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# Impeachment = WHITEWASH

By Sharon Black

For the second time, Donald Trump has been acquitted in an impeachment trial that was doomed from the beginning.

Both the Democratic Party elite and the Republicans refused to call witnesses during the Feb. 9-13 Senate trial, which would have, at a bare minimum, partially revealed the extent of the Jan. 6 crisis.

Rather than invoke the 14th Amendment or jail Trump and his accomplices for treason, the Democratic Party instead took the impeachment route, which guaranteed Trump an acquittal.

They spent many hours and wasted time engaged in this overblown charade rather than get down to the needed business of quickly mandating major relief for the people.

Immediately after his inauguration, at a time when most of the reactionary elements of the House and Senate seemed to be in disarray, President Joe Biden could have used his powers to push through measures that would have strengthened the condition of the working-class.

The impeachment process ultimately obscured the extent and depth of the white supremacist, anti-working-class coup attempt, orchestrated primarily to overturn the election results.

## Independent people's inquiry into role of state

What was most needed and is still needed is an independent "people's inquiry" to thoroughly unravel the extent of what really took place, not only on Jan. 6, but also before those events.

Why were National Guard units blocked from securing the Capitol? To what extent were elements of the military involved? Who gave the "re-connaissance tours" of the building?

There is enough evidence to show that the FBI and other surveillance agencies knew that there were plans to try to stop the certification of the election by force. How then could the Capitol Police, FBI, Homeland Security, Pentagon and so many others be so unprepared?

The working class must play a leading role in an investigation aimed at weeding out all of the white supremacist, fascist elements from top to bottom in every part of the state. This includes all police agencies, from federal to local, as well as



the military and all of the politicians who were complicit or participated.

Biden and the Democratic Party could have easily used this opportunity to get every Klansman, Proud Boy, Oath Keeper, etc., out of police forces and government positions by decree. Such a mandate would have had the support of the masses, especially the most oppressed.

While such an act would not eradicate the role of the repressive apparatus of the capitalist state in general, it would have been a concrete measure to set back the more organized fascist forces. Who could have argued against it?

Without a thorough and public accounting, coupled with action and the intervention of the working class, the threat of the kind of fascist movement that was seen on Jan. 6 will continue to grow.

## So-called 'transfer of power'

The major media continually rings with the hollow phrase "transfer of power," referring to Trump and Biden. But it is false. There has been no actual transfer of power. The same class of billionaire bankers and bosses, what is referred to as the capitalist ruling class, still holds the reins of power.

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, characterizing the state in the Communist Manifesto, explained, "The executive of the modern state is but a committee for managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie."

There may be differences among various factions of the ruling class, sometimes approaching violent rancor. These differences reflect the continual internecine wars and

competition that are a characteristic of the capitalist system itself. But ultimately what they look for in a head of state is someone who will preferably represent them all.

While Trump represented the gas, oil and fracking industries, which are in desperate crisis, it should be noted that he also had support from many who later dumped him and still others in the capitalist class who may not have appeared on board.

While Trump was in office, there was much support when he delivered the multi-trillion-dollar tax cuts for the rich, destroyed key environmental regulations that stood in the way of profits, and passed a \$4-trillion COVID bailout of the wealthiest, overseen by Goldman Sachs.

The Republican Party does not want to extricate itself from Trump's base,

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# REMEMBER MALCOLM X

Malcolm X was assassinated at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem on Feb. 21, 1965, with the collaboration of the FBI and New York Police Department. Today, we remember Malcolm as a militant community organizer, revolutionary internationalist, and fighter for Black liberation by any means necessary:

"We are living in an era of revolution, and the revolt of the American Negro is part of the rebellion against the oppression and colonialism which has characterized this era . . . It is incorrect to classify the revolt of the Negro as simply a racial conflict of Black against white, or as a purely American problem. Rather, we are today seeing a global rebellion of the oppressed against the oppressor, the exploited against the exploiter." (Feb. 18, 1965)

"I believe that there will ultimately be a clash between the oppressed and those that do the oppressing. I believe that there will be a clash between those who want freedom, justice, and equality for everyone and

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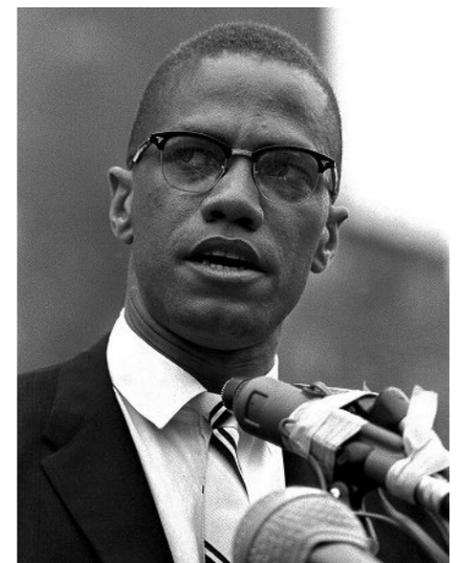
which may prove useful for them and the ruling class at a later date. The Democratic Party leadership does not want to unleash the working class against the fascists, since doing so could considerably strengthen the movement to demand free health care, cancel rents and mortgages, raise wages, end the obscene war budget and so much more.

## The unfinished revolution

The capitalist system continually erodes its own bourgeois democracy — and it will continue to do so, just as the parasitic apparatus of violent repression grows.

The one thing that must be made

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those who want to continue the systems of exploitation." (Jan. 18, 1965)

"You can't have capitalism without racism. And if you find a person without racism and you happen to get that person into a conversation and they have a philosophy that makes you sure they don't have this racism in their outlook, usually they're socialists or their political philosophy is socialism." (May 29, 1964)

"Revolution is never based on begging someone for an integrated cup of coffee. Revolutions are never fought by turning the other cheek... Revolutions are never compromising... Revolutions overturn systems." (April 8, 1964)

# Prisoners rebel against COVID spread, hunger

## ST. LOUIS

By EXPO-St. Louis

Sometime in the early morning of Feb. 6, the inmates at the St. Louis City Justice Center (CJC) staged an act of civil disobedience because of the inhumane treatment by CJC management concerning COVID-19 along with other issues.

EXPO (EX-Incarcerated People Organizing) works to end mass incarceration, eliminate all forms of structural discrimination against formerly incarcerated people and restore them to full citizenship. EXPO-St. Louis was made aware that more than 50 inmates participated in a peaceful protest that took place on Dec. 29. Nothing was done to address those issues and this morning's uprising was the natural evolution of the actions of living and feeling human beings.

Here now is a communication received from inside the 'Justice' Center itself:

On the morning of Tuesday, December 29, 2020, around 10 a.m. CT, myself (Cortez Easterwood-Bey IMN #6694) and more than 50 other inmates on at least two floors within Missouri's St. Louis Justice Center stood together in solidarity outside of our cells as a form of peaceful protest to exercise our First Amendment right to free speech in a peaceful attempt to voice our grievances to be heard by CJC management that have gone unanswered after months (anywhere from 2-6 months or more) of following the established procedures for filing complaints and grievances.

We recently learned from sympathetic guards/correctional officers (hereafter referred to as COs) that these complaint and grievance forms rarely go past the CO whom the form was given to, let alone to their supervisor nor an outside entity or CJC official. Our peaceful protest was unequally matched with



Inmates at St. Louis City 'Justice' Center protest racist treatment, Feb. 6. Family members and supporters gathered outside in solidarity.

resistance by CJC staff akin to the pre-Civil Rights Movement — we were subjected to tear gas, hosed down with strong water, and placed face down in inches of now contaminated water in order to be handcuffed, transferred to the known dilapidated Medium Security Institution (MSI) nicknamed the "Workhouse," and placed "in the hole" without proper heat, dry clothing and new face masks.

All this because we were trying to tell jail staff and management that we don't want to DIE, we are hungry, we want proper ventilation, we are tired of being cold without being given winter clothing, we want proper PPE for COVID-19, we are tired of being price gouged in the commissary and vending machines, we want the mandated six "recs" per day, and we want visits from family and friends since there is a glass barrier between them and the inmates.

How long do we inmates have to go without before one stops adhering to socially acceptable civil norms when they are blatantly and continuously being denied such — not only the ability to live but also other basic [prison] rights such as the ability to breathe uncontaminated air?

Because of this incident, jail staff



PHOTO: EXPO-STL

have threatened to destroy and discard our personal belongings, religious and otherwise, as punishment. Their purported excuse for this action is because the tear gas they used has contaminated said belongings. So, we will no longer have our legal documents nor anything we or our

family or friends purchased for us — food, clothing, toiletries, religious documents/books/items, photos, etc. This is our punishment for asking not to be infected with COVID and to have proper and adequate food, PPE, etc.?

To my knowledge, there are at least 12 lawsuits filed by other inmates due to the outcome and actions of jail staff at CJC for this initially "peaceful protest" that has been quelled by correctional officials so the media and public are kept unaware.

On New Year's Eve, there were already 51 of us in the hole in one "pod," which was supposed to hold

a maximum of 60 people pre-pandemic, that were healthy and uninfected with COVID. However, prison staff decided to add 11 more inmates, some of whom were visibly infected with COVID!

This is genocide.

Read the full letter: [tinyurl.com/cxgn3bgf](https://tinyurl.com/cxgn3bgf)

## PETITION:

# Support Bessemer Amazon union

By Los Angeles Workers Assembly

On Feb. 19, Los Angeles union activists and community groups held a rally in front of the office of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. This giant union-busting law firm was hired by Amazon to defy fair labor practices, intimidate and lie to 5,800 Amazon workers during their historic union drive.

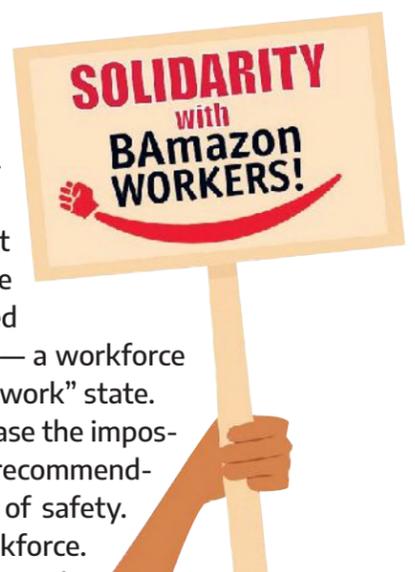
Please consider signing the petition whether you are a union member or other member of the workforce, employed or unemployed, retired or a student. Sign the petition here: [tinyurl.com/16xr5bun](https://tinyurl.com/16xr5bun)

We are proud union members and supporters, and we stand in solidarity with the thousands of Amazon workers in Bessemer, Ala., during their historic union election.

Amazon has historically neglected the safety of its workers and has not only seen an increase in worsened working conditions, but an increase in the corporate giant's profit margins during a global pandemic. Jeff Bezos has hired Morgan, Lewis & Bockius to turn back the will of the workers at Bessemer — a workforce that is 85% African Americans struggling for respect in a so-called "right to work" state.

We demand Amazon pay its workers a living wage, hire enough staff to ease the impossible work quotas, pay hazard pay during the pandemic, abide by measures recommended by health experts, and live up to all other long-established standards of safety. Most important, Amazon must negotiate with the collective voice of its workforce.

We call on Morgan, Lewis & Bockius to stand down! Stop targeting Black workers! End the deceitful and unfair union-busting tactics against these hard-working warehouse workers and allow a free and fair vote for union representation! 



# BLACK WORKERS MATTER

By Stephen Millies

For over 50 years, the wealthy and powerful have tried to claw back what was won by the Black liberation movement in the 1960s. Richard Nixon and the presidents that followed dramatically escalated the war against Black people in the United States.

Black Panther Party leader Fred Hampton and fellow Panther Mark Clark were assassinated in their sleep in Chicago on Dec. 4, 1969. Billionaire New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller massacred the prisoners at Attica, killing 29 of them on Sept. 13, 1971.

An important part of this capitalist offensive has been the war on Black workers. The ruling class wanted to break free of its increasing dependence on Black labor in basic industry.

Fifty years ago, Amazon, Facebook, Google and Microsoft didn't exist. The U.S. was the biggest producer of steel, although the socialist Soviet Union was right behind.

More cars and trucks rolled off U.S. assembly lines than anywhere else. Bethlehem Steel, Chrysler, General Motors and U.S. Steel were "blue chip" stocks and members of the Dow Jones Industrial Average. None of them are now.

By 1968, a quarter of the 3 million workers in U.S. steel mills and auto plants were African American. ("Organized Labor and the Black Worker, 1619-1981" by Philip Foner)

Racist discrimination means that Black unemployment rates are double those of white workers. Yet in auto and steel, Black workers were twice as likely to be employed as compared to their percentage of the population.

This extraordinary development was the result of the Great Migration of Black people from the then-rural South to Northern cities. The growing number of Black workers concentrated in large workplaces became the basis for increasing struggle.

A thousand Black steelworkers had more power than a million shareholders. During World War II, Black workers shut down Pittsburgh-area steel mills over unequal pay. ("Out of the Crucible: Black Steel Workers in Western Pennsylvania, 1875-1980" by Dennis C. Dickerson)

Detroit became a fortress for Black workers. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave a preliminary version of his "I Have a Dream" speech to 125,000 people attending Motown's "Walk to Freedom" on June 23, 1963.

On July 24, 1973, two Black workers — Larry Carter and Isaac Shorter — turned off the power at Chrysler's Jefferson Avenue plant in Detroit. This struggle against racist management began the first big sit-down strike in 35 years.

## Deliberate deindustrialization

Capitalists didn't like the growing power and influence of Black workers. The sit-down strike at the Jefferson Avenue plant sparked a revolt of Black and white, largely Polish-American, workers against unsafe working conditions at Chrysler's Lynch Road Forge plant. ("Detroit: I Do Mind Dying" by Dan Georgakas and Marvin Surkin)

The United Auto Workers contracts that Black workers helped win by strikes became a model wage package for all workers. It forced many employers in nonunion workplaces to offer dental insurance and other benefits.

Black workers were the rock of the labor movement. Organizing drives among hospital and textile workers often depended on how many African Americans were employed in the workplace. Black women were leaders in these struggles. ("Upheaval in the Quiet Zone: 1199/SEIU and the Politics of Healthcare Unionism" by Leon Fink and "Hiring the Black Worker" by Timothy J. Minchin)

Capitalists counterattacked. The destruction of millions of factory jobs wasn't just the result of automation and super-exploiting workers in other countries. Nor was it simply the declining rate of profit in heavy industry as discovered by Karl Marx.

Deliberate deindustrialization was a political decision targeting Black workers. Wall Street never forgot how African Americans shook auto plants in the 1960s and 1970s.

The League of Revolutionary Black Workers led wildcat strikes in Detroit. There was a Black Panther Party caucus in GM's Fremont, Calif., plant, which is now a non-union Tesla plant.

Forty years ago the communist leader Sam Marcy described the hatred by billionaires for Black workers: "The ruling class now looks at the Black population differently than it did in the days of the Underground Railroad. ... It now dares look upon the Black workers in particular as a surplus population along with the unemployed white workers.

"It looks upon them with disdain as a drain on their government budget, as a drag on their system and as a dangerous source of social convulsions. The ruling class dreams of replacing all blue-collar workers with a minimum of white-collar technicians in white coats."

The wholesale destruction of heavy industry in the Midwest caused the median income of African Americans to drop by 36 percent between 1978 and 1982. (Census Bureau, Historical Tables)

The capitalist class economically destroyed Detroit, just as it let Black

people drown and starve in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

## Black workers are essential

Instead of concentrating African Americans in large plants, the capitalist state sent Black youth to big prisons. The 2.2 million poor people who are incarcerated in the U.S. are also members of the multinational working class.

Yet the super-rich can't get away from their dependence on Black labor. This is shown by millions of African American essential workers during the coronavirus pandemic.

U.S. capitalism was built on the labor of enslaved Africans. Wall Street became the bankers for the slave masters.

It was enslaved Africans who paid the bills for the United States. Until the Civil War, two-thirds of U.S. exports were produced by slave labor.

Cotton alone accounted for half of U.S. exports in 1860. Thousands of miles of railroads were built by unpaid Black labor, like the prisoner John Henry.

Reparations are overdue. As the December 12th Movement says, "They stole us, they sold us, they owe us."

Black workers today are joined by millions of Asian, Indigenous and Latinx workers. Like a helper locomotive pushing a freight train over a mountain grade, the other oppressed workers will help overcome white racism. Millions of poor white people need a socialist revolution, too.

All eyes are on the Amazon warehouse in Bessemer, Ala., where an 85-percent Black workforce is conducting a union drive. Whatever happens there, the freedom drive of Black workers is unstoppable. [\[U\]](#)



Amazon warehouse workers organize in Bessemer, Ala.

## Sending our solidarity to Alabama union drive

Open letter to Jeff Bezos and the Alabama Amazon workers from former Amazon workers

Dear Bezos and Amazon workers,

We are sending all of our support, love and solidarity to the Bessemer, Ala., Amazon workers in their fight for a union and for workers' power.

Trust us, we know how brutal warehouse conditions are: the impossible quotas and pressure to keep up; the lack of safety and concern for workers who are risking their lives during this pandemic without hazard pay; the constant monitoring of our every move; breaks that are way too short and bathrooms that are way too far; and so much more.

Like Rosa Parks and the civil-rights movement, Bessemer workers are leading the way. We salute your courage, given everything that the company has done to discourage, intimidate and stop workers from having a fair vote. Shame on you, Amazon, that you would oppose mail-in votes!

Win or lose, no one will forget this battle against workplace injustice.

What will be remembered, Jeff Bezos, is your greed and callousness during this pandemic. You made \$13 billion (\$13,000,000,000) in one day after the pandemic caused Amazon's stock price to surge. This set a record for the largest single-day increase in individual wealth ever recorded.

Yes, Bezos, corona cash has been good for you, despite the fact that 20,000 Amazon workers have tested positive for the virus, and that you withdrew hazard pay while you were cashing in.

You could have taken that one-day corona windfall and paid each of the 876,000 Amazon workers a \$14,840 bonus. (Bezos' one day gain of \$13 billion divided by 876,000 workers.)

The Alabama workers' battle is truly a fight between David and Goliath, taking place in the birthplace of the civil-rights movement. We must all pick a side; as the union song goes: "Which side are you on?"

We urge everyone to pick the side of the Bessemer workers!

Yours for United Workers Action,

Sharon Black, Rasika Ruwanpathirana, Steven Ceci

Former Baltimore Amazon warehouse workers [\[U\]](#)

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# Why does Biden continue Trump's anti-people policies?

By Greg Butterfield

You've probably heard the saying, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

This isn't really true, of course. The environment, people and society are constantly changing, even down to the subatomic level. And when enough small changes accumulate, they can lead to sudden, dramatic change — even a revolution.

But one month into the Biden administration, you could be forgiven for thinking of that old platitude. Because the new Democratic President Joe Biden's administration is laying a course to continue many of Republican Donald Trump's anti-people policies, only with some cosmetic changes.

Why?

Politicians and mainstream media often speak of the change of presidents as a "transfer of power." That was especially true in the case of the transition between Trump and Biden, coming after months of The Donald and his allies trying to suppress the votes of Black people and the Jan. 6 coup attempt at the Capitol.

But it's not really a transfer of power. Only the office holders change. The capitalist system, and the super-wealthy bosses who profit from it, continue to hold real power whether a Republican or a Democrat sits in the White House or which faction has a majority in Congress.

All the way back in 1848, Karl Marx and Frederick Engels hit the nail on the head when they wrote in the Communist Manifesto, "The executive of the modern state is but a committee for managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie" — that is, the capitalists.

Those capitalist politicians elected to high office, whether a Trump or a Biden, do so with the expectation that they will carry out the interests of the capitalist system. And while a large part of the ruling class tired of Trump's mismanagement of the pandemic and the economic crisis, they still love many of the policies he put in place, like deregulation of industry, tax cuts for the rich, and strengthening police powers.

So Biden, the new "administrator," is expected to carry on. As he told a Wall Street fundraising event during his campaign, "Nothing would fundamentally change."

That's good news for Big Capital. For the rest of us, not so much.

## A cage or 'overflow facility'?

In the first few days after his inauguration, Biden made a show of issuing a flurry of executive orders countermanding some of Trump's most egregious and unpopular measures — at least on the surface.

No class-conscious worker will miss Trump's bigoted "Muslim ban" that prevented people from many Muslim-majority countries (and some others) from visiting the U.S. and kept families apart. Many capitalists hated it too. It was bad for their bottom line and undermined their PR for the U.S. as "champion of democracy."

The restoration of the "Dreamer" program for undocumented adults

who arrived in the U.S. as children is also welcome.

But while the president and First Lady Jill Biden announced their intention to reunite hundreds of migrant parents and children victimized by Trump's "family separation" policy, under Biden the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Border Patrol continue to deport hundreds of refugees and immigrants, including children.

On Feb. 8, amidst the mass protests and government repression in Haiti, ICE deported 72 refugees back to the country — including 22 children, the youngest a two-month-old baby.

A Biden executive order to temporarily suspend some deportations "pending review" was halted by a Trump-appointed judge. But the deportations of the Haitian refugees would not have qualified, even if the order was in effect.

Remember the outcry in 2018-2019 over Trump keeping children in cages? Biden's team has announced plans to reopen an "overflow facility" for unaccompanied minors (children) captured by the immigration enforcement goons. In case you're wondering, "overflow facility" is just a polite term for "cage."

In an op-ed published by The Hill on Feb. 13, "Biden has not done enough to end family separations at the border," attorneys Clara Long and Elora Mukherjee wrote: "As attorneys who met with hungry, dirty, desperate children separated from their families at the southern border during the height of the kids-in-cages calamity in 2019, we had hoped President Biden would quickly fix the problem. So far, we've been disappointed."

"The Biden administration may be choosing to drag its feet on ending Trump border abuses because it doesn't want to encourage more people to come. This isn't new. For decades, the United States has justified cruelty at the border with the canard that such treatment will deter future migrants from coming."

"But after months of mass separations of parents from their children in 2018 — the cruelest policy ever rolled out in the name of deterrence — border apprehensions surged in 2019."

## What about Breonna Taylor?

Most workers know how Biden backtracked on his promise of a new \$2,000 stimulus payment. That was quickly changed to \$1,400 — because the \$2,000 now included the pittance \$600 payment sent by Trump at the New Year. Scrooge would have applauded.

Then Biden agreed to lower the income threshold for people to receive the stimulus. What that lowered threshold will be has not been determined yet, but it will not include any adjustment for the highly varied cost of rent and other living expenses in different parts of the U.S.

The millions of workers struggling with enormous student loan debt also know that Biden has flatly refused to consider the \$50,000 debt forgiveness advocated by many Democrats. He capped the amount at \$10,000 max even in the midst of an unprecedented global economic and



Breonna Taylor's mother, Tamika Palmer, demanded President Joe Biden take action on racist police violence.

unemployment crisis. And even that is not guaranteed.

A big selling point for Biden's administration was that he would take action to bring the rampaging COVID-19 pandemic under control and speed up the distribution of new vaccines. But he's pushed to reopen schools in the first 100 days of his administration, increasing pressure on teachers' and school workers' unions that have been fighting for a safe return to classrooms and additional resources for remote learning.

Biden's CDC issued guidelines saying it's okay to reopen in-person schooling — even if teachers haven't been vaccinated. How is this different from Trump's dangerous policy? Under either administration, Big Business wants schools open so it's easier to force parents back into unsafe workplaces — health and safety be damned.

During their campaign, Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris condemned the grand jury decision that let off the police who murdered Breonna Taylor. Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron deliberately and blatantly sabotaged the case.

Given how much the Black Lives uprising contributed to mass Black voter turnout and his election success, you might imagine Biden would immediately order his Justice Department to take action to put the killers behind bars.

But no. Breonna Taylor and the epidemic of racist police terror against Black and Brown people dropped off the radar after Election Day. Sensing which way the winds were blowing, Taylor's mother Tamika Palmer penned an open letter in December bluntly reminding Biden of his campaign promises to curb police violence. Supporters paid to have it published as a full-page ad in the Washington Post.

## Danger of war

The new administration clearly wants to be compared to the New Deal of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. But the only explicit connection Biden has drawn is with FDR's policy of building up for war: "American manufacturing was the arsenal of democracy in World War II. It will be so again," he said of his economic recovery plan.

Since the Great Depression, U.S. capitalism has relied on war to pull it out of crisis. It doesn't matter which party is in the White House. Biden's

foreign policy moves have been especially ugly:

- Support U.S.-backed Haitian President Jovenel Moïse's illegal plan to stay in power for an additional year, until Feb. 7, 2022.
- Continue Trump's propaganda war and military threats against China.
- Tell Iran that the U.S. will honor the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action "nuclear deal" only if Tehran goes back to observing it first — even though it was Trump that torpedoed the agreement. U.S. piracy continues against Iran-connected ships.
- Keep the U.S. Embassy to Israel in Jerusalem, where Trump unilaterally moved it despite international protests. Continue unfettered funding, arming and political support for the apartheid regime's suppression of Palestinians.
- Continue to recognize self-appointed "president" Juan Guaidó while refusing to open discussions with the legitimate Venezuelan government led by President Nicolás Maduro.
- Appoint many veterans of the Obama administration State Department responsible for far-right coups in Honduras, Libya and Ukraine.

Even Biden's heralded decision to end U.S. support for Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen is deceptive at best. The U.S. will continue to arm and aid the House of Saud for so-called "defensive" purposes and build up the anti-Iran, anti-Yemen alliance in the region.

On Feb. 5, while millions of people were desperately waiting for the promised stimulus check (and are still waiting today), the Pentagon announced its first big arms sale of the Biden era — a combined \$150 million in spy tools for the NATO military alliance and missiles for the right-wing regime in Chile.

## Break with the system

Nothing the Biden regime has done is new or surprising. Every Democratic administration of the past 30 years has continued and deepened the anti-people policies of the prior Republican government, and vice versa.

Bill Clinton continued and deepened the anti-poor austerity and racist repression of the Reagan-Bush

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# HANK AARON: A hero of the anti-racist struggle

By Lev Koufax

The world lost a revered baseball hero and an icon of the Black liberation struggle on Jan. 21: Hank Aaron. In 1974, Aaron broke Babe Ruth's record of 714 career home runs. At the time, Ruth's record was the holy grail of baseball.

A Black man, Aaron was raised in the Jim Crow South. He joined the Major Leagues in 1954. But he was in the game long enough to have played for the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro Leagues.

Aaron was already a well-established player by 1974. He was a Most Valuable Player (MVP) winner, an 18-time All Star, and a guaranteed Hall of Famer.

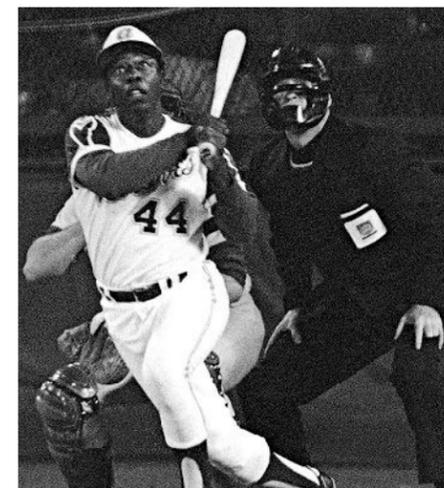
Nonetheless, as Aaron strode closer and closer to 714 home runs, the level of racism directed towards him intensified to a fever pitch. The rac-

ist violence Aaron faced during this stretch can be best described in his own words:

"It really made me see for the first time a clear picture of what this country is about. My kids had to live like they were in prison because of kidnap threats, and I had to live like a pig in a slaughter camp. I had to duck. I had to go out the back door of the ballparks.

"I had to have a police escort with me all the time," Aaron recalled in a 1994 interview. "I was getting threatening letters every single day. All of these things have put a bad taste in my mouth, and it won't go away. They carved a piece of my heart away."

In 1973, Aaron received 930,000 pieces of mail. Most of these letters were hate mail, racist rhetoric and death threats. Even the reporters who gave Aaron positive coverage



Home run champ Hank Aaron stood up to racism.

were met with racist rage and condemnation.

Amidst this horror, Aaron nevertheless pushed forward. "Hammerin' Hank," as he was known, finally broke Ruth's record on April 8, 1974. This milestone did not quiet the racists, but Aaron would continue on to hit a career total of 755 home runs.

Still, the experience was so awful that it led Aaron to ignore the game he loved dearly for decades after he retired.

Aaron made his historic achievement as a member of the Atlanta team that still takes its name from an anti-Indigenous slur. Hammerin' Hank's passing has renewed calls to finally do away with that racist name and rechristen the team in his honor as the Atlanta Hammers.

Hank Aaron should be remembered forever as a warrior against racism and a home run champ. Rest in power! 📌

# Corporate virus 'news' and capitalist irrationality

By Greg Butterfield

On any random day in February, you can visit the New York Times, Washington Post, CNN, and local media from Los Angeles to Chicago, and see several stories side by side:

1. Schools should be reopened immediately, even before teachers and other school workers are vaccinated. So say the cherry-picked "experts" and President Joe Biden's new CDC director, echoing Democratic mayors and governors, as well as the Republicans.
2. Governors are relaxing restrictions around the country on indoor dining, gyms, etc., as there is some decline in new COVID-19

cases, though the rate of infections and deaths is still far above what it was last summer and fall.

3. There are several new, more infectious variants of the virus spreading abroad that have started to reach the U.S., as well as possible U.S. variants. Experts say a "perfect storm" of new infections is brewing — some of which may be more dangerous to children. People should start to double mask and be extra cautious about maintaining social distancing.

There is no effort by the champions of corporate journalism to reconcile these glaring contradictions, which replicate almost exactly the situation under Donald Trump with a shiny new Biden sheen. (What it



Protest car caravan by teachers in Howard County, Md., against officials' plan to resume in-person classes, Feb. 17.

really means is more pressure on unions and communities to conform with Wall Street's wishes now that the country's top office holders are Democrats, even though they are just continuing Trump-era policies.)

Instead of doubling down on safety and providing for the needs of the population until the original virus and new variants are safely con-

tained — as has been successfully done in socialist countries like China and Vietnam — the first dip in infections brings a mad dash to reopen businesses and force more workers into unsafe (and potentially deadly) conditions.

This is the irrationality of capitalism writ large. 500,000+ deaths in the U.S. and climbing. 📌

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years, escalating mass incarceration of Black and Brown youth — with help from then-Senator Joe Biden. Clinton continued murderous sanctions against Iraq, wearing the country down in the decade between the first and second Gulf Wars.

Barack Obama continued and expanded George W. Bush's militarization of the U.S. police, mass spying at home and abroad, and drone assassinations. Picking up Bush II's anti-immigrant baton, Obama earned the epithet "Deporter in Chief."

Office holders come and go. Capitalism remains the real power behind the throne. And as capitalism continues to decay, it becomes more repressive, more racist, more hungry for war, and unable to respond to the most urgent needs of the people it rules.

We must organize and fight to make the Biden government meet the people's demands. But that's not all.

Capitalism is the continuity between Trump and Biden. Let's build a movement to fight the rotten profit system and replace it with one that can serve the needs of the people: socialism. 📌

# UN expert denounces damage caused by U.S. sanctions on Venezuela

Feb. 13: The negative impact of the coercive and unilateral measures of the United States on the Venezuelan people has made its way into the news this week.

After several days of official visit to the country, the special rapporteur of the United Nations, Alena Douhan, confirmed that the policy of economic asphyxiation has accentuated the scenario of crisis and internal tensions, with direct impact on health, migration, separation of families and all aspects of social life.

At a press conference in Caracas, the UN independent expert urged Washington to reconsider and remove all sanctions against the Venezuelan public sector and to refrain from imposing blockades on the South American nation.

Douhan asserted that the punitive actions implemented by the United

States have slowed down Venezuela's development due to the severe impact on its economy, causing a 99% drop in foreign exchange earnings in recent years.

In parallel to the official's visit, representatives of the Latin American Foundation for Human Rights and Social Development (Fundalatin) and the Venezuelan Civil Association (Sures) presented the negative impact of the blockade to the National Assembly last Thursday.

Pasqualina Curcio, advisor to Fundalatin, said that the country has lost more than \$194 billion as a result of the sanctions, which were supported by the previous National Assembly.

For her part, Lucrecia Hernández, director of Sures, pointed out that these sanctions have violated the fundamental rights of Venezuelans,

and called for those responsible to be held civilly, criminally and administratively liable.

Meanwhile, President Nicolás Maduro stressed the UN expert's recognition of the impact on the country of the economic strangulation implemented by the White House and its allies.

The UN rapporteur has called on the United States and the European Union to review and lift the sanctions against Venezuela because they have exacerbated an enormous humanitarian crisis against the people.

Maduro recalled that the Bolivarian government has repeatedly denounced the severe impact on social, cultural, educational and economic life caused by the systematic adoption of a blockade policy.

Source: Resumen / teleSUR

# Texas tragedy wasn't inevitable: Take over the utilities!

By Stephen Millies

Feb. 20 — Millions of people in Texas are living in misery after a winter storm hit the state. For days they have been without heat, light and water.

The loss of electricity caused food and medicines, like insulin, to spoil in refrigerators. Many homes and hospitals still don't have water because the pumps froze.

Hundreds of people may have died, including at least three people in Abilene. One of the victims was a homeless man found on the street.

Thousands of prisoners in Houston are being held in freezing cells with clogged toilets. Many haven't been convicted of anything but are too poor to post bail.

Gloria V. of the Socialist Unity Party reports from Dallas that "people are helping each other to survive. Some have opened their homes to neighbors.

"The utilities have rolling shut-offs without notifying residents when power will be turned on and off," said the SUP organizer. "Internet service has also been interrupted. People trying to warm up in their cars have died of carbon monoxide poisoning."

How can this be happening in the biggest energy-producing state in the country? This tragedy isn't a natural disaster. The culprit is a capitalist system on steroids that places profits ahead of human life.

Not everyone suffered. Hundreds of thousands of people living in the dark in Houston could see the downtown skyscrapers brightly lit. Eleven-year old Cristian Pavon froze to death in his family's trailer home while U.S. Senator Ted Cruz flew from Houston to a luxury resort in Cancún, Mexico.

The soaring gas and oil prices were "like hitting the jackpot," bragged Robert Burns, a top executive at Comstock Resources. Comstock's biggest investor is billionaire Jerry Jones, the owner of the Dallas Cowboys football club who attacked Colin Kaepernick.



People line up for water at a park in Houston on Feb. 18. Many Texas households are without running water due to frozen and burst pipes.

## Blame deregulation, not windmills

Four hundred years ago the novelist Cervantes wrote about Don Quixote attacking windmills. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Fox News are blaming wind and solar power for the catastrophe.

That's more than a fable, it's a lie. Wind normally produces just 10 percent of the electrical power in Texas. It was when former President George W. Bush was Texas governor that the state started harvesting wind power.

More important than frozen blades on wind turbines have been frozen natural gas pumps. Even coal-fired power plants stopped running because the coal froze. One of the state's four nuclear reactors shut down.

Gov. Abbott is now trying to divert people's anger by breaking contracts to sell natural gas to Mexico. That's another colonial attack that's forc-

ing over four million Mexicans to go without heat.

The old pharaohs would have been better prepared even without electric power. They planned ahead for floods and famines. Food was stored in warehouses so people wouldn't starve — and the rulers wouldn't be overthrown.

The capitalist utilities in Texas refused to build enough backup power because doing so would cut into their profits. The Lone Star State has its own electrical power grid so its utilities wouldn't be subject to the Federal Power Commission.

That also makes importing power from other states much more expensive. Homeowners are now being socked with electric bills as high as \$10,000.

Electric companies in northern states regularly operating in cold weather are forced to invest in more insulation, heated pipes and crushers to break up frozen coal. Wind turbines can be equipped with heaters and insulated gearboxes.

Texas utilities can get away without spending money on this stuff because of deregulation. The current disaster is the result.

Another consequence was the \$40-billion-plus Enron utility bankruptcy 20 years ago. This was the biggest financial scandal in U.S. history.

Among the cheerleaders of Enron's corrupt management were members of the Bush family and their political associates. Former Secretary of State James Baker and former Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher — both members of President George Herbert Walker Bush's cabinet — were put on Enron's payroll.

Baker was even awarded the "Enron Prize" for public service.

## Shut-offs also kill

Nobody should sneer at Texas. The millions of poor and working people who are suffering need solidarity.

Yankee utility companies are just as greedy and incompetent. Wall

Street has billions invested in Texas.

ConEd in New York City owns hundreds of miles of ancient cast-iron gas mains. Eight people died in El Barrio (East Harlem) on March 12, 2014, when their apartment building collapsed because of a gas explosion.

The cause was a century-old gas main that the utility didn't replace. That year ConEd had a net income of \$1.09 billion. Every cent of it should have been used to upgrade infrastructure.

The California utility Pacific Gas and Electric decided to boost profits by cutting back on tree trimming near its power lines. Over six years, 1,500 forest fires broke out, including the deadliest in the state's history.

Top executives at PG&E were awarded pay raises for these crimes.

Utility shut-offs are just as deadly. Three adults and seven children died in a Baltimore house fire on May 15, 1982, when a kerosene lamp fell over. Among those killed was a 7-month-old baby.

The family had been disconnected by Baltimore Gas and Electric because they couldn't afford a \$808 back bill. That's eighty dollars for each victim of BG&E greed.

Just as all housing foreclosures and evictions should be banned, so should all utility shut-offs. We need to cancel rent, mortgages and utility bills. Our water should be safe and free!

Despite regional outages, the utility industry wasn't even willing to upgrade its power grids. There was no profit in doing so. Billions had to be included in President Obama's 2009 stimulus bill to begin this necessary work.

Congresswoman Cori Bush, who was pepper sprayed at a Black Lives Matter demonstration, declared: "Corporations shouldn't be allowed to profit off our suffering. Utilities need to be public goods."

To hell with Ted Cruz! The tragedy in Texas shows we need a people's takeover of the utilities. [\[N\]](#)

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# Lawfare threatens to derail presidential election In Ecuador

By William Camacaro and Frederick Mills

On Feb. 7, the progressive presidential candidate for the Union of Hope Alliance (UNES) party, Andrés Arauz, won first place in Ecuador's presidential election; this is uncontested. Arauz garnered 32.71% of the vote; right-wing former banker Guillermo Lasso 19.74%; and the "Indigenous" candidate, Yaku Pérez 19.38%.

Since Arauz's margin of victory was less than the required 40% plus at least ten points more than the closest competitor, a runoff is scheduled for April 11. With the UN calling for transparency and Pérez contesting the outcome, Ecuador's National Electoral Council (CNE) has agreed to conduct a partial recount to verify the second-place contender.

This election will have enormous consequences for Ecuador as well as the entire region. After four years of President Lenin Moreno's neoliberal turn, which reversed the economic and social gains of former President Rafael Correa's Citizens' Revolution, the majority of Ecuadorians have opted for a change of course.

An Arauz victory would once again prioritize social investment over IMF-imposed austerity and resume Ecuador's leadership in the movement towards regional integration. If the ultra-right in Ecuador and Colombia have their way, however, Arauz will not make it to the run-off election.

Just a week prior to the first round, with Arauz ahead in most polls, Ecuadorian President Lenin Moreno, who is a fierce opponent of the UNES candidate, met with the notoriously interventionist Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS) Luis Almagro in Washington. This meeting raised suspicions that efforts were underway to prevent a return of the Citizens' Revolution in Ecuador.

On Feb. 12, Attorney General of Colombia Francisco Barbosa arrived in Quito to meet with his Ecuadorian counterpart, Diana Salazar, armed with a dossier that allegedly shows the campaign of Arauz had received funding from the National Liberation Army (ELN) guerillas in Colombia. Although no independent corroboration of such charges have been presented to back these allegations, the echo chamber of right-wing fake news is already urging election authorities in Ecuador to disqualify UNES in a bid to prevent Arauz from participating in the second round of the presidential election.

On his Facebook page, Arauz categorically denied this accusation: "I have no link with the ELN. This big lie has just one purpose, to prevent the Arauz-Rabascall ticket from participating in the second round."

## 'They will not fool the people'

Prominent voices of the Americas have denounced these charges as fabrications designed to sabotage democratic procedures in Ecuador. Nobel Peace Prize Winner (1980) Adolfo Pérez Esquivel tweeted: "They will not be able to fool the Ecuadorian people with judicial and media operations from the well-known Lawfare manual. Democracy will prevail. Ecuador has suffered a great deal and needs a return to common sense. Our support for candidate Arauz."

Former Colombian President Ernesto Samper, in response to an article published in the ultra-right-wing Colombian magazine *Semana*, alleging that Arauz had links to the ELN, wrote: "The people of Ecuador should be on the alert that the enemies of progressivism in our countries are intent on stopping by any means the transformations for which Latin America clamors."

In the face of criticism of the unsubstantiated charges made against Arauz in the article, the director of *Semana*, Victoria Avila, remarked in



Andrés Arauz (top) won first place in Ecuador's first-round election.

an interview: "I want to make it very clear. I do not want to say that this information is absolutely certain."

The Puebla Group, which brings together several former presidents of the region, including the Brazilian Luiz Inácio "Lula" Da Silva, issued a statement in which it "categorically rejects the attempt to link Andrés Arauz with the National Liberation Army."

Former President of Bolivia Evo Morales, who himself was forced into exile by an OAS-backed coup in November 2019, tweets: "We sound an alert about a plan by the right and the U.S. in Ecuador to try to prevent the triumph of Arauz in the second round, using the Attorney General of Colombia, right-wing parties and the OAS. We have the obligation to defend democracy and our regional integration. Be alert!"

The outcome of the presidential election in Ecuador will no doubt have a significant impact on the politics of the entire region. As Correa points out, these elections provide an opportunity "to recover UNASUR." If elected, Arauz has promised

to champion the revival of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) and return Ecuador to the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA). There is also a growing consensus in South America in support of these regional integration and cooperation mechanisms.

With the election of the Movement Towards Socialism (MAS) candidate, Luis Arce, for president of Bolivia last October, an Arauz victory in Ecuador would fortify UNASUR at a most critical time. In the face of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the benefits of multilateralism have become obvious in efforts throughout the Americas to obtain urgently-needed medical supplies and vaccines from a variety of countries.

Given the return of progressive governance in Argentina, Mexico and Bolivia within the last three years, a victory in Ecuador could signal a new pink tide.

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## Impeachment = WHITEWASH

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clear about the Jan. 6 putsch is that it was aimed not at overturning the colossal power of the state; in fact, its aim was to reinforce the capitalist state.

It had not one thing to do with the working class, regardless of who the white supremacist, fascist movement was capable of dragging into it.

They did not want to democratize government for the millions of Black, Brown, Indigenous and Latinx people, or even poor people in general. Instead, they wanted to steal the election from largely Black cities like Philadelphia, Atlanta and Detroit.

The mob was intent on disenfranchising the most oppressed.

In all of U.S. history, the Reconstruction period following the Civil War and the abolition of slavery was the most democratic, sweeping in major reforms, including universal

public education and the election of representatives from the emancipated Black population. It was soon drowned in blood.

This unfinished revolution, as Reconstruction is called, continues to be fought today. Its most recent manifestation was the uprising against racist police terror that brought out millions in the streets here and around the world in the summer of 2020. The Jan. 6 mob at the Capitol was a counter-revolutionary force aimed at preserving white supremacy.

As Black Panther leader Fred Hampton said, "Nothing is more important than stopping fascism, because fascism is gonna stop us all."

Socialism, which rests itself on the rule of the working class, will usher in genuine democracy for the majority of the people. Socialism is the antidote to fascism. [📄](#)

## Free Greek political prisoner Dimitris Koufontinas!

The Socialist Unity Party and Struggle-La Lucha newspaper in the U.S. send solidarity and support to Greek political prisoner Dimitris Koufontinas. Since 2002, Koufontinas has been imprisoned for his role in the Revolutionary Organization 17 November. For over 40 years, Koufontinas and his comrades have struggled for workers' liberation and socialism in Greece.

During his time in prison, Koufontinas has waged four hunger strikes in the hopes of improving horrific prison conditions. Greek authorities are attempting to move Koufontinas to a "hard prison" as retribution for his politics. This "hard prison" will no doubt include solitary confinement and torture. In response to this draconian measure, Dimitris is again on hunger strike.

The struggle of Dimitris Koufontinas against capitalist greed and for



Political prisoner Dimitris Koufontinas.

the working class is our struggle as well. The SUP and Struggle-La Lucha stand in unflinching solidarity and send revolutionary love to Dimitris in his ongoing fight against political repression.

February 12, 2021

# Carta abierta de una profesora hondureña al presidente Joe Biden

Por Lucy Pagoada-Quesada

Señor Presidente Joe Biden:

Como hondureña-estadounidense, le escribo para pedirle con urgencia un cambio de la política de EE. UU. hacia Honduras, para que mi país pueda recuperar su democracia.

Usted era vicepresidente cuando en 2009, el gobierno de su partido encabezado por el presidente Barack Obama y la Secretaria de Estado Hillary Clinton, apoyaron el golpe de Estado en Honduras contra nuestro presidente Constitucional Manuel Zelaya Rosales.

En 2010, el gobierno de Estados Unidos nos impuso a Porfirio Lobo-Sosa, cuyo hijo Fabio Lobo está preso en EE. UU. por tráfico de cocaína. En 2013, también nos impusieron al narco dictador Juan Orlando Hernández y cuyo hermano Antonio (Tony) Hernández se encuentra preso en Nueva York por traficar toneladas de cocaína y armas hacia EE. UU. En 2017, EE. UU. también nos impuso por segunda vez a Hernández, en una reelección ilegal y claramente fraudulenta, como reconoció la propia Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA).

Fue desde el momento en que nos imponen esa violenta narco-dictadura del Partido Nacional que nuestro país, Honduras, se hundió en la peor crisis social, económica y política de nuestra historia. Es por ello y ante la desesperación, que el pueblo hondureño huye en los éxodos masivos de seres humanos desplazados llamados “caravanas”. Ellos no vienen en busca del “sueño americano” si no que huyen de la pesadilla que este país, EE. UU., les ha impuesto.

El gobierno de Trump firmó acuerdos con Guatemala y México para que las fuerzas represoras les impidan el paso a las víctimas desplazadas para que no lleguen a la frontera de EE. UU., que es su destino final para buscar asilo y refugio.

Así que presidente Biden, las caravanas son el resultado de las políticas fracasadas del sistema “capitalista salvaje” como bien lo dijo el Papa Juan Pablo II, que EE. UU. impone en la región latinoamericana y el mundo. Y si usted y su gobierno desean que el “problema” de la inmigración cese, entonces le pedimos un alto a la intervención de EE. UU. en nuestros asuntos internos. El modelo económico neoliberal que este país, EE. UU., impone en la región, no ha funcionado en otros países. Al contrario, ha producido y profundizado la desigualdad extrema, la pobreza, la violencia y el éxodo masivo e inhumano de familias enteras desplazadas.

Usted ha sido electo en un momento de profunda crisis de división racial, inequidad, crisis económica y de salud por el COVID-19. Por tanto, debe comprender lo difícil que es cuando se entra en un proceso electoral bajo esas circunstancias.

Al igual que usted y el pueblo estadounidense, nosotros en Honduras estamos luchando para recuperar la democracia, la justicia y la paz, que fue destruida por el golpe de Estado de 2009. Y este próximo mes de noviembre de 2021, vamos a elecciones presidenciales por tercera vez después de ese terrible momento histórico que nos cambió la vida. Por tanto, lo único que exigimos de su gobierno es que



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Lucy Pagoada-Quesada habla en Baltimore, enero de 2019.

nos permita decidir en las urnas y que nuestra decisión soberana como pueblo se respete. Que su gobierno no intervenga. Y le aseguro, que, de esa forma, su presidencia no tendrá que enfrentar los éxodos masivos de personas que se van huyendo de Honduras en busca de lo que les fue

injustamente arrebatado.

Con todo respeto y deseando que se cumplan los propósitos de su administración para bien del pueblo.

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## Venezuela: Denuncian daños del bloqueo de Estados Unidos al pueblo

13 de febrero de 2021: El impacto negativo de las medidas coercitivas y unilaterales de Estados Unidos en el pueblo venezolano marcó la semana noticiosa que culmina hoy.

Tras varios días de visita oficial en el país la reportera especial de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas (ONU), Alena Douhan, aseguró que las políticas de asfixia económica acentuaron el escenario de crisis y tensiones internas, con impacto directo en la salud, la migración, la separación de las familias y todos los aspectos de la vida social.

En rueda de prensa ofrecida en Caracas, la experta independiente de la ONU instó a Washington a reconsiderar la eliminación de todas las sanciones adoptadas contra el sector público venezolano y abstenerse de imponer bloqueos a esta nación suramericana.

Douhan aseveró que las acciones punitivas implementadas por Estados Unidos frenaron el desarrollo de



Alena Douhan

Venezuela debido al severo impacto ocasionado a su economía, al provocar la caída de los ingresos en divisas en un 99 por ciento durante los últimos años.

Paralelo a la visita de la funcionaria, representantes de la Fundación Latinoamericana para los Derechos Humanos y el Desarrollo Social

(Fundalatin) y la Asociación Civil Venezolana (Sures), expusieron el pasado jueves ante la Asamblea Nacional el impacto negativo del bloqueo.

Pasqualina Curcio, asesora de Fundalatin, dijo que más de 194 mil millones de dólares ha dejado de percibir el país tras las sanciones, que contaron con el apoyo de la anterior Asamblea Nacional.

Por su parte, Lucrecia Hernández, directora de Sures, apuntó que esas sanciones han vulnerado los derechos fundamentales de los venezolanos, al tiempo que pidió que sean impuestas responsabilidades civiles, penales y admin-

istrativas a los responsables.

En tanto, el presidente Nicolás Maduro hizo hincapié la víspera en el reconocimiento de la experta de la Organización de Naciones Unidas al impacto ocasionado en el país por las acciones de asfixia económica implementadas por la Casa Blanca y sus aliados.

‘La reportera de la ONU ha hecho un llamado a Estados Unidos y la Unión Europea a que revisen y levanten las sanciones contra Venezuela, porque han exacerbado una crisis humanitaria enorme contra el pueblo’, subrayó el jefe de Estado.

Maduro recordó que el Gobierno bolivariano emitió reiteradas denuncias del severo impacto en la vida social, cultural, educativa y económica generado por la adopción sistemática de una política de bloqueo.

Fuente: Resumen Latinoamericano / TeleSUR

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