Haiti gripped by protests

ACTIVISTS DEMAND: ‘STOP THE MASSACRES!’

By John Parker

After 15 years of a military occupation of Haiti, the United Nations ‘peacekeeping’ force will close operations on October 15.

Growing protests now gripping Haiti began last year in reaction to the announcement by President Jovenel Moïse of his government’s of up to 50 percent increases in fuel prices. Protests have shut down businesses, airports and government buildings.

The UN.org website says: “The current U.N. peacekeeping mission closes on October 15, 2019 and will be replaced by a political mission, building on the progress made with the Haitian authorities to reinforce stability, security and governance as well as the protection of human rights.”

According to the publication Dominican Today, the Dominican Republic welcomed a meeting of the U.N. Security Council on Oct. 3 to encourage a continuation of the U.N. military occupation. Dominican Foreign Minister Miguel Vargas has stressed his government’s support for Haiti’s “democratically elected” President Jovenel Moïse. “What we see happening in Haiti these days would seem routine, but it is unacceptable for countries such as those represented in the Security Council, who believe in dialogue, the rule of law and the scrupulous observation of human rights,” Vargas said in a statement.

Both the U.N. statement and Foreign Minister Vargas’ concern for maintaining “the rule of law” run in the face of the killing of hundreds of protesters by the Haitian government and paramilitary forces who were enforcing “the rule of law.” Rules and laws, like everywhere, serve class interests and the representatives of the ruling class in Haiti, who held rigged elections with the assistance of the U.S. and other imperialist supporters of the Moïse government. They use the U.N. to maintain their dictatorial and brutal reign on the Haitian people, especially in the interests of U.S. imperialism.

It’s interesting that on Oct. 4, the day after the special meeting of the Security Council, thousands upon thousands of people protested at the U.N. headquarters in Haiti. According to the publication Haití Libérte: “A gargantuan demonstration of many, many thousands marched from the capital’s Nazon/Delmas Roads intersection (the traditional starting point these days) to the U.N. headquarters in Haiti. The demonstrators’ message: no more foreign military occupation, no more foreign meddling, stop supporting the Moïse government.”

On Oct. 7, Haiti Liberté reported another killing of a protester by government security thugs. In addition to voter fraud, brutality and assassinations, the Moïse government has been saddled with continuing corruption charges where billions of dollars have been pocketed by officials. Four billion dollars in Petrocaribe loans given by Venezuela to Haiti for social service relief programs wound up in the pockets of government officials and members of parliament.

Both the Nicolás Maduro and Hugo Chávez governments in Venezuela tried to assist the Haitian people with debt forgiveness and continued relief efforts, but met a wall of corruption by a government propped up by the U.S.

In fact, the Moïse government was given a lifeline when it—like other Organization of American States countries that voted last January under pressure from the U.S. — helped pass a resolution no longer recognizing the genuinely elected Madurian government of Venezuela.

Haiti and Venezuela

The imperialist assault on Haiti by the U.S. is linked to its assault on Venezuela, but neither Republicans nor Democrats want that connection to be seen.

In Miami, at a town hall meeting on Oct. 3 hosted by U.S. Representative Frederica Wilson, with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and six Haitian panelists, Pelosi made that clear, responding to the Haitian panelists. As reported by Haití Libérte: “The meeting began with mostly vapid political remarks by Pelosi, Wilson, Menendez and Joseph. But then it erupted (much to Pelosi’s discomfort) into a trial of and outcry against U.S. policy in Haiti.”

After indictments upon indictments, the U.S. for supporting weapons and rigged elections and imperialism in general against the Haitian people, Carlene Paul, one of the panelists, felt empowered to speak and charged that the Trump administration “is supporting Jovenel Moïse for voting [at the OAS] against [President Nicolás] Maduro in Venezuela.” Washington “didn’t like it, because Venezuela has helped Haiti” and then the Haitian government was “forced to vote against Venezuela.”

“The United States is telling them: Don’t get in contact with China. Don’t get in contact with Venezuela. Don’t get in contact with so and so,” she said, concluding that “Trump, in the background, is supporting Jovenel Moïse, the people of Haiti say no interference ... no more support for Jovenel Moïse as president of Haiti.”

Pelosi made a floundering and desperate defense of the policy of Trump and the Democrats in Venezuela, while dismissing the vital aid Venezuela sent to Haiti to save Haitian lives:

“You’ve been candid, and I’m going to be candid,” Pelosi lied. “Maduro is a thug, so I’m not taking any respect for what Maduro might be doing in Haiti [sic]. I’m glad that there may be some benefit, but I’m not erasing the injustices, the horror, the killings that he is doing in Venezuela because he is part of spreading a global and certainly a hemispheric exporting corruption and the rest [sic] ... Not to get involved in a full-fledged discussion about Maduro, but I can’t leave a meeting where you’re saying ... I cannot let my view be ../../...”

According to the Haitian Action Committee Facebook page reporting on acts of solidarity with the people of Haiti, there were militant protests in San Jose, Calif. “As part of this week of action in solidarity with Haiti that spanned from California to Montreal, South Bay students, teachers, human rights and community activists held a march and rally in downtown San Jose, California, today in solidarity with the uprising of the Haitian people demanding an end to U.S. support for dictatorship and death squads in Haiti. As the rally drew to a close, six Haitian activists blocked the entrance to the Federal Building, representing the U.S. government, chanting: ‘Stop massacres in Haiti’.”

Also last week, as heat from Haiti hits politicians and officials here in the U.S., it’s also hitting other imperialists complicit in the corruption and state violence in Haiti. Report on the Facebook page of the Haitian Action Committee: “On Monday, 15 Haitian community members and allies occupied Justin Trudeau’s election office for a little over three hours. The Solidarité Québec-Haiti #Petrochallenge 2019 activists called on the PM to withdraw Canada’s backing of a repressive, corrupt and illegitimate president of Haiti. Trudeau’s government has provided financial, policing and diplomatic support to Jovenel Moïse, whose presidency is dependent on Washington, Ottawa and other members of the Core Group.”

What’s needed now here in the U.S. is more pressure on both the Demo- crats and Republicans, whose policies run counter to the interests of the people of Haiti, Venezuela and the world.
The long shadow of the 1919 Chicago race riot

By Stephen Millies

A century ago, Chicago was convulsed by anti-Black riots. For days, African Americans were beaten and killed. Black workers couldn’t go to their jobs in the Union Stockyards, steel mills or downtown.

The violence started July 27, 1919, when five young Black men went to a beach on a hot Sunday afternoon. They climbed aboard a raft that they had helped build, went out into Lake Michigan and started diving from the vessel.

Chicago is a segregated city. It was worse a century ago.

Black people were confined to part of the city’s South Side. While the 25th Street beach was for African Americans, the 29th Street beach was exclusively white.

When the raft drifted into waters off 29th Street, a racist named John Stauber started throwing rocks at the Black youth. One of the rocks struck 17-year-old Eugene Williams, who drowned.

Williams’ companions went with an African American policeman from the 25th Street beach who asked Daniel Callahan, a white cop, to arrest Stauber. Callahan refused and stopped the Black officer from apprehending the killer.

Reportedly, a thousand Black Chicagoans then assembled at the 29th Street beach and demanded the police arrest Stauber for murder. The police refused. A Black man named James Crawford was shot and killed by the police, but the crowd did not disperse. By nightfall, rumors of anti-Black rioting began.

Black people hiding in the country contingent proceeded to hunt down Scott after 25 whites had nearly killed him. None of the whites who attacked Scott on a streetcar were arrested. Instead, Scott was struck repeatedly by cops and thrown into a police wagon.

Horace Jennings was left wounded in the street by racist drivers only to be asked by a policeman, “Where’s your gun, you Black son of a bitch?” The cop then swung his billy club at Jennings’ head, leaving the Black man unconscious.

Only after several blood-soaked days did the capitalist class decide to call in the National Guard to stop the anti-Black riot.

The capitalists acted partly because the shooting wasn’t all one way. African Americans were arming themselves in self-defense. While 23 Black people were murdered, 15 whites were sent to the morgue as well.

The bloody red summer of 1919

The Chicago race riot didn’t occur in a vacuum. Seventy-six African Americans were lynched in 1919. At least 13 were veterans. More than 50 cities had anti-Black riots.

The week before Chicago erupted, as many as 39 people were killed in the Washington, D.C., riot. Carter G. Woodson, the father of Black History Month, barely escaped harm as he saw a white mob shoot a Black man to death.

In May, six people were killed in Charleston, S.C. At the end of August, as many as 30 people were killed in Knoxville, Tenn. In September, the 14-year-old future actor Henry Fonda witnessed the African American Willie Brown being hanged and shot in Omaha, Neb. A white mob tore down the courthouse and tried to hang the city’s mayor, Edward Smith.

The worst massacre was in Phillips County, Ark., near the city of Elaine. Hundreds of Black sharecroppers and their families were slaughtered. Arkansas Gov. Charles Brough accompanied Col. Isaac Jenkins and 550 U.S. army soldiers who arrived in Elaine on Oct. 2. This all-white contingent proceeded to hunt down Black people hiding in the countryside.

None of these atrocities were spontaneous or accidental. Capitalist newspapers played a major role in whipping up racist violence. The Washington Post called for a “clean-up” against Black people.

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Contradictions in the impeachment struggle

By Fred Goldstein

The impeachment struggle against Trump poses many contradictions. On the one hand, hundreds of millions of people around the world would like to see Trump brought down in the hope that this will alleviate his administration’s oppressive and corrupt rule.

On the other hand, the impeachment struggle is, at bottom, a struggle by various factions of the ruling class to further support and strengthen the US imperialist state’s rule.

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Of course, it would be foolhardy to ignore Trump’s corruption. The Biden scandal would not have come out if he were not so contemptuous of capitalist norms and processes. It is hard to measure degrees of corruption in bourgeois politics, since it is so pervasive, but usually presidents work to embed bourgeois interests through themselves. Trump did not wait.

He openly cashes in on the presidency to bolster his personal fortune right down to theBone, his wall, his flights, his hotels. And the Saudi monarch, among others, has rented entire floors in his D.C. hotel. So openly trying to get a government job with a political opponent, is just business as usual for Trump and the corrupt circle around him.

The Democratic Party and Ukraine scandal

The Democratic Party leadership has been given new life in the struggle against Trump by the Ukraine scandal. Trump tried to withhold US funds to put a hit on military aid to the reactionary regime in Kiev that is fighting the independence forces in the east of Ukraine until they came up with dirt on Joe Biden, Trump’s electoral opponent.

Trump did so openly in a telephone call with a completely corrupt ally, the president of Ukraine. In notes taken by Trump officials. Some versions of those notes were made public, and in them Trump tells the Ukrainian prime minister, Volodymyr Zelensky, to “do me a favor” and “look into corruption” by Biden and his son Hunter. Trump had held up the military aid that Congress had allocated to Ukraine well before the phone call, to be used as leverage.

The question is like Rus-sia on a smaller scale. But po- litically, it is, in essence, the same thing. The Democrats first opposed Trump by playing by the Russian card over and over. Instead of pointing out the outrageous disencumber-ance of masses of voters, particularly of the left, they supported attacking Trump’s racism, misogyny, and anti-worker and anti-environ- mental policies, they focused endlessly on the cry of collusion with Russia. First of all, these Democrats are allied with the military-indus-try by the Russian card. Second, they assumed that this would be the eas- iest way to go about fighting Trump. If this is their only card, then it is to undermine, remove or destroy all obstacles to the advancement of US capitalist and imperialist inter- ests at home and abroad.

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Furthermore, it would be one thing if Trump were impeached under pressure from the enraged masses in the streets, on the campuses and in the workplaces. But at present, the masses are relying on the rul- ing class to fight their battle against Trump. He and his whole adminis- tration and their enablers should be swept into jail for their crimes. That might bring some genuine relief to the working class and oppressed.

The background to the Ukraine crisis

It is no accident that the Ukraine issue has become the focus of the impeachment struggle. It was the Obama administration, with Joe Biden as vice president and John Kerry as secretary of state, that overthrow the elected government of President Viktor Yanukovych in February of 2014.

The Obama/Biden/Clinton admin-
The coming economic crisis

By Greg Butterfield

Dear friends,

You don’t need me to tell you that times are tough. Not only is the cliché about living one paycheck away from disaster absolutely true; for many who have jobs, the crisis is already here, and it never ends. You’ve probably heard by at least one of the many studies in the last few years showing how precariously workers are living. A recent economic analysis that almost half of U.S. residents can’t afford even a $400 emergency, such as an unexpected medical bill or car repair.

Millions are working more hours for fewer wages than before the Great Recession a decade ago. Others are desperate for more work. Many of us are supplementing low-wage, no-benefit jobs with gig work (Uber, Lyft, etc.). Others are working in inhospitable conditions at Amazon.com fulfillment centers, where every step and bathroom break is timed to the second.

Families are doubling up, tripling up, living in garages and cars as rents climb through the roof. Nowhere in the U.S. can renting a one-bedroom apartment in a new fulfillment center — where every step and bathroom break is timed to the second — hit at the beginning of October. The median cost for a month’s rent a two-bedroom apartment. In May, the median cost for a month’s rent on a one-bedroom apartment in New York City was $2,980.

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Resisting police abuse

Los Angeles Forum

By Jefferson Azevedo

On Sept. 30, the British documentary titled “The Hard Stop” was presented at the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice in Los Angeles, as part of a series of screenings through different cities in the United States. The event was chaired by Dr. Odom, included Marcus Knox-Hooke and KurtisHenville, longtime friends of Mark Duggan, who was slain by London police in 2011. “The Hard Stop,” directed by George Amposah and produced by Dianne Walker, tells the story of Mark Duggan’s assassination by a police officer—which is still undisclosed—during a “hard stop” in Tottenham, England, in 2011. This shooting was reminiscent of the 1985 police assassination by a police officer—whose name is still unknown—of Mark Duggan’s friends and family following his death. He was shot and killed in a “hard stop” police procedure in 2011, sparking a massive rebellion, that spread to cities across the UK.

The gap between the rich and the rest of us continues to grow, aggra- vated by President Donald Trump’s tax cuts for the wealthy (who barely paid taxes to begin with). A Federal Reserve report showed that the top 1 percent gained $2 trillion in wealth since 1989, while the bottom 50 percent lost $900 billion. New data from the Census Bureau shows income inequality is at the highest level in more than 50 years.

But these general trends, stark as they are, don’t tell the whole story. For Black, Latinx, Indigenous, Arab and Asian workers, for women and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and two--spirit workers, for migrants and refugees, young and disabled workers, there is discrim- ination in hiring, wages more precarious, and there is the constant danger of repression, sexual assault or deportation.

As if all this wasn’t bad enough, now we’re bombarded with warn- ings that a new recession is starting. Signs of crisis

The evidence of a downturn has been building all year, but it really hit at the beginning of October. The manufacturing sector of the econ- omy is now officially in a recess- ion, not only here but globally. In September, the U.S. manufacturing index declined to its lowest level since the 2009 recession.

While some defenders of the status quo hold out hope that the recession won’t affect other sectors of the U.S. economy, it’s just wish- ful thinking. “That argument does not recognize that many service sectors depend on manufacturing for their own expansion,” explains economist Michael Roberts. “The spillover from a manufacturing slump has usually been significant in previous recessions. If global employment growth should weaken or stop, workers’ purchasing power will wane and the services sector will start to suffer as well.”

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U.S. denies visa to Cuban Health Minister

By Cheryl LaBash

Health ministers from throughout the Americas gathered in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 30, for a week of meetings to set regional health goals and priorities at the 57th Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

"This is an open meeting, however, without Cuba's Minister of Public Health Dr. José Angel Portal Miranda. According to Reuters, the United States declined to invite Cuba to the meeting, preventing a leading public health official from participating in an international meeting."­

"There can be no doubt that we, as a region, are making significant and tangible progress on the road towards achieving universal health coverage and universal access to health," stated PAHO Director Carissa F. Etienne, in her opening remarks. These include the highest rating of any region on a global measure of health services coverage (79 out of 100 on the UHC Service Coverage Index).

"Certainly, Cuba's white-coated army of doctors and generations of locally trained medical schools and deployed from Haiti to Venezuela contributed to the outstanding statistics included in PAHO's annual report."­

"The visa denial is part of the U.S. government's genocidal economic, financial and commercial blockade that has cost Cuba's universal health care system billions of dollars. According to a report released by the Republic of Cuba's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, "between April of 2018 and March of 2019, losses to Cuba's home health sector amounted to $104,318,378, a figure exceeding that of the previous year by $6,123,498."­

"This hostile policy hinders the acquisition of technologies, raw materials, reagents, diagnostic equipment, medical supplies as well as medicines for the treatment of serious diseases such as cancer. These consumables must be bought in faraway markets, often through intermediaries, and this necessarily increases their prices," the statement said.

“I believe Cuba's U.S. slander campaign against Cuba's renowned medical internationalism and well organized public health system cannot erase the experiences of human beings in underserved rural and urban areas around the globe who received culturally competent medical care from Cuban doctors when no one else would help them."­

"In 2017, Cuba's Henry Reeve International Medical Brigade (HRIMB) received international recognition at the 70th World Health Assembly, the annual global event of the PAs. PAHO gathered this week for "its emergency medical assistance to more than 3.5 million people in 21 countries affected by disasters and epidemics since the founding of the brigade in September 2005."­

"The PAHO article concluded, "a country of just 115 million people, Cuba has more than 50,000 of its health professionals serving in 66 countries. Cuba is also globally recognized for its preventive, community-based approaches to primary health care, disease prevention and medical education."­

"In 1999, Cuba founded the Latin America School of Medicine at the request of the historic Cuban leader Fidel Castro. Tens of thousands of young doctors have graduated since then and returned to their home countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean—nearly 200 of them to the U.S.—debt-free thanks to the generous Cuban scholarship awarded to them."­

"Dr. Felix Baez, who survived Ebola infection while serving during the crisis in Sierra Leone and accepted the award along with the PAHO Health Minister, said that the award to the HRIMB confirms our commitment to continue our work, to go to the world's most difficult places and to serve people who are in greatest need. We want to keep doing this, and to save many more lives—no matter how difficult it gets."­

"Labash has helped DoctorsDetro in its efforts to recruit and support Detroit area students studying medicine at the Latin American School of Medicine."

Why do progressive Democrats slander Venezuela?

By Leon Koufax

On Sept. 12, ABC TV broadcast the third Democratic Party presidential primary debate. It showcased 10 candidates who have come up in this year’s debates. Some have certainly raised progressive discourse to the forefront to some extent, particularly in regards to social and economic questions. They tend to support policies like Medicare for All, free public college tuition, and priorities at the 57th Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

The bosses in the U.S. would prefer to be able to exploit Venezuela’s oil industry for their own profit rather than have that money be used for education, health care and housing for the Venezuelan people. These politicians understand a simple reality: a candidate for the Democratic Party’s presidential nomination cannot win without adhering to the imperialist political line. While the Democratic Party has swung left on some issues, the issue of imperialist war seems to be a “line in the sand.”

For the past several decades, the Democratic Party has been solidly pro-war. This is demonstrated by the Bill Clinton administration’s invasion of Somalia, Democratic congressional support for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the Obama administration’s bombing campaign in Libya and drone war in Africa and West Asia.

While the Democrats’ recent leftward movement on issues of domestic policy has many positive aspects, it feels hollow if the same leaders making calls for progressive policies in the U.S. continue to support the war machine abroad. The forces behind the lack of health care, education and job opportunities for working people at home and the same forces behind the war and sanctions aimed at progressive gov-ernments abroad: capitalism and the ruling class.
Mientras el presidente de Estados Unidos Donald Trump anunciaba un belicoso discurso ante la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas el 24 de septiembre atacando a Irán, Venezuela, China y a los trabajadores y opositores a la reelección directa, el presidente de la Cámara de Representantes del Partido Demócrata Nancy Pelosi anunció el comienzo de una investigación para la destitución de Trump.

Sin embargo, el proceso de destitución no tiene que ver con las numerosas violaciones de Trump a la ley internacional, tales como desmantelar el acuerdo nuclear con Irán, ser beneficiado con dinero en efectivo de empresarios bienes de Venezuela en el extranjero y de su Embajada en Washington, o reforzar el bloqueo ilegal contra Cuba.

Tampoco tiene que ver con las violaciones masivas de derechos humanos en la frontera entre México y Estados Unidos o el encarcelamiento de refugiados en campos de concentración. Tampoco se trata de que sus políticas fomenten la destrucción del medioambiente.

No, el proceso de destitución se centra en una llamada telefónica hecha el 21 de julio entre Trump y el presidente ucraniano Vladimir Zelensky, en la que Trump presuntamente presionó a Zelensky para que investigara los cargos de corrupción contra el exvicepresidente y actual candidato presidencial demócrata, Joe Biden.

Este cargo “explosivo” fue hecho por un agente de inteligencia que presentó una denuncia informando sobre la llamada por un agente de inteligencia que investigara los cargos de corrupción contra el exvicepresidente y actual candidato presidencial demócrata, Joe Biden.

Más tarde se informó que la administración Trump había retenido temporalmente casi 400 millones de dólares en ayuda para Ucrania. La ayuda militar liberada después. Trump dice que no había conexión entre la llamada y su “revisión” de la ayuda.

Es razonable preguntarse por qué la dirección del Partido Demócrata consideró que este juicio político es digno, cuando los asuntos de vida o muerte que afectan a millones de trabajadores no son.

La explicación oficial, según The Guardian, es que “es ilegal que una campaña política acepte ‘una cosa de valor’ de un gobierno extranjero. Los demócratas dicen que una investigación de un oponente político, para lo cual Trump parece haber estado presionando, equivaldría a ‘una cosa de valor’.

Lo que nadie en Washington ni en los medios corporativos se preocupan por hacer es que, mientras los presidentes reales y mortales del gobierno de Estados Unidos y de las grandes empresas americanas reciben la administración demócrata de Obama, en la que Biden trabajó, como ahora bajo la administración de Trump.

Soldado de EE.UU. ayuda a neonazis

El 23 de septiembre, el periodista investigativo de Grayzone Ben Norton publicó un artículo sobre cómo el FBI financió a Jarrett William Smith, un soldado estadounidense que quería unirse al Batallón Azov, un grupo militar neonazi en Ucrania.

Mientras servía en el ejército de Estados Unidos, escribió Norton, ‘este extremista de derecha dio una versión detallada de sus contactos con otros países información sobre cómo construir bombas...’

‘El FBI dijo que también había planeado viajar a Ucrania para unirse al Batallón Azov, una milicia neonazi que durante años ha sido apoyada directamente por el gobierno de Estados Unidos’.

Esta es la verdadera historia sobre Ucrania que debe ser traída a la luz por el director de la llotseville en 2017, habían asistido a los activos neonazis que tomaron el poder hicieran lo que el nuevo gobierno apoyado de Estados Unidos inició un régimen golpista de derrocar a la verdadera autoridad en Ucrania en 2014.

La represión continúa contra los opositores al régimen, incluyendo el encarcelamiento de cientos de presoneros políticos, palizas y asesinatos por parte de grupos neonazis, y la masacre de 4.800 personas en la Casa de los Sindicatos en Odessa el 2 de mayo de 2014.

El papel de Biden

Desde el comienzo de la guerra en 2014, hasta 2016, el vicepresidente Joe Biden sirvió como un virtual gobernador colonial de Ucrania, vaciando prácticamente el país con frecuencia, compensando recortes y castigos para garantizar que el conjunto de oligarcas, políticos pro-occidentales, e incluso algunos radicales, que tomaron el poder hicieran lo que Biden quería.

El 25 de abril de 2014, este autor escribió: ‘La llamada “campaña anti-terrorista” destinada a Ucrania, que Biden había lanzado tras una visita del director de la CIA John Brennan a Kiev el 15 y 16 de abril, con humildes revestidas, incluyendo la deserción de muchas tropas que el régimen creía leales, el ataque se reanudó inmediatamente después de que el vicepresidente estadounidense Joe Biden, volara a Kiev el 22 de abril para ejercer más presión y prometer más ayuda’.

Fue Biden, más que ninguna otra figura de la administración, quien supervisó las brutales “reformas” de austeridad y privatización exigidas por los grandes bancos y la guerra igualmente brutal de Dombas. Esto incluía la privatización de las ricas tierras agrícolas de Ucrania y su adquisición por Monsanto y otras corporaciones agroindustriales occidentales que impujan los regímenes –una de las muchas disposiciones excesivas por el hecho que el Banco Mundial International a cambio de un rescate de 17,500 millones de dólares-, así como la introducción del ‘tricking’ del despojo de los bienes de los ucranianos con la esperanza de que el conjunto de oligarcas, políticos pro-occidentales, e incluso algunos radicales, que tomaron el poder hicieran lo que Biden quería.

El 25 de febrero, la Oficina del Alto Comisionado de las Naciones Unidas para los Derechos Humanos informó que el número de informes habían llegado a 13,000 desde que comenzó la guerra en Donbass en 2014, con más de 30,000 heridos. Miles de personas fueron desplazadas y se convirtieron en refugiados como resultado de la guerra.

Para mantener un velo de “negociación creíble”, la administración Obama había prohibido la venta directa “ arma de arteseta” a Ucrania, fomentando la “guerra industrial” a través de varios países como las monarquías del Golfo. Trump eliminó esa restricción.

El papel del presidente

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spor del Fiscal General ucraniano Viktor Shokin, quien supuestamente debía investigar corrupciones. Una de las entidades que Shokin estaba investigando era Bursima Holdings.

En una reunión del Consejo de Asuntos Exteriores, Joe Biden se jactó más tarde de cómo utilizó la amenaza de retirar una línea de crédito de mil millones de dólares para despedir al fiscal. Todo perfectamente legal, fue lo que dijo.

Los principales medios de comunicación, incluso los medios alternativos como The Nation y The Intercept, se han esforzado mucho en justificar la conducta de Biden, tildándola como legal e inatacable, aunque admiten una apariencia “inexplicable”.

¡Eso es! Después de todo, este tipo de conducta es costumbre normal para los políticos estadounidenses y la clásica a la que sirven, sin importar a qué partido capitalista pertenezcan!

El predicador de la austeridad

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