WEST ORANGE, NJ, December 11—The attempted genocide by the Israeli government has sparked international outrage among workers around the world. New Jersey has been one of the sites where sharp struggles between antiracists and Zionists have been on display. Antiracist actions led by high school students and teachers have been a catalyst for students and workers to fight back in the area. The courage and multiracial unity of workers have also been met with nationalism and fear. The Progressive Labor Party (PLP) has been involved in such a struggle at the urging of one of the parents in town. We stand alongside these workers and struggle to win workers to see that capitalism is the main enemy that needs to be smashed.

Students lead the way

Though there have been several protests at U.S. Senator Cory Booker’s office, it was the students in West Orange who exposed the Zionists and their political misleaders. West Orange is a suburb of Newark and a town that likes to praise itself for its “diversity.” During the George Floyd protests, West Orange saw multiracial rallies chanting Black Lives Matter.

But when a Palestinian and Jewish student organized a walkout to protest the genocidal bombing of Gaza, the Zionist leadership responded by getting the Mayor and Superintendent to shut it down. Then, on a Zionist Facebook group, they exposed the names of these high school students who were planning the walkout.

In response, dozens of students, parents, alumni, community activists, and teachers filled the board of education meeting to support the students. The unity of Jewish, Arab, Black, and white workers showed the bravery and potential of the larger working class to fight back. As a result, the students held their walkout a week later. This shows that when workers fight back they can win.

Liberalism and nationalism - a tool of the bosses

Like many movements that we are part of, liberal misleaders make sure they can control the mass line of the movement. In this case, many of the leaders are winning workers and students to focus on city and school officials. At one recent town meeting workers and students were protesting the appointment of a human relations commissioner. This person was also head of the Zionist Facebook group that exposed the...
Taiwan, flashpoint of inter-imperialist rivalry

Imperialist war drums are beating loudly in the Pacific as the U.S. and China vie to control resources, markets, and geopolitical leverage. At the center of this grab bag is Taiwan, the island republic claimed by China—and a Bastion for inter-imperialist war. More than 21 percent of the world’s trade, amounting to trillions of dollars, passed through it in 2016 (CNBC, 11/17). China and the U.S. are Taiwan’s two biggest trading partners. The Taiwan Strait, the major shipping route for “goods from Asian factory hubs to markets in Europe, the U.S. and all points in between” (Bloomberg, 8/2), anchors global supply chains.

Perhaps most important, Taiwan produces over 60 percent of the world’s semiconductors and over 90 percent of the advanced microchips that power everything from mobile phones and artifice intelligence technology to weapons of mass murder (The Economist, 3/26). China’s threat to take over Taiwan and its claim to nearly all of the South China Sea prompted U.S. rulers to bar Taiwan companies from selling their most powerful chips to China (NBC News, 6/29).

Fighting a rising global power

A decaying, divided, and desperate U.S. ruling class is struggling with what is becoming an economic giant that now sees itself as a global power and is acting as such. “Long reluctant to inject itself into conflicts far from its shores, Beijing is showing a new assertiveness as Xi Jinping begins his third term as the country’s head of state, positioning China to draw like-minded countries to its side and have a greater say on global matters” (Wall Street Journal, 3/22). China’s willingness to wade into international matters sends a message to traditional U.S. allies that the old world order, dominated by the U.S. and its NATO allies since World War II, is a thing of the past.

In their takeover of Taiwan, China’s bosses have studied the Russian playbook. They have repeatedly warned the U.S. to steer clear of Taiwan. After former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited the contested island last year, China defiantly conducted live military exercises in the area. While the U.S. rulers want to avoid a military conflict with China until they are ready (Foreign Affairs, 8/23), make no mistake: War is coming. In a system based on theft from workers and the violent eliminate of all competitors, the imperialist bosses will ultimately have no other choice.

The dangers of nationalism

The poison of nationalism is an essential tool for the capitalists to win workers to fight in this impending war. China is deeply propagandizing the “One-China” rhetoric (The Diplomat, 8/16). Taiwan and U.S. bosses use similar divisive tactics. With the upcoming election around the corner, Taiwan’s ruling Democratic Progressive Party has deployed former ambassador Hsiao Bi-khim to the U.S. to fan the flames of nationalist ideology.
Teachers teach the truth

Solidarity, not silence!

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, December 6 – The vicious and dehumanizing racist nationalism currently exploding across occupied Palestine by Zionist fascists was mirrored in a courtroom in the suburbs of Chicago today. The family and community members of Murod Kurdi -- a 28-year-old Arab worker who was murdered on June 5th in front of his home in Oak Lawn by a white woman, Leanne Cusack, were treated to yet another travesty of the court system to not read, write, or talk. But even with all the threats and intimidation, one university student from Students for Justice in Palestine boldly kept raising an issue of our newspaper CHALLENGE with the headline “From the rivers to the seas, communism will set us free” for all to see.

Justice for Murod

Expose bosses’ racist kkouts

In the end, the judge ruled her guilty with a penalty of a fine of only $750 and thirty hours of community service. This is nothing even resembling justice or a victory for a worker like Murod or his grieving family. As his brotherSuphi commented after the ruling, “She gets to go home with a $750 fine, and we get to go visit my brother in a graveyard.”

The capitalist system is guilty as hell – fight for communism

Despite the shallow victory, this anticapitalist fight is far from over. The community groups involved in supporting Murod’s family are calling for Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx to formally file criminal charges against Leanne Cusack and for Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul to launch an independent investigation into the racist terror of the Oak Lawn Police Department.

While those of us in PLP fully support efforts to expand the scope of the struggle, we caution against having confidence that we can use the master’s tools to dismantle the racist structure of capitalism. Trusting in liberal misleader bosses such as Foxx and Raoul to deliver justice for our class has historically proven to be a dead-end. Either they fail to hold these racist killers accountable at all, or they make minor reforms that give the illusion that the system can work for us. No matter what happens, we must not lose sight of our goal of pushing things off the capitalist stage. What lasts longer than any specific reform is the multiracial unity of the working class.

What lasts longer than any specific reform is the multiracial working-class unity cemented in struggles such as this one. We plan to continue fighting side by side with our fellow workers to advance a greater understanding of how capitalism works and how true justice will not occur until this miserable profit system is buried for good.
APHA Antiracist organizing leads to “ceasefire” statement & communist connection

ATLANTA GA, November 13—Twelve thousand public health workers descended on Atlanta for the annual American Public Health Association (APHA) conference. Some were there to learn, some to present their work, but Progressive Labor Party (PLP) members were there to organize against fascism and for communist revolution. For weeks we had been planning to have a rally against Atlanta’s COP CITY, which has revealed the true fascist nature of the Democratic Party politicians in Georgia (CHALLENGE, 12/13). But then the Israeli government responded to the Hamas attack on Israeli and migrant workers by murdering tens of thousands of Palestinians. This fascist attack was fully supported by the United States government and further demonstrated the role of the Democratic Party in promoting fascism. They have attacked workers, professionals, and students who oppose genocide, labeling them anti-Semitic (See article on this issue). Throughout the conference, PLP members spoke openly about why the U.S. is so determined to support Israel no matter what: the U.S. ruling class is determined to protect its Middle East oil resources and pipelines and maintain a power base against Iranian, Russian, and Chinese competing capitalist interests.

The leadership of APHA is firmly in bed with the Democratic Party. These liberal misleaders of public health workers have opposed any resolution or action against racist state violence and genocidal policies for years. Just before the conference, Georges Benjamin, head of APHA, tried to head off debate about genocide in Gaza by publicly reproving a mealy-mouthed, hand-wringing statement about all violence being bad for health, while emphatically stating that Israel has a right to “defend” itself. He did not even call for a ceasefire, infuriating APHA members.

Public health workers fight back, take on the Zionists

A few friends quickly wrote a “latebreaker” policy statement calling for an immediate ceasefire, and the release of all hostages, and included historical information about the Zionist apartheid system in Israel and Palestine (www.multiracialunity.org). The Zionists within APHA instead called for peace through charity and never once mentioned the word “occupation.” We organized our friends to attend hearings on the competing policy statements and spoke in favor of the ceasefire policy and against the debased abhorrently racist anti-Zionist position.

PLP members and the Palestine Health Justice group of the APHA’s International Health Section prepared quickly for the APHA Governing Council (GC) meeting where such policy decisions are made. At a planning meeting the night before the vote, 75 people gathered to find a clear voice and watch the vote. PLP members suggested being prepared with a chant if the ceasefire resolution failed. One newer member gathered everyone’s contact information and started a Signal group chat that grew from 10 that evening to 80 by the following morning. Other students in the chat began helping refine and remind folks of the plan in a great collective effort.

The morning of the vote, the Zionists handed out flyers full of lies about the ceasefire policy, but when the policy debate started, the back of the GC room was filled with 50 people wearing all black and holding or wearing single sheets of paper that said CEASEFIRE! giving the voting members a clear majority for the policy. The Zionists had organized their people to speak against the statement, repeating racist and false propaganda and calling our advocacy of a ceasefire “unbalanced.” PLP members provided leadership to the supporters of the anti-genocide policy statement on the convention floor. We spoke about the number of healthcare workers murdered by the Israeli government and the number of people who supported a ceasefire in the U.S. Supporters also attacked the racist statements of the Israeli fascists about the Palestinians (calling them...
KCC

Resist bosses’ racist requirements

BROOKLYN, NY — After marking one year of the multiracial anarcho-fightback against racist police terror, Kingsborough Community College (KCC) stu-
dents and faculty continue the struggle in a campus atmosphere of sharpening fascists, the headlong rush of the liberal administration, public safety, and their boot-
licking accoutrements. However, students, faculty, and Progressive Labor Party (PLP) members in the cam-
pus anarcho-communist, Common Ground, are adapting to the racist administration’s normalization of police surveillance and increased bureaucratic red tape.

PLP members have contributed to continuing the struggle by deepening old friendships and making new ones. We struggle to push back against our previous limits in the dark night of low class struggle by expanding the CHALLENGE newspaper distribution networks. This has kept the politics of multiracial anarcho-fightback, internationalism, and communist revolution upfront as we marched through months of difficulty after difficulty.

Mass work tests patience and persistence

We soon learned that KCC’s administration intro-
duced new obstacles for Common Ground this year. The first was cracking down on informational club tabling by requiring that only registered and “ac-
“live” clubs could set up tables and distribute litera-
ture. In the past, any club could set up an information table and meet interested students before registering or reactivating.

Each semester, new paperwork including election results must be submitted for the club to be “reacti-
vated.” Common Ground’s reactivation process en-
tailed weeks of properly formatted paperwork, col-
lecting signatures, and losing several potential club
officers who were either a) barred for being freshmen and/or b) didn’t pass the GPA eligibility require-
ments. They also mandated training meetings with the administration.

Upon reactivation, we met our next obstacle: this
year, the administration has declared that informa-
tional tabling counts as a club “event,” and therefore requires one month of notice to reserve through an online portal for event registration. On most days the tables are utterly empty, except for the regular military recruiters. (A Marine recruiter / CHALLENGE reader
claimed “they are armed” at public gatherings. As we
pointed out, “if we have a problem with lactivist hellscape is communist revolution. JOIN US!

Common Ground students and faculty agreed on a tabling
schedule and requested it, we were denied, and given a new one.)

As a final insult, our assigned general meeting room’s newly installed door doesn’t open with the students key. Opening it requires contacting Public
Safety officers with the master keys each time, who of-
ten linger by the door. At the start of one recent meet-
ing, a sergeant entered to wipe a stain off a table “to
avoid the paperwork” of requesting custodial staff
to do it.

The racism of requirements

The ease of allowing military recruiters on campus contrasts with the technical difficulty of getting stu-
dent clubs started here. KCC is a two-year, predomi-
nantly Black, Muslim, Latino, and Asian immigrant campus where over 70 percent of students receive in-
come-based Pell Grants, and 99 percent receive some
type of city or state financial aid (NCES, 2021-2). Since
the administration doesn’t bar part-time, contingent of KCC students for the solidarity with Gaza - Palestine solidarity through a Palestinian former
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Long road ahead

We have already learned many lessons. Whether it is in liberal (or even anti-semitist/nationalist) groups of the political or organizing social gatherings, we have learned that this is going to be a long-term struggle and that building broad-based and deep bonds with many of these members to win many of these students and workers to our line. When we hav-
ing one-on-one conversations when distributing our leaflets, we have learned that a lot of our work is not
in vain. Still, as usual, the leadership of these groups ensures that the liberal line of the misleadership prevails. The
potential is there, and we plan on being there for the long term to build the Party and win many of these courageous workers to fight for a communist future.

person and instead participate through Zoom. The
big reason is that Zionists have been doxxing (sharing personal information) of critique of the Israeli genocide. The town government has been supportive of the Zion-
ists in trying to silence any opposition. At one of
the meetings, a Zionist threatened the anti-racists by
claiming “they are armed” at public gatherings. As a
result many of the organizers, especially Muslim work-
ners, stopped going to public meetings and instead at-
tended through Zoom.

This was a temporary setback for the movement. As
a result, the group was planning to speak at a town
council meeting. Seeing that there were only a few
workers there to speak out against the genocide and
racist support by the administration, the council was
able to delay the public speaking part until 1 am! Even
those in attendance sat quietly despite attempts by
more militant activists and PLP members to speak out against the silencing.

Some steps have been made, however, to try and
fight this fear. A community group in the neighbor-

ing town of Orange held a potluck dinner to talk about
and make plans for further fightback. This included
parents, students, and organizers from West Orange,
Newark, Orange, and neighboring towns. The dinner
was opened by a long-time anti-racist fighter who
connected the Palestinians to the millions of displaced workers all over the world. She also brought out the
oil motives in the Middle East and connected them to the resources in Sudan, Afghanistan, and Haiti that drive imperialist ambitions. We then heard from various
students and workers who reported on student walk-
douts, the desire to build groups that include working
organized and fight children, and how to build
a movement that is going to fight both anti-semitism
and anti-Muslim racism. The dinner was a perfect
example of how we’re building rapid responses to racism, and that the
only solution out of this racist, sexist, genocidal imperialist hellscap is communist revolution.

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On the auto workers' picket line

I traveled to Michigan during the auto strike and a couple of us headed out to the auto workers’ picket lines to talk to workers about class struggle, fighting racism, and the communist revolution. We had some great conversations. One worker from the Dominican Republic has been working there for ten years. He has had several surgeries in that period, including his knee and hip, due to job-related problems. He emphatically denounced the multiple-tier system and proceeded to explain several aspects of our communist line to us! He said, “When you’ve got people doing the same job for different pay, some are struggling while some are not. That’s nothing but division and it just shouldn’t happen!” I told him how coal bosses in Kentucky pulled a big group of CP members who crashed a party on a nazi luxury liner anchored in New York City and tore down the nazi flag.

The workers I talked to believe that strikes are necessary or else living standards will continue to deteriorate. “It’s just unsustainable,” declared another worker. They say prices will rise if we don’t act. “Yeah”, he said, “it’s corporate media for a reason — as much as they can convince us to allow.” We talked about the media slander campaign has been getting, using the same talking points from 100 years ago. “Yeah,” he said, “it’s corporate media for a reason — that’s who they work for. They say prices will rise if we get a raise. Well, prices have already been rising!”

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We visited her friend in the hospital, Bill Bailey, a longshore worker whose lungs were so bad he could hardly speak, from corrosive cement dust in the holds of ships he was unloading. During the 1930s, he led a big group of CP members who crashed a party on a nazi luxury liner anchored in New York City and tore down the nazi flag.

According to a 3/3/2019 New York Post story, I read much later, Bailey quit the CP in 1956 saying Stalin was a “paranoid, sick SOB.” This must explain why, after the visit, Tillei Olsen said seemingly out of the blue, “I never believed Khrushchev’s lies about Stalin!”

The fight for against genocide of Palestinian workers on a college campus

As a new college student, it was motivating to see racism on my campus coming from a high school in which many weren’t politically involved. On November 8 and 9, I joined many in the fight for Palestine: students led speeches and chants such as “The People United Will Never Be Defeated!”

Even after walking and chanting, these students only grew with fervor and the chants became louder. One of the rallies culminated with students beating pinatas of Netanyah and Biden, with only more enthusiasm from the students. Another rally delivered a coffin to the administration building in protest of the school’s holdings in investment firm BlackRock, the world’s largest investor in military hardware.

This wasn’t taken lightly by the school chancellor and board, who sent out a letter one day later condemning “Anti Semitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Arab hate,” but it was very targeted toward the peace- ful protests against racism and genocide in Gaza, mentioning an instance of “Anti Semitic language.” He however, did not mention many of the instances of harassment and intimidation that occurred against Muslim students.

While school leaders claim to be against all forms of bigotry, they turn a blind eye towards that affecting the already oppressed – their only aim is to further the capitalist, fascistic agenda, by intimidating students and protestors. The true nature of their financial and political interests is being revealed, reflecting the interests of wealthy business tycoons and political pawns that run the board. The primary goal of their funding of the Zionist government of Israel is to gain control over Mideast oil, furthering their financial assets through such a valuable resource.

While chants such as “from the river to the sea” have been viewed as anti semitic by some, they advocate for nationalist ideals that further divide the working class. Even during many of the speeches at these rallies, Hamas was not criticized for its slaughter of Israeli civilians on October 7 and nationalist ideals were further pushed to students by the leaders of the rally.

For the working class to be truly united, and for the true liberation of Palestine, it is important for us to acknowledge how we should unite and reject both anti-Palestinian racism and nationalism.

Antiracist organizing leads to “ceasefire” statement & communist connections

The outcome

As the room kept filling with young people interested in seeing whether the APAH would take a stance on ceasefire, Executive Director Benjamin moaned, “What are we going to do? This could be awful” to a friend of ours, as he gestured to the determined young people we had brought. A compromise position was reached by jettisoning the 11-page policy statement with its 40+ references and just voting on a one-sentence resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire. Fifty-nine percent of the governing council members voted “Yes” and the crowd broke out in cheers. This victory, while hardly complete, represented the only large health-related organization to call for a ceasefire and can be used to defend the many healthcare workers and students who face attacks by their institutions for opposing genocide.

Forty-five of us, including eight PLP members, met outside to deliberate and discuss the next steps. Fighting imperialism and capitalism took center stage, as 25 people signed our mailing list and everyone of us got both a CHALLENGE and an APHA CHALLENGE. We met up with many of these students later that evening and had more political conversations.

This APHA conference was one of our most active annual meetings in years and showed that organizing in professional spaces and on the job is crucial for communists. The young people who spent much of their first professional conference organizing this protest and demonstrating for three hours at the GC meeting, showing the great possibilities for the international working class. ☮

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animals—a reminder that “racism is a public health crisis.”

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But, 2023 was also the year of fightback. It was the year of strikes, 354 to be exact (Wall Street Journal, 12/4). From autowriters to writers, healthcare workers to pilots, hundreds of thousands are seeing that the world as it is now is unsustainable. From the climate march to the protests against genocide in Gaza, workers and youth took to the streets. We must continue the fightback against racism, sexism, and capitalism. PLP wherever we were, waged struggles against the bosses’ deadly system. We continue to carry the fight for communist revolution.
Ethnic cleansing was always the Zionist plan

Thin the Palestinian population “to a minimum. I am for compulsory transfer; I do not see anything immoral in it.”

Which of these was said in 1938 by Israel’s first Prime Minister and which was said by the current Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu recently? Well, Netanyahu’s is first, but you can see that the plan has not changed. In fact, as far back as 1895, the founder of Zionism, Theodor Herzl, said: “We shall try to spirit the penniless population across the border... discreetly and circumspectly.” An Israeli intelligence document on 10/13 stated: “The evacuation of the civil population from Gaza to Sinai...will yield positive, long-term strategic outcomes for Israel, and is an executable option. It requires determination from the political echelon in the face of international pressure, with an emphasis on harvesting the support of the United States.” And the support of the U.S. they certainly have, to the tune of $14.3 billion extra dollars.

When the Israeli state was founded in 1948, with the support of Britain, it was to gain a pro-Western ally to counter the pro-Communist Arab states. The first Israeli government already had a plan to dispose of the nearly one million Arabs then living there – Plan D. They carried it out. They succeeded in forcefully removing 5 out of 7 Palestinians and destroying 530 villages on 55 percent of the land Israel controlled. In 1948 they fought the last of the Palmist military forces, which they have illegally militarily occupied since – the West Bank and Gaza. The U.S. is now the main funder of Israel for the same reasons that Britain first supported it – a base to protect oil and to protect U.S. interests against Iran, Russia, and China.

It is abundantly clear that Israel is now carrying out ethnic cleansing in Gaza, forcefully homogenizing an ethnically mixed population. Genocide is the deliberate killing of people from an ethnic group to destroy them. Over 18,000 Gazans have been killed to date, plus countless others buried under rubble, and countless thousands wounded. 85 percent of the 2.2 million inhabitants have been forced from their homes, and much of their population is on the brink of death from starvation and dehydration according to aid agencies. Attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank are as severe and lethal, with killings by Israeli security forces as soldiers look on and the seizure of land and homes continues.

The justification for the current slaughter is the Hamas movement, but Israel has never said that Hamas is the plan. In truth, Israel helped found Hamas in 1987 to counter secular nationalism, and the NY Times documents (12/10) that Israel has been giving millions to Hamas for years to keep two Palestinian leadership groups at odds – the other being Fatah in the West Bank – to prevent Palestinian unity.

The majority of Israelis and many Zionists Jews around the world have been won to applauding this massacre because they are raised on a diet of lies: that all Arabs inherently hate Jews and wish to kill them, that the Arabs left in 1948 voluntarily purely because they hate Jews, that there is no way to prevent another mass slaughter of Jews such as the Holocaust without having a fortress state. Zionists even think that Israel is a democracy despite giving rights only to Jews. Most Israelis also have little conception of what life is like in the Occupied Territories – that it is an ordinary civil war with brutalization by soldiers, massive imprisonment without charge, and severe restrictions on work, housing, travel, and health care. Nonethe- less, most Palestinians are anti-Zionist, not anti-Semitic, and welcome Jewish allies.

This Zionist nationalist hatred serves the Israeli ruling class well, for Israel is a capitalist state with a very small ruling elite and a shortage of adequate services for much of the population. But workers in Israel vent their anger on Palestinians, not the ruling class. Nationalism in Palestine, which although occupied is also a capitalist society, has also prevented the growth of a working class movement even though most Palest- inians do not like Fatah or Hamas. The only hope for Palestinian or Jewish workers is to band together, in- deed with other workers of the world, in a fight for an anti-racist, anti-nationalist communist society. Thou- sands are now protesting around the world as this pit- less genocide unfolds on our TV screens, but all of us too must join together to long-range fight against imperialism and racism and for communism.

Columbia and NYU are landlords that happen to offer classes

NY Times, 12/10–State lawmakers will unveil legislation on Tuesday that would eliminate enormous property tax breaks for Columbia University and New York University, which have expanded to become among New York City’s top 10 largest private property owners, per se, making the private universities to start paying their full annual property taxes and for that money to be redistributed to the City University of New York, the largest public university system in the country...The amount the schools save annually has soared in recent decades as the two have bought more properties, and the value of their properties has also increased---the city’s wealthiest univer- sities were bigger and richer than ever before, amassing vast real estate portfolios that have drained the city budget and left many New Yorkers with no local horizon to become the city’s largest private landowner.

KKKops murder one man and arrest protest- ers as anger builds in Decatur, AL

SPLC, 11/12–“Over the course of the times we’ve been here and demonstrated to protest there’s been a nine arrests,” said Aneser Saafiyah...Her father, Dan- ny Saafiyah Sr...“Our protests haven’t been violent. None have been. No one has been attacking the police or anything like that. It’s just the intimidation tactics that the police use.”

Stephen Clay Perkins, 39, was shot to death in the early hours of Sept. 28 in front of his home...Perkins was hit seven times. He was declared dead at a local hospital...S SPLC

Oil in Guyana means profits for ExxonMobil

Der Spiegel, 11/24–“There’s the new Guyan! Guy- ana with oil!!!” Nicholas Deygooy calls out as the boat heads towards his artificial island. “It wouldn’t be possible without Exxon!!!” Within just a few months, floating dredgers created some 44 acres of new land, roughly the size of 24 football fields. Such a thing has never been seen before in Guyana, the sparsely populated country on South America’s Atlantic coast, sand- wiched between Venezuela and Suriname...Enormous oil reserves were discovered off the coast here in 2015, shortly before 200 countries agreed to the Paris Climate Agreement, which was to herald the end of the fossil fuel era. Huge quantities of first-class “light sweet crude” are buried below the ocean floor, highly valued for its low sulfur content and the relative ease with which it can be refined...Incentives for ExxonMobil and Guyana’s government, the country will produce more crude oil per capita than any other country on the planet within 5 years. Despite the fact that the climate crisis poses a greater threat to Guyana than almost any other country in the world.

Capitalists weigh their anti immigrant rac- ism with their need for workers to exploit

Washington Post, 11/9–National Population Projec- tions estimate that the population will peak at almost 370 million in 2080 before receding to 366 million in 2100, an increase of only 9.7 percent between 2022 and 2100. That is far below the rate the boat has grown each decade for most of the nation’s history...Immigrant adults tend to be younger and have higher fertility rates than their native-born counterparts. Demographers say they are key to providing enough people to fill the labor force and balance out the swell- ing population of older Americans, and avoid the fate of countries such as Japan and Germany, which have among the world’s highest share of people over 65. “These projections make clear that immigration is absolutely essential to the nation’s future population growth,” said William Frey, a senior demographer at the Brookings Institution who analyzed the data. “It is also necessary to counter the extreme aging we will otherwise experience with the youthfulness of immi- grants and their children.”
2023 was the year of rising capitalist crisis. Inter-imperialist rivalry continues to heat up between China and United States. The planet was the hottest year on record. Russia-Ukraine war continues. Wildfires and earthquakes ravage lives and environment. Bloody war tears up the working class in Sudan. The Apartheid regime of Israel commits genocide against the working class in Gaza. Continued on page 6