blame, first we must say who is not to blame, as it is not common knowledge.

Brazilian President Bolsonaro puts the blame for the criminal fires on the environmentalist nongovern- mental organizations and people who defend the forest.

Although not directly setting the fires, it is Bolsonaro himself who is responsible. He is guilty for pur- posely dismantling and defending the agencies that were preventing the massive destruction of the envi- ronment in Brazil. He is guilty for his use of words that empower the ones who profit from it and for guaran- teeing the impunity of their crimes.

He’s also guilty for placing Ricar- do Salles as minister of the environ- ment, a man who stated that the Am- azon should be exploited and who, according to The Intercept, forged documents to benefit mining com- panies. He’s guilty along with the oligarchs who, through money and influence, still make many Brazilian workers believe that what is good for the bosses is good for them.

The struggle of the Amazon represents the struggle, not only of the Brazilian people, but also of all Latin America and the Caribbean that, af- ter centuries of devastations, fight for their survival, their habitat, their culture and even the rain.  

¿Quién está detrás de esto?

Bosque pluvial amazónico desde el espacio, con puntos rojos que representan un incendio o “zona de lluvia.” DERECHO: NASA WORLDVIEW