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Deadly hazards of capitalist profit system

Global heat soars, wildfires spread toxic smoke

By Gary Wilson

The beginning of July saw the hottest days on record globally. Daily heat records were sent on July 3, 4 and 5.

“This record is the visible part of a huge amount of silent and often unnoticed suffering and dying of people and ecosystems,” says Friederike Otto, a climate scientist at Imperial College London. “We live in a dramatically different world to just a few years ago.”

At the same time, many parts of the U.S. are being blanketed with some of the worst air quality recorded, caused by particularly severe wildfire activity in Canada. It is likely that smoke will continue its penetrations, as Canada’s fire season is expected to run until at least October.

Canada is currently experiencing its worst wildfire season on record. As of June 29, 2023, over 3,000 wildfires in Canada have burned over 19 million acres of land. This is more than ten times the average number of fires and acreage burned during this time of year.

The fires have been particularly destructive in Quebec, where over 2 million acres have burned. The smoke from the fires has made air in parts of Canada and the U.S. among the most polluted in the world.

On June 29, Chicago and Washington, D.C., had the worst air quality in the world, while Detroit and Minneapolis were in the top 10, according to IQAir.com.

The smoke from the Canadian wildfires has laid a thick blanket over parts of the Midwestern and Eastern U.S. Over 120 million people, or more than a third of the U.S. population, were under air quality alerts. It’s a major health hazard. The unhealthy air quality conditions, while rising or falling on a daily basis, are expected to last for several months, if not longer.

Because the shroud of smoke, solar power generation in parts of the Eastern U.S. plummeted by more than 50%. According to the region’s grid operator, solar farms powering New England were producing 56% less energy at times of peak demand compared with the week before.

Reports in the big business media generally mention weather conditions and climate change as factors, including:

- **Drought:** Much of Canada is experiencing a severe drought, which has dried out vegetation and made it more susceptible to fire.
- **Warm temperatures:** The average temperature in Canada has been above normal this year, contributing to the severity of the fires.
- **Wind:** Strong winds have helped to spread the fires and make them more difficult to control.

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Alberta is the province with the most wildfires this year, including this blaze west of Fox Creek.

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Not a spy balloon, but the propaganda sticks

By Gary Wilson

On Feb. 4, the U.S. Air Force carried out an elaborate operation to shoot down a Chinese weather balloon.

At 2:39 p.m. Eastern time, an F-22 Raptor from the 1st Fighter Wing at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, fired an AIM-9X Sidewinder into the approximately 90-foot-wide balloon, causing it to fall towards the Atlantic Ocean, according to U.S. military officials.

At the time, war tensions were rising. The Pentagon managed the daily news reports. The generals were in charge.

But it was all propaganda. All the news coverage in the U.S. called it a spy craft, never a weather research balloon, as China said.

Nothing the Pentagon and White House said at the time was true, and they knew it. But the purpose wasn't to speak truth; the purpose was to justify the Pentagon's war buildup against China.

Now, the Pentagon admits that the balloon was not a spy balloon. Reuters reported on June 29 that the Pentagon now says that the Chinese balloon wasn't a spy craft and it did not collect any information while in U.S. airspace. This is exactly opposite from what they said back in February, claiming it was a spy balloon that had collected intelligence on U.S. military sites.

The Pentagon says that after a re-assessment based on an analysis of the balloon's components and flight path, the balloon did not have the

U.S. F-22s and the balloon

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necessary equipment to collect intelligence and was not flying in a pattern that would have allowed it to do so.

Also, President Biden acknowledged that the balloon had been blown off course. He said the U.S. government knows the balloon was originally intended to fly over the Pacific Ocean but had been caught in

a strong wind current that carried it over land. Biden also said that China had no intention of letting the balloon cross Canada and the United States.

Of course, this news hasn't made it to any front pages or top stories in the big business media. That's because the war propaganda against China isn't over. 📺

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- **Climate change:** Climate change makes wildfires more likely and severe in Canada. As the planet warms, the risk of drought and extreme weather increases, creating the perfect conditions for wildfires to start and spread.

Nothing to argue with there. But it leaves out another key factor: the industrialization of Canada's forests.

A reference to this can be found in a careful reading of a New York Times report, "How Could This Happen?: Canadian Fires Burning Where They Rarely Have Before":

"A combination of factors, fire officials said, laid the groundwork for the spread of wildfires in the Chibougamau area ... Built on mining and the logging industry, Chibougamau is one of the few bold names on maps of Quebec's vast, thinly populated northern regions."

Canada is now mostly tree plantations and "managed forest," which is more like a mono-crop farm than a forest, and much more prone to catastrophic burns. Clearcut logging and mono-crop replanting make wildfires worse.

A report by Lambert Strether documents this.

First, from the Natural Resources Defense Council:

The logging industry relies heavily on replanting efforts that create tree stands that are less biologically and structurally diverse and less resilient to future disturbances like extreme weather and climate change than the trees that have been removed. This exacerbates clearcutting impacts because even when these forests regrow, many have been turned into monoculture tree plantations

that do not have the same ecological health as intact, multispecies forest ecosystems.

One 2012 study argued that "the widespread application of even-aged, single species management at all scales of boreal forest management interferes with fundamental ecological processes that maintain ecosystem integrity in boreal forests."

In the report "Forest Herbicides, Monocultures Drive Wildfires, Harm Wild Species," the Edmonton Journal says:

Forest companies using herbicides and mechanical removal methods to eradicate aspen from the spruce and pine crops they want to harvest are depriving moose of a winter food source and making wildfires more likely in Alberta forests, the Edmonton Journal reports.

The clumps and colonies of aspen that grow around Edmonton and northern Alberta "are less likely to burn than spruce or pine and cool the forest so well that, when fully-leaved out, wild-land firefighters flee to a stand of aspen if the fire unexpectedly shifts," the Journal explains.

But "forestry companies consider aspen a weed when growing conifers, spruce or pine. So roughly 30,000 hectares a year of forest are sprayed with glyphosate, the active ingredient in RoundUp. That's roughly half the size of Edmonton, or 40% of the 80,000 hectares of forest harvested annually" across the province.

By killing off all the broad-leaved species, the companies create a monoculture, "making a coniferous tree plantation instead of a forest," the paper adds.

The Halifax, Nova Scotia, Examiner reported in "The NS wildfires are not 'natural' disasters: climate change, forest management, and human folly are all to blame":

"What's really changed is the condition of our forest," [professional forester Wade] Prest tells me. "It's no longer diverse.

"Our original forest was probably mostly mixed. It tended towards a softwood mix in some areas, and to hardwood mix in others," Prest explains. Prior to European settlement, he says Wabanaki-Acadian forests would have good canopy coverage, and underneath the canopy, it would be generally damp most of the time, without a lot of sunlight getting through to the forest floor.

"And that in itself would be what would stop the fires from either starting or being widespread," Prest says. "Certainly, the forest has changed.

"I've always been critical of industrial forestry practices, and have vigorously promoted the natural Acadian forest as a model for ecological, social, and economic sustainability for Nova Scotia," Prest says.

The Halifax Examiner report adds:

One of the greatest defenses that we have against fire risk is diversity ... not just of species composition but also age and physical attributes. [Mike Lancaster, coordinator of the Healthy Forest Coalition in Nova Scotia] notes that after World War II and the Vietnam War, there was an explosion in the development of herbicides that were used to kill off deciduous species and manage forests for softwood species industry was looking for.

"It is widely known that conifer forests present a greater forest fire risk than those which are deciduous dominant," Lancaster says. Because the forestry industry in Nova Scotia has historically been geared to favor coniferous species, in his view, "That translates as an increased forest fire hazard."

Finally, author Peter Gelderloos in Quebec says on a Twitter thread:

The fires in Quebec are raging in tree plantations that get counted as carbon offsets. ... Tree plantations are part of the industrial system of extraction and production. A form of mono-crop farming, they are the basis for the profits of the logging industry, which is more in demand as green products proliferate. ... Tree plantations are also advantageous because they are fully integrated with the mining industry, using some of the same extraction infrastructure and helping cover up part of the sacrifice zones mining leaves behind. ...

Most urban people and settlers do not know what a forest is. They see trees and think it is a forest.

Governments use the term "forest" without distinguishing between a forest ecosystem and a tree plantation. When I talk about a forest, I'm talking about a robust ecosystem. Granted, non-forests exist on a continuum from mono-crop tree plantations planted in rows to post-clearcut regrowth that is managed and commercially harvested.

The forest fires in Quebec and Ontario originate disproportionately in "managed forest," which are on the continuum of tree plantations. 📺



Queer Liberation March defends trans lives

By Melinda Butterfield

Thousands of people flooded the streets of lower Manhattan on Pride Sunday, June 25, for the fifth annual Queer Liberation March. This year's theme was "Trans and Queer, Forever Here," in defiance of the more than 500 anti-trans, anti-LGBTQ+ bills and growing street violence targeting the community coast-to-coast.

Chants of "Queers don't deny it! Stonewall was a riot!" and "Bottoms and tops, we all hate cops!" rang out as the marchers wound their way from Foley Square up Sixth Avenue to Washington Square Park. The Reclaim Pride Coalition launched this "No Cops, No Corporations" alternative to the traditional New York Heritage of Pride Parade five years ago to honor the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion.

Activists from Women in Struggle-Mujeres en Lucha held a banner and gave out hundreds of leaflets for the Oct. 7 National March to Protect Trans Youth and Speakout for Trans Lives in Orlando, Florida. Socialist Unity Party members also distributed hundreds of Struggle-La



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Lucha newspapers with the headline, "March on Florida: Resist the ban on trans lives."

The Reclaim Pride Coalition is an

endorser of the Oct. 7 National March. For more information, to add your endorsement and get involved, go to ProtectTransKidsMarch.org.

"Trans and Queer, Forever Here," New City, June 25

Longshore worker on meaning of Juneteenth

By Alia Lighter

The morning of June 19, 2023, Local 19 led a Stop Work action in honor of Juneteenth. On June 19, 1865, the calvary rolled into Galveston, Texas, and freed those slaves after 2 1/2 years of the employer refusing to abide by the Emancipation Proclamation. This is a day long celebrated by African Americans, but only recently became a federal holiday and popular to celebrate in the mainstream. Local 19 has had an action every year since 2020.

The march left the Local 19 hall at 10 a.m., 120 strong, a dozen of which were children. Various unions and organizations brought their banners to follow behind ILWU Local 19's: OWLs, Transit Union Local 587, and UAW 4121. Various others brought their signs and swag, including the IBU, Freedom Socialist Party, Reproductive Justice, UFCW 3000, UFCW 21, and NW Carpenters Union. We walked about 1.4 miles while chanting, "Jeff Berry, say his name, Anthony Lemon, say his name, Ronnie Thomas, say his name! PMA say their names!" These are the names of three Black men from Local 19 that died from COVID during the pandemic. We worked valiantly through the pandemic and took heavy losses. We will not forget.

After marching for about 40 minutes, participants were greeted with the sounds of C.T. Thompson and the Classic Soul Band crooning "A Change is Gonna Come," along with water and refreshments. Those already at the rally bumped the number of participants up to about 200. After two more songs from the band, the 2-hour program began, which would include 16 speakers with song breaks in between.

Speakers climbed handcrafted stairs onto a secure flat rack with a banner below that read in big orange letters, "ALL WORKERS WIN WHEN SLAVERY ENDS." Ricky Reyes spoke



PHOTO: ILWU LOCAL19

Local 19 led a Stop Work action in honor of Juneteenth.

from WA NA WARI, an organization that promotes Black ownership of the preservation of their culture. Ricky said, "When we look at all the people who do this work a lot of the time none of them really look like us. They don't come from our own communities ... we want to look at how Black folks can take history keeping into our own hands and collect stories about us for us and archive them in our own communities." I include this quote because there I was, sitting in the front row being reminded of my whiteness as a lead organizer of this Juneteenth event. I think we need to constantly remind ourselves, those of us that are white, to uplift Black folks and people of color, let them lead, and continue to educate ourselves.

The Black Prisoners Caucus, formed over 50 years ago inside Washington State prisons, spoke, "They created the 13th amendment, which supposedly freed people, but they slid in that clause that allowed prisoners to work for free. Does anyone know how much a prisoner makes in Washington state? \$0.30/hr. After six months, you get a raise. You

know how much the raise is? \$0.06 ... and you top out at \$0.42" They requested help from the labor movement. Incarcerated people making pennies an hour is a labor issue.

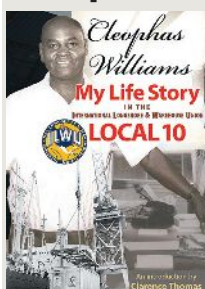
A professor from the University of Washington Department of Labor Studies Moon-Ho Jung said, "Every fall I ask my students at UW this question: Who was the most responsible for the abolition of slavery? Usually more than half write down the answer that we are taught to believe and that answer is Abraham Lincoln. He supposedly freed the slaves by signing the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863. The answer that generations of Ameri-

can historians have tried to ignore and dismiss is — the people most responsible for the abolition of slavery were the enslaved Black people themselves." He called it one of the greatest slave rebellions in world history and quoted W. E. B. Du Bois, who said it was the general strike of a half million Black workers.

Thanks to the different unions and organizations who showed up for this event. Along with all the wonderful speakers and the band. To be successful in our labor movement, we need to incorporate community and other organizations in addition to other unions. The Juneteenth Committee to Stop Police Terror and End Systemic Racism is longshoreman-led but comprised of different unions and organizations, and that is what made this event possible. Thanks to our committee members and chair, Gabriel Prawl - Vice President of Local 52, who has been an invaluable resource to me personally and who has taught me what a good leader is. He is extremely well qualified and has a decades-long record of passion and experience in the labor movement. These Juneteenth events would not be possible without a leader of his caliber. The full video of the march and rally can be found on our Instagram @stoppoliceerrorseattle

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Cleophas Williams, My Life Story in ILWU Local 10



The history of African Americans in the Int'l Longshore & Warehouse Union in San Francisco is indeed worthy of documentation. Such an individual is Cleophas Williams, whose distinguished career as president of ILWU Local 10 in 1967 made him the highest elected African American to serve as an officer in the entire ILWU.

Born in rural Camden, Arkansas, and part of the Great Migration to the Bay Area, he arrived in Oakland, Calif., in 1942 - seeking to escape the horrors of systemic racism and white supremacy. He placed Local 10 into the vanguard of the labor movement by engaging in civil-rights unionism and other social movements in the 1960s and 1970s.

MillionWorkerMarch.com

Slavery and the fourth of you lie

By Stephen Millies

The Declaration of Independence is Philadelphia's proudest claim to fame. It was written by the Virginia slave master and future U.S. president, Thomas Jefferson, who sold his own flesh and blood — the product of his rapes — upon the auction block.

Almost three-quarters of the signers of the declaration were enslavers. Using genocidal language, the document also describes Indigenous peoples defending themselves as “merciless Indian savages.”

The “unalienable rights” that Jefferson's original draft mentioned were “life, liberty and property.” This expression was lifted from the writings of John Locke, a philosopher of the English capitalist class.

Both John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, members of the declaration's drafting committee, knew that “the embattled farmers” who had “fired the shot heard round the world” weren't going to die for the rich man's property. So they changed this phrase to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Frederick Douglass, who had escaped from slavery to become a leader of the Black struggle for freedom, told a Rochester, N.Y., audience in 1852 what “America's national holiday” meant to millions of enslaved people:

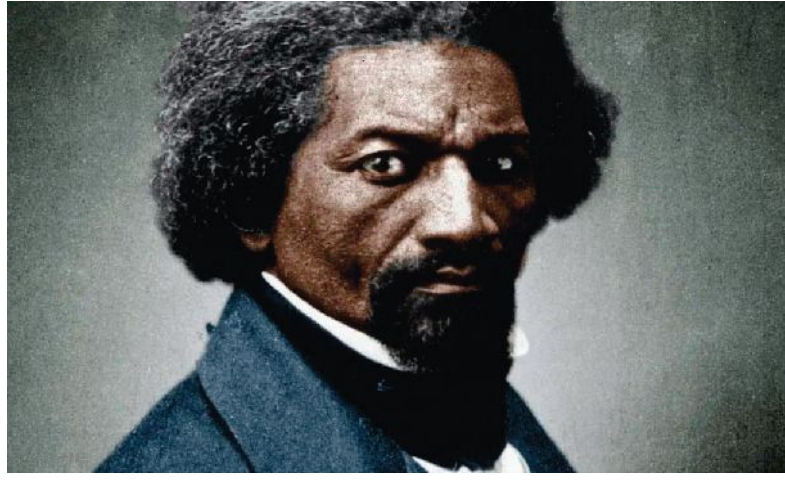
“What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer: a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sounds of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciations of tyrants, brass fronted impudence; your shouts of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, and solemnity, are, to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy — a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages. There is not a nation on this earth guilty of practices, more shocking and bloody, than are the people of these United States, at this very hour.”

Yet there would be one magnificent Fourth of July. Four score and seven years after the Declaration of Independence was signed, two big Confederate armies would be defeated at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and Vicksburg, Mississippi.

These great battles — which culminated on July 4, 1863 — constituted the turning point of the U.S. Civil War. Interestingly, two of the four armies engaged in them were commanded by “Proper Philadelphians.”

Black soldiers need not apply

Gen. George Gordon Meade was the commanding general of the Union Army at Gettysburg. Meade came from a prominent Philadel-



FREDERICK DOUGLASS

phia family of merchants who had fallen on hard times. Born in Cádiz, Spain — where his merchant father “moved in the highest social circles” — Meade went to West Point because it was free.

In the summer of 1863, Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia invaded the North. While marching through Maryland and Pennsylvania, Lee's troops kidnapped and enslaved African Americans.

If the Confederates could have seized the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge spanning the Susquehanna at Harrisburg, the East of the Union would have been largely cut off from the Midwest.

Diplomatic recognition of the slave masters' regime by Britain and France would probably have followed. Large sections of the capitalist class in the North might have thrown in the towel as well.

While Lee and the Confederacy were playing to win, Meade was trying not to lose. Meade originally wanted to withdraw from Gettysburg. After the battle — despite pleas from other Union generals — Meade refused to pursue Lee's army.

Meade's unwillingness to go on the offensive wasn't based on faulty intelligence. Information had been received about demoralization in Confederate ranks and that they had lost a good deal of their artillery. Nor was it a question of personal cowardice.

Even after two years of bloody warfare — and six months after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued — Meade hesitated to destroy the Confederate Army. Along with much of his class, he was still hoping to strike a deal with the slave masters. Lee was allowed to retreat across the Potomac.

While white soldiers in the Union Army at Gettysburg were being slaughtered on Little Round Top and Cemetery Ridge, Black soldiers were not allowed to fight beside them. “A company of Black volunteers from Philadelphia who took the train to Harrisburg ... were turned back because of their color,” wrote history professor Allen B. Ballard. (New York Times, May 30, 1999)

Jim Dwyer reported that the racist Bally Corporation didn't want African Americans to buy their shoes. (New York Daily News, Nov. 17, 1996) Here was the United States government prohibiting Black soldiers from dying for it.

Yet Black soldiers and sailors were indispensable for the Union's victory. Nearly 200,000 Black soldiers

fought in the Union Army and a quarter of the Navy was Black. Just for this participation in rescuing the Union from the Confederacy, reparations are owed Black people.

This was also a case of the capitalists fearing their own revolution. For Meade-the-merchant as well as Lee-the-plantation-owner, Black soldiers with guns represented a slave insurrection that could threaten capitalist rule too.

Vince Copeland pointed out this contradiction in his introduction to “A Voice from Harper's Ferry”:

“The Black regiments were revolutionary in that they struggled against their own and their relatives' slavery. But their creation and existence was also a subordination of the Black freedom struggle to the discipline of the anti-slave master capitalist class. It was a subordination of the revolutionary Black soldier to the moderate or often only half-revolutionary white Northern officer.”

Philadelphia traitor

The other “Proper Philadelphian” commanding an army that Fourth of July came from a much richer family than Meade's. Gen. John Clifford Pemberton was a descendant of Israel Pemberton II — the King of the Quakers — who along with Benjamin Franklin had founded the first fire insurance company in the country.

On July 4, 1863, General Pemberton surrendered his besieged Confederate Army to Ulysses S. Grant at Vicksburg. The Confederacy had been split in two.

Lincoln declared that “the father of waters flows unvexed to the sea.” But it took Black troops to help capture Port Hudson a few days later to put the entire Mississippi River in Union hands.

After the war, the traitor Pemberton was welcomed back into the folds of Philadelphia's capitalist class. He “spent the rest of his life with his sisters and brothers in Proper Philadelphia's most exclusive rural-suburb of Penllyn,” according to historian E. Digby Baltzell in his book, “An American Business Aristocracy.”

The descendants of these and other Philadelphia capitalist families put fascist Police Commissioner Frank Rizzo in City Hall as mayor from 1972 to 1980 and sent Mumia Abu-Jamal to death row. This class kept the MOVE 9 defendants in jail for 40 years — two of the MOVE 9 died in prison — and is still keeping Mumia incarcerated.

But at least during the Civil War the ranks of Philadelphia's business elite included the anti-slavery abolitionist Matthias Baldwin, whose factories eventually turned out 50,000 steam locomotives.

New York's worse record

New York City had a worse record than Philadelphia. Little more than a week after the Battle of Gettysburg, a pro-slavery insurrection broke out in New York City on July 13, 1863. Two orphanages filled with Black children were set on fire. To this day, it's uncertain how many African Americans were lynched.

This pogrom in Manhattan was no more spontaneous than the protests would be in 1974 in Boston of racists trying to stop busing of schoolchildren to desegregate public schools. Both were the result of racist agitation supported by important sections of the capitalist class. Particularly vicious in 1863 was the New York Herald, the Fox News of its time.

At City Hall Park, New York Gov. Horatio Seymour actually addressed members of this lynch mob as “My Friends!” Behind Seymour — who would be the (pro-slavery) Democratic presidential nominee in 1868 — was a host of millionaires. Among them were the railroad lawyer Samuel Tilden, who later became the Democratic presidential candidate in 1876, and the banker August Belmont, an opponent of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Probably the most important figure on Wall Street at the time, Belmont was head of the Democratic National Committee. He was son-in-law of Louisiana senator and plantation owner John Slidell.

Slidell was described by Civil War historian Bruce Catton as “running” the just pre-Civil War administration of President James Buchanan. Usually considered the worst president in U.S. history, Buchanan's administration practically turned over army bases to the slave masters.

Slidell also played a major role in setting up the Confederacy. When he was en route to Europe seeking diplomatic recognition for the slave masters, Slidell was taken off a British vessel by a U.S. Navy captain. War almost broke out between the two countries as a result.

None of this harmed Belmont's reputation within the capitalist class. Belmont Park, just east of New York City, and the Belmont Stakes, part of horse racing's “triple crown,” are named after him. Belmont's son became head of New York City's first subway, the Interborough Rapid Transit Company — the I.R.T.

In 1992 — 129 years after the so-called “Draft Riots” — another racist mob gathered at City Hall Park. Ten thousand mostly drunken cops cheered Rudolph Giuliani as he denounced David Dinkins, the first African American mayor of New York City. These cops — and campaign contributions from Wall Street — would elect Giuliani as New York's mayor the following year. Giuliani imposed eight years of increased police terror and kicked a million New Yorkers off public assistance. [📍](#)

The secrets that the Pentagon Papers didn't reveal

By Stephen Millies

The death of Daniel Ellsberg on June 16 should be a reminder that every big business war requires wholesale lying. In 1971 it was Ellsberg, along with Anthony Russo, who brought the Pentagon Papers into the open.

These documents revealed the falsehoods that successive presidential administrations told to sell the U.S. war against Vietnam. Among them was the big lie that small Vietnamese boats attacked U.S. naval vessels in August 1964.

That alleged incident was the excuse for the “Gulf of Tonkin” congressional resolution that President Johnson used to escalate the war massively.

Both Ellsberg and Russo faced decades of jail time for telling the truth. Their revelations came when the anti-war and Black liberation movements were shaking the capitalist power structure.

It was because of these movements, along with disagreements within the capitalist class itself, that charges were dropped against the two whistleblowers.

Julian Assange

Julian Assange is not so lucky. The journalist faces decades in prison for exposing U.S. war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Lies aren't enough to conduct bloody wars for Big Oil. Anti-war voices and movements have to be suppressed.

Thousands were jailed by the white supremacist President Wood-

row Wilson for opposing World War I. Among them was the socialist Eugene Debs, who received nearly a million votes when he ran for president from prison.

The U.S. Army spied on the grandfather of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. for denouncing lynching in a sermon.

Just before the U.S. entered World War II, the feds framed the socialist leaders of Teamsters Local 544 in Minneapolis for attempting to overthrow the government.

And during World War II, Elijah Muhammed and over 40 other members of the Nation of Islam were railroaded to prison. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover wanted Black newspaper editors jailed for exposing racism in the segregated U.S. armed forces.

Thousands of draft resisters were jailed or exiled during the Vietnam War. One of these heroes is Eddie Oquendo, who formed Blacks Against Negative Dying (BAND) in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York.

Open the files on Dr. King and Malcolm X!

Exactly one year after Dr. King declared that the United States was “the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today,” he was gunned down in Memphis on April 4, 1968. Coretta Scott King said, “There is abundant evidence of a major, high-level conspiracy in the assassination of my husband.”

The official story of Malcolm X's assassination is also unbelievable. Two of the convicted assassins, Muhammad Aziz and Khalil Islam,

Chrisley Carpio, Laura Rodriguez, Lauren Pineiro of the Tampa 5 outside the courthouse.



were exonerated on Nov. 18, 2021. They had been framed in a 1966 show trial.

Muhammad Aziz, now over 80 years old, spent 20 years in prison. Khalil Islam, who died in 2009, served 22 years and never got to see his name cleared.

There were many reasons why the racist ruling class wanted Malcolm X killed. The wealthy and powerful considered his travels to Africa and ties with revolutionary movements there to be dangerous.

J. Edgar Hoover sent a telegram to the New York FBI office on June 6, 1964, demanding that they “do something about Malcolm X.” Eight months later, Malcolm X was murdered.

The Pentagon had special reasons to silence Malcolm X. In 1965 and 1966, one-fifth of all U.S. combat deaths in Vietnam were Black soldiers and marines.

Malcolm's friend, Muhammad Ali, risked going to prison because he refused to kill Vietnamese people.

The military brass must have feared Malcolm X leading a draft resistance campaign that would eventually find support not only from the Black community but also from Asian, Indigenous, Latinx, and working-class white people as well.

Two months after Malcolm X was murdered, President Johnson sent 42,000 U.S. troops to invade the Dominican Republic. Over three thousand Dominicans were killed.

Malcolm X would have denounced this invasion.

The Pentagon Papers, which were finally declassified in 2011, don't mention the assassinations of Dr. King and Malcolm X. We have to demand the truth while defending truth-tellers like Julian Assange.

We have to defend all those under attack. The FBI is now trying to frame African People's Socialist Party Chairman Omali Yeshitela as well as Penny Hess and Jesse Nevel.

The Uhuru 3 face years in jail for opposing the U.S. war in Ukraine against the Russian Federation. See how you can help at www.hands-offuhuru.org

Florida Gov. DeSantis wants to lock up five members of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) for opposing his racist agenda. The Tampa 5 are Chrisley Carpio, Laura Rodriguez, Gia Davila, Lauren Pineiro and Jeanie Kida. See NAARPR.org for more information on this dangerous frame-up. 📌

How Palestinian unity thwarted Israel's invasion

By Palestine Chronicle

Why did Israel invade Jenin? And did it succeed in achieving its objectives? What are the Israeli objectives anyway? And why is the Palestinian Resistance claiming victory for the refugee camp over the massive Israeli military machine? These questions are answered below.

Israeli Army Radio confirmed the withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces from the town and refugee camp of Jenin on July 5, after a two-day operation in which 12 Palestinians were killed and 120 were wounded.

Though the Israeli government claimed to have completed its objectives, Palestinian Resistance said that it has successfully repulsed the Israeli advances.

An international outcry followed the Israeli invasion, which resulted in an unprecedented number of Palestinian casualties, the worst since 2005, according to UN officials.

During the invasion, Israel occupied residential homes, fired at a hospital and journalists. It also barred medics from reaching the wounded inside Jenin.

Why Israel invaded Jenin?

Israel has raided Jenin several times in recent months, most nota-

bly in January and June of this year. Many Palestinians were killed and wounded in those raids.

The July 3 raid, dubbed by Israel “House and Garden” has been the largest, most violent, and, unlike previous raids, it wasn't just intended to ‘send a message.’

According to the Israeli military, 3,000 soldiers took part in the invasion, and hundreds of military vehicles, drones, and other military equipment were deployed.

The intention, as stated by the Israeli military and government, was to eradicate the Resistance from Jenin altogether.

Did Israel succeed?

The short answer is no.

Though Israel killed 12 Palestinians – including three children – and wounded 120, it didn't claim that any were top ‘wanted’ fighters.

Israel also says that 300 Palestinians have been detained, yet again without any news suggesting that any of these people were top commanders in the Palestinian Resistance.

Another indication of Israel's failure to achieve major objectives is that the invading Israeli forces couldn't penetrate deep inside Jenin, especially the refugee camp. The

battle of the Damaj neighborhood was a perfect illustration of this.

What do Palestinians say?

As soon as Israeli forces began their withdrawal from Jenin, thousands of Palestinians marched in the streets of the Jenin refugee camp and several West Bank cities to celebrate what they saw as the victory of the Palestinian Resistance.

Large crowds participated in spontaneous marches in Jenin refugee camp, Ramallah, Jericho, and Nablus, and the participants chanted slogans glorifying the Resistance and its steadfastness in the face of the Israeli occupation forces.

Islamic Jihad Secretary-General Ziad al-Nakhleh said the Palestinian people had achieved a ‘great victory’ by defeating the Israeli aggression on Jenin and its camp.

Al-Nakhleh said that the Jenin battalion courageously and heroically led this great victory.

Al-Nakhleh called for Palestinian solidarity to strengthen the Jenin camp so that it remains an “inspiring title for revolution, challenge, jihad, and resistance.”

Are these claims founded?

Palestine Chronicle editors thoroughly analyzed many statements

issued by the various Resistance groups during the Israeli attacks.

The Resistance made several major claims:

One, the Israeli military was repelled repeatedly in its attempt to enter the center of the camp.

Two, Resistance fighters were united throughout the operation and engaged with Israeli forces at very close proximity.

Three, the Resistance blew up several Israeli military vehicles, killing and wounded soldiers.

According to video footage circulating on social media, local and international news reports, and even some Israeli official statements, the claims of the Resistance seem to be accurate.

Like Gaza, Palestinian Resistance perceives that preventing Israel from achieving its declared objectives is a victory.

But why did Israel bomb Gaza?

To demonstrate unity, a Gaza-based group launched several small rockets at an empty area inside Israel. Israel claimed that ‘all’ rockets were intercepted by its ‘Iron Dome’ defenses.

The Gaza rockets, however, were not intended to cause harm, but to

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State sponsor of peace: Cuba and the Colombia ceasefire

By Scott Scheffer

The bipartisan nature of imperialist aggression toward Cuba has never been more evident as President Joe Biden carries forward the Trumpist assault on Cuba via the U.S. State Sponsors of Terrorism (SSOT) list.

In the closing weeks of his term, Donald Trump shut down what seemed to be the beginning of a U.S. rapprochement with Cuba started by the Obama-Biden administration. Obama removed Cuba from the SSOT list, but Trump reversed that decision and added 243 more economic sanctions.

While campaigning for the White House, Biden had promised to “promptly reverse the failed Trump policies” against Cuba. Nearly three years later, Cuba is still suffering under the weight of the U.S. trade blockade, now worsened by the SSOT. Some 70 international banks cut ties with Cuba within weeks of Trump’s actions, making it all but impossible for Cuba to buy badly needed goods on the international market.

Joe Biden taking no action to separate his administration’s policy toward Cuba from Trump’s is an affront to the sentiment of the entire world. UN votes have condemned the U.S. trade blockade thirty times in annual lopsided votes in which the U.S. has never mustered more supporters in favor of the blockade than in the single digits while the rest of the world voted to end it.

Likewise, polls taken a few days after Obama’s 2014 visit to Cuba showed that a majority of people in the U.S. support normalization of relations and an end to the failed campaign of economic punishment.

Cuba and Colombia ceasefire

Cuba has been hosting talks to bring an end to the bloodshed in Colombia since 2012. In the twisted line by the White House, Havana



At the National Network On Cuba 2022 Fall Meeting, Cuba’s Ambassador to the United Nations Yuri Gala López explains how State Sponsors of Terrorism designation intensifies the U.S. blockade.

is accused of supporting terrorism because it rejected attempts to sabotage the process that offers hope for the people of Colombia.

Cuba refused to extradite ELN (National Liberation Army) peace negotiators to their home country. Former Colombian President Ivan Duque — a right-wing, pro-imperialist politician — had demanded the extradition. His demand and Cuba’s refusal provided the Trump-Biden bogus justification for having Cuba on the SSOT list. The lie was exposed on June 9 when the ELN and the government of Colombia agreed to a ceasefire.

In 2022, former guerilla fighter Gustavo Petro was elected president of Colombia. Within days he canceled arrest warrants against ELN fighters and resumed negotiations. He traveled to Cuba this week to participate in the ceremony announcing the important breakthrough.

This follows previous agreements between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC.) Each of these guerilla armies has fought a long struggle to end the aggression and domination of the U.S. and build a new Colombia that would eradicate the deep, widespread poverty in Colombia.

Their forces have numbered at times in many tens of thousands of fighters, and they have held wide swaths of Colombia’s territory. In exchange for the cessation of armed struggle, the agreements have yielded concessions that offer hope for the needs of 40 million Colombians.

It was the U.S. that had been funding, training, and providing arms to the Colombian military and death squad paramilitary forces for decades. The U.S. aimed to pacify the powerful people’s struggle in Colombia and transform the country into a U.S. watchdog in Latin America.

Under previous pro-imperialist administrations, Colombia launched failed attacks to sabotage the revolutionary process in Venezuela and sent troops to Ecuador to attack ELN combatants. Colombia’s continued alignment with the U.S. meant more sabotage, clandestine actions, and warfare against neighbors.

With the election of President Petro, and the supportive role played by Cuba, the peace negotiations in Havana are a threat to U.S. designs on Colombia. Keeping Cuba on the SSOT

list serves two purposes for the U.S. — to strangle the Cuban economy and to try to salvage their campaign to destroy peoples’ resistance and turn Colombia into the Israel of Latin America.

Reagan, Clinton funded right-wing paramilitaries

Cuba was initially added to the SSOT by the Reagan administration as tens of thousands of workers, peasants, religious activists, and guerilla fighters were murdered in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Bolivia during the 1980s. In 1994 U.S. President Bill Clinton launched “Plan Colombia,” which was hyped as a mission to eradicate the drug trade.

Officially it ended in 2015. Billions of dollars that could have housed people or repaired schools, or provided medical care at home, financed this campaign of terrorism. U.S.-funded, right-wing Colombian paramilitaries murdered homeless people on the streets and Colombia led the world in the murder rate of trade unionists. The UN reported that 260,000 Colombians were killed, 88% were killed by the Colombian military and paramilitaries. They also reported absolutely no change in the drug market. The CIA has been pegged in scandals involving the import of cocaine.

Plan Colombia is only one episode in the long history of U.S. terror against Latin America and others worldwide. Cuba’s refusal to extradite peace negotiators to face the wrath of a U.S.-funded client government was righteous. Cuba is not a terrorist state.

Activists across the U.S. are taking action to demand that Biden pick up a pen and write a letter instructing Congress to take Cuba off the State Sponsors of Terrorism list. Check out NNOC.org to find out where, when, and how you can get involved. [REDACTED]



SLL PHOTO: MAGGIE VASCASSENNO

Carlos Sirah of Black Alliance for Peace chaired the Los Angeles June 25 rally to take Cuba off the State Sponsors of Terrorism list.

Los Angeles protesters: Take Cuba off ‘Terror’ list

By Scott Scheffer

A hundred or more people joined a June 25 protest in Los Angeles to demand that the White House take Cuba off the State Sponsors of Terrorism (SSOT) list. The turnout included a broad range of progressive organizations in L.A.

Cuba was put on the SSOT list in the closing weeks of Donny Trump’s term in the White

House. At the same time, he added 243 more trade sanctions to the sixty-year-old U.S. blockade against revolutionary Cuba.

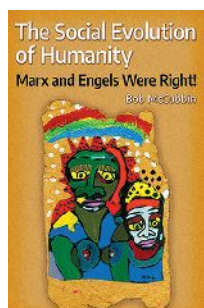
The SSOT is especially damaging to Cuba’s economy. Some 70 international banks cut ties with Cuba within weeks of Trump’s action, leaving little chance of being able to buy badly needed goods on the international market. The U.S. levies fines against banks that break the SSOT restrictions, which can collectively add up to billions of U.S. dollars. Even big European banks that had previously facilitated trade between Cuba and other countries no longer do so.

Cuba supporters throughout Los Angeles joined the effort to spread the word starting in April in response

to a call put out by the National Network on Cuba for actions in as many places as possible on June 25. The L.A. action was initiated by the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice, but the groups working on it soon formed the June 25 Ad Hoc Committee.

Individuals and organizations joined the effort to build an event that could help amplify the message to Biden: Get Cuba off the SSOT and end the U.S. blockade.

Among the organizations that helped organize and participated in the protest were Black Alliance for Peace, Union del Barrio, Code Pink, Red Berets for Queers, Association of Raza Educators, Peace and Freedom Party, L.A. U.S. Hands off Cuba Committee, and Healthcare for US. [REDACTED]



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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.



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BLACK AUGUST 1619-2019

commemorates 400 years of Black freedom struggle. This book examines the construction of a racial capitalist venture — slavery — where the histories of African, Native and working people overlapped.

LGBTQ+ Cuba delegation report back forum

By Verde Gil Jiménez

June 22, New Orleans – NOLA participants of the Cuba delegation, U.S. Friends Against Homophobia and Transphobia, gave a report back on their recent experiences in Havana. This forum was part of the National Network on Cuba's Off the List Action Weekend. Verde Gil Jiménez — a young communist, transmasculine organizer from Cuba — joined the panel live and gave the following presentation.

Hello colleagues. My name is Verde. I am a Cuban trans activist and a member of the Union of Young Communists. I'm 25 years old. I am a graduate of social communication. I currently work at the Central University of Las Villas as a social researcher. I live in a city in the center of the island called Santa Clara. I was regional vice coordinator of the Transcuba Network for a year and currently coordinate the Grupo Trans Masculino de Cuba (GTMC).

Transmasculine activism is a fairly recent development in my country. We are quite few and inexperienced. So we are slowly taking steps.

We created our Group at the beginning of the year [2023] with the intention of it being a place of support and learning for the transmasculine community because although there was a National Network of trans people for 20 years, its agenda focused almost exclusively on the demands and experiences of trans-feminine people.

In less than a year with our group, we have achieved the following:

- Participated in: workshop on liberating masculinities with a feminist approach; in the conference against homophobia and transphobia (Cenesex); in the conference on maternity and paternity in equity (Cenesex); in a theological workshop on gender and diversity (Movimiento Estudiantil Cristiano); in a photographic exhibition on non-hegemonic masculinities, in a course on sexual education with second-year students of the medical school.
- We have created spaces for the art of male drag.
- We have held forums on various topics in our WhatsApp chat.
- We have held exchanges with different official and alternative media to visualize trans issues.
- On March 31, we held a film debate on trans childhoods.
- We have delivered donations of binders and clothing to trans from the three regions of the country.
- We have organized recreational activities for familiarization.
- We have designed educational products on how to accompany trans students and practice the cytological test on trans people AFAB [assigned female at birth].
- Permanently offer counseling and personalized advice to face difficult situations, effective support, legal guidance, and medical guidance on the transition process.
- We are currently organizing a community sale fair to raise funds to help the most needy people in the group.

For the short time that our group has been in existence, we believe that we are achieving good results and that, most importantly, we no longer feel alone.

Regarding the problems of trans people in Cuba, they are similar to those that most trans people face in Latin American countries.

It is true that the project of the Cuban Revolution, from its beginnings, sought to vindicate the role of women in society and supported the historically oppressed and marginalized sectors. However, it is still a very young project to banish all machismo, homophobia, transphobia, and sexism from our culture. They are very deep cultural roots from the colonial era.

It is worth celebrating that in recent times, after the constitutional reform of 2019, our country has generated a normative production that recognizes a series of rights for the benefit of trans populations (despite the fact that the term trans people is not expressly mentioned in any text).

It is of special importance the recognition from the constitution of the right to equality and non-discrimination based on gender identity and the right to the free development of personality.

The family code is also outstanding, which allowed equal marriage and recognized parental responsibility and the progressive autonomy of childhood. This progressive code grants an arsenal of protections in the family environment that favors affective, safe, and respectful environments for all people and family models.

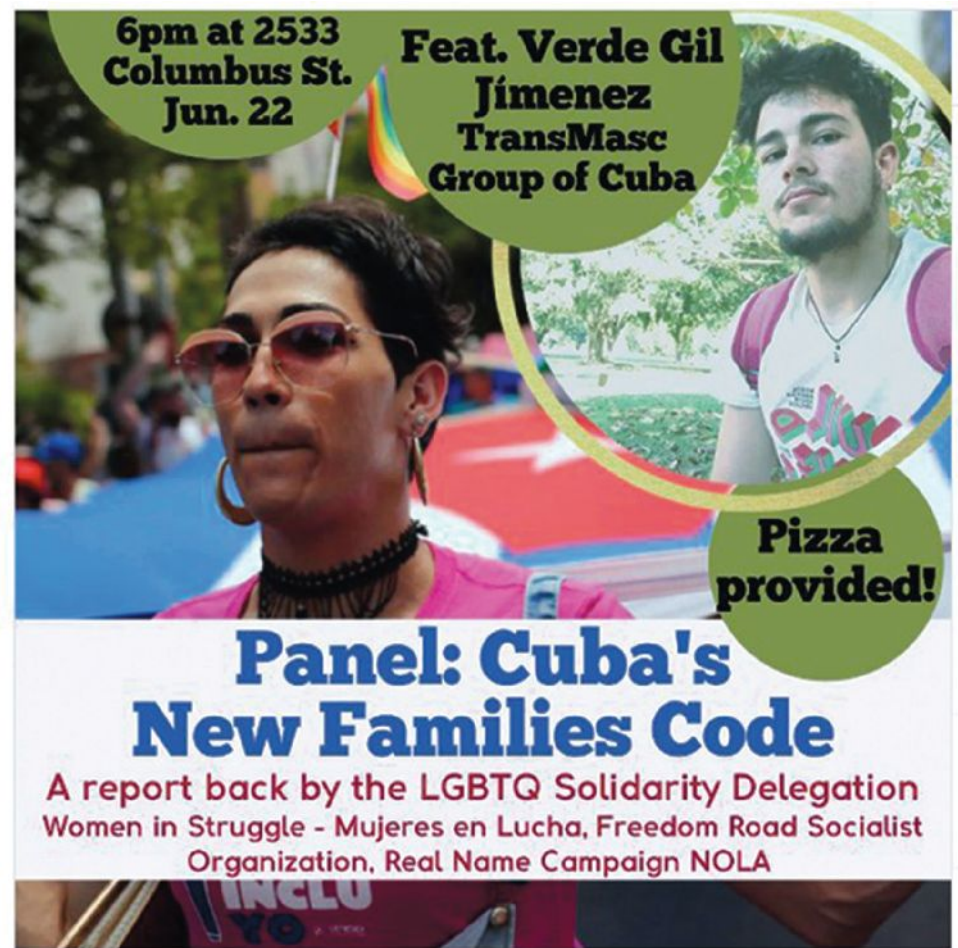
In addition, there are pending reform laws that have also announced that they will recognize more guarantees for the trans community: Identity Law, Labor Code, Education Law, Health Law.

But we know that political will and written laws are one thing, and the materialization of those rights is another. Unfortunately, there is still a lot of transphobia in our country, based on a high level of ignorance about trans identities and naturalized machismo.

On the other hand, the economic crisis generates serious infrastructural obstacles for these rights to be effective. This crisis has been aggravated by phenomena such as the COVID-19 pandemic, in which our country devoted its greatest efforts and resources to saving people's lives by producing three excellent vaccines that are a lesson in humanism for the entire world.

Another of our permanent obstacles, and in recent years strengthened by the resurgence of neo-fascist governments, is the genocidal blockade of the U.S. government towards Cuba that causes losses of unquantifiable figures and hundreds of limitations for our free technological, commercial, scientific, and cultural development.

I take this opportunity to request the end of the blockade and denounce the cruel policy of the North American government towards our country. Their aggressions also fall on the lives of LGBTQ+ populations. Trans people are also victims of North American politics.



One of the fundamental demands of trans people is access to comprehensive medical coverage for the transition process. I am referring to specialized consultations and access to hormonal therapies and gender reaffirmation surgeries.

In Cuba, for decades, there has been a commission of experts for these issues led by Cenesex. But the economic crisis has greatly affected our public health and has generated a serious lack of medical supplies and human resources. We are living in very difficult times because one of the most important achievements of the Revolution is being affected.

Currently trans people:

- We cannot attend to the specialized psychological consultation because there are no mental health specialists to attend to us.
- We cannot perform endocrinological medical check-ups to start or sustain hormone therapy because there is a lack of reagents for blood tests.
- There has been no sale of hormones in pharmacies for more than three years because, apparently, Cuba lost its trading partner to import hormones.
- Access to gender reaffirmation surgeries is practically impossible. In the case of transmasculine people, for nine years, mastectomies have not been performed because there are no doctors trained in this type of surgery.
- In addition, services are still centralized in the capital. That is, a person from any region must travel to Havana to receive these attentions.

One of the consequences of all this is that trans people buy hormones on the black market from unreliable suppliers and at costs that triple the average salary. And that people consume these drugs without medical supervision.

The saddest thing is knowing (firsthand) that before the Donald Trump government and the COVID-19 pandemic, several of these obstacles did not exist. At that time,

there were sales of hormones in the pharmacy at insignificant prices, and we had psychological and endocrinological care, perfectible but systematic.

We are clear that it is very difficult for our government and our institutions to worry about issues of social minorities when they have to invest in urgent issues that affect the vast majority, such as food sovereignty (food production). It is very difficult to advance in the midst of a multi-dimensional crisis and a constant imperialist siege. Because it would be unfair not to warn that although all the problems are traversed by our economic barriers, some of them could be solved more easily, and this is not the case due to a lack of awareness and will.

To name a few:

- Lack of training and awareness about trans people by legal operators (jurists, notaries, lawyers, judges, mediators). Here we highlight the persistent barriers to legal name change for trans people. Bureaucratism, corruption, and ineptitude of civil status registrars.
- The still non-permission to wear a school/work uniform according to the gender identity of the student/worker.
- The lack of a Comprehensive Sexuality Education in which the various sexual orientations and gender identities are discussed from an early age. As well as the lack of protocols to accompany the trans student.
- Provisional shelters for victims of gender-based violence in the family.
- Scarce and stereotyped representation in the national cultural industry (film, television, theater, cartoons, etc.)
- Lack of updated regulations that clarify how trans people entering compulsory military service or sports teams or prisons will be integrated and respected.

Due to all these problems, we be-

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NYC says NO! to the U.S. blockade of Cuba

By Stephen Millies

The New York City Council unanimously approved a resolution on June 22 calling for an end to the cruel U.S. economic blockade of Cuba. The next day a news conference was held in front of City Hall to celebrate this victory.

Omwale Clay of the December 12th Movement and Chief of Staff to Council member Charles Barron chaired the briefing. He called it an “important victory” that the Council representing 8.5 million people came out against the blockade.

“This blockade must stop,” declared Council member Charles Barron, who was the resolution’s prime sponsor. Other elected officials who spoke included Council members Alexa Avilés and Julie Won.

Barron pointed out that resolution 0825-A also demanded that Cuba be taken off the bogus U.S. State Department list of “State Sponsors of Terrorism.” Barron said that the apartheid state of Israel should be on the terrorism list instead.

It’s Cuba that’s been the victim of U.S. government-sponsored terror. Among the thousands of Cubans killed were the 73 Cubana de Aviación Flight 455 passengers, who were murdered by a bomb on Oct. 6, 1976.

The CIA director at the time was future President George H.W. Bush. The bombing was retaliation for Cuban soldiers helping to defend Angola against the neo-Nazi armies of then apartheid South Africa.

Barron told of meeting two of his constituents from the Brooklyn



Permanent Representative Gerardo Penalver Portal and Ambassador Yuri Gala Lopez and Mission staff with New York City Council member Charles Barron, Chief of Staff Omwale Clay, and Cuba solidarity activists celebrate the unanimous New York City Council resolution opposing the blockade on Cuba.

Photo: Roger Wareham, December 12th Movement

neighborhood of East New York who are being trained as doctors in Cuba for free.

Rosemari Mealy, PhD, JD, who worked tirelessly as a member of the New York / New Jersey Cuba Sí Committee to get the resolution passed, said that we were in “for the long haul.” She said the U.S. government “was intent on starving the people of Cuba.”

The more than 60-year-long blockade not only curbs U.S. trade with Cuba. It also penalizes other countries trading with Cuba, hindering imports of food and medical supplies, including syringes used in vaccinations.

Coast-to-coast movement

Ninety-one cities have come out against Washington’s cruel blockade of Cuba, including the city council of Washington, D.C.

Unions have also come out in defense of Cuba. The Professional Staff Congress, representing thousands of workers at the City University of New York, has demanded the blockade be lifted. A PSC representative spoke at the news conference.

Brother Shep McDaniel, an orig-

inal Black Panther, described Cuba as a Pan-African nation. He saluted Cuba for giving refuge to fellow Panther Assata Shakur. The FBI has placed a two-million-dollar bounty on this freedom fighter who became a medical doctor in Cuba.

Attorney Joan Gibbs announced that Gail Walker, the executive director of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), had been arrested in Senator Robert Menendez’s office.

Walker and two other activists, who were also detained, were simply trying to meet with Menendez, who wants to strangle Cuba.

Roger Wareham of the December 12th Movement praised the role of Cuba in the international arena, always standing on the side of poor people. “Cuba exports solidarity,” said Jacob Buckner of the Young Communist League.

A representative of the Democratic Socialists of America spoke. Two DSA members of the City Council supported the resolution.

Bill Dores of Struggle-La Lucha newspaper praised all those who worked to get the resolution passed. He thanked Charles Barron “as the only elected official who had the courage to go to Gaza and break the Israeli blockade.”

Dores said President Biden “should stop following in the footsteps of Trump ... and in the footsteps of Thomas Jefferson who sanctioned Haiti when they overthrew slavery ...

“The sanctions on Cuba are sanctions on low rent housing, they are sanctions on free health care, they are sanctions on free college education. ... [Cuba] has no rent guideline board that raises the rent for corporate landlords in Cuba.”

Afterward, a delegation from the Cuban Mission to the United Nations, including Deputy Foreign Minister Gerardo Penalver Portal and Ambassador Yuri Gala Lopez, gathered with Council member Barron and solidarity activists in the City Council offices at 250 Broadway.

Hands off Cuba! End the blockade! 🇨🇺

LGBTQ+ Cuba delegation forum

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lieve that it is fundamental to be united and articulate initiatives that promote a humanist culture, peace, and equity, in favor of the social integration of sex-diverse populations.

As a communist militant, my sources of inspiration are in the ideals of Marx, Fidel, Che, Rosa Luxemburg. Those who, beyond their contexts, always advocated for a world where people were increasingly emancipated from the mechanisms of oppression that the colonial-capitalist society has imposed on us.

I am clear about the dangers of carrying out a fight of this nature. There are not a few questions that from conservative and dogmatic positions (even amongst militants) are exercised to dismiss the validity of our activism.

I also understand that fears are not unjustified. It is true that social denunciations in Cuba are frequently used by the hate industry of the enemies of the Revolution (citizen movements manipulated by subversive organizations at the service of Washington’s interests). It is also true that LGBTQ+ activism is being instrumentalized and fetishized for neoliberal, commercial, and political purposes.

And we, as a socialist project, cannot reproduce these formulas, but we must take advantage of the contradictions of capitalism that are revealed with our struggles to dismantle with more force that enslaving value scheme and those logics of pri-

vatization for an alternative society.

I defend the need to nurture communist militancy with a gender approach, as well as to address the problems of the trans community from a socio-class and Marxist analysis that allows us to understand where inequalities arise from and how the capitalist system perpetuates them. I believe that achieving this would make it possible to overcome prejudices and at the same time strengthen the common struggle that must put an end to the division of social classes, the social and sexist division of labor and, above all, the different hegemonies with their macro and micro powers to exercise violence against minorities.

As Rosa Luxemburg said: to build a world where we are socially equal, humanly different, and totally free.

The road is long, but we trust that we will not advance alone. We have the advantage that the Cuban Revolution has founded a very valuable fabric of social and mass organizations and public institutions, with which we can articulate to design new projects and find solutions. It is a matter of knocking on doors and mobilizing consciences. We have forged ourselves in a country where something that has not been lost is the spirit of resistance and solidarity.

I have tried not to go on too long, but it is always very difficult for me because there are many edges. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the attention you have given me. I am going to post some messages in case you want to show solidarity with our Group. Any questions you have, you can ask me! 🇨🇺

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Death of Nahel Merzouk: Who sows violence?

By Nancy Luc Škaille

July 3 – French President Emmanuel Macron canceled his state visit to Germany over the weekend because of one of the biggest crises of his tenure. Clashes between the population, which is tired of the ongoing police violence, and the 45,000 police officers who have been dispatched have shaped events since Tuesday, after 17-year-old Nahel Merzouk was shot dead at close range by motorcycle policeman and ex-soldier Florian M. during a vehicle check in Nanterre. However, the reasons for the anger that broke out on these summer nights lie much deeper than the misconduct of a single police officer.

Hundreds of buildings — police stations, tax offices, town halls, schools, etc. — and thousands of vehicles burned. The rebellion spread across the country over the weekend and as far as Brussels, Belgium. The

discourse of an “inexcusable act” that the state leadership is trying to create seems unbelievable, because the past few months have been marked by excesses by the emergency services. The gunman M., who has since been arrested, pleaded self-defense until his lie was exposed.

Alongside social and racial segregation, police violence remains a problem that has never been seriously addressed, particularly in the outskirts of large cities. Unemployment and social cuts lead to weariness in the “banlieues” [impoverished suburbs] which is now turning into violence.

After just four nights, the authorities reported more than 2,000 arrests — as many as during the entire five-week uprising of 2005. At that time the rebellions were triggered by the police-inflicted deaths of two youths in Clichy-sous-Bois. Meanwhile, the “anti-separatism law” of 2021 and a normalized state of emergency serve as the basis of police-state policy.

Since the relaxation of firearms legislation under Social Democrat François Hollande in 2017, deaths by



police have skyrocketed, particularly during vehicle stops. At the time, Michel Tubiana of the LDH Human Rights League called the amendment a “license to kill.”

The UN has already condemned France’s authoritarian doctrine of order three times since May. According to official information, the deadly shot in Nanterre was the third fatal use of firearms by the emergency services since the beginning of the year. But the number of unreported cases is higher.

On June 14, patrol officers shot dead 19-year-old Guinean Alhoussein Camara during a vehicle stop in Angoulême. And the most recent riots are also claiming fatalities: A 54-year-old died on Thursday near Cayenne in French Guiana from a “ricochet.” That same evening, near Rouen, a youth fell to his death from

the roof of a supermarket. A young man has been in mortal danger since Friday because of the use of firearms by the special unit RAID in Mont-Saint-Martin.

As in the previous crises of the Macron regime, from the “yellow vests” to the “pension reform” protests to the now banned environmental campaign “Uprisings of the Earth,” state violence was preferred to dialogue. Typical of this are Macron’s trips around the country. For his visit to the violence-plagued Marseille suburb of Busserine on Monday last week, special units cordoned off the district and prohibited residents from leaving the blocks of flats.

Macron only tolerates cheers. In France, the police protect the state, not the population.

Translated by Melinda Butterfield
Source: Junge Welt

Palestinian unity

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send a message that Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank are united, and it is not Israel, but the Resistance that determines the time and place of confrontations with Israel.

Israel responded by bombing Palestinian positions.

Israeli warplanes bombed a site belonging to the Palestinian Resistance in the town of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip, and another site west of Gaza City.

The Israeli raids caused material damage to the two targeted sites, but no injuries were reported.

The Israeli military said his forces attacked an underground weapons production site and a site producing Hamas rocket raw materials in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli claims are yet to be verified.

Are Palestinians now united?

Though unity among Palestinians has proved elusive politically, unity on the battlefield is closer than ever.

Hours after Israel invaded Jenin, Resistance groups in Gaza communicated to Israel that the Resistance in the besieged Strip is ready to enter the battle if Israel doesn’t withdraw.

Though, initially, Israeli sources said that the Jenin invasion will last for many days — or for ‘as long as is necessary’ — the official Israeli line began changing, saying that it was just a small operation that is limited in both time and scope.

Hours before the Israeli withdrawal took effect, a Resistance unit involving the three major Palestinian groups, Fatah, Hamas, and the Islamic Jihad ambushed Israeli soldiers, killing one and injuring others.

The Gaza rockets were also a message that demonstrate what Palestinians refer to as ‘Wihdat al-Sahat’ — or unity of the battlefields. 📍

Borotba on Russia developments: The unity of anti-fascist forces is the key to our common victory

Statement by Borotba (Struggle), revolutionary Marxist organization banned by the Ukrainian government.

Stop the armed conflict in the rear! The unity of anti-fascist forces is the key to our common victory

June 24: The whole world is closely following the events unfolding in connection with the actions of Yevgeny Prigozhin and part of the Wagner private military company.

The long conflict that existed between Yevgeny Prigozhin and Russian Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu has grown into a stage that threatens the entire state.

Yevgeny Prigozhin has previously attracted sympathy for his sharp criticism of the plagues of oligarchic capitalism, corruption, as well as individual failures and erroneous decisions during the special military operation. However, with the development of the confrontation with the military leadership of the Russian Federation, this criticism began to acquire an exaggerated character, and the motives of a personal confrontation with Sergei Shoigu began to come to the fore, and not criticism of the socio-economic situation and military organization.

The situation when a private, non-state-controlled organization, in fact, a private army, has become an important factor of power, is in itself unhealthy. As a result, regardless of possible subjective intentions, Prigozhin actually started an armed rebellion by a private person against the state.

We, as critics of the capitalist sys-

tem, could not previously disagree with many of the critical speeches of Yevgeny Prigozhin. Also, the steadfastness and courage of the Wagner PMC fighters in the confrontation with the fascist regime of Ukraine could not but arouse sympathy. But having embarked on an adventurous action, moving the armed confrontation deep into Russia, Yevgeny Prigozhin threatened the front, which the Kiev regime and its masters in the West will definitely take advantage of.

The situation is developing rapidly, and we hope that all sides of the confrontation will show prudence and prevent bloodshed tens of kilometers from the front line. We are convinced that the country’s top leadership is capable of finding a way out of this dangerous situation. Conclusions must be drawn on the fight against the vices of the state and social system, inherited from the 1990s, but preserved even in the conditions of the special military operation.

We address the soldiers and officers fighting at the front: Comrades! We are few, but we are among you. We are aware of the difficulties that arose and are arising in the process of organizing military operations, mistakes and injustices, part of the responsibility for which, of course, lies with the military leadership. We

never called for hiding difficulties and varnishing reality to please the authorities. We experienced it just like you. But we are convinced that armed adventures will not lead to an improvement in the system, but can only lead to our common defeat.

We hope that the fighters of PMC “Wagner,” who supported their commander, will look at the situation with a cool head and realize that this path leads nowhere. Similar situations have already happened in history — the rebellion of the Left Socialist-Revolutionary Party, the speech of M.A. Muravyov in 1918, the rebellion of Nestor Makhno, who refused to join the united Red Army, the Kronstadt uprising, the rebellion of the anarchists of Catalonia during the Spanish Civil War. Regardless of the intentions, sometimes honest and idealistic, such actions have always fallen into the hands of the darkest forces.

Now it is important to end the armed conflict inside the country as soon as possible, to unite efforts in the fight against the Kiev regime and NATO imperialism. In the conditions of confrontation with imperialism, internal contradictions must be resolved in a peaceful democratic way, on the basis of a broad public discussion with the participation of the people, and not by conspiracies from above and personal adventures.

Long live unity and solidarity!

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Why Europe, U.S., China and Russia are not the same for Latin America

By Lucy Pagoada Quesada

For some time, I have been listening to a sector, supposedly on the left, say that they do not want European, U.S., Chinese, or Russian empires.

And, to this, I reply that I don't see the relationship between the four of them. We Latin Americans have a very well-documented history of colonization, exploitation, and occupation with Europeans and North Americans, but not with China and Russia.

It was not the Russians or the Chinese who invaded the continent and began the colonization process from 1492 that produced one of the largest genocides of Indigenous peoples in history, but rather the Europeans: Spanish, English, French, Portuguese and others who also joined in the distribution of the spoils.

It was not the Chinese or the Russians, but rather the European colonizers who, starting in the 1600s, established the transatlantic triangle of the slave trade between Africa, Europe and the Americas, through which millions of Black Africans were hunted and transported to our continent in chains, subhuman conditions and true savagery, to sell them as recyclable products throughout our continent.

It was not the Chinese or the Russians who, in 1823, established the Monroe Doctrine, which states that the U.S. will not allow any occupation of American territory by Europeans after its independence and that America is for the Americans; but what it really means is that Latin America and the Caribbean are the backyard of the North Americans and belongs to them by the grace of Manifest Destiny, which is an extension of the Monroe Doctrine.

It wasn't the Russians or the Chinese who stole half of Mexican territory. It was the U.S.

It was not the Russians or the Chinese who destroyed and economically seized Haiti, but rather the Europeans and the North Americans, since they have never forgiven that dignified country for having been the first Republic of Black slaves to become independent from a powerful empire like the French.

It was not the Russians or the Chinese who imposed the economic, diplomatic, and genocidal blockade against the socialist people of Cuba since 1960.

It was not the Russians or the Chinese who turned our countries into banana republics and who overthrew popular and socialist governments, such as that of President Jacobo Árbenz in Guatemala in 1954.

It was not the Russians or the Chinese who implemented Plan Condor in South America, which left more than 30,000 missing, nor was it the KGB that assassinated President Salvador Allende, but rather the CIA.

It was not the Russians or the Chinese who implemented the Contra plan in Central America to put an end to the Sandinista and FMLN revolution.

It was not the Russians or the Chinese who imposed on us the School of the Americas that trained the worst military dictators in history, such as

Pinochet, Trujillo, Ríos Montt, and the Honduran coup general.

It is not the Russians or the Chinese who have more than 800 military bases around the world. They do not participate in NATO. Nor are they the ones who control the Southern Command.

Neither the Chinese nor the Russians imposed on us the Soto Cano or Palmerola air bases in Honduras, which are the largest in Central America, as well as 12 additional military bases scattered throughout the country.

It is not the Russians or the Chinese who practice the doctrine of the stick, who remove constitutionally elected presidents at their convenience and impose dictatorships on us at will to steal the land and natural resources such as gold, silver, oil, lithium, gas, etc.

It is not the Russians or the Chinese who impose unilateral, coercive, and illegal economic measures, also known as economic sanctions, on sovereign countries and those

June 28 marks the 14th anniversary of the right-wing coup against President Manuel Zelaya in Honduras. The Obama administration and then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton conspired with the coup makers and backed their violent takeover.



that resist, such as Venezuela, Nicaragua, and other countries of the world.

It is not the socialist system of the Chinese, and it was not the socialist system of the USSR that turned us into exploited and impoverished countries. Rather it was the capitalist, imperialist, colonialist, and neoliberal system of privatization that favors banks, private companies, transnationals and capital over human beings, their basic needs and nature.

So when you hear someone who calls himself a leftist say nonsense like in Latin America we don't want empires, neither Europeans, nor North Americans, nor Russians nor

Chinese, please send them to review the history and foreign policy of Europe and the United States in our continent and also the foreign policy of Russia and China with Latin America so they can see the difference.

It is time for that part of the left that repeats the media propaganda of the right to learn its history so that it stops playing the enemy's game.

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sieron el entrenamiento militar de la escuela de las Américas que formó a los peores dictadores militares de la historia como Pinochet, Trujillo, Ríos Montt y el general robacarros y golpista hondureño.

No son los rusos ni los chinos que tienen más de 800 bases militares en el mundo. Ni los que conforman la OTAN. Tampoco son ellos los que controlan el Comando Sur. Ni son los chinos ni los rusos que nos impusieron en Honduras la Base aérea Soto Cano o Palmerola que es la más grande de Centro America además de 12 bases militares adicionales dispersas por el país.

No son los rusos ni los chinos que practican la doctrina del garrote, ponen y quitan presidentes con-

stitucionalmente electos a su conveniencia y nos imponen dictaduras y narco dictaduras a su antojo para robarse la tierra y los recursos naturales como el oro, la plata, el petróleo, el litio, el gas etc.

No son los rusos ni los chinos los que le imponen medidas unilaterales, económicas coersitivas e ilegales, conocidas también sanciones económicas a países soberanos y que resisten como Venezuela, Nicaragua y otros países del mundo.

No es el sistema Comunista de los Chinos y no fue el sistema socialista de la USSR que nos convirtió en países explotados y empobrecidos si no que es el sistema capitalista, imperial, colonialista y neoliberal de privatización que favorece a los bancos, la empresa privada, las transnacionales y el capital sobre

los seres humanos, sus necesidades básicas y la naturaleza.

Así que cuando usted escuche a alguien que se denomina de izquierda decir pavadas como que en Latinoamérica no queremos imperios, ni europeos, ni norteamericanos, ni rusos ni chinos, por favor mándelo a revisar la historia y la política exterior de Europa y Estados Unidos en nuestro continente y también mándelo a que revise la política exterior de Rusia y China con Latinoamérica para que vean la diferencia.

Ya es tiempo que esa parte de la izquierda que repite la propaganda mediática de la derecha, aprenda su historia para que deje de hacerle el juego al enemigo.

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Puerto Rican organizations testify before UN Decolonization Committee

By Berta Joubert-Ceci

This past week, the UN Decolonization Committee held a hearing on what has been called the Puerto Rico case on Puerto Rico's inalienable right to self-determination and independence.

Since the UN passed Resolution 1514 (XV) in 1960 for the eradication of colonies, recognizing independence as a fundamental human right, and in accordance with the UN Charter, 41 hearings have already been held on our case.

Recall that the U.S. disguised the colonial state of PR by naming it a Commonwealth in 1952 so as not to have to report to the United Nations.

But this farce was unmasked in 2016 when the U.S. Supreme Court concluded, in a double exposure case, that it is the U.S. Congress who rules in PR. Since then, in PR, it is no longer only independence that speaks of colony.

Over 60 organizations from PR and its diaspora read papers opposing the colonial state. Even annexationist representatives who stubbornly remain lackeys of the U.S. government and think that integration into the U.S. would give PR sovereignty.

However, the pro-independence presentations were clear and forceful in illustrating the urgent need for self-determination and independence because, through the Fiscal

Control Board and the privatization of essential services, an unsustainable intensification of colonial power is taking place that is destroying the Puerto Rican population.

Cuba, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Russia, Syria, and Venezuela were the proponents of the resolution which was supported by the CELAC countries and the Non-Aligned Movement.

It remains for the UN to decide to take this claim to the General Assembly once and for all and not to leave it as a simple oratory exercise every June.

Translation: Resumen



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

Organizaciones boricuas deponen ante el Comité de Descolonización en la ONU



Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

Esta semana pasada, el Comité de Descolonización de la ONU celebró la vista sobre lo que se ha llamado el caso de Puerto Rico, sobre el derecho inalienable de Puerto Rico a la libre determinación e independencia.

Desde que la ONU aprobó la Resolución 1514 (XV) en el 1960 para la erradicación de las colonias, reconociendo la independencia como un derecho humano fundamental y acorde con la Carta de la ONU, se han celebrado ya 41 vistas sobre el caso nuestro.

Recordemos que EUA disfrazó el estado colonial de PR poniéndole el nombre de Estado Libre Asociado en el 1952 para no tener que rendir informes a las Naciones Unidas. Pero esta farsa fue desenmascarada en el 2016 cuando el Tribunal Supremo estadounidense concluyó en un caso de doble exposición, que es el Congreso de EUA quien impera en PR. Desde entonces, en PR ya no es solo el independentismo quien habla de colonia.

Sobre 60 organizaciones de PR y su diáspora leyeron ponencias oponiéndose al estado colonial. Hasta representantes anexionistas que obstinadamente siguen lacayos del gobierno yanqui y piensan que la integración a los EUA daría soberanía a PR.

Sin embargo, las presentaciones independentistas fueron claras y contundentes ilustrando la necesidad urgente de autodeterminación e independencia porque a través de la Junta de Control Fiscal y las privatizaciones de los servicios esenciales se está llevando a cabo una insostenible intensificación del poder colonial que está destruyendo a la población boricua.

Cuba, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Rusia, Siria y Venezuela fueron los proponentes de la resolución que fue respaldada por los países de la CELAC y el Movimiento de los Países no Alineados.

Queda que la ONU se decida a llevar de una vez por todas este reclamo a la Asamblea General y que no quede como un simple ejercicio de oratoria cada junio. 🇵🇷



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Rechazo al aumento del costo de energía

Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

Esta pasada semana en Puerto Rico, el tema más importante, por ser crucial para el desarrollo económico del país y para la calidad de vida del pueblo, ha sido la energía.

Y es que coincidieron tres sucesos en ese sector tan importante: uno fue lo relativo a la deuda de la Autoridad de Energía, el segundo la privatización de la generación, y tercero, la marcha de pueblo en contra de los aumentos.

Recordemos que Puerto Rico está sometido a una Junta de Control Fiscal impuesta por el Congreso estadounidense, para obligar al pueblo a pagar una deuda ilegítima de más de \$70 mil millones. Parte de esa deuda, \$9 mil millones, es de la AEE donde administradores corruptos de-

spilfarraron hasta los fondos de pensiones de los trabajadores.

Ahora se requiere un Ajuste de la deuda para esclarecer lo que se le pagará a los bonistas. Pero al igual que en la deuda argentina de años atrás, la Junta, que supuestamente representa al gobierno boricua, pero que realmente es quien defiende los intereses de los bonistas buitres, quiere que se le pague muy por encima del valor original de los bonos, por lo que intentan aumentar el costo de la luz, haciéndola impagable para el pueblo.

El segundo hecho es la privatización de la generación a manos de GeneraPR el 1ro de julio. Sin experiencia en generación ni suficientes trabajadores, y con un contrato leonino que nos recuerda el firmado con Luma Energy a cargo de distribución y transmisión, se inicia esta etapa de

total desastre en el sector energético.

El sindicato Utier incluso puso una demanda en el tribunal de bancarrota para que se invalidara este contrato por ir en contra de la ley de Monopolio de PR, pero la jueza descalificó al sindicato aduciendo que "no tienen legitimación" para objetar el contrato.

Mientras, el pueblo sufre de constantes apagones por el servicio tan deficiente de Luma, lo que se verá agravado con un deficiente servicio de generación. Por eso, el pasado miércoles, pese a intensas lluvias en la isla, cientos de personas, incluyendo organizaciones de comerciantes que al principio favorecían la privatización, bajo la consigna de El pueblo contra los aumentos, marcharon al palacio del gobernador Pierluisi para rechazar esta alza en el costo de la energía. 🇵🇷

Latinoamerica: Europa, EE.UU, China y Rusia, ni es lo mismo, ni es igual

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Desde hace un tiempo vengo escuchando a un sector supuestamente de la izquierda decir que no quieren imperios europeos, estadounidenses, chinos ni rusos.

Y, a ello yo le respondo que no veo la relación entre los cuatro. Ya que nosotros los latinoamericanos tenemos una historia de colonización, explotación y ocupación muy bien documentada con los europeos y los norteamericanos pero no así con China y Rusia.

No fueron los rusos ni los chinos que invadieron el continente y comenzaron el proceso de colonización a partir de 1492 que produjo uno de los mayores genocidios de pueblos originarios de nuestra historia, si no que fueron los europeos: Españoles, ingleses, franceses, portugueses y otros que también se unieron a la repartición de la piñata.

No fueron los chinos ni los rusos si no que fueron los colonizadores europeos que a partir de los años 1600's establecieron el triángulo transatlántico de tráfico de esclavos; África, Europa y América y a través del cual inició la cacería de africanos negros y por millones los transportaron a nuestro continente encadenados y en condiciones inhumanas y de verdadero salvajismo para venderlos como productos reciclables a lo largo y ancho de nuestro continente.

No fueron los chinos ni los rusos que en 1823 establecieron la Doctrina Monroe que declara que

EE.UU no permitirá ninguna ocupación del territorio americano por parte de los europeos luego de su independencia y que América es para los americanos pero realmente lo que significa es que Latinoamérica y El Caribe son el patio trasero de los norteamericanos y que les pertenece por obra y gracia del Destino Manifiesto que es una extensión de la Doctrina Monroe.

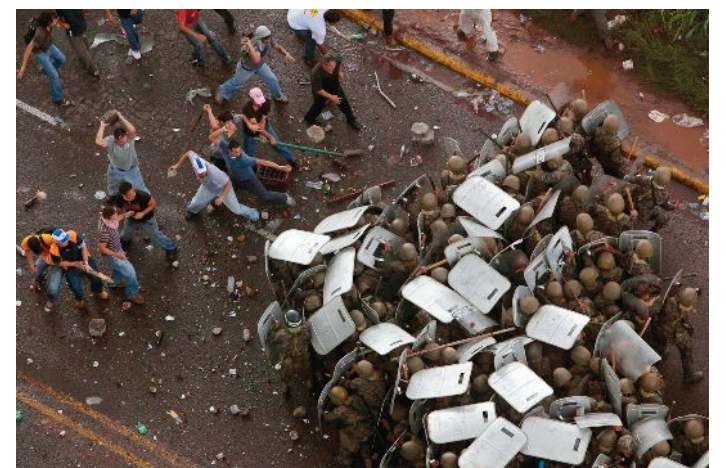
No fueron los rusos ni los chinos que se robaron la mitad del territorio mexicano, si no que fue EE.UU.

No fueron los rusos ni los chinos que destruyeron y embargaron económicamente a Haití si no los europeos y los norteamericanos, ya que jamás le han perdonado a ese digno país haber sido la primera República de esclavos negros que se independizó de un imperio poderoso como el francés.

No fueron los rusos ni los chinos que impusieron el bloqueo económico, diplomático y genocida contra el pueblo socialista de Cuba desde 1960.

No fueron los rusos ni los chinos que convirtieron a nuestros países en Repúblicas bananeras y los que defenestraron a gobiernos populares y socialistas como el del presidente Jacobo Arbens en Guatemala en 1952.

No fueron los rusos ni los chinos que implementaron el plan Cóndor en Sur América y que dejó un saldo de más de



El 28 de junio marca el 14 aniversario del golpe de estado de la derecha contra el presidente Manuel Zelaya en Honduras. La administración Obama y la entonces Secretaria de Estado Hillary Clinton conspiraron con los golpistas y respaldaron su toma violenta del poder.

30,000 desaparecidos, ni fue la KGB que asesino al presidente Salvador Allende si no la CIA.

No fueron los rusos ni los chinos que implementaron el plan Contras en Centro América para acabar con la revolución Sandinista y del FMLN.

No fueron los rusos ni los chinos que nos impu-

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