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FOR RACIST MURDER

Obama's Immigration Fraud: Backdoor Draft of Latino Youth?

Obama's recent order, Deferred Action, to delay some deportations of undocumented immigrants (see *back page*) constitutes a classic capitalist Big Lie. (The Big Lie refers to Adolf Hitler's anti-Semitic and anti-communist propaganda technique based on the idea that "the great masses will more easily fall victim to a big lie than to a small one.")

This is an attack on workers masquerading as a benefit. It comes from the president who has deported more than 1.4 million workers, more than any administration in U.S. history. According to the bosses' top liberal mouthpiece, the New York Times (6/17/12), Obama is bringing "joy and relief" to undocumented Latino workers by delaying deportations for a small minority.

In reality, however, the edict has several anti-working class aims. These include re-electing war-maker Obama, sustaining racist, low-wage ex-

ploitation, and fostering "government-as-savior" patriotism, particularly encouraging military service among Latino youth.

The fact that the new policy targets only 800,000 of the 12 million workers that the bosses label "illegal" exposes Obama's resolve to keep squeezing super-profits from the masses of undocumented workers. Farm work, the main destination of those without papers, pays workers at less than half the rate of other industries. Obama's "kindness" relegates these mainly Latino workers to rock-bottom pay and wretched living conditions under the unrelieved threat of deportation.

The Times shamelessly praises Obama's opportunist immigration ploy to lure Latino workers to the polls as "a play for a key voting bloc in the states that will decide whether he gets another term" (6/16/12). The Times speaks for the dominant, imperialist faction of the U.S. ruling class's finance capitalists who yearn for four more years of Obama as invader/assassin-in-chief. He has been proven to be willing and ready to spill workers' blood to confront challenges to U.S. imperialism in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, Syria, Iran, Russia and China.

Obama, Most Militarily Aggressive U.S. President

On April 29, the Times gave space to Peter Bergen, director of the finance-capital-backed New America Foundation, which supplies many foreign policy advisors to Obama's reelection campaign. Bergen hailed Obama as "one of the most militarily aggressive American leaders in decades." Republican Mitt Romney, on the other hand, poses potential problems for a ruling class that requires ever-wider wars. His proposed platform of "military build-up amid tax cuts" may prove unworkable.

Obama's immigration move stands to aid U.S. imperialism's long-range plans by encouraging enlistment. On June 16, the Times editorialized that Obama has effectively revived the Dream Act, "a bill in Congress to give legal status to young immigrants who go to college or serve in the military....It is well past time to make a more sensible and humane immigration policy the law of the land." Obama's new order applies only to under-31-year-olds, and only to those "qualified" at that. It is a backdoor hunt for cannon fodder.

Further, as the Times editorialized (9/20/2010) about Latino youth, "The Defense Department, at least, understands their value." Laws moving these young people into the military "is one of its official goals for helping to maintain 'a mission-ready, all-volunteer force.'"

Meanwhile, the rulers' racist practices, like New York's stop-and-frisk policy and state anti-immigrant laws that encourage racial profiling, produce arrest records that would disqualify — and deport — the very same Latino youth whose Obama's edict would supposedly free.

Most dangerous of all is Obama's attempt to obscure the reality of class antagonism. As worldwide imperialist rivalry intensifies, U.S. rulers need greater all-class unity in support of overseas wars and a domestic police state, both of which run directly against workers' interests. So Obama & Co. trot out the myth that government can serve and protect our class.

Obama Using Latino Workers As An Election Ploy

The Times hopes that Obama's latest trick will lead millions of Latino workers to look to him

as a compassionate savior: "It sent a clear signal to fast-growing Hispanic populations in Florida, Colorado, Nevada, Virginia and other states that he understood their frustration at his lack of progress so far in addressing problems with the immigration system and reducing the number of deportations" (6/16/12). Obama seeks their votes in these key battleground states to put him over the top in November's election.

Gary Hart, a leading pro-Obama strategist for U.S. imperialists, co-authored the revealing Hart-Rudman reports commissioned by President Bill Clinton in 1999. Those reports foresaw the 9/11 attacks in stating that an attack on the U.S. homeland would transform popular post-Vietnam anti-war opposition into support for the rulers' new imperialist adventures. But the ruling class overestimated 9/11's potential to "galvanize the nation" into patriotic fervor for drawn-out wars that would create a consolidated, fascist state apparatus.

Hart-Rudman led to the the creation of Homeland Security which spread fear and anti-Muslim racism. It also helped acceptance of the Big Lie of weapons of mass destruction and of the invasion of Iraq.

At the time, Hart underestimated workers' growing disillusionment with capitalist political leaders and wars as the workers became more and more impoverished. He hopes Obama can reverse the trend. On the eve of Obama's immigration announcement, Hart wrote:

For more than four decades most Americans identified the Democratic Party with a social contract and safety net, equality of justice and opportunity, and progressive — yes, even liberal — causes....But beginning dramatically in the 1970s things changed. Things being: globalization and foreign competition; the decline of the manufacturing base; petroleum-producing nations controlling the price of oil; and the unsustainable costs of cold war military engagements and deployments....The Democratic response... cost the party its identity.... A well-motivated Democratic president now struggles to move the nation forward against a conservative tide that emerged in the policy vacuum created by Democratic failure to adapt (NYT, 6/15/12).

President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal won him working-class support for World War II. Civil rights laws helped Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson win support for genocidal war in Vietnam, though the war eventually turned workers against U.S. rulers. As November approaches and the capitalists' profit scramble sharpens into regional (Syria and Iran) and global (Russia and China) wars, watch out for more double-edged "blessings" from Obama.

Don't Fall for U.S. Rulers' Big Lies

We must win workers to learn from this history of ruling-class ploys and help them to resist being sucked into imperialist wars that kill our working-class sisters and brothers worldwide. We must lead them to support these workers' struggles against global capitalist exploitation.

Progressive Labor Party has long championed immigrant workers' battles against racist super-exploitation, from window manufacturing workers in Chicago to garment workers and aerospace parts workers in Los Angeles to farm workers in California's San Joaquin Valley. We must step up such class struggle and unite immigrant workers with black, Asian, white and all Latino workers in all the mass organizations in which we participate.

Multi-racial unity is essential to organizing a communist revolution that will destroy the bosses and their profit system which sucks the blood of our class. Then we can create a society run by and for the working class, producers of all value, which will be shared according to need. That is PLP's goal. Join us.☺

OUR FIGHT

★ **Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights to destroy capitalism and the dictatorship of the capitalist class. We organize workers, soldiers and youth into a revolutionary movement for communism.**

★ **Only the dictatorship of the working class — communism — can provide a lasting solution to the disaster that is today's world for billions of people. This cannot be done through electoral politics, but requires a revolutionary movement and a mass Red Army led by PLP.**

★ **Worldwide capitalism, in its relentless drive for profit, inevitably leads to war, fascism, poverty, disease, starvation and environmental destruction. The capitalist class, through its state power — governments, armies, police, schools and culture — maintains a dictatorship over the world's workers. The capitalist dictatorship supports, and is supported by, the anti-working-class ideologies of racism, sexism, nationalism, individualism and religion.**

★ **While the bosses and their mouthpieces claim "communism is dead," capitalism is the real failure for billions worldwide. Capitalism returned to Russia and China because socialism retained many aspects of the profit system, like wages and privileges. Russia and China did not establish communism.**

★ **Communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society. We will abolish work for wages, money and profits. Everyone will share in society's benefits and burdens.**

★ **Communism means abolishing racism and the concept of "race." Capitalism uses racism to super-exploit black, Latino, Asian and indigenous workers, and to divide the entire working class.**

★ **Communism means abolishing the special oppression of women — sexism — and divisive gender roles created by the class society.**

★ **Communism means abolishing nations and nationalism. One international working class, one world, one Party.**

★ **Communism means that the minds of millions of workers must become free from religion's false promises, unscientific thinking and poisonous ideology. Communism will triumph when the masses of workers can use the science of dialectical materialism to understand, analyze and change the world to meet their needs and aspirations.**

★ **Communism means the Party leads every aspect of society. For this to work, millions of workers — eventually everyone — must become communist organizers. Join Us!**

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The fact that CHALLENGE/PLP articles are not signed grows from PLP's criticism of the cult of the individual in the former socialist Soviet Union and China. We do not want to encourage the possibility of building up a "following" around any particular individual. While an article may be written by one person, the final version is based on collective discussion and criticism. Many times this collective discussion even precedes an individual's writing of an article.

Racist KKKops, You Can't hide, We Charge You With Genocide!

Flatbush Murder



BROOKLYN, June 17 — “Murderers! Murderers! Murderers!” This chant rang out on Friday evening, June 15, from all corners of Church Ave and East 38 Street as we demonstrated against the racist police killing of a twenty-three year old black woman Shantel Davis the night before. She was shot by “bad boy” detective Philip Atkins. Shantel was unarmed. Atkins’s “bad boy” nickname comes from his reputation in this mainly black working-class neighborhood as a drug-pushing fascist who harassed, beat up, threatened, lied and arrested residents, especially youth.

Several workers who’ve been threatened by Atkins shared their stories with PLP. One 45-year-old worker reported being stopped, and when he protested, Atkins shoved a gun into his mouth. A mother told of her son being stopped and frisked. When he objected, Atkins asked “Do you know where Kings County hospital is?” The young man said “yes.” Atkins pointed his gun at his groin area and said, “Do you want to go there?”

Even the capitalist media revealed that he had six civil suits pending against him. Two of those lawsuits have already been resolved by the NYPD paying the victims damages.

Community residents who had been present at the killing told how the cops had sealed off the area. They seized the cell phones of the witnesses and took the video feeds from several local businesses’ cameras. The mass media cooperated with the cops and immediately attacked Shantel’s behavior and her reputation. But her neighbours

knew better: this was a racist and sexist cold-blooded murder. The killer cop was black, but all cops are blue and serve only as a tool of protecting the bosses’ laws. This sexist murder reflects the violence capitalism breeds against women. We truly cannot get any justice under this system. Many women took the lead in speaking up against these racist cops.

Workers, Youth Prove their Power

This Friday was for the workers, students, and young people to prove their power. Progressive Labor Party was an integral part of this rally. Over 250 CHALLENGES were sold. Speakers on bullhorns added to fuel the existing anger of residents. At our peak, over 100 protesters were present, transforming what would’ve been a passive vigil into a rally displaying the potential of workers’ rage. Workers read about the murder of Ramarley Graham who was killed by the k-kops in the Bronx. Young people spoke of their experiences. Everyone stressed the need to organize and fight back. PLers also spoke about the need for a communist world.

A church “leader” got on the bullhorn, announcing that cops are not bad. Hoping to pacify us, he told the crowd to wait for an investigation. It didn’t work. Several young leaders began chanting, “Racist cops you can’t hide, we charge you with genocide.” The residents eagerly took up the chant, with clenched fists. We were angry, determined and fearless. We marched to the unmarked

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Harlem March



NEW YORK CITY, June 17 — More than 200 workers and students gathered to march in the heart of Harlem today, loudly defying an avalanche of capitalist ideas and mis-leadership to condemn the racist New York Police Department and its reign of terror in working-class black and Latino communities. Afterwards, the rally fed into a mass, silent march against the racist Stop-and-Frisk policy of police intimidation and terror. Although both events were confronting similar issues, in many ways they could not have been more different.

Our rally was organized by the friends and family of Ramarley Graham, an 18-year-old black youth murdered on February 2 by racist cop Richard Haste. The Graham family and the support committee, including PLP members, decided to hold the rally here in direct response to the organizers of the main march.

In some back room, Al Sharpton, Ben Jealous — head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) — and George Gresham — head of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) — made a cowardly political decision. Instead of beginning the march in the heart of Harlem, where the mainly black and Latino population deals with racist Stop-and-Frisk every day, they moved the main rally to 110th street, a mainly gentrified area.

Unlike these misleaders, we don’t fear an angry, militant response from Harlem’s black workers. In fact, that’s exactly what we welcomed! Their anger and hatred of the racist police should be a clarion call for all workers, reminding us that the bosses and their thugs are our class enemies.

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Racist KKKops Are Violent, We Will Not Be Silent!

A small group of PLers attempted to break the silent march but the majority of the marchers were reluctant to join us. We then relocated to the march’s end point where a collective sigh of relief engulfed the remaining marchers. They were finally out from under the passive tenor of the day when a crowd of hundreds heeded our call and took up chants of:

“Racist cops, you can’t hide, we charge you with genocide!”

“This racist system has got to go, stop and frisk is the new Jim Crow!”

“Killer cops mean we’ve got to fight back!” and,

“Racist cops are violent, we will not be silent!”

When a group of white-shirted cops moved in to silence our bullhorn, we shifted location and new (and physically imposing) friends from the crowd moved to protect the chanters under the red flag. Despite the best efforts of the march leaders to keep the lid on mass anger, we’re proud to say we ended the day as we began it, holding the red flag high and guaranteeing a vocal, militant communist character in the anti-racist movement.

As long as capitalism exists there will be racist police murders in our cities. Within each struggle PLP will inject revolutionary communist politics into each fight whether it’s in one-on-one relationships with survivors of cop terror, in community organizing meetings or in the streets where the masses confront the fascist system head on. Join us!”

Mexico: Teachers Lead Mass Strike Against Bosses' State Terror

OAXACA, MEXICO, June 1 — Led by Oaxaca Local 21, class struggle in Mexico once again has taken the form of a teachers' strike. A week after the strike began on May 21, it was joined by the workers of Michoacan, Guerrero, and Chiapas, along with Locals 9 and 10 of the Federal District and Local 36 of the Mexico Valley, Sinaloa and Veracruz.

The main demand presented by the Coordinadora Nacional de Trabajadores de la Educación (CNTE), the teachers' coordinating committee, is to eliminate the deceptively named Quality of Education Project, which is designed to privatize public education, take back hard-won labor benefits, and destroy the National Education Workers Union (SNTE).

U.S. imperialism's economic globalization strategy, enforced by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, and carried out in alliance with the national ruling classes of each country, has medium-term and long-term goals. It aims to control natural resources (oil, electricity, minerals, water), mass media (telephone, television), and public services (health, education, transportation).

Bosses' Reform Attacks Labor

In addition, the bosses' plan requires cheap, well-trained and docile labor to carry out mega-projects like the Puebla-Panama Project and the Turistic Corridor in the Tehuantepec Isthmus. To make these hugely profitable projects possible, the capitalists have implemented political reform, which changes existing legislation, and labor reforms, which attempt to take back the historical gains of the labor movement and destroy the unions.

To defend their gross exploitation and accumulation of wealth, the bosses use state terror, or fascism, to discipline their own class and to keep the working class intimidated and under control. The ruling-class Confederación Patronal de la República Mexicana (COPARMEX), in collaboration with the group "Mexicans First" (led by Televisa and TVAzteca), launched an angry campaign to denounce and discredit teachers. As a pretext to take over the business of education, the campaign tries to blame teachers for the education system's failures and for everything wrong in society.

Meanwhile, the Alliance for Quality Education (ACE), is attempting to privatize basic education (from pre-school through high school) and to restrict such basic labor rights as retirement and access to social services. Since 2008, 32 Mexican states (excluding Oaxaca) have been testing students with the universal evaluations Enlace and Pisa. New teachers undergo regular certification evaluations to determine the terms of their temporary contracts.

Teachers Block Airport

The universal evaluations are not used in Oaxaca because the militant Local 22 organized large demonstrations to block the airport as well as PEMEX (the state-owned oil company) and other transnational and Mexican businesses. In Guerrero, Michoacan and Chiapas, dissident teachers have limited the use of these evaluations by seizing all printed copies.

The capitalist bosses of COPARMEX, CONACINTRA, CO-

NACOPE, Televisa, and TVAzteca have used the media to furiously attack the CNTE teachers and try to turn public opinion against them. After teachers took over Oaxaca's historical center, this ruling-class consortium called a citizens' march to violently evict them. On Sunday, June 3, only 150 people showed up for this reactionary march — a handful of businessmen, a few right-wing members of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), and some misled parents and students. Once it was clear that the bosses' plan failed, they chose to retreat instead of looking ridiculous. Mexican President Felipe Calderón said, "Stop using the children and throwing tantrums, we're going to enforce the law!"

Calderon's Genocide

Calderon's statement showed that he cares nothing about the education of poor people and could at any moment order the bloody repression of the CNTE, just as Vicente Fox did in Oaxaca in 2006. He has already revealed himself as Mexico's worst terrorist and criminal when he crushed the Electricians' Union (SME), putting more than 40,000 workers out of work and causing the genocidal death of 60,000 people in the so-called War on Drugs.

Investors claim that no one will invest in Oaxaca because the new state government, led by Governor Gabino Cué, deceived them. In fact, the outside investors that came to Oaxaca created very few jobs, paid extremely low wages for 10- to 12-hour work-days. They took huge profits from this super-exploitation while expropriating natural resources, archeological and cultural centers, and many other riches. They have dispossessed the peasantry, turning them into poorly paid workers.

New Politicians, Same Old Capitalism

Oaxaca's workers, including its teachers, were tired of the PRI's 70-plus years of theft, corruption, repression and death. They had high hopes when they thought they elected a progressive government in 2010. But nothing changed. Poverty and unemployment increased daily. The last two years have seen more workers disappeared and murdered. Amongst the disappeared are two teachers, Carlos Román Salazar and Guadalupe Perez Sanchez. Last December, Prof. Rafael Vicente Rodríguez, a former union leader, was murdered. More recently, Bernardo Sanchez, leader of the movement against a Canadian mining company established in San Jose del Progreso, was riddled with bullets.

All of these attacks against the working class — Calderón's genocides, the repression of the worker and student movements, the forced disappearances and assassinations — expose how fascism is rising to maintain this rotten capitalist system. It's also clear that the bourgeois parties that take turns running the government are all the same, all equally bad. Voting for these politicians brings only unemployment, poverty, betrayals and death. The only true solution to the problems caused by this system of wage slavery is to organize and to struggle for a new society that meets workers' needs. Join PLP and fight for a communist future!✊



Fight Oakland School Closings

OAKLAND CALIFORNIA, June 18 — PL'ers along with parents, teachers, students and Occupy Oakland Education have been fighting the closing of five Oakland elementary schools that serve mainly black and Latino youths. We're currently occupying Lakeview Elementary in Oakland and are running a free summer school, "The People's School."

The bosses already decided the fate of the schools. Lakeview Elementary is scheduled to be transformed into Administrative Offices. Another will become a charter school, one is being leased to neighboring Emeryville, (for revenue) and the other three will close, pushing their students elsewhere creating even more overcrowding.

In discussions with people, we are working to make communist ideas the topic of conversation. (More next issue.)✊



Workers, Parents, Students Unite: No to Layoffs!

NEWARK, NJ, June 4 — The attacks on students and education workers in the Newark Public Schools are continuing. As previously reported in CHALLENGE, there have been budget cuts, school closings and dual locations of charter schools. The newest attack comes in the form of layoffs of about 200 teachers and support staff. These workers were notified a month before school ended that their positions will be eliminated next fall because of budget cuts.

These attacks are part of a larger, nationwide plan to "reshape education in the United States and put this country on track to be an educational, economic, military, and diplomatic global leader" (cfr.org — U.S. Education Reform and National Security). In other words, the ruling class will continue to use the education system to prepare the working class to fight in imperialist wars and maintain U.S. domination throughout the world.

In response to the latest attacks, a newly formed caucus in the Newark Teachers Union organized a demonstration of over 200 education workers, community activists, parents and

students outside the Newark Board of Education. This call for worker-parent-student unity reflected the struggle within the caucus to develop class consciousness. Through weekly caucus meetings, members and friends of Progressive Labor Party have fought for all caucus members to understand that an attack on one is an attack on all.

Now the real work begins. As our base has expanded, the bosses' attacks have given us many more opportunities to engage with our co-workers, students and parents. In one school, a PLP member struggled with her co-workers and their initial response to "lay low." As individuals, she pointed out, we are more susceptible to the bosses' attacks. Only when we unite do we realize the potential and strength of the working class.

By fighting these attacks against the schools, we will organize, build our CHALLENGE networks and recruit new members. The struggle continues.✊

Pakistan: Workers Enraged over Bosses' Nationalist Killing Machine

The hell of capitalism is intensifying for the working class of Pakistan. Hundreds of thousands of workers are demonstrating in the streets every day, opposing the bosses' stranglehold on their lives. They are struggling against massive unemployment which has risen 43 percent since 1999. About 75% of the country's population of 180 million — 6th largest on earth — earns no more than \$2 a day. While Pakistan has the 7th largest standing army in the world and a nuclear arsenal, 110 million people are hard-pressed to even eat two meals a day.

Of its ten million industrial workers, half are controlled by fake, essentially company unions, puppets of the bosses while the other half are excluded from worker-led unions altogether. Eighteen million farm workers are completely unorganized. Child labor is spreading. There is no electricity from 14 to 22 hours a day and no natural gas for two to three days a week.

Industries are closing down and fleeing to even lower-wage levels in Bangladesh. Inflationary prices of essential commodities have climbed from between 300 to 500 percent.

Target Women

Women, who comprise half the population, are targeted for killing in the name of "honor" by the bosses' religious and cultural customs and face acid attacks, torture, gang rape, forced marriages and forced prostitution. Fifty percent are physically abused, 15 percent sexually and 90 percent psychologically.

Kiln workers (brick producers) have no rights at all. Every family member is forced to work 12 to 18 hours a day and suffer virtual slavery,

sold by one owner to another.

Whenever workers strike against many of these horrific conditions, to divert their struggle, the bosses raise non-issues such as "national security" or opening or closing NATO supply routes, as well as divide workers on a nationalist basis.

Recently the government began a police operation, supposedly against target killers, gang warriors and ethnic/religious/nationalist terrorists. But they started it in Liyari, a poor working-class neighborhood. This reign of terror continued for ten days but the people fought back, strongly resisting the police oppression, bringing the operation to a halt. Now the police cannot even enter the neighborhood.

Bosses Profit on Workers' Backs

The Pakistani economy is crumbling and is becoming increasingly dependent on the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the USAID and Coalition Support Fund to run its murderous capitalist system. Its domestic debt is in the hundreds of billions, has the lowest foreign investment in 60 years and the highest inflation rates, all leading to Pakistan's ruling class trying to sustain itself by intensifying the exploitation of the working class. Workers are forced to sell their children and body organs to escape a life of hunger and poverty and unfortunately many are driven to suicide.

Corruption, terrorism, ethnic cleansing and nepotism prevail on the soil of Pakistan while the bosses push a federal budget that only benefits the rich. A 20 percent "increase" in public-sector salaries is a wage-cut in the teeth of 300 percent inflation.

It's even worse for private-sector workers who do not even receive the government-announced minimum wage.

A Dictatorship of the Ruling Class

Various bosses' electoral parties vie for power in order to grab more profit for each. Their elections use the working masses in the name of democracy but actually establish a dictatorship of the ruling class that exploits the working class even more vigorously. In several provinces the bosses are using nationalism as a major tool to divide our class in order to prevent rebellion:

- Baluchistan — The rulers provoked an insurgency in which thousands of workers have been killed and/or "disappeared. This province is Pakistan's largest in area, has immense resources and is of great geo-strategic importance for international imperialists, sharing borders with Iran and Afghanistan and has a newly built port. Since the fundamentalists' presence is relatively low and the majority of people have a progressive outlook, the bosses are fueling the fire of nationalism to divide them.

- Punjab — Pakistan's most populous province will be divided by creating a new Saraiki province which has large numbers of extremist and fundamentalist groups, leading to even more destruction and chaos and badly affecting the country's crumbling economy.

- Sindh — This is Pakistan's second largest in population. In the last five months, 880 people have been killed in Karachi, the province's largest city. This is an outgrowth of rivalry between various ruling political parties that are trying to seize con-

trol of different parts of the city. They represent militant groups involved in land-grabbing, weapons dealing, drug trafficking, extortion, kidnapping and ransom.

These bosses provoked a war between the Sindhi and Urdu-speaking populations. Nationalist parties are killing each other's working-class activists. Many are losing their lives in an unholy combat between different ethnic groups. Karachi is a port city used by NATO to ship supplies. Interestingly, 7,000 containers have disappeared here.

- Kyber Pukhtoonkhawa — Nationalism is at the root of fighting between two large ethnic groups, the Pukhtoons and Hazarawals. It suffers from terrorist attacks as well as U.S. drone bombings. The province borders Afghanistan and China and is a battleground for the "war against terror." It is a safe haven for various terrorist groups fighting for or against U.S. imperialism, especially in the FATA territory.

Pakistan has fast become a laboratory for nationalism, racism, fundamentalism and sexism, the results of which can be applied worldwide. But it also provides increasing opportunities to build a base for PLP everywhere — in the factories, farms, offices, campuses, villages, kilns, among women and wage workers. The Party is striving to become more and more involved in class struggles in these areas, organizing PL clubs.

Amid this poverty, injustice, exploitation, mass unemployment and gender discrimination, only a PLP-led international communist revolution can free the working class from these capitalist evils.☺

Jim Crow Israeli Style

TEL-AVIV, ISRAEL-PALESTINE, June 11 —Dozens of immigrant refugees, mostly black workers who fled the horrors of war and fascism in Eastern Africa, were rounded up today by the "Oz" unit of the Israeli Ministry of Internal Affairs (the equivalent of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement unit.) Violently arrested in the early hours of the morning, these workers were hauled off to detention centers, pending their deportation back to war-torn, famine-struck South Sudan or overtly fascist Eritrea.

This pogrom, carried out under the bosses' laws, is only the latest attack in the Israeli ruling class's campaign against the so-called "infiltrators," workers who came to Israel either as refugees or as immigrants from East Africa. On May 23rd, a mass rally of racists in south Tel-Aviv was led by Knesset Members Reggev, Ben-Ari and Danon. During this violent rally, several black passerbys were attacked (with the racists calling them "Dirty N****") and a pub belonging to the African community was vandalized and robbed by the incited mob.

In the last few months, attacks against black workers are becoming commonplace in Israel. The bosses' politicians blame these refugees and immigrants for all the problems of capitalism, namely the deterioration

of slums, unemployment, crime and even disease. Gangs of fascist criminal youth terrorize and rob black people in southern Tel-Aviv, KKK style. The bosses' politicians, aping the Nazis, even called these refugees a "cancer."

But who are these refugees and why have they come to Israel-Palestine? Most come from two countries: Sudan and Eritrea. The Chinese capitalists dominate the government of North Sudan (which has a Muslim majority,) while their U.S. rivals have long funded the Christian revolt of South Sudan against the northern government, all in the struggle for Sudan's oil reserves. The result? A bloody civil war killing millions and pushing millions more into homelessness and famine. In Eritrea, the murderous fascist government, a close ally of the Israeli regime and a major client of the Israeli Military Industries, enslaves the working class with hard labor for starvation pay in the name of "National Service." Others are jailed or murdered because they dare to speak against the regime.

Because of these horrors, caused by imperialism and its local servants, many East African workers flee Sudan and Eritrea on foot, heading to Israel-Palestine through Egypt. In Sinai they are sometimes robbed and kidnapped by local criminal elements until ransomed by their families, en-

during physical and sexual abuse while in captivity.

When they finally reach the border between Egypt and Israel, the Egyptian border guards shoot them. Whoever survives crawls to Israel through the barbed-wire border fence. The Israeli border Guards round them up, give them basic medical treatment and jail them for a day or two, then load them on busses and drive them to southern Tel-Aviv. There they are left to their own devices without money, a home, appropriate clothes or food.

The Israeli government does not grant them the official status of refugee. Therefore, based on the racist Israeli law, they are not allowed to work legally, are not entitled to public healthcare and thus have no money for food or housing. These refugee and immigrant workers are forced to work illegally, which usually means being super-exploited by Israeli bosses and being paid far less than even a minimum wage. This leads to super-profits, and, especially, to driving down the wages of other workers by means of competition.

This shows how racism divides workers while profiting the capitalists. By inciting Jewish workers against their black brothers and sisters, the Israeli ruling class separates and weakens the Jewish, Arab and

African workers. It keeps the African workers in constant fear of arrest or deportation, making them unlikely to fight for better pay or work conditions, not to mention for revolution.

Having Africans and Arabs as scapegoats also benefits the rich. Instead of having workers blame them for the horrors of capitalism, workers blame each other for crime, disease, poor housing conditions and unemployment. While the Israeli government makes a fuss over the "Refugee Problem," the workers are blinded to the open attacks on their livelihood like tax hikes, budget cuts, and even possible war with Iran.

The only answer to this virulent racism is for us, workers and unemployed worldwide, of all races and creeds, to unite, cast out the racist ideas and leaders, and build our own working-class unity against the real enemy, the bosses and their state-machine. Progressive Labor Party fights for a communist workers' world with no borders and no racism, where all workers will have access to housing, food, education, healthcare and all according to need. We will work together based on our commitment for a better future. Join us!☺

Thousands March vs. Israeli Rulers' Apartheid

TEL-AVIV, ISRAEL-PAESTINE, June 9 — Thousands of workers and activists, both Jewish and Arab, marched in central Tel-Aviv . They protested the apartheid enacted by the Israeli regime against Palestinians in the West Bank and within the "green line" (the western part of historic Palestine). This rally came at the time when the Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu plans to build hundreds of new apartments in West Bank settlements, marketed exclusively to well-off religious Jewish settlers. The marchers chanted "Occupation is a Crime — Freedom Now for Palestine!" "Jaffa and Ramallah — the same Revolution" and "The People Demand to End the Occupation."

Many of the rally's leaders, however, were liberals and revisionists ("leftists" in words, but not in actions), who also added slogans such as "Struggle for Peace," "No Peace, No Security — Disband the Government" and "Bring Down the Government." While we in PLP wish all working people around the world to live a peaceful life free from war and oppression, we understand that the only way to achieve this is by an armed workers' revolution and open class war against capitalism and imperialism, not "peace" between capitalist leaders such as Netanyahu and Abbas.

Even if the Netanyahu government will be "brought down," the capitalist alternative to him and his ministers are more of the same. The real enemy is not only the current administration, but the capitalist regime in general. Another weakness of the march was that almost all the slogans targeted only the West Bank "occupation" since 1967, but not the racist, fascist apartheid regime in the western part of Palestine since 1948; workers on both side of the apartheid fence must unite and smash all forms of the Zionist apartheid regime, from the river Jordan to the Mediterranean sea.

Two PL'ers took part in this rally and marched up front, distributing dozens of leaflets calling for "Neither Two States Nor One State - but Workers' Power" and leading several other workers in chanting "The Answer to Apartheid is Revolution!" and "Tel-Aviv-Jaffa, Gaza — Same Revolution!" The international Progressive Labor Party calls for a united, communist-led struggle of workers from all nations against racism, imperialist war and capitalism and for a worldwide communist revolution. We PL'ers fight for this goal in our area. We strive to unite all workers from both ethnicities to smash the racist Zionist state and build towards a red Middle East and a borderless communist world.

Workers of the World - Unite!☺
[A Note on the term "Occupation": When many in the U.S. think about "Occupation" or "Occupy," they now think about the tent movement of the working youth and students against Wall Street and the rest of U.S. imperialism. However, when we in Israel-Palestine talk about the "Occupation," we talk about the fascist military occupation of most of historic Palestine by the state of Israel.]

Murder of Shantel Davis

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cop car parked in front of an NYPD van across the street. About thirty workers surrounded the cop car and chanted "Murder!" at the two sergeants inside.

Driving the KKKops Off

After their initial shock, the sergeants came out of the car followed by several community affairs cops. One of those cops began harassing one of our friends. We surrounded the cop, chanted in his face, and drove him off. Eventually one sergeant got to him and told him to back off.

We were back the next day, Saturday, June 16. Our new friends were there, as were many more people. A group of "community leaders" and politicians were also there, negotiating with the cops. They tried to cancel our planned march to the precinct. We should've made a plan for residents and PL'ers to speak up sooner. But speak up we did and much more.

The politicians push the idea that Atkins is a bad apple and that there are good cops. But brutal cops like Atkins can do what they do only because other cops help him and at best, stay silent. The bosses' role for the cops is to instill fear in workers so they remain passive in the face of capitalism's attacks through budget cuts in hospitals and schools, or racist immigration policies.

Women Take the Lead

Led by PL'ers and new friends, we marched to the precinct, more than a 100 strong. Workers joined us along the way. The protesters were angry and determined. People spoke of their experiences both with killer Atkins and with many other cops. CHALLENGES were used and



Protesters surround cop car, shouting "Murderers!"

people signed up for a Ramarley Graham and Anti-Stop-and-Frisk protest (see page 3). A woman said her son was arrested the day before and she was prevented from seeing him. We chanted at the cops and she was allowed to go see her son. One young woman was especially brave as she crossed the cop barricades and flaunted her big poster sign in the cops' faces. Such women's leadership is admirable and needed in all struggles.

A young man related his experience with bad boy Atkins. He was arrested and spent four days in jail while Atkins lied to his mother. With help from a lawyer, he was released — only to find Atkins waiting for him outside his house. Atkins followed and harassed the young man. A neighbor confronted this vicious cop. Atkins yelled at the woman, who then told him to get off her property. He told her this young man sold crack cocaine (which was an outright lie). She told him "So what?!" Atkins backed off.

'We Say Shoot Back!'

From the kkkop station, we marched back to the neighborhood

and this time we took the streets! People from cars were honking and cheering. As we chanted, "They say give back, we say fight back" some women changed it to "They say give back, we say shoot back." Our morale was sky high. So was working-class anger. Back at the scene of the killing, we took over the intersection with a four-corner circle, stopping traffic, raising awareness. We later had a barbeque, with more planned action ahead. What a day!

We returned today to unite this struggle with the march in Manhattan against the racist kkkops, against this racist system and we marched for a communist world (see page 3). Under communism, workers have power everywhere, not just for a little while in the streets. We strive for a world without racism, sexism, and nationalism. These last few days we've taken a few steps in a life-time struggle. When prepared, even on short notice, communists can achieve great things. Unite with PLP for a world without kkillings of our class!☺

Racist Cops' Reign of Terror

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When workers are united and led by a revolutionary communist party they won't stand a chance.

Joining Ramarley's family were other victims of the racist KKKops. The son of Kenneth Chamberlain — a 68 year-old black man murdered by cops in nearby White Plains, NY — came and spoke with marchers about how his father accidentally set off a device warning he was having a medical emergency. The police arrived, kicked down his door and killed him. Also present were people from Brooklyn's East Flatbush neighborhood where Shantel Davis was slaughtered by racist cops.

Meanwhile, the organizers of the main march intentionally downplayed the issue of police brutality, focusing only on Stop-and-Frisk. These phony mis-leaders want to encourage narrow thinking among workers, pleading with us to ignore how racism infects our daily lives, from police murder and Stop-and-Frisk to unemployment and school closings.

However, at our rally multiple speakers linked the litany of racist attacks to the capitalist system. As we heard, racism serves the barbaric bosses in two important ways. First, it allows them to wring even more profit out of the working class. In the U.S., the wages and benefits of

black and Latino workers are deliberately kept lower than white workers', netting the bosses hundreds of BILLIONS of dollars in super-profits. This racist wage system is used as a threat to white workers' demands, thus driving down their wages as well. A similar situation exists worldwide.

Secondly, racism keeps workers divided, encouraging us to blame other workers for the lack of jobs and low wages, weakening any united struggle. This understanding of racism will never escape the lips of the Sharptons or Greshams. At our rally it rang out loud and clear, giving Harlem residents a communist analysis and a way to fight back.

After rallying, we marched through Harlem, a neighborhood which has been the target of racist police brutality for decades. Here, in 1964, the murder of black teenager James Powell by the same racist NYPD sparked the Harlem Rebellion, the first of the big-city uprisings in the 1960s. Our march and militancy paid tribute to those brave rebels. Instead of silence, Harlem residents heard chants like, "NYPD, KKK, How many kids did you kill today?" and "Racist cops, you can't hide, we charge you with genocide!"

Our vocal anger at the NYPD's racist murders put into stark relief the treasonous ideas pushed by the organizers of the main march. They called for a silent march, muting the

anger of the protesters. The effect was tens of thousands of workers and students, united across ethnic lines, meekly walking down the street. The cops and politicians who maintain this racist capitalist system could rejoice at this passivity.

Unfortunately, despite a long-term struggle over the issue, too many in the group felt obliged to respect the decision of the traitorous organizers and remained silent. This is a specific aspect of a more general struggle: instead of relying on politicians and ministers, workers should be won to trusting their own class.

The struggle continues. The Graham family holds weekly vigils which should shame the organizers of the main march. More importantly, it should spark workers and students, committed to multi-racial unity and the militant fight against racism, to hold our heads up high. We're not silent nor passive. We're loud and angry. We march through the streets of the Bronx calling on neighbors to join our fight against the racist cops. We indict the whole racist, capitalist system. And we end every march at the police precinct where the racist murderer of Ramarley Graham worked. Here we are the loudest, charging the police with murder and putting them on notice that the multi-racial, international working class is coming for them and their system.☺

French Elections: Heads Bosses Win, Tails Workers Lose

PARIS, June 18 — Whatever the outcome of the June 17 second round of legislative elections, the workers will be the losers based on French bosses' plans A and B.

Plan A is a socialist government intended to disarm workers as the bosses continue to attack using austerity plans to please the finance capitalists who own France's sovereign debt.

The first round of legislative elections on June 10 showed that Socialist Party president François Hollande succeeded in mobilizing working-class voters with a few crumbs. By decree, he "generously" restored retirement at 60 for workers who began working before age 18 and who have worked continuously for 41 years. The head of France's largest union, the General Confederation of Labour, hailed this mini-measure as an historic "European event."

Other mini-measures are a 25 percent hike in back-to-school aid for low-income families' school supplies; a promised 1 percent increase in the minimum wage in July; and wage and benefit limits for public-sector company bosses.

Only 56 percent of the voters went to the polls, a record low. However, enough working-class voters did cast ballots to put the Socialists in the leading position for the elections' second round in which Hollande won a majority in the National Assembly. This would allow the Socialists to rule without their junior partners in the Green and Left Front parties.

However, Hollande is dispelling any illusions about his future policies. He warned the Greeks — prior to their June 17 balloting — that "if the impression is given that the Greeks want to distance themselves from the [austerity] commitments they have made and to abandon all perspective of economic recovery, then there will be countries that will prefer to end Greek presence in the euro zone" — and then had the gall to pretend he wasn't threatening Greek workers!

Hollande will not hesitate to impose similar

austerity measures on workers. A post-election 50-billion-euro [US \$60 billion] cut in workers' social benefits over the next five years is in his presidential campaign platform.

Hollande is expected to cut spending on labor, ecology, aid to cities, social housing, health care and retirement pensions, and push through another increase in the retirement age, despite the partial return to retirement at 60 for 100,000 workers (of the 600,000 workers retiring at 62 each year).

The Socialist Party program also provides for using half the money saved through government budget cuts to pay off the finance capitalist who won France's sovereign debt, which stands at \$2.4 trillion. To do this, the Socialists will have to cut \$20 billion from government services (with \$10 billion going to reduce the budget deficit, and \$10 billion going to reduce the sovereign debt). If workers rebel against these austerity measures, then it's:

Plan B

The Front National finished third in the April 22 presidential elections with 6.4 million votes. Sarkozy's UMP (Union for a Popular Movement) party has already formed an unofficial alliance with the Front National against the Socialist Party. UMP officials have praised its values and even support Marine Le Pen's election to the National Assembly. UMP leader Jean-François Copé has called for updating UMP's program to move it closer to the fascists.

The fascist Front National has undergone a facelift since Marine Le Pen succeeded her father as party president in 2011. Although she's smoother than her father, the party program remains fascist. Notably:

- Militarist — proposing creation of a 50,000-soldier National Guard, presumably to repress worker rebellions, and a naval construction program to fight "Asian navies";
- Nationalist — proposing a program to indoctrinate government workers in "the meaning

of the state and patriotism";

- Racist — proposing "a thorough-going reform of the law on French nationality," prohibiting public health care for, and demonstrations by and for, undocumented immigrants, and making "anti-French racism" a crime;

- Repressive — proposing 40,000 new prison cells and reintroducing the death penalty, as well as increasing the punishment for "verbal violence" against cops, doubling the number of anti-crime brigade cops, and filling the streets with plain-clothes cops.

Despite this, the Front National has supposedly become respectable. Throughout his five-year term, right-wing President Nicolas Sarkozy adopted the positions of the Front National, trying to counter his unpopularity, and thereby popularized its fascist ideas.

The Front National has built a base in the working class. According to an April 2012 opinion poll, in the presidential elections Marine Le Pen won 29 percent of the blue-collar worker vote compared to 27 percent for Socialist Hollande, 19 percent for Sarkozy, and 11 percent for the Left Front.

Historically, this is the weakness of the French left. There's been no tradition of disruption of fascist marches, rallies and meetings, while for decades the Front National has been able to hold pro-fascist "Joan of Arc rallies" on May Day in Paris.

Right now the bosses are relying on Plan A — a Socialist government to impose austerity measures on the working class. If working-class rebellion threatens that agenda, Plan B can move to outright fascism, possibly through a joint UMP-Front National government.

The future holds very bitter struggles for the working class. The only way to ensure victory is to build a revolutionary communist party to destroy capitalism and the fascism that capitalism breeds.☺

RED EYE ON THE NEWS

Below are excerpts from mainstream newspapers that may be of use for our readers. Abbreviations: NYT=New York Times, GW=Guardian Weekly, LAT=Los Angeles Times

Vote liberal, get 'Bush on steroids'

GW — Revelations last week about the "kill list" showed the Obama administration defines a militant as any military-age male in the strike zone. That has raised the hackles of many who saw Obama as somehow more sophisticated on terrorism.... "If Bush did what Obama has been doing, then journalists would have been all over it...."

Having won office on a powerful message of breaking with Bush, Obama has in fact built on his predecessor's national security tactics.

Obama has presided over a massive expansion of secret surveillance of US citizens.... He has launched a ferocious crackdown on whistleblowers. He has made more government documents classified than any president. He has broken his promise to close down the controversial Guantánamo Bay prison....

David Miller, long-term Middle East advisor to both Republican and Democratic administrations.... wrote: "Barack Obama has become George W. Bush on steroids...."

Obama has shown himself to be a ruthless projector of national security powers....

Greed system = misery and war

GW, 6/8 —It's not just a conspiracy by the rich — though there's plenty of that too. The rich are creatures of wealth, and the wealth that drives the market can also outgun any opposition: war is an extension of economics by other means....

[As for] the self-serving fiction of the invisible hand,...there was never a market magic that

turned the sum of individual and corporate greed into common good. There never was an invisible hand, unless it's the one that feeds us with such swill. Left to itself, the capitalist market favours wealth, the rich against the poor. Economically, socially and — when conflict erupts — by force....

....No peace in our time, no happy-ever-after....

Jailing small fry, not slick CEOs

NYT, 6/2 — ...Not a single top executive at any of the firms that nearly brought down the financial system has spent so much as a day in jail....

...The Justice Department has...taken after the small fry — and then trumpeted those prosecutions as proof of how tough it is on mortgage fraud. It is a shameful way for the government to act....

....They are only going after the people who lost their homes after the bubble burst....

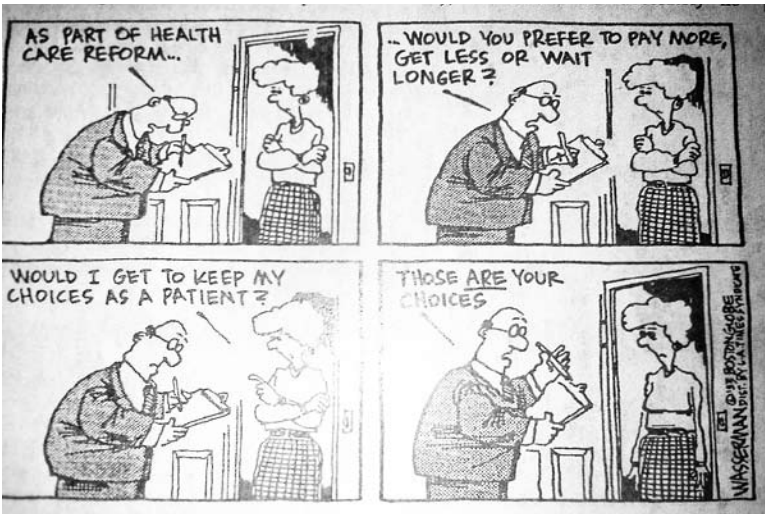
'Heroes' who serve the imperialists

GW, 6/8 — [Your] article, "Resolute explorers prepare for the Arctic," evoked the romantic myth of scientists and explorers as selfless adventurers into the unknown. But [these adventurers] always were the vanguard of empires and corporations seeking to expand.

Crash ruining future of the young

GW, 6/8 —In....Spain, ...anyone under 25 is more likely to be out of work than in a job. The same is true of Greece and Portugal. And in Ireland...the unemployment rate is...more than double for the young....

...The International Labour Organisation in Geneva said Europe was rearing a "lost generation...."



China general tells US 'get out'

NYT, 6/1 —Insistent claims...of sovereignty over....the strategically critical, potentially energy-rich South China Sea...have become more urgent this year as the long-dominant United States and fast-growing China both seek to increase their naval power in the region....

...Recently, a senior Chinese military officer even dismissed any legitimate role for the United States [there].... "The South China Sea is not America's business," Gen. Ma Xiaotian...said in an interview Monday....

The general's statement appeared to throw down a challenge to...United States military strength around the western Pacific and East Asia, where the South China Sea serves as an essential waterway for not only the United States Navy but also for a large portion of the world's trade....

....Washington has signaled its intention of staying, not leaving....

...The sea itself is believed to hold a substantial reservoir of energy, with some experts predicting that under the seabed lies as much as 130 billion barrels of oil and 900 trillion cubic feet of gas.

Unitarians Meet in Solidarity

Immigration Reform: Dead End for Workers

Under capitalism, immigrants are exploited for super-profits and demonized by the bosses in a relentless effort to divide the working class. Unitarians from across the country are congregating in Phoenix from June 20 to June 24 to stand in solidarity with immigrant workers and oppose Arizona's racist, anti-immigrant law, SB 1070. Despite President Obama's announcement (see page 2) to suspend deportations for a limited group of students and workers, many Unitarians understand that immigrants will remain under attack in Arizona and elsewhere as long as our society is geared to create profit for the few at the expense of the rest of us.

Obama's cynical election-year ploy will allow an estimated 800,000 undocumented immigrants under the age of 31 to obtain driver's licenses and renewable two-year work permits, but only if they came to the U.S. before they turned 16 and are in school or have a high school diploma or GED.

It does nothing for the 11.2 million remaining undocumented workers in the U.S. who fail to meet these criteria, including the children and youth who have been failed by the bosses' decaying education system. (According to recent U.S. Census data, 41 percent of Mexican immigrant teenagers in New York City — with or without papers — have dropped out of school.) Even for the relative few who may benefit under the changed policy, there is no path to citizenship or permanent residency.

Obama: Immigrants' False Friend

After campaigning as a champion of immigration rights, Obama has escalated racist attacks against the undocumented. His administration has installed more border agents and more fencing between the U.S. and Mexico. Since taking power in 2009, it has deported 1.4 million people — a record 400,000 per year, double the rate under Republican George W. Bush. Families have been ripped apart in midnight raids; dozens of immigrants have died from abuse and neglect in detention centers controlled by the brutal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

While this reign of terror has met the bosses' need to intimidate workers who provide cheap labor, it angered Latinos who voted for Obama in the last election under the illusion that a liberal Democrat would serve their needs. The "bluntly political move" (NYT, 6/16/12) to suspend some deportations may help Obama win pivotal states like Florida and Colorado in his election race against Republican Mitt Romney.

The new policy is also a significant step toward the passage of "comprehensive immigration reform" (CIR), a bipartisan campaign that is backed by the Unitarian Universalist Association. CIR plays into the hands of finance capital, the section of the U.S. ruling class that is most committed to maintaining and expanding U.S. global supremacy. It is a losing proposition for immigrants — and for all workers.

In addition to creating a slave-labor force of "guest workers," CIR includes the Dream Act, a bipartisan proposal to offer two routes to legalization: full-time college attendance leading to graduation (with no



PL'ers and friends transform a passive rally into militant demonstration. See page 3

work permitted), or enlistment in the military. Since few undocumented youths have the means to be full-time college students for three or four years running, the Dream Act would effectively funnel young immigrants into the military to fight the bosses' imperialist wars.

In 2006, the rulers used their loyal stooges in the unions and the Democratic Party to build a popular movement for CIR, including demonstrations by millions in the streets. After the stock market crash and the end of the housing bubble, and the waves of layoffs that followed, the immigration reform movement retreated. The Dream Act was shelved.

Republican Party opposition reflected the thinking of some capitalists who wanted to build gutter racism and blame immigrants for the economic crisis. But finance capital's first priority is to stave off the challenge of rising imperialist powers like China, and to expand the U.S. military and build workers' allegiance for the broader imperialist conflicts to come.

As Obama noted last week, the new limited deportation policy is aimed at "talented, driven, patriotic young people....These are young people who pledge allegiance to our flag" (Washington Post, 6/15/12).

Global Scapegoats

The oppression of immigrants is a global phenomenon. Find a capitalist country in economic crisis, and you will find a surge in anti-immigrant racism. It targets Africans in France, Roma people in Italy, Turks in Germany, Latin Americans in Spain, Muslims in Holland, Poles in Ireland, Indians in Singapore. Immigrants are scapegoated for the mass unemployment that stems from the boom-and-bust chaos of capitalism. They are labeled as parasites and accused of taking benefits without "deserving" them or contributing to society.

In reality, as studies have repeatedly shown, immigrants take the dirtiest, most difficult, and most dangerous jobs that would otherwise go unfilled. They pay taxes for benefits they are ineligible to receive. Their reward is to be attacked by racist scum like the Minutemen in the U.S., the Freedom Party in Germany, and the National Front in France.

Like capital, workers have no borders. The North America Free Trade Agreement and other treaties enable U.S. exports like corn to flow freely across borders and destroy local economies in other countries. These ruling-class pacts have forced millions of workers to uproot themselves and

come to the U.S. to feed themselves and their families. At the same time, tens of thousands of jobs in auto and other industries have migrated from cities in the Midwest to Latin America, Asia, and right-to-work (non-union) states in the South.

These developments were created by capitalism, with its inherent need to maximize profits by driving down labor costs and creating unemployment throughout the world. Capitalism is the only reason why hundreds of millions who want to work cannot find it.

PLP Fights In Immigrant Workers' Struggles

The revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party has a proud history of participation and leadership in immigrant workers' struggles, from the Hormel strike in Minnesota to organizing garment worker shops in Los Angeles. But the ultimate victory can come only from a communist revolution. PLP's solution is to overthrow capitalism and fight for a world without exploitation, racism, sexism or nationalism. Attacks against immigrants will end only when we have a world without borders, run by and for the international working class. That's what PLP is fighting for. Join us!✊

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