If the November election is stolen,

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A Call for People’s General Strike

This may be the first time that a U.S. president has said he won’t accept the result of the vote, indicating that there will be no peaceful transition. This is not an idle threat. Trump has his own paramilitary police, Homeland Security, the support of the most virulent and reactionary police departments, and a myriad of violent, racist, vigilante-type groups.

At the Sept. 29 debate, after the moderator suggested condemning the Proud Boys, a far-right, violently racist group, Trump declared: “Proud Boys: stand back and stand by,” acknowledging he was their leader. Later in the debate, Trump refused to say he would abide by the results of the election. He declined to tell his supporters to remain calm or avoid violence. “If I see tens of thousands of ballots, I can’t go along with that,” he said, urging his supporters to go to the polls and “watch very carefully.”

What can we do if there is an attempted coup, an outright coup or an effort to sabotage the vote? The people must prepare.

We are the people: Low-wage workers who are at the frontlines, risking our lives, whether we are grocery workers, bus drivers or Amazon warehouse workers; those of us in the streets protesting for Black Lives Matter and community control of police; those of us in the community facing evictions, foreclosures and utility shut-offs; students and youth concerned with catastrophic climate change and unsafe school reopening; health care workers and teachers sacrificing for our patients and students; Black, Brown and Indigenous communities along with seniors disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Our lives are at stake.

We must act to protect people’s rights! Every vote counts, and we will not accept a stolen election, no matter what form it takes, whether it’s stolen through a Supreme Court decision, the undemocratic Electoral College or violence by the far right forces backing Trump.

If the election is stolen, from Nov. 3, 2020, through Jan. 20, 2021, it will be time for us to be in the streets in such large numbers that the system cannot run. Call in sick! Occupy the streets! March and picket at Federal Buildings, banks and businesses, and other suitable targets in your city, state or county. Organize civil disobedience. Urge your union to prepare for sickouts and strikes.

Here are some important dates to plan around:

- **Monday, November 2:** Support the call for Black Solidarity Day and International Election Observers.
- **Tuesday, November 3:** Election Day: Physical voting at the polls. Join local groups like People’s Committees to Defend Democratic Rights or other local efforts to stop any intimidation by right-wing armed groups. Help escort Black, Brown, Indigenous and LGBTQ2S people and seniors to the polls to guarantee their safety.
- **Wednesday, November 4:** Support the call by the National Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression for a Post-Election Protest for a Peoples Mandate for national day-after demonstrations.

During this period, paper ballots will be counted. At any point the Supreme Court, consisting of just nine judges, may step in as it did in the 2000 election to undemocratically decide the direction of the elections.

December 8 marks the end of the “safe harbor” period for states to determine that election results will not be challenged in Congress. On December 14, Electoral College delegates cast their ballots on a state level. On January 6, 2021, Congress meets to count the Electoral College and declare a winner.

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 (Inauguration Day): Regardless of the outcome, we must continue to press for the demands that people need and want — Black Lives Matter, stopping police and ICE terror, health care for all, cancel rent and stop evictions and foreclosures, workers’ rights and safety on the job, jobs or income for all, no war or sanctions.

Please sign onto this call and begin to organize in your area: tinyurl.com/yyp3ol8g

Signed:
- Peoples Power Assembly
- Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice
- ICE Out of Baltimore
- Youth Against War & Racism
- Rev. CD Witherspoon
- Peo Gen All
- Rev. Annie Chambers, Douglas Homes RAB Delegate
- Prisoners Solidarity Committee
- American Indians of New England
- Mahtowin Munro, United American Indians of New England
- Malaya Movement Baltimore
- Frank Chapman, Executive Director, National Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression
- CODEPINK
- Courtney Jenkins, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Baltimore Chapter
- Delores Lemon-Thomas, Million Worker March
- Clarence Thomas, convener Million Worker March, former Secretary-Treasurer ILWU Local 10
- Chris Silvera, Secretary-Treasurer Teamsters Local 808
- Reverend David Carl Olson, Local Minister, First Unitarian Church of Baltimore
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- Dr. Marvin “Doc” Cheatham, Matthew Henson Neighborhood Assoc., former President Baltimore NAACP
- San Diego Leonard Peltier Defense Committee
- Fernando Ramirez, Union Organizer U.E. (United Electrical Workers) LA Tenants Union/Unión de Vecinos
- Bob Brown, Pan African Roots
- Anthony Franklin Parker, Wordsmith & Artist, Rise With A Purpose
- Solidarity with Novorossiya and Anti-fascists in Ukraine
- Rhode Island Peoples Assembly
- Committee Against Police Brutality, San Diego
- Atlanta Peoples Power Assembly
- Bonnie “Raven” Lane, Housing Advocate
- Bill Goodin, co-founder, Black Men Unifying Black Men
- Franca Muller Paz, Baltimore City Council District 12 Candidate
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- Wisconsin Bail Out the People Movement
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The Michigan conspiracy isn’t a joke

By Stephen Milles

Thirteen fascists were arrested on Oct. 8 for plotting to kidnap and kill Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. There were also plans to assassinate Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam. Both governors are Democrats.

Most of the initial media coverage of those arrested has portrayed them as bumbling losers. That’s despite their use of encrypted communications and plans to use an 800,000 volt taser. Poor and working people should consider the Michigan plot as extremely dangerous.

These fascists are precisely the social material that’s used by the wealthy and powerful to terrorize people. Seven of them belong to the Wolverine Watchmen, an armed vigilante group.

Michigan’s Barry County Sheriff Dar Leaf claimed these fascists were merely planning to make a “felony arrest” of Gov. Whitmer. Leaf appeared with some of them at a Grand Rapids rally protesting the public health measures needed to combat the coronavirus. He knew of the indicted conspirators, Michael and William Null.

Cops and fascists work hand in hand. On Oct. 15, Newport News, Va., police provided armed members of the ultraright Boogaloo movement with a sound system and chocolate milk.

After a Black father, Jacob Blake, was shot seven times in front of some of his children by Kenosha, Wis., Officer Rusten Sheskey, racist armed vigilantes came to town. They were welcomed by police and the county sheriff to threaten Black Lives Matter demonstrators. Kyle Rittenhouse killed two anti-racists, seriously wounded another and was allowed to escape Kenosha.

Trump helped incite vigilante violence by tweeting “Liberate Michigan!” and “Liberate Wisconsin!” The Wolverine Watchmen planned to take Gov. Whitmer to Wisconsin to be killed.

The Trump supporters were just foot soldiers for the billionaire class who considered the public health measures to be profit-killers. Unlike Black Lives Matter protesters, none of those who were carrying long guns in Lansing were fired upon by the police with rubber bullets or tear gas.

Lifting these restrictions led to a massive increase in COVID-19 infections in the Upper Midwest. In Wisconsin’s Menominee County, home to the Menominee Nation, one out of every 22 people has caught the coronavirus, twice the U.S. rate.

Shock troops for the ruling class

To paraphrase the political prisoner Jalil Al-Amin, once known as H. Rap Brown, using thugs to attack a people’s movement is as American as apple pie.

Thousands of Black people were murdered by the Ku Klux Klan during the overthrow of Reconstruction state governments in the 1870s.

Hundreds of Black people were murdered by mobs in East St. Louis, Ill., in 1917 and Tulsa, Okla., in 1921. During 1919, white racist mobs in Chicago and other cities were allowed to kill Black people. Police only intervened after Black people fought back.

In 1961, Anniston, Ala., police gave Ku Klux Klan members 15 minutes to try to kill Freedom Riders who were traveling together in defiance of segregation laws. Their Greyhound bus was set on fire.

Klanzman Byron De La Beckwith assassinated Mississippi NAACP Field Secretary Medgar Evers in 1963. Beckwith was acquitted after Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett came to court to shake hands with him in front of the all-white jury. It was only in 1994, that Beckwith was convicted on federal charges for killing Medgar Evers.

The labor movement has also been a victim of mob violence.

Industrial Workers of the World organizer Frank Little was lynched in 1917 for leading a strike of copper miners in Butte, Mont. IWW member Wesley Everett was murdered by vigilantes in 1919.

The Black Legion, which despite its name was a split-off from the Ku Klux Klan, killed union organizers in Michigan. It’s widely thought that Rev. Earl Little, the father of Malcolm X, was murdered by these terrorists.

United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther led a drive against communists in the union and later fought the League Of Revolutionary Black Workers. That didn’t prevent him from being nearly killed by his Detroit home in a 1948 assassination attempt. Local police and the FBI didn’t want to find out who did it.

In 1937, Reuther and other UAW organizers were viciously beaten by Henry Ford’s private police outside the Rouge complex in Dearborn, Mich. No one was ever prosecuted for the assaults.

Ford used thousands of his cops to terrorize workers. Only the UAW’s victory at Ford in 1941 stopped these goons from attacking employees.

We can’t depend on the capitalist government to even count our votes. It’s foolish to think the police will protect us from their fascist buddies, like the Wolverine Watchmen.

Greensboro, N.C., police and agents from the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms allowed Klansmen and Nazis to murder five anti-racist protesters on May 17, 1970. Four of the martyrs were members of the Communist Workers Party.

In the 1960s, the Deacons for Defense and Justice defended civil rights organizers against Klan violence. Today’s people’s movement needs to defend itself as well.

Fascist vigilantes were welcomed by police and the county sheriff to threaten Black Lives Matter demonstrators.

100 years after his death, John Reed’s example still shines

By Greg Butterfield

One hundred years ago, the communist journalist John Reed died in Moscow. (The date of his death is given variously between Oct. 17 and Oct. 20, 1920; the Russian communists say Oct. 19, so I’ll go with that.) He is one of a handful of U.S. revolutionaries interred in the Kremlin wall.

Amidst the devastation of the Russian Civil War, 1918 to 1920, Reed had contracted typhus on his return trip from the historic Congress of the Peoples of the East in Bukh, Azerbaijan, where he gave a roaring speech warning the oppressed peoples of the world not to trust U.S. imperialism’s honeyed words about “democracy” — a warning that is still 100 percent relevant today.

Reed is best remembered as the author of “Ten Days That Shook the World,” his on-the-scene account of the Great October Socialist Revolution, with an approving foreword by Lenin. This is still the best introduction to the events of the socialist revolution of 1917.

But Reed was much more than one book. He was a founder of the U.S. communist movement, coming over from the radical wing of the Socialist Party. He was an outstanding journalist of working-class struggles in the U.S. — see, for example, his account of the 1913 Paterson Silk Strike — and of the struggles of the oppressed workers of the world, including his book “Insurgent Mexico” about the great Mexican Revolution. “Ten Days” was the second piece of communist literature I ever read as a teenager, and Reed continues to be an inspiration for me after over 30 years as a revolutionary writer and journalist. Reed rejected the bourgeois ideology of “imperialist journalism” taught by U.S. academics and media, which always winds up as a justification of the capitalist status quo. He knew that honest reporting and analysis goes hand-in-hand with a clear, open and unashamed working-class point of view.

Despite various biographical at...
Trump pushes voter suppression: how should revolutionaries respond?

By Greg Butterfield

Oct. 13 — As people in Fairfax, Va., waited in line to cast their ballots on the second day of early voting, a squad of Trump supporters descended on the polling station, disrupting the process and intimidating voters and poll workers. In Southern California, the Republican Party placed unofficial drop boxes to collect mail-in ballots amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

The New York Police Department, which regularly brutalizes and murders Black and Brown people with impunity, bragged how it would guard the polls while mobilizing all cops in the city to repress protests around the election. New York’s police “union” has even endorsed Trump.

The governor of Texas restricted mail ballot dropoff to just one location for every county in that huge state. (A federal court later ruled against the measure, but the state immediately appealed. It’s unclear how or if it will be rectified in time.) Florida imposed a poll tax to prevent voting by former prisoners. Elsewhere, Republican governors and state legislatures have taken measures to restrict and inhibit voting. As of this writing, some have been overruled by the courts, some have not.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Oct. 5 upheld a South Carolina measure that requires mail-in ballots include a witness’s signature. In 2013, the unenacted, appointed-for-life Supreme Court gutted a key provision of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, opening the door for Southern states to reimstate such Jim Crow-style restrictions.

“The state of Alabama moved almost immediately to implement a voter identification bill that had been held up in the state legislature under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act,” the Washington Post noted. “The state then closed more than two dozen driver’s license offices, a principal place for obtaining a proper ID. The offices closed were disproportionately in areas with large Black populations.

“Before 2006, no state required voters to produce identification. The first was enacted in Indiana and later upheld by the Supreme Court. Today, 36 states have voter ID laws, some more strict than others.” A concerted, well-organized and generously funded campaign is underway throughout the U.S. to suppress and invalidate the votes of the most oppressed members of the working class in the Nov. 3 elections — not only for the presidential contest, but also congressional, state and local races.

There is also the threat of violence by white supremacist movements like the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers. At an earlier time, these forces went under names like the Ku Klux Klan and the John Birch Society.

Danger of fascist violence

Racist voter suppression is a frequent and ever-growing feature of U.S. elections. But the level of coordination in 2020 is unprecedented and comes right from the top. For months, President Donald Trump has denounced voting by mail and other measures to protect voters amidst the pandemic, going so far as to try to sabotage the ability of the Postal Service to deliver the mail. Trump has repeatedly refused to say that he will accept the election results if they don’t favor him.

During a nationally televised debate, he told the Proud Boys (and by extension all white supremacists) to “stand back and stand by.” Attorney General William Barr joined Trump, authorizing investigations of politically motivated fraud claims.

On Oct. 10, the Los Angeles Times published a report entitled, “What if armed far-right groups go to the polls? Some plan to.” It states: “Experts are especially focused on dangers raised by armed right-wing factions and self-styled militias with national networks who may intimidate, particularly immigrant and people of color.”

The Oath Keepers claim thousands of members, including some who served in the military and law enforcement. Some have signed up as poll watchers, while others plan to monitor the election armed and “undercover,” drawing their weapons if needed, said founder Stewart Rhodes, a former Army paratrooper and Yale Law School graduate.

The danger of far-right sabotage and violence targeting people of color is especially high in so-called swing states, where the decisive Electoral College votes are up for grabs between Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden: Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Wisconsin.

And there are other states where violent, racist gangs have clashed with Black Lives Matter protesters, and where the elections could be another flashpoint — including Colorado, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Oregon, Texas, among others.

According to the L.A. Times: “Black Lives Matter protesters in swing states also plan to go to the polls to protect voters from being intimidat- ed by right-wing groups: ‘This could be the biggest voter turnout in histo- ry, a lot of them people of color,’ said Kejuan Goldsmith, 39, a Black activ- ist-college student who led a protest against a police brutality in Green Bay, Wis., on Saturday. ‘If we need to be there for them to be protected, so they can cast their vote without fear, that’s what we have to do.’

Defend democratic rights of the oppressed

How should revolutionaries respond to threats of right-wing violence and state-sponsored intimidation before and on Election Day? We should defend the rights of the oppressed and workers at the polls wherever and however we can.

Many progressive and even liberal groups have made plans to counteract voter suppression, coordinating with unions like the Coalition of Labor Union Women and other AFL-CIO affiliates urged union members to sign up as poll workers. Others are organizing community escorts for voters, as reproductive rights activists have long done to overcome the intimidation tactics of anti-women “right to life” groups. These are all worthy efforts.

But what happens if armed, violent movements like the Oath Keepers and Proud Boys descend on polling stations? The police and other agencies of the capitalist state cannot be relied upon to protect oppressed voters and poll workers. On the contrary, cops often treat these fascists as their unofficial deputies and even goad them on to violence.

The Democrats won’t call on the police to fight to defend their rights. That was made crystal clear, yet again, with the Republican rush to confirm Trump nominee Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court before Election Day.

Although it may cost them the White House, Democratic leaders haven’t called on the masses to resist the imposition of this far-right ideologue. They are more afraid of菇 ethnic groups and people of color for their struggle to outgrow the limits of capitalism than they are of the danger that four more years of Trump could wreak.

That’s why revolutionaries can’t stand aside on Election Day. Communist-revolutionary socialists and anti-fascists must be prepared to challenge the right-wing goons and defend the right to vote at polling places where necessary. Just as we would protest and defend the community under fascist mani- festations.

Our goal is not to give credibility to Biden or other capitalist politicians who helped pave the way for Trump and the far right. They offer no solutions to the white supremacist danger or the broader crisis of capitalism.

Rather, we must show our class that we will defend their hard-won democratic rights, especially those of oppressed and exploited minority class enemies who would terrorize them into submission, while continuing to explain why a mass movement politically independent of the capitalist parties is needed to win real social change.

The voting rights of Black and Brown people, under threat, were won in the streets, not the voting booth. What better way for revolutionaries to make their case than to show our willingness to defend the rights of the people?
Kumeyaay warriors march to Tecate border crossing on Indigenous Peoples Day

By Zola Fish

On Indigenous Peoples Day, Oct. 12, a hundred warriors mostly from the Kumeyaay Nation marched to the Tecate border crossing in the San Diego-Tijuana metropolitan region. They were led by Bird Singers and carried signs saying “Make America Native Again” and “F*ck Columbus” and chanting “Land back now!”

On the Baja side of the border, there were also another hundred Kumeyaay singing bird songs. We could hear each other, but we could not see each other due to the border entrance structure and the wall. Not very many people in San Diego realize that there are Kumeyaay villages in Baja, Mexico.

They have an extremely hard time getting visas and permits to visit their family here in San Diego County. So, very literally, “We did not cross the border, the border crossed us.”

Stan Rodriguez, a tribal leader from the San Isabel Kumeyaay, said on Oct. 12, “They’re trying to keep us away from our own family, our own friends. Our own relatives. These walls are put up, but they do not work. It’s a waste of time, waste of money.”

Brooke Baines, an organizer with the group SHIELD and a Manzani-ta Kumeyaay said, “On Indigenous Peoples Day, it’s important to raise awareness of the people who were here before borders. The Kumeyaay people and the Native people of this land in general, we go unnoticed a lot.” She added, “Especially on the other side of the border, they go unnoticed a lot.”

We then marched to the California Border Patrol station where we were met by armed California Border Patrol/Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents who were in full gear and militarized. We chanted at them for a while. The goal was to let CBP/ICE know that there are Kumeyaay warriors on the sides of the border and once again perfect another example of how CBP/ICE enjoys separating families.

Trump, in his proclamation, called us radical and extremist because we don’t and won’t celebrate Columbus Day. There is nothing radical or extreme about telling the historical truth about a man who never set foot on U.S. soil and is responsible for genocide and the enslavement of Native Peoples, which includes forced Christianity and rape.

Columbus was a slave of Natives. He was a founding father of the American slave trade. When Columbus returned home to Spain, not Italy, the king and queen gave Columbus 17 ships to take back to the Americas to fill with “riches.” Columbus’ move went from island to island capturing Natives, stealing gold, silver and turquoise. They filled the 17 ships with our culture, including sacred things, but most important, in 1495 he captured 1,500 Arawak men, women and children and sailed back with them in the holds of the ships to be sold as slaves.

The pope, believing he was in charge of the world, “gave” Spain the Americas. Pope Alexander VI issued a May 4, 1493, papal bull granting official ownership of the New World to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. In his order he wrote; “We of our own motion, and not at your solicitation, do give, concede, and assign forever to you and your successors, all the islands, and main lands, discovered; and which may hereafter, be discovered, towards the west and south; whether they be situated towards India, or towards any other part whatsoever, and give you absolute power in them.”

The pope’s declaration ultimately had dire consequences for Native inhabitants of the Americas. Beginning in 1514, Spanish conquistadors adopted “the Requirement,” an ultimatum in which the Indigenous peoples were forced to accept “the Church as the Ruler and Superior of the whole world” or face persecution. If Native peoples did not immediately comply, the Requirement warned them: “We shall take you and your wives and your children, and shall make slaves of them, and as such shall sell and dispose of them as their Highnesses may command; and we shall take away your goods, and shall do all the harm and damage that we can.”

It goes without saying that the Requirement was read to the Indigenous peoples without translation, or in some cases even from ships before crew members had landed to kill Natives and take slaves.

So the struggle continues at the border and to put characters like Columbus and Father Junipero Serra into their proper place in history. They were no heroes! We charge them with genocide!

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Indigenous Peoples Day demonstration at Malcolm X Park in Washington

By Lev Koufax

On Oct. 17, a coalition of Indigenous peoples and their allies held an Indigenous Peoples Day demonstration at Malcolm X Park in Washington, D.C.

The host organizations and activists included Chief Billy Tyac of the Piscataway Indian Nation, Chief Tyac discussed the fact that all land in the United States and Canada is, in fact, land stolen from Indigenous people. Further, the chief denounced the myth that “Columbus discovered America.” This was a position emphasized throughout the day.

Columbus is often touted as an important and positive figure in American history. One of the core missions of Indigenous Peoples Day is to shed light on the truth about Columbus: he was a violent genocidal colonizer. Multiple speakers discussed the atrocities perpetrat ed by Columbus and his crew. These speakers called for the end of “Columbus Day” as a holiday and the removal of all statues honoring him.

Another core issue at the celebration was the importance of recognizing the current crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women. A panel of three Native women at the celebration discussed their personal experiences with the epidemic of violence towards indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people.

“Toward the end of the program, Peoples Power Assembly activist Andre Powell read a solidarity statement. Powell denounced the past and present state violence Indigenous peoples have faced in the United States and Canada. In both countries, Indigenous peoples have protested against proposed pipelines that would go through sacred land. In both countries, the government responded with violence and terror.

The message of the day was clear: all working class and oppressed people must stand with the Indigenous struggles across the globe. The Indigenous community will not rest in their struggle to regain their stolen ancestral lands and preserve their way of life. Solidarity with Indigenous peoples! Reparations for Native peoples now!”
China commits to international solidarity in vaccines

By Scott Scheffer

On Oct. 9, China announced that it has joined about 160 other countries in a pact to ensure that COVID-19 vaccines and treatments will be distributed equitably around the world. The aim of the agreement is to provide two billion doses of vaccine to vulnerable populations and health care workers, especially in poor countries.

The U.S. is among the few countries that have rejected taking part. The richest country in the world has smothered the idea of joining forces with other countries to help stop a deadly virus from ravaging poor populations throughout the world. This right-wing connotation of the Trump administration is a byproduct of the capitalist system itself; essentially, they argue that weaknesses in other countries help to make the world more exploitable for profit. It was exposed in March when the Trump administration tried to secure the rights to vaccinations in development in Germany for the use of the U.S. only, forcing the German government to offer vaccines to German companies.

STAT news described this competition in a Sept. 8 article: “The United States has ignited a vaccine nationalism wildfire, which is reaching conflagration status. Wealthy governments have locked down more than 4 billion doses of vaccines so far, with the United States topping the list with commitments for 800 million initial doses and options on another 1.6 billion doses; new bilateral purchase agreements are announced almost daily.”

China vaccine available in Asia, Africa, Latin America

In total contrast, China’s joining the international agreement is only one part of their commitment to extend COVID-19 vaccinations. Speaking to the World Health Assembly in May, President Xi Jinping said that vaccines should be for “global public good.” Since then, Xi and Premier Li Keqiang have pledged repeatedly to make Chinese vaccines available to the Philippines, Cambodia, Burma, Thailand, Vietnam and Laos as well as Latin American and African countries. China is also currently in talks with the World Health Organization (WHO) for vaccines to be approved for emergency use authorizations. Obtaining that approval would cut red tape for member states’ use of the vaccines.

When the early cases of COVID-19 were discovered in Wuhan in late December 2019, China launched a “People’s War” against the virus that was nothing short of astonishing. The Chinese people, the People’s Liberation Army and many thousands of medical workers, scientists and volunteers succeeded in limiting the number of deaths to less than 5,000 people. At this point, some individuals in the U.S. have surpassed the number of fatalities in all of China — most recently that happened in the state of Michigan as a new surge of the disease spread through the Midwest.

U.S. deaths 40 times that of China

The total number of deaths in the U.S., with 1/25th of the world population, is more than 40 times that of China, 1/5th of humanity lives. Tens of thousands of people are participating in Phase 3 trials of China’s vaccine candidates outside of China, and through emergency use authorizations in both the United Arab Emirates and in Bahrain, doses of the vaccine have been supplied to various categories of workers who are at high risk because of the nature of their jobs. In China itself, members of the People’s Liberation Army and workers who travel frequently have also been vaccinated. In all cases, those who have been vaccinated are being closely monitored, like the monitoring regimen of the Phase 3 trials itself. So far, there are no major setbacks and no side effects, and in mid-September, Guizhen Wu, an official with China’s Center for Disease Control and Prevention, said that a vaccine could be ready for general distribution in November.

Given China’s astounding success and the given the very advanced state of development and trials of vaccines there, China’s firm commitment to international solidarity in the form of vaccinations is a significant step forward in the global fight against the coronavirus. In recent decades, China’s scientific community has emerged as one of the most developed in the world in many fields, including advanced medicine. Chinese scientists have experience with vaccines from previous viral outbreaks and that has positioned them to be in the forefront of efforts at developing vaccines and treatments. Of the dozen vaccines that are currently in Phase 3 trials, four were developed in China. But the foundation of China’s leading role in the fight against this pandemic is not just the medical or scientific experience that they have amassed. Socialized planning set the stage for those to occur. The orientation of the Chinese Communist Party toward humanity and solidarity, combined with socialized planning, are the hope of humanity in the fight against COVID-19.

Protests in Indonesia fight to stop further exploitation of workers

By Bayani

In the second week of October, the Indonesian Parliament approved the Job Creation Law. This law amended 79 previous laws and is nominally intended to help President Joko Widodo’s efforts to attract more foreign investment into Indonesia. The law is clearly intended to pave the way for foreign corporations and monopolies to open operations in Indonesia at the cost of the Indonesian workers. It increases limits on overtime, cuts severance pay amounts and removes key worker protections like mandatory paid leave for childbirth.

Led by the Confederation of Indonesian Workers Unions, workers, students and what the bourgeois media are claiming are “conservative Muslims” in the thousands have taken to the streets of not only the capital city Jakarta, but also in over 35 other provinces and cities total.

ABC News quoted Shobri Lubis, a protest organizer, from a speech he gave to a large crowd: “It’s understandable that the Job Creation Law is more intended for foreign economic domination in Indonesia and not to side with local workers.” One of the chants at the protest was “We stand with workers!”

The International League of People’s Struggle Indonesia released a statement analyzing the situation. In part, it reads: “Taking advantages from the people’s fear to COVID-19, ‘self-isolation’ in homes, hoping that they will not face a significant resistance, President Jokowi discusses the jobs creation Law, which explicitly deprives basic economic rights such as wages, elimination of the compensation of employment termination (layoffs), shortening time to obtain permits for imperialists and their accomplice(s) to do business in Indonesia, accelerating land grabbing in the name of infrastructure development and development projects, and facilitating the free acceptance of foreign workers to work in Indonesia.”

Further, ILPS Indonesia released five demands:

- Stop all forms of violence, intimidation, arrest and criminalization of the people. Free all the arrested people unconditionally!
- Provide compensation and guarantee the safety of the people due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic with free and quality health and education services and access!
- Abolish rural usury!
- Fix commodity prices and the living necessities of the Indonesian peasants and people!
- Fair profit sharing for tenant farmers and better wages for agricultural workers in large plantations of timber, oil palm, rubber, sugar and other export commodities belonging to the imperialists and the big landlords at the national level!
- Implement a genuine land reform and build an independent national industry as an alternative solution for the Indonesian people!

Despite the Indonesian government’s pretend concern that the protests will spread COVID-19, the Indonesian police have brutally repressed the protests with tear gas.
Bolivia votes for socialism

By Greg Butterfield

People in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Workers’ Party of Korea on Oct. 10, 1945. The WPK is the communist party that leads the building of socialism in the northern part of Korea. Parades, dances, rallies and art shows were held in cities and towns throughout the north, as well as in factories, collective farms, in hospitals and schools, and among soldiers of the Korean People’s Army. There were also fireworks displays, banquets, presentations of flowers at monuments to past WPK leaders and a torchlight parade of socialist youth.

In Pyongyang, the capital city, a mighty military parade was held to show the power of the founding of the DPRK as it planned to defend its people and their socialist system from the aggression of capitalist and imperialist powers.

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers’ Party, expressed his gratitude to the people for their perseverence and devotion to the Party, which has followed the revolutionary road, most arduous and beset with trials, has adorned this bloody road with victory and glory is that our people have sincerely trusted and supported it and defended its cause.

After the anniversary celebration, rallies continued around the country to begin organizing for the upcoming Eighth Congress of the WPK, planned for January 2021. The celebrations are especially significant because the DPRK has successfully weathered the pandemic at bay through quick preventive action and the strength of its socialist health care system.

And the tremendous drives driven by climate change caused terrible flooding that killed more than 20 people, destroyed 680 homes and 60 public buildings.

In his anniversary speech, Kim Jong Un explained, “On this planet at present, our country is faced with huge challenges and difficulties, like dealing with the anti-epidemic emergency and recovering from the catastrophic natural disasters, when everything is in short supply owing to the harsh and prolonged sanctions.”

The Korean People’s Army has played an especially important role in supporting urgent health measures and rebuilding from the food damage, all while continuing to protect the country’s sovereignty and independence from U.S. imperialism. And many of our service personnel are courageously striving on the anti-epidemic front and at the rehabilitation projects far away from this glorious Kim Il Sung Square, in defense of the security of the state and safety of the people.”

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Trump admits extrajudicial killing on U.S. soil and the silence is deafening

By John Parker

It’s a slope that increases without notice. Former President George W. Bush started a secret assassination by drone program, run by the CIA. These were overseas, extrajudicial murders of people of color who were never put on trial, who were in targeted countries, including the poorest countries in Africa. The program was majorly extended by former President Barack Obama, turning the CIA into a semi-military unit of killers, furthering international terror. The Obama administration also used drones to kill U.S. citizens abroad without trial, while also grabbing militants off of the streets of foreign countries and imprisoning them indefinitely. These are all practices that Obama passed on to his successor.

The expansion of killing by drone is the legacy of the two previous presidents, but it has grown greater under the current Trump administration.

In the first two years of the Obama administration there were 186 drone strikes in Yemen, Somalia and Pakistan.

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The corporate media long ago stopped reporting on the deadly drone terror. So when an extrajudicial killing occurs in their front yard, there’s been hardly a word about it, especially as it was against an activist who protected the most basic principles of humanity and human rights.

Michael Reinoehl was a paramilitary unit in unmarked SUV’s approached a friend of mine of color. But I wasn’t there, so I couldn’t see—could’ve been worse—himself—right there, so I didn’t see. I felt it’s important that the world know. I’d just given where he stated: “You know, lots of lawyers agree that I shouldn’t even be saying anything, but I feel it’s important that the world at least gets a little bit of what’s really going on,” Reinoehl stated.

Reinoehl then shot and killed Aaron Danielson, a member of a far-right group called the Patriot Prayer, according to CNN. Then, they went on the run.

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Free Maher al-Akhras!

By Stephen Millies

Oct. 23 — Close to a hundred people protested outside the apartheid Israeli Mission to the United Nations this afternoon in demanding freedom for Palestinian hunger striker Maher al-Akhras. The father of six children may soon die from organ failure. Demonstrators appealed to people on Manhattan’s Second Avenue. Some drivers honked their horns in support. Above them were a handful of fascists waving Trump flags who were protected by police.

Maher al-Akhras is one of thousands of Palestinian prisoners who the Zionists have wronged. Demonstrators called for those armed white supremacists to terrorize and kill people protesting against racist police killings.

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El Consejo de la Ciudad de Oakland-California aprueba Resolución sobre la Colaboración Médica entre Cuba y los Estados Unidos

Por Bill Hackwell

21 de Octubre, 2020

Este 20 de octubre, se aprobó por unanimidad una Resolución que apoya la colaboración médica y científica entre la ciudad de Oakland—California y Cuba, para enfrentar la crisis de salud ocasionada por la COVID-19.

La Resolución insta al Congreso de los EE.UU. a eliminar las restricciones para hacer posible la colaboración médica, mediante la suspensión de las sanciones económicas y los viajes a Cuba. El miembro del consejo municipal Dan Kalb del Distrito 1, quien presentó la Resolución, reconoció durante la reunión del consejo que la ciudad enfrenta cuestiones urgentes e importantes en las cuales engrosar como falta de viviendas, pero que la Resolución presentada abre la posibilidad de una colaboración mutuamente beneficiosa e importante con Cuba, teniendo en cuenta la labor que la nación insular ha estado realizando en pro de la salud mundial.

Alicia Jrapko, residente de Oakland, copresidenta de la Red Nacional de Solidaridad con Cuba y actualmente forma parte del la Campaña “Salvar Vidas”, dijo: “Podríamos aprender mucho de los logros de Cuba sobre la Covid-19 tanto en ese país como en el mundo. Cuba tiene la tasa de infección más baja que la mayoría de los países del hemisferio norte y los cubanos son 42 veces menos propensos a contraer el virus que la gente de los EE.UU. Al colaborar con Cuba mostrarnos a la gente de este país el enfoque humanístico que tiene Cuba para luchar contra la pandemia”.

Helene Maxwell, otra residente de Oakland comentó a favor de la Resolución, se refirió a la importancia de la misma, “Especialmente en esta época de la pandemia de Covid-19, es desmesurado que debido al bloqueo de los Estados Unidos a Cuba, a los pacientes en los Estados Unidos se les niegue el acceso a las medicinas que están disponibles en todos los demás países. La aprobación de esta Resolución por parte de Oakland para la colaboración médica y científica entre la ciudad de Oakland y Cuba es un primer paso para poner fin a esta locura”.

Oakland se une ahora a un creciente número de ciudades y organizaciones de todo el país, incluyendo el área de la bahía de San Francisco, donde las ciudades de Richmond, Berkeley, San Francisco y el Consejo Central Laboral de Sacramento AFL-CIO, abogan por la amistad y solidaridad con la isla. Ciudadanos en las que se han aprobado Resoluciones similares. Más de 2 millones de habitantes de estas ciudades se verían beneficiados con la colaboración médica y científica con Cuba. (*)

La posibilidad de mejorar la salud de los estadounidenses y salvar vidas, en medio de la pandemia del SARS-CoV-2 no puede ser bloqueada.


Fuente: Resumen

Oakland, Calif., City Council passes resolution regarding Cuba and the U.S.

By Bill Hackwell

October 21, 2020

Yesterday a resolution supporting medical and scientific collaboration between the City of Oakland Calif., and the Country of Cuba to address the COVID-19 health crisis was passed unanimously. The resolution also urged the U.S. Congress to remove restrictions on collaboration by suspending economic and travel sanctions against Cuba.

City council member Dan Kalb from District 1, who introduced the resolution, acknowledged during the council meeting that the city had pressing and important issues like homelessness to be focusing on, but that the resolution opening up the possibility of mutually beneficial collaboration with Cuba was important considering the work that the island nation has been doing towards world health.

Oakland resident Alicia Jrapko, who is a co-chair of the National Network on Cuba and currently part of the Saving Lives Campaign, said, “We could learn a lot from the accomplishments of Cuba’s approach to the COVID-19 virus both in their country and around the world. Cuba has a lower infection rate than most countries in the northern hemisphere and Cubans are 42 times less likely to contract the virus than people in the U.S. In collaborating with Cuba we will show people in this country the humanitarian approach Cuba has to fight the pandemic.”

Helene Maxwell, another Oakland resident who commented in favor of the resolution, referred to the importance of the resolution: “Especially in this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is unconscionable, that because of the U.S. blockade of Cuba, patients in the U.S. are denied access to medicines that are available in every other country. Oakland’s approval of this resolution for medical and scientific collaboration between the City of Oakland and Cuba is a first step in ending this madness.”

Oakland now joins a growing number of cities and organizations around the country, including in the San Francisco Bay Area, where the cities of Richmond, Berkeley, San Francisco, and the Sacramento Central Labor Council AFL-CIO, who advocate for the concept of friendship and solidarity with the island, have passed similar resolutions.

Source: Resumen