CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL—Cops are a weapon of the capitalist bosses, using deadly force to control and discipline the working class. It is this standard operation of terror that murdered 24-year-old Black home health aide worker Darius Washington on the night of July 18. During this time of widespread rebellions against capitalist racism, Darius’ family and friends are demanding answers and fighting back.

Progressive Labor Party (PLP) knows there is no justice for our class under this murderous system. Workers must fight back whenever and wherever we can, and our only freedom lies in a communist-led revolution and the overthrow of capitalism!

KKKops terrorizing Black workers is the norm

Darius was killed as he reportedly ran from cops raiding a gathering of people. The details remain unclear, but the cops shot Darius at least 14 times. These attacks are a popular tactic with kkkops in Black, Latin, and working-class white neighborhoods. Often, they purposefully torment workers while also directly taking part in profiting from the drug and crime trades themselves.

Workers in this area of the Chicago suburbs have long been familiar with the constant threat of capitalism and all the corruptions that come with it. In the village of Ford Heights, the local cop force had to be taken over by the Cook County Sheriff’s Department in 2008 because of widespread corruption and abuse. In Chicago Heights in 2013, Black worker Rodell Sanders was released from prison after 19 years and exonerated of all charges. He sued the police for framing him for murder and won a settlement of the case three years later (Chicago Tribune, 9/28/16). Too many who come in contact with cops don’t live to be proven innocent or even to be charged.

After Darius’ family was notified by cops that he was shot in the raid, they could get no further information about his condition. Running

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As U.S. and Chinese bosses shut down each other’s conservaties and jockey to create the first Covid-19 vaccine rivalry between the two capitalist superpowers is quickly accelerating toward armed conflict. The world is changing before our eyes. As U.S. rulers enjoy their dynasty and decay in their chaotic response to Covid-19, Chinese rulers are growing bolder by the day—politically, economically, militarily. History shows that such dynamic powers, as among the biggest imperialists can be settled only by global war. It’s as inevitable—and unstoppable—as an earthquake.

For the international working class, it is more urgent than ever to organize and fight back against all bosses. Workers have no stake in supporting either side of this power struggle. Led by Progressive Labor Party (PLP), we must turn the guns against us. We must transform the capitalist parasites’ imperialist wars into a class war for communist revolution!

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While an article may be written by one person, the issue is written by the collective. Multiple times this collective discussion even precedes an individual’s writing of an article.

U.S., China lurch toward war

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While President Xi Jinping’s budding alliance with Iran, a proposed $40 billion economic and security deal, would defy U.S. sanc- tions and threaten “U.S. security and energy interests in the Middle East and Eurasia” (forbes.com, 7/17).

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LOS ANGELES, August 4—It has been over eight months since Progressive Labor Party (PLP) joined the weekly fightback of the Flores family after their loved one and our class brother, Alex Flores, was gunned down by the racist Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) on November 19, 2019. It has been over three months since Daniel Hernandez was murdered on April 22, 2020, by the same LAPD division that racist assassin, LAPD cop Toni McBride, proudly calls “Shootin’ Newton”. It was in fact this consistent weekly fights that led the Flores family and PLP to meet the Hernandez family who happened to be driving by our Friday protest. Since the murder of George Floyd and the national uprisings, these two families are beginning to forge a tighter bond, joining the larger mass demonstrations, and meeting more families who have lost loved ones to killer cops.

The family members, in particular the mothers, are getting to know each other and find comfort in their shared pain, but also in their shared commitment to a lifelong fight against racist police terror. The sister of Alex Flores has developed into a mass leader. She is organizing social gatherings of mothers whose loved ones were killed by the police and planning joint actions in support of them as well.

Similarly, the partner of Daniel Hernandez is also bridging ties with the Flores family and other families as well. She and two other young women, with the Hernandez family, are orchestrating chants, delivering militant speeches, and giving leadership in our joint planning meetings. We are currently planning a forum to be held in front of the Newton police station and then a car caravan six miles to the Southeast police station that killed David Flores on April 22, 2019.

Fight racism and sexism! Embrace communism!

The Party’s commitment, consistency, and leadership have won the respect of many. One comrade-leader in particular, a young mother of three and also a high school teacher, is deepening her ties with these young women fighters and is leading a Party study group they are now attending. We have discussed the PLP pamphlet, “Why We Fight for Communism” and now we are on to “Political Economy.” These study groups are multiracial, involve other friends and are discussed in English and Spanish.

The discussions are providing the ideological understanding that racist police terror is inherent to a capitalist system based on racist, sexist exploitation and cannot be reformed away.

We need to organize for communist revolution to end capitalism once and for all. As the U.S. bosses grapple with reopening the largely underfunded and segregated public schools, it is the teachers, more than 75 percent women workers, that this racist, sexist system relies on to bail them out. Also, three out of four mothers of school-age children are working mothers, and so with schools likely being taught virtually, many families are looking into neighborhood in-home schools, which are almost entirely run by women, particularly Black, Latin, Asian, and immigrant women workers. The bosses continually exploit and endanger half of our class with sexism. But these attacks will continue to result in more working class, women organizers who are becoming the gravediggers of this racist, sexist, capitalist system!

Across this country we are seeing the powerful role of women workers leading this anti-racist fightback. Beginning in Portland, Oregon, and spreading across the U.S., the Wall of Moms is another visible example of mothers putting their bodies and lives on the line for our class. As one mother-fighter put it, “The power of being a mother, whether you have lost a child or not, is that because you are a mother, you’re able to absorb another mother’s pain. That becomes a very powerful chain of resistance. It can’t be penetrated.” Imagine the potential when this becomes a revolutionary communist force! The Flores and Hernandez women fighters exemplify this potential and inspire our Party to continue to fight and learn alongside them, shoulder-to-shoulder. Our class and our Party could not be in better hands.

For Darius, Smash KKCapitalism with Communist Revolution

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into purposeful brick walls when contacting the police and the hospital where he was taken. Darius’ brother checked the morgue. That is when he found him.

Whose streets? Our streets!

Friends and family took to the streets the next night. Young workers, soon joined by an inter-generational group of people from the community, blocked traffic at a busy intersection. Their goals were to bring attention to the killing of their friend, to demand answers from police, and to show their frustration with long-standing abuse and neglect. Led by a comrade who worked in the area, PLP joined protesters in the streets that night. We talked to people in the crowd, bringing solidarity to workers. We said that the only way to stop the racist attacks we face is to fight back and smash this system. They talked to us about how burying loved ones was too common, but they still knew how this was an unnatural reality forced on them. The following day, PLP joined a large showing of Darius’s community for a celebration of his life. We got to know more workers from the area, and encouraged people to talk about their lives under the system, and how they were feeling in the moment. People spoke of knowing that life didn’t have to be this way and knowing that capitalist forces, cops and politicians made violence an everyday reality. They talked about the need to deal with those realities and the desire to change their conditions.

Under capitalism, workers are presented with many ways to unhealthily numb ourselves from the pain caused by the system. It is no wonder that some take these temporary escapes from the real agony of our day-to-day lives. Our message is that committing to tearing down these ruling-class walls with worker unity and solidarity leads us to a more permanent end to this suffering. We fight to destroy this worldwide imperialist system and to bring about a communist reality from which we will no longer need an opiate.

From tragedy to responsibility for our class

None of us are immune from the abuses of this hellish, for-profit system. It is a long-term and worthwhile struggle to build relationships with fellow workers, and together learn to undo the damage of capitalism. We are in this fight against the dictatorship of capitalism together and for the long haul. We also fight the ruling class and their cop thugs for the devastation they cause. PLP will be present for these worker-led rebellions, fight side-by-side with people and build genuine relationships. This is the only way to grow the Party for communism and build support for the revolutionary struggles ahead. Attacks from the ruling class must steel our resolve to crush the bosses entirely. Join the PLP and fight to win!
Red ideas rule at counter demo against cop parade

INDIANA, July 23 — In a show of antiracist defiance, a Progressive Labor Party (PLP) joins the parade. Members say that they are here because they want to show solidarity with working-class fighters and a few supporters. Our procession, a bold call to fight back against kkkop propaganda. Dozens of cars lined the street, displaying Black Lives Matter flags and signs with the names of Black workers killed by cops. We drove past the cop parade, honking our horns, facing both hecklers and a few supporters. Our procession, a bold demonstration of antiracist solidarity, ended at the police station. A die-in was held, and a call to fight back against kkkops year after year, and the call to fight back against this entire racist capitalist system. This system, organized and led by the international working class through PLP, can crush capitalism and abolish police terror once and for all.

Raining on cops racist parade

PLP members joined the action with local groups to push back against kkkop propaganda. The revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party held a mock funeral procession for Kyam. One PL'er spoke for her mass organization, whose focus has been protesting deportations out of a local airport. She described visiting a migrant detention center, witnessing the working-class conditions inside. She spoke about their experience organizing a march in her small town, explaining that she knew it was not easy. Her group was threatened by local racists who posited online that they would run them over with their cars.

Multiracial caravan indsict cops racist system

Brooklyn, NY, July 21 — On the seventh anniversary of the murder of Kyam Livingston, a multiracial, multigender, antiracist umbrella called PLP came together to demand justice and to link her death to two other victims of racist police murder, Shantel Davis and Kimani “Kiki” Gray, who lived nearby. Hundreds of leaflets linking the anniversary of Kyam’s death to the recent antiracist rebellions against the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others were distributed, as well as 150 CHALLENGE newspapers.

Members of the Livingston and Davis families, a mom and a sister, both strong women, helped lead today's action. They gave leadership side by side with PL'ers who have been strong supporters of families of workers since the racist murders of their loved ones.

Seven years of antiracist struggle

It has been seven years fighting for justice for Kyam. On July 21, 2013, 37 year-old Kyam Livingston was shot and killed by a cop in Minneapolis. As she called out in pain for help, a killer cop held his knee on George Floyd's neck for almost nine minutes and 46 seconds to symbolize the length of time that a killer cop held his knee on George Floyd’s neck. Members of the Livingston and Davis families, a mom and a sister, both strong women, helped lead today's action. They gave leadership side by side with PL'ers who have been strong supporters of families of workers since the racist murders of their loved ones.

Black women lead the fight for justice

The route of the caravan was planned in honor of the killed and murdered. One PL'er took the mic, speaking for her mass organization and spoke about how antiracist rallies happen in this area more often than people think they do. She said many people said to see the video of George Floyd's murder by Minneapolis cops to get out and fight, but some have been fighting for a long time. She told the crowd, "If you weren’t here before, I am glad you are here now.”

She named Rashad Cunningham, Melvin Boul-er and others who were murdered by local cops. She spoke about how Black cops terrorize and kill Black workers the same way white cops do. That's why in PLP we often lead with the chant, "White cop, Black cop, all the same - Racist murder is the name of the game!"

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Antiracist rally: Young reds win over reformism

U.S. rulers’ Holocaust: atomic terror rained on Japan

NEW YORK STATE, July 18—“Shut this racist system down. If we don’t get it, SHUT IT DOWN!” A rally and march of about 150 workers and youth in the Hudson Valley region outside New York City demonstrated the extent to which the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless others, have angered and roused the masses. A multiracial group of women and men, student and faculty comrades and friends of the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party (PLP) turned up at the rally to advocate for communist revolution. And the PLP’ers have angered and roused the masses. A multiracial group of women and men, student and faculty comrades and friends of the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party (PLP) turned up at the rally to advocate for communist revolution.

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I am not your ally

I am a comrade, not an ally.

It has now been just over two months since George Floyd was murdered in Minneapolis and workers militantly took to the streets. As demonstrations erup-
ted worldwide, racism and anti-racist fightback were thrust into mainstream focus as capitalist bosses made calls for white people to “listen,” “learn,” and most loudly made calls for allyship. White workers were asked to fall back and consider their own guilt before taking to the streets.

This paralysis, however, only serves capitalist interests that benefit from racism and a divided working class.

Fighting racism is a task for all workers and we are a PLP and CAR met back as a multi-racial, multi-generational, international working class.

I take to the streets with my working-class broth-
ers and sisters because the Party has taught me that this is the only way to shut that racist system down.

While, Black workers are key to revolution and their leadership is instrumental to an international working-class uprising, that leadership does not ab-
soive white workers from joining the front lines.

Hiding behind “white guilt” with messages of “learning and listening” is not enough to fight a racist and capitalist system. Moments of sharp struggle call for all workers to join each other and fight back.

Anti-racism in the hands of the bosses will only be manipulated to keep workers divided. It will make empty declarations rooted in intellectualism that fur-
ther serves to workers’ enemies.

Workers learn by doing. Our fightback is strong -

I am writing in response to the article “PLP His-

tory: The Summer of Smashing Racists” (CHAL-
LENCE, 8/5). I wanted to expand on the brief sum-
mary of PLP’s activity in Boston during the summer of 1975.

The Boston 1975 Summer Project was organ-
ized by Progressive Labor Party members working in the Committee Against Racism (CAR). CAR was a campus-oriented group that PLP members helped found in 1973. At the time, CAR focused on the fight for racial justice and (at that time) the fight for social-

In response to ‘the summer of smashing racists’

Butch Lepage has been pointing out correctly that with all of Trump's fascist garbage spewing -
equating him with McCarthyism, named for the anti-communist witch-hunting 1950s senator — the liberals remain the main danger, having established fascism in the US.

Trump’s actions and train do resemble those of McCarthy’s — repetitive lying, bullying, outrageous charges, bluster, rambling tirades, personal attacks, censorship, self-pitying, you name it. But McCarthy did not create McCarthyism.

“Blame for that rests with...[president] Harry Truman...The witch hunt that McCarthy is identified with was at its worst before he got stung.”

Fear of death is deadly

In the midst of a nationwide, worldwide anti-

For fear of death, the bosses are seeking to keep workers from standing up for themselves.

Protesters must begin to handle the truth that capitalist/anti-Soviet witch-hunt atmosphere years before McCarthy got started. The latter just capitalized on it and used it to become the kind of fascist which Trump

This liberal establishment created an anti-commu-

On the homesteads of the bosses, we can only worry and fear for our own lives. But the bosses and their armies are not the only ones who want to keep us down. They feel the资本主义 bosses are devoted to making sure we don’t rise up and take power for ourselves.

The bosses are phobic of anything that challenges their power. They want to keep us in our place and make sure we don’t challenge them. They fear that if we organize and come together, we can fight against them and win.

So why are they so afraid of us? Why are they so afraid of the bosses? Why are they so afraid of their own power? Why are they so afraid of their own goals? Why are they so afraid of their own ambitions? Why are they so afraid of their own dreams? Why are they so afraid of their own desires?

They are afraid of us because we are strong and we are united. We are able to stand up for ourselves and defend our rights. We are able to organize and take action to fight back against the bosses. We are able to fight back against the capitalist system and create a better world for ourselves.
red eye on the news . . .

Latin and indigenous workers, victims of U.S. first A-Bomb test

NYT, 7/15—When America detonated the world's first atomic bomb…on July 16, 1945, it…melted the sand of New Mexico….scat-tering radioactive material across the desert…. The fallout…floated over a thousand square miles, enveloped thousands of families to rad-iation levels….10,000 times what is currently al-lowed….The Army was…willfully negligent about our efforts; driv-ers honked their horns and waved as we passed. Neighborhoods that…have been sites and schools we passed that…sites and schools we passed that….The area was safe, even when it knew that it was not. So Americans went on living….and working in the fallout, eat-ing from the dirty soil. Downwind of the blast, the infant mortality rate…spiked….Its first victims were American babies….Stories….reveal genera-tions wounded by nearly every cancer…. The downwinders…were largely impover-ished agricultural families, mostly Hispanic and Native (Americans).…isolating, uranium is mined and waste is stored. This is "radiactive colonialism," with minority and im-pooverished communities forced to suffer the costs of the nuclear industry.

30 million workers collect unemployment benefits…. NYT, 7/24 —…A Census Bureau survey show[s] that four million fewer people were em-ployed last week than the week before….the fourth straight decline, suggesting that nearly all the job gains since mid-May have been erased. The same is clearly the case for recovery…."A deteriorating health situation, a weakening labor market and a softening path for demand."

About 30 million people — roughly one in five American workers — are drawing jobless benefits. Without…The weekly federal supplement, the un-employed will be left with less money to pay for food, medical care, rent and other bills…. The stubbornly high rate of new unemploy-ment claims "suggests that the nature of the down-turn has changed….The setbacks on the job front may indicate something more fundamental…. temporary business closings and layoffs would in-creasingly turn into permanent ones."

During the worst of the last recession, weekly unemployment insurance applications never exceeded 700,000. Since mid-March, new state claims have yet to fall below a million. People who had received no benefits after waiting months, or…had been inexplicably cut off…. In Oklahoma, hundreds of frustrated workers came out to protest over efforts to sort out delays with their unemployment claims….In Texas, applic-ants….complain of having been unable to reach the agency despite calling hundreds of times."

The pain of job losses can be found in every corner of the country, but Black men have had par-ticular difficulties….The government's June jobs report showed….unemployment rate for African- American males over 20 rose to 15.8 percent."

And one in four kids go hungry NYT, 7/24 —…B.L.S.[Bureau of Labor Statistics] numbers are just not telling the whole story…. "As much as 16 percent of the American workforce — more than 26 million people — de-pend on unemployment benefits. Adam Ozimek, chief economist at Upwork…argues that the total is even higher — that 35 percent of workers do some sort of freelancing over the course of a year…."It's a shorter workweek. It's fluctuating. It's changing."

To be attacked is good NYT, 7/27 — When the coronavirus engulfed New York, it pullemed the transit workforce. So far, 131 transit workers have died from the virus and over 4,000 have tested positive, making it[...] one of the hardest-hit…in New York.

For many, the pandemic has left an indelible mark. Pan Chen, a bus driver, moved out of his family's home for months to shield his wife and children. Sally Lutchen, a train conductor, wor-ried that she might have infected her husband, who was infected with Covid-19 for months. Ce-sar, Torres, a second-generation bus operator, watched his father and brother fall sick as riders trickle back, these workers are facing the prospect of a second wave — even as they are coping with the trauma of the first.

Communism scares U.S. rulers for centu-ries NYT, 7/19 [Book Review] — Americans inter-vened both covertly and overtly to try to over-turn the Bolsheviks from 1917 to 1920 [ed. note: to 1925]. The United States intelligence-gathering organization established inside Soviet Russia (be-gun in 1918. Intervention took many forms, in-cluding covert military and financial aid to anti-Bolshevik forces as well as military operations.
The increasing threat of war between the U.S. and China has been putting tremendous pressure on the U.S. ruling class to move rapidly towards fascism in the U.S. (see Editorial, page 2). The use of federal police to attack protesters in Portland has brought the rise of fascism to the fore. Many people are hoping that electing presidential candidate Joe Biden and putting the liberal politicians at the helm of the Democratic Party back in control of the White House will stave off fascism. But the liberal bosses backing the Democrats are the biggest and most desperate section of a divided U.S. ruling class and will, themselves, move towards fascism as they become more desperate in the face of an increasingly volatile global situation. Electing Biden or the Democrats will not spare the working class. The only path forward as capitalism sinks deeper into crisis is the fight for communist revolution.

**Fascism is the future of U.S. capitalism**

Fascism arises as the crisis between the imperialists is driving the capitalists to prepare for war by forcing discipline onto their own ranks and the working class. The Big Fascist U.S. bosses are no longer the dominant power they have been and can no longer rule in the old way. The Big Fascists are the main wing of the ruling class centered within finance capital. They include big banks like JP Morgan Chase and major industries like Exxon Mobil with massive international interests. They are being challenged around the globe and losing. To try to hold onto their position, the bosses use fascism to try to gain control of internal struggle between factions of the ruling class, to discipline members of their own class, and force the working class to accept and unite with the bosses around economic and political preparations for war. Under these pressures the capitalist class resort to the tools of fascism, mainly crushing dissent within their own ranks and among the working class to achieve their needs, while still trying to ensure some degree of popular support from workers who revolt and die in massive imperialist war.

**The Big Fascists are likely to crush the Small Fascists**

The Small Fascists, represented by the Koch, De Vos and Mercer families among others, acquired their wealth through domestically centered industries including domestic energy interests in oil and natural gas. They’re style of fascism relies on a predominantly white racist base and is less concerned with the anger and division it generates with masses of workers. Their approach is to rely on a smaller, whiter military while defending a shrinking empire. They rely on old style KKK racism to build a movement to overthrow the Big Fascists. Trump and his Small Fascist backers are and will brutally attack the working class should they stay in control of the White House, but they are most likely going to lose to the Big bosses who are building their own kind of fascism.

**The Big Fascists are trying to create conditions that will allow them to build a large multi-racial military that will fight and die in a war with China and/or other big imperialists. The Big Fascist liberals are willing to crush dissent among the working class. From the day of George Floyd’s murder in May the mass uprising of multi-racial protesters was met by overwhelming police assault under the direction of liberal mayors from Minneapolis to Atlanta to Chicago, New York and Portland. These liberals pay minor lip service to police reforms, while backing the cops who attack protesters. But they also realize that they need Black and Latin workers to go along with a military draft and accept large numbers of casualties without rebelling.**

**The Big Fascists are having enormous trouble disciplining members within their own wing of capitalists to build that kind of fascist society. Many of the capitalists are absorbed in accumulating personal wealth and not in the broader needs of the ruling class. To get ready for war the Big Fascists need to make major societal changes. They have to get the healthcare industry to give up much of its profits to get better at keeping the working class minimally healthy. The real estate bosses must try to limit their greed and undo some of the racist segregation in neighborhoods and schools that drive up property values.**

Likewise, the Tech industry must go along with the war needs of the Big Fascists to control the internet and stop taking money from the Small Fascists and the Chinese and Russian bosses. Once the Democrats took control of the House of Representatives in the 2018 election, they launched an offensive to reign in these undisciplined capitalists. The four tech giants Jeff Bezos of Amazon, the richest man in the world, and Facebook, Twitter, Google and Cook of Apple, worth $625 million, Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook worth $86 billion and Sundar Pichai of Google worth $1.2 billion appeared at a House hearing (NYT 7/31). They were being investigated under anti-trust laws as monopolies that could be broken into smaller companies but the real goal is to bring them into the Big Fascists’ control.

**Big Fascists are the greater danger**

The Big Fascists understand that they need to win the widest possible base of support within the working class. The creation of an enormous military requires the participation of Black, Latin and immigrant as well as white men and women workers. Currently over 60 percent of the military is white and at higher ranks the number increases to 80 percent (CFR, 7/13). Extensively integrating the military is a strategic necessity of the Big Fascists in order to win popular support for war.

Hence we see the recent move by the Department of Defense, in direct opposition to Donald Trump and the Little Fascist, to ban the Confederate flag from all military bases, the decision to rename all military bases currently named after Confederate generals with names of loyal generals; and the apology by Commander of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley and Department of Defense head Mark Esper for their part in the call up of military forces to Washington, DC in June (NYT 6/11). Their message is clear – the U.S. military will not be used to advance the cause of the Small Fascists as they have larger needs for the blood and toil of our class.

**The bosses build for war, we must build for communist revolution**

Capitalism in crisis is trying to scare and coerce our class to fight for one side or the other. The only way we can fight for our interests as the working class is by building an international, revolutionary, communist movement to overthrow capitalism and build a society that serves the needs of the workers of the world. Progressive Labor Party is building that movement.