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## Black, White, Latin Workers & Students UNITE TO FIGHT RACISM

**SEATTLE, March 7** — The struggle in Washington against racist police violence has continued at a high level since the decision not to indict the Ferguson kkkop who murdered Michael Brown last August. Rallies of 50 to 100 people have been held weekly in the downtown area of the city. When others — particularly people from the Black community — have been in charge, events have drawn much larger numbers.

The Martin Luther King day march on January 19th brought out the largest crowd in years as organizers and speakers spoke directly to the problem of police violence. A multiracial crowd of 15,000 people marched through Seattle stopping at the youth jail, the courthouse, and the former Yesler Terrace housing projects — the first racially integrated housing projects in the U.S. Demolition of Yesler Terrace began last year as part of an effort to gentrify the traditionally Black Central District neighborhood. Marchers joined in as we shouted “No Justice, No Peace, No Racist Police” and “Racism Means, We’ve Got to Fight Back!”

After the march, a series of exposés in a local paper kept racist policing on the front burner. A video was released of police attacking marchers at the end of the MLK march. A teacher from Garfield High School — a predominantly Black school in the Central District — who had led students in walkouts was pepper sprayed by police in a targeted attack. In another post-march attack police attacked marchers after claiming a marcher had assaulted a cop. Later *The Stranger*, a Seattle newspaper, released surveillance footage that revealed the cop injured himself when he tripped and fell chasing a marcher. Those arrested

for assault were quickly released without charge.

Later on Jan. 28, *The Stranger* obtained camera footage of a kkkop arresting a 69-year-old William Wingate for walking while Black. The cop fabricated a story that Wingate swung a golf club at her — an accusation easily disproved in the video — and then prosecutors conned Wingate into signing a plea for misdemeanor unlawful use of a weapon. The ruling was dismissed only after public outcry.

Further revelations showed that the arresting cop had a history of making racist comments online, and attacking people in the street. The cop pleaded with prosecutors to throw the book at Wingate. Far from being a “rogue cop” this cop actually had served as a training cop for the department for years.

City officials are reeling from the Wingate controversy, the released video from the MLK march, the video released of a kkkop punching a handcuffed and restrained Miyekko Durden-Bosley so hard that he shattered her right orbital socket, and continuing stories coming out of city hall that show that efforts to reform the racism and violence of Seattle Police Department (SPD) have been a complete failure. The cop in the Wingate incident was relieved of duty and the head of the Seattle Police Officers’ Guild (SPOG) took time out from defending racist police violence to paradoxically claim it had no place at SPD — feigning support for reforms that SPOG has viciously fought every step of the way. Local bosses’ news media even dutifully stopped reporting on marches with the MLK march receiving only the barest of attention.

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# Editorial

# Nuclear Iran Intensifies Splits in U.S. Ruling Class

Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s recent speech to Congress and the drama surrounding it highlight geopolitical shifts and internal divisions dogging U.S. imperialists. As U.S. foes Iran, Russia, and China get stronger, the two main factions of the U.S. capitalist class are competing to assert control over U.S. foreign policies concerning oil and nuclear-rich Iran.

The main wing of U.S. capitalists, under Obama, seems more reluctant to rely on Israel as the gatekeeper of the Middle East. But some leading Republicans are dancing to the tune of billionaire donors such as casino magnate Sheldon Adelson who advocates for little or no accommodation with U.S. enemies and instead points to Israel as a viable solution. Netanyahu’s speech illustrates that the U.S. capitalists are at odds and are unprepared for the impending imperialist crisis with Iran.

No matter which ruling faction comes out on top, workers worldwide will ultimately pay the price. Workers will both finance and fight a war that will only serve the bosses. The revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party, however, is organizing the working class worldwide not only to fight against the next global war for profits that Netanyahu’s speech forecasts, but to rid the world of the capitalist system that generates these wars along with racism, nationalism and sexism.

### Iran Looms over the Middle East

Netanyahu’s hollow bluster and Obama’s need to negotiate both stem from Iran’s rising regional might, backed by Russia and China. Pro-Iranian groups such as Hamas, Hezbollah and Houthi forces combat Israel, the U.S. and other allies in Palestine, Lebanon and Yemen respectively. Iran’s Revolutionary Guard now has troops on the ground in Iraq and Syria, in the latter 10,000 men six miles from Israel. Though Netanyahu won’t admit it, Iran’s preparedness makes an Israeli, U.S., or joint strike on its nuclear plants impractical:

*The Iranians are not fools. They observed the ease with which the Israelis destroyed the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981. They buried theirs deep underground. It is therefore not clear...tshat the United States could destroy Iran's nuclear program from the air. It would require, at the very least, special operations on the ground, and failing that, military action beyond U.S. capabilities... The Israelis are quite aware of these difficulties.* (Stratfor, a U.S. strategy analyzing group, 3/3/15)

Liberal Democratic politicians, including Obama, servants of U.S. financiers and industrialists, ExxonMobil and JP Morgan, have long-term global military requirements that for now will allow them to make concessions with Iran. They are thus easing off support for ineffective Israel. U.S. imperialism’s main journal, *Foreign Affairs*, published a piece on March 2 headed, “The Breakup: The Slow Demise of U.S. Bipartisan Support for Israel.” It said in part:

*In the fall of 2013, AIPAC [American Israel Public Affairs Committee] lobbied for a bill that.... would have required the United States to “stand with Israel” if Israel decided to attack Iran. The bill...won the support of 43 of 45 Republicans, but only 16 of 55 members of the Democratic caucus.*

Many Republicans, however, have personal wealth-enhancing outlooks far narrower than the Liberal Democrats’ vision of post-world war domination. Liberal journalist Bill Moyers, who served U.S. presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson during the Vietnam Genocide criticized the U.S. Republican party/Netanyahu alliance by outing its’ profit motives:

*Everything you need to know about...Benjamin Netanyahu's address to Congress Tuesday was the presence in the visitor's gallery of one man — Sheldon Adelson...The party's presidential hopefuls line up to kiss his assets, scraping and bowing for his blessing, which when granted is bestowed with his signed checks...[He, in 2013] denounced President Obama's diplomatic efforts with Iran and proposed instead that the United States drop an atomic bomb...”* (BillMoyers.com, 3/4/15)

### U.S. Lack of Preparation

It’s not that Obama and the far bigger capitalists he serves are against using nuclear weapons. Just the opposite is true. Until and unless the main wing of U.S. rulers can mobilize the population militarily, WWII-style atomic bombs

## U.S.-Israeli Nuclear Cooperation

The Israeli-U.S. hypocrisy over their opposition to Iran’s nuclear program knows no bounds. While it long been known that Israel itself has nuclear weapons, a U.S. Defense Dept. report detailed how the U.S. aided Israel in its development of a hydrogen bomb while violating international standards.

According to “Courthouse News,” Roger Mattson — formerly of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission’s technical staff — said, “I am struck by the degree of cooperation on specialized war making devices between Israel and the U.S.”

Grant Smith, director of the think tank Institute for Research: Middle Eastern Policy, told a Washington, D.C. District Court late last year that, “In 1987 the Department of Defense discovered that Israel has a nuclear weapon, detailed it and then...covered it up for 25 years in violation of the Symington and Glenn amendments, costing U.S. taxpayers \$86 billion.”

“The Symington Amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 prohibits most U.S. foreign aid to any country found trafficking in nuclear enrichment equipment or technology outside international safeguards,” wrote Smith. “The Glenn Amendment of 1977 calls for an end to U.S. foreign aid to countries that import nuclear reprocessing technology.” But meanwhile, U.S. rulers continue to shell out \$3 billion a year in aid to Israel.

Smith further told the court that, “Under two known gag orders — punishable by imprisonment — U.S. security-cleared government agency employees and contractors may not disclose that Israel has a nuclear weapons program.” Furthermore, the 1987 government report entitled “Critical Technology Assessment in Israel and NATO Nations, found that, “As far as nuclear technology is concerned the Israelis are roughly where the U.S. was in the fission weapons field in about 1955 to 1960....The Israelis are developing the kind of codes which will enable them to make hydrogen bombs.”

So Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu rant about an Iranian nuclear threat while the Israelis themselves have been stockpiling H-Bombs for decades.

remain their inter-imperialist trump card. The British ruling-class-owned Economist (3/7/15) notes, “The Nobel peace laureate [Obama] in the White House has asked Congress for almost \$350 billion to undertake a decade-long programme of modernisation of America’s arsenal.” Competition, however, is widespread:

*Russia's defense budget has grown by over 50% since 2007, and fully a third of it is devoted to nuclear weapons...China...is adding to its stocks and investing heavily in submarines and mobile missile batteries... North Korea...is working on missiles that can strike the west coast of the United States.*

The Economist offers a grim, accurate observation of the bosses’ hardball: “No government could allow itself to lose a war that it would win if it were to reproduce nuclear weapons.” When Obama & Co. speak of peace negotiations, grab your helmet!

### Workers Pay the Price

The troops needed by the U.S. ruling faction which Obama represents will come from working class youth. Obama and his supporters are working to entice jobless youth, immigrants and undocumented workers into joining the military by promoting nationalism, racism and sexism. Once there, they will fight and kill their working-class sisters and brothers. The picture also looks grim if the Republican ruling-class faction wins.

Only a communist revolution under the leadership of PLP can put a stop once and for all to racism, sexism, nationalism and all wars. Join us today!☺

# NYC Workers, Students Fight D.R. Lynching

**BROOKLYN, March 6** — Students and workers distributed leaflets, signs and made speeches in Haitian Creole, English and Spanish denouncing recent racist attacks on workers from the Dominican Republic (D.R.) to the U.S.

Passersby in East Flatbush, a largely Caribbean and Latin neighborhood, stopped to take over 400 CHALLENGES. Many chanted along and some stopped to give speeches on the bullhorn in Creole.

On Feb. 11, Henry Jean Claude, known as “Tulile,” a young worker from Haiti who shined shoes and did odd jobs for a living, was found hanging from a tree in a public park in Santiago, D.R., hands and feet bound. This lynching follows last year’s carnival parade where the Minister of Culture Jose Antonio Rodriguez allowed 50 white-robed and hooded KKKers to march. Racist speech inevitably leads to racist action! The day before Tulile’s body was found, a small group of Dominican nationalists gathered in Santiago to burn a Haitian flag and call for deportation of Haitian descent.

Local police immediately and without investigation said that racism was not a factor in the lynching, revealing themselves to be what PLP labels all cops under capitalism: KKKops. These same police arrested two Haitians for the murder in a blatant attempt to cover up

government-inspired racism against Haitians in the D.R.

The Dominican ruling class has a long tradition of racism and nationalism directed against Haitians in a concerted effort to crush solidarity and unity between workers in the D.R. and Haiti. Workers from Haiti have been migrating to the D.R. for almost a century because of rampant racist unemployment and poverty created by the capitalist system.

This past week, the U.S. bosses declared that 12-year-old Tamir Rice was responsible for his own death in Cleveland, Ohio by playing with a toy gun in a park, and that KKKop Darren Wilson would not be indicted by the federal government for the shooting death of 18-year-old Mike Brown. What do the murders of Henry Jean Claude in the D.R., Tamir in the U.S. and refusal to indict killer cop Wilson have in common? The answer is simple: CAPITALISM!

This world-wide economic system cannot not survive without racism. The bosses use racism to divide and conquer. Workers are taught to scapegoat their working-class brothers and sisters for the failures of capitalism. When unemployment is rising, the bosses fuel anti-Haitian racism in D.R. and anti-Black and anti-immigrant racism in the U.S. to keep workers from blaming capitalism.



Capitalism can never provide full employment, even in the “best” of times. Only communism will be able to provide jobs and a decent life for all workers and their families. Under communism, we will need collectivity to run society. All decisions made will be in the interest of our class, so racism will not be tolerated!

Let the militant march of 10,000 anti-racist Haitians on Feb. 25 in Port-au-Prince inspire us to reject racist government policy, from Ferguson to Santo Domingo! We call on workers on both sides of the island of Hispaniola to reject

the bosses’ ideology and stand together to fight racism and nationalism. And likewise, wherever capitalist-inspired racism and nationalism rear their ugly heads, let workers stand together and fight the bosses who exploit us all! Let’s use the coming May Day — the International Workers’ Day — to build a movement together to reject and smash racism and nationalism and fight for communism and an egalitarian society in the interest of all working people.✊

## Capitalism Real Criminal, Not Bus Drivers

**NEW YORK CITY, February 13** — Today, a Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) bus driver with 30 years on the job was arrested after his bus accidentally struck a 15-year-old girl, injuring her leg. On Christmas Eve, another driver with almost eight years on the job was arrested after his bus accidentally struck and killed a 78-year-old man. The two bus operators, Francisco DeJesus and Reginald Prescott, were charged with failure to yield, a misdemeanor, and have been suspended without pay pending investigations.

This is how Mayor de Blasio and the racist NYPD plan to cut down on traffic fatalities, in a new plan called Vision Zero. They criminally charge bus operators for traffic accidents, while the cops walk away from racist murders.

Not only are MTA bus operators not “reckless drivers,” they are among the safest drivers in the city. Collectively they drive thousands of miles and move two million riders each day on the busiest streets, often with faulty equipment.

In 2013, 176 pedestrians were killed in traffic accidents. After a particularly tragic killing of a young child at an extremely dangerous intersection, de Blasio attempted to target reckless drivers by lowering speed limits, adding street lights at 1,000 intersections, adding speed bumps, and enacting stiffer enforcement of traffic laws.

Also, the law passed by the City Council exempts drivers “engaged in work on behalf of the City, the state of New York...” like cops, fire, and Emergency Medical Services workers. It should certainly include bus operators.

Mass transit around the U.S., is one of the last stable, well-paying jobs for Black, Latin and immigrant workers, and it is under attack. On top of budget cuts, privatization and the increased use of temporary, part-time workers, many cities are imposing criminal background checks on transit workers. PLP-led bus operators in Washington, DC have waged a mass struggle against this. Now NYC bus operators are threatened with being criminally charged for traffic accidents. Building a campaign of racist hysteria to portray transit workers as criminals behind the wheel is the beginning of a massive racist assault on all transit workers and public mass transit.

Transit Workers Union Local 100 President John Samuelson has barked at the arrests and has threatened safety slow-downs in retaliation. But so far, there has been no bite, just bark, as he tries to get the City Council to specifically exempt bus operators from the new law. Shutting down the transit system and taking over City Hall, even for a day, might get their attention.

For our part, PLP is organizing an anti-racist movement among transit workers that can respond to police terror in our communities and on our jobs. We’re building a movement that will put transit workers on the road to communist revolution, where mass transit will be free and safe, and where the racist bankers and bosses and former union hacks will be a thing of the past.✊

## UCLA Student Forum: Fight vs. Racism

**LOS ANGELES, February 21** — In the aftermath of Ferguson, graduate students at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) have been motivated to fight racism and police brutality on campus. The university bosses have responded by organizing forums on “policing equity” and promoting a new vice-chancellor position of “diversity, equity and inclusion.”

Many Progressive Labor Party members protested in Ferguson against the racist no-indictment decision of killer kkkop Darren Wilson, and were arrested. One such PL’er suggested that students here on campus organize their own forum to point out how the university system is complicit in producing and perpetuating the racist ideas that underpin police terror against Black and Latin workers.

### Universities Churn Out Racism, Sexism

Last week, several student organizations came together to hold a forum on diversity in the curriculum and student body at UCLA’s graduate student programs. A student who has been involved with Black Lives Matter spoke first about why students need to get more involved in actions to fight the racist policing of students on campus. A PL student followed and presented pictures from his visit to Ferguson and discussed his experience fighting the police.

It is important to be involved in campaigns demanding a more diverse student body. It is also important to expose that the university system is another organ of capitalist rule. The first college in the U.S. was Harvard, created to train the next generation of ministers, magistrates, and public officials in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The history of universities in the U.S. is entrenched in slavery. The holy trinity of bondage was the church, the state, and the university. The universities are central to developing scientific racism to justify slavery and genocide. This history gives a glimpse of the nature of universities under capitalism.

The racism in education in the U.S. can be understood as facilitating the political econ-

omy of capitalism, which is built on the racist super-exploitation of Black, Latin and immigrant workers. Many Black and Latin students will have access only to vocational training to fill the ranks of workers needed in the low-wage healthcare, clerical and public sector industries. Some will fill the ranks of workers in research universities who produce the racist and sexist material for capitalist culture. Many others will simply have access to the imperialist military machine. A young college professor participated and added that faculty are afraid to speak up about confronting the university’s racism because they fear losing their jobs.

### Forum, Step Forward to Fighting Back

This forum was the first step in the process of organizing students and professors. It generated much enthusiasm and excitement in a part of the university that has been traditionally passive. Some are committed to confronting the college bosses’ call for “policing equity,” an oxymoron. The term exposes the underlying capitalist propaganda that students and racist cops can get along.

Only the working class — not courts, cops, and politicians — can be trusted to fight for equality. Working-class equality doesn’t include the bosses and their government. Many of our friends correctly want to connect the struggles against racist police terror to anti-immigrant racism: deportation and detention. There is much to be done on the campuses today. Continued unemployment means the student population on campuses will continue to grow. And as colleges and universities grow, and occupy an increasingly central position within the political economy of capitalism in the U.S., they will become ever more important centers of political struggle. It is up to communists to steer these struggles toward revolution by building a wide international network of fighters.✊



# US Injustice Depart says Cops ARE Racist & Justified to Murder Black Youth



Youth in Ferguso protest killer kkkops.  
The history of Black workers in the U.S. has been a history of rebellion.

Attorney General Eric Holder's "Justice" Department report on the racism of Ferguson's cops and courts is a cynical ruling-class effort to pacify infuriated workers. The report was released the same day it was announced that Holder's department would not press federal charges against killer cop Darren Wilson for the assassination of Mike Brown. Four days later, Barack Obama led an equally cynical commemoration of the 1965 antiracist struggle in Selma,

## Seattle: Unite to Fight Racism

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Then on Feb. 10, police in Pasco, WA — a town servicing largely Latin migrant farm workers in the Yakima valley — fired 17 shots in a busy intersection during rush hour murdering Antonio Zambrano-Montes. As always police lied stating that Montes — a mentally ill 35 year old — had endangered them by throwing rocks. Video taken by passersby and released the next day clearly showed police shooting at Montes as he ran away, finally killing him when he turned around with his hands up. Despite efforts to quiet local rage at police violence, Pasco has erupted in protest. In Seattle, Montes joined the names of Michael Brown, Akai Gurley, Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, and John T. Williams as the latest victim of racist police and vigilantes.

On February 25, 500 students and workers walked out at the University of Washington against racism: budget cuts, attacks on custodial workers, and police violence. That same day, students walked out at the Bothell and Tacoma campuses, too. At Seattle University, a walkout for union rights for adjunct (part-time) professors also took on the issue of cop terror. While these marches always lean toward passing the next reform, people have been unusually open to more revolutionary possibilities. As the fight against the police in Seattle continues, we will heighten the struggle to turn calls for reform into calls for revolution. Racist violence will not end until capitalism is destroyed.✪

Alabama.

The bosses' frantic maneuvers in Missouri and Alabama were reminiscent of Obama's first presidential campaign in 2008, which muted what remained of a mass anti-war movement against the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

In New York City, meanwhile, Mayor Bill de Blasio is playing a racist shell game. He's come out against "stop-and-frisk" while "quality-of-life" arrests have soared. He's granted Muslim students two public school holidays while the NYPD spies on their parents — the Muslim working class.

As calls mount for U.S. ground troops to battle the Islamic State in Iraq and occupy Afghanistan indefinitely, liberal politicians are leading the charge for racist, genocidal U.S. imperialism. Since the first Gulf War was launched in 1990, the U.S. bosses' program to protect their Middle East oil fields has been in high gear. But the rulers also know that a mass conscript army would be significantly more effective than the current "all-volunteer" force, an unstable mix of alienated Black and Latin enlisted women and men and Christian fundamentalist officers. Racism is alive and well in the post-9/11 U.S. fighting force.

### History of Fightback

The limited reform successes of the Civil Rights Movement were made possible by a global anti-colonialist movement in Africa and Asia after World War II. As part of its Cold War offensive against the Soviet Union, the U.S. ruling class needed to put on an anti-racist charade. In the face of persistent, militant organizing and mass demonstrations, the federal government desegregated the U.S. military in 1946, enacted Brown v. Board of Education in 1954 (to supposedly desegregate public schools), and passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

This original civil rights movement dated from before World War II. It attacked lynching and segregation and was led on a national scale by the old communist movement. But the old movement made a major error when it suspended sharp anti-racist struggle in the U.S., in line with the Moscow leadership's devastating turn away from armed struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat and toward a "united front against fascism..

Victory over the German and

Japanese fascists was won over the dead bodies of tens of millions in communist-led Russia and China. But within the U.S., the united front meant abandonment of dedicated anti-racist fighters to the tender mercies of the segregationists and their lynch mobs. Coupled with a timid response to the anti-communist purges known as McCarthyism, this retreat took a huge toll. Bereft of fighting communist leadership, the Civil Rights Movement of the Sixties ultimately became a toothless reform movement. It would exhaust itself searching to reform the un-fixable.

Fast forward to the 1980s and 1990s. With the revisionist Soviet Union imploding, the U.S. ruling class no longer had to represent itself as a "democratic" alternative, either at home or around the globe. As their economy lost ground to imperialist rivals, U.S. bosses intensified their exploitation and brutal oppression of U.S. workers. The officially sanctioned, everyday racist policies in Ferguson are just one illustration of the gutter racism in the age of Obama.

### Bosses Desperate to Pacify Angry Workers

The Justice Department's report is a revelatory document for millions of anti-racist white workers and youth who could not have imagined how racist policing suffocates Black neighborhoods. For the Black workers, there may be a sense of vindication. Even the federal government, it seems, can no longer deny the realities of racism.

Last summer, Obama's pleas to "keep it peaceful" (read: don't upset the status quo) on primetime TV failed to stop the anti-racist movement sparked by the murders of Mike Brown and Eric Garner. When KKKop Panteleo walked free last December, after choking Garner to death on videotape, mass anger erupted into demonstrations in over a hundred cities. The old-guard leadership of Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson was unable to corral the masses into the electoral dead end of the Democratic Party. Chants of "Eric Garner, Mike Brown — shut this racist system down!" and "NYPD, KKK, how many kids have you killed today?" resonated among hundreds of thousands of marchers who blocked traffic and subjected themselves to mass arrest.

The U.S. ruling class has a problem. The Black and Latin workers and youth who have taken to the streets are the very same people the bosses need to fill their military enlistment quotas.

The U.S. ruling class has been at it for a hundred years and more, but they still don't have it figured out. Their weaknesses are our opportunities. The twentieth century taught us that workers will fight for communism. Now in the twenty-first century, we must carry the fight to the finish — from revolution to the final victory of communism. Join PLP!✪

### Fascism, Ferguson Style

The abominable racism that produced the fascistic attacks on Black workers and youth in Ferguson by the rulers and their cops — as revealed in the actions detailed in Redeye (page 7) — is not an isolated phenomenon. It is the logical extension of the 400-year racist history of the U.S. that had its origin in slavery. The super-exploitation of Black workers has become the foundation of the economy of global capitalism without which the profit system would be on far shakier ground.

In the U.S., slavery was written into the constitution. The first eight presidents were slaveholders. After 400 slave revolts and the abolitionist movement that abolished slavery legally, the enslavement of Black workers took different forms.

From the Civil War on to World War II — Jim Crow segregation laws, over 5,000 lynchings, the rampant attacks by the Ku Klux Klan, and the bosses' state power — all enforced racism on Black workers in all aspects of life. This includes lower wages, last hired/first fired producing double unemployment rates, second-class medical care and education, segregated slum housing and the indiscriminate arrests of Black people sending them to prisons to be used as slave labor on Southern plantations.

Even as the fight against racism by Black workers as part of a communist-led working class during the Great Depression of the 1930s brought temporary reforms, in the seven decades since the end of World War II the racist conditions continued. Racist police murders in the big cities, the rulers' Drug Wars that helped imprison 1.2 million Black workers and youth — half of the 2.4 million total incarcerated in U.S. jails — and the maintenance of discrimination in all sectors of life combined to produce over \$600 billion annually in super-profits for the bosses. That is the difference in family income of Black and now Latin workers as compared to white workers. The assets of Black families are one-tenth that of white families.

So now comes Ferguson. Surprise? Hardly. As the incidents reported indicate, the Black working class of Ferguson is subject to the various racist attacks that U.S. bosses have imposed on Black workers for centuries. That city's rulers, from the city manager to the mayor to the police chief to the city finance manager to the court's judges, all have wielded their state power to enforce the bosses' profits: arresting Black people at gunpoint, using stun guns, tasers, jailings for non-payment of fraudulent debts: a modern debtors' prison.

This racism is not just limited to Ferguson or even to the St. Louis region. It exists in one form or another in cities throughout the U.S. to produce that \$600 billion in extra profits.

It is against this racism that Ferguson's Black workers and youth, along with anti-racist whites, have rebelled and will continue to rebel. It is in this ferment that Progressive Labor Party has participated and spread our communist ideas, in Ferguson, across the land and beyond U.S. shores. Communism is the only answer to this racism and its source in capitalist exploitation. Only a worker-run communist society can free our class from bosses, profits, racism, sexism, mass unemployment, poverty and the profit-driven wars that the ruling class imposes on us, using to kill our sister and brother workers worldwide. Truly, Ferguson means FIGHT BACK!✪

# Mexico: Thousands Marched Against State Murder

**MEXICO, November 20** — Tens of thousands of workers and youth demonstrated in several cities across the country and around the world on the anniversary of the 1912 nationalist Mexican Revolution, in what has been called the Fourth Global Day of Action for Ayotzinapa. This was one in a series of protests demanding the return of the 43 student teachers disappeared on September 26 in that city. The local police with the complicity of the government, who then handed them over to the drug cartels.

The largest demonstration took place in Mexico City, where students, trade unionists, and mass organizations marched in three caravans led by the parents of the disappeared students. Members of Progressive Labor Party participated in this march, distributing 2,000 leaflets to Guerrero teachers, electricians and other workers marching in their mass organizations. Our assertion that communism is the only answer to capitalist terror was important in this protest because nationalism was the predominant ideology. The dismissal of president Peña Nieto and his cabinet is considered a solution.

For decades, rural teachers have earned the sympathy of the working class because of their commitment to their communities. For this reason, the bosses of Mexicanos Primero and the capitalist media like Televisa and TV Azteca have publicly accused rural schools of being guerrilla training places that must be eliminated. However, these accusations are really a cover to ensure the approval of the lucrative education reform, which will generate huge profits from turning education into even more of a commodity and will benefit the bosses

who promote it.

Guerrero is one of the poorest states in the country with a long tradition of insurgent movements. The ruling class in this state has set up a sophisticated repressive apparatus involving the police, the military and drug lords. These groups, some of them trained and financed by the U.S., are responsible for the murder and disappearance of our youth.

According to the World Bank, 60 percent of youth in the world lack education and job opportunities; in Mexico that number is 70 percent. Conditions for the remaining youth are not much better: existing jobs are precarious, offering miserable salaries, with little or no benefits. They work long, exhausting hours, with some working 12-hour days, seven days a week. Mexico is one of the countries where the working class works the most hours per year.

Under these conditions, some youth end up involved in organized crime, or the use of drugs or alcohol. The ruling class has used this to criminalize them all and justify their police and military apparatus that in collaboration with organized crime has been terrorizing the working class.

## Destroy the Capitalist System that Kills and Disappears Our Youth!

Ayotzinapa is not an isolated case of police terror. Thousands of unarmed Black and Latin youth are killed by the police in the U.S. Even in those instances when those crimes were videotaped, the police always argued they feared for their lives, and were sure they were threatened by “a drug-dealing, Black rapper youth,” a

racist caricature. On the other side of the world, immigrants in many European countries are massacred by the police, as was the case of the Brazilian murdered by the racist British police, because he “looked like an Arab attempting to commit a terrorist act” in the city subway.

The murder and disappearance of our student-teachers is the product of a capitalist system that has nothing to offer our youth. The massive protests in Mexico and condemnation around the world show how painful crime is for the international working class.

The electoral political parties will not lead the working class to overthrow the capitalist system. Instead, they’d try to make us believe that only a few “corrupt” politicians are the only ones responsible, and that if we get rid of them and elect different politicians, all our problems would be solved and we’ll get justice. That’s a lie! Capitalism systematically kills and disappears our youth.

A system that has nothing to offer youth must be destroyed through a revolution led by a communist party. We workers must organize more workers and youth to be organized in our international communist PLP to lead a communist revolution to put an end to capitalist oppression and imperialist war. We are organizing additional Party members and friends to participate in the upcoming protests. We are also organizing meetings in our work areas to put this brutal crime in the context of imperialist war and the crisis of the capitalist system.✶

# France: The Rise of the Fascist National Front

**PARIS, March 6** — The fascist National Front (FN) is continuing its seemingly irresistible rise to power and now may very well be the biggest party in France as the March 22 first round of departmental elections approaches.

## Bosses’ Racist Agenda

Unemployment and racism are two of the major factors the FN is using in attempting to influence workers to vote for the fascists. The FN claims immigrants “are responsible for unemployment” because they are supposedly “willing to work for lower wages,” hiding the fact that it is capitalism’s “boom-and-bust” system of depressions and recessions that actually throws workers on the streets.

There were 5,879,000 jobless workers in France in December 2014 in a labor force of 28.6 million — an official unemployment rate of 20.6 percent, including over two million unemployed youth. According to a November OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) report, unemployment will continue to increase here.

The FN’s racist anti-immigrant appeal to the working class says that “immigration is used by the plutocrats and the big bosses to lower wages and welfare rights for French workers.” It would cut “legal” immigration by 95 percent and outlaw “demonstrations by undocumented workers or those in support of undocumented workers.” It would force employers and jobs agencies to always

favor French citizens in hiring. Unemployed “foreigners” would be deported and child welfare would be reserved for “French children” only.

In addition to its racist anti-immigrant, anti-worker stance, the FN’s program includes preparing French rulers for future imperialist wars. It wants France to leave the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), which would enable France to freely jockey for position among its inter-imperialist rivals. It wants to boost military spending by 25 percent and increase the size of the armed forces by 500 percent. The FN also wants to roll back decentralization of government and reinforce the power of the central government while imposing a wage freeze on all government workers. It plans to hold a referendum on re-introducing the death penalty.

This is the “visible” part of the FN’s program. It gives an idea of all the measures the FN might take but is currently keeping secret.

In the March 22 elections for departmental counselors the FN is fielding candidates in 1909 of the 2054 cantons (election districts), more than any other party. The FN also leads in fielding candidates in all of the cantons of a department, giving the FN a much denser net over the whole of France.

IFOP (French Institute of Public Opinion) polls show the FN as the probable leading party, ahead of the right-wing UMP, the Socialists and the Left Front

(which includes the phony “left” French “Communist” Party). Since fewer than half the registered voters are expected to vote, it would increase the proportion of the FN vote even more, because the fascist supporters are more motivated to go to the polls.

This means that in the second round of the elections, on March 29, there would be a run-off between the FN and either the Sarkozy-led right-wing UMP or the Socialists. No matter which party wins in elections, all serve the bosses. The Socialists present a greater threat to workers, for they aim to exploit workers’ aspirations for equality and use it to pacify workers into accepting crumbs. (“There is still racism but at least the socialists are in power.”) There is only one way to end racism once and for all: communism. Fascism cannot be defeated at the ballot box, but only through armed revolution by masses of workers.

The FN will likely become a powerful minority in practically all the departmental councils and may win outright control in some. These councils are responsible for the building, maintenance and equipping of junior high schools and managing the non-teaching staff. They’re also responsible for child protection, aid to families facing financial problems, aid to the handicapped, aid to the elderly and other welfare programs. They also run the libraries, museums and archives in the département.

The FN will use these elections as a springboard for the 2017 presidential elections. It will employ the power and patronage it gains to create an even more powerful fascist movement, either by winning the presidency outright or at least obtaining key ministerial posi-

tions in a coalition government with the right-wing UMP. Shades of Hitler’s rise to power in Nazi Germany!

## French Socialists = Social Fascists

As CHALLENGE has reported, the Socialists have pursued the same racist anti-worker policies as the UMP, while the French “Communist” Party has degenerated into an electoral machine whose only purpose is to guarantee a job for its elected officials. An IFOP opinion poll shows 50 percent of blue-collar workers and 41 percent of white-collar workers intending to vote FN, far more than the figures for the Socialists and the UMP combined. Thus the working class — the only class that can block the FN fascists in their electoral bid for state power — is demobilized.

The FN’s rise resembles in many respects the seizure of power by Hitler’s Nazis in 1930s Germany. The last election in the Weimar Republic showed the Nazi Party leading with 40 percent of the vote and the rest divided between the Social Democrat and Communist parties. The president of the Republic then appointed Hitler as Chancellor. The Nazis immediately began instituting anti-worker laws, thus “legislating” fascism, followed by open fascist terror which established fascism outright.

The FN’s road to power appears to be following that scenario, using unemployment and racism much as the Nazis did. Only communists can smash fascism, as demonstrated by the then-red Soviet Union’s defeat of the Nazis. The absence of true communist leadership of the working class in France is the missing ingredient to combat the FN, the Socialists, and all other ruling-class parties. We call on CHALLENGE readers and friends of PLP in France and worldwide to guarantee that such leadership emerges.✶





# LETTERS

We encourage all CHALLENGE readers to send in letters and articles about their experiences fighting the bosses worldwide.

## Profits Over Lives

I attended a co-worker's funeral several months ago. It's a very sad story because it may have been preventable. She went to an Emergency Room (ER) for abdominal pain and was sent home the same day. She returned the next day with trouble breathing, so she was put on a ventilator. She died the next day.

It was very shocking because it happened so fast. It is obvious that my co-worker should never have been sent home when she first went to the ER. Another co-worker said she experienced a similar event when her husband was complaining of abdominal pain, but tests in the ER did not show anything wrong. He was going to be sent home too.

My co-worker knew something was wrong with her husband and insisted on a CAT scan. The doctors made light of her suggestion, but ordered the scan in spite of their "better judgment." It turned out that his appendix was on the verge of bursting and he was scheduled for surgery on the same day. My co-worker had to go home to care for their children, and in the meantime, the operating room called her and informed her that they could not go ahead with the surgery because there was a problem with their insurance. Luckily my co-worker was able to correct a paper work error through Human Resources at work in time for her husband's surgery. The surgeon told her after the surgery that it was the worst appendix he'd seen in thirty years of practice. My co-worker saved her husband's life. Can you imagine the consequences if she had not insisted on her husband's behalf?!

If you recall, one of the first people to be diagnosed with Ebola in the U.S. was also sent home from an ER, only to return a few days later and eventually die. The practice of medicine is like all other institutions under capitalism. It's a business that is more interested in saving money than lives. ERs are understaffed and overwhelmed. Waiting times are usually long and in trauma centers, traumas must be attended to first. In many hospitals, available beds are in short supply, due to cut-backs and cost-saving policies. Efficiency "experts" have advised hospitals to cut the number of beds and keep the remaining bed capacity full.

I once saw a former leader of PLP hold up a dollar bill and say that is what the ruling class worships. The dollar represents their God, he said. Communist revolution will sweep them away into the dustbin of history.

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## No Worker Privilege under Capitalism

I was happy to read the front-page article about the anti-racist university teach-in (3/11). However, I think the subject of identity politics and white skin and male privilege needs more amplification. I, at least, have become involved in some very heavy and lengthy discussions about this lately, especially with other white middle-class friends.

There is a very common perception that being less subject to racist or sexist discrimination gives one "privilege" in society. What is missing is the understanding that racism and sexism are consciously created in order to divide workers against one another. This is manifested by not just encouraging prejudice, but by making non-racist or non-sexist workers feel separate from their coworkers because they may suffer less immediate concrete attacks in terms of wages, services or police brutality.

If one lacks the understanding that these differences in treatment by the bosses are tools to hurt the working class as a whole, then a frequent response is to accept a measure of guilt for the bosses' segregation and step back from multi-ethnic struggle or leadership. This is different from encouraging women or Blacks or immigrants to take leadership and making sure that whites and men can accept that leadership. But we must all participate together if we are to build bonds as a class and have the power to overthrow this system. We cannot adopt this guilt that is laid on us by those truly guilty of destroying the lives of millions around the world.

This issue also frequently arises when involved in international organizing, when workers from imperialist nations are discouraged from struggle over ideas emanating from oppressed nations. It's as if the millions of workers in the wealthy countries were not suffering, nor had valuable experience in

# In Memoriam of Ruth

Ruth was born in 1935 and grew up in the South Bronx, one of four daughters of a furrier and a garment worker. Ruth was close with her three sisters, Millie, Florence and Dottie growing up. As a kid and teenager she was known as a ferocious handball player, often playing and beating older boys and young men.

Her parents, like many of the families she knew, were involved in the old communist movement. Ruth became politically active in her late teens and was particularly influenced by her oldest sister Millie and brother-in-law Leon who were active in the movement.

After high school Ruth worked several jobs, including in a plant that made circuit boards where she eventually was asked to become an organizer for the union. Around that time she became a member of the Young Communist League and then the Communist Party. She met her husband-to-be Bert at a YCL party.

Ruth and Bert stayed in the CP through the McCarthy years, often having FBI agents come to the house and harass them on the street. By 1960 they felt that the Soviet Union had lost its way and was no longer leading the movement towards a communist future.

When they heard about a meeting to discuss a new direction in the communist movement they went and eventually became part of the group that established the Progressive Labor Movement and then the Progressive Labor Party. She became active in this new communist movement, including helping to organize the trip in 1963 that broke the government's travel ban to Cuba.

While doing this, Ruth had two children, worked and went to school in the evenings to get a teaching degree from Hunter College. As a teacher Ruth worked in an elementary school in the housing projects near her and Bert's apartment on 106th street.

In 1968, the teachers' union launched a racist walkout against parental control of schools. Ruth and other teachers in and around the PLP joined with Black and Latin parents to cross the racist picket lines, breaking into the schools and setting up freedom schools with anti-racist teachers and volunteers. This including sending her own kids across the lines in the face of the worst kinds of gutter racism.

Throughout her long teaching career Ruth was always an anti-racist fighter for those students the system didn't want to teach. Working in the heavily tracked schools in her neighborhood and in Harlem, as part of a group of PL teachers in upper Manhattan, she always chose the classes the school deemed the bottom of their grade and fought like hell to have the school care about those kids.



She was removed from schools several times for standing up to the administration, including organizing a boycott of a racist competency test the Board of Education was giving that was increasing the dropout rate of Black and Latin students.

After retiring Ruth continued her political activity, helping produce CHALLENGE newspaper, organizing Kids against Racism to introduce her grandchildren and others elementary school kids to the ideas of PLP, and trying to bring communist ideas into the struggle against Israeli fascism.

Most of all, Ruth was a fighter for the working class who never lost confidence that even with all the ups and downs of the communist movement, victory will come.☺

fighting capitalism. This form of nationalism elevates the ideas of the oppressed nationality to incontrovertible even if those ideas are based on ethnicity as opposed to class.

The history of the many failed "national liberation" movements of the last century to improve the lot of most workers is the sad consequence of this approach, which serves only to change the color or language of

the local exploiters. There is no country in the world today where workers hold power, so no country where we do not have to fight the ruling class, be it imperialist or imperialist lackey. Workers of the world unite! Fight for your class, not the bosses' flag!

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# International Women’s Day: Women Lead Class Struggle vs. Capitalism’s Special Oppression

March 8 was International Women’s Day (IWD), symbolized by the 1908 New York City march of 15,000 women demanding better pay and shorter hours. In 1910, the Socialist Second International held the first International Women’s Conference and established International Women’s Day. It has since celebrated many women’s struggles — including the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire and the women’s march to the municipal Duma (council) in Czarist Russia in early 1917, which helped spark the Bolshevik Revolution.

Internationally, workers will commemorate this month and day to honor the struggle against the special oppression of working-class women — sexism — and the capitalist system that promotes it, although the bosses and their media will use it to pay lip-service. We must recognize that this special oppression is an integral and necessary part of capitalism, which must be fought every day, not just on International Women’s Day or during Women’s History Month.

### To Smash Capitalism, Smash Sexism

Exploitation of women hasn’t always existed nor have conditions become better; it has simply changed in form. In primitive communal society men and women’s labor was valued equally. In early class society, women were primarily unpaid domestic workers. As capitalism’s needs shifted during industrialization, super-exploitation of women in factories began. The ruling class uses the special oppression of women — like racism and nationalism — as a tool to oppress the entire working class.

There are many ruling-class ideologies that claim to be anti-sexist, such as feminism, which blames men for sexism and wants women workers to unite with their female bosses. The bosses misdirect many women

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workers’ anger against the ruling class and towards men, a divide-and-conquer strategy. For men, instead of fighting sexism and revolting against the bosses, they’re taught to take their anger out on women.

### Unpaid and Waged Labor of Women = Double Profits for Bosses

Today, women are super-exploited globally, attacked by the U.S. racist destruction of welfare (especially Black and Latin women); paid \$2 a day in China’s vast manufacturing economy and in Mexico’s maquiladoras. Women already make up more than half of the super-exploited sub-contracted manufacturing jobs in the U.S., while remaining the principal childcare givers. Women are still paid 70 to 80 cents to every dollar male workers for similar work, keeping all workers’ wages lower. The majority of women workers receive no wages for their work. Unpaid labor — cleaning, shopping, cooking, and child-rearing — is essential to producing the generation of workers, the labor power that creates profits for the bosses. Because this work is done in the home and is seen as “natural” for women, it is not seen as profitable for the capitalists. This divide between paid and unpaid labor is central to class society.

In addition to being super-exploited, women are specially oppressed. They subjected to mass rapes in the Congo’s wars for diamonds and resources; targets of blatant sexism of religious fundamentalists; and

murdered, raped and forced into prostitution in the U.S.-led imperialist war in Iraq. In India, a woman is raped every twenty minutes.

Capitalist culture — music, poetry, movies, television — is more profitable because it perpetuates capitalist sexist gender roles that help maintain the system. “Successful” women in entertainment like singer Rihanna and singer Shakira promote near-nudity and sexual availability as qualities of powerful women. In Rihanna’s video for her song “Hard,” she wears a Kevlar and an open shirt with tape covering her breasts, straddling tanks, and ordering soldiers to fire their weapons in the desert, presumably the Middle East. The idea is that imperialist war and women-controlled sexism are something to be proud of.

The special oppression of women divides the working class, and dehumanizes women, and men. Economic exploitation makes women a commodity, leading to degrading them as sexual objects and prostitutes, victims of physical violence, rape and enslavement worldwide. We must ensure more woman — especially as soldiers and workers — take the lead in the effort to destroy the system that created and maintains sexism, racism, and its exploitation of all workers.

As communists, we fight in our everyday efforts to rid the world of capitalism. Women are at the forefront of these struggles against healthcare cuts, against capitalist education, and racist police murders.

Only by Black, Latin, Asian and white women and men workers uniting can the entire working class end the oppression of capitalism. Communism is the only system that values women as equals and allows all workers to reach their full potential. JOIN US!✊



## 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

### Bosses’ ‘booming’ India leads in hungry mothers, new-born deaths

NYT, 3/3 — Her first child survived eight months before succumbing to pneumonia; her second was still-born; her third delivered in a rickshaw, gasped for an hour before dying...in a country with about one-sixth of the world’s population but one-third of all newborn deaths....

A child raised in India is far more likely to be malnourished than one from the...Congo, Zimbabwe or Somalia, the world’s poorest countries....The poor health of young Indian women [reflect that] more than 90 percent of adolescent Indian girls are anemic, a crucial measure of poor nutrition....42 percent of Indian mothers are underweight....

Research has shown that genetics play no role in the size differences, leaving environmental factors as the only explanation. The reasons for Indian mothers’...poor health...include a culture that discriminates against them....

“In India, young newly married women are at the bottom of household hierarchies,” [Princeton researcher Diane] Coffey said. “At the...time Indian women become pregnant, they are often expected to keep quiet, work hard and eat little.”

Mothers also suffer from the same sewage-borne infections that so often kill their babies, made endemic by the primitive sanitation in much of the country, Ms. Coffey said. “It is likely that infectious disease is responsible for a significant portion of India’s pre-pregnancy underweight problem....”

Parasites spread by poor sanitation and dirty water are a crucial reason [for anemia]. “These mothers are the last persons in their families to have food.”

### Fascism, Ferguson Style

NYT, 3/5 — [Ferguson, Mo is a] city that used its police and courts as money-making ventures, a place where officers stopped and handcuffed people without probable cause, hurled racist slurs, used stun guns without provocation, and treated anyone as suspicious merely for questioning police tactics....

When people refused to comply with — or even questioned — unconstitutional orders, police...re-

sponded with force. Stun guns...were commonly used....

Blacks in Ferguson accounted for 85 percent of traffic stops, 90 percent of tickets and 93 percent of arrests over a two-year period....In cases like jaywalking...blacks accounted for 95 percent of those charged. A black motorist in Ferguson was twice as likely to be searched...even though searches of whites turned up drugs and other contraband more often....

“For people caught in this system, the consequences... [are] devastating. The man arrested...after sitting in his car...lost a job as a government contractor. An African-American woman who had been periodically homeless was cited once for parking her car illegally. From that ticket she was twice arrested and spent six days in jail...More than seven years and \$550 worth of payments later, she still owes \$541.

The...report describes the courts as a bureaucratic morass in which people often receive the wrong court dates, court procedures are made on the fly, and it can be unclear how much people owe or when they owe it. The punishment for missing a payment or an appearance, even for routine traffic violations, is often jail.

Court fines are a major source of revenue, and internal emails show city officials pushing for more tickets and fines, then congratulating one another when revenues exceed expectations. Police supervisors insisted that officers hit ticket quotas and reorganized the shift schedules to help hit them....

...City officials circulated racist jokes on their government email accounts without fear of punishment. One portrayed President Obama as a chimpanzee. Another included a photograph of African women dancing topless along with a caption ‘Michelle Obama’s High School Reunion.’

One black woman, who was cited for a permit violation after she had called police for help on a domestic disturbance, declared that she would not call the Ferguson police ever again, “even if she is being killed.”

### U.S. Saudi oil ally financed al Qaeda’s Sept 11 attacks

NYT, 2/5 — A still-classified section of the investigation...into the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks examine crucial support given to the hijackers and...implicate prominent Saudis in financing terrorism....

Zacarias Moussaoui, a convicted former member of al Qaeda, [said] he had high-level contact with officials of the Saudi Arabian government in the prelude to Sept.

11....[The report] shows that Saudi Arabia was complicit in the...attacks...“as being the principal financier....”

Proponents of releasing [the report]...have suggested that the Bush and Obama administrations have held it back for fear of alienating an influential military and economic partner rather than for any national security consideration....The national commission that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks...did note...the “likelihood that charities with significant Saudi government sponsorship diverted funds to al Qaeda.”

### Holocaust victims who survived the Nazis were jailed by the U.S.

NYT, 2/5 — Largely lost to history...is the cruel reality of what “liberation” actually meant for hundreds of thousands of Holocaust survivors discovered barely alive in the Nazi camps....

...The survivor —...Jews,...gays, Roma, Communists, Jehovah’s Witnesses...— remained for months behind barbed wire and under armed guard in what became known euphemistically as displaced persons, or D.P. camps. Many Jews were left wearing the same notorious striped pajamas that the Nazis gave them....

...Underfed survivors lived for months in decrepit camps in Germany and Austria — a number of them on the same grounds as the concentration camps....Thousands of former prisoners remained inside and in limbo for as long as five years because the United States and most other nations refused to let them in.

In the early months after the war, thousands of survivors died from disease and malnutrition...Allied commanders refused to give extra food rations to Jewish survivors because they did not want to be seen as giving preferential treatment over German P.O.W.s....

...A former immigration official, Earl Harrison, [sent] to Europe to inspect the camps...wrote, “we appear to be treating the Jews as the Nazis treated them except that we do not exterminate them. They are in concentration camps...under our military guard instead of S.S. troops....” Many [Nazis] made it to America so easily while so many Holocaust survivors were left behind.

One answer came in...Gen. George S. Patton’s handwritten journal....Patton, who oversaw the D.P. operations....[wrote] “Harrison and his ilk believe that the Displaced Person is a human being, which he is not, and this applies particularly to the Jews who are lower than animals....” (emphasis added).

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# Pakistan: Big Terrorist, Small Terrorist Equals Death for Workers

**PAKISTAN, March 11** — Pakistan has been a front-line of imperialist rivalry since the late 1970s, when U.S. and European bosses started to organize working people in the name of religion to fight against their imperialist rival, the Soviet Union, who at the time had an allied government in neighboring Afghanistan. The bosses in Pakistan began training and sending terrorist from all over the world into Afghanistan on the instructions and financing of the U.S., Saudi and Israeli bosses. Most of the terrorist mujahideen sent there were from religious schools where they received free religious education, shelter and food provided by the Pakistani bosses as “charity.”

Now, it is “blowing back,” and these terrorists are now unleashed in Pakistan. The Pakistani judicial system, which is used to suppress poor workers for the better interests of the capitalists, has failed. Now in increasing desperation, the bosses are hoping to contain the terror they created by amending the country’s constitution to allow military courts, where anyone considered an opponent, terrorist or not, can be tried.

Inter-imperialist rivalry exploits the opportunity to use these well-trained groups for its own benefit. These terrorists are spreading fear and horror among the working class so that this oppressed and exploited group won’t fight back. Innocent school children, women workers, low-sector workers and professionals are their targets. About 50,000 people have been killed in this bosses’ war.

These terrorist groups are here to protect the interest of bosses of one country or another. For example, U.S.-China rivalry over the markets and resources of the world is mirrored Pakistan. Pakistani bosses are trying to work with both U.S. and Chinese bosses, but these imperialist rivals have conflicting interests.

The terrorists are also used to eliminate political opponents. Different religious, nationalist and racist parties have their own militant groups to get extortion money, terrorize their political opponents and steal the so-called votes. We in PLP are striving to let workers know that “democracy” means voting for oppressors so they will exploit you more vigorously. We need a workers’ dictatorship which can make a world based on collectivity and fulfill our needs.

## U.S.-China Bosses

### Fight Over Profits in Pakistan

Pakistani bosses, under the leadership of big capitalists, are trying to invest more in Pakistan so that they can exploit more people. They succeeded in convincing the capitalist class in China to invest 32 billion US\$ in Pakistan. But U.S. bosses, embarrassed, managed to have two political parties they funded to stage a sit-in in the capital city of Islamabad to discourage the visit of the Chinese Premier and to block the investment. Afterwards, the Pakistani Premier rushed to Beijing to sign different agreements. In the end, U.S.-led efforts to keep the Chinese away from the Pakistani market resulted in the Chinese bosses increasing their investment from 32 to 42 billion US\$.

The “Pak-China Economic Corridor” is a huge and long-term program for the Chinese bosses to make big money. It will help the Chinese bosses to get rail and road access to the Gwadar Port, which has strategic and



Gwadar is located 250 miles from the Persian Gulf’s Strait of Hormuz, a major conduit for world oil supplies. It is strategically located between three important regions of the world: the oil-rich Middle East, heavily populated South Asia and the economically emerging and resource-rich Central Asia.

economic importance for the Chinese bosses. It is situated in the Baluchistan province of Pakistan, which has vast minerals, natural gas, coal, gold and other resources. It shares its boundaries with the strategically important countries of Iran, Afghanistan, and through the Arabian Sea, India, United Arab Emirates, and Oman.

Connecting China’s northwestern autonomous region of Xinjiang with Gwadar Port in southern Pakistan via highways, railways and pipelines to transport oil and gas will serve as a primary gateway for trade between China and the Middle East and Africa. In particular, oil from the Middle East could be offloaded at Gwadar and transported to China. Such a link would vastly cut the 12,000-kilometer route that Middle East oil supplies must now take to reach Chinese ports.

Earlier, the contract had been given to a Singaporean company. But in February 2013, the control of Gwadar was transferred to China’s state-owned China Overseas Ports Holding. Gwadar Port will also be used by the growing Chinese navy (which some military observers believe will be the largest navy in the world after 2020) for their strategic interests as well. China is gaining control over the Pakistani market. Almost everywhere in Pakistan, different Chinese companies are busy making profit. In the Baluchistan province, the site of Gwadar Port, many Chinese engineers and professionals were attacked by nationalist insurgents backed by U.S., India and other imperialist forces.

### China Facing Terror Attacks

China has been facing terrible terrorist attacks within its borders as well such as in Kunming and Yunnan, with unrest in the primarily Muslim Xinjiang region. Tourists have been massacred in a mountainous region of Pakistan near the Chinese border. China asked Pakistan to take adequate actions to keep these terrorists from entering China; it is assumed that these terrorists

got training in Pakistan by CIA-led jihadis. The bosses are fighting over the “bone” and they will keep fighting everywhere, whether it is in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria or Haiti.

Saudi and Iranian bosses are also using their puppets in Pakistan to create instability and chaos by spreading sectarianism and fundamentalism. Sunni and Shia terrorists respectively are being supported by these bosses to protect their interests in Pakistan and to keep Pakistan dependent on them. These bosses are encouraging their puppets to slaughter each other on the streets and in the mosques.

India also desires to increase its influence in the region by supporting nationalist, racist and religious terrorist groups to maintain unrest in Pakistan. India is feeling the threat from rising Chinese capitalist bosses so the Dalai Lama (Tibetan Buddhist religious leader) is being supported by the Indian bosses as a strategic asset. Indian bosses are trying to contain Chinese bosses by taking markets in Afghanistan and Iran. The thirst to make more profits is sharpening contradictions among China, India and Pakistan, which threatens even bigger wars.

The working class has been brutalized, silenced, and exploited by capitalist terrorism in the region, which spreads fear and chaos. About 400 workers were burned alive in a garment factory in Baldiya Town, Karachi, just because the owner of factory refused to give 20 million in Pakistani rupees as extortion to a racist political party of Karachi.

No political party raised its voice against this inhuman and brutal act except PLP. It is only PLP which organized the families of victims and workers to hold a demonstration against this horrible act of terrorism amid threats from racists and extremists. PLP is striving for a better future for the working class through international communist revolution!✊



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