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BRONX COLLEGE TEACH-IN

STUDENTS FIGHT ANTI-IMMIGRANT FASCISM

THE BRONX—"We cannot be quiet. We must fight fascism!"

These were the inspiring words of a Middle Eastern student at our teach-in at a City University of New York (CUNY) campus in the Bronx. More than 500 students and staff crowded into a big hall to better understand the world and make plans to fight back. We discussed organizing against racism, sexism, deportation, mass incarceration, and the ban on Muslim workers. We also got a glimpse of what an egalitarian society might look like as students from all around the world played key leadership roles in speaking, leading the workshops, and organizing the event. The divisiveness of identity politics took a back seat to building a united fightback led by the working class.

The teach-in was organized by a growing grassroots organization on campus. The keynote speakers were all students from countries on the racist Muslim ban list as well as undocumented students. The spirit of fightback was very evident as each speaker called on the participants to take a stand. "There is no one who can stop us!" was the rallying cry of one of the student speakers.

The workshops and discussion circles promoted the fighting spirit of the 1960s. There were no lectures or power points—just students and staff exchanging ideas and experiences on how to best fight back. A member of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) explained how racism is part of capitalism and that we won't see its end until we end capitalism. The workshops were lively and engaging, and as each ended, there were resounding chants throughout the entire hall. In the anti-racism workshop, students exchanged anecdotes about how they have stood up to racism and many agreed to join the organization and get more involved.

PLP members and friends have been active in the campus struggles here, from challenging



tuition hikes to fighting racist police brutality. We have fought to make each event a call for multi-racial unity and working class solidarity. Rather than see the teach-in as a place for "identity politics" where different groups see themselves as separate constituencies, we have held strong to the line that the Muslim ban, racist police killings, and attacks on immigrants are an attack on all of us. These attacks are systemic and not simply the policies of one President. The Progressive Labor Party's communist ideas have received a positive response on campus, as CHALLENGE distribution and discussion groups have increased.

This event was a step forward in the fight against racism and fascism, and for a better world. The organizers did not shy away from talking about fighting back. Hundreds showed they are ready to fight and are looking to both give and

take political leadership. Despite the bosses' intimidation and fear tactics, students who are the direct targets of Donald Trump's racist policies showed courage and determination.

But there is much more to be done. Some high school students took the lead with a militant walkout a few days after the teach-in. On campus we must strengthen the sanctuary movement. A rapid response team can respond to any and all attacks on undocumented brothers and sisters. We rally on International Women's Day to celebrate their leadership of the entire, united working class.

As we participate in these struggles, we must train future leaders to fight against the whole capitalist system. Let's step up our fightback on all our campuses and join the Progressive Labor Party in the fight for a better world!✊

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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.
- ★ 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.
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- ★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. While capitalism needs unemployment, communism needs everyone to contribute and share in society’s benefits and burdens.
- ★Communism means abolishing racism and the concept of “race.” Capitalism uses racism to super-exploit Black, Latin, 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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Editorial

Egypt: Proxy for U.S. Oil Interests in the Middle East

After a three-year hiatus, the U.S. ruling class is pointing to resume a major military exercise with Egypt. Under the threat of growing industrial and military cooperation between Egypt and imperialist rivals Russia and China, the U.S. bosses are seeking a stronger alliance with the regional power to prop up their increasingly tenuous stronghold in the Middle East.

Bridging the Middle East and Africa, linking the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean, Egypt is central to geopolitics in the region. Its Suez Canal and Sumed pipeline are strategic routes for the Persian Gulf and for natural gas shipments to Europe and North America. In 2013, 3.2 million barrels of oil a day passed through the Canal (Business Insider, 4/1/2015). “With its strategic situation, its cultural influence and a population double that of any other Arab country, Egypt has for three decades now been the linchpin of a precarious but enduring regional Pax Americana” (The Economist, 12/15/10).

Egypt is currently the largest recipient of U.S. foreign aid after Israel (NPR 2/22). But like many junior partners in today’s sharpening inter-imperialist rivalry, the local ruling class seems to be up for grabs. Egypt and Russia have a “burgeoning military relationship” (Washington Times, 12/1/16), and the two nations recently signed off on a package of 17 intergovernmental agreements (Sputnik International, 3/5/17). Meanwhile, a Chinese company is investing \$20 billion to fund the development of a new Egyptian capital 28 miles east of Cairo (CNN.com, 10/10/16).

Egypt’s Sisi: Criminal Thug, U.S. Ruling Class Role Model

The U.S. bosses are still trying to recover from their failed attempt to orchestrate the Arab Spring rebellions into a reliable pro-U.S. government in Egypt. In 2011, Barack Obama’s secretary of state, Hillary Clinton, helped oust president Egyptian Hosni Mubarak, disrupting a three-decade alliance and paving the way for the 2012 election of the Muslim Brotherhood’s Mohamed Morsi. The Brotherhood was born in Egypt in the 1920s as a conservative transnational movement against the British occupation. It gained popularity by using religion to numb the starving workers of Egypt to the reality of their super-exploitation by capitalism.

In 2013, after the subsequent military coup and crackdown led by mass-murderer Abdel Fatah el-Sisi, the U.S. voiced support for the new regime even as it temporarily suspended arms sales to Egypt:

A month after the military’s intervention—and in the lead-up to its massacre of Morsi supporters near the Rabaa al-Adawiya mosque—Secretary of State John Kerry even appeared to endorse the coup, saying that the army was “in effect ... restoring democracy” and averting civil war (Atlantic, 8/9/15).

In 2015, Obama resumed the transfer of major weapons systems to Egypt, including F-16 fighter planes. “[G]rowing concern over the threat of militants in Sinai, many of whom have pledged loyalty to the Islamic State, as well as Egypt’s decision to buy weapons from Russia and France, led the Obama administration to reverse course” (New York Times, 2/26).

Sisi, whom Trump has called “a fantastic guy,” is best known for his ruthless anti-working-class campaign of repression, censorship, militarized arrests, and mass disappearances—a strategy that inspires Trump, the new assassin-in-chief. “For Trump as well as other senior Republican politicians, Sisi has become an exemplar of a solid ally, a soldier who is tough on terrorism and vehemently opposed to political Islam” (Washington Post, 9/20/16).

The Trump administration, facing widespread pushback against its racist, anti-Muslim immigration ban, may double down and curry favor with Sisi by designating the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization. Trump’s targeting of the Brotherhood is aimed to safeguard U.S. imperialism and its primary source of cheaply extracted oil, Saudi Arabia, where the parasitic royal family fears an Islamist challenge to its absolute authority.☛

Smash Racist Deportations & State Terror

President Donald Trump’s racist immigration policy escalates a venerable ruling-class tradition of scapegoating and terrorizing immigrant workers. In addition to officially banning workers and refugees from six majority Muslim countries, the Trump administration has promised to increase deportations and detention of undocumented workers—an ambitious goal, given that Barack Obama’s administrations formally removed a record 3.1 million immigrants (Migration Policy Institute, 1/26).

The Department of Homeland Security is expected to double the number of people held in immigration concentration camps, to 80,000 a day. The asylum division of DHS has reported locating 20,000 beds for indefinite detention for asylum-seekers, a 500 percent increase over current capacity (MSNBC, 3/3). Meanwhile, 30,000 Haitian migrants are stranded at the U.S.-Mexico border, waiting to cross (UPI, 2/28).

The Clintons’ Terror Campaign

U.S. bosses have banned and persecuted migrants since the 1790s, when the rulers feared French immigrants influenced by the French Revolution. But today’s racist anti-immigrant hysteria descends from legislation created by the Bill Clinton administration in 1996. As Clinton starved thousands of children and tore citizen families apart through mass incarceration, he also expanded the grounds for jailing and deporting immigrant families (including permanent residents) for minor, nonviolent convictions. The law also made it much more difficult to gain asylum (Salon, 4/27/16). Beginning with the Clinton era, every president deported explosively more than his predecessor.

Smash racist deportations! Black immigrants are deported at five times their number in the undocumented population, and they are twice as likely to be detained for a criminal conviction (Time, 9/30/15). This is the legacy Trump is advancing.

Ruling-Class Terrorists Divided

The U.S. rulers are divided over the best way to discipline their own class and the working class in a society headed inevitably toward a broader global war. Trump’s intensified anti-immigrant rhetoric has served to divide the working class and distract many workers from the capitalists’ wholesale thievery and exploitation.

But as Trump funds an expansion of the fascist Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) apparatus, the administration’s anti-immigrant racism poses a conflict for the U.S. war machine. To defeat their Russian and Chinese imperialist rivals (see Egypt editorial), the rulers needed a committed, patriotic military. When Trump initially ordered a blanket ban on refugees from seven largely Muslim countries, 100 former government officials signed a letter opposing it. Among the signers were Madeleine Albright and Susan Rice, both of whom played significant roles in murdering masses of workers in the Middle East during the Clinton and Barack Obama administrations. The finance capital wing of the ruling class is signaling the unreliable Trump to curb his blatant racism that hurts U.S. chances at building a reliable army. Their opposition to Trump’s immigration policy stems from understanding

Fight the Fear

Immigrant workers have a long history of fight-back. The only response to Trump’s massive racist attack must be to organize. The only safety for undocumented workers can come from a united working class fighting the capitalist state. Many of the greatest leaders in the historical communist movement in the U.S. were immigrants, including Louis C. Fraina, Claudia Jones, Otto Huiswoud, and Claude McKay. The Progressive Labor Party will carry on the practice of fighting in the interest of the international working class. While competition and division are inherent to capitalists, the world’s working class is naturally collective. Forward to a world without borders!☛

College Campus

Workers Battle Sexism & Cynicism

NEW YORK CITY, March 1—A surprised college administrator shifted in his seat and fidgeted with his pen, surrounded at a table by several angry workers. This was an emergency meeting, called by a group of multiracial, immigrant and native-born anti-sexist staff and faculty at a local college, in defense of their woman coworker who was being terminated. Prior to the meeting, the workers had concluded this administrator was primarily responsible for years of sexist attacks on their coworker. The workers called the meeting and, at long last, they confronted him. Now, they sat in judgment.

Facing the administrator, a male worker delivered the charges. He concluded with the verdict and the sentence: "You're guilty of sexism, and everything that's happened to our coworker. We demand your resignation!" The boss refused to resign, and threatened the department that if he were to lose his job, the future funding of the department's programs and staff would be "uncertain."

This woman worker had endured years of harassment and sexist attacks. The attacks included routinely dealing with sexist comments made by the administrators' friends, feeling like the bosses encouraged an atmosphere of a "boys' club," and more. She witnessed and was intimidated into supporting administrative corruption and was terminated at the same time that this particular administrator received a promotion and increase in pay—despite being removed from actual responsibilities due to incompetence.

This struggle created an opening for wider fightback on campus, a fightback that can and must be linked to the growing "sanctuary" movement supporting undocumented students, and growing restlessness among campus workers against their racist and sexist working conditions.

To Fight or Not to Fight

The workers' demands for their coworkers' immediate reinstatement, and for the termination of this sexist administrator, split workers in the department. Some workers followed the passive line of "what can you do?"

In front of this woman worker, they argued that what's done was done, and out of fear of losing funding, we need to "come together" and make each other look good so as not to hurt the department's image. One worker cynically asserted that he'd rather have this administrator because "it could always be worse."

Other workers argued that publicity (good or bad) does not determine the survival of a department; the needs of the college to save money do. One woman worker stated the whole concept of "justice" was that people who do bad things should face consequences. She was exasperated that, because of fears over their jobs, some were making a perceived choice to save themselves instead of taking a principled anti-sexist position and defending their coworker.

Ultimately, fear won out over militant anti-sexism. Despite passionate and loud opposition, a slight majority called to drop the demand for the administrator to resign. Agreement was eventually reached on drafting a letter of support on behalf of the department to the college president to save this workers' job. This proposal was loudly endorsed by the more passive workers, who, as a group one week later, refused to sign it and apologized to their terminated woman coworker that the letter was "too extreme"—even though they helped write it!

Which Side Are You On?

The passive, cynical workers hide their fear of struggle behind anti-working class ideas like their "look out for no one but me" philosophy. In the dark night that has followed the collapse of the old communist movement, individualistic bosses' ideas like these have saturated the international working class. In practice, these ideas amount to abandoning a woman worker they once considered a friend. In practice, these ideas destroy working class unity, and let sexist pigs like their administrator get off with a promotion and less work. As the struggle in this college department clarifies, individualism benefits no one but the capitalists.

On the other hand, international working-class unity is growing in this department. That the administrator was confronted at all, and "indicted" by the multiracial group of militant women and men workers, is a victory. This struggle has the potential to grow. The department was a different place after the meeting, with no more ambiguity about who stood where. In the weeks that followed, many casual work friendships began solidifying into bonds of solidarity.

Sharper Practice, Sharper Theory

Sharp political discussions have ensued since the termination, and the workers have all remained in close touch. One question of "what to do next" was followed by another question: "what result do we want to achieve?" If the workers pull off a great anti-sexist victory and won her reinstatement, and stopped there, they would still

be left with the capitalist system that created the sexist working conditions in the first place. Not to mention they could still lose all of their jobs anyway. Some workers' fears of budget cuts have a real material basis; the U.S. rulers are savagely attacking all public education programs across the country to pay for their imperialist war machine!

Communists want to achieve a different society altogether, where the working class runs the world under communism, free of borders, money, sexism, imperialism and racism. Most workers in the department would agree that a communist world is preferable to the current one. To get there, it will take building working-class consciousness, to see that an injury to one is an injury to all. Fighting against sexist and racist attacks on the job are more than just the best way to win jobs back, they are the "schools for communism" our class needs to break free from fear and passivity.

Communist Potential Grows

The workers in this department fight on. Current and former students have been contacted and are collectively editing a petition to be distributed demanding reinstatement. There are plans to propose a union resolution with the same demands, in addition to an official college investigation into departmental corruption.

Further connecting the fight against capitalism with the local struggles on campus, a plan was made to enlist friends in different campus groups to fight back as well, and struggling to involve this woman worker in a CHALLENGE study group. The struggle continues!✊

Hundreds Protest Racist Attack on Mosque



FLORIDA, February 24—Hundreds of people of all ethnic groups came this evening to support the Islamic Society at New Tampa after an arson attack on the mosque today at 2 AM. Friends of Progressive Labor Party held a sign, saying "Racism Hurts All Working People." Many came to hug us when they saw the sign.

Although U.S. capitalist war-makers have tried to pit Jewish workers against Muslim

workers against Christian workers, tonight's gathering demonstrated solidarity of our class. Everyone here was saying that racist attacks on Muslim and Jewish workers have increased after the Presidential election of Donald Trump.

We must fight racism everywhere, and point out that the ideology of communism is the best way to unite working people worldwide.✊

Capitalist Crisis Intensifies Across Africa

EAST AFRICA, March 8—In Kenya, a doctor's strike resulted from the government's failure to implement a deal signed in 2013 which called for a 300 percent salary increase, a lower patient doctor ratio (which is currently 1 doctor to 16,000 people) and improved medical equipment.

The doctors formed a social media hashtag (#lipa kama tenda), which means the state should pay them as much as they pay people who have government tenders (contracts).

These conditions have negatively impacted life for working people in Kenya. These same conditions led to doctors leaving the country to work in Malawi, Ethiopia, and Zambia. That and striking were the only ways to fight back against the government's greed and strangle-hold on the doctors' salaries.

Progressive Labor Party (PLP) in East Africa supports the strike as the main weapon that could dismantle the political machinery and create the potential for revolution. PLP is asking for workers throughout the world to support the strike in solidarity, as similar conditions exist everywhere. While the strike is purely "reformist," PLP is also calling to change the whole system to one that is ruled by the working class, communism.

Unemployment in East Africa

Over the last few years, the Tanzanian government has employed fewer professionals in the service sector causing the ratio between teachers and students, doctors and patients to worsen. While the government has been complaining about the shortage of science and math teachers, within the same period, the colleges and universities have graduated many teachers and

doctors but the government has failed to hire them.

In other fields, like Human Resource Management, Sociology, Law, and IT, graduates also have not been hired since 2007. The government leaders hire their relatives, some of whom are unqualified, as well as the relatives of former government officials. The root of the problem is capitalism, causing mass unemployment and all these horrible services for workers and their families. Our call is for the worldwide working class to fight back against capitalism through waging a PLP led revolution.

Mushrooming Fascism Across Africa

Since the early 1960s, some rulers have refused to step down. For example, Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, Yuweri Kagat Museveni of Uganda, Joseph Kabila of Congo, and Pierre Nkuruzinda of Burundi, whose term was supposed to end according to the constitution, are a few famous examples.

Gambian president Yahya Jammeh outright rejected the election results of the victory of Adam Barrow, who represented seven opposition parties.

Magafuli, the fifth and newest president in Tanzania, is from the same party that's been ruling since independence in 1961—the CCM, or Chama Cha Mazindupi, meaning "Party of the Revolution." The new government is ruling with a "zero tolerance" policy and is ignoring the constitution. He and his subordinates, the regional and district commissioners, and those in charge of the criminal justice system, rule with total impunity.

Magafuli does not observe or exercise the "rule of law" he claims to uphold. All decisions are now made by the executive branch of government, disempowering the legislative and judicial branches that are supposed to keep the executive in check. The police and intelligence and service (TISS) are increasingly used to silence all opposition by deporting, jailing, and assassinating anyone who openly opposes the government.

On December 27, 2016, Alfani Lihuni, ITV journalist, was arrested because of a report he published about a food and water crisis in Meruland. Lema, a Member of Parliament from the northern region of Arusha, is in prison for the second month for interfering with the court proceedings of the Arusha Regional Commissioner, Mrisho Gambo. This was done as a way to silence all opposition in Arusha, which is home to an important regional city, also named Arusha.

In eastern Tanzania, seven people were found dead around the Wami River, with their bodies found with wounds caused by sharp objects. After the national election of 2015, the dead body of Alphonse Mawazo, Regional Chairman of the opposition Chadema Party, was found around the bushes near the main road. It's widely believed that these murders intentionally caused by government officials. Police and gangs are known in the area for executing such attacks in an effort to terrorize people.

PLP in East Africa calls on working people to join in solidarity to fight back against fascism and fight for communism! It is the only solution for restoring human integrity, dignity, equality and a happy life in East Africa and worldwide.✊

Hidden Figures Hides Mass Fightback, Embraces Individual Gains

Hidden Figures is being hailed as an anti-racist, anti-sexist film. While it presents some of this, it is inevitably a capitalist movie that does not truly challenge the systemic racism and sexism faced by the main characters or by workers today. *Hidden Figures* follows the struggles of a group of Black women mathematicians working for NASA during the U.S.'s race to beat the Soviet Union in space travel.

Hidden Figures is mainly a story of celebrating exceptional individuals. This individualism is typical of the ruling class' culture—a feel-good movie meant to have the working-class feel like things have gotten better. It's supposed to show that though there was racism in the U.S.'s history, through struggle by carefully selected icons, it's a better place now. Celebration of mass fightback against systemic racism and sexism is too dangerous because they are crucial to the survival of capitalism! So instead we are given individuals to celebrate, and are convinced that a few people "making it" means racism and sexism are conquerable under this system.

The women of the film are themselves not concerned with joining the antiracist Civil Rights movement or "bringing others up with them." Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) criticizes her husband for letting their children watch news coverage and steers her kids away from a street corner demonstration. The husband's ideology of being active and directly fighting racism wasn't embraced by the film—it was painted as one of the dangers the protagonists fought against. But in reality it was mass struggle of hundreds of thousands of anti-racist workers of all races fighting together that led to the end of legal segregation.

The women complain about their unequal treatment on the job and in education, but they don't organize against this, they fight to get something for themselves. Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe) fights to get into an all-white course so she can apply for a promotion, but it is an exception just for her. Despite this aversion to struggling as a group, she later steals a library book on computer programming that is only available to whites and uses it to teach herself and the other black women how to program so that they can use the new computers NASA is bringing in.

Overall, the film accurately depicts the racism

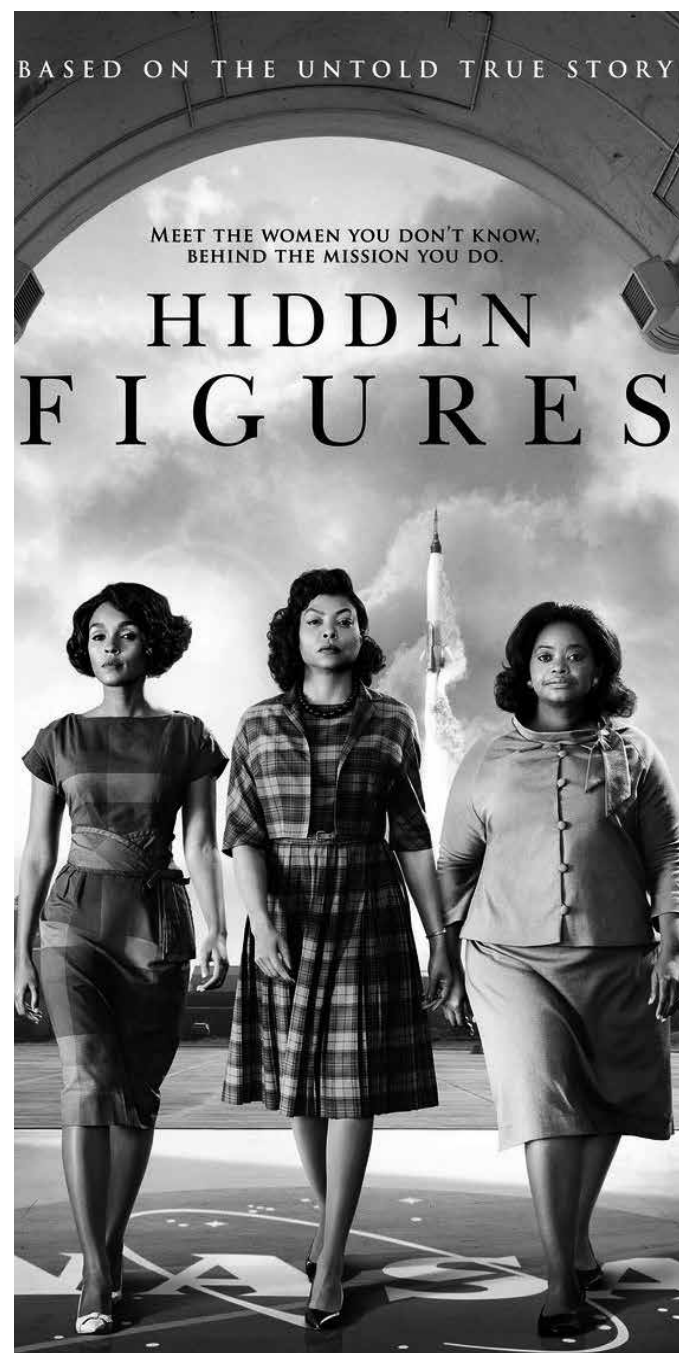
of the white workers and bosses at NASA. One boss, Al Harrison (Kevin Costner), does have a "white savior" moment when he tears down a "colored only" bathroom sign but he makes it clear that desegregating the bathrooms is strictly for productivity purposes. Until then, the Black women had to go across campus to get to the bathroom—their boss only acts in the name of extracting as much work out of these women as possible.

This also reflects the nationalism pushed in the drive to "beat" the USSR. The USSR, though at that time returning to capitalism, still inspired mass struggle around the world against racism and imperialism. Anticommunism and nationalism are the only things in this movie that lead to any of the characters acting antiracist. One of the opening scenes has the three main characters stranded on the side of the road. Dorothy is trying to get their car running, when a cop pulls up and they frantically get themselves together in hopes that the cop won't harass or arrest them. The women convince him that they work for NASA by showing their official IDs. The cop gets patriotic, saying "we have to get a man up there before the Commies do."

Once the car is repaired, he gives them a high-speed escort to work. Anti-communism and nationalism wins over even racist cops in the Jim Crow South.

Hidden Figures shows these small wins for individuals as though they are victories for all—a sign of the end of racist and sexist oppression, and yet schools are more segregated now than they've ever been, police murder working-class Black and Latin youth with impunity, and the U.S. President is an open racist organizing the state apparatus to hunt down our undocumented working class brothers and sisters.

There's still a lot to like about *Hidden Figures* and it provides a basis for discussion of racism and sexism, and how workers can fight back. The fact that women, particularly Black working class women, were able to accomplish what they did is a statement of what the working class is capable of, though in the film there is no class analysis. Under communism we would tell the stories of collective struggle against sexism and racism and not hold up exceptional individuals as the answers to our problems.✊



LA Communist School: Study & Collectivity Build Morale

LOS ANGELES, CA—Members of Progressive Labor Party, with our coworkers and friends, spent the weekend at a cadre school with the theme, "It's Not Just Trump, It's Capitalism!" (see letters, page 6).

The weekend kicked off with a rich discussion of political economy. We analyzed the inner workings of capitalist exploitation by examining our own current and previous jobs. The diversity of our stories as workers helped us to understand that all workers create surplus value (profits) for the ruling class. We also saw how racism and sexism are used to maximize these profits.

In the afternoon we focused on the Russian Revolution and a time where one-sixth of the world was able to eliminate some of the ills of capitalism. We read essays from Langston Hughes' book *Good Morning Revolution*. We learned that when a society is not driven by profit, the need for racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination dissipate. For example, the Soviet Union enforced strict policies and rules that outlawed racism. As a result, within 15 years, there was significant progress in eliminating racial discrimination against Jewish people and other minority groups.

On the second day we focused on the need for a revolutionary communist party to bring about revolutionary change. We watched a part of the movie, *The Square*, which told the story of the 2011 Arab Spring in Egypt. There were serious weaknesses in the movement, such as having the illusion that the army had sided with the workers, and the absence of a mass communist party that could lead the workers to power.

The discussion about the weaknesses of the Arab Spring led us to look for how we could organize ourselves in a different way. We heard reports about organizing struggles and building PLP in mass organizations and we armed ourselves with dialectical materialism (our working-class philosophy). We concluded that revolutionary change cannot occur without the leadership of a mass PLP.

In one workshop, someone raised the idea of having a society based on barter. Under communism, we ask from each according to commitment, to each according to need. Trading or bartering can be halted on a whim simply because someone doesn't want to conduct trade anymore. Under communism, no single individual will be able to make such a decision and the masses would be involved with everything including the production and distribution of all necessities.

While the workshops discussed the theory of communism and how it could be implemented, the rest of the weekend showed small glimmers of communism in practice. Cooking, cleaning and other responsibilities were tackled collectively, as they would be in a communist society. Duties changed night to night. One night, the dinner prep team ran into some trouble, but it was quickly resolved when someone else stepped in and helped out. Hooray for collectivity!

The high point of the weekend came when a comrade that was with us in Sacramento to battle the racist Nazis, stood up and joined the Party! We welcomed him with orange juice toasts, thunderous applause and with everyone singing Bella Ciao. Another nail was added to capitalism's coffin. The fight for a communist world continues!✊

Undocu Students Lead Solidarity Rally



BROOKLYN, NY, February 28—A crowd of over 40 multiracial students, high school teachers, and college professors rallied alongside and in solidarity with immigrant students at the entrance of Kingsborough Community College (KCC). High school student groups, led by undocumented and DACA students (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) organized the rally with their teachers and staff. KCC's sprawling south Brooklyn campus is also home to Leon M. Goldstein High School, known as LMG.

Students and LMG/ KCC faculty stood on either side of the school's entrance, where parents line up and drop students off in their cars. LMG students produced a newsletter that was distributed to students and their parents for the rally, which contained anonymously written immigrant stu-

dent stories, and some facts about the struggles of life in the U.S. as an undocumented immigrant.

PLP salutes the students and faculty of LMG and KCC! In a dark night of intensifying racist and sexist anti-immigrant terror, we aspire to follow the example of these students.

As high school and college students, faculty, and campus workers unite and fight side by side in the growing nationwide "Sanctuary" movement, we must continue to support and organize rallies like these to raise international working class consciousness. Defending and fighting along our immigrant sisters and brothers means joining our local pro-immigrant mass organizations—like churches and other community groups with national affiliations—and sharpening the fightback against racism. The struggle continues!✊

Organize vs. Fascism & Liberal Misleadership

WORCESTER, March 1—The intensity of working class opposition to Trump's fascism and for an egalitarian society has surprised the bosses. They are now scrambling to mislead the anti-fascist movement, which the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) and its friends in the Massachusetts Human Rights Committee (MHRC) participate in and sometimes lead.

On January 21, PLP and MHRC held a rally in Worcester in solidarity with the Women's March in other cities around the country. The fascist bosses stayed away and the liberal bosses made their way to the huge Boston rally.

Smash Segregationist Politics

On January 31, there was a rally in partial response to Trump's Muslim ban. Several liberal politicians reached out to a pretend anti-racism group called Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ). This pretend anti-racism group has a rule that there should be no Black people in the leadership or planning committee, as it is an antiracist group for white people only. It is mirroring the racist rules found in the reactionary group calling itself "Black Lives Matter." The latter espouses Black nationalist politics, holding "people of color" only meetings.

PLP has refused to work with either group. The racism of racial exclusion will only mislead and weaken the working class. Many people agreed with us when they found out that SURJ was intentionally all white.

The liberal politicians, through SURJ, called for

a rally against Trump's fascism. We helped organize the rally as there were over 1,200 people, most of whom were antiracist people. PLP pointed out the bosses' line on sanctuary cities was to give the perception of the "criminal" immigrant, similar to what the bosses do with young Black and Latin men and women.

There has been an increase in hate crimes in Worcester since Trump's election. Mosques, Jewish centers, and individuals have been targeted. The misleaders brought their "no" hate committee, which only seems to meet when there is a need to preempt workers' anger or there is some electoral advantage. Mainly religious leaders and politicians posed for the camera.

On February 7, PLP and others went to the City Council and demanded that the City make public their supposed efforts to defeat fascism and provide a report on the number of hate crimes. The Council did nothing.

We organized a forum on the issue of Stop Racist Deportations. One speaker said the revised Trump fascist travel bans would target immigrants who have been in the country less than two years, or have been only charged with an offense such as driving without a license.

The speaker for PLP said that fascism and racism come from the profit system and a communist system was needed to defeat fascism. The battle against fascism can only be won in the streets and that people with a foot in both camps will only mislead us. Join PLP!✊

LETTERS

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

Thanks for the Communist School

Thank you to all the members and leaders who had made the communist school in LA possible [see page 5]. I found it to be very educational, inspiring, and encouraging. I still hold my reservations that communism is the political ideology that could sustainably solve the crisis we face today, which I agree is the faults of a capitalist system. However, I am definitely coming away with a better understanding of the Party’s mission and methods, and where they do align with my own. I have been greatly inspired to increase my efforts to be a fighter in this common struggle.

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LA Retreat ‘Lit as Hell’

West Coast party was lit as hell [see article page 5]. Got me to thinking about the Bolshevik revolutionary structure, the principle of democratic centralism and autonomy, and clarity on the political lines of the Progressive Labor Party.

As a rank and file educator, I dove into arguments about reform vs. revolution, identity politics, dialectical materialism in my other groups throughout the week-end. I got feedback on my frustrations and to key questions to ask them and myself.

Overall, the discussion was a very fruitful conversation and I would like to have more. PLP told me from jump street what they stood for *and* they showed it through their actions across the “united snakkkes” this past year.

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Hawaii, Where There’s No Money

A local TV station, Khon2, recently carried a story headlined “Less money for the state means tough decisions for education.” Quotes from the story, which was broadcast statewide:

“The state is working with less money. That could mean important programs will not be getting the money they want. That’s because the state will not collect as much taxes as it thought it would. . . Lawmakers say that equates to \$155 million less to spend this year. . . The question now is just where the cuts will be made.”The story goes on to explain why the Education Department will be getting \$40 million less than expected. (Oh well, our new president will ensure that wealthy capitalists, the people who count, will be given assistance to place their kids in private schools.)

In “unrelated” news on the same day, and not reported by Khon2, the state’s Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism projected a 4 percent growth in visitor expenditures in 2018.

The tourist industry employs approximately 150,000 blue collar/service workers. The average wage is \$20/hour. Doing the math, there is roughly \$10 billion in gross profits for the industry. The Waikiki district of Honolulu sits on land stolen from native Hawaiians.

An ex-carpenter friend, who helped build some of the Waikiki high-rise buildings points out that Eminent Domain is a legal principle inherent in U.S. and English Common Law. Accordingly, every inch of land in the U.S. ultimately belongs to the public, and can be taken by the government without compensation, as long as it is used for the good of the public. Pointing out the annual rise in homelessness, particularly among people of native background, he suggested: “Why don’t we start by claiming Waikiki?”

A better and more practical response from several of my friends: Let’s strengthen our group, which we call Hawaiian Friends of the Progressive Labor Party.

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It Is Noh Mystery—We Makin’ History

I enjoyed the article “Black and Red: The Untold History” (CHALLENGE, 3/8). I wanted to mention a Red-inspired musician, inspired by the writings of Black communist W.E.B. DuBois, United Kingdom-based dub poet Linton Kwesi Johnson.

Johnson was born in Chapelton, in Clarendon Parish, Jamaica, in 1962. After immigrating to the UK at the age of 11, attending university and being briefly involved with the British branch of the Black Panther Party, Johnson became a renowned poet. Johnson credited his turn to poetry to Dubois’ writings, which provided him a class analysis of racism in the UK.

The situation for Caribbean immigrants in the UK was intense in the 1970s. Following World War II, waves of immigrants in search of jobs from British-held Caribbean colonies settled in neighborhoods like the south London district of Brixton. Black immigrants endured constant racist terror and murder by the London police. One form that racist police terror took in London were the “Sus laws.”

“Sus laws,” short for “suspected person laws,” were the predecessors of today’s “stop and frisk” laws. Enacted in London in 1824 to justify imprisoning unemployed British military veterans, the Sus laws remained on the books for over a century, and were used with ferocity against the newly-arrived Caribbean immigrants in the 1970s.

It was against this background that Johnson composed his first poems. When he began performing with a reggae band in the background, he created the genre of dub poetry and became one of the precursors of modern rap music.

Life for the Black working class, and Johnson, took a sharp turn in 1980, when antiracist rebellions of Black youth against the Sus laws first exploded in UK city of Bristol. The rebellions spread over the following years: Brixton (London), Toxteth (Liverpool), Handsworth (Birmingham), Chapeltown (Leeds), among many other uprisings.

Johnson’s dub poetry and music evolved into celebrations of mass antiracist resistance and militant calls to action.

In “Sonny’s Lettah (Anti-Sus Poem)”, Johnson movingly recites a letter in Jamaican patois, written by a young Black worker to his mother from prison, imploring her to have courage. Other dub poems- “Di Great Insohreckshan,” “All We Doin is Defendin,” and “Fite Dem Back,” celebrate armed struggle against the police and neo-Nazis. “Reggae Fi Peach” is a powerful memorial to Blair Peach, a white antiracist schoolteacher murdered by the police, an instance of multiracial unity that profoundly moved Johnson and many Black workers. “Forces of Viktry” is an homage to the heroic masses fighting back “to defeat the state;” “Reality Poem” calls on workers to accept “science and technology” over “religion, antiquity and mythology;” while “Making History” furiously attacks anti-Black racism while embracing Asian immigrant workers in the neighborhood of Southall, London, who “formed up a human wall against the fascists and police shields” in solidarity with Black immigrant workers.

Johnson’s dub poetry is as catchy as it is politically sharp. Communists and antiracists would be hard pressed to find more inspiring calls for multiracial working class unity, or such heartfelt encouragements to draw our strength from the struggle, among the masses. The revolution may not be televised, but it already has a soundtrack—to remember past struggles of the international working class and to inspire new ones.

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Nazis Emboldened by Trump, Antiracists Driven to Fight

Following the election of fascist Donald Trump, the struggle heated up in western Pennsylvania.

On December 28, 30-some spirited workers marched, chanted and rallied at the federal building in downtown Pittsburgh demanding that Martin Hernandez be released from prison. Hernandez, an immigrant worker from Mexico, was unjustly charged with a felony and faces possible deportation. At the rally, his wife and three children were introduced and a young woman fighter read a letter from Hernandez. The rally ended with another young woman singing a song of struggle.

In Johnstown, the local unity coalition organized a rally in central park to protest racist acts by a gang to local Klan types. These scums had been driving through the city, in a pick up truck flying the flag of slavery, a noose hanging from the tailgate and bearing a sign praising James Earl Ray, Dr. King’s assassin.

No doubt these vermin were emboldened by Trump’s election victory.

On the week of January 20, there were actions in Pittsburg. There was a rally to protest unemployment, a rally for sanctuary churches to defend immigrants, a women’s march, an anti-Trump action and an anti-racism conference.

Meanwhile, there have been numerous marches and rallies to protest Trump’s travel bans. Some copies of CHALLENGE were distributed at one of these actions.

None of these events called for an egalitarian workers’ state. But they open the doors for communists to intervene with revolutionary ideas.

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Explain Both Continuity & Change in Trump Gov’t

CHALLENGE does an excellent job of stressing the continuity between Democrat and Republican administrations regarding the racist-fascist terror experienced by our immigrant sisters and brothers. They are all fascist butchers sending untold numbers to their deaths by deportation!

But, with Donald Trump, there is a qualitatively new ideological factor that we must relentlessly expose. The overt fascist that Trump has appointed to daily call the shots for his White House policy is Stephen Bannon. This racist ideologue, in turn, swears allegiance to Julius Evola. Evola was one of the master ideologues who powered the fascism that developed in Italy and Germany with genocidal result, from 1920 to 1945. Read the article “Steve Bannon Cites Italian Thinker Who Inspired Italian Fascists,” Jason Horowitz (NYT, 2/20). “Evola eventually broke with the Italian fascists because he considered them overly tame. Instead, he preferred the NAZI SS officers [who] shared his anti-Semitism!”

The U.S. bosses may dump Trump because he is an unreliable “loose cannon.” But he is doing their bidding consistently in a vital regard: building overt racism broadly and deeply, particularly anti-Muslim racism. Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama failed to expand the vicious, mass imperialist-racist consciousness desperately needed to fuel a huge U.S. fighting force that might prevail in World War III’s redivision of the profit-generating territories of the earth. Trump is doing this. We must expose him and fight him.

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Stress and Cuban Babies

A letter in the March 8 CHALLENGE made a good point about how life stress, including the stress of racism, is bad for workers’ health. Besides heart disease and stroke mentioned by that writer, premature birth and infant deaths have also been linked to stress, especially stress during pregnancy.

On a recent tour of health facilities in Cuba I learned something about how that country, with a fraction of the United States’ per capita income, managed to achieve a lower infant mortality rate than the U.S. (Cuba has had a lower infant death rate than the U.S. since about 2003.) Cubans all still have access to high quality medical care. I have seen their newborn units and they are high quality. But that is not the way they outperform the U.S. in infant survival.

Our group toured a maternity home where any woman with an increased risk of going into premature labor can go and live free of charge, together with other expectant mothers from her community. Women with any situation that might increase their risk of premature labor—high blood pressure, anemia, social stress at home, being under 20 or over 35 years of age or having ever had a premature or low birth weight baby in the past—any such condition means she is free to move into the Hogar Materno where there is a nurse 24 hours a day, a doctor on call, and all the cooking and housework are done by others. Her family can visit her whenever they want and she can leave if she chooses. But the amazing fact for me was that there are enough maternity home beds in Cuba so that on average every woman giving birth in that country could have about two weeks in a home if she wanted or needed it.

Since most pregnancies are low risk in Cuba, those who do need such a low stress often end up staying there for months. And then they give birth at term, instead of having a premature baby who might die or have handicaps.

However, Cuba is changing fast, moving into full-blown capitalism from the state monopoly capitalist system established in the 1960s. That system still provides certain socialistic features, such as free health care and education. The Cuban birth rate for very small (under three pound) babies is about two thirds as high as the U.S. rate. Will the focus on stress prevention that achieved this remarkable health outcome soon end? It is hard to see how such expansive preventive care will be maintained as the profit system takes firmer hold on Cuba, but it is also not clear that the Cuban people will see their world-class health system—and population

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health statistics—be destroyed without some serious pushback.

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Response to Berkeley: No Free Speech for Fascists

I was interested in the CHALLENGE article (2/22) about the antiracist upheaval in Berkeley against the fascist speakers there. I have never thought that fascists should have freedom of speech and I was uplifted to hear that this speaker was shut down.

Back in the 1990s, when the Ku Klux Klan and Nazi skinheads were attempting to colonize the coalfields of western Pennsylvania, the Coal Country Coalition (CCC) organized anti-fascist rallies at the site of the racist rallies. We were never concerned with freedom of speech for these fascists. Instead, we attempted to shout them down and disrupt their gatherings.

On one such occasion, an anti-fascist sang “Light My Fire” by The Doors over a sound system while another burned a confederate flag. One of the lines of the song went, “Come on baby, light my fire. Try to set the night on fire.”

This drove C. Edward Foster the Klan leader, into frenzy while the rest of these racists seemed to be dazed and confused. The CCC always attempted to be creative in their approach to the Klan.

Concerning the situation in Berkeley, I read that anarchists played a role in silencing the fascist speaker. The anarchists make a major error by attempting to substitute themselves for the working class in the fight against fascism. It is only the working-class led communist party that can defeat fascism.

Finally, the CCC always distributed a leaflet at the antifascist rallies connecting the Klan and racism to the entire capitalist system. It also called for an egalitarian workers state. I’m glad the Party was able to do the same thing at the Berkeley action. In some ways, this might be more important than slewing the fascist scum.

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Int’l Working Women’s Day

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air strikes as men. Whether they stay or flee, women are at risk of sexual assault or sex trafficking. In refugee camps in countries like Jordan, where women and children comprise more than 80 percent of the population, they are at a high risk of sexual assault. Often they lack basic reproductive and sexual health services, resulting in higher death rates.

The everyday lives of women workers are a nightmare. Women, and especially Black, Latin, and immigrant, are the first to lose their jobs when the bosses need to cut. Wages are falling all over the world and it’s getting harder and harder to pay for food, rent, and other necessities.

History As A Guide And A Weapon

The international working class has faced down dark nights before, and will do so again. The Soviet Union made great progress, where prostitution was eliminated, communal daycares and kitchens flourished, and education was equal for both women and men.

At its height, 60 percent of the Soviet Union’s engineers were women. Women held power across one-sixth of the earth’s surface, and armed women workers played lead roles during World War II, both in the Red Army, and the partisan movement that devastated the Nazi war machine behind enemy lines.

The Soviet Union gives us a glimmer of what life can look like when women and men unite to build a better world.

Working Class Response to Crises

The world situation is intensifying. The bosses may respond to crises by attacking and exploiting women more and stirring up racism. The bosses will also try to lead the working class astray through feminist and liberal politics that mark working-class men—not ruling-class women and men—as the enemy.

But our class has much to be hopeful for. Millions of people around the world are refusing to fall into the trap of racism and sexism (see page 1,3,5).

When Trump announced his Muslim ban, thousands of workers in cities all over the United States rushed to the airports to demand its downfall. Workers chanted, “No hate, no fear, immigrants are welcome here.”

The day after the inauguration, millions of workers around the world went to women’s marches to show that they would not accept the attacks on women.

PLP marched and will continue to march and organize on the campus and on the job with the millions of workers who dare to dream a better world. This International Working Women’s Day, we must mobilize to destroy the whole sexist capitalist system and replace it with communism. Only then will the working class, both men and women, truly be liberated. The night may be dark, but our revolutionary future is bright!☺



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

Capitalist China worth \$500 billion

NYT, 3/5 — Mao once branded capitalists enemies of the Chinese people. In the era of President Xi Jinping, those capitalists are billionaire lawmakers — and they’re getting even wealthier.

The combined portion of the wealthiest members of China’s Parliament and its advisory board amounts to \$500 billion....

...The hundred richest saw their net worth rise 64 percent in the four years since Mr. Xi took power....

...The influence of the rich in Chinese politics continues to grow....

...Private entrepreneurs now account for about 20 percent of the...delegates to Parliament.

Brits blast Trump’s fascism

NYT, 2/27 — LD50, an art gallery on a quiet street in...East London...in the era of President Trump... drew dozens of protesters...chanting slogans like “Make racists afraid again!” and “No to the Nazis!” The protest was organized...[against] the gallery’s postelection exhibition on...the white nationalist movement... [and] its anti-Semitism, racism and Islamophobia.

The exhibition opened two days after Mr. Trump was elected....

...Andrew Osborne, 42, a fine art technician...who helped organize the protest...said, “I don’t see why we should tolerate fascism”....

One protester, Jenny Graham, 44, described the area as “a diverse borough in terms of race, class, ethnicity; everyone here lives happily side by side: Jews, Muslims, everyone...I wouldn’t set foot in that place unless I had a bomb with me. No platform for...fascism”....

Mr. Osborne said he favored shutting the gallery. Asked if that would amount to censorship, he replied, “Hate speech isn’t free speech....”

Murder of Indian immigrant follows Trump’s Muslim ban

NYT, 2/27 — NEW DELHI — Jeena Sharma, 25, was applying for a work visa to the United States when news came that two Indian engineers had been shot in a Kansas bar by a man who...questioned their immigration status....

...Ms Sharma felt her own apprehension growing as the days passed and President Trump made no statement on the crime.

“It’s definitely very scary....It’s almost as if a brown person is dead, like it doesn’t matter....”

India is second only to China as a feeder to American colleges, with around 165,000 students enrolled in the 2015-2016 school year....the largest recipients of... visas known as H-1B visas, which the Trump administration intends to cut back....

In 2009 and 2010, reports of racially motivated crimes against Indian students in Australia set off demonstrations outside the Australian embassy in New Delhi, where Australia’s prime minister was burned in effigy.

Betsy DeVos: Ignorance Trumps education

NYT, 2/8 — The just-confirmed [Trump] education secretary, Betsy DeVos...has never run, taught in, attended or sent a child to an American public school, and her confirmation hearing laid bare her ignorance of education policy and scorn for public education itself. She has donated millions to, and helped direct, groups that want to replace traditional public schools with charter schools and convert taxpayer dollars... [to] send children to private and religious schools....

Ms. DeVos has spent tens of millions and many years in a single-minded effort to force her home state, Michigan, to replace public schools with privately run charters....She has consistently fought legislation to stop failing charters from expanding and lobbied to shut down the...Detroit public school system and channel the money to charter, private or religious schools, regardless of their performance....

...Ms. DeVos appeared largely ignorant of challenges facing college students...skeptical of Education Department policies to prevent fraud by for-profit colleges — a position favored, no doubt, by Mr. Trump, who

just settled a fraud case against his co-called Trump University for \$25 million.

South Africa: ‘apartheid still there’

NYT, 2/16 — Khayelitsha — ...Zwai Lugogo...lives in a shack here in Cape Town’s largest [B]lack township, making do with thin walls of painted metal....

...Working hard...but barely scraping by....“That money...is just not enough to be able to take care of our families,” said Mr. Lugogo, 34....

South Africa is now considering...a national minimum wage....[of] about \$1.50 an hour...close to the median wage in a country where the official unemployment rate is 27 percent and nearly half the population lives in poverty....in one of the world’s most unequal societies....

...Black South Africans, who make up 80 percent of the population, earned only one-fifth of what whites did in 2015....

...The African National Congress...has governed the country since 1994....[had] the party’s worst showing in elections since...1994....

On weekday mornings, soon after daybreak, the men and women of Kjayelitsha leave their neighborhoods and....commute...up to a couple of hours each way....

Many said...cost[s] them a quarter or a third of their monthly wages.... [On] the bus...Makatiso Sekhmane...[was] knitting a black cap...[which] supplemented the \$400 a month she made working six days a week cleaning white people’s homes. Her husband earned maybe \$150 repairing refrigerators....

...Many of the employed[’s] wages are far below the salaries earned by the few residents in the nicest homes....Sinovoyo Gada’s family moved here in 1998.

“There was no road here, just gravel,...no houses, just shacks....”

...After...three years....she now works four days a week...earning \$60 a week. About 30 percent of that, or \$18, goes to transportation. Ms. Gada, 22, is part of the “born-free” generation of black South Africans who came of age after apartheid’s fall....

“The apartheid, it’s still here,” she said....

Employers control the...power over people like her, she said.

INTERNATIONAL WORKING WOMEN'S DAY

FIGHT SEXISM IN THE CLASS STRUGGLE



From fighting police terror and segregation in public schools to U.S. imperialism in Haiti and Pakistan, women workers are at the forefront of mass struggle and the communist movement.

March 8 is International Working Women's Day. It's an international holiday that celebrates women and their revolutionary power, and it has strong roots in the communist movement. International Women's Day first began in New York as "Women's Day," organized by the Socialist Party of America. It was celebrated in 1909 as a commemoration of the 1908 strike of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. In the 1910 meeting of communist and socialist leaders from around the world, known as the Second International, women members pushed to establish an International Women's Day. By 1911, over a million workers around the world were celebrating it. In 1917, striking women workers commemorating this holiday sparked uprisings that led to the Bolshevik Revolution, and the first workers' state, the Soviet Union. Anti-sexist struggle makes it a historic day for all workers, both women and men!

The Progressive Labor Party continues the revolutionary tradition of International Women's Day by fighting for true liberation for women, and men: communism. We believe

that all women and men of the international working class can do better than settle for Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump, and can get rid of this whole system and replace it with one where we, the working class, run the world.

Capitalist Response to Crises

Capitalism is based off of making profits, which is money stolen from workers. Bosses need to constantly expand their business and make more profits to stay alive. However, there are limits to how much they can expand. U.S. bosses are reaching those limits and facing competition from Russia and China. That is why they need to wage bigger wars and steal from workers even more. Those are the only two ways they can continue to grow business and make more profits.

Sexism is an important part of how bosses steal from workers, because it allows them to pay women less than men and fire women easily if they don't fall in line. It also divides men and women workers by con-

vincing them that they are enemies. This allows them to pay men less, too, because they don't unite with their fellow workers to demand a better life. Sexism also means that working families, and especially mothers, have to worry about child-care and housework, not the bosses.

Women Workers At Cutting Edge of Capitalist Horror

Trump has eagerly continued Barack Obama's legacy of racist mass deportations by deporting hundreds of workers only a month into his presidency. He wants to hire 10,000 more immigration police and give them even more powers to tar-

get all undocumented workers. Unlike Obama, Trump is not pretending to play nice. He is the ugly, naked, violent face of fascism.

Women workers are one of his primary targets. The women who are deported to Latin America often face, in addition to the sexist exploitation that is key to profitmaking, gang, government physical and sexual violence.

Women workers from Syria face a similar fate. Those who stay in Syria face constant U.S. and Russian-sponsored bombings. They are twice as likely to die from shelling or

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