From U.S. to Honduras: Socialism and Black Liberation

By John Parker

On Jan. 27, I was fortunate to be one of a handful of delegates from the U.S. to attend the historic inauguration of President Xi-omara Castro in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Representing the Socialist Unity Party, I was part of an international delegation invited by President Castro and her Libre Party, founded by the National Popular Resistance Front (FNRP).

For the first time in 12 years, the people-service workers, factory workers, agricultural workers, unemployed workers, communities of African ethnicity and Indigenous communities—were also invited to participate.

That’s a reflection of the policies and actions already taking place under the new administration, employing a path in line with socialist economic goals. In fact, in the first five days of Castro’s presidency, she wiped out the electric bills of a million working and poor people in Honduras, in addition to ending much of the school tuition that also helped keep the poorest of the population destitute.

In addition, Castro’s priority of ending the privatizations that have wreaked havoc on the environment—especially for Indigenous communities struggling to maintain clean water—is already being implemented.

Early on the morning of the inauguration, lining up to get into the stadium in Tegucigalpa, our 20-person international delegation witnessed the excitement and joy of the sea of people, some of whom had traveled far, and some of whom had slept there overnight to get good seats.

The gravity of this event was reflected in its open rejection of capitalist and imperialist policies, and, with the multi-ethnic diversity we saw in attendance, a rejection of racism.

Since I’m writing this during Black History Month, as a Black person I want to pose the question: Would the victory of a genuine socialist brought about by a grassroots struggle have the same beneficial effects on the Black, Brown and Indigenous populations here in the U.S.?

And, if so, does the inauguration of Castro show the importance of the struggle for socialism for Black/African liberation in the U.S. and abroad?

Militant mobilization in the streets

Socialists and communists have long been a part of the Black struggle for liberation in the U.S., although hidden behind a wall of racist erasures in history books, state repression and anti-communist propaganda.

Today, the mantra from the ruling class, echoed by liberal politicians, nonprofits and educational institutions, is that the struggle cannot be in the streets, only electoral. It especially cannot challenge the ownership of a very small minority of billionaires and their institutions who hold the major industries of manufacturing, war, finance, education and health care in their possession.

In Honduras, however, although this was an electoral victory, it was made possible only by militant activism in the streets and growing organization of working-class and nationally oppressed sectors to challenge the

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Murder and voting rights

By Stephen Millies

Harriette Moore and Harry T. Moore died for the right to vote. The Ku Klux Klan bombed their Mims, Florida, home on Christmas Day in 1951. It was the couple’s 25th wedding anniversary. They left behind two daughters, Annie Moore and Evangeline Moore.

Harry Moore died on the way to the hospital while Harriette Moore died nine days later. Both had to be taken to a hospital 30 miles away in Sanford because the nearest hospital wouldn’t admit Black patients.

The Klan chose Christmas to bomb because that was the only day the hospital was open. Nearby Orange County was so Klan-infested that the county sheriff was a member.

Medgar Evers assassinated

Medgar Evers was also murdered for the right to vote. The Mississippi NAACP field secretary was assassinated on June 12, 1963. Evers traveled constantly through Mississippi encouraging Black people to register to vote.

It took 30 years to bring the assassin, Byron De La Beckwith, to justice. At this murderer’s first trial, Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett embraced Beckwith in the courtroom leading to a hung jury.

World War II veteran Maceo Snipes was the first Black person to vote in a primary election in Georgia’s Taylor County on July 17, 1946. He was named after the “Bronze Titan” who helped lead the Cuban wars of independence.

The next day four Klan members confronted Snipes while he was eating dinner with his mother. Snipes was shot in the back by Edward Cooper.

Snipes wasn’t operated on until six hours after he was wounded. He was dehydrated because the blood supply was segregated and the hospital didn’t have any “Black blood.”

As a result Maceo Snipes died on July 20, 1946. The coroner’s jury claimed Cooper was justified in killing Maceo Snipes.

A 17-year-old student at Morehouse College wrote a letter of protest to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. His name was Martin Luther King, Jr.

Without struggle there is no progress

Seventy-five years after Maceo Snipes was murdered, the Georgia state legislature made it illegal to offer a chair or a glass of water to people waiting in line to vote, even if they were elderly or disabled.

What should be illegal are laws like these that try to prevent poor and working people from voting. Hundreds of laws are being railroaded through state capitols designed to deprive people of their voting rights.

All of them violate the U.S. Constitution’s 15th Amendment, which guarantees the right to vote. Don’t look to the U.S. Supreme Court to enforce it.

In 2013 a majority of the high court threw out a key enforcement provision of the Voting Rights Act in their Shelby v. Holder decision.

The 24th Amendment outlawed poll taxes. Yet the same court has upheld laws that often require money to purchase identification and are indeed taxes.

The right to vote was won on the battlefields of the Civil War and by the Reconstruction governments that followed. It was Black troops in the Union Army and the general strike of Black workers in the South that played the key role in defeating the slave masters’ confederacy.

The Reconstruction state governments, backed by Black voters, established the first public school systems in the South. These were the best governments poor white people ever had.

The Ku Klux Klan terror overthrew Reconstruction and stole the right to vote from Black people. The 1890 Mississippi state constitution outlawed Black people from voting. A white mob in 1898 overthrew the Black-majority city government in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Thousands of people — including Harriette Moore, Harry T. Moore, Medgar Evers, Maceo Snipes and Dr. King — died for the right to vote.

The drive to roll back voting rights is revenge for Trump’s defeat and the 26 million people who marched to declare Black Lives Matter.

As Frederick Douglass said, without struggle there is no progress. After 50 years of cutbacks, the pent-up anger of workers and poor people will defend their right to vote by any means necessary.

A letter from Mumia Abu-Jamal

On Feb. 1, author and Black trade union activist Clarence Thomas spoke on a webinar called: “Free Mumia Abu-Jamal and All Anti-Racist and Anti-Imperialist Freedom Fighters!” organized by International Longshore & Warehouse Local 10 President Trent Willis.

In Thomas’ talk he read the letter, right, that Mumia wrote on Oct. 5, 2021, to Internatonal Longshore & Warehouse Workers Local 10 President Trent Willis.

Read about the struggle to free Mumia and to end white supremacy in the new anthology by Clarence Thomas: ‘Mobilizing in Our Own Name: Million Worker March.’

The 550 page book captures radical workers’ actions and struggles as those events were happening through hundreds of news articles, colorful photos, posters, leaflets, and video transcripts.

Available online with a Black History Month discount at MillionWorkerMarch.com
Biden’s promise to appoint first Black woman to Supreme Court

By Gloria Verduz

During a Democratic presidential debate on March 16, 2020, candidate Joe Biden said: “If I am elected president, I have an opportunity to appoint someone to the courts, I would appoint the first Black woman to the court. It is required that they have representation. Now it is long overdue.”

Biden first made the promise at a press conference in Somerville, Ohio, on Feb. 26, 2020, when he accepted Rep. James Clyburn’s endorsement. Biden said he would be honored to appoint the first African American woman to the Supreme Court.

He said: “The corridors of power (should) reflect what America has always been. That includes the White House, that includes the staff there. That includes the Cabinet and that includes the Supreme Court and the Congress.”

U.S. Supreme Court seats have historically been filled only by white men. Of the 123 Supreme Court justices, 95 or 95% of all appointments have been white men.

There have been only three white women, two Black men and one Latina. But no Black women.

At the time he made his pledge in early 2020, Biden was fighting for the Democratic Party presidential nomination and was losing the battle. The pledge was forced on this most conservative of establishment Democratic candidates and was made purely by the struggle of the masses for representation, which intensified with the George Floyd rebellion a few months later.

Biden saw no choice but to promise to address the historic lack of representation of Black people, especially Black women, in this powerful institution.

Hundreds of thousands nationwide were screaming “Black lives matter,” “Abolish the police,” but Black people were dying of COVID-19 at a higher rate than whites, police were killing Black people indiscriminately, voting rights were being lost and debt continued to grow, people faced evictions, and white supremacists were coming out of the shadows, led by number-one-ten President Donald Trump.

Securing Black women’s support

What was Biden to do to win? He made promises to the people, specifically African American women, to choose a woman vice-president and appoint a Black woman to the highest court in the U.S. It helped him win the South Carolina Democratic primary, signaling a shift in his fortunes, even though there was no guarantee there would be a Supreme Court seat vacancy.

Bernie Sanders and other Democratic candidates began to drop out of the race. As Biden won the nomination – which he left and Trump as the candidates of the two major capitalist parties. His promise was so profound that Sanders said: “That an estimate of 93% of Black women registered voters came out and cast their vote for Biden in November 2020.”

Biden became the 46th president of the U.S. in January 2021. A year later, in January 2022, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer announced his plan to retire.

Biden had the opportunity to wriggle out of his promise at a press conference, like he has broken so many of his other campaign promises. Instead, he stated: “The person I will nominate will be somebody with extraordinary qualifications, character, experience and integrity. That person will be the first Black woman ever nominated to the United States Supreme Court.”

How could it be that he does not really know how deeply seated racism and white supremacy are in the United States?

Once Biden’s promise became a reality, the haters came out. Biden could have said he was going to do this as a result of all these racist attacks and that he was going to try to make history. But it was not only history that had been lost, the George Floyd rebellion a few months later.

The truth is, Supreme Court appointments have always been primarily political appointments, not based solely on merit or experience as a judge. The president can appoint whoever he or she wants, and the Senate has the power to approve or disapprove. It is rare that the Senate does not approve a presidential appointee. Once Biden’s promise becomes a reality, the haters come out. Biden will surely possess all the qualities required of a Supreme Court Justice. The number-one requirement is that the appointee is to “uphold the Constitution at all costs.”

No one would do this with more sincerity, honesty and conviction than Black women, who have so long been devalued.

The “Founding Fathers,” including some who would number among the original seven justices, struggled with how to address slavery. They did not explicitly write the word “slavery” in the Constitution, but included key clauses that protected the institution, including the fugitive slave clause and the three-fifths clause.

Harriet Tubman knew that President Abraham Lincoln was not an abolitionist. His main interest was preserving the Union. Tubman knew that she had to continue to free as many enslaved people as humanly possible.

She had the opportunity to meet Lincoln, to wait in line to meet with him. This would have been an historic moment recorded in history, but she chose not to go. Harriet Tubman, a fugitive slave, served in the Union Army during the Civil War. In the end she had to fight to get compensation in the form of a small pension for her service.

Throughout history, Black women have fought to truly extend the rights of every person in the U.S.

A political institution

We know that the appointment of a liberal Black woman will not tip the scales while six right-wing justices stand firm in their opposition to women’s reproductve rights. The U.S. Supreme Court will remain in the position to give a heavy blow to the women’s movement. Reversing Roe v. Wade, agreeing with the narrow option of abortion only up to 15 weeks, or leaving the decision up to individuail states, will place a heavy burden on all oppressed and working-class women in the United States.

We need to change the way Supreme Court justices are chosen. These individuals should be democratically selected by the people with defined qualifications and term limits.

The bottom line is that this is all political. We all know that the time is long overdue for a Black woman to be on the Supreme Court and that the words Biden spoke are true.

Biden’s long political career includes his role in the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. I remember the 1991 confirmation hearings of Clarence Thomas, especially the awful treatment of Anita Hill, who testified about Thomas’ history of sexual harassment.

Biden chaired the confirmation hearings and had an opportunity to do the right thing, but he did not want to subpoena the two additional women that could have brought more evidence to support Hill’s claim.

Now, in 2022, he had an opportunity to appoint a Supreme Court justice with extraordinary qualifications, character, experience and integrity; to make history without all this drama.

Instead, he may find himself apologizing to another Black woman for stealing the fire and dampening the spirit of the first Black woman associate justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.
Behind Georgia's epidemic of police killings

By Lizzy Toledo

Atlanta – “More than a third of all Georgians fatally shot by law enforcement since 2010 were killed at home,” according to an Atl tla Journal-Constitution/Channel 2 Ac
tion News investigation.

When police respond to a call for a report of a domestic violence case, it often ends with cops killing the residents, especially when they are Black or Brown. White residents who call the police for similar incidents tend to stay alive and get the help they need.

This is not new. The system is still întomtendent after she called 911 in December 2010. Her husband James, the father of their three young boys, physically abused her. He was lying asleep in bed, naked and unarmed, and within ten minutes after police arrived, he had been shot dead.

A wrongful death lawsuit against the Lawrenceville Police Department has been filed by Felio’s family. Friends and family of mental ly ill Air Force veteran Anthony Hill demonstrated in DeKalb County because Hill, completely naked and unarmed, was shot in his apartment by police on March 9, 2015. The cops’ excuse was that he made a threatening gesture.

Former DeKalb County Police Officer Robert Olsen was sentenced to 20 years probation, for the killing of Hill. The change was met with extreme vitriol from pro-police forces.

The Baltimore Republican Party and its allies called for an indictment of Mosby on anything that could stick. In 2020, the DOJ and Internal Revenue Service investigated Mosby and her husband, Baltimore City Council President Nick Mosby, for alleged tax law violations.

Eventually the claims against Mosby were found to be without mer- it and the investigation ended. However, federal investigations resumed after Mosby announced her initiative to decriminalize drug use and sex work. This investigation led to the January in-
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Racist campaign targets Marilyn Mosby

By Lev Koufax

On Jan. 12, the U.S. Depart-
ment of Justice brought crimi-
nal charges of perjury and false
mo interrogations against Baltimore City State’s
Attorney Marilyn Mosby, a
Black woman who has served in
the position since 2015.

The recent criminal indict-
ment alleges that Mosby used
COVID-related loan money to
purchase vacation homes.

Further, she is accused of
testifying falsely under oath that
she expressed financial hardship due
to the pandemic.

Mosby’s tenure has been a contro-
versial one. In 2015, she charged six Bal-
timore police officers in the murder of an unarmed Black man, Freddie Gray. Baltimore cops killed Gray after he ran from officers who were trying to arrest him and waving their firearms aggressively.

Following Gray’s murder, the peo-
ple of Baltimore rose up against racist police brutality and terror.

After Mosby announced that she would prosecute the officers in
volved in Gray’s murder, this drew the ire of many, including the racist Fraternal Order of Police and right-
wing politicians. Ultimately, Freddie Gray’s killers were not convict-
ed. Many returned to their jobs on the Baltimore police force. How-
ever, the “law and order” communi-
ty never forgot Mosby’s attempt to convict the killers.

Fast forward six years. Mosby an-
nounced that her office would no longer prosecute drug users and sex
workers in the city of Baltimore in April 2021. This announcement was part of a larger effort to scale back police war on drugs that had wreaked havoc in Baltimore’s Black community for decades. This policy change was met with extreme vitriol from pro-police forces.

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To be clear, it’s important to un-
derstand that Marilyn Mosby is an

imperfect figure. She is not a so-
cialist nor even a progressive. For
her entire career, Mosby has been a
mainstream Democratic Party poli-
tician.

In many ways, Mosby echoes the
“law and order” politics of people like
former President Bill Clinton and
former Maryland Gov. Martin
O’Malley. This was best demonstrated by
the continued prosecution of po-
lace shooting victim Keith Davis Jr.

Mosby’s office has prosecuted Davis
times, after numerous mistri-
als and hung juries. The entire case
is based on flimsy evidence; conse-
quently, the Baltimore community
generally supported the prose-
uction.

With that said, Mosby should still be defended against reactionary and racist attacks. The recent DOJ pros-
ection is exactly that. The charges against her aren’t based on justice or fairness. They are based on racist political retribution. Even with Mos-
by’s imperfections, progressives and socialists have a duty to stand in sol-
idarity with Black activists and elected officials against racist attacks. It is telling that Joe Biden’s DOJ has

demanded these charges against the
State’s Attorney of a majority Black,
working-class city like Baltimore.
For better or worse, Mosby is paying
the price for executing what she be-
lieved were Democratic Party values.
She tried to prosecute killer cops and
stop prosecuting innocent people.
For that, she is under attack.

It is more important now than
ever that the people stand in soli-
darity with her and other politicians who find themselves under attack
for policies that challenge the police and mass incarceration.
For first time in 37 years
No cops, ICE or military in Los Angeles MLK Day Caravan

By Struggle-La Lucha
Los Angeles bureau

Los Angeles, Jan. 17 — More than a hundred cars and floats joined the MLK Day Caravan for Social Justice down Martin Luther King Jr. Boule-
vard, decorated with anti-racist, an-
ti-imperialist, pro-people slogans reflecting today’s struggles.

Organizations, including the Southern California Leaders Coali-
tion, the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice; African Ameri-
can Writers & Artists Inc.; Friends of Malcolm X Library; Harvard Blvd
Block Club; Africa Town Coalition; Black Pact; Union del Barrio; Al-Aw-
da – LA; Veterans for Peace; Topanga Peace Alliance; Boycott Divestment
Sanctions (BDS); Socialist Unity Par-
ty; Health Care for All – LA; BAYAN
USA and more raised the messages of
Dr. King today and the various social
justice issues that he championed.

One of the primary focuses of the
day was voting rights, demanding
that the Biden administration stop
surrendering to white supremac-
ists. The day before the caravan in
Los Angeles, Dr. King’s son — Mar-
tin Luther King III — Andrea Waters
King and their daughter Yolanda Re-
nee King, who is 13, led a march in
Arizona, demanding Biden do more
than talk to stop the further disen-
franchisement of Black people.

“This MLK Day we are finally able
to be true to Dr. King’s vision of so-
cial justice and honor the wishes of his family today,” Jefferson Azvedo
declared at the Los Angeles MLK Day
day.

“This is only because of the uni-
ty that over 25 organizations had in
fighting to take this King Day back
from those who would have the po-
lice, ICE and the military and cor-
porate sponsors like insurance com-
panies and fast food parasites in our
community, for the past 37 years, stomp
on the legacy of Dr. King with messages enabling capitalist exploitation and police terror in our
communities.”

This indeed was an unprecedent-
ed event. In Los Angeles for the past
37 years the “Kingdom Day Parade,”
led by the California branch of the
Congress of Racial Equality (CORE -
CA), was a corporate–driven event,
charging $500 for each grassroots,
community organization to par-
ticipate. Many felt this cost to the
community was unnecessary, since
corporate sponsors already paid thousands of dollars to attend.

This year, however, there was no
cost to participants since the Harri-
et Tubman Center for Social Justice
filed for the permit last July on be-
half of the Ad Hoc Coalition for the
MLK Day March, and successfully
获得了 the permit to keep the parade,
even with the police and the military
from participating.

“We tried to respectfully negotiate
with CORE and were willing to share
the permit,” said John Parker, coor-
dinator of The Harriet Tubman Cen-
ter. “Our only condition — which
was also insisted upon by the many
Black organizations leading this ef-
fort along with other community or-
ganizations in the coalition — was
to keep the police, military and ICE
out of the parade. Unfortunately, the
CEO of CORE, Dr. Adrian Dove, in-
sisted the police be included.”

LAPD racist terror

Parker continued: “Given the his-
tory of terror by the LAPD and Sher-
iffs and especially considering the
recent killing of a child by the LAPD,
that was a non-starter. But our con-
trol over the permit, which we had to
fight with the LAPD to keep, even
threatening legal action, allowed not
only greater access for the commu-
nity to the King Day activities, it also
banned the police, ICE and the mili-
tary from having contingents or any
representatives in the procession for
the first time in 77 years.”

Ron Gochez of Union del Barrio
said, “We’re proud to be here today
standing shoulder to shoulder with
our Black community and our Afri-
can sisters and brothers taking the
righteous step to say that the LAPD,
Sheriffs, ICE and the military have
no place in an event to honor Dr.
Martin Luther King Jr.,”

“We all know that Dr. King was
against police brutality, against im-
perialism and all types of oppression of any kind of people. So, for us today
as Latin American people it’s our duty
and responsibility to be in solidarity.”

Gochez’ words reflected the tre-
mendous multinational, multi-gend-
er, multi-age participation and
especially Black and Brown unity at
this event with Latin American, In-
digenous, Filipino grassroots orga-
nizations helping to organize this
event, including the day-of lives
streaming courtesy of the Filipino
organization BAYAN-USA.

The livestream over Zoom was
emceed by Andrew Mayton of the
Peoples Power Assembly in Balti-
more and Beto Rios of Union del Barrio,
allowing those who couldn’t
attend the large car caravan to get a
bird’s-eye view of the demonstra-
tion and commemoration of King.

All of the organizers said this was
the beginning of the end for the cor-
porate-sponsored event and that
they would work together and gather
more grassroots and community and
progressive organizations, united in
solidarity with each other’s strug-
gles, to make this a yearly event.

Billion Godsun of the Africa Town
Coalition said: “Having no law en-
forcement, military or big corpora-
tions involved set a new precedent
for how King Day events should be.
Even though this first one was a lit-
tle bit smaller than the traditional
parade, a number of people shared
that the overall energy was better.
We will expand on this and grow
next year.”

Defying media misinformation

There were many hurdles to over-
come, including the omicron variant
and multiple broadcasts by the ma-
jor corporate media that the King
activities for the day were canceled,
even though they were sent numer-
ous press releases saying otherwise.

In spite of that, the caravan was the
largest event in Los Angeles
County on MLK Day, and the safest
— turning the first proposed march
into a caravan with plenty of masks
and sanitizer for each float and par-
ticipating cars. And defying the false
news about cancellations, at least a
hundred cars and floats participat-
ed, and organizers estimate that al-
ready thousands of people have seen
the livestream of the event.

Rebecca Jackson, a member of the
Harriet Tubman Center for Social
Justice and the executive director of
“Resist This Pac: Give Us The Ballot,”
an initiative of Martin Luther King
III, said: “For the sake of 14-year-old
Valentina Orellana-Peralta, mur-
dered by the recklessness of the
LAPD, we’re not going back. For the
sake of George Floyd and Eric Gar-
ner and Breonna Taylor and all the
victims here in LA of police violence
and terror, we’re not going back.

“This is our day, this is our legacy,
not the corporate sponsors, but our
united us.”
Across the U.S., protests demand 'No war on Russia and Donbass!'

By Struggle-La Lucha

On Feb. 5, anti-war and community organizations took to the streets across the United States in a united demand to the Biden administration: No war on Russia!

It was a crucial moment of visible opposition to the rapid U.S.-NATO war buildup that has marked the first weeks of 2022. An ad hoc coalition of anti-imperialist organizations, including the Socialist Unity Party and Struggle-La Lucha newspaper, Solidarity with Novorossiya and Antifascists in Ukraine, longtime Minneapolis antiwar activist Alan Dale, Women Against Military Madness, the Communist Workers League and Workers Voice Socialist Movement first put out the call for “National Days of Action Feb. 4-12: No War on Russia and Donbass! U.S. Out of Ukraine!” (Read the statement at tinyurl.com/ywjvyd3y)

"Biden claims that there is an imminent threat of a Russian invasion of Ukraine," says the call to action. "But the real invasion threat stems from U.S.-allied Ukraine against the independent Donbass republics of Donetsk and Lugansk, near Russia's western border.

"Washington and its NATO partners have been pushing Ukraine’s government to invade Donbass, hoping to provoke a response from Russia that can cover further NATO expansion. Ukraine has deployed 125,000 troops (now more than 150,000) to the ceasefire zone, including battalions of neo-Nazis, armed with NATO weapons.

"Poor and working people are wracked with crisis after crisis here at home. ... We need a struggle to end racism and poverty, not another criminal war abroad!"

The national call was endorsed by the Anti-War Committee, Alberto Lovera Bolivarian Circle, International League of Peoples’ Struggle – U.S. chapter, Freedom Road Socialist Organization, Peoples Power Assembly, Moratorium New Coalition, Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice and others.

Shortly after, Code Pink: Women for Peace made its own call for a national day for “negotiations, not war” with Russia on Saturday, Feb. 5. Other anti-war formations, including the ANSWER Coalition, Peace Action, United National Antiwar Coalition, Veterans for Peace and International Action Center, also mobilized.

In many cities, the groups joined forces for united anti-war activities.

'Bring the troops home'

In New York City, the anti-imperialist coalition organized a speak-out Feb. 5 at Columbus Circle. Hundreds of fact sheets were distributed to passersby while protesters chanted: "Hands off Russia! Hands off Donbass! Bring the troops home!" At the speak-out, activists explained that the U.S. and NATO pose the real invasion threat to the Eastern European region. They also contrasted the massive flood of U.S. weapons to Ukraine in recent weeks with the Biden administration’s failure to provide promised N95 masks to people here during the omicron COVID surge.

Speakers included Johnnie Stevens of Parents to Improve School Transportation (PIST NYC), Michaela Martinuzzi of NY Community Action Project (NYCAP) and International League of Peoples’ Struggle (ILPS), Teri Kay of Communist Workers League and Greg Butterfield of Solidarity with Novorossiya and Antifascists in Ukraine.

The protesters then held a small but spirited march down Broadway to join the rally called by Code Pink at Times Square. The group entered chanting, "Hey hey, ho ho, NATO has got to go," helping to set a militant tone for the second event.

Bill Doria spoke at the Times Square rally representing Struggle-La Lucha. He said, "The health care system is collapsing, millions are facing eviction, people are drowning in student debt, Congress can’t pass the Build Back Better Act – but they have endless money for war and destruction. Because only war and destruction can preserve the domination of Wall Street and the U.S. dollar in the world economy. And they’re willing to risk global destruction for that purpose."

Other speakers included Marga-ret Kimberley of Black Alliance for Peace and Larry Holmes of Workers World Party.

'Fight fascism and white supremacy'

In Los Angeles, a broad coalition of anti-war forces rallied at the downtown Federal Building.

John Parker, candidate for U.S. Senate in California representing the Socialist Unity Party and Peace and Freedom Party, spoke about his recent visit to Honduras as part of a solidarity delegation to celebrate the inauguration of leftist President Xiomara Castro. He described the parallels between the people’s struggles against fascism and white supremacy under the U.S.-backed coup regimes in Honduras and Ukraine.

"The regime created by the coup in Ukraine in 2014, with U.S. support bans communist and socialist organizations, but they allow Nazi collaborators to be lauded. The FBI finally admitted that some of the white supremacists who were in Charlottesthe..." Continued on page 7
No to U.S./NATO war: Here are the facts!

By Socialist Unity Party

The corporate media and politicians claim that Russia is about to invade Ukraine. It’s a big lie, just like the lie about Iraq’s “Weapons of Mass Destruction.” Actually, Washington is pushing U.S.-armed Ukraine to invade two small independent republics, Donetsk and Lugansk, on Russia’s border. They want to provoke a response from Russia to justify NATO intervention.

Fight COVID, evictions and poverty, not Russia

Workers are facing crises right here at home. Why is Biden preparing to send 8,500 additional U.S. troops to Europe on top of 64,000 already stationed there? Why did Congress raise Pentagon war funding when they can’t even pass Build Back Better legislation or protect people’s basic democratic rights, like the right to vote and reproductive rights?

Millions of $ in bombs and bullets, can’t deliver masks and tests

Between Jan. 21 and Feb. 2, the U.S. delivered 600 tons of weapons and military supplies to Ukraine. Yet many people have still not received their four free home COVID tests in the mail. Pharmacies have signs saying, “Free gov’t masks not yet available.” Imagine if Washington put the same effort into fighting the COVID pandemic and providing healthcare. How many of the nearly 1 million U.S. lives lost could have been saved?

Biden: Stop supporting Ukrainian fascists

Ukraine has sent white supremacists and neo-Nazis to the front line to threaten Russia and the residents of Donetsk and Lugansk. Biden went back on his promise to curb racist police violence against Black and Brown communities. Meanwhile the Pentagon is training and arming Ukraine’s hate groups, who are no different than those who attacked the Capitol last Jan. 6.

Banks and Big Oil profit from Pentagon wars

U.S. Big Oil companies and banks want to stop the flow of Russian oil and gas to Western Europe. They want to force their European allies to pay extortionate prices for U.S. fuel instead. We don’t need another bloody war for oil profits!

No war on Russia and Donbass!

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The protesters then joined with hundreds of others marching to demand justice for Amir Locke, a young Black man slain by Minneapolis police days before.

Two actions were held in New Orleans. The Workers Voice Socialist Movement held a mass leaflet distribution. “Whether it’s at bus stops, grocery store parking lots, or barber shops, we need to get the word out: We workers have no interest in another bloody war for the rich,” the group explained.

At Congo Square, Freedom Road Socialist Organization, ANSWER Coalition, the Communist Party of Louisiana and others rallied against war on Russia.

Protests were held in dozens of other cities Feb. 5, including Washington, D.C.; Des Moines, Iowa; Topsham, Maine; Kansas City, Missouri; and Missoula, Montana.

In Detroit, the Moratorium NOW! Coalition and Michigan Emergency Committee Against War & Injustice plan a rush-hour protest on Friday, Feb. 11.

With reports from Sharon Black in Baltimore, John Parker in Los Angeles, Greg Butterfield in New York and Gloria Verdieu in San Diego.

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Anti-trans bills threaten youth in many states

By Greg Butterfield

Struggle-La Lucha spoke with activist Erin Reed (she/her) about anti-trans measures currently flooding state legislatures, and how people are fighting back.

Struggle-La Lucha: Can you tell our readers a bit about who you are and your work for trans rights?

Erin Reed: I have been a longtime advocate for transgender rights, especially when it comes to accessibility of trans health care. I created the largest map of informed consent hormone therapy clinics in the United States (tinyurl.com/3vscy759). Informed consent is a method of obtaining hormone therapy that does not require years of expensive therapy to obtain hormones. Instead doctors tell you the risks and benefits, letting you make the choice if it is right for you. They then monitor your hormone levels and aid in your transition. This resource has been accessed over 1.6 million times. I also have been extremely active in marginalized spaces where I include transgender people. I created Maryland Equity Vaccine Hunters, which ultimately obtained nearly 10,000 vaccines for Marylanders in underprivileged communities, including transgender Marylanders and especially trans people of color.

Lastly, I openly advocate for transgender legal rights and have been tracking bills this cycle that seek to de-transition trans youth, remove transgenders people from public spaces like bathrooms and changing rooms, the ability of transgender people to update legal documents, and call those who affirm trans youth child abusers.

So you give us an overview of the current anti-trans legislation?

ER: As of right now, multiple trackers exist showing dozens of anti-trans bills pending. The ACLU says 79 anti-transgender bills have been filed so far in the first month of 2022. Step Up lists 65 active anti-trans bills being proposed.

These bills all share very similar language. Many go after those who provide trans teenagers with transition-related medical care, threatening sentences for doctors or defining parents as child abusers. Others seek to change identifiers documents. Some propose banning transgender people from bathrooms. Others will ban transgender people from competing in sports, even youth sports and even for youth transitioning.

Many of these bills have no enforcement mechanisms or outrageous enforcement mechanisms like genital inspections. They all will increase harm to the trans community.

The long shadow of the 1919 Chicago race riot

By Stephen Millies  SLL articles include:
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The people put Harold Washington in City Hall
Available in a pamphlet form at tinyurl.com/1919chicago

High school students joined a Protect Trans Kids rally in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Jan. 16 to protest legislation that would ban trans kids from sports programs and restrict bathroom access in schools. Actions were held in six cities across the state.

SL: For you, what is most dangerous about these attacks on trans youth?

ER: You are at an enormously high risk of suicide when denied the ability to transition. Most statistics show that transgender people are at a 42% likelihood of attempting suicide at some point in their life.

However, being able to access gender-affirming care lowers trans youth’s chance of suicide attempts by 40%, according to an article published in the Journal of Adolescent Health in December 2021. This makes transition-related care for trans youth one of the most life saving treatments you can give to someone under the age of 18.

That several states are looking to ban transition care should terrify many people. So many trans youth will be stuck in these states and withdrawn from their hormone therapy should the bills pass.

SL: How are trans people fighting back in different states, and how can others get involved?

ER: Local organizations are best — every state usually has its own local LGBTQ organizations that mobilize when an anti-trans bill takes effect. There have been some particularly effective national organizations.

Lambda Legal, Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund, Transgender Law Center and the ACLU have been essential in challenging these bills and organizing advocacy. If you live in one of the states in the ACLU or Step Up’s tracker, contact your representatives about these bills and show up for the hearings.

Sometimes trans youth as young as 11 are the ones that show up and make all the difference. Kai Shappeley stood in front of Texas legislators and was essential to defeating anti-trans youth bills. She is now a finalist for Time Kid of the Year.

SL: Of all the reproductive rights and Black people’s voting rights are also under threat in many of the same states. Can you talk about the importance of building unity among all the communities under attack?

From U.S. to Honduras: Socialism and Black Liberation

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frantic drive toward privatization that characterized the years since the coup.

The U.S. government supported the overthrow and kidnapping of then-President Manuel Zelaya with money and technical know-how. Zelaya, a socialist who was democratically elected in 2006 and is the husband of President Castro, defied U.S. imperialism by refusing to accept a cabinet chosen by the U.S. Embassy. He refused to abide by the policies of austerity and anti-communism demanded by Western monopoly banking institutions.

Like President Castro, Zelaya sought to make qualitative changes in favor of the working class shortly after becoming president. He raised the minimum wage of workers by 60%, infuriating Wall Street banks, the Obama Administration and then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

U.S. support continued with the military coup’s targeting and killing of progressive activists, while also making Honduras the poorest country in Latin America. Repression and economic devastation drove waves of emigration by desperate refugees, who were then demonized and brutalized when they tried to enter the U.S.

Still, a very strong youth movement grew in number and influence during the last 12 years, led by social youth. After the coup they put their lives in danger with militant protests. Many belong to the Libre Party and some are actually part of the Castro administration.

Their militance was an echo of that of the Indigenous communities, as represented by slain activist and Indigenous leader Berta Cáceres, whose photo was enlarged on the stadium walls in her honor during the inauguration. Unit of workers and oppressed

It was that type of militancy in the streets and unity with the oppressed that culminated in the electoral victory of Xiomara Castro. And that unity continues. It will be needed, because the U.S. continues to occupy major military bases in Honduras, and is already plotting to undermine the new government with its right-wing allies.

At the inauguration, I spoke with Gerene Grant, a member of one of the Black community organizations that received a special invitation to attend and participate in the ceremony. There are two groups in Honduras of African ethnicity. One is the Garifuna people, an Afro-Indigenous community. The other group lives near the Bay Islands and on the Honduran coast of the Caribbean sea, because of British colonialisim preceding the ownership of their lands by Honduras, these are English-speaking Black communities.

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ER: Solidarity among all communities under attack is extremely important. Reproductive rights are intricately tied to transgender rights — anti-abortion laws are inseparable from anti-trans laws and represent an attack designed to enforce a gender hierarchy that reduces our gender and sexuality to a biological role of reproduction and control of our bodies. The same organizations that fight against abortion rights fight against trans rights and fund anti-trans organizations around the globe.

You can’t separate either of these from attacks on the Black community. Bills targeting trans youth in sports often get brought up when Black athletes perform well, regardless if they are trans. In 2021, three cisgender women were banned from the Olympics in some sports categories for not taking hormones to lower their natural testosterone because of trans panic: Castor Semenya, Christine Mboma and Beatrice Masilingi.

And the latest attacks on education in the United States banning books of target “critical race theory” and “gender theory.” Both transness and Blackness are seen as dangerous and are constantly under attack by a white patriarchal society.

Feb. 14, 2022
Racism + COVID = death

By Stephen Millennes

The COVID-19 pandemic is more proof that President Castro was right. Death rates from COVID-19 are strikingly least double in Black, Indigenous and Latinx communities in the U.S. This has gone hand-in-hand with the thousands of factories being shut down. Twenty thousand of the hospital beds thrown away were in New York state, according to the New York State Nurses Association. Among them was Harlem’s Sydenham Hospital, which was closed in 1980 after a bitter struggle to keep it open. Some of the closed hospitals, like the Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia, became nursing homes or being turned into luxury housing.

Thousands of nursing home patients died of COVID. A big cause was that elderly hospital patients with the virus were shoved into nursing homes due to the shortage of hospital beds. Despite the cruel U.S. economic blockade of Cuba, not a single hospital or school has been closed in the socialist country. For every 1.9 hospital beds available in Brooklyn and Queens, there are 5 available in Cuba. It’s a difference of 1.9 to 5.

Pfizer and Moderna sold the overworked and underpaid front line workers vaccines to richer countries. Socialism and Cuba are sharing the vaccines. China will distribute 2 billion vaccine doses to Africa, Asia and Latin America. Cuba has already sent 10 million doses to Vietnam and plans to distribute another 100 million doses.

No parents in Cuba have to wait eight hours with their children in crowded emergency rooms before seeing a doctor. No one in that beautiful country is turned away due to racialism. Everyone is treated the same. Cuba has what we need: socialism.

Claudia Jones expands on this in her comments that take into account not only the struggle against racism but also women’s oppression: “For the progressive women’s movement, the Negro woman, who combines in her own person the oppression of race and sex, is the vital link to this heightened political consciousness. Anyone who tells you that socialism is not relevant to our struggle as Black people either has no clue about our history or does not want to see any real struggle against this racist system of exploitation, poverty and war. We are the working class, and our struggles, class and our collaborators throw at us, the struggle for liberation will continue. Just ask the people of Hungary.”

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U.S. and international actions demand #UnblockCuba

By Cheryl LaBash

On Sunday, Jan. 30, Miami Cuban-American demands to undo the U.S. commercial and financial blockade of Cuba.

Also 60 years ago, on Jan. 31, 1962, under U.S. pressure, the Organization of American States expelled Cuba. Only Mexico withheld the U.S. demand to isolate the revolution. How the situation has changed in 60 years!

In the U.S., caravans kicked off the new year in Miami, New York City, Minneapolis, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Tempe/Phoenix, Portland, Seattle and Los Angeles. Cars and – where temperatures permitted – bikes took to the streets. Outrage and solidarity with Cuba birthed a caravan movement across the U.S. and internationally on the last Sunday of the month – including in the streets of Cuba.

This international outpouring of solidarity with the Cuban Revolution and its right to sovereignty and self-determination was especially noteworthy, as Feb. 7 marks 60 years since the effective date of President John F. Kennedy’s Proclamation 3447, prohibiting “the importation from or through Cuba.”

Nearly two years since the anniversary of Havana, Cuba battles COVID, defying 60-year U.S. blockade

By Sharon Black

Presentation by Sharon Black, writer for Struggle-La Lucha and national spokesperson of the Socialist Unity Party, at the Europe for Cuba online forum Feb. 9, 2022.

Cuba battles COVID, defying 60-year U.S. blockade

It has been 60 years this month since U.S. President John Kennedy first proclaimed Executive Order 3447, prohibiting “the importation into the United States of all goods of Cuban origin and all goods imported from or through Cuba.”

Feb. 7, 1962, marked the beginning of the U.S. blockade of Cuba. Its stated purpose was to inflict collective punishment on the Cuban people in an attempt to starve and suffocate the young Cuban Revolution.

Every U.S. administration, regardless of party affiliation, has continued this policy, in one form or another. Not because Cuba represents a security risk for the United States, but because the Cuban social project is a beacon for not only Latin America and the Caribbean, but for the world’s people.

Biden, who promised to continue the Obama administration’s loosening of restrictions on Cuba, reversed himself and appointed Trump’s draconian policies.

The changes during the Obama administration were based on pragmatic considerations, especially U.S. policies which included not only the blockade, but invasions and terrorist attacks, had not worked and only served to isolate the U.S.

What hasn’t changed is the motive of U.S. imperialism to continue to strangle the island nation.

The COVID pandemic and its consequent suffering became an opportunity to not only renege the former course, but to attempt to go further.

It is no secret that National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the CIA and non-profit organizations orchestrated a highly-coordinated destabilization campaign to create chaos and promote demonstrations in the streets against the Cuban government. They were unsuccessful.

U.S.-Cuba Friendship Caravan

On Nov. 15, 2021, 1 and two other Struggle-La Lucha reporters, Ellie McClain and Lars Bertling, traveled to Cuba as part of the 31st FICO-Pastors for Peace U.S.-Cuba Friendship Caravan.

Our group was one of the first delegations to travel to the newly reopened Cuba, which had been closed to international visitors because of the pandemic. Nov. 15 marked the opening of schools and services in Cuba and was also a day celebrating the anniversary of Havana.

We are from Baltimore, Maryland, where the police murder of Freddie Gray sparked a rebellion of the people of our city who were fed up with racist police terror.

Our members also represent the Peoples Power Assembly, which does community work, including setting up weekly free food distributions because our government won’t feed the people, and also a “saving lives campaign” to demand vaccines for our community.

Among our own organizers, six people contracted COVID-19, four were hospitalized, and six other volunteers died. Only 60% of the people of Baltimore are vaccinated.

We know the Cubans like to say, “We are not perfect.” But what we saw is heaven to us in comparison to our conditions under capitalism.

Our participation was as much to learn from the Cuban people as it was to show our solidarity in demanding an end to the blockade.

We stayed close to two weeks in Cuba, spending almost every minute that Cuba had to produce a vaccine. In addition, it was nearly the first time that Cuba had to produce a vaccine aimed at a virus rather than a bacterial infection – and they were able to do it in record time. So you might consider it a miracle.

So how did they do it?

One of the major reasons given was the cooperation between Cuban organizations, the lack of competition and personal profit. In fact, these were some of the same reasons, along with a few others, for the high vaccination rate in Cuba that has now reached an astounding 90% of the population.

The people of Cuba trust the vaccines because the country has a long history of preventative health care that is steeped in education and community implementation. There is no profit motive to block health care in Cuba.

Members of the Bridges of Love project together with friends of Cuba in Miami, Jan. 30.

Cuba. Jan. 30 car caravans carried on the tradition in Montreal, Quebec, plus Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto.

Information on the U.S. caravans is posted by the National Network On Cuba at NNOC.org/calendar with starting times and locations during the week before the last Sunday of the month. Local organizers can send details, images or Facebook event links for posting to SundayCaravan@NNOC.info.
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U.S. movement in support of Cuba has grown

In contrast to Biden’s cynical and criminal attempts to choke and strangle Cuba, the sentiment of the people inside the U.S. to end the blockade has grown. On Sunday, Jan. 30, Miami Cuban-Americans and their supporters gathered at City Hall to caravan with bikes and cars to a rally at the statue of Cuba’s national hero, José Martí. On New Year’s Day, another rally with monthly Miami actions have birthed a caravan movement across the U.S. and internationally on the last Sunday of the month – including in the streets of Cuba. Caravans kicked off the new year in Miami, New York City, Minneapolis, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Tempe/Phoenix, Portland, Seattle and Los Angeles.

No U.S./NATO war on Russia and Donbas

We do not end our presentation without strongly condemning U.S. imperialist attempts to ratchet up war in Ukraine. What is taking place is a deadly game that only benefits U.S. imperialism.

The U.S. rulers created this crisis and are desperate to pour fuel on the fire day by day.

The global capitalist system is in crisis. While some billionaires and securities have benefited handsomely from COVID, U.S. imperialism’s overall profits and strategic dominance are threatened at every turn. In particular, the oil industry – thoroughly entwined with the biggest U.S. banks and the military-industrial complex – has been in crisis for over a decade. U.S. capitalists are desperate to stop the nearly completed Nord Stream 2 pipeline project slated to bring Russian gas to Europe.

Washington’s actions in the Ukraine are not only aimed at the Donbas republics and Russia, but also Venezuela Cuba, who have cooperative relationships with Russia.

In the United States, the fear of winning the war has stirred the anti-war movement.

Struggle–La Lucha and the Socialist Unity Party, along with many other local and national groups like Pink, called for national days of protest. We have demanded no war on Russia and Donbas. It is our responsibility to energetically reach out to the workers and poor in the U.S. and explain why a war on Russia and Donbas is not in our interest.

No U.S./NATO war on Russia and Donbas! End the U.S. blockade of Cuba!

China succeeds while U.S. loses battle against COVID-19

By Scott Scheffer

The U.S. media is spreading a message that the omicron variant of COVID-19 may be the final wave in the pandemic that has taken 5.63 million lives globally, and 900,000 in the U.S. – the U.S. has the highest death toll in the world.

Even as the death count in areas of the U.S. is rising as predicted by epidemiologists and virologists, a pro-business push to herd people back to work and students back to in-person classes is underway. This push has been embraced by the Centers for Disease Control and Biden’s Chief Medical Adviser Anthony Fauci. While omicron symptoms may be less severe than the delta variant, it is still a killer and is currently averting 2,000 deaths per day in Russia and threatening to spread throughout the U.S.

In the year 2022, there were 476,863 deaths from COVID in China.

China, however, has kept its death toll as low as possible, and in the year 2022, there were only two coronavirus deaths.

The Chinese government has always been open about the numbers and has never tried to hide the truth. At the beginning of the pandemic, China took immediate action to prevent the spread of the virus. They were able to contain the virus quickly, and today, China has had only a few hundred deaths, a percentage of the population. China is doing an excellent job of keeping the virus under control.

China has a better record than the United States, where over 800,000 people have died from COVID-19. China’s success can be attributed to their strict lockdowns and widespread vaccination campaigns.

China has also been an active member of the international community, sharing information and best practices with other countries. China’s success in controlling the pandemic has been a model for other countries around the world.

The United States, on the other hand, has failed to control the pandemic. The U.S. government was slow to respond to the crisis and was not transparent about the numbers. The U.S. also struggled with vaccine distribution and lacked a unified approach.

China, on the other hand, took a more aggressive approach and was able to contain the virus quickly. China’s success in controlling the pandemic has been a model for other countries around the world.

China’s success is a reminder that effective action can make a difference. The United States needs to learn from China’s example and take decisive action to control the pandemic. The U.S. government must take responsibility and act in the best interest of the people.

The Social Evolution of Humanity

Marx & Engels Were Right! Bob McCubbin

This book focuses on Frederick Engels’ view of the social evolution of human beings, specifically exploring the changing social position of women, LGBTQ2S+ people and the human social relationship usually referred to as marriage.

The global struggles of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and two spirit people in the last half century have made recognition of the presence of sex and gender variation in the human family, the richness of our species, clear.

Knowledge of their socially beneficial roles in pre-class societies, their subsequent persecution and oppression with the onset of patriarchal class society, and their present struggle for freedom is integral to a science-based understanding of human social evolution and the road to human liberation.

We Marxist revolutionaries are united in our belief that the destructive contradictions imposed on human society, including those that have distorted social/sexual relations ever since the imposition of private property, can only be resolved by capitalism’s elimination.

Marriage: a biased view vs. science

McCubbin begins with a debate between early leaders in the field of anthropology – Bronislaw Malinowski and Robert Briffaut – that took place in 1933.

Malinowski professed the view that the family is: A group un- chanced throughout history, a fa- ther and mother and their children, legally united by a contract and surrounded by religious sanctions. McCubbin presents Malinow- nias’s view as an example of the counterrevolution in anthropology that arose in response to Frederick Engels’ book Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State.

Briffaut’s opposing position, based on extensive research, was that in every country of the globe and in every age that the transi- tion rests chiefly upon economic considerations.

Medical assistance from Jiangsu province at a ceremony marking their departure after participating in the fight against COVID-19 in Wuhan, March 19, 2020.

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El bloqueo a Cuba cumple 60 años

Por Rosa Miriam Elizalde

Se dice fácil, pero han sido seis décadas durísimas que comenzaron con una ligereza desconcertante y la creencia de que el bloqueo del Gobierno de Estados Unidos a Cuba no duraría demasiado. Un par de años, quizás. El 2 de febrero de 1962 John F. Kennedy llamó a su secretario de Prensa, Pierre Salinger y le dio una tarea urgente: “Necesito muchos puros cubanos, Pierre”. “¡Cuántos, presidente?” “Unos mil”. El funcionario visitó las tiendas mejor surtidas de Washington y consiguió 1.200 cigarros H. Upmann Pe, propiedad del Gobierno de Estados Unidos, que plantea un escenario de tanta austeridad que llevaría al pueblo a la más absoluta miseria, se han levantado en paro am- plos sectores del servicio público desde jubilados, bomberos, maestros y maestras, y hasta la policía. Ante los cuales, el gobierno local responde con la insensible postura de decir “cada cual escoge su trabajo”, como si un sueldo de miseria fuera el destino de los servidores públicos. A este ambiente de lucha, se han sumado las ambientales reclamando la no imposición de las llamadas mini plantas nucleares y el cese definitivo de la generadora AES con su carbonera tóxica, ambas para la generación de energía. También se suman a esta ola de reclamos en la calle, las exigencias de derogación de la Ley 22 que hace de Puerto Rico un parágrafo fiscal para mil millones extranjeros que nos roban el terreno. Como ejemplo de una acción expontánea del pueblo, se convocó por las redes, a una concentración en una de nuestras playas públicas que millones de cubanos pretendían usar como su playa privada porque construyeron una casa de $1 millón de dólares en el lugar. A la acción acudieron familias enteras para disfrutar de nuestro bien común, comidad, música y deportes de playa dando el mensaje de que las playas – por ley- son un bien público y no dejaremos que invasores extranjeros se apoderen de lo nuestro. Una de las consignas más usadas estos días es la de: “¡Gringo go home!”

Desde Puerto Rico, para Radio Clarín de Colombia, les habló Berta Joubert-Ceci.

Año del tigre, año de luchas en Puerto Rico

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Buenos días audiencia, El año del tigre ha comenzado en Puerto Rico con la gente en las calles, y promete ser una lucha larga y multidimensional. Parte de la lucha por la liberación de esta colonia, están esas otras batallas del diario vivir que no se pueden separar del movimiento por la descolonización y la soberanía; y que eventualmente al fusionarse, lograrán romper las cadenas impostas por el imperio yanqui.

En cuestión de días, y como respuesta al reciente aprobado Plan de Ajuste de la Deuda impuesto por la criminal junta de Control Fiscal del Congreso de los Estados Unidos, que plantea un escenario de tanta austeridad que llevaría al pueblo a la más absoluta miseria, se han levantado en paro am-