More horrors are being exposed daily by the corporate-owned news media regarding the criminal water poisoning of Flint, Mich., residents. Up until now the media have gone along with Republican Gov. Rick Snyder’s racist, reactionary program.

The New York Times, an important voice of the liberal bourgeoisie, especially in an election year, published two editorials on Flint. The first on Jan. 22 was headlined "Depraved Indifference Toward Flint," followed by the command on Jan. 24: “Fix Flint’s Water System, Now.”

The Times editorial board chose their words carefully. “Depraved indifference” is not just extreme indifference to human suffering or a psychopathic lack of empathy. It is also a legal term which—if allowed to be applied to Snyder and his lackeys—would remove from government immunity possible criminal charges of gross negligence and manslaughter.

Many people in and outside of Flint are calling for Snyder’s resignation and arrest. The Democratic Party and liberal media, such as MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow, have put the sole blame for this mass health and humanitarian crisis on Snyder and his administration. They knew about the lead for over two years, yet ignored Flint residents’ pleas concerning their water.

Of course, all people and organizations of good conscience rightly should condemn every act by all those involved in the state’s racist, anti-poor inaction and indifference toward the majority-Black city of Flint.

Every single person responsible should be held criminally accountable. Every demand made by Flint residents should be met. The criminal banks and General Motors must pay reparations to the community for the life-altering health and other damages that families and individuals are facing.

The impoverished African-American community bears the brunt of Flint’s water genocide. So do the Latino/a and other oppressed communities, along with poor whites. Thousands of children, many facing permanent brain damage, and their families face a lifetime medical and social crisis.

The lead poisoning of the city’s water and its people is being condemned worldwide as a crime against humanity. “Flint” has become synonymous with what a capitalist government will allow that irreparably harms its own people. But why?

How could this happen?

Because of the moral turpitude of racist, reactionary Republicans? Because they are evil politicians who care nothing for the people they serve? That is probably very true, but that is not what caused the Flint water crisis.

Under alternating Republican and Democratic governors, cities in Michigan have been in economic decline for almost 40 years. Since the auto industry’s restructuring, which began in 1979 with Chrysler, and then GM’s massive downsizing in the 1980s, Michigan lost hundreds of thousands of auto jobs.

Flint, the former center of GM production and birthplace of the United Auto Workers union, was hit hard. GM shut most of its Flint plants from 1986 to 1988 and destroyed the city’s economic base. Workers World Party members organized a campaign then, demanding that Democratic Gov. James Blanchard declare both a state of emergency and a moratorium on plant closings. We organized a large rally at Harris Auditorium and a national conference on plant closings at the UAW home local of the Flint sit-down strikes. Activists invaded the National Governors Association meeting.
Planned Parenthood vindicated

Makers of fraudulent videos indicted

By Sue Davis

In a dramatic turnaround, two of the right-wingers who created a fraudulent series of videos designed to discredit and ultimately destroy Planned Parenthood, the largest nonprofit health care provider for poor people of color, have been indicted.

The charges grew out of a two-month investigation of Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast by a Houston grand jury, which determined if Planned Parenthood had engaged in the illegal sale of fetal tissue for profit. That is what the deceptively edited videos created by the so-called Center for Medical Progress attempted to show when they were released last July.

Once it became obvious to the grand jury that Planned Parenthood was blameless, the evidence revealed that the right-wing group CMP had engaged in many illegal practices — including falsely presenting CMP as a biological research group, registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity in order to receive unlimited, anonymous donations. Rather, it is a front group for an anti-abortion sting operation.

Two CMP videojournalists, David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt, were charged with second-degree felonies, which carry a 20-year sentence in Texas, for tampering with government records — creating phony driver’s licenses in order to gain access to Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast and interview providers there. Daleiden was also charged with trying to procure human fetal tissue for pay.

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Operation Rescue, one of the most vocal, reactionary anti-choice groups with ties to white-supremacist, racist, right-wing groups, worked “in consultation with” CMP on the videos. Troy Newman, OR president and board member of CMP — who “retired” after the indictments — defended Paul Hill, who was convicted of murder in the 1994 killing of Dr. John Britton and James Barrett outside a Pensacola, Fla., abortion clinic. OR said such murders are “justifiable” to protect the unborn. Newman advocates and practices terrorism in many forms, includ- ing blowing up, harassing and intimidating clinic workers, patients and escorts.

Cheryl Sullivan, OR senior policy advisor, served time for attempting to bomb a clinic in San Diego and aided Scott Roeder, who killed abortion provider Dr. George Tiller in his church in Wichita, Kan., in 2009.

The most alarming aspect of the fraudulent videos is that many right-wing legislators in Congress and various states, as well as reactionary presidential candidates, lauded the videos and promoted a national campaign to defund Planned Parenthood. That would endanger basic health care delivery for millions of poor and working women, disproportionately women of color, immigrants, homeless women, young women, victims of domestic viol- ence and terrorism, women living in rural areas, and women with disabilities.

Planned Parenthood was also subjected to terrorism, including several instances of arson and three murders at a clinic in Colorado Springs, Colo., a series of insulating Congressional hearings; and investigations in a dozen states, which produced no charges.

On Jan. 15, Planned Parenthood filed a lawsuit in San Francisco federal district court against the CMP, alleging that the group, by setting up a fake tissue procurement company and using fake identities to set up private meet- ings with providers, engaged in wire and mail fraud violation, unlawfully invaded Planned Parenthood’s privacy, and engaged in illegal secret recording and trespassing.

While legal, safe abortion has been the law of the land for the past 43 years, all women’s rights to exercise control over their own bodies is far from guaranteed. This spring the Supreme Court is hearing the first case about abort- ion rights in 25 years. The struggle for reproductive jus- tice continues.

Kathy Dunkin contributed to this article.
By Carl Lewis

On Sept. 19, 1981, the AFL-CIO, under pressure from the rank and file as well as union locals throughout the country, organized a Solidarity Day March in Washington, D.C., that drew over half a million people. It was the first national demonstration organized by labor in decades, and America was changed forever.

The events leading up to this march were both historic and important. The event that led up to the march was the strike, beginning Aug. 3 of that year, of 15,000 air traffic controllers, members of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, who walked out and struck against the Federal Aviation Administration.

Higher wages were not the central issue in the PATCO strike. The main issues were underworking, which also impacted on the safety of commercial airline travelers, forced overtime and stress-related illnesses, both physical and emotional, that had forced many controllers into either early retirement or long absences from work.

The response of the Ronald Reagan administration was swift and brutal. Reagan warned the workers that if they did not return to work within two days, he would invoke the anti-TAFT-Hartley Act and term all the workers. There were to be no negotiations to end the strike, but only total surrender to all the demands of the government. The strikers rejected this extortion, and 12,000 workers stood fast and remained on the picket line. They participated in mass civil disobedience, which led to dozens of arrests and imprisonment.

AFL-CIO failed to act

Sadly, despite the outpouring of working-class support for the strike action to defy the ruling class, reflected in the Solidarity march a month later, the AFL-CIO leadership became both hesitant and frightened. It put a brake on calls for a general strike, as well as any further broadening of direct action called by other unions.

In the event, the AFL-CIO told other unions representing the airline industry to return to work and ignore PATCO picket lines. The results, clearly seen within a year, were disastrous and foreboding. Isolated by the lack of a proactive stance by the AFL-CIO, PATCO was outlawed by the courts and the Reagan administration. Active members were blacklisted and marked against further employment that had anything to do with the profession they had served.

This also gave the green light for the ruling class to open up a barrage of attacks against the labor movement. Inter estingly, the milepost for the capitalist-class strategy, the Wall Street Journal, stated just as much in an Aug. 6, 1981, editorial, saying Reagan should break the strike and start all sorts of far-reaching reasons that have absolutely nothing to do with relations between the Federal Aviation Administration and PATCO. It added that “more important are the commitments to rebuild military strength, to restore the dollar to soundness, to cut taxes [on the wealthy, of course] and regulations, to resist Soviet imperialism [sic], and to curb the wild ascent of federal spending.” So there you have it. The die was cast and the script was written for defeats in other labor struggles throughout the 1980s and early 1990s. Notable were the Hormel Meat and Commercial Workers who defeated the United Food and Commercial Workers re fused to support Local P-9 in its struggle against a 21 percent wage cut; the defeat of Phelps Dodge copper miners in Arizona, where after a three-year struggle the corporate giant carried out the largest decertification in U.S. labor history, decertifying 35 locals in 13 different unions, an act that was declared legal by the National Labor Relations Board; and the defeat of the Greyhound bus drivers, represented by the Amalgamated Transit Union, when 12,000 workers walked off the job, as well as many other labor struggles where the ruling class was emboldened by the defeat of PATCO.

Boston bus drivers and social unionism

The systemic root causes of the crisis in labor result from a number of factors, chief among them total reliance and dependence on the Democratic Party, which is the model of “business unionism,” as opposed to social unionism, which takes a holistic approach to what unions should look like, i.e., mobilizing the constituent base, nonconcessional bargaining, the fight against globalization of capital, international solidarity with other workers, especially in developing countries, and an anti-capitalist framework for struggle.

The AFL-CIO has a blind spot when it comes to the Democratic Party and its bipartisan unity with the Republican Party and the ruling class on deregulation of the economy, cutbacks in social services and the privatization of jobs in the public sector, as well as the increasing ability of capitalism toourse industrial as well as high-tech jobs. Most important are both parties’ alliance with the ruling class on wars and imperialism and their promoting the idea that the working class has a common interest with its employer. An exemplary model of social unionism, on the other hand, can be seen in the recent victory of the school bus drivers in Boston. In 2013, Veolia Transportation, now known as Transdev, contracted with the city of Boston to run the school buses. It soon started violating central provisions of the union contract of Local 8751 of the United Steelworkers of America. The modus operandi of the company was to break the union.

When the union leadership was false ly accused of instigating a wildcat strike, Transdev fired four officers of the local. However, if Transdev had done its re search it would have found that Local 8751 was not your typical union. The union won its first contract in 1978 and has fought against the attempt to resegregate the schools. It has also built a rock-solid relationship with the parents of the children, as well as community groups. Some 98 percent of the local’s 900 members are people of color: Haitian, African-American, Latina/o and Cape Verdean.

The local has been involved with the anti-war movement, the struggle against racism and support for Palestine, as well as demonstrating for LGBTQ rights. This past Dec. 23, members not only ratified a four-year contract, with back pay, but also won back the four fired union officers, who had faced red-baiting because some are members and leaders of Work ers World Party.

This is not only a victory of the school bus drivers and their union but a victory and a model for all unions and the working class in general. Progressives and the left need to start from this bottom up in supporting and mobilizing unions, and using class struggle unionism as a model.

Walmart strikers win at NLRB

By Chris Fry

Years of workers’ struggle against Walmart’s bosses led Jan. 21 to a Na tional Labor Relations Board ruling that Walmart must offer to reinstate 16 fired workers who joined the “Ride for Respect” set of strikes in 2013. Those strikes culminated in a large protest at the company headquarters in Arkansas organized by the union-support group, “OUR Walmart.”

The judge also ruled that Walmart must offer to workers all their back wages, and that the company must hold meetings in 24 of its stores “to inform workers of their rights under U.S. labor law.” (reuters.com, Jan. 22)

Of course, corporate executives for Walmart, owned by the Walton family with a net worth of over $170 billion, have no interest in appealing this ruling. All workers should be aware that the NLRB has far too often reversed its own rulings that aid workers. It was the struggle of the brave Walmart workers and indeed all the low-pay workers fighting for $15 an hour that set up this victory and will be essential to sustain it.

Jess Levin, spokesperson for the union locals throughout the country, organized by the union-support group, “OUR Walmart.”

Lawyers from the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, which has been supporting Walmart workers in their campaign for better pay, better working conditions and a union, are representing these workers.

Walmart is infamous for its low pay and bad working conditions. Many of its workers must supplement their pay with food stamps. One Walmart store went so far as to organize a canned food drive, asking Walmart customers to donate food to its workers, rather than pay them enough for them to be able to buy food themselves.

Tenants' rally confronts realtors

By Anne Pruden

New York City

A large multinationa protest chant ed while mostly white men — “suits” — en tered the New York Hilton Jan. 21 for a realtors’ event. The Real Estate Board of New York’s 120th annual banquet began with a $1,100-a-plate dinner and fea tured New York Mayor Bill de Blasio as guest speaker.

“A statement distributed by the City wide Alliance Against Displacement tells of whole communities being evicted and destroyed, small businesses losing their livelihood and working-class families losing their grocery stores: ‘We denounce the underhanded deals between developers and NYC elected officials who receive large campaign contributions from them. We reject Mayor de Blasio’s zoning plan for NYC that promotes luxury development, ... displacing more people of color and working families, and eliminating more affordable units than it claims to do. We call on all New Yorkers to join in a grass-roots alliance to stop Mayor de Blasio’s developer-led zoning plans.’”

The protest demands called for protection against displacement. Unity was strong and expressed in three languages. For more information on follow-up plans, visit NYNolnorsale@gmail.com.

Tenants’ rally confronts realtors By Anne Pruden
Supreme Court case threatens unions

By Jeremy Baumann

A current Supreme Court case will determine whether or not unions can continue to collect fair share fees — the dues nonmembers pay in exchange for collective bargaining benefits.

The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments regarding Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association on Jan. 11. A ruling is expected no later than June 30, the end of the court’s current term.

The case started when Rebecca Friedrichs, an anti-union kindergarten teacher from Orange County, Calif., and nine other teachers filed a suit against the CTA, an affiliate of the National Education Association, on April 29, 2013. The plaintiffs are represented by the viciously right-wing Center for Individual Rights and the bigoted Christian Educators Association.

CEA’s sole purpose is to raid members from the two national teachers’ unions — NEA and the American Federation of Teachers — with the goal of breaking them. Propaganda used by CEA against NEA and AFT has little to do with collective bargaining to which workers are entitled and a lot to do with the unfairness of agency-shop fees, which permit unions in states that allow public sector collective bargaining to receive contractual benefits through union representation. Union dues are used to generate resources, communication and representative services.

On the date of the hearing, people rallied outside the Supreme Court on both sides of the class picket line. “This is a people’s court,” stated AFSCME member and supporter Maya Walker. “I worry that with the wrong decision in Friedrichs, I will not be able to advocate for my students.” (neatoday.org, Jan. 12)

National wave to bust our unions

In 2011, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and some reactionary legislators started rolling back union rights by passing Act 10, which cut collective bargaining rights for public sector workers, as of June of that year. The governor signed a so-called right-to-work (for-less) bill, which prevents unions from requiring all workers to pay dues. Since then unions in Wisconsin, particularly in the public sector, have lost more than 50 percent of their membership. As anyone who has ever been in a union knows, a loss of numbers weakens union power. The undermining of public sector unions has been especially damaging to the most oppressed workers: women of color.

Currently, there are 21 fair share fee states and 23 so-called right-to-work states. Since 2011 in Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana, and the U.S. Supreme Court in Act 10, there has been a steady migration of workers from fair share states to right-to-work states. A bill that was introduced last year and could possibly be reintroduced this year would eliminate the “payroll unionization” status for two other states: Ohio and Michigan. Since all workers in a fair share shop receive contractual benefits through union representation, union dues are used to generate resources, communication and representative services.

While the Supreme Court efforts to bust public sector unions may currently be limited to Wisconsin, the Wisconsin pattern is a national trend. A current Supreme Court case will determine whether or not unions can continue to collect fair share fees — the dues nonmembers pay in exchange for collective bargaining benefits.

For more information on these books and others written by the author, Fred Goldstein, go to LowWageCapitalism.com

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Flint water crisis grows

State, GM give no assistance

By Martha Grevatt
Detroit

As its two-year anniversary approaches, the Flint Water Scandal keeps growing. In April 2014 Flint dropped the Detroiter by cutting off its primary water supplier and started drawing water from the Flint River, a decision made months earlier. The excuse for the switch — to reduce costs and avoid the 42 percent fee charge of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department — is widely believed to be the real reason behind the decision. The state has come up with the paltry sum of $60,000, state officials refused to privatize city services, and take other actions that might result in the state paying for the long-term health care and education problems caused by the crisis. The state has been silent in offering aid — even while millions of dollars have been collected to help Flint and other cities across the U.S. and beyond.

Activists are planning a demonstration outside General Motors world headquarters in downtown Detroit to demand that the company, which has been silent in offering aid, give more to rebuild Flint’s infrastructure. Flint residents produce state IDs. People are snatching paper towels out of the stores if they can afford to pay for them. A parent’s skin is covered with leash marks — or have their service water cut off if they are unable to pay for it. People are snatching paper towels out of the stores if they can afford to pay for them. A parent’s skin is covered with leash marks.

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February is designated as Black History Month. It is a reminder that Black lives do matter, have always mattered and we must continue to make it matter. It places focus on all persons of African descent throughout the African Diaspora, celebrating their survival, against all odds, of brutalities and inhuman acts experienced by them, and also those who have been targets of racial hatred and violence for centuries, and have endured the permanence of racism.

The truth is that without Black History there would be no world history. Black History is not only a history of resistance and struggle. It is also a history that reveals that European culture and capitalism were shaped by it from very inception. Consider the African culture’s influence in math, science, art and astronomy.

Black history exposes a truth about humanity’s journey to the present. There is an inseparable link between the history and struggles of African peoples, enslaved, free, and the evolution of both U.S. and world histories and civilizations. Black people are in and of Africa, the Americas and the Caribbean. Blacks have experienced the horrors of chattel slavery and now wage slavery, producing profits with their bodies, brains and their wombs, which drive international economies worldwide. The de-struction of capitalism is crucial to the destruction of racism.

History books in a white supremacist cultural erasure and distort Black history. African-American historian, educator and author Dr. Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950), the initiator of Black History Week in the early part of the 20th century, used the week as a political and psychological weapon to counter the blatant racism that Black people encountered in their daily lives. The week has been expanded to a month. Woodson is referred to as “The Father of Black History Month.”

Today’s nationwide Black History Month has the same purpose as Woodson’s: because blatant racism still prevails. In 1933, Woodson wrote the best-seller book, “The Mis-education of the Negro.” Woodson went on to address Western philosophical and ethical indoctrinations within their educational systems, from kindergarten to the university, particularly as they relate to mis-conceptions, brainwashing and justification of oppression of the “Negro” race. African-American historian and scholar Dr. Henrik Clarke (1915-1998) is quoted as saying: “History is a clock that people use to tell their political and cultural time of day. A compass they use to find themselves on the human map of geography. It tells a people where they have been and what they’ve been. But more importantly, what must they be, where they still must go and what they still must become. It is essential: a road map for living. If they don’t know their histo-ry, they can’t chart their future.”

Knowledge and understanding of Black history rejuvenates those who are weary of the struggle to be free, and rejuvenates organizing and institution building. It celebrates and honors the ances-tors’ unrelenting quest for liberation and self-determination.

Despite it all, African descendants say: “Still we rise! We shall overcome! We’re still here! Lest we forget!”

Black History Month

The heroic Black Lives Matter movement is the latest chapter in the centuries-long struggle to end the brutal, genocidal history of racism, starting with slavery, that permeates every aspect of U.S. life. How-ever, that continuing history of repression and criminal exploitation is not common knowledge today.

That’s why Workers World News has a big deal of Black History Month, as we com-memorate the many sacrifices and valiant struggles of African Americans from slavery to the present day to eradicate institutional racism, root and branch, in this country.

But, as you know from reading this newspaper, Workers World doesn’t just cover the Black struggle one month a year. We write about it in depth all year.
Claudette Colvin Catalyst for 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

Many people think of Rosa Parks when they celebrate the victory of the 1955-1956 Montgomery bus boycott that ended segregation in U.S. public transportation.

But before Rosa Parks, there was a 15-year-old African American, Claudette Colvin, who on March 2, 1955, refused to give up her seat on a city bus to a white rider. With her fierce and militant action, she was the first person to commit civil disobedience in the boycott struggle. As one local organizer commented at the time, Claudette “brought the revolution to Montgomery.”

Colvin was on her way to Booker T. Washington High School that morning. School studies during February had concentrated on the U.S. Constitution and she was thinking over these lessons when a white rider boarded. No seats were available in front of her and other Black riders. Jim Crow law demanded that whites never sit behind African-American riders.

The bus driver yelled at Colvin to move toward “the back of the bus.” She decided, “I wasn’t gonna take it anymore,” and refused. As white cops were dragging her by her arms off the bus and handcuffing her, she answered none of their questions but chanted over and over, “It’s my Constitutional right!”

The cops charged her with violation of the state segregation laws, disturbing the peace and “assaulting an officer” — though she had been nonresisting.

In later interviews, she made clear that her anger and will to resist had been building since her first memory of racism, at four years old. She was radicalized at 13, when a 16-year-old schoolmate, Jeremiah Reeves, was tried and falsely convicted of raping a white woman.

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Protesters demand answers in police shooting

By Erica Mines, Matty Stardust and Rufus Farmer

Chester, Pa.

Five people were arrested on Jan. 29 after 25 protesters occupied the Chester, Pa., City Hall to demand answers about the shooting of Dontay Ivy.

McQueen’s story on the air, and Asa Khalif. Kirkland had to be restrained by his staff members and Khalif was told to leave the meeting, which he did.

When Khalif rejoined the other demonstrators in the lobby, he began to fill them in on the meeting upsurts. At this point, police detectives ordered everyone to vacate the building, saying they were trespassing on city property and would be arrested.

With little to no understanding of the exchange that had occurred upsurts, demonstrators began to ask why, after over an hour of peaceful assembly, was it now unlawful, and what was the state of the others still in the meeting with Kirkland. With a unified understanding of police brutality and to ensure no one was left behind in the hands of oppressive police, some in the lobby refused to leave without Delphine Matthews and the other meeting with the mayor.

Rather than answering their concerns, police arrested five demonstraters, who were released a short time later with citation offenses. It was later learned that Mayor Kirkland agreed to have the information requested by McQueen’s family released in a week.

As protesters gathered outside the city jail following the release of the five, several Chester residents expressed their support on learning what the action was about. Their solidarity was not surprising, given the demographics in Chester, where more than half of the 54,000 residents are African-American, most living in extreme poverty.

Chester, dotted with vacant lots and abandoned houses, resembles a mini-Detroit. Until very recently, Chester was a food desert with no supermarkets. The heavily indebted school system is being privatized. City government, dominated by four council members, seems completely detached from the people living in the impoverished communities surrounding City Hall. Kirkland, now mayor, still retains his position of 23 years as a representative in Pennsylvania’s General Assembly.

The authors of this article were among the five arrested.

‘Justice for Dontay Ivy!’ BLM disrupts mayor’s speech

By Chris Fry

Albany, N.Y.

More than 30 protesters packed the rotunda of the City Hall in Albany, N.Y., on Jan. 25 to demand justice for Dontay Ivy, a 39-year-old Black man who suffered from mental illness, was taken by police to two city hospitals, yet none was charged with the killing.

New York, interrupted Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan’s “State of the City” address. Protesters hung banners from the ceiling and the podium, one reading “Justice for Dontay” and the other “State of Denial.”

For 20 minutes, the crowd prevented Sheehan from speaking, chanting “No justice, no peace!” and “Fire those cops!”

Then the crowd filed out, singing “I can’t breathe,” a ballad inspired by the killing of Eric Garner at the hands of New York City police. (timesunion.com, Jan. 26)

They held their own “State of the City” rally outside the City Hall. (twcnews.com, Jan. 25)

They proclaimed that Albany is a place where a Black man is “guilty until proven innocent.”

“What I would like to hear is an acknowledgment that this is what happens and that we’re not making this stuff up,” said Sean Destree, cofounder of the newly announced upstate Black Lives Matter chapter. (twcnews.com, Jan. 25)
Imperialists put former Ivory Coast president on trial

By Abayomi Azikiwe
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Feb. 1 – The International Criminal Court (ICC) trial of former Ivory Coast President Laurent Gbagbo on Jan. 28 in the Netherlands. This takes place nearly five years after Gbagbo was overthrown by French paramilitaries. Washington backed the French intervention.

The imperialist states and their allies have committed egregious war crimes and crimes against humanity, such as the destruction of Iraq, Syria, Libya, Yemen, Sudan, etc. These crimes have displaced 60 million people, creating the greatest number of refugees and internal and external migrants since the end of World War II. Despite these crimes, none of the imperialist leaders has been investigated or prosecuted by the ICC.

From an historical perspective, out of all the former imperialist colonies, including the United States and many NATO countries, none has paid reparations to its former subjects. Nor have any been prosecuted for centuries-long crimes that reaped billions in profits and resulted in the deaths of hundreds of millions.

In 2010, Gbagbo challenged Paris’ move to install Alassane Ouattara, a former International Monetary Fund functionary and darling of imperialism, as head of the West African state. Ivory Coast is the world’s largest producer of cocoa and contains significant offshore gas resources.

Gbagbo was impeached and thrown out of office. With the help of the United Nations, he was co-opted into the French-imposed regime of Ouattara, who has been plundering the country and implementing French colonialist policies.

In 2011, the ICC opened a case charging Gbagbo and one of his ministers with crimes against humanity. The proceedings took place in the Netherlands.

The ICC is a creation of the imperialist states, including the United States, to protect and promote their own interests. No former imperialist states, including the United States, have ever been brought to justice by the ICC.

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Free Mohammed al-Qeeq!

Thanks to the Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network for the following report:

New York took to the streets on Jan. 22 and again on Jan. 29 to protest the complicity of the G4S corporation in Israel’s ongoing system of oppression against Palestinians, and to call for freedom for imprisoned Palestinian journalist Mohammed al-Qeeq. January 29 marked the 66th anniversary of the Nakba, a day of Palestinian crisis.

On the 66th Nakba, Mohammed al-Qeeq, a Palestinian father of four, was subjected to a manifest violation of his human rights. He was arrested by the Israeli occupation forces and has been on hunger strike for nearly a month now. Mohammed’s wife and children are also on hunger strike.

A press release stated the following:

Janet tells us that, before his hunger strike began, Mohammed was beaten brutally in the Israeli prisoner center where he was being held. Janet says that Mohammed was left with bruises and the marks of beatings on his face and body.

The G4S/BioWatch facility in Texas, which is responsible for testing for dangerous biological agents, is located in the same building that houses the offices of G4S.

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The G4S company, which is widely considered to be the world’s largest private security and guarding company, is a contractor of the U.S. government, including the U.S. military. The G4S corporation has a contract with the U.S. military to provide services at U.S. military bases around the world.

The G4S corporation has been involved in human rights abuses in many countries, including Israel, Palestine, and the United States.

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Bangladeshi solidarity with BLM

In solidarity and unity with the Black Lives Matter movement and immigrants under attack, the Bangladesh American Community Council held a town hall meeting in Parkchester, Bronx, on Jan. 31. The meeting followed the hospitalization of a prominent member of the community, who had been attacked by youths influenced by media demonization.

Based only on his appearance, they called him a “Bangladeshi man.”

The People’s Power Assembly, International Action Center, Why Accountability, Jamaica Federation of Labor, Pakistani Justice and Liberty, Pakistan USA Freedom Forum and Guyanese American Workers United participated and spoke, in solidarity with several religious leaders and community groups.

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Workers challenge France’s state of emergency

By G. Dunkel

France’s government, with the backing of the majority of the French ruling class, has used the reaction to two armed attacks in and around Paris last year, one that cost many lives, as a pretext to impose authoritarian rule through a state of emergency. The French working class has responded by going on a general strike, which included almost all the trade union federations and the left in France, and by launching a major protest movement in Paris and its suburbs. The government has called for a state of emergency for a period of three months, which it plans to extend. The left wing of the government, led by Prime Minister Manuel Valls, has declared that the French government’s recent proposal to remove French citizenship from anyone convicted of a “terrorism-related” offense is unacceptable. (Al-Jazeera, Jan. 26)

Workers have already blocked major highways with their bodies. In Paris, they concentrated on the roads leading to the major airports and fought with the cops, setting fires and using smoke flares, to keep the roads closed. French television showed men in business suits running on the shoulders of the highways, dragging their luggage and trying to make their flights. Air France threatened to cancel flights if the strike disrupted “access” to airports in Paris, Toulouse, Bordeaux and Marseille.

After drivers’ union leaders met with Prime Minister Valls, he declared: “There is a right to protest ... even during a state of emergency. But violence is unacceptable.” (Al-Jazeera, Jan. 26) Valls did promise to review the disparities between how the state taxes and regulates taxis and how it treats Uber cars. The drivers then called off their strike.

Farmers throughout France, especially in the west and Brittany, have been protesting low prices and a market structure that makes it uncompetitive to produce and sell their products. They also have been blocking roads with burning tires and other farm trash, as well as heaps of manure. There has been no mention of invoking the state of emergency, which theoretically would prohibit such protests.

The organizers – “We will not give up” and “Stop the state of emergency” – formed a coalition that included unions like the CGT, the biggest workers’ federation, and the FSU, the main teachers’ organization, civil groups like “Housing is a Right” and human rights groups and in Paris, they marched behind banners reading “State of emergency, police state” and “My France of liberties, where are you?”

Attacks become pretext for state of emergency

In early January 2015, attackers had killed 11 staff members and their security guards at the office of Charlie Hebdo magazine, which had satirized the prophethood of Mohammed. A few days later, an attack on a kosher supermarket called Hyper Cacher killed four people.

The French government, under the slogan “Je suis Charlie” (“I am Charlie”), mobilized a demonstration of reportedly 1.25 million people and 500 heads of state. It was really a show of support for French imperialism, which has been intervening militarily in North and West Africa and Syria, causing enormous damage and loss of life. Those behind the attack wanted to say “Je suis pas Charlie” (“I am not Charlie,” in the French vernacular) were either ignored or suffered serious reprisals.

The left wing has used the attacks to target immigrants, especially Muslims, including the new refugees coming from Syria. The Cuban authorities say that to comply with the Torricelli Act; 2) allow travel to Cuba for tourism, barred by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000; 3) lift the requirement for Cuba to maintain accounts in U.S. banks; 4) end the policy of financial persecution against Cuba; 5) not impede the granting of credits, loans and financial facilities; 6) allow Cuba; 7) authorize Cuban planes and other financial services; 8) authorize Cuban planes and other financial facilities; 9) authorize Cuban planes and other financial services; 10) remove the Mariel Economic Zone); 1) remove the U.S. embargo on Cuba advertised and reported in the corporate media, on Facebook and throughout social media, there is an illusion of normality. It hides the fact that the U.S. blockade by the economic giant just 90 miles to the north is still in place. The only place in the world that U.S. citizens cannot freely travel to is still Cuba. All travelers departing on charter flights or returning from Cuba through Mexico or Canada are required to state which cuisine category they claim authorizes their travel. Proposed legislation in the House and the Senate – HR 664 and S359 – would permit travelers to Cuba, but demands must be made for that to happen.

Travel challenges with the Venezuelan government to trade with Cuba, which would violate the To U.S. citizens to receive medical treatment in Cuba; and 10) allow the distribution of credits, loans and financial assistance to Cuba.
It would be rash to read too much into the caucuses held Feb. 1 in Iowa, so far as predicting the outcome of the next U.S. presidential election. Iowa is not typical of the country. Had those participating in the caucuses moved to the right, that might have suggested that the political temperature of the huge mass of people concentrated in large cities. The U.S. as a whole is much more multinational, much more people of color than Iowa.

But the voters there didn’t move to the right. Those in the Democratic Party caucuses almost all preferred Bernie Sanders as the Democratic candidate, and the Republican pollsters pulled back somewhat from Donald Trump, whose racist, anti-immigrant view of the world is alien only by his immense fortune.

Trump has positioned himself as an outsider and a warrior against the putrid establishment — as though his billions did not put him square in the middle of that nest of vipers.

From the point of view reflecting of the real struggle, the entire electoral process is very skewed. Some of the most militant actions being taken by low-wage workers, the people who have the most to gain, many of them undocumented. They are not allowed to vote, so the impact they are having on organized labor and on the huge income disparity, tackling corporate crimes, is all good. But it is not enough.

Without solidarity, no real progress can be made by the working class in the United States against the ruthless exploitation and domination of every day by the bosses and their repressive state. In this country, the biggest obstacle to solidarity has been racism and nationalism.

It’s a good thing that the Black Lives Matter movement did not wait for the elections before getting out into the streets and mobilizing against racist police terror and all the other injustices of this system. This is where any progress will happen. We have the same reasons that it took the Civil Rights Movement to break down segregation as a legal system. Workers World Party is running its candidates in this presidential election — Monica Moorehead for president and Lamont Lilly for vice president, both African Americans — to emphasize that the struggle against racism and national oppression is the key to any successful uprooting of this decaying capitalist system. We feel this is a good time to reach out, not just to get votes, but to inspire those who have had it with capitalism and want to see that building multiclass solidarity will unleash the power we need to win such a revolution- ary sea change.

The relationship with Kennedy soon aided the anti-racist struggle within the U.S. military. Some background: Following Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination on April 4, 1968, Black people erupted in a righteous revolt in about 100 U.S. cities. Some 22,000 federal troops and 34,000 National Guard were deployed throughout the country, most heavily in Chicago, Washington and Baltimore, where they joined police actions to repress the revolts. It was a bigger version of what happened in Ferguson, Mo., in the summer of 2014.

Some 5,000 GIs from Fort Hood, Tex., were sent to Chicago in April 1968 with orders to shoot to kill any arsonist and shoot to maim or cripple anyone looting.

In August of that year, in preparation for antiwar protests at the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chi- cago, thousands of troops at Fort Hood again received orders to deploy there to protect Black neighborhoods. But the Afri- can-American troops at Fort Hood wanted nothing to do with shooting people they considered their sisters and broth- ers. On the evening of Aug. 23, some 300 Black GIs came together at Fort Hood to discuss how to refuse riot duty in Chicago.

At dawn the next morning, military police arrested 43 of the Black troops, attacking and beating some of them. Alerted by sympathetic GIs at Fort Hood, the ASU organized publicity and legal defense for the Fort Hood 43. The best lawyers, including Kennedy, were with the NECLC, which took the case.

In 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War, GIs sometimes received four years in jail just for handing out leaflets. Yet at Fort Hood, the military leaders feared provoking even more trouble. So thirteen of the 43 were fully acquitted. And of the 12 convicted by special courts-martial, not all received the full six months maximum.

Kennedy defended the six “ringleaders,” who faced general courts-martial in October and possible five-year sentences. The GIs were tried. Pfc. Guy Smith told the court: “I demonstrated against Army policy here and in Vietnam… There is racism and prejudice here.” In his summation, Kennedy also challenged the officers, saying: “The Ar- my’s racist policies are on trial. Indicate that you will work to end racism in the Army and the Army will end it.”

The officers didn’t end racism. But they finished: Two GIs got three months, two got two years and one got five. All were fully acquitted. They all considered it a victory for the Black GIs, the ASU — and Kennedy.

Catalinotto and Stapp visited Fort Hood in 1968 to organize support for the Fort Hood 43.

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Methane leak continues to threaten L.A.

By Scott Scheffer
Los Angeles

In what is being called the most destruc-
tive environmental accident since the BP Horizon oil spill, methane gas is continuing to escape from a three-
month-old leak in Los Angeles. Although emergency measures by engineers and workers have slowed the leak, higher than normal levels of methane have now been detected in a wide area of the San Fernando Valley. Spikes in the levels of benzene and other known carcinogens added to methane have been detected in air samples by the Environ-
mental Defense Fund.

SoCalGas, which holds the permit to operate the Aliso Canyon storage field, has never had a leak this size. The leak, which was discovered on December 2nd, has been burning off slightly more than 100,000 cubic feet per hour and has now been burning for nearly three months.

The leak at the Aliso storage site, which is located near the northern edge of Los Angeles, is causing serious health concerns for the residents of the area. The gas contains high levels of benzene and other toxic chemicals that can cause nosebleeds, headaches, and vomiting. There is concern that a large explosion and fire could occur.

The Aliso Canyon reservoir—one of the largest in the U.S.—lies more than a mile below the surface in the western part of the storage field. The size of the reservoir enables SoCalGas, the utility that owns the site, to buy massive quantities of natural gas from other parts of the Southwest and as far away as Canada when prices are low and sell when prices are high. This helps them ensure their profits of $800 million in annual profits.

In the months leading up to the discov-
ery of the leak, the 63-year-old reservoir was filled nearly to capacity. The well that is leaking—called SS-25—is one of 90 at the site. The gas is trans-
ported from the reservoir to the surface through a 316-foot pipeline, encased in two more steel pipes of larger diameter. The outer casing is meant to be protection in case of a leak. But instead, SoCalGas used the steel casing to inject more gas down-
ward. At the time the leak was discov-
ered, the casing was pressurized at 2,600 pounds per square inch.

The leak's source is thought to be a rupture about 1,000 feet below ground level. The cause could be corrosion from various chemicals used in the process, vibration from earthquakes, or possibly even drilling errors. Engineers detected the sound of the leak from SS-25 four years ago, but apparently no orders to repair it were issued.

Workers are drilling a relief well to try to sop off the gas where the pipe intersects with the top of the reservoir more than 8,000 feet down. By mid-January, they will get there at the end of February, but it is a huge engineering challenge and there is concern that if their calculations are only slightly off, they will miss the target.

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¿Qué impulsa las sacudidas a la economía?

Por Sara Flanlanders

La clase obrera en EUA ha sufrido golpes devastadores desde la crisis económica que empezó hace más de 10 años. Pero la amenaza de una nueva recesión se percibe a través de los mercados financieros.

Los presupuestos municipales y estatales han sido recortados a nombre de la austeridad. Los servicios gubernamentales, entre ellos los de hospitales, escuelas, bibliotecas, agua y alcantarillado, han sido privatizados - vendidos a empresas para generar ingresos inmediatos necesarios para pagar los intereses de los préstamos bancarios. El impacto de estas políticas criminales se puede ver en el agravio envenenado de Flint y en las deterioradas escuelas desde Los Ángeles y Detroit hasta Philadelphia.

Aunque se espera una nueva ronda de despidos, el número de personas que participaron en el desempleo laboral ha llegado a su nivel más bajo en 30 años a pesar del crecimiento de la población. Los salarios reales, estancados desde 1979, según un informe del Instituto de Política Económica del 19 de febrero del 2015, no han mejorado desde entonces.

Las/os trabajadores cuya labor produce toda la riqueza, han estado recibiendo una porción cada vez más pequeña del valor que producen. El 56,3 por ciento de la población de EUA está ahora viviendo su sueldo en cheque a cheque, con menos de $8,000 en cuentas corrientes y de ahorros combinadas. Y el 24,8 por ciento tiene menos de $800 en sus cuentas. (Forbes, 6 de enero)

Los salarios estancados y reducidos, junto al aumento de la productividad del trabajo, han conducido bajo el capitalismo, a la excreción de la riqueza en manos privadas en una escala desconocida en la historia. Las 62 personas más ricas del mundo tienen ahora tanta riqueza como la población de EEUU. Se estima que 4,2 millones, están sobrellevando una deuda de $20 billones, y quedan $4,3 billones pendientes de pago.

En su discurso sobre el Estado de la Unión, el presidente Barack Obama declaró que la mayor parte de sus inversiones han sido colocadas en empresas de la clase media, pero que no tiene una respuesta sólida a la pregunta de “¿Para quién la economía?". En su discurso, él afirmó que la economía está creciendo, pero que no se está distribuyendo a todas las/os trabajadoras.

Rescates financieros profundizaron la crisis

Los economistas capitalistas, reticentes a utilizar el término “recesión,” han evitado un nuevo término para denominar un período tan largo sin crecimiento económico: “estancamiento secular”. Se han celebrado conferencias internacionales y escrito numerosos trabajos académicos sobre este tema. El escatismo secular es un término muy difuso que oculta la realidad. El capitalismo, para expandirse, debe encontrar nuevos mercados en los que vender sus productos con ganancias. Cuando no puede hacer esto, todo el sistema mundial entra en una espiral de crecimiento que puede llevar a una crisis profunda.

La producción industrial y el reemplazo manufacturero se han reducido al mínimo. La caída en el precio del petróleo desde más de $100 el barril en junio de 2014 hasta debajo de $30 en la actualidad, ha recibido una gran atención. Sin embargo, un colapso similar ha ocurrido en los mercados industriales, acero, tuberías, metales, carbón, óleo, alumino, zine y los principales cultivos agrícolas.

Desde el Año Nuevo, los mercados bursátiles de todo el mundo han estado cayendo inexorablemente. Desde Dow Jones de Nueva York y el S&P 500, hasta las principales bolsas de valores europeas de Londres, París y Berlín, a los mercados de Dubái, Tokio, Hong Kong y Shanghái; juntos han perdido más del 20 por ciento de su valor, entrando en lo que se llama un “bear market” (mercado en la baja).

Una quinta parte de toda la riqueza del mercado de valores en el mundo ha sido eliminada. Esto es peligroso porque este mercado es un instrumento de las grandes corporaciones que gozan de un estatus especial en el mundo del capitalismo.

La industria del transporte marítimo se ha apalancado en la crisis económica reciente, después de años de rápida expansión alimentada por la deuda barata. La flota mundial se duplicó en tamaño de 2010 a 2015. (Reuters Business Insider, 20 de enero)

La competencia entre las compañías navieras ha impulsado la construcción de una nueva generación de supercargueros que pueden transportar 19,000 contenedores, en comparación con las furgas anteriores que llevan solo 5,600. Se necesitan años para construir este tipo de buques. Los pedidos fueron colocados cuando se esperaba una recuperación global completa después de 2009.

Las compañías navieras que financiaron sus flotas con un 0% por ciento de interés han sido puestas en bancarrota en el último año. Con tantos millones pendientes de llegar, no se ha recuperado una recuperación global completa.

¿Qué impulsa las sacudidas a la economía?

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El 56,3 por ciento de la población de EEUU está ahora viviendo su salario en cheques al mes, con menos de $8,000 en cuentas corrientes y de ahorros combinadas. (Forbes, 6 de enero)

En el discurso de Barack Obama sobre el Estado de la Unión, declaró que la mayor parte de sus inversiones han sido colocadas en industrias de la clase media, pero no se ha mencionado una respuesta sólida a la pregunta de “¿Para quién la economía?”

En su discurso, Obama afirmó que la economía está creciendo, pero que no se está distribuyendo a todas las/os trabajadoras.

El escatismo secular es un término muy difuso que oculta la realidad. El capitalismo, para expandirse, debe encontrar nuevos mercados en los que vender sus productos con ganancias. Cuando no puede hacer esto, todo el sistema mundial entra en una espiral de crecimiento que puede llevar a una crisis profunda.

La producción industrial y el reemplazo manufacturero se han reducido al mínimo. La caída en el precio del petróleo desde más de $100 el barril en junio de 2014 hasta debajo de $30 en la actualidad, ha recibido una gran atención. Sin embargo, un colapso similar ha ocurrido en los mercados industriales, acero, tuberías, metales, carbón, óleo, alumino, zine y los principales cultivos agrícolas.

Desde el Año Nuevo, los mercados bursátiles de todo el mundo han estado cayendo inexorablemente. Desde Dow Jones de Nueva York y el S&P 500, hasta las principales bolsas de valores europeas de Londres, París y Berlín, a los mercados de Dubái, Tokio, Hong Kong y Shanghái; juntos han perdido más del 20 por ciento de su valor, entrando en lo que se llama un “bear market” (mercado en la baja).

Una quinta parte de toda la riqueza del mercado de valores en el mundo ha sido eliminada. Esto es peligroso porque este mercado es un instrumento de las grandes corporaciones que gozan de un estatus especial en el mundo del capitalismo.

La industria del transporte marítimo se ha apalancado en la crisis económica reciente, después de años de rápida expansión alimentada por la deuda barata. La flota mundial se duplicó en tamaño de 2010 a 2015. (Reuters Business Insider, 20 de enero)

La competencia entre las compañías navieras ha impulsado la construcción de una nueva generación de supercargueros que pueden transportar 19,000 contenedores, en comparación con las furgas anteriores que llevan solo 5,600. Se necesitan años para construir este tipo de buques. Los pedidos fueron colocados cuando se esperaba una recuperación global completa después de 2009.

Las compañías navieras que financiaron sus flotas con un 0% por ciento de interés han sido puestas en bancarrota en el último año. Con tantos millones pendientes de llegar, no se ha recuperado una recuperación global completa.

¿Qué impulsa las sacudidas a la economía?

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