



The wolf is at the door: Mobilize workers against a stolen election

By Sharon Black

Sept. 30 — Since our last article, “2020 elections and capitalist instability: How should we prepare?”, President Donald Trump has declared several times that he won’t leave office if the presidential election is “not fair.” By that he means, if he does not win. It may be the first time that a U.S. president has openly said that he won’t accept the vote, indicating that there will be no peaceful transfer of power.

This is not an idle threat. Trump has his own paramilitary police force, which has been deployed against protesters in test runs from Washington, D.C., to Portland, Ore.; the Department of Homeland Security; the support of the most virulent and reactionary police departments; and a myriad of violently racist, vigilante-type groups.

At the Sept. 29 debate in Cleveland with his Democratic opponent Joe Biden, after the moderator asked if he would condemn white supremacists including the Proud Boys, a violent far-right racist group, Trump declared: “Proud Boys: Stand back and stand by,” acknowledging that he was their leader.

Later in the debate, Trump refused to say that he would abide by the results of the election and declined to tell his supporters to remain calm or avoid violence. “If I see tens of thousands of ballots, I can’t go along with that,” he said, urging his supporters to go to the polls and “watch very carefully.”

If anyone is fooled into thinking that Trump is remotely anti-war, his 9-minute rant at the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 22 should set the record straight. It was a full-throttle jingoistic preparation for war against China, along with Iran, Venezuela and Cuba. Though this is not unusual for Trump, it was a departure from the subterfuge used by most capitalist politicians on the world stage.

“When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time” is a saying made famous by writer and poet Maya Angelou. We should believe Trump.

Growing repression

State attacks on the Black Lives Matter uprising against racism and police terror have escalated.

In Louisville, Ky., Attica Scott, the only Black woman state representative, and her 19-year-old daughter were arrested Sept. 24 on felony riot charges during protests after the grand jury decision exonerating Breonna Taylor’s killers. Twenty-four others were arrested at the same time, along with 127 more on Sept. 23.

This follows on the heels of draconian charges against Party for Socialism and Liberation and Frontline Party for Revolutionary Action members in Aurora, Colo.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis recently announced a legislative bill, the “Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act.” It would drastically intensify criminal charges against protesters. Blocking traffic would become a third-degree felony, but drivers who intentionally plow their vehicles into crowds would not be held liable for injury or death.

Destroying or toppling monuments, such as Confederate statues, would become a second-degree felony.

These recent events make it all the more imper-



Minneapolis protest against release of killer cop Derek Chauvin on bail, Oct. 7. Chauvin’s murder of George Floyd on May 25 sparked the current anti-racist uprising.

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ative for the working class to intervene actively in what undoubtedly will be a series of major crises this year and into 2021.

Lessons of 2000 election

The 2000 election pitted Democrats Al Gore and Joe Lieberman against George W. Bush and Dick Cheney. It was stolen by outright suppression of Black and working-class voters in Florida.

After several contentious months of struggle, sometimes in the street, the outcome was resolved by the U.S. Supreme Court, which overturned a Florida Supreme Court decision ordering a recount. Bush was declared the winner. Not even the undemocratic Electoral College, but just nine Supreme Court justices chose the president.

At that time, James Baker was chief legal advisor for Bush’s campaign and oversaw the Florida recount operation. Baker was responsible for the strategy to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court after losing in a deeply corrupt effort on the state level.

Baker later became Bush’s secretary of state. John G. Roberts Jr., one of the lawyers on Baker’s team, was rewarded by Bush with an appointment to the Supreme Court. Roberts is now the chief justice.

As Struggle-La Lucha’s Gary Wilson wrote in “Donald Trump’s Greedy Big Oil Backers Want More”:

“Former Secretary of State James Baker considered voting for Joe Biden in November but will instead keep backing Donald Trump, a new biography reveals, in the process outlining a key reason

for continued Republican support for the scandal-plagued U.S. president,’ the Guardian reports.

“Though the ‘myriad ethical scandals surrounding Trump were head-spinning,’ Baker told the authors, ‘it was worth it to get conservative judges, tax cuts and deregulation.’

“Yes, Trump is giving them exactly what they want.”

Democratic Party’s role

In 2000, the Democratic Party fought the election theft with one hand tied behind its back. It pulled Jesse Jackson back from organizing demonstrations. Democratic Sen. Joe Lieberman, who later became chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security, broke ranks and called for conceding to Bush.

This should serve as a lesson to not count on the Democratic Party to protect the rights of the people. In the final analysis, the Democratic Party could not be relied upon to defend African American voters. In the end, its allegiance was only to Big Capital.

Readers should take note: Following that election and the 9/11 attacks, the U.S. started the endless “War on Terror” and the second Iraq War. At home, the expansion of the repressive apparatus of the state became gargantuan — a tendency that V.I. Lenin described in the pamphlet “The State and Revolution.”

In 2002, the Homeland Security Act was passed, and in 2003, the Department of Homeland Security was formed. Today, it is the third-largest

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Baltimore takes to the streets for Breonna Taylor

By Lev Koufax

On Sept. 26, hundreds of people and dozens of cars took to the streets of Baltimore to demand justice for Breonna Taylor and the end of the racist U.S. police state. The march and caravan were called by the Peoples Power Assembly and the Ujima People's Progress Party.

The demonstration came in response to a Louisville, Ky., grand jury's decision to charge only one of the cops who participated in the March 13 attack where Breonna Taylor was murdered inside her own home. Adding insult to injury, the charges against the officer did not include murder or manslaughter.

At the time of her death, Taylor was serving her community as an emergency medical technician. She was a frontline worker in the fight against COVID-19.

Taylor's family immediately denounced the decision as disrespectful to Breonna's memory. The family's attorney, Ben Crump, condemned the decision and demanded a new special prosecutor be appointed to the case.

In many ways, it was reminiscent of a Ferguson, Mo., grand jury's decision not to indict Darren Wilson, the racist police officer who murdered Michael Brown in cold blood after Brown had raised his arms to indicate surrender.

For these reasons, the people of Baltimore took to the streets in solidarity with Breonna Taylor, her fam-

ily, the people of Louisville and all the victims of racist police murder.

'Revolution against racist capitalism'

Rev. Chambers opened the rally at the end of a march that went from the Harriet Tubman Justice Center to Baltimore City Jail and then on to downtown Baltimore.

The march began at the Harriet Tubman Solidarity Center and proceeded first to the Baltimore City Jail. At the jail, the Rev. Annie Chambers spoke directly to prisoners through a sound system. She told the prisoners that the people would continue to fight for their freedom and against the racist criminal justice system.

From the prison, the march and caravan proceeded east past Latrobe

Homes, a historic Baltimore public housing development. The demonstration ended at McKeldin Square, in downtown Baltimore, where a rally was held.

Rev. Chambers opened the rally with an impassioned speech calling for a revolution against the racist capitalist system of the U.S. She insisted that she and her brothers and sisters in the struggle would not rest until that revolution was complete.

She was followed by Andrew Mayton, representing the local chapter of the Malaya Movement, and Arnette Johnson, a local activist who fights

for the rights of women veterans.

Peoples Power Assembly organizer Sharon Black thanked the crowd for their dedication on the long march and for staying in the struggle. She then provided a much needed analysis of the upcoming presidential election and the state of the movement.

Black asserted that now more than ever, the movement must defend the victories of the Black Lives Matter struggle in recent months. She argued that the current BLM movement is the continuation of Reconstruction.

The message of the march and rally was clear: The only way to stop Trump's white supremacist wave, and the decades-old racist police war on oppressed communities, is for the poor and working-class people to take to the streets and continue to demand a better world. [U]



Youth collective marches for FTP times three

By Bayani

On Sept. 30, the organization Good Kids Mad City held a march in Baltimore City.

Struggle - La Lucha interviewed Destini Philpot, spokesperson for Good Kids Mad City, who gave the following statement:

"We are a Black, Brown and Indigenous collective of youth called Good Kids Mad City. We are a Baltimore to Chicago organization. We work to dismantle oppressive systems that cause violence to occur in our cities in the first place. This is the launch of our FTP Times Three series, which is 'Fuck The Police, Free The People, Fight The Power.'

"So while we're out here protesting the police brutality we experience in America daily as Black and Brown people, we also acknowledge the importance of putting into our community and providing resources for those who have less. This won't be our only action, so we'll come back out and we'll do rallies where we're providing basic needs and resources, whether it be around housing or education.

"We will be out here as long as it takes." [U]



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This book examines the construction of a racial capitalist venture — slavery — where the histories of African, Native and working people overlapped.

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The 45-year-long billionaire bonanza

By Stephen Millies

Almost 13 million people in the U.S. are "officially" jobless. The real number is far higher. Many haven't received an unemployment check in weeks.

Then there's Jeff Bezos, who runs Amazon and owns the Washington Post. His stash ballooned by another \$72 billion in the last six months.

Over a million people have died of the coronavirus around the world. More than 210,000 expired in the United States of Trump.

But it's been partytime for the super rich. Millions line up at food pantries and worry about being evicted or losing their home. Meanwhile, U.S. billionaires gained another \$845 billion in wealth according to the Institute for Policy Studies.

This nearly trillion-dollar gain during the pandemic is merely dessert for these parasites. They've been having a feast for nearly 50 years.

If workers were receiving the same share of the economy as they had in 1975, their wages would have approximately doubled by 2018.

The bottom quarter of wage earners would be taking home an average of \$61,000 per year instead of \$33,000. Those in the middle would be making \$92,000 instead of \$50,000.

These figures represent another \$2.5 trillion stolen every year from poor and working people by the wealthy and powerful.

The study showing this "Grand Theft Payday" was commissioned by Seattle's Fair Work Center and carried out by the RAND Corporation, a Pentagon think tank. Inequality has become so massive and repulsive that it's obvious to RAND analysts who usually work for the military-industrial complex.

Big Capital's counterattack

This massive transfer of income isn't the result of sunspots or UFOs.

It's the product of a worldwide class struggle between the rich and the rest of us.

The class struggle doesn't just include workers on strike or future union organizing drives at Amazon or Walmart. Every fight-back against oppression is a class struggle.

The Black Lives Matter movement is a class struggle. So is the struggle of the Filipino people against the U.S.-backed dictatorship of Rodrigo Duterte. Transgender people trying to survive is a class struggle.

The height of the Black liberation struggle was in the 1960s and early 1970s. The master class was pushed back.

The Vietnamese people defeated the Pentagon war machine. Africans in Angola, Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique won independence. French workers carried out a general strike in 1968.

Big Capital staged a counteroffensive. Dozens of Black Panther Party members were murdered by police.

New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller massacred the Attica prisoners. Decades before Iraq was invaded, war criminals Donald Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney were destroying anti-poverty programs for President Richard Nixon.

Harlem Congressperson Adam Clayton Powell Jr. fought to increase the minimum wage and make it cover millions more workers. Just to keep up with inflation, the federal minimum wage of \$1.60 per hour — enacted in February 1968 — would have to be \$12.16 today.

Instead it's \$7.25. That's a pay cut for the poorest workers of \$4.91 per hour or \$196.16 for every 40-hour workweek. This wage theft of over



\$10,000 per year has meant hundreds of billions of more profits for capitalists.

Union workers suffered job cuts because of automation. Thousands of unionized workplaces were shut down, particularly in the Midwest and Northeast.

Members of Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in New York have been on strike against the Spectrum cable monopoly since March 28, 2017. The banksters that lent Spectrum billions have insisted on this union busting.

In the capital of capitalism, 114,000 New York City schoolchildren are homeless. Despite a 60-year-long U.S. economic blockade, not a single child in socialist Cuba is homeless.

We need a socialist revolution

The biggest defeat for poor people was the overthrow of the Soviet Union and the socialist countries of Eastern Europe. Reconstruction's bloody overthrow guaranteed decades of hell for Black people in the U.S. The Soviet Union's downfall was followed by 30 years of more cut-backs.

The Fair Work Center is demanding a new deal of the capitalist card

game, at least back to the conditions of 1975. The RAND study shows that a minimum wage of at least \$20 per hour is perfectly feasible.

Why don't we get rid of the capitalist card game altogether? Every cent of profit is produced by the working class, both employed and unemployed.

Karl Marx called what the banksters, landlords and capitalists steal from us "surplus

value." That's because the wages and benefits we get are only a fraction of the value that the entire working class produces.

The long period of reaction we've suffered isn't unique. Globalization isn't new. The capitalist world market was jumpstarted by the African Holocaust and the genocide of Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas.

Hundreds of billions of dollars in profits continue to flow to Wall Street from super-exploited workers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific islands. They need reparations, as do Black and Indigenous people in the U.S.

Two hundred years ago, real wages fell by half during Britain's industrial revolution. Workers rebelled and formed unions.

Decades of struggle around the world led to the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917. Other socialist revolutions were inspired by the Bolshevik example.

A growing tide of struggle will continue no matter what happens in the presidential election. Part of that struggle is spreading knowledge of socialism. We need a socialist revolution just to stop capitalism from cooking the earth. ☐

Capitalist elections and socialist revolution

On Oct. 28, 1980, Marxist thinker and fighter Sam Marcy wrote about a presidential debate between incumbent Democrat Jimmy Carter and Republican Ronald Reagan.

An excerpt appears below.

This was at the beginning of what Marcy called "the historic reversal which the ruling class is trying to impose upon the working class by embarking on the road to reversing basic and fundamental concessions which the working class and oppressed have won in decades of struggle." The war of the rich against the rights of the workers and oppressed has continued unabated for 40 years, with the presidency of Donald Trump marking its all-time low (so far).

By Sam Marcy

On this [the "historic reversal"], both candidates are in full agreement. Their method differs slightly, but their objective is the same. Individual elements in the ruling class may have their preferences for either Reagan's or Carter's method. But what binds the ruling class together in approving both candidates is that

Carter and Reagan share a common objective — reversing the previous era of rising expectations among the masses — and are both bent on solving the incurable economic crisis of the ruling class at home by expanding its adventurous role abroad.

A hundred years ago, Frederick Engels, the co-worker of Marx, writing in the still relatively progressive stage of capitalism, wrote that participation of the workers in bourgeois elections is an "index of the maturity of the working class" and of the progress it is making in educating itself for the day when it seizes power. Engels' impeccably correct statement of his time cannot be wholly regarded as applicable in the circumstances of the imperialist epoch as it has evolved in the U.S. today.

The working class, as an independent class, which was what Engels was writing about, is totally excluded from the bourgeois political process. No avenue whatsoever has been left open for truly independent working-class participation in the U.S. as it has in the European arena and in Engels' time. On the contrary,



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the manipulation of the electoral process by the bourgeoisie and the strangulation of virtually all independent forms of initiative and political participation is an index of the deterioration of the ruling-class political system.

Engels' analysis is, of course, ap-

plicable as it concerns the importance of the effort to break through the bourgeois political process by every conceivable method and utilize the bourgeois election, no matter how restrictive or narrow the opportunity may be, so long as it is

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cabinet department and is coordinated at the White House by the Homeland Security Council. It has 240,000 employees. By law, DHS employees cannot be represented by a union. Brown University professor Peter Andreas described the creation of DHS as the most significant government reorganization since the Cold War.

While there are comparisons being made between 2000 and today, it's important to note that 2020 is much more volatile; capitalism is in deeper decay and decline. The U.S. imperialist system, which is in contraction, finds itself in direct competition with the growth of the Chinese economy.

1876 election, Black freedom and Reconstruction

The election of 1876 was also thoroughly rigged and essentially overturned the post-Civil War Reconstruction era in a deal that had profound consequences. Samuel J. Tilden had beaten Rutherford B. Hayes both in the popular vote and in the Electoral College. But after much maneuvering, Hayes was declared the winner.

Marxist leader Vince Copeland explained it best in his book "Market Elections": "The story of the 1876 switch of votes is not only one of corruption at the polls but of a betrayal of colossal proportions. It was directed first of all against the Black people, second against the white majority of the North who had sacrificed so much in the Civil War, and third against the poor whites of the South, who were now slowly turned into lynch-mad servants of the very class that oppressed them most.

"A deal had been struck with South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana on behalf of the Southern ruling class that Reconstruction would be ended and the then-revolutionary Union troops would be withdrawn from their occupation of the South.

"On the other hand, it really was true that these states — and nearly all the Southern states — had rigged the elections, particularly against the Black voters. But if the Republicans had initiated a drive to reverse this, it would have meant a continuation of Reconstruction, something they themselves did not want."

Why raise 1876? Because it illustrates how utterly undemocratic capitalist elections are, and it shows the determining factor behind this betrayal: the alliance between Northern capital and Southern landowners, which was based on capitalist economic developments.

It has another significance for us today. Today's anti-racist, Black Lives Matter, anti-police-terror movement is a continuation of the fight that was stopped short by the counterrevolution against Reconstruction — literally the most democratic period for the U.S.

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What is basically at stake in the struggle today is whether this movement will be crushed by the reactionary and fascist forces headed by Trump, or if it will grow in a way that can implement far deeper changes that go to the heart of the capitalist system. Of course, there is much more to it than that; ultimately, this reaction is aimed at the entire working class.

Capitalist crisis and imperialist war

The U.S. ruling class would certainly prefer a peaceful transition after the election. This signals to the world and to the population as a whole that their system is stable.

But that may not be possible in 2021. Capitalism as a system is in deep contraction, and the impending crisis within the ruling structures of the capitalist state is larger than it has ever been.

Imperialist war is growing ever closer; it's imperative that the working class view this election from an international perspective.

What does this election and its aftermath mean for the world's people, especially those countries struggling for some semblance of independence?

Trump's anti-China rant at the United Nations may appear unglued. But the reality is that he is giving the Pentagon's position. War is the natural outgrowth of imperialism and the conflict of capitalism with its competitors. The "pivot to the East" strategy was already on the drawing board before Trump came to office.

Regardless of the election outcome, the danger of imperialist war — whether proxy wars, deepening sanctions and blockades, or direct interventions — will intensify and threaten to compound pandemics and the climate crisis.

Prepare for working-class intervention

It is very hard to predict exactly where all of this is going. Does Trump have the strength to carry out and conduct a coup? How will the Supreme Court react? What role will the military play? All of this is important. But the most important factor is to recognize that the danger is real.

The working class and revolutionary socialists cannot sit on the sidelines and wait to see what bourgeois forces are going to do. It is dangerous to do so.

The historic role played by right-wing terrorists during capitalist crises is to suppress mass working-class movements and the working class itself.

In "The Klan and Government: Foes or Allies?" Sam Marcy wrote: "The growth of fascism everywhere has been securely tied to big business; that is its lifeline. ... Even in the so-called best of times the capitalist government not only tolerates terrorist organizations like the Klan, but once the class struggle of the workers and oppressed people takes on the character of a genuine mass upsurge, the capitalist govern-

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ment is more likely than ever to encourage and promote the likes of the Klan and other mediums of repression.

"It is impossible to conduct a consistent anti-fascist policy unless one takes into account the key and decisive factor in overwhelming and destroying the fascist menace; it is the working class, the oppressed people and their allies."

In our previous article, we wrote, "Prepare for November: Call for a general strike of the people.

"There should be no passive acceptance of a stolen election, regardless of how it unfolds. Any such circumstance must be considered illegitimate. The stakes are too high. The working class must prepare as much as possible to intervene on its own behalf. We can't wait for the Democrats — particularly if they are inclined to lay down and wait for another four years — nor concede and stand on the sidelines.

"Instead, we should prepare for a general strike of the people. Whether employed or unemployed, students or youth, organized or unorganized — the goal is to shut the system down through massive action. For those who are able, plan to march on Washington, D.C., and occupy the capital until Trump leaves. We need to appeal to the unions and to the community directly.

"If Biden prevails, it does not mean the struggle is off.

"He will be presiding over a capitalist crisis and has no answers whatsoever for our class. Our message must be to energetically push the movement forward to demand: End police terror and white supremacy! Health care for all! Cancel rents and mortgage foreclosures! Jobs or guaranteed income for all! Hazard pay and workers' rights! No to wars and sanctions!"

There are any number of good ideas on how to mobilize; all should be implemented as vigorously as possible.

The future of humanity depends on what we do at this critical juncture. Capitalism is literally at a dead end and can do very little to solve the major crises impacting the globe, whether it's the pandemic, catastrophic climate change, fires in California, or health care, housing, food and jobs for the people.

As a system, capitalism is so tied to the exploitation of Black and Brown people and immigrants that it finds itself unable to respond to even the most modest demand to respect Black lives.

Socialism is the answer. At this juncture, the wolf is at the door and it will take unity and boldness to stop it. 📌

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not an effort to legitimize bourgeois, imperialist parliamentarism, but to undermine its political system in a revolutionary way by exposing it to the masses and educating them in the process.

Because so many working-class organizations in the post-Lenin era have once again fallen prey

to the illusion that they can change the system by parliamentary means, as in Europe as well as here, it is all the more necessary not to abandon the political arena to bourgeois parties or their lackeys.

On the contrary, it is imperative for the working-class vanguard party to unceasingly and en-

ergetically pursue the electoral arena as part and parcel of its overall activities in the class struggle, to promote class consciousness among the working class and the oppressed masses, and to prepare for the task of the revolutionary abolition of the rotting system of monopoly capitalism. 📌

El lobo está en la puerta:

Movilizar a la clase trabajadora contra unas elecciones robadas

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creación del DHS como la reorganización gubernamental más importante desde la Guerra Fría.

Si bien se están haciendo comparaciones entre el 2000 y hoy, es importante señalar que el 2020 es mucho más volátil puesto que el capitalismo está en una decadencia más profunda. El sistema imperialista estadounidense, que está en contracción, se encuentra en competencia directa con el crecimiento de la economía china.

Elecciones de 1876, libertad negra y Reconstrucción

Las elecciones de 1876 también fueron completamente manipuladas y básicamente anulaban la era de la Reconstrucción posterior a la Guerra Civil con un acuerdo que tuvo profundas consecuencias.

Samuel J. Tilden había vencido a Rutherford B. Hayes tanto en el voto popular como en el Colegio Electoral. Pero después de muchas maniobras, Hayes fue declarado ganador.

El líder marxista Vince Copeland lo explicó mejor en su libro "Elecciones de mercado": "La historia del cambio de votos de 1876 no es solo una de corrupción en las urnas, sino de traición de proporciones colosales. Dirigida en primer lugar contra el pueblo negro, en segundo lugar contra la mayoría blanca del norte que había sacrificado tanto en la Guerra Civil, y tercero contra los blancos pobres del sur, que ahora se convirtieron lentamente en sirvientes para linchamientos al servicio de la misma clase que más los oprimía.

"Se había llegado a un acuerdo con Carolina del Sur, Florida y Luisiana en nombre de la clase dominante del Sur, de que se pondría fin a la Reconstrucción y que las entonces tropas revolucionarias de la Unión se retirarían de su ocupación del Sur.

"Por otro lado, era realmente cierto que estos estados - y casi todos los estados del Sur - habían amañado las elecciones, particularmente contra los votantes negros. Pero si los republicanos hubieran iniciado un proceso para revertir esto, habría significado una continuación de la Reconstrucción, algo que ellos mismos no querían".

¿Por qué plantear 1876? Porque ilustra lo absolutamente antidemocráticas que son las elecciones capitalistas y muestra el factor determinante detrás de esta traición: la alianza entre el capital del Norte y los terratenientes del Sur, que se basó en el desarrollo económico capitalista.

Además, tiene otro significado hoy para nosotros. El actual movimiento antirracista y antiterrorismo policial, Las Vidas Negras Importan, es una continuación de la lucha que fue detenida por la contrarrevolución contra la Reconstrucción, literalmente el período más democrático de los Estados Unidos.

La traición de 1876 subraya la importancia de preservar, defender y expandir lo que ocurre hoy en las calles. Aunque no sea reconocido por muchos de los que se unen a la lucha espontánea que está teniendo lugar ahora, aquella revolución inconclusa por la libertad del pueblo negro se está resucitando hoy.

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La guerra imperialista está cada vez más cerca; es imperativo que la clase trabajadora vea esta elección desde una perspectiva internacional. ¿Qué significan estas elecciones y sus secuelas para los pueblos del mundo, especialmente para aquellos países que luchan por alguna independencia?

La perorata contra China de Trump en las Naciones Unidas puede parecer disparatada. Pero la realidad es que él está dando la posición del Pentágono. La guerra es la consecuencia natural del imperialismo y del conflicto del capitalismo con sus competidores. La estrategia del "pivote hacia el Este" ya estaba en la mesa antes de que Trump asumiera el cargo.

Independientemente del resultado de las elecciones, el peligro de una guerra imperialista - ya sean guerras indirectas a través de subsidiarios, intervenciones directas, sanciones y bloqueos más profundos - se intensificará y amenazará con agravar la pandemia y la crisis climática.

Prepararse para la intervención de la clase trabajadora

Es muy difícil predecir exactamente hacia dónde se dirige todo esto. ¿Trump tiene la fuerza para llevar a cabo y conducir un golpe? ¿Cómo reaccionará la Corte Suprema? ¿Qué papel jugarán los militares? Todo esto es importante. Pero el factor más importante es reconocer que el peligro es real.

La clase obrera y los socialistas revolucionarios no pueden quedarse al margen y esperar a ver qué van a hacer las fuerzas burguesas. Esto sería peligroso.

El papel histórico desempeñado por los terroristas de derecha durante las crisis capitalistas es reprimir a los movimientos de masas de la clase trabajadora y a la propia clase trabajadora.

En "El Klan y el gobierno: ¿enemigos o aliados?" Sam Marcy escribió: "El crecimiento del fascismo en todas partes ha estado ligado firmemente a las grandes empresas; ese es su salvavidas. ... Incluso en los llamados mejores tiempos, el gobierno capitalista no solo tolera organizaciones terroristas como el Klan, sino que una vez que la lucha de clases de los trabajadores y el pueblo oprimido adquiere el carácter de un genuino levantamiento de masas, el

las fuerzas reaccionarias y fascistas encabezadas por Trump, o si crecerá de una manera que pueda implementar cambios mucho más profundos que lleguen al corazón del sistema capitalista. Por supuesto, hay mucho más que eso; en última instancia, esta reacción está dirigida a toda la clase trabajadora.

Crisis capitalista y guerra imperialista

La clase dominante de Estados Unidos ciertamente preferiría una transición pacífica después de las elecciones. Esto le indicaría al mundo y a la población en su conjunto que su sistema es estable.

Pero eso puede que no sea posible en el 2021. El capitalismo como sistema está en profunda contracción, y la crisis inminente dentro de las estructuras gobernantes del estado

Si bien se están haciendo comparaciones entre el 2000 y hoy, es importante señalar que el 2020 es mucho más volátil puesto que el capitalismo está en una decadencia más profunda. El sistema imperialista estadounidense, que está en contracción, se encuentra en competencia directa con el crecimiento de la economía china.

gobierno capitalista es más propenso que nunca a alentar y promover grupos como el Klan y otros medios de represión.

"Es imposible llevar a cabo una política antifascista consistente a menos que se tenga en cuenta el factor clave y decisivo para rendir y destruir la amenaza fascista: la clase trabajadora, el pueblo oprimido y sus aliados".

En nuestro artículo anterior escribimos: "Preparémonos para noviembre: a convocar una huelga general del pueblo.

"No debe haber una aceptación pasiva de una elección robada, independientemente de cómo se desarrolle. Cualquier circunstancia de este tipo debe considerarse ilegítima. Hay mucho en juego. La clase trabajadora debe prepararse lo más posible para intervenir en su propio nombre. No podemos esperar por los demócratas, especialmente si se inclinan a sentarse y esperar otros cuatro años, ni podemos ceder y permanecer al margen.

"En cambio, deberíamos prepararnos para una huelga general del pueblo. Ya estén empleados o desempleados, estudiantes, jóvenes, organizados o no organizados, el objetivo es cerrar el sistema mediante una acción masiva. Para aquellos que puedan, planeen marchar en Washington, D.C. y ocupar la capital hasta que Trump se vaya. Necesitamos apelar directamente a los sindicatos y a la comunidad.

"Si Biden prevalece, no significa que la lucha haya terminado.

"Estará presidiendo una crisis capitalista y no tiene respuesta alguna para nuestra clase. Nuestro mensaje debe ser impulsado energicamente al movimiento para exigir: ¡Acabemos con el terror policial y la supremacía blanca! ¡Atención sanitaria para todos! ¡Cancelar alquileres y ejecuciones hipotecarias! ¡Trabajos o ingresos garantizados para todos! ¡Derechos de los trabajadores y pago por trabajo riesgoso! ¡No a las guerras y las sanciones!"

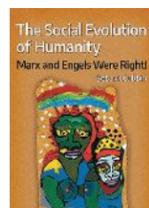
Hay muchas ideas buenas sobre cómo movilizarse; todas deben aplicarse de la manera más energética posible.

El futuro de la humanidad depende de lo que hagamos en esta crítica coyuntura. El capitalismo está literalmente en un callejón sin salida y puede hacer muy poco para resolver las principales crisis que afectan al mundo, ya sea la pandemia, el catastrófico cambio climático, los incendios en California o la atención médica, la vivienda, la comida y el empleo para el pueblo.

Como sistema, el capitalismo está tan ligado a la explotación de personas negras y marrones e inmigrantes que se ve incapaz de responder incluso a la más modesta exigencia de respetar los cuerpos negros.

El socialismo es la respuesta. En esta coyuntura, el lobo está a la puerta y se necesitará unidad y audacia para detenerlo. 📌

La clase obrera y los socialistas revolucionarios no pueden quedarse al margen y esperar a ver qué van a hacer las fuerzas burguesas. Esto sería peligroso.



The Social Evolution of Humanity

Marx and Engels were right! Bob McCubbin

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McCubbin is the author of 'Roots of Lesbian and Gay Oppression: A Marxist View.' First published in 1976, during the first flush of the modern LGBTQ2S movement, McCubbin offers a historical analysis of when, where, why and how LGBTQ2S oppression developed.

This study augments Frederick Engels' 'Origin of the Family, Private Property & the State,' focusing on social/sexual relations, in particular, the changing social status of women.

Armenia-Azerbaijan: Why capitalism fuels national conflicts in former Soviet Asia

By Bill Dores

Fighting erupted on Sept. 27, 2020, between the former Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh. So far, 360 people have been killed in the fighting, including at least 47 civilians. An earlier war between the two countries in the early 1990s cost 30,000 lives.

The intervention of Turkey, a member of the U.S.-dominated NATO military alliance, and the interests of Western oil and gas profiteers are factors in the bloodshed. Neighboring Iran, as well as communist and workers' parties of the region, have called for an immediate ceasefire, warning of the potential for a wider war.

This article, originally published in the April/May 1990 issue of *Liberation! A Journal of Revolutionary Marxism*, explains how the restoration of capitalism in the former Soviet Union led to the breakdown of solidarity between peoples and made the region prey for imperialist intrigue. It was written in the last months of the USSR, when the Gorbachev administration was dismantling socialism there.

In 1922, when the Soviet Union came into being on the ruins of the "prisonhouse of nations" that was the old Russian empire, it inherited a terrible legacy of inequality and hatred between nationalities.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, the czars and Russian and Western merchants and capitalists had plundered and exploited the peoples of the Caucasus, Central Asia and Siberia much as European colonialists plundered Africa and India, and with similar results. In Central Asia (now the Soviet republics of Kirghizia, Tajikistan, Turkmenia and Uzbekistan), illiteracy was universal, disease was endemic and nearly half of all children died before the age of four.

Describing how life had been in his town before the revolution, an Uzbek farmer told a U.S. writer: "The past was a stairway of years carpeted by pain. The Uzbeks feared to go along the streets of the Arabs; the Tajiks carried sticks when they went through the Uzbek quarter." (Corliss Lamont, "The Peoples of the Soviet Union," 1944.)

The coming of capitalist industry to some areas only worsened national hatreds. In the 1870s, vast oil reserves drew Western capital to Azerbaijan, and by 1900 that region accounted for at least 50 percent of the world's oil output. Over 60,000 workers from more than 30 nationalities labored to produce that oil in the city of Baku, which one visitor described as "hell on earth."

They worked long hours for low pay in dangerous conditions and slept in overcrowded shantytowns without sewers or running water. Thousands died in pogroms and interethnic fighting incited by the oil companies, landlords and the czar's agents to keep the workers divided.

Bolshevik Revolution

But in 1917, when the Bolshevik Revolution established a workers' government in Russia, ethnic hatred did not stop the ruling classes of Ar-



menia, Azerbaijan and Georgia from joining together in an anti-communist Transcaucasian Federation backed by Britain, France and the United States. To stop the spread of revolutionary ideas among the people, this regime massacred thousands of soldiers returning home from World War I.

Then, in 1918, Britain and Turkey invaded the area, and the right-wing coalition split along national lines. One-quarter of the population of Nagorno-Karabakh was killed that year in fighting between the capitalist governments of Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Events in Baku

But in Baku itself, events took a very different turn. There, in spite of discrimination and inequality and competition over jobs, common exploitation had laid a basis for class solidarity, and Lenin's Bolshevik Party had built a base among the city's multinational working class. In 1904, a communist-led strike in the Baku oil fields won Russia's first collective bargaining agreement. And in November 1917, led by the Bolsheviks, the workers of Baku seized power in what was to become the Baku Commune.

In April 1918, the Baku Council of People's Commissars, whose leaders included the Armenian Stepan Shaumian, the Azerbaijani Mashad Azizbekov and the Georgian A.S. Djaparadze, nationalized the city's banks, oil industry, fisheries and shipping fleet and seized the mansions of the rich to house the poor. It increased wages, cut rents and implemented an eight-hour day and free universal education.

In July 1918, the Commune was overthrown in a right-wing coup backed by British troops. Shaumian, Azizbekov, Djaparadze and 23 other people's commissars were executed.

On April 28, 1920, after two bloody years of White Terror, a new workers' insurrection restored Soviet power in Baku and an Azerbaijan Soviet Republic was proclaimed. Within a year, Soviet republics were established in Armenia and Georgia as well. On December 20, 1922, they joined with Belarus, Russia and Ukraine to form the USSR.

The ending of discrimination and national oppression was a priority of the new socialist state. At Lenin's initiative, the Soviet government adopted a revolutionary political system that guaranteed political empowerment to the formerly oppressed nationalities. A system of national republics was established, each with its own schools, courts, legislature and equal representation in the Council of Nationalities, one of the two chambers of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow. Each also had the legal right to secede from the Union.

Within the national republics, now 15 in all, there were 38 smaller autonomous republics, regions and areas, which also had control over their internal affairs but lacked the right to secede.

Soviet achievements

Soviet power transformed life in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Illiteracy was abolished, and schools, universities, hospitals and power stations were built for the first time. Life expectancy, under 35 years before the revolution, more than doubled. School systems were set up and books and newspapers were published in over 100 languages, some of which had never before been written down.

In the republics of Central Asia, where it was once said, "It is easier to find an oasis in the desert than a literate man" (and a literate woman was unknown), there are today more doctors and college graduates per capita than in West Germany or Britain. Uzbekistan alone has over 30,000 scientific workers, one-third of whom are women.

By 1940, Azerbaijan's industrial output had risen to 18 times what it had been before the revolution while more than 1,300 large industrial enterprises had been built in the Central Asian republics. Today, Uzbekistan, which the czars had reduced to a cotton plantation for Russian industry, manufactures farm machinery and airplanes.

These material gains were accompanied by a profound social revolution. Lands of the rich were seized by the poor, and women were freed from the horrors of child marriage, the bride price and the veil. This was done not just by law but by what author Fanina Halle described as "a mass movement which swept Central Asia like a tempest. ... Poor women tore the veils from the heads of the rich ... and either set fire to them ... or altered them to clothing for the poor in sewing rooms specially established for the purpose."

In her 1936 book, "Women of the Soviet East," Halle wrote about how Baku had changed in Soviet times: "Some of the women who are studying in this club [the Palace of Emancipated Turkish Womanhood] ... the majority of them of working-class origin, are already living in the fine new workers' colonies and garden suburbs laid out in several areas outside town. They have broad, concrete-paved streets, water laid on, drainage and playgrounds for the children. ... Here, Turkish [Azerbaijani] families live peaceably next to Armenians and Russians, and the children are brought up together."

Affirmative action

In practice, this meant that even at the height of the devastating civil war and foreign invasion that followed the revolution, Lenin's government sent massive material aid, including whole factories, from Russia to those areas whose growth had been strangled under czarist rule. Thousands of Russian Bolsheviks went to work in the Caucasus and Central Asia while thousands of young Asians were trained in the factories of Moscow and Leningrad.

In 1918, the Soviet government

spent 50 million rubles on irrigation in Central Asia. (It is instructive to compare the industrialization of the Soviet East, which benefited the workers and peasants, with the flight of textile companies to the U.S. South in the same period, which was done to break unions and drive down wages. Today, many of these U.S. companies have moved on to exploit even lower-paid workers in Latin America and East Asia.)

This Leninist policy of "economic affirmative action" continued into the 1980s and made possible such wonders as the Kara-Kum Canal in Turkmenia and the Lake Sevan reclamation project in Armenia. It is now [1990] being drastically cut by the Gorbachev regime in the name of "economic efficiency" and "self-financing." The 1986 cancellation of a long-planned project to use Siberian river water for irrigation in Kazakhstan is an example of this.

The Soviet state also carried out preferential training of women and men of once-oppressed nationalities to occupy all positions in government and industry. Before the revolution, for example, Azerbaijanis had been restricted to unskilled jobs in their own country's oil industry. By the 1930s, Soviet-trained Azerbaijani engineers and scientists were helping to start oil and gas industries in other Soviet republics. This policy too is under attack by Gorbachev.

Affirmative action and the raising of the economic and cultural level of the national republics did not fully eradicate national antagonisms, but they did take away their material base. Right-wing nationalism could not get a foothold because it ran counter to the interests of the formerly oppressed regions. The centrally planned economy and the Leninist tradition of putting the development of the national republics over any narrow concept of "economic efficiency" was to their great advantage, despite some shortcomings in practice.

Perestroika brings friction

But today, the spirit of socialist solidarity is being sacrificed by the Gorbachev regime on the altar of "self-financing," "market pricing" and "cost accountability." No longer are all-Union funds and resources being used to help those republics whose economies are more backward. Large capital projects, still needed in the less-developed areas, are being cut back or cancelled, and industries considered "inefficient" are being shut down.

Unemployment is now being tolerated and in Soviet Asia it has grown rapidly. Instead of cooperation for the benefit of all and central allocation of resources on the basis of need, republics are now in competition with one another, and those that are more dependent on agriculture and raw materials are falling behind those that are more urban and industrial. The gap between regions that had been steadily narrowing under central planning is now being widened.

It is the Gorbachev regime's retreat from socialist planning and co-

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60TH ANNIVERSARY

Fidel Castro's historic New York visit

By Gloria Verdieu

Sixty years have passed since Fidel Castro's historic 1960 visit to the United Nations General Assembly and electrifying welcome in Harlem. The 1990 commemoration of these events in Havana is captured in Rosemary Mealy's book "Fidel and Malcolm: Memories of a Meeting" (see tinyurl.com/y4afoedo). In the midst of the current COVID-19 pandemic, Mealy used virtual tools to once again organize a remembrance of this history, bringing new voices and material to events demonstrating the unbreakable bond between Black people and the Cuban Revolution.

On Sept. 19, 2020, a webinar commemorating the 60th anniversary of President Fidel Castro's historic New York visit was hosted by Rosemary Mealy and Nancy Cabrera, from Casa de Las Americas.

Cabrera meticulously detailed previously little known history of the early ties of Cuba's July 26 Movement with the movement in New York City through the remembrances and documents of Arnaldo Barrón, a founding leader of the New York 26th of July Movement that became today's Casa de las Americas. Cabrera's words drew pictures of the working-class movement including the contributions of Barrón's spouse and political partner Gloria Barrón.

The webinar featured two long-



Fidel Castro and Malcolm X at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem, 1960.

time activists who witnessed the crowds who welcomed the Cuban delegation to Harlem — Joe Kaye and Jim Campbell — plus a telephone interview with Raúl Roa Kouri in Havana, who at the time was a young diplomat that had the community contacts and literally orchestrated the move of the delegation to the Hotel Theresa in Harlem.

Joe Kaye, author and New York activist, was part of the thousands of onlookers who welcomed the Cuban delegation. Kaye read a recollection by his late spouse, novelist Sarah Wright, from the book "Fidel and Malcolm: Memories of a Meeting."

Jim Campbell, a 95-year-old civ-

il rights activist, joined the commemorative virtual event from Charleston, S.C. Campbell is known throughout the country and abroad as a loved and respected movement teacher in Tanzania, having worked alongside Malcolm X. Throughout his life, Campbell has worked with organizations focused on socialism, Pan Africanism, freedom struggles and equality in education.

Campbell recalled the huge crowds of people and the chants that alternated between "Cuba Si! Yankee No!" and "Fidel and Che!"

"It was a tremendous mixture. I was observing and listening to the expression of an American constitu-

tional right of freedom of speech and its responsibility and was amazed by the mixture of African Americans and Latinos, whom I assumed were Cubans.

"I imagined, in that mixture, there were a few hundred people around and every now and then someone from the top floor where the delegation was would come out and wave." He recalled seeing Comandante Juan Almeida walking among the crowds. Almeida fought alongside Fidel in the guerrilla war against the U.S.-backed Batista regime.

Raúl Roa Kouri recalled being given the task of writing notes on cards that Fidel used when he addressed the U.N. General Assembly. Fidel's four-hour speech, an indictment against imperialism, was incredible. The hall was packed full of people from all over, all nations, delegates, and members of the secretariat, were present listening with intense, tremendous interest. After his speech, many came to greet and speak with him.

When asked what the significance of the 1960 meeting is today, Rao answered, "The significance of the meeting of Fidel with Malcolm X is that the struggle is not only on, but it is still pending. The resource, the achievement of a society free of racism, free of racial discrimination is something we must do, especially in the United States." [📄](#)

Philippines: Outrage as U.S. Marine pardoned for murdering transwoman

By Bayani

All of Jennifer Laude's friends called her "Ganda" or "Beauty" in Filipino. Laude's friends described her as selfless, generous and confident about her sexuality. She was murdered for being a transwoman, and her murderer was never brought to justice because of the neocolonial relationship between the U.S. and the Philippines.

On Oct. 11, 2014, a custodial worker found Jennifer Laude dead in a motel

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operation, its revival of competition between individuals and republics, that has reawakened old national hatreds. This in turn has played right into the hands of the CIA and those inside the USSR who would like to see capitalism restored. No wonder Gorbachev's program has been so proudly hailed by the Wall Street Journal and the Bush administration.

Far from refuting Marxism, the fighting in the Soviet Middle East and Central Asia is a tragic confirmation of the Marxist view that inequality is the source of hatred between peoples and that private ownership and economic competition breed inequality.

Read the full article at tinyurl.com/yf45ks. [📄](#)

bathroom, naked, her head shoved in a toilet, with strangle marks on her neck. Earlier that night, Joseph Scott Pemberton, a 19-year-old U.S. Marine, brought Jennifer to a motel in Olongapo City after meeting her at a bar. The doctor who performed the autopsy testified that she was beaten, strangled and drowned to death.

Over a year later, on the first day of December 2015, Pemberton was found guilty of homicide, not murder, and was sentenced to 6 to 12 years in prison, later reduced to a maximum of 10 years.

Because of the Visiting Forces Agreement between the Philippines and the U.S., Pemberton remained in U.S. custody throughout the trial proceedings, and spent his prison time on a U.S. military base, rather than in a Philippine prison.

On Sept. 8, 2020, only five years into his sentence, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte granted Pemberton an absolute pardon. Days later, Pemberton was deported back to the U.S. Recent reports say that he is now stationed in Hawai'i.

LGBTQ2S rights organization Bahagari released the following statement condemning Duterte's pardon:

"Pemberton violently murdered our sister, transwoman Jennifer Laude, six years ago. Even with the admission of his brutal, hateful killing, the courts upheld that Pemberton's conviction was to be commuted from murder to homicide, for which

he was sentenced to 6 to 12 years of imprisonment. That alone was a massive slap to Jennifer's family and the movement for justice for our slain sister.

"The feeble conviction set a terrible precedent for the LGBTQ+ community and the Filipino people: under the VFA, if a U.S. soldier brutally murders a transgender woman on Philippine soil, they would ultimately roam free after as little as six years of incarceration.

"In Pemberton's case, it was 'incarceration' in an exclusive Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group compound inside Camp Aguinaldo, where only American personnel and Philippine officials with clearance may enter. It is no stretch to assert that Pemberton has, in fact, been serving 'jail time' comfortably, at ease and with impunity.

"Pemberton's release is two-pronged. Firstly, it represents the unfettered violence and injustice the LGBTQ+ community continues to face. Moreover, it symbolizes the Philippine government's continued submission to U.S. imperialism. Justice for Jennifer cannot exist without



Protest against pardon of U.S. marine who killed Jennifer Laude in Manila, Sept. 8.

both being decisively ended.

"Duterte suspended the VFA's termination in exchange for military aid from the U.S., and for its support of the Anti-Terrorism Law. The VFA and ATL are, in fact, quid pro quo for continuing U.S. military aid for Duterte.

"Hence, we assert that the Visiting Forces Agreement, which has enabled and exacerbated injustice for Jennifer Laude to the greatest extent and which continues to serve as Duterte's offering in his ploy for continued U.S. assistance, must be finally abolished to bring justice for our slain sister." [📄](#)

El lobo está en la puerta:

Movilizar a la clase trabajadora contra unas elecciones robadas

Por Sharon Black

30 Sept.— Desde nuestro último artículo, “Elecciones del 2020 e inestabilidad capitalista: ¿Cómo debemos prepararnos?”, el presidente Donald Trump ha declarado varias veces que no dejará el cargo si las elecciones presidenciales “no son justas”. Queriendo decir, si no gana. Puede que sea la primera vez que un presidente de Estados Unidos ha dicho abiertamente que no aceptará el resultado de la votación, lo que indica que no habrá una transferencia pacífica del poder.

Esta no es una amenaza frívola. Trump tiene a su servicio: su propia fuerza policial paramilitar ya probada desplegándose contra manifestantes desde Washington, D.C., hasta Portland, Oregon; el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional; como también el apoyo de los departamentos de policía más virulentos y reaccionarios; y una miríada de grupos violentamente racistas.

En el debate del 29 de septiembre en Cleveland contra su oponente demócrata Joe Biden, después de que el moderador le preguntara si condenaría a los supremacistas blancos, incluyendo a los Proud Boys, un grupo violento y racista de extrema derecha, Trump declaró: “Proud Boys: retrocedan y esperen”, reconociendo así que él era su líder.

Más adelante en el debate, Trump rehusó decir que aceptaría los resultados de las elecciones y se negó a decirle a sus seguidores que se mantuvieran en calma o evitaran la violencia. “Si veo decenas de miles de papeletas, no puedo estar de acuerdo con eso”, dijo, instando a sus seguidores a ir a las urnas y a que “observen con mucho cuidado”.

Si alguien se engaña creyendo que Trump está firmemente contra la guerra, su perorata de 9 minutos en la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas el 22 de septiembre debería aclarar las cosas. Fue una diatriba nacionalista de preparación para la guerra contra China, junto con Irán, Venezuela y Cuba. Aunque esto no es inusual para Trump, fue una desviación del subterfugio utilizado por la mayoría de los políticos capitalistas en el escenario mundial.

“Cuando alguien te muestre quién es, créale a la primera” es un dicho que la escritora y poeta Maya Angelou hizo famoso. Deberíamos creerle a Trump.

Creciente Represión

Los ataques estatales al levantamiento de Black Lives Matter [La vidas negras importan] contra el racismo y el terror policial se han intensificado.

En Louisville, Ky., Attica Scott, la única representante estatal negra, y su hija de 19 años fueron arrestadas el 24 de septiembre acusadas de delitos graves por disturbios durante las protestas después de la decisión del gran jurado que exoneraba a los asesinos de Breonna Taylor. Otras veinticuatro personas fueron arrestadas al mismo tiempo, además de las 127 detenidas el día anterior.

Esto sigue a las acusaciones draconianas contra miembros del Partido por el Socialismo y la Liberación y el Partido de Primera Línea para la Acción Revolucionaria en Aurora, Colorado.

El gobernador de Florida Ron DeSantis, anunció recientemente un proyecto de ley, la “Ley para combatir la violencia, el desorden y el saqueo y proteger la aplicación de la ley”. Ésta intensificaría drásticamente los cargos penales contra los manifestantes. Bloquear el tráfico se convertiría en un delito grave de tercer grado, pero los conductores que intencionalmente arrojen sus vehículos contra la multitud no serían responsables de las lesiones o muertes ocasionadas.

Destruir o derribar monumentos, como las estatuas confederadas, se convertiría en un delito de segundo grado.

Estos recientes acontecimientos hacen que sea aún más imperativo que la clase trabajadora intervenga activamente en lo que sin duda será una serie de grandes crisis este y el próximo año.

Lecciones de las Elecciones del 2000

Las elecciones del 2000 enfrentaron a los demócratas Al Gore y Joe Lieberman contra los



El actual movimiento antirracista contra el terror policial es una continuación de la lucha que fue interrumpida por la contrarrevolución contra la Reconstrucción.

republicanos George W. Bush y Dick Cheney. Éstas fueron robadas mediante la total supresión del voto de negros y de la clase trabajadora en Florida.

Después de varios polémicos meses de lucha, a veces incluso en la calle, el caso fue resuelto por la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos anulando una decisión de la Corte Suprema de Florida que ordenaba un recuento. Bush fue declarado ganador. Ni siquiera fue el antidemocrático Colegio Electoral, sino que sólo nueve magistrados de la Corte Suprema eligieron al presidente.

En ese entonces, James Baker era el principal asesor legal de la campaña de Bush y supervisaba la operación de recuento de Florida. Baker fue responsable de la estrategia de llevar el caso a la Corte Suprema de Estados Unidos después de perder en un esfuerzo profundamente corrupto a nivel estatal.

Baker más tarde se convirtió en secretario de estado de Bush. John G. Roberts Jr., uno de los abogados del equipo de Baker, fue recompensado por Bush con un nombramiento para la Corte Suprema. Roberts es ahora el presidente del Tribunal Supremo.

Como escribió Gary Wilson de Struggle-La Lucha en “Los codiciosos partidarios petroleros de Donald Trump quieren más”:

“El ex secretario de Estado James Baker consideró votar por Joe Biden en noviembre, pero en cambio seguirá respaldando a Donald Trump, revela una nueva biografía sobre el proceso que describe una razón clave para el continuo apoyo republicano al presidente estadounidense plagado de escándalos”, The Guardian informa.

“Aunque la ‘miríada de escándalos éticos que rodean a Trump eran desconcertantes’, dijo Baker a los autores, ‘valió la pena por haber conseguido jueces conservadores, recortes de impuestos y desregulación’.

“Sí, Trump les está dando exactamente lo que quieren”.

El Papel del Partido Demócrata

En el 2000, el Partido Demócrata luchó contra el robo electoral con una mano atada a la espalda. Retiró a Jesse Jackson de organizar manifestaciones. El senador demócrata Joe Lieberman, quien luego se convirtió en presidente del Comité Senatorial de Seguridad Nacional, rompió filas y pidió que se concediera la victoria a Bush.

Esto debería servir como una lección para no contar con el Partido Demócrata para proteger los derechos del pueblo. En el análisis final, no se podía confiar en que el Partido Demócrata defendiera a los votantes afroamericanos. Al final, su lealtad fue solo para el Gran Capital.

Los lectores deben tomar nota de que después de esas elecciones y los ataques del 11 de septiembre, EUA inició la interminable “Guerra contra el terrorismo” y la segunda guerra contra Irak. En EUA, la expansión del aparato represivo del estado se engrandeció, una tendencia que V.I. Lenin describió en el folleto “El Estado y la revolución”.

En el 2002, se aprobó la Ley de Seguridad Nacional y en el 2003 se formó el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional. Hoy, es el tercer departamento más grande del gabinete y está coordinado en la Casa Blanca por el Consejo de Seguridad Nacional. Tiene 240.000 empleados. Por ley, los empleados del DHS [por sus siglas en inglés] no pueden estar representados por un sindicato. Peter Andreas, profesor de la Universidad de Brown, describió la

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