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We are student leaders, not criminals **Rebel vs. racist coercion**



When 100 mainly Black students and parents began a protest outside of their school, the Department of Terror showed up in force.

BROOKLYN, December 3—When high school bosses suddenly suspended three Black football coaches, one without pay and health insurance, over a hundred students and parents rallied to call out the systematic racism of the Department of Education. As a result, 11 police cars, vans, an ambulance and a fire truck rushed to the school. They are so quick to treat working-class Black and Latin children and parents as criminals!

Despite the Department of Education's (DoE) talk of equity, the liberal DoE and the New York Police Department collaborate to attack working-class Black and Latin students. They demonstrate over and over how fearful they are of organized Black and Latin students and parents.

In a climate of intimidation and fear, antiracists and communists are working to create an atmosphere of fightback. The Progressive Labor Party fights for the political outlook that Black and Latin students are key to an antiracist and egalitarian future. We cannot be silent as this capitalist institution dehumanizes and crushes the leadership potential of our youth.

Climate of racist intimidation and hypocrisy

Three football coaches, all Black men respected by the community, were suspended from work after one of them reported a fight in the boys' locker room. The DoE prohibited the coaches from contacting students and parents but did not tell the workers the reason for the investigation. The football team, students, and education workers were shocked and angered by the DoE's withholding of information. Two coaches have been suspended without pay and have had their families' insurance cut since they are not members of the United Federation of Teachers, the teachers' union.

The school administration claims to value and support student leadership; when students took the lead in organizing fightbacks, these mainly Black and Latin teenagers were threatened with suspension from both the school and football

team. Administrators spent an entire morning calling parents of students who were suspected of fighting back.

Why has this urgency and persistence not been used to fight the DoE against the racist metal detectors that criminalize our students every day, or to fight for a change in the lead pipes contaminating our students' drinking water, or to fight the underfunding of our school faces?

Some people in the school community are hoping that the bosses' politicians will make changes and save us. Yet, the politicians have not and cannot give the working class the schools we deserve. This clearly demonstrated that this racist education system can never serve the needs of our students and families.

Never meant to liberate

During this investigation, students have been arrested. Families and the school community have been given little to no information about what happened to these children. Despite the liberal bosses' talk about "restorative approaches to discipline" as an alternative to the school-to-prison pipeline, the DoE and NYPD work hand in hand to control Black and Latin students. This collaboration with the number one terrorist organization in the country, the police, exposes this ruling-class institution of education for what it is—an instrument of control.

The main goal of schools is to serve the class in power. In other words, schools under capitalism serve and protect capitalism. While DoE actively silences and suppresses youth, struggles teach us that fightback is the only viable response in the face of that suppression.

The liberal bosses are the main danger. They used advisory groups, which are taught to be discussions where students are viewed as "equals," to temper working-class anger. This shows that liberal school bosses have the same goals as any other capitalist administration. They just use different weapons of ideological control to maintain a division between the future workforce. Many in

the school are fearful, but others have not lost their fighting spirit!

Yet, we fight back

One teacher in a union meeting said we need to show solidarity for our co-workers who have less protection than teachers in the union. Two years ago, this teacher refused to sign a petition to support a Black veteran teacher who was reprimanded for neglecting to post information on the board. He realized that his silence benefits the bosses and that it's impossible to be "neutral" when a fellow worker is being attacked. He promised to be more active and to stand up when he can. His speaking out at the union meeting about racism is a good start.

Some students continue to protest, decorating and wearing shirts in solidarity with the suspended staff. They chanted in support of the suspended staff at a school event and confronted the principal. In response, the principal said the situation was out of their control. The student bravely retorted, "Did you stand up for them?"

This effectively exposed and silenced the racist principal.

Though many are fearful, some understand the need to fight. They stand up and encourage others to do the same. As more students struggled to fight through the fear, one student felt discouraged.

Another student said, "Don't worry. Remember the novel we are reading in class? The character showed us that movements take time to build. Sometimes it just starts with one person standing up and then it grows. Just keep trying."

Lesson of the day

The Progressive Labor Party has been fighting along with students and co-workers for years. We will continue to build a culture of fightback and student leadership in our school. When a multi-racial group of students, parents, and teachers are united, we disrupt the natural pattern of this system. In these fightbacks lies the germ of a communist culture.☺

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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.

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

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

★Communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society. We will abolish work for wages, money and profits. 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

France workers' rage reveals fracturing EU & world order

The Yellow Vest anti-government movement in France is driven by the rage of masses who are profoundly dissatisfied with capitalist society, its politicians, and above all, with banker-president Emmanuel Macron. But lacking revolutionary communist ideas and leadership, these working-class fighters will be funneled into dead-end political options: passivity, electoral politics, cynicism, even open fascism.

As the rebellion continued into its fifth week, a multiracial movement of high school students has put forward some of the most anti-racist and class-conscious ideas in the movement. Little noted in the bosses' newspapers, the students are having a multiracial fight in defense of open admissions. From what we can tell, their resistance is more integrated than the protests in Paris and other cities, where super-exploited workers from immigrant neighborhoods are mostly conspicuous by their absence.

Students in over 350 schools nationwide barricaded their schools and took to the streets, blocking roads and fighting back against the cops' brutal attacks. Students are angry over the change in exit exams instigated last year by Macron, which makes it more difficult to graduate from high school or attend college. They are also protesting a proposal for forced national service (France 24, 12/11). Rejecting the inequality and nationalism inherent in capitalism has earned these students a brutal response. Images of dozens detained on their knees, hands laced behind their heads tore across social media last week. The pictures stoked mass outrage against Macron's police state, where cops use tactics reminiscent of Nazi roundups of resistance fighters during World War II.

Worker-Student Alliance

The Yellow Vests (Gilets Jaunes) take their name from the roadside hazard vests the protesters have adopted as a symbol of their class anger. In the largest and most militant protests in France since the 1968 general strike, hundreds of thousands of workers have been in the streets for over a month.

The protesters have demanded an end to the “efficiency” program Macron promised in his 2017 campaign and ruthlessly implemented after his election. The rebellion began in rural areas and the suburbs, where a heavy gas tax hurts workers chased out of the cities by gentrification and the resulting increase in the cost of living. Macron's “solution for people who can't afford food by the end of the month is to buy solar panels and electric cars” (Washington Post, 12/5).

The French bosses are trembling at the potential of an anti-capitalist student-worker alliance. They remember the May 1968 general strike that forced President Charles de Gaulle to flee the country. It began with students taking over universities and eventually spread to workers taking over factories. More than two-thirds of the French working class actively participated in this near-revolution. Will history repeat itself? “Worryingly for the Macron administration, there are tentative signs the unrest may also be spreading to universities, where students are angry at the government's plans to hike fees for non-EU nationals in a bid to make French universities ‘more competitive’” (France 24, 12/11).

We want the whole baguette!

After the third week of protests, Macron attempted to pacify the Yellow Vests by repealing his hated added gas tax. He added some negligible tax cuts for pensioners and a \$114-a-month bump in the minimum wage. The bosses hope

Worldwide, workers break bosses' laws

France is far from the only country where workers are mobilizing to break the bosses' laws. In recent months, workers fleeing capitalist chaos in Central America crossed into Mexico with no regard for the bosses' borders.

In Haiti, tens of thousands of workers and youth, incensed by rotten PetroCaribe corruption and robbery, overcame the Haitian ruling class's best efforts to crush them. In November, they organized the biggest demonstrations in Haiti since 2004, paralyzing the island in what amounted to a one-day nationwide general strike.

In China, meanwhile, thousands of “mass incidents” are erupting each year, threatening to derail the efforts of the capitalist Chinese “Communist” Party to pursue its program of ruthless profit-seeking and imperialist expansion (Economist, October 2018).

The caravan movement suffers from religious pacifism and the misguided aspiration of “making it to America.” In Haiti, illusions over the possibility of an “uncorrupted” capitalism limit how far workers and youth can go. The left in China is still small and heavily repressed.

Yet, in each case, workers' courage in the face of police terror has forced the rulers in their countries to take notice—and to fear the wrath of the working class.

to buy off workers with crumbs—far short of the whole baguette that the more militant protests have demanded.

History shows us that unless workers seize state power, the bosses will steal back reform concessions. To end the general strike of 1968, the French ruling class increased wages for industrial workers by 35 percent and for others by 10 percent. Fifty years later, most workers are again struggling to make ends meet.

Without a clear antiracist, internationalist outlook, workers will continue to be divided and vulnerable to rotten capitalist ideology. Open racists like Marine Le Pen and her fascist National Rally party are attempting to sway the Yellow Vest movement to anti-immigrant ideas. The far right “has sent its own activists to join—critics say infiltrate—the protests, pushing its line that immigration is the central problem and that Mr. Macron sold out the country by agreeing to a nonbinding United Nations pact on migration recently reached in Marrakesh, Morocco” (New York Times, 12/16).

As little fascists like Le Pen square off against big fascists like Macron and fake leftists like Jean-Luc Melenchon, workers in France have no good choices—unless they break with liberal “democracy” and are won to a movement for communism.

This weakness in the Yellow Vest movement gives the bosses maneuverability to proceed with their top priority: preparing for inevitable world war.

Uniting native-born and foreign-born, white, Arab, and Black workers throughout France would shake the capitalist rulers to the core—and far beyond the halls of power in Paris. Working class power will come when our class realizes that

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Strike against racist education



CHICAGO, December 4 “I attended high school here and the administration fired one of our favorite teachers so the student’s lead a protest in and outside of school to bring him back...that protest changed my life. I never had a voice before and after that protest I decided what I needed to do with my life and that is to use my voice to make change in the world that’s what brought me out to the picket line today to support the teachers.”

This alumni Acero charter school student supported the first charter school strike in the country. Acero strike united students and parents on the picket lines for five of the unseasonal coldest days of the year. Parents and students brought coffee and doughnuts each day and joined the picket lines.

This student-parent-teacher unity is one of the pillars of an antiracist, communist culture. Progressive Labor Party supported the strike and brought the message of antiracism to the crowd. We fight for the idea that Acero schools’ working conditions are the 7,000 students’ learning conditions.

The education workers fought for pro-student and antiracist demands: smaller class sizes, meaningful sanctuary protections for the mostly immigrant students/ communities that Acero serves, and resources for students with language and special needs.

They also fought for better wages for the mainly Black and Latin paraprofessional and support staff workers. These workers have been deprived of salary increases since Acero unionized in May

2013. Teachers fought and won pay schedules that mirror the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU). “Acero teachers earn, on average, \$13,000 less than their peers in Chicago’s traditional public schools while also working around 20 percent more hours, the [CTU] union says” (NY Mag, 12/6).

Charter schools reinforce segregation and submission

This Acero win is only one part of a protracted fight that educators, students, parents, and the rest of the working class must unite around. Acero, like most charter schools, are organized to make money for wealthy backers and top administrators. However, that is not their main purpose. In addition to disciplining mainly Black and Latin students to take orders, the main purpose of charter schools is to divide our class. The bosses do this by dividing District teachers from Charter teachers; students from teachers; parents from teachers and students. Charter schools, because of their punitive discipline policies and their harsh rules they win teachers, students, and parents to a racist lie. Black and Latin youth are brainwashed into thinking that you’re weak if you can’t follow the rules or keep up with the piles of nightly homework. Many charters stress compliance among their primarily Black and Latin student body they service in working-class communities.

The growth of charter schools in Chicago, from 2005 to 2015, coincided with the destruction of public housing and the city’s loss of 250,000 Black people. Now the school district which was major-

ity Black has shifted since 2010 to Latin students. Chicago district schools saw 83,000 fewer Black students in 2016 than it did in 2000, a loss of 36 percent (WBEZ).

In 2013, Chicago Public Schools (CPS) closed 50 schools in Black neighborhoods for “under-enrollment”. Many charter schools had opened in these same underpopulated neighborhoods, promising a better education but never delivering. In the early 2000s, when Chicago’s Latin population was growing, CPS made a decision to build new public schools rather than integrate Latin students into existing predominately Black schools. Later, the Acero charter network took advantage of Chicago’s growing Latin population by establishing 15 schools in Latin neighborhoods.

The only solution is communist revolution

Our job as communist is to win parents, students and teachers to see that all schools—charter, or otherwise—exist to educate our students for the ruling class. The U.S. is losing its hold as the number one imperialist in the world. That means world war is on the horizon, due to sharpening threats from rival imperialists in China and Russia. The same students that teachers like Acero’s fight for, will be cannon fodder for imperialist armies. The Progressive Labor Party, unlike other organizations involved in the Acero fight, consistently advocates for communist revolution as the solution to the horrors of capitalism. Struggles, such as the one waged by Acero workers, are important because of the lessons learned in the process.

Time and time again, when workers fight for better working and living conditions, we are given a few reforms and permission to vote for our next ruler. Workers keep voting, and Black and Latin working class communities still get attacked. Workers keep voting, yet the schools continue to be shut down. Immigrant workers still get deported and Black youth are still gunned down by kkkops. The countless politicians that played on workers’ cynicism to get votes are that many reasons why the ballot is a failed path to workers’ liberation.

Only overthrowing the racist, sexist and imperialist system called capitalism, and building a borderless communist world will ever give us the world the working class deserves. Join the international PLP to create a world where education is truly a right for the world’s workers!✊

Fight the fascist collaboration of NYPD and Israeli military

New York City December 10,—About 400 members of Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) and other organizations marched tonight to the offices of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to protest ADL’s sponsorship of U.S. police training by the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). There were simultaneous marches in Tel Aviv, Israel, and several other U.S. cities. These actions along with the pressure mounted by JVP caused two police departments to cancel their trips to Israel, which has never happened before.

Soon after 9/11, police departments from many major U.S. cities, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the New York City (NYC) Transit Authority and other security organizations made these trips to Israel to learn from the police, military and intelligence agencies there.

They are interested in Israel’s advanced techniques for controlling mass protests, collecting intelligence, recruiting informants, profiling at airports, and using drones for spying and investigations.

In 2009, the NYC police modeled their units for spying on Muslims and recruiting informants on Israeli practices. Some Israeli-trained units coordinated the attacks on Occupy encampments in many U.S. cities.

Always needing more tools for terrorizing and controlling immigrants and black and Latin workers, U. S. police are increasingly eager to learn from their fascist counterparts.

Murderous allies

Israel has illegally occupied the West Bank and Gaza for 60 years and treats its own Palestinian citizens, dark-skinned Jews, and immigrant workers harshly.

Since independence in 1948, Israel has systematically driven most Palestinians off their land and into the occupied territories, where it continues to steal more land by building fortified settlements in the West Bank. Gaza, a 141 square mile area containing 1.85 million people, is completely surrounded by a wall and has been massively attacked by the Israeli army many times, killing at least 3,600 and wounding tens of thousands in the 2008 and 2014 attacks alone. Over the last 7 months, over 200 unarmed Gazan protesters have been killed and over 18,000 wounded.

The infrastructure of Gaza has been so destroyed, that there is barely any drinkable water, electricity only a few hours a day and a severe shortage of medicines.

Nonetheless, Israel is one of the U.S.’s closest allies and receives over \$3 billion in annual military aid. Israel’s nuclear-armed military, by far the most powerful in the region, is the main U.S. guarantor of control over the vast reserves of oil in the Middle East.

Just as with Saudi Arabia, which has killed over 80,000 in Yemen, mass murder doesn’t mean that the U.S will not support its allies when valuable resources are at stake.

So-called social justice organization

The ADL, which claims to be a civil rights organization, recently blamed murder of 12 Jews in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on white supremacist anti-Semites, and JVP. Because JVP opposes the Israeli occupation, of the West Bank ADL and many other Zionist (pro-Israel as a Jewish state) organizations, accuse the organization, of causing anti-Semitism. In reality, the brutal and racist treatment of Palestinians has contributed to an increase in anti-Israel and anti-Jewish sentiment in the world. The promotion of racism by right-wing forces like Trump and nationalists in Europe and South America is even more important.

In order to fight fascism, which is growing worldwide as economic, political and military conflicts sharpen, a multiracial international communist movement is needed, like we build in PLP. A weakness of the JVP actions was that they were nearly all Jewish, despite some attempts to build a broader coalition. The police who train in Israel are learning to repress workers of every stripe who dare to rebel, and we must build better ties with Arab, Black, Latin, immigrant and all workers to fight back.

Workers are taught to divide themselves along national or ethnic lines—identity politics. In reality, bosses are embedded in every such group. Instead, we must unite with all of our working class brothers and sisters throughout the world if we are to ever become strong enough to fight fascism or overthrow this racist capitalist system.✊

George H.W. Bush – racist henchman for imperialism

The first George Bush president from 1988–1992, died on November 30, 2018, and has since been lionized by the bosses' media and politicians. But Bush's vicious, racist legacy caused decades of death and suffering, for the working class around the world.

The U.S. ruling class wishes its murderous actors would carry out their roles with finesse, rather than bumbling ineptness like Trump. Bush committed mass murder in the name of spreading democracy, as have all U.S. rulers since this country's inception. It matters not whether we assess liberal or conservative, Democratic or Republican presidents – they all kill and oppress the workers of the world in order to preserve power and resources. It is the capitalist/imperialist imperative, a system that must be overthrown with workers' power.

The career of a killer

As a college student at Yale, Bush belonged to Skull and Bones, one of the secret societies for wealthy white Christian men, from which the CIA did much of its recruiting. After graduating in 1948, Bush went into the oil business in Texas and began his covert association with the CIA, using his business ventures as cover. His Zapata drilling company, ironically named after the Mexican freedom fighter, was involved in the U.S.-backed overthrow of the elected left-leaning Jacobo Arbenz in Guatemala in 1954. It was also implicated in the failed 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, where Bush family sugar holdings had been seized by Fidel Castro. (The Nation 12/4)

Bush became a Congressman in 1966 and soon afterwards traveled to Vietnam with a CIA official to examine the Phoenix Program, a massive U.S. terror and death squad operation that tortured and killed 25,000–50,000 insurgents. He also became involved in Operation Condor, a program enabling right wing dictators in Latin America, as in Chile and Argentina, to brutally kill tens of thousands of dissidents. Later, when Bush was running the CIA from 1976–1977, a CIA asset with the Chilean secret police fatally bombed Chilean diplomat, Orlando Letelier, and his aide in Washington, D.C. Bush deliberately misled the FBI investigation away from the killer (The Intercept 12/5).

Another mass murderer in the White House

In 1980, Bush became Ronald Reagan's vice president. Jimmy Carter had lost his bid for re-election largely because 52 U.S. citizens taken hostage in Iran after the overthrow of the U.S.-supported Shah in 1979, had not been freed. Since the hostages were released the day after Reagan's inauguration, it is strongly suspected that Bush had made a secret deal with the Iranians to insure Reagan's victory.

Once in office, the Reagan-Bush team began a long sequence of secret and vile actions in Central America. Somoza, the dictator of Nicaragua installed by the U.S. in the 1930s, had been overthrown by the Sandinistas in 1979. Hoping to reverse this revolution, the U.S. trained death squads and torturers, the Contras, at the School of the Americas in Georgia and supplied them with arms.

After Congress passed an amendment in 1984 banning aid to the Contras, Bush, together with his National Security Advisor Donald Gregg from the Phoenix Program and CIA head William Casey, began a secret arms plan to supply them with weapons. It was financed by illegally selling arms to Iran and cocaine in the poor, mostly Black areas of U.S. cities (the Iran-Contra affair).

When running for President in 1987, Bush's most successful tactic was a viciously racist ad that featured Willie Horton, a Black man convicted of murder, who was on a weekend furlough from prison when he committed another crime. Bush used this rare event to smear his opponent as soft on crime and, by implication, not sufficiently wary of violent Black men

But Bush was responsible for far more extensive death and deception when he became President in 1988. Soon after, he invaded Panama, ostensibly to arrest the dictator Noriega for drug trafficking, although Noriega had been a CIA asset for years and had allowed the Contras to ship drugs from Panama. Over 24,000 troops invaded this tiny country and killed at least 3,000 people, mostly civilians.

This invasion was meant in part to overcome the embarrassment of the American failure in Vietnam, to re-establish U.S. supremacy in the hemisphere and to get rid of Noriega, whose

drug-running had become too well publicized. It was, of course, touted as an exercise in "restoring democracy" (Greenleft 12/8).

But this was just a rehearsal for the horror that Bush was to unleash on Iraq, Operation Desert Storm, as well as setting the stage for his son's wholesale invasion in 2003. The U.S. had soured on its former ally Saddam Hussein, who sat on the world's second largest oil reserves, was threatening to begin selling it for euros instead of dollars and was a potential threat to Saudi Arabia.

Bush launched the forever war in Iraq

The Bush administration appeared to give Saddam permission to enter Kuwait via its ambassador April Glaspie, and then publicized a completely fake story about babies being murdered in a hospital nursery by Iraqi soldiers in order to justify the invasion. As the Iraqis retreated, Bush told his soldiers to "put some hate in your heart" and attacked the fleeing troops mercilessly on what became the Highway of Death, as well as bombing Baghdad, including targeting 400 people in an air raid shelter. Yet the hope for a breezy overthrow of Saddam did not materialize, nor did the "short war" that was supposed to demonstrate the infallibility of new high-tech weaponry forestall further war (The Intercept 12/5).

In addition to the millions of lives destroyed by Bush's drug fueled Iran-Contra secret war, Bush also left a legacy of death and discrimination against workers in the U.S. suffering from AIDS. The HIV epidemic was in full flower in the 90s, and 70,000 mostly gay men died during his presidency. Funding for AIDS research was cut, while Bush repeatedly urged people to change their behavior and criticized Act Up, the main organization advocating for AIDS victims, for using "excessive free speech" (The New Yorker 12/7).

The legacy of that great "statesman" Bush is a massive war in Iraq that is still unresolved that has caused over a million deaths, the rise of Islamic extremism, millions of workers dead or disabled by disease, drugs, or incarceration, and an increase in war and racism. Let us build Progressive Labor Party internationally to drive capitalism from the face of the earth and assure that no more "great politicians" are able to ruin our lives.✪

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we can organize the world to meet the needs of all, not for the profit of a few at our expense.

Liberal world order teeters

The liberal fascists in the European Union know they are in crisis. "While Britain's political class is, rightly, in the spotlight for having made a mess of Brexit, the EU's establishment is in a similar bind over its colossal failure to civilise the eurozone—with the rise of the xenophobic right the hideous result" (The Guardian, 12/13).

The EU bosses had high hopes that Macron could lead the way in forcing "economic structural reforms" to maintain the EU's clout in its inter-imperialist competition with the U.S., China, and Russia.

If [Macron] can loosen hiring and firing rules, overhaul a deeply indebted unemployment benefit system and stick to deficit-reduction targets, he will effectively have robbed Germany of a major excuse not to press ahead with eurozone reform plans (Politico, 7/18/17).

As Macron's finance minister, Bruno Le Maire, put it more recently: "France's attractiveness for investors is at stake. That is why it is important to remain on the path of reform" (BBC.com 12/11).

But the Yellow Vest protests have weakened Macron's standing among bosses throughout



Europe and the world. The repercussions could be severe. "Macron was the European establishment's last hope. As a presidential candidate, he explicitly recognised that 'if we don't move forward, we are deciding the dismantling of the eurozone, the penultimate step before dismantling of the EU itself'" (The Guardian, 12/13).

Red vest of communism

In the absence of determined, internationalist, class-conscious leadership—in a word, communist leadership—workers in motion will be open for co-optation. Yet the working class remains the wild card that can force bosses to recalculate their plans for war and fascism. An unorganized movement to break the bosses' laws is not enough. Our next step

is to gain confidence as a class to overthrow the ruling class parasites—to trade the Yellow Vests of reform for the red vests of communist revolution.

Under communism, we will reorganize society to meet workers' needs and end exploitation forever. National borders and imperialist war will be abolished. In each militant uprising, we see a flash of the strength we will need to accomplish such a task. While the goal of communism remains distant, the forces that will create it refuse to be extinguished. As Karl Marx wrote in the Communist Manifesto, "Let the ruling classes of the world tremble at a communist revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. We have a world to win."✪

History

The Flint sit-down strike against General Motors

The sit-down strike and occupation of the General Motors' (GM) Fisher Body plant No. 1 in Flint, Michigan, for 44 days and nights — from December 30, 1936 to February 11, 1937 — demonstrated the power of workers in the basic industries, a central outlook of the three-year-old Progressive Labor Movement, that later inspired the Progressive Labor Party.

A sit-down strike occupies the means of production, preventing the bosses' use of scabs to resume operations and is harder to attack than an outside picket line. Any company frontal assault would endanger millions of dollars' worth of machinery. While not a revolutionary act, Flint sit-down was completely controlled by the rank-and-file, although the press and GM labeled it as "Soviet-style tyranny." GM CEO Alfred Sloan called it "revolutionary in its dangers and implications," possibly because communists played a central role in its organization and leadership.

The city of Flint was company-controlled — the mayor, city manager, police chief, and judges were GM stockholders, company officials or both. To combat union organizers, GM hired the infamous Pinkertons (a private police force bosses used to infiltrate unions, keep strikers out of plants, that recruit goons, and protect scabs). They also had ties to the U.S. Justice Department and Navy Intelligence. It organized the Black Legion, a terrorist group that beat, tarred, feathered and murdered active unionists — all this to protect Flint, the nerve center of GM's world auto empire.

Three-fourths of GM's cars were dependent on the chassis produced in Flint. 80 percent of the city's population was directly dependent on GM for a living. The workers suffered the most intense speed-up on GM's assembly lines, often unable to climb the stairs when they got home. The workers were determined to slow down the line and smash the open shop. During the Great Depression, with millions unemployed, the company using the threat of layoffs to enforce its speed-up. Flint became a driving force to establish an industrial union called the United Auto Workers (UAW) that included thousands of unskilled and skilled workers, a rarity in unions at that time.

What did the strike demonstrate?

It was against this backdrop that workers bravely fought for union recognition, a 30-hour work-week, time and one-half for overtime, abolition of piece work and slowing down the line. They organized the most effective strike apparatus ever seen, completely controlled by the rank-and-file. A mass meeting elected a stewards committee and a strike strategy committee of seven, six of whom were communists.

The strike not only demonstrated the ability of workers to halt and seize production, it exhibited many instances of working class leadership militancy through organizing, that included:

- The creation of rank-and-file committees that governed food distribution, security, information, sanitation and health, a "kangaroo court," entertainment, education and athletics.
- Two mass meetings of 1,200 — the supreme body — were held daily. Every worker served six hours duty — on three, off nine in every 24 hours.
- A Special Patrol of 65 workers that formed part of a security committee carried out 35-minute inspection everyday and every hour, to check on any problems, "rumors," and disruptions.
- Daily cleanups occurred as dozens of workers moved through the plant in waves,



leaving it spic and span.

- Strikers' children were hoisted through the windows to visit their fathers.
- Labor history and writing classes were organized.
- Charlie Chaplin donated his film "Modern Times" for workers' viewing.
- A "Living Newspaper" was established for workers to act out the events of the day.
- Women workers and strikers' wives constituted Brigades armed with 2x4 clubs to guard the plant from the outside against police attacks and potential assault by the National Guard.

'We have only one life'

To capture Chevy Plant No. 4 (which assembled 1,000,000 Chevrolets a year), workers planned brilliant military maneuvers, where they feint attacks on two other Chevy Plant's (Plant's No. 9 No. 6), drawing company guards scrambling there, which left Chevy Plant No.4 unprotected, and free to capture by strikers. Soon after the 14,000 workers from the newly seized plant joined the sit-down. After the victorious takeover it was not long before the National Guard surrounded the plants, and waged war on workers attacking them with tear gas. Amid the chaos and blinding clouds of tear gas one worker, a UAW leader, named Joe Sayen addressed a crowd of equally courageous workers:

We want the whole world to understand what we are fighting for. We are fighting for freedom and life and liberty...What if we should be defeated? What if we should be killed? We have only one life. That's all we can lose and we might as well die like heroes than like slaves.

The effect on the working class

Nevertheless the workers fightback proved too costly for the bosses. After a decisive battle, GM—fearing destruction of its machinery—surrendered, especially when 40,000 workers from four nearby states marched into Flint and surrounded the struck plants, ready to defend the sit-downers. This inspiring feat which was once deemed "impossible" by the leader of GM's security thugs (a

Hitler-sympathizer), shook the bosses, and their goons to the core.

Despite the bosses railings and weak attempts to undermine worker's power. The workers won union recognition for the CIO's United Auto Workers, for the 40-hour work week (which led to weekends off for tens of millions of U.S. workers), overtime pay and a slowing-down of the assembly-line speed-up. In its wake the strike had an electrifying effect on the working class. In less than two weeks, 30,000 workers staged sit-ins in a variety of industries. U.S. Steel, the world's largest steelmaker, and General Electric saw the handwriting on the wall and signed up with CIO unions — without a strike. Women in the million-dollar Woolworth chain were sitting in. Within the next four years, five million industrial workers had joined the CIO. Industrial unions were born.

The role of communists

Communists in the Communist Party U.S.A played a fundamental role. As historians noted, "Had it not been for the Communists, there is serious doubt that the forces of industrial unionism would have lived through this period." However, the CP failed to link this huge reform struggle to the need to win workers to the real solution: revolution. It did not expose the relationship of state power to the ruling class and fostered illusions about government being some "neutral" institution in the battle between classes. It did not explain the class nature of the law. The CP essentially backed Roosevelt in the 1936 presidential election, even though it ran its own candidate.

While trade unions are a defensive weapon for workers. Historically, any reforms workers win are eventually taken away by the rulers' state power and government control. Capitalism is a worldwide phenomenon. Reform victories like these are undercut by capitalists moving their plants to low-wage areas. Today GM produces more cars in China than in the U.S., not to mention the U.S. auto industry's presence in South Africa, Vietnam and Eastern Europe.

The only answer to this contradiction is overthrowing capitalism — along with its government — a profit system which always exploits workers wherever it can, pitting one group against another. As one striker remarked as he left the Flint plant, "The first victory is ours. But the war is not over." ❏

LETTERS

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



Strengthening the local work in Los Angeles

For the last few years, comrades from the Midwest and East Coast have initiated a struggle within a key ruling class public health institution, the American Public Health Association (APHA), calling them to officially recognize the epidemic of Black and Brown workers killed by KKKops as they do the rates of infectious diseases that plague our communities. This work has profoundly helped the healthcare work here in Los Angeles. First off, this year's APHA had one more comrade, and new healthcare worker, join the conference for the first time. He came back inspired and ready to use this resolution on his job with his co-workers. Second, another comrade who has been organizing at a local university these last two years as a student and more recently as faculty, has used this struggle to continue our fight against racist police murder. As Los Angeles boasts the most Black and Brown workers killed by the KKKops in the U.S., this struggle has allowed us to organize students to join in local protests. On campus we've organized teach-in's showing documentaries *Profiled* and *13th* that have also included healthcare workers, and high school students.

In addition, this work has led to more participation at this year's APHA conference in which five friends and came, including three Black health students, one faculty member and another young Black worker who leads a local health justice organization. Two of these handed out Party literature for the first time at this conference and helped mobilize APHA members to come to the Shadow Conference on racist police violence as well. Both of them come regularly to PL events and are in a study group. One of them, who is also an Iraq-war veteran, just started the public health program on campus, and gave a report back to his cohort on campus upon returning. He was moved by one of the speakers of the Shadow Conference named, Apollo Olongo whose brother Alfred Olongo was murdered by the police while in a mental health crisis. "There cannot be a better example of the need to highlight police brutality as a health hazard than this!" He was inspired by the local activists in San Diego as well as the organizers from around the country saying, "I am forever committed to the fight and I am in arms with brothers and sisters from all over this country and the world to affect positive change locally, nationally, and globally."

The other young student and future healthcare worker said the "call to end police violence was emphasized not only by those of us demonstrating at APHA but also by the announcement of yet another murder of Jemel Roberson, a 26 year old Black security guard who was killed by the police outside of a bar in Illinois, the same day of our shadow conference." He was also inspired by "seeing so many people recognize that this problem extends beyond just those families who are directly impacted but also the communities that they come from and serve as a reminder of why we fight for a lasting change that will forever discard the oppression and fear that is so deeply rooted in our society." These inspired future healthcare workers are continuing this struggle as we continue to organ-

ize within a group that is organizing healthcare workers to oppose the building of two multi-billion dollar jails in Los Angeles and has broadened out to two other universities. This APHA conference was a great way to energize us for this long fight, as abolition of the police and prison industrial complex requires the abolition of their courts, their state and capitalism as a whole.

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The Klan and Nazis jackals of U.S. imperialism

I saw the movie *Blackklansman* by Spike Lee and it left me with questions. The movie has non-stop depictions of the Ku Klux Klan as a bunch of beer-drinking racist white people who talk about hurting and killing non-white workers. But seeing as this is based on a true story, I had to do some individual research about white supremacist David Duke, the major antagonist of the movie.

It turns out that Duke is the son of a Shell Corporation Engineer. During the 1970s, he worked with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in this drug dealing dummy corporation called Air America in Laos to spread anti-communist propaganda during the Laotian Civil War (Tyler Bridges, *The Rise of David Duke*). From 1950 to 1976, Air America was involved with the U.S. government in covert military operations, and posed as a civilian air carrier, in areas the U.S. armed forces could not go—due to treaty restraints contained in the 1954 and 1962 Geneva Accords. They would fly opium from mountain villages in Laos to support anti-communist guerrillas (James McCoy, *The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia*).

Duke himself was later involved in a failed plot to stage a coup in 1981 called Operation Red Dog, AKA Bayou of Pigs, in the Caribbean country of Dominica.

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He collaborated with Canadian Ku Klux Klan wizard James McQuirter, German Neo-Nazi Wolfgang Droege, and future Stormfront creator Don Black.

The plan was to eliminate Prime Minister Eugenia Charles, restore the former Prime Minister Patrick John, and set up a more pro-US Aryan enclave as a straight shot to destroy Grenada's pro-Marxist New Jewel Movement. Dominica would later join the U.S. as the Eastern Caribbean "Peace" Force in destroying Grenada in 1983 (Stewart Bell *Bayou of Pigs* 2008).

In essence fascists like David Duke that masquerade, as anti-establishment are nothing more than lapdogs to U.S. imperialism. As communists, we must show that it's the imperialists who really are pulling the strings with the fascist goons.

Let's talk communism

There is a monthly Economic Update Forum featuring a radio and TV economic professor at the Judson Church in the West Village, New York City. The forums are all criticisms of the capitalist system and I go to sell CHALLENGE, usually a dozen papers, which I sell as people enter the Forum. At the last Forum I sold only one paper so I went inside and was surprised to see a movie about how Karl Marx met Engels and their collaboration with workers' movements which produced the Communist Manifesto beginning with "A specter is haunting Europe."

During the question period later, I pointed out that in the movie Marx said that the working class needed communism and that revolutionary class struggle was the way to get it. Then I held up CHALLENGE saying it was full of revolutionary class struggle and that people could see me after the Forum where I sold all my remaining Challenges. As the movie pointed out, communism is the workers' struggle but communists must win them to understand our history.

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PLP builds solidarity with migrant caravan in mass organization

NEW YORK CITY, December 16—Members of Progressive Labor Party are working in mass organizations to build support for our migrant sisters and brothers who are fleeing desperate capitalist conditions in Central America. We have been inspired by the strong solidarity and assistance the caravan has received from working people in Mexico as they've made their way north to the U.S. border. Like many others, we're angry at the racist and fascist actions of President Trump, who has deployed more than 5,000 troops at the border with orders to shoot. We're angry at the border guard's use of tear gas against unarmed women, men and children who are fleeing hunger and terror and only trying to achieve a better life.

We work in a large community organization that has more than 22,000 members, mostly Latinos of which the majority are undocumented. The leaders of the organization have been slow to react to the humanitarian crisis at the border, instead waiting to see what the Democratic Party is going to do. These leaders had worked to secure a Democratic majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. At a PLP club meeting, we developed a plan to propose that the mass organization begin to support the caravan, beginning with having a forum and then taking steps to work with the New Sanctuary Coalition, a migrant support group that one of our comrades has already met with.

During the organization's meeting, one of our comrades spoke about the origins of this caravan, as well as the invisible caravans of millions of emigrants from countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, who are escaping from capitalist-caused resource wars, hunger, violent government repression or

murderous drug gangs. U.S. imperialism has been complicit, with a long record of arming brutal military regimes in Central America and elsewhere who are friendly to U.S. corporations.

A discussion began and one person claimed that most people in the caravan are criminals and that they should not violate the laws of this country. Our comrade defiantly told him to shut up, because in our meetings we don't want people who sound like Trump supporters. Others at the meeting supported our comrade and gave him a round of applause. The guy became silent.

Another comrade spoke about the events that took place in Tamaulipas, Mexico, where a racist group, protested against the migrant caravan, and received some media attention, which confused many people. So we clarified that throughout its journey, the caravan has received food, clothing, and shelter from thousands of ordinary Mexicans, who have cheered the travelers on and encouraged them to continue.

Our comrade proposed that we have a forum about the caravan, to which we would invite members of the New Sanctuary Movement to tell us about their plans and how the members of the mass organization could show solidarity and cooperate with the Caravan.

It was very exciting to see the participants in the meeting applaud our comrade and support our international communist line of supporting the right of workers to cross borders created by capitalism. As we always do, we distributed CHALLENGE and workers received it with enthusiasm. This is a good step, but only one in the long journey for communist revolution, no borders and workers power.

2018, a year of rising fascism and fightback

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march in New York City, on a day of 700 rallies across the U.S., 30,000 marched with a vigorous PLP contingent.

The fightback list goes on:

- Workers went on strike at an airport in Turkey.
- Nurses in Chicago struck, as well as hotel workers in Hawaii, teachers in West Virginia, and workers all over China.
- Howard University students in Washington, DC, occupied the main administration building to fight racism and sexism on campus and support neighborhood workers.
- At Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, students and workers supported cafeteria workers with a militant march that saw the college's interim president flee the campus in fear. After exposing a racist administrator, a growing group of immigrant women and Black youth continues to fight anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim racism.
- At Park Slope Collegiate, a secondary school in Brooklyn, students, staff, and parents are still fighting for school integration and de-



fending communist, antiracist teachers.

Cheers to another year of struggle!

A system that destroys the lives of so many workers, the class that creates all wealth and value, does not deserve to exist. With their profit system

in another crisis, imperialist rulers are plotting to bring even more devastation and misery as they organize for the next world war. Join the fight against capitalism. May Day is coming! Join with us as we march for a communist world, a world run by the working class.✊

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

H.W. Bush's racist campaign set the tone for criminal injustice policy

NYT, 12/4 — Former president George [H.W.] Bush...the "last gentleman"...was not always so gentle. Bush's successful campaign for the presidency in 1988 was marked...by the racially charged politics of crime that continues to reverberate to this day. The Willie Horton episode...[was] a decisive force that influenced criminal justice policy for decades....

...The campaign encouraged more race-based politics...at the expense of a generation of African-American men and women who were locked up under rougher sentencing laws championed by President Bill Clinton, among others.

"...The Willie Horton ad...wasn't just about a racist ad that misrepresented the [prison] furlough process," said Marcia Chatelain, a Georgetown University professor...but it also taught the Democrats...to mirror some of the racially inflected language of tough on crime...."

...The Horton episode led to far more overt plays to race in American politics, all the way up to President Trump...[and his] relentless tweets and comments about African-Americans....Bush expressed no regret for the Horton ad...."If I can make Willie Horton a household name, we'll win the election," said Lee Atwater, the campaign strategist...Running for the Senate in 1964 in Texas, [Bush] opposed the Civil Rights Act....As president, he vetoed civil rights legislation....

U.S.-Saudi war in Yemen starve kids, millions on the brink

NYT, 12/9 — He is an 8-year-old boy who is starving and has limbs like sticks, but Yaqoob Walis doesn't cry....He gazes stolidly ahead, tuning out everything, for in late stages of starvation the human body focuses every calorie simply on keeping the organs functioning....

...it is unclear whether he will survive and...if he does, he may have permanent brain damage.

Some 85,000 children...have already died...and 12 million more people may be on the brink of starvation, casualties...in the three-year-old American-backed Saudi war in Yemen,,,

Both the Obama and Trump administrations have supported the Saudi war...with a military

partnership, arms sales, intelligence sharing and...air-to-air refueling. The United States is thus complicit in what...experts believe are war crimes.

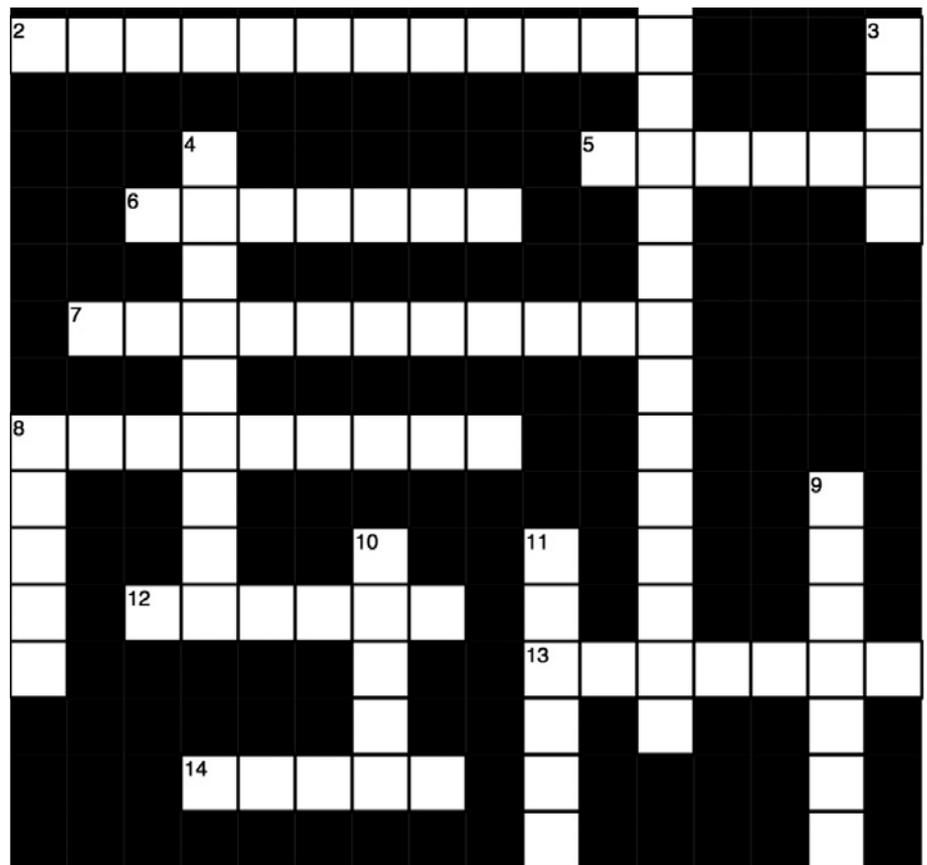
The bottom line: [U.S.] tax dollars are going to starve children....The hunger is not caused by drought or extreme weather, but by cynical and failed policies in Riyadh [Saudi Arabia] and Washington. The starvation does not seem to be an accidental by-product of war, but rather a weapon in it. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, backed by the United States, are trying to inflict pain and gain leverage over...the Houthi rebels.... We think of war casualties as men with their legs blown off. But in Yemen the most common war casualties are children...who suffer from malnutrition.

...A majority of Yemeni children are now...physically stunted from malnutrition...frequently accompanied by diminished brain development. The war...also led to outbreaks of deadly diseases like diphtheria and cholera. Half of the country's clinics and hospitals are closed....

...The civilian loss of life has overwhelmingly been caused not by the Houthis but by

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and America, through both bombing and starvation.

Crossword puzzle no.1



Across

- In July, PLP won a victory for the ___ who fought back against the KKK
- More than 30,000 students and workers marched in this Mexican city after thugs beat protesting students
- Murderous Chicago KKKop convicted of the 2nd degree murder of Laquan McDonald
- Haiti scandal, in which billions of dollars were stole
- Worker-led society
- Vests worn by masses in 2018 France protests
- Smash these artificial lines between masses of land
- 1936 strike at General Motors

Down

- Racist entry point at schools, airports, and prisons
- Former cricket play voted into power in Pakistan
- City host to 272 West Wednesday rallies
- Growing superpower in inter-imperialist rivalry with the U.S.
- Chemical weapon illegal in war but used domestically to terrorize workers
- U.S. president Donald Trump's former sexist lawyer
- U.S. President responsible for racist Willie Horton ad campaign

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Los Angeles, CA: Protest against racist concentration camps



dal, where several billion dollars were stolen. We are also involved in smaller local struggles.

In Oaxaca, Mexico, indigenous workers organized a community trial of the government and mining companies. On many campuses, students went on strike when thugs beat some protesting students. More than 30,000 marched on the main campus.

Meanwhile, PLP organized a study group of Mexican women and a conference for young people. And, of course, the workers of Mexico provided a welcome to the workers of the migrant caravan. They provided food, clothing, and housing as the

As 2018 comes to a close, we review and summarize the highlights of the past year in struggle. While it may appear to have been “more of the same”—expanding imperialist wars and growing racism, sexism and fascism. Yet 2018 was so much more than that for our class. It was a year that showed the potential for expanding mass antiracist fightback and opportunities for communists to spread revolutionary ideas to masses around the world! As always, the working class fought back hard in 2018. A big part of being a communist means placing our confidence and revolutionary optimism in the international working class. Our class shows the growing numbers of workers and students in the international communist Progressive Labor Party the way forward.

Only communism can provide what the working class in every one of these struggles needs. The attacks on workers worldwide will produce more and more uprisings. We must be present in every one of them, organizing solidarity on the job and on campus, explaining that these fights are schools for communism. They teach us how to take power and organize an antiracist, anti-sexist, egalitarian world.

Mass struggle kicked off 2018

The year started with hundreds of thousands marching in the second annual Women’s Marches in the U.S. and worldwide. Thousands of health-care workers marched in Oaxaca, Mexico. Worldwide, workers and students welcomed and supported refugees amid the worst refugee crisis in human history—created and worsened daily by the sharpening rivalry among the world’s imperialists. In Brooklyn, NY hundreds of immigrant rights organizers and Legal Aid and Brooklyn Defender lawyers rallied against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In Baltimore, Maryland, the year began with dozens protesting against the racist kkkops who were framing Keith Davis for murder. In Brooklyn, dozens of high school students fought to keep a popular class from being cut. The Progressive Labor Party was in all these struggles, calling on workers and students to organize for communist revolution instead of relying on the bosses’ Democratic Party politicians.

Racist police terror and fightback

- In the U.S., the struggle against racist police killings did not let up. In a number of places,

it flared up into small rebellions.

- Baltimore: PLers participated in the 272nd West Wednesday rally to remember the police murder of Tyrone West.
- Chicago: Tyrone Williams, a Black worker, was arrested in court for protesting the privileged treatment given to killer kkkop Jason Van Dyke. In October, Van Dyke was finally convicted of second degree murder. Then the CPD killed Maurice Granton, and in another case, Augustus Harith, sparking a small rebellion. Workers and PLers are organizing in the wake of Jemel Roberson’s murder by the police.
- Brooklyn: In August, Kyam Livingston’s mother held the 60th monthly rally demanding justice for the death of her daughter in jail.

In July, PLP won a victory against the racist injustice system in California: The “Anaheim 3,” who had stood up to the Klan, won their case. One comrade, a Black worker, must still wait another year to have his case finally dismissed. The fight continues.

Worldwide struggle

All over the world, the working class fought back. The Party was often in the middle of these battles.

In Puerto Rico, the working class united following the catastrophic Hurricane María and the gutter racist neglect of the U.S. bosses and their current servant, President Donald Trump. PLers and friends traveled there and joined the rebuilding efforts in solidarity, building friendships and comradeships that show potential for PLP to grow and lead militant fightback.

In Haiti, the Party has been involved in massive protests against fuel price increases and against government corruption in the PetroCaribe scan-

workers marched to the U.S. border to seek asylum.

In Pakistan, PLP is struggling to win workers to communism and away from union misleaders who promote voting.

In China, workers of the world witnessed the birth of a new communist movement. It has potential to link up with many workers’ struggles that those outside of China never hear about.

This movement is serious enough that the Chinese capitalist rulers are cracking down on it. PLers are reaching out to this young movement. Last but not least, at year’s end, we have a major rebellion in France. Unemployment is high, wages are low, and retirement funding is inadequate. President Emmanuel Macron, a former banker, is trying to make France attractive to investors by making workers’ lives even more difficult. When the bosses raised gas prices, the working class exploded (see page 2). This uprising shows the tremendous power of the working class, and that it will always rise up! The reform struggle has won some crumbs, but these workers need the communist PLP to go for it all—to seize state power under communism.

The fightback list goes on

Back in the U.S., Trump worked hard trying to eclipse Obama’s racist legacy of deporting over three million workers. As Trump tore families apart, the working class responded. At LaGuardia Airport in New York City, workers welcomed immigrant children. In Texas, thousands demanded the abolition of ICE.

In Los Angeles, workers blocked a Homeland Security van. In Indiana, workers tried to block an airplane from leaving with immigrants who were being deported. At the Families Belong Together

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