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Supreme Court Coup Demolishes Rights: Mass resistance can stop them!

By Melinda Butterfield

On June 24, the U.S. Supreme Court by 6 to 3 overturned the right to abortion established almost 50 years ago in the Roe v. Wade decision. Over half the states had abortion bans ready to enact or will soon.

Based on the precedent set by this ruling, the court also threw into doubt the future of same-sex marriage, bodily autonomy for trans, nonbinary and gender-nonconforming people, the right to contraception, and the right to love who you want, free of laws banning queer and interracial relationships.

The theft of a fundamental, popular right from women and other people who can become pregnant – more than half the population – garnered the most attention. But in the last two weeks of June the court unleashed an avalanche of reactionary decisions repealing the rights of workers and oppressed people:

- Police are no longer required to inform suspects of their Miranda rights against self-incrimination;
- Two major blows against the separation of church and state, allowing government funding for religious schools and school staff to lead prayer in public schools;
- Undermined the sovereignty of Indigenous nations established in treaties with the U.S. government;



'Abortion bans = war on the poor': Baltimore Pride March, June 25.

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- Severely limited federal agencies' authority to regulate corporate polluters, effectively gutting the federal government's ability to mount any response to climate change;
- In a "shadow docket" case, the court upheld the right of right-wing state governments to gerrymander voting districts to minimize Black and Brown voters;
- Additional rulings supporting police brutality, limiting the rights of prisoners to challenge

their convictions and immigrants to challenge their detention; and more.

The coup enacted by the unelected, appointed-for-life Supreme Court is sweeping. It is no exaggeration to say these decisions taken together have completely upended the social and political landscape of everyday life in the U.S. Each ruling was crafted to have a domino effect which will have consequences we cannot fully know at this time.

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Queer Liberation Marchers vow to fight back

By Struggle-La Lucha
New York bureau

On Pride Sunday, June 26, many thousands flooded the streets of lower Manhattan for the 4th annual Queer Liberation March. The theme of this year's march was "For Trans and BIPOC Freedom, Reproductive Justice and Bodily Autonomy." Coming just two days after the reactionary Supreme Court ruling overturning the right to abortion, the marchers were angry and determined to smash the mounting attacks on queer peoples' and all peoples' rights.

Contingents celebrated the legacy of the Stonewall Rebellion against police repression that launched the modern lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer and two-spirit movement; remembered the lives of trans women of color stolen by violence; and demanded liberation for Palestine.

Supporters of the Socialist Unity Party carried a banner that read "Stonewall still means fight back!" and signs that said "Abolish the Supreme Court" and "Nazis and TERFs say get back, we say fight back!" Activists who distributed hundreds of copies of Struggle-La Lucha newspaper reported an enthusiastic response from the mostly young marchers.

The QLM was established in 2019 on the 50th anniversary of Stonewall as an alternative to the traditional New York City Pride Parade: "No cops, no corporations, no bullshit."



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Juneteenth and ILWU: All workers win when slavery ends

By Lallan Schoenstein

Holding signs and chanting “Black Lives Matter, honor Juneteenth as a workers’ holiday!”, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and several other organizations rallied at the waterfront in Seattle on Monday, June 20, the first workday after the June 19 commemoration.

Gabriel Prawl, a leader of the ILWU West Coast Juneteenth Commemoration, spoke at the rally. He is past president of ILWU Local 52 and president of the Seattle chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute.

Prawl used the occasion to talk about the significance of the day:

“We get together on the 4th of July to celebrate liberation from British rule. But that was not the case for Black people. Sadly, they were not even recognized as humans in 1776 when this country declared its independence. Freedom was far from an equally applied standard for everyone.

“Now after over 150 years, African Americans have a good reason to celebrate. Juneteenth is a yearly celebration of the liberation of enslaved Black people. Juneteenth is short for June 19th and a commemoration of the day in 1865 when General Gordon Granger led Union troops into the city of Galveston, Texas, to assume control of the state and free the enslaved Black people.

“Look around you, this is what the Union troops looked like.

“The big question here is, why should labor fight white supremacy? The answer is, because it’s in our class interest. To not do so allows the ruling class and others to divide us, the working class, by race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion and so forth.”



ILWU’s Gabriel Prawl speaks at Juneteenth commemoration in Seattle, June 20.

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Prawl asked: “Can you have capitalism without racism? Africans were truthfully the bloody foundation of capitalism. The major commodities in the world were cotton, sugar and tobacco. This was the foundation of capitalism. It’s perpetuated and exemplified through racism, exploitation and white privilege.”

ILWU won by fighting racism

Prawl told the story of the 1934 West Coast maritime strike, when the union won by fighting racism on the docks.

Union workers were engaged in collective bargaining, making coastwide demands to end working around the clock. They called for a six-hour work day.

The most revolutionary demand of all, said Prawl, was for the right for workers to control the hiring hall. “Before this we had what was called the shape-up,” he said.

When the workers walked off the job, the bosses employed racist hiring practices to break the strike and continue to generate profits. They used Black workers, who were denied jobs and union membership, to cross the picket line.

Labor leader Harry Bridges understood that the problem was racism. He reached out to Black labor leaders like C.L. Dellums, vice president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, organized by A. Philip Randolph.

Bridges appealed to Black religious leaders to be allowed to speak in their churches, where he promised that if the workers held back their labor in solidarity with the strikers, Black workers would be welcomed into the union when they won. Bridges kept his promise.

The unity of Black and white workers was the key to the strike’s success. It became the guiding prin-

ciple of the union.

Bridges stated that if only two longshore workers were left, one would be Black and the other would be white. The ILWU constitution opposes racism and all other forms of discrimination.

In 1943, Paul Robeson became an honorary member of the ILWU. In 1967, six months before he was assassinated, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. became an honorary member of ILWU Local 10.

The ILWU became one of the most socially conscious unions in the labor movement. It shut down all 29 ports on the West Coast after Dr. King was assassinated.

“I will never forget what happened in 2020 when the world witnessed the execution of George Floyd, the execution of Breonna Taylor and many other unarmed Black workers and community members,” Prawl said.

On June 9, 2020, the day of George Floyd’s funeral, the International Longshoremen’s Association, the Teamsters and the ILWU put down their tools for 8 minutes and 56 seconds to honor George Floyd.

“After that a meeting was called. All ILWU local presidents in all 29 ports on the West Coast and two in Canada were present, including myself,” Prawl said. “During the discussion there was a vote for all ILWU locals to take their monthly stop-work on Juneteenth 2020 to commemorate the end of slavery in America. This led to a strike against white supremacy, demonstrating the power of the working class.

“Juneteen 2022 fell on a Sunday. A press release dated June 14 stated that the ILWU, a proudly diverse union, honors the Juneteenth federal holiday and end of slavery in U.S. Some ILWU locals are opting to schedule their contractually allowed stop-work meeting to observe the federal holiday on Monday, June 20,” Prawl said.

At the rally on June 20, Prawl closed his speech with a quote from A. Philip Randolph, who said: “Freedom is never granted. It is won. Justice is never given. It is extracted.”

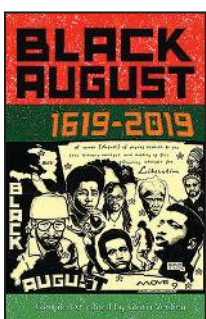
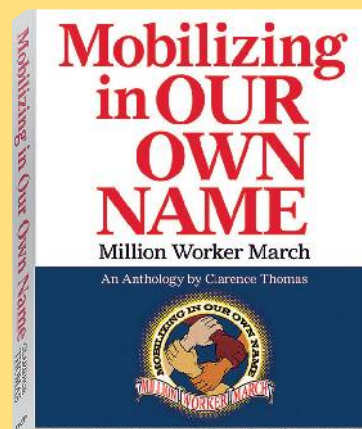
“Civil rights, labor rights, same fight. When I say workers, you say power! When I say union, you say power!” Prawl concluded. 📺

On Juneteenth Gabriel Prawl said: This history is in the book
‘Mobilizing in Our Own Name, Million Worker March’

by Clarence Thomas, retired secretary treasurer of ILWU local 10.

“The closer rank and file workers get to the public the more support the public will give to organized labor. Such close communication will make it apparent to those outside our ranks of labor that a community of interests lies between them. Every effort to split the of labor and to split the public, the majority of whom are workers themselves, to keep workers from their organized brothers and sisters must fail.”

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Guide to the U.S./NATO proxy war in Ukraine

On Feb. 24, the anti-fascist Donetsk and Lugansk People’s Republics, together with the Russian Federation, launched a military action with the goal of “demilitarization and denazification” of the U.S./NATO coup regime in Kiev. The Guide provides links to reports and analysis that give an understanding of the U.S./NATO proxy war in Ukraine.

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After Roe: From rage to revolution

By Melinda Butterfield

As the parent of two young African American women, I'm outraged that their futures have been put in jeopardy by the attack on reproductive rights and civil rights.

As a trans woman, I'm outraged that my very right to exist, obtain medical treatment and participate in society is threatened by armed fascist gangs and capitalist politicians alike.

No doubt you are outraged as well.

Let your rage radicalize you. But more, let it revolutionize you.

Join the Socialist Unity Party or another organization dedicated to fighting to end the capitalist system of oppression. We are stronger when we work together to build resistance. Together our work is more effective and far-reaching, and we have the confidence that comes with knowing that we have each other's backs.

The billionaires, the coup-makers in the Supreme Court and state



Baltimore Trans Pride Festival, June 4.

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houses, the police and Pentagon overlords, and their Nazi agents have shown us their true faces. Their white supremacist, patriarchal, profiteering system is in deep crisis, and they will do ANYTHING to

prevent workers from uniting and fighting back.

They no longer hesitate to strip people of their basic human rights and unleash murderous bigots against peaceful communities and

individuals. We must teach them to fear the power of the working class again.

We must face this painful reality soberly, without illusions. But we can face it with the courage and confidence that comes from knowing that it is workers who make this society run. And together, united in defense of our rights, we can SHUT IT DOWN.

We outnumber them by the millions. Organized, with clear political goals, we can slam the door closed on the coup-makers and send the fascist scum fleeing.

We are not defeated. The battle has just begun. The first step toward victory is to recognize that each of us must do our part.

Strikes, occupations, civil disobedience, self-defense and other forms of organized resistance require time, efforts and resources to plan and organize. They require cooperation and coordination. We must begin today. [📌](#)

Supreme Court coup demolishes rights: Mass resistance can stop them!

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Already the court has announced plans for further attacks. Its next docket will include a case arguing that states should have control over the results of federal elections, which could allow state governments to decide the 2024 presidential election. Another threatens to gut the Indian Child Welfare Act that put an end to the official policy of kidnapping Indigenous children and putting them up for adoption.

Big money campaign

The Supreme Court coup moves in tandem with legislation and executive orders by far-right state governments aimed at Black voting rights, immigrants, trans people and the rest of the LGBTQ2S community, reproductive freedom, freedom of information and the ability of teachers to share any scrap of truth about real U.S. history.

The states' legislative offensive produces the cases that allow the Supreme Court to rule by decree.

Another component is the growing violence of fascist gangs – from the ballooning budgets of official police stormtroopers to the Buffalo, New York, mass shooting of African Americans to the widespread attacks on Pride events by the Proud Boys, Patriot Front and other armed fascist gangs.

This highly coordinated and richly funded campaign amounts to a counter-revolution against the gains won by the blood and sacrifice of generations of workers and oppressed peoples, from the Civil Rights Movement to the women's movement, the LGBTQ2S movement, the labor movement and beyond.

More attacks are promised, including an attempt to enact a nationwide abortion ban if Republicans take control of Congress next year.

Hollow U.S. democracy crumbles

The institutions of U.S. capitalism have always been a source of hollow promises for poor and working

people – at best, capable of granting crumbs that are always in danger of being swept away.

But now those institutions, including the Democratic Party, have proven themselves completely unable to defend even the most basic rights of the people and functions of bourgeois democracy. Each day, they bow and scrape to the far-right onslaught of the ruling class.

The Democrats cling to the trappings of power by carrying out the capitalists' demands for more war, sanctions and funds for killer cops, while ignoring the desperate pleas of the communities who voted for them and whom they claim to represent.

The Supreme Court dropped reactionary decision after reactionary decision against the backdrop of Democratic-led Congressional hearings about Donald Trump's role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol. But with each day that passes, it becomes clearer that the hearings are a show meant to give the appearance that the Democrats are actually doing something – even while they ignore the disaster unfolding around them NOW.

Biden and the Democratic leadership in Congress have much power to push back against the Supreme Court on abortion rights. But the president has already signaled that he's thrown in the towel, trotting out his Health Secretary to claim there is no "magic bullet" to save abortion access – despite Biden and the Democrats having the power to declare a national health emergency, abolish the filibuster and much more. We must not let them off the hook!

Democrats are opportunistically using the Supreme Court's attack on abortion rights to raise money and promote voting as the solution. But reliance on voting for Democrats and abandoning the independent struggle is what got people's movements into this mess.

As was clear to anyone attending anti-court protests or Pride events

in recent days, people are fed up with the Democrats' lies and are opening their eyes to the reality that this party serves the rich and powerful, not the people. Revolutionaries must provide the masses with an alternative.

We need a political fightback!

High-tech, "liberal," "socially conscious" companies like Starbucks, Amazon, Tesla, Netflix, Facebook, Google, etc., are turning more and more in the direction of the ultra-right as workers fight for their rights and decent working conditions.

Heroic organizing drives from below at Amazon and Starbucks have inspired workers at many other non-union companies to begin their own fight for union rights. This work is absolutely essential to the fight against the ultra-right coup. It must continue and grow.

But by itself it is not enough. The struggle for union rights and economic demands has to be accompanied by a national, political fightback movement – independent of the capitalist parties – with clear demands and goals.

We must not only fight to push back the attacks on democratic rights, but struggle for political power and new forms of governance that invest power in the people, not the banks, corporate monopolies and landlords.

First of all, the undemocratic in-



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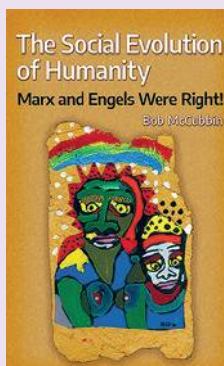
stitutions rooted in slavery – the Supreme Court and Electoral College – must be abolished.

We must raise demands that address the most urgent life-and-death needs of millions, like a roll-back on food and fuel prices, an end to rent-gouging, a minimum wage of \$25 or more, and wage increases that keep up with inflation.

The fightback must be international in scope, building solidarity with the people of the world struggling to throw off U.S. imperialism's military, economic and political domination.

It must be a movement led by the working class, oppressed communities, the poor and disenfranchised, whose very ability to exist often now hangs by the slenderest thread.

We must build a movement toward socialism to defeat the capitalists' movement toward fascism. [📌](#)



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The Social Evolution of Humanity Marx and Engels were right!

by Bob McCubbin

This study of the evolution of humanity focuses on human social/sexual relations and, in particular, the changing social status of women. It offers a selection of scientific evidence that updates and augments the viewpoint expressed in Frederick Engels' masterful work, *'Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State.'*

McCubbin is the author of 'Roots of Lesbian and Gay Oppression: A Marxist View.' Published in 1976, during the first wave of the modern LGBTQ2S movement, McCubbin's unparalleled achievement was to offer a historical analysis of how LGBTQ2S oppression developed.

CNH workers are fighting a giant

By Stephen Millies

Since May 2, 1,100 workers have been on strike against CNH Industrial in Racine, Wisconsin, and Burlington, Iowa. These members of the United Auto Workers are up against Italy's richest family, the Agnellis who control Fiat.

With sales last year of \$31 billion, CNH had profits of \$1.1 billion. But instead of genuine bargaining, the CEO of CNH, Scott Wine, has offered wage increases that are below the rate of inflation.

That's demanding a wage cut from the UAW members while Wine pulls down a \$9.2 million yearly salary. He also got a \$22 million signing bonus.

The letters CNH stand for "Case" and "New Holland." Both J.I. Case, based in Racine, and New Holland, which started out in New Holland, Pennsylvania, were some of the best-known makers of construction and farm equipment.

Corporate wheeling and dealing — which at times included J.I. Case being owned by Tenneco and Ford buy-



Solidarity rally with strikers of UAW Local 180 in Racine, Wisconsin, June 17.

ing New Holland — finally resulted in CNH Industrial being formed in 2012. With headquarters in Britain, the Agnelli-controlled outfit has 67 factories around the world.

All this financial skullduggery hasn't been any good for workers. Case's now closed lakefront plant in Racine used to employ more than 3,000 workers. Its current plant in Mount Pleasant, near Racine, employs around 500.

While the ownership has changed, being anti-labor is part of CNH's

DNA. J.I. Case President Leon Clausen tried to break UAW Local 180 during a 444-day strike that lasted from December 1945 until March 1947.

Clausen said that "when these men have been out long enough and their families get hungry enough, the strike will end." Seventy-five years later, CNH CEO Wine has hired strikebreakers to steal the jobs of the women and men on the picket lines.

But the strikers belonging to Local 807 in Burlington and Local 180 in Racine refuse to surrender despite

having their medical and dental health insurance cut off.

CNH is also fighting workers at its tractor plant in Basildon, Britain. The British union Unite has a series of one-day strikes lasting until August to force the company to negotiate.

This writer remembers the president of UAW Local 180 writing a check to bail out strikers during the 1977 Racine teachers' strike. That's the solidarity that the CNH strikers need today.

Both Locals 180 and 807 are collecting nonperishable food and personal items for the strikers and their families. Checks and gift cards can be mailed to the following addresses:

UAW Local 180, 3323 Kearney Ave.
Racine, WI 53403

(Please write checks to "UAW Local 180")

UAW Local 807, P.O. Box 1094
Burlington, Iowa 52601

(Please write checks to "UAW Local 807")

Victory to the workers!

The writer is a retired member of the American Train Dispatchers Association.

What was behind Nixon's downfall?

By Stephen Millies

Fifty years ago, the offices of the Democratic Party's National Committee were burglarized on June 17, 1972. The crime at the Watergate complex led to President Richard Nixon's resignation on Aug. 8, 1974.

The Watergate scandal's anniversary is occurring during the congressional hearings into Trump's attempted coup on Jan. 6, 2021. The fascist insurrection inside the Capitol, which was tolerated for hours by the Pentagon, was extremely dangerous.

However, there's no mention of Trump's June 1, 2020, coup attempt, one week after George Floyd was murdered. Trump led the Pentagon's high command and police to disperse an anti-racist protest across from the White House with clubs and tear gas. Trump wanted to declare martial law to crush the Black Lives Matter movement and send troops to shoot demonstrators across the United States.

And where was the investigation into the stolen 2000 presidential election? Five members of the U.S. Supreme Court upheld George W. Bush's election despite Bush Junior getting 543,895 less votes than his Democratic opponent Al Gore.

John Bolton — who later became Trump's national security advisor — led the "Brooks Brothers riot" that forced election officials in Miami-Dade county to stop counting ballots. (It was named the "Brooks

Brothers riot" after the expensive clothing store because the Republican thugs were so well dressed.)

Trump is a far richer and stupider version of Nixon. Both scoundrels were corrupt and racist. Nixon had a greater opportunity to be a war criminal, with millions of victims in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

The corporate media usually describes the Watergate scandal as a struggle to "defend democracy and the rule of law." What democracy was there in the Black colony of Washington, D.C., where people couldn't elect their own mayor until 1974?

The U.S. capital has more people than Vermont or Wyoming, and almost as many as Alaska or North Dakota. Yet D.C. is still denied statehood because two more Black senators would be elected.

Since the Watergate era, U.S. capitalism's "rule of law" has increased the number of prisoners five-fold. Over two million poor people are locked up, the majority of whom are Black, Indigenous or Latinx.

The plumbers

Millions of people viewed the hearings of the Senate Watergate Committee in May 1973. They were appalled and sometimes amused by the partial revelation of Nixon's crimes.

The White House "plumbers" were exposed. This gang of ex-FBI and maybe not so ex-CIA agents were supposed to stop the leaks of information about Nixon's crimes. Its

leader was long-time CIA operative E. Howard Hunt.

Before committing the Watergate burglary, the plumbers' target was former Pentagon analyst Daniel Ellsberg. He leaked the "Pentagon Papers" to the media, which exposed the lies U.S. presidents had told about the Vietnam War.

The Nixon Administration went to court trying to prevent the Washington Post and New York Times from publishing some of them. Ellsberg faced a long prison sentence, but his charges were dropped after the plumbers' burglary of his psychiatrist was discovered.

Fifty years later, Julian Assange is in a British jail facing extradition to the United States for exposing the truth about U.S. war crimes in Afghanistan and Iraq.

None of the Watergate committee's seven U.S. senators were women. Senator Sam Ervin of North Carolina was the committee's chair. The media's crush on the segregationist led to "Quotations from Chairman Sam" being published.

Making the dollar world money

Both Ervin and Talmadge were white supremacists. So what was their beef with Nixon?

Behind Nixon's fall was a crisis of U.S. imperialism. Its dirty war against Vietnam and Laos was lost. At tremendous cost, the Soviet Union was able to achieve nuclear parity with the U.S.

The billionaires had selected Nixon to clean up the mess. But the long slide of U.S. economic dominance versus its European and Japanese capitalist rivals continued.

From producing half of the world's industrial goods in 1945, the U.S. now makes just a sixth. U.S. corporations, however, have \$6 trillion in foreign investments, which includes factories around the globe.

Black people were in revolt, with 200 cities on fire following Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination in 1968. Nixon's presidential campaign

called for "law and order," an undisguised call for a racist crack-down. Nixon promised to fire Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

Nixon's vice-presidential running mate Spiro T. Agnew's specialty was making crude, bigoted remarks. Agnew was appealing to the followers of former Alabama Gov. George Wallace, who was running for president as a virtual Klansman.

Nixon and the FBI targeted the Black Panther Party for extermination. At least 25 Panthers were murdered, including Fred Hampton and Mark Clark on Dec. 4, 1969. The FBI's COINTELPRO program sought to wreck all progressive movements and organizations.

It was much harder to get rid of the corporations' dependence on Black labor. Black workers were key to winning the 1970 postal workers strike that Nixon tried to break with federal troops.

On July 24, 1973, two Black workers—Larry Carter and Issac Shorter—turned off the power at Chrysler's Jefferson Avenue assembly plant in Detroit. The result was the first big sitdown strike in 36 years.

Fifty years ago, a quarter of U.S. auto and steel workers were Black. They helped lead a record number of 6,074 strikes in 1974.

This strike wave followed the expiration of Nixon's wage and price controls, which were imposed in 1971. His simultaneous abolition of the gold standard made the U.S. paper dollar world money.

This was Nixon's greatest gift to Wall Street. It allows the U.S. to roll up huge trade deficits every year.

The cheap shoes, clothing and other consumer goods bought by a working class that's only 10% unionized has allowed capitalists to keep wages low. Instead of buying U.S. goods with dollars, capitalist regimes abroad hold \$7.55 trillion in U.S. government debt. This helps finance the huge Pentagon war budget.

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University of Minnesota students protest against the U.S. invasion of Cambodia, May 1972.

As NATO warlords gather in Madrid: Defend Donetsk from Ukraine terror attacks

By Melinda Butterfield

U.S. President Joe Biden and other heads of state of the NATO war alliance met in Madrid, Spain, from June 28-30 to plan the next phase of their proxy war against the Donbass republics and the Russian Federation. Meanwhile, their Ukrainian agents are raining terror daily on civilians in towns and villages in the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics (DPR and LPR).

The Ukrainian regime is on a rampage, especially attacking civilians in Donetsk, capital of the DPR. Residential areas of the city that have been untouched since the worst days of 2014-2015 are now being targeted daily by NATO-supplied weapons. People in the city report a desperate situation.

"Thank you to NATO for the gifts," activist and longtime Donetsk resident Katya A. wrote on June 15. "Now there are no safe areas left in the city. Every time you leave your house, it's Russian roulette. You never know where the next shell will land. You can't be sure you'll make it home or not be left disabled."

Since early June, daily attacks on civilian targets in the capital have steadily intensified. By mid-month, the city was under the heaviest attack since Ukraine's war on Donbass began in 2014.

Apartment buildings, hospitals, schools and public transit have been hit. Shopping areas have been especially targeted by the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On June 13, the Donetsk News Agency (DAN) reported, "Three people have been killed and another four have been wounded in Ukrainian gunmen's strike at Donetsk's Budyonovsky district, the DPR Territorial Defense Headquarters reported."

The Ukrainian shelling targeted the Maisky market, a major shopping venue in Donetsk visited by thousands of residents daily for essential supplies. The victims included an

11-year-old girl and her mother.

Earlier in the day, four civilians were wounded in the Kievsky district.

300 strikes in three hours

"Ukrainian gunmen fired more than 300 heavy artillery projectiles including MLRS [Multiple Launch Rocket System] missiles at Donetsk within two hours, the Joint Center for Control and Coordination (JCCC) reported on Monday.

"The DPR capital has never come under such massive strikes in terms of fire amount, density and duration over the whole period of the armed conflict," the report said. "Nearly 300 MLRS missiles and artillery projectiles were fired in two hours."

"The heaviest strikes were delivered at the Kuibyshevsky, Kievsky and Voroshilovsky districts in the west, north and center of the city. The enemy shelled them with BM-21 Grad and Uragan multiple rocket launchers and 155mm and 152mm artillery," DAN reported.

Two days later – on June 15 – President Biden announced \$1 billion in additional military aid to Ukraine, on top of \$54 billion in aid already allocated this year, "a package that includes shipments of additional howitzers, ammunition and coastal defense systems," according to CNN. NATO has promised to speed up the delivery of weapons to Ukraine.

"The enemy has literally crossed all the lines using prohibited methods of warfare, shooting at Donetsk's residential and central areas and delivering fire at other DPR towns and settlements," DPR head Denis Pushilin said. "In this connection, an understanding has been reached that the allies, in the first place the Russian Federation, will use all necessary additional forces."

DPR Commissioner for Human Rights Daria Morozova said: "At the moment, any provocations can be expected from Ukrainian militants



Aftermath of Ukrainian shelling of Maisky market in Donetsk, June 13. Three people were killed, including an 11-year-old child.

who are in agony. Therefore, I urge citizens to leave the streets for shelters and take all security measures until the situation improves.

"I assure you, not a single bastard who is at war with the civilian population will escape punishment."

Maternity hospital hit

Ukraine's attacks on Donbass civilians have gone mostly unreported in the U.S. corporate media. Donetsk residents scoffed when they learned German media claimed the attacks were somehow caused by Donetsk ally Russia. Germany, like the U.S., has covered up Ukrainian war crimes for the past eight years.

Five medical facilities in Donetsk were hit on June 13, including a maternity hospital. All the patients and staff were evacuated to the basement – with one exception. "A baby was born prematurely and could not be disconnected from the ventilator," Katya A. reported on her Telegram channel. "The head of department was there [with the infant] the whole time. Both survived, no one was hurt, although the blast blew out all the windows in the intensive care unit."

Earlier, Western media raised a hue and cry over an alleged Russian attack on a maternity hospital in the city of Mariupol before its liberation from Ukrainian neo-Nazis. The claim was refuted by Mariupol residents, including a patient of the hospital who had been portrayed in the West as a "victim of Russia."

These same media, however, had

nothing to say about Ukraine's attack on pregnant people, new parents and infants in Donetsk.

Stop U.S.-NATO weapons!

During the week of June 13-19, Ukrainian attacks killed at least 12 and wounded 93 residents of Donetsk, Mayor Alexey Kulemzin said.

Daily attacks on Donetsk and the nearby cities of Makeevka and Gorlovka mostly come from the Ukrainian-occupied town of Avdiivka and surrounding villages to the west of the capital. The area is heavily fortified and defended by the most battle-hardened, ideological neo-Nazis in the service of the Ukrainian regime and Western imperialism.

The strategy of allied anti-fascist forces – the People's Militias of Donetsk and Lugansk and the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation – has been to steadily liberate surrounding areas, encircling the Avdiivka area. Since the point of the Special Operation is to liberate the occupied areas of the DPR and LPR, the allied forces have been advancing with care to avoid unnecessary civilian casualties.

At the same time, as more and more territory is freed from Ukrainian control and the occupation forces retreat, more troops and weaponry are concentrated in Avdiivka for attacks on civilians in and near the capital.

Another reason for serious concern is the infusion of higher-range missiles and artillery from NATO. While 95% of the LPR has now been liberated from Ukrainian troops, attacks on frontline areas like Kirovsk continue. And the new powerful weaponry from the West could allow the Zelensky regime to again target the capital of Lugansk.

Mass protests were held in Madrid, across Europe and around the world during the NATO Summit. It is urgent for anti-war and anti-fascist forces to expose Ukraine's ongoing terrorist attacks on Donetsk and demand: No more NATO weapons to Ukraine! 📌

Rally for South Korean workers



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On June 25, a rally was held in solidarity with South Korean workers' struggle against the right-wing Moon Jae-in regime and the ongoing U.S. military occupation. John Parker, the socialist candidate for U.S. Senate in California who got more than 100,000 votes in June's primary, spoke about his recent visit to Don-

bass and compared the U.S.-NATO proxy war in Ukraine with the decades-long Pentagon occupation and division of the Korean peninsula.

The action was called by the Korean American Support Committee for the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, and supported by the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice, Socialist Unity Party and ANSWER Coalition. 📌

Solidarity with Ecuador strike



Ecuadorians and supporters demonstrated solidarity with the ongoing national strike at the Ecuadorian Embassy in Washington, D.C., on June 26. A banner in Spanish read, "No to poverty, unemployment, violence, Lasso" — referring to current President Guillermo Lasso who is facing impeachment.

– Cheryl LaBash

Violencia colonial

Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

Buenos días audiencia,
La violencia en general, ha aumentado mundialmente a causa de los confinamientos y la ansiedad provocada por las medidas contra el Covid. Pero aquí hay otra violencia que sigue en aumento, los asesinatos debido al trasiego de drogas.
El año con más muertes violentas fue el 2011 con cerca de 2 mil homicidios. Pero para el tercer mes de este año, ya se han cometido 1, 500. Estamos perdiendo a toda una generación, porque la mayoría son jóvenes.
Es de esperar. Gracias a la política de privatización de la educación, impulsada por EUA, miles de jóvenes no pueden ni soñar con una educación. La única oportunidad para salir de la

pobreza son las drogas, que en una isla donde no se cultiva ni coca, llega gracias a los agentes estadounidenses que vigilan nuestras fronteras aéreas y marítimas.

Recientemente el gobernador Pierluisi fue como de costumbre, a mendigar a Washington. Esta vez pidiendo que se restituyera el programa policial inútil “Operación Resistencia Caribeña” para disque combatir las drogas. Porque solo saben de represión y violencia contra la juventud.

Pero el verdadero programa que se necesita es el de la “Resistencia Caribeña” para librarnos de las cadenas coloniales.

Por nuestra juventud, y por todas y todos, tenemos que sacar el invasor gringo.

¡Que Viva Puerto Rico libre!



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

COLOMBIA:

Entre la alegría de la victoria y el enorme desafío de un devenir difícil pero no imposible

Por Carlos Aznárez

El estallido de euforia que se desató en Colombia y en toda la Patria Grande con el triunfo de la fórmula Gustavo Petro y Francia Márquez, habla por sí solo de cuántas décadas de luchas de todo tipo y sus consecuencias de hombres y mujeres golpeados, torturados, encarcelados y asesinados, han precedido tal acontecimiento.

El pueblo colombiano combinó en más de medio siglo todas las formas de combate posible contra la oligarquía y sus sostenedores, las fuerzas militares y represivas: desde las movilizaciones masivas, los paros nacionales activos, las puebladas insurreccionales y las distintas experiencias guerrilleras. Pero también pasó por contiendas electorales, algunas de ellas producto de acuerdos de paz para silenciar las armas, que terminaron en verdaderos genocidios como fue la experiencia de la Unión Patriótica en los años 80, que dejó el saldo de miles de dirigentes y luchadores y luchadoras asesinados.

Varios años después, los Acuerdos de Paz en La Habana entre las FARC y el gobierno derechista de Juan Manuel Santos volvieron a crear expectativas que terminaron en más dolor, ya que todo lo acordado se convirtió en papel mojado y traición por parte del establecimiento colombiano, y dio pie al comienzo de otro genocidio de ex guerrilleros y numerosos líderes y líderes sociales.

Por último, llegó el momento de probar la táctica de la insurrección masiva que significó el paro nacional activo de los años 2020-21, protagonizado por miles y miles de pobladores, campesinos, estudiantes, trabajadores, con una enorme y muy significativa presencia juvenil. Fue la hora de comenzar a decirle “basta” al uribismo narcoparamilitar, íntimamente ligado al gobierno de Iván Duque. Así, hubo que contar decenas de asesinados y desaparecidos, represión que vale recordar, duró hasta la pasada semana en que fueron detenidos numerosos jóvenes de la “primera línea”.

Está claro entonces cual es el acumulado histórico que genera por



Gustavo Petro y Francia Márquez

estas horas esta explosión de júbilo popular. Una parte importante de la población cansada de guerra interna, pero también de acuerdos espurios con el imperialismo yanqui, que viene tutelando a todos los gobiernos colombianos, hayan sido liberales o conservadores.

Ahora nace una esperanza, no solo por la figura de Petro, que ya mostró lo que sabe hacer bien pero también sus debilidades cuando le tocó ser alcalde de Bogotá, sino por la presencia de esa luchadora impenitente que es Francia Márquez, feminista, antirracista y anti patriarcal como pocas. Y para más méritos, su presencia sube al gobierno a los siempre ninguneados y racializados hombres y mujeres de la población afrocolombiana.

Ahora bien, está claro que la alegría y el entusiasmo son necesarias y representan una válvula de escape ante tantos años de tristezas, pero si bien lo andado ha sido cuesta arriba, lo que viene ahora no se queda atrás. El devenir estará lleno de palos en la rueda, ya que la oposición derechista no se quedará quieta, y el paramilitarismo está intacto, y seguramente dispuesto a seguir matando.

A partir del 7 de agosto comienza la gran batalla donde la fórmula ganadora deberá demostrar hasta donde quiere llegar con los cambios prometidos a ese pueblo que los ha instalado en el Palacio Nariño. Hay que aprovechar, siempre se dice, esos primeros cien días en que aún dura el

efecto del gran apoyo popular recibido, y ahí hay que poner en práctica medidas que sean señales claras de por donde se quiere marchar. No olvidar que Colombia tienen 7 bases militares de EE.UU, con sus marines, sus asesores y sus armas, más la presencia del país como socio de la OTAN. Además, pesa en la agenda a estudiar por el nuevo gobierno, tener en cuenta que Colombia cuenta con uno de los ejércitos más potentes del continente, muy penetrado hasta ahora por el uribismo.

A esto hay que sumar los cárteles del narcotráfico que hasta el presente han colocado en sus cargos, a presidentes, diputados y senadores por doquier. Por último, entre las grandes situaciones a enfrentar está una economía que hace agua por donde se la mire, y un nivel de dependencia con el FMI y otros ámbitos similares, producto de los acuerdos de libre comercio con USA realizados gobierno tras gobierno.

Con estas instancias desfavorables y otros muchas deberá lidiar Petro, quien en su discurso festejando la victoria, llamó con cierta ingenuidad a reconciliarse con todos los que tanto mal le han hecho a ese

pueblo que espera cambios profundos. Es difícil imaginar que el uribismo se quede quieto y admita diálogos, pero en cambio es necesario que con todas las masacres y hombres y mujeres asesinados por esa fuerza criminal, se haga justicia, que no se mire a un costado.

Es evidente que Petro no es un revolucionario, pero como hombre de izquierda que sí dice ser, sonó chocante eso de seguir apostando a “construir el capitalismo”, como han hecho y hacen la mayoría de los gobernantes progresistas que lo precedieron en el continente. Varios de ellos o ellas, quedaron en el camino, a veces por golpes palaciegos y otras por el voto equivocado hacia la derecha de quienes no se sintieron representados.

Ojalá que a Petro y a Francia Márquez les vaya bien, ojalá que la limitación socialdemócrata del primero pueda ser empujada hacia una izquierda más potente por la lideresa y ahora vicepresidenta. Ojalá que no les ocurra lo que a Pedro Castillo, del Perú o a Alberto Fernández, en Argentina, donde su apuesta a coquetear con los gringos les hizo perder el empuje con que llegaron al gobierno, y hoy abren las puertas a nuevas y peligrosas involuciones. Ojalá que la política exterior de este nuevo gobierno apunte a abrazarse con los gobiernos populares del continente, empezando por Cuba y Venezuela, que no por nada fueron los primeros que aplaudieron sus triunfos junto con México.

Finalmente, ojalá que el pueblo colombiano no abandone ni las calles ni las plazas donde ahora festeja el triunfo, ese y no otro, será el factor fundamental para que esta alegría positiva de hoy no se frustre. Es necesario, por Colombia y por Nuestramérica.

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