Venezuela declares emergency
Support Bolivarian Revolution

By Berta Joubert-Ceci

From the Ayacucho Hall of Miraflores Palace, Venezuela’s President Nicolás Maduro held a news conference on May 17 to report on the emergency situation and the dangers facing this South American country.

It’s the first time the Venezuelan government has made a call like this on a truly international level. Venezuelan embassy staff and consulates around the world in all time zones were at the conference, along with solidarity activists in different countries, connected by satellite, internet and various social media platforms such as Skype, Twitter and Instagram. Through these platforms, they sent pictures and asked questions of the president.

During the three-hour conference, Maduro explained and discussed in detail the urgent situation: “Venezuela is currently the target of systematic political, media and diplomatic aggression that goes beyond the boundaries of what we have experienced in 17 years of the Bolivarian Revolution.” Maduro called for “worldwide solidarity with the Venezuelan people for the right-wing opposition in Venezuela, especially for the National Assembly, now dominated by the IMFU (Table of Democratic Unity).

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In the U.S., it’s enough to look at the latest headlines of the most influential newspapers closest to the political, military and economic sectors — the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal, respectively. These newspapers serve as spokespeople for the right-wing opposition in Venezuela, especially for the National Assembly, now dominated by the MUD (Table of Democratic Unity). Although divided among themselves, the right wing are all rushing to overthrow Maduro this year and impose a neoliberal program in Venezuela, thereby destroying the achievements of the Bolivarian process. One example illustrates this: When the National Assembly stated that health was a national emergency — of course, with the goal of privatizing health services — the Times published an alarming article, “Dying Infants and No Medicine: Inside Venezuela’s Failing Hospitals.” (May 15)

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Bond demanded for Rev. Pinkney, political prisoner

By David Sole

Michigan political prisoner Rev. Edward Pinkney had his appeal placed on hold May 12 following oral arguments in his case on May 11. A three-judge panel of the Michigan Court of Appeals in Grand Rapids ordered the appeal “held in abeyance” until the Michigan Supreme Court decides People v. Hall, which could have bearing on the severity of the sentence imposed on Rev. Pinkney. Rev. Pinkney was the leader of an election recall campaign against the mayor of Benton Harbor, Mich. He was charged with felony forgery when five dates on the petitions he submitted to have been altered. No evidence was presented to the all-white jury except that Rev. Pinkney was a vocal and well known African-American activist. In December 2014, he was sentenced to 2.5 to 10 years in prison.

Appeal briefs were filed in the fall of 2015 by attorney Tim Holloway, along with amicus briefs from the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Lawyers Guild. On May 11 during the Court of Appeals hearing, Chief Judge Colleen C’Brian asked the attorneys many questions about the sentencing provisions of the law and the impact of the Hall case. The final decision in People v. Hall could be an important factor, separate from the issue of guilt or innocence, in challenging the excessive sentence handed down to Rev. Pinkney.

On May 16, Holloway filed a new brief and motion with the court requesting bond and freedom for Rev. Pinkney based on the new status of his case being left undecided, possibly for many months. In anticipation of granting of bond, many supporters have called for donations to be collected.

On May 28, supporters of Rev. Pinkney will demonstrate in his home town of Benton Harbor demanding his freedom. The protest coincides with the Professional Golf Association tour, played on a golf course built on land stolen from a public park given in perpetuity to the people of Benton Harbor. Over a decade ago Rev. Pinkney began protests against the seizure of land from the Jean Klock Park on the shores of Lake Michigan.

By Tommy Cavanaugh

Rockford, Ill.

After Valentina Fresco (aka Jovan Blake) was killed by Metro Enforcement security officers on April 16 in Rockford, Ill., his family has held multiple demonstrations to demand charges be brought against the security guards who shot and killed him.

Keeping up the pressure on Metro Enforcement and the Winnebago County State’s Attorney, family and community members held another protest to demand justice for Jovan on May 13. The protest, led by Blake’s mother and other family members, marched around the block of Metro Enforcement’s local office to take the message directly to the private security agency that they will not be silent or let murderers patrol their neighborhoods.

The size of the protests continues to grow as more people in the community become aware of what took place on April 16 and relate that to their own experiences of mistreatment or loss of loved ones at the hands of the police and Metro Enforcement.

Two days later, on May 15, a memorial was held at the site of Blake’s murder. Family and friends spoke briefly of his living work hard to care for his children. Gathered there were also family members of other young Black and Brown men murdered by police, notably the family of Mark Anthony Barmore, whose murder by police in the daycare center of a church in 2009 gained national attention. Barmore’s family stated that they will stand with Blake’s family through their struggle with the loss of a loved one and their fight for justice. Justice For Jovan Blake!

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Supreme Court sidesteps birth control challenge

By Sue Davis

The Supreme Court on May 16 separated the consolidate case of Zuhik v. Burwell and referred nine similar cases back to nine appellate courts. The courts were directed to arrive at a consensus about whether or not religiously-affiliated nonprofits must pay for contraceptive coverage as mandated by the Affordable Care Act. Originally, eight appeals courts agreed on the “no-conscience” claim, allowing coverage, and one voted to uphold the claim. Now the nine courts of appeal are required to come to a unanimous conclusion.

The religious nonprofits’ argument is that the opt-out process for complying with the Affordable Care Act’s contraceptive mandate violates their religious exercise while at the same time ensuring that women covered by petitioners’ health plans “receive full and equal health coverage on a par with the rest of the population.” It affirmed the ACA mandate to provide women “without cost, the full range of contraceptive methods — to provide seamless contraceptive coverage” — must remain in place. It also warned these enterprises not to further “advocate the discredited belief that a fetus experiences its own life beginning at conception.” (Politico, May 16)

Abortion rights: bad news in some states

A bold, direct attack on the constitutional right to abortion was passed by the Oklahoma Legislature on May 19. The law would have made it illegal for doctors to perform abortions — which it called “unconstitutional criminal acts” — if needed to save the life of a pregnant woman. If physicians provided abortions, they would be found guilty of a felony and sentenced to one to three years in prison. They would also not be able to obtain a medical license in the state.

Despite her opposition to abortion, Gov. Mary Fallin vetoed the bill on May 20, saying it was “so ambiguous and so vague” it couldn’t overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. (Washington Post, May 20)

South Carolina legislators passed a law on May 17 prohibiting abortions at 20 weeks after fertilization, which Gov. Nikki Haley is expected to sign. The final bill includes no exceptions for rape or incest, but has an exception if a patient’s medical emergency would lead to death or in cases of severe fetal malformation.

The bill is based on copycat legislation authored by the National Right to Life Committee, which justifies the cut-off at 20 weeks based on the medically discredited belief that a fetus experiences pain at 20 weeks. Courts have struck down similar bills as unconstitutional in five states. (Rewire, May 19)

On May 19, Louisiana joined Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Utah in establishing a 72-hour waiting period for women seeking abortions. However, in a medical emergency, pregnant women will continue to be exempt from the mandatory waiting period and forced counseling passed in 2014. There is also an exception for women who are in writing or committing suicide at least 150 miles from the nearest licensed clinic. It will be forced to wait a shorter delay of 24 hours. (Rewire, May 20)

Catholic hospital sued for denial of care

The 41,000-member California Medical Association filed a motion April 27 in state Superior Court to join an American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit against the Catholic hospital chain Dignity Health, the fifth largest health care system in the country and the state’s largest hospital system. A patient was denied a tubal ligation in 2015 because Dignity Health refused to allow it based on religious objections from the Catholic Bishops which deny basic reproductive health care to patients. Sterilization was called “intrinsically evil.”

California’s new CMX motion is set for May 25 in San Francisco. The doctors argue that forcing them to deny basic health care to patients is a violation of their religious beliefs. (Workday, May 20)

‘Crisis pregnancy centers’ ineffective

A study released in early May by Kick-ROS, an anti-choice, Texas-based software company, showed that of the 2.6 million women who visit anti-abortion “crisis pregnancy centers” since 2005, only 3.5 percent decided against having abortions. Twenty-two responding centers currently provide some financial aid to CPCLs. (Rewire, April 27)

Protests say ‘No!’ to new cop HQ

By Ben Carroll

Durham, N.C.

Those struggling to shut down the city’s plans to build a $86 million police headquarters here held their seventh weekly picket outside Durham City Hall on May 16. A coalition of groups known as “Durham Beyond Policing” opposes the new headquarters. Pickets are set to continue as the city debates its budget throughout June.

Earlier, Durham Beyond Policing had given the council May 16 as a deadline to respond to the call from the community to stop the plans to build the new headquarters. The coalition includes the Black Youth Project 100 (BYPoO) Durham chapter; the Durham city workers union, United Electrical Workers Local 150; the Say Her Name collective; Southerners on New Ground (SONG); and others.

When the deadline came and passed with no response, city workers and community members marched into the council’s meeting that night and disrupted it with a mic check. The demonstrators reiterated the overwhelming opposition to the new headquarters from the broader Durham community. The May 16 action and the pickets at city hall are part of a struggle that has been building throughout the year. In 2015, the Durham City Council approved a budget of $62 million to build the new police headquarters in East Durham. There, the building would encroach on working-class communities of color and signify Durham’s rapid gentrification. The cost has since grown by $9 million.

City workers and community members have demanded a “People’s Budget” that serves their needs instead of funding cops and jails. The People’s Budget includes demands for housing, health care, childcare, raises and improved conditions for city workers, and more. Durham Beyond Policing has also gathered more than 500 signatures from the community recognizing the new headquarters as part of the city’s plans and support for a People’s Budget. Pickets and other actions are planned to mobilize the wider opposition to the new cop castle and fight for a People’s Budget.

Food workers vote to strike Kroger

By Workers World Staff

In a fabulous display of working-class power, hundreds of members of the Food and Commercial Workers Local 400 voted unanimously May 18 in Salem, Va., to reject a rotten Kroger contract proposal and authorize their bargaining committee to call a strike. Local 400 members, many of whom drove hundreds of miles to vote, are working at 41 Kroger retail food stores from eastern Tennessee to West Virginia and southwest and central Virginia.

Before the vote, Kroger had said it’s latest contract proposal was its “last, best offer.” After the vote, Kroger agreed to resume bargaining with Local 400 on May 23 and proceed to the next round of negotiations.

The company’s offer included a wage increase of 17 percent raised to $11.2 million a year. The current contract expires in the new year, the company gave CEO Rodney McMullen a 17 percent raise to $11.2 million a year. Fifty-two out of five days in pay raise.

Kroger is now the largest retail food chain in the U.S., after buying Harris Teeter for cash in 2013. Kroger made $9.5 billion in profits in 2015. Local 400 members are now engaged in a variety of workplace actions, including organizing in stores, and external community outreach as part of the current contract campaign.

For more information and how to support Local 400, visit facebook.com/ UFCW400 and ufcw400.org.
May 19 — It’s less than a month since the “Frisco Five” began a hunger strike with a single demand: Police Chief Greg Suhr resign or be fired. For five years this chief has been crying crocodile tears while justifying every police killing of a Black or Latino person. For five years, this chief has been vigilantly protected by the mayor, the media and the city’s Dem- ocratic political establishment.

This afternoon the mayor fired him.

“We know the power of the people made this happen,” said a spokeswoman for the Frisco Five, whose hunger strike lasted 17 days until they were hospital- ized. “We have won this battle, but the war is not yet over.”

The fast sparked a surge of furious, non-stop protests, including a march of 300, led by the Frisco Five in wheel- chairs, from Hunger Strike HQ at Mission Police Station to a rally of nearly 1,000 at City Hall. Their banner read it all: “Black & Brown Unity against Police Impunity.”

The Five in their wheelchairs then dis- rupted the Board of Supervisors meeting — challenging the board to go beyond generalities and actually demand that the chief be fired. A week later, four of the supervisors did just that, adding to the growing chorus.

What may have been a decisive mo- ment came on May 6, when hundreds of loud chanting protesters took over City Hall and occupied it for seven hours, re- fusing to leave until the chief was fired. Called the #Frisco500, they held their ground after closing time, until sheriff’s deputies bluntly removed them by 10:30 p.m., making 33 arrests.

SFPD kills again: Jessica Williams — #SayHerName

Earlier today, a police sergeant fired one shot at Jessica Williams, 29, a Black woman, apparently after she refused to comply with police orders. She fell to the ground in the hospital. Police claim she was driv- ing a stolen car in the historically Afri- can-American Bayview district.

“It was her execution,” police chief Suhr trig- gered Chief Suhr’s resignation,” wrote J.P. Massar, an intrepid blogger who puts out timely reports about the people’s welfare. Massar denounced “a police culture that allows firing-squad executions and then has the chief claim immediately that they are justified.”

“The Anti-Police-Terror Program, based in Oakland, was on the job almost imme- diately as the news of the shooting shot across the tweetsverse. They know that in cases like this the police are likely more interested in suppressing evidence and intimidating witnesses, not seeking the truth.”

A group of organizations, including the APTP, Frisco500, The Last % of SF, #DeNoHarmCoalition and Black Lives Matter Bay Area, quickly organized a night rally for Williams near where she was shot.

The online publication 48 Hills posted this: “Another young person of color dead. And still, nobody held accountable.”

SF Public Defender Jeff Adachi wrote: “It is unacceptable for police encounters with unarmed citizens to end in bullet wounds and body bags. I am deeply disturbed by reports that the young woman gunned down today was driving away from police officers. She was entitled to due pro- cess and above all, she was entitled to her life.”

Adachi has requested that the Cali- fornia Attorney General’s Office “open its own civil rights investigation into the SF Police Department.”

Unfortunately, current Attorney Gen- eral Kamala Harris, who is now a Demo- cratic Party candidate for U.S. Senate, has refused to prosecute any police officer in California for killing unarmed Black and Brown people, despite many requests.

By Dave Welsh
San Francisco

By Jim McMahan

Fort McMurray fire

An ecological and financial disaster for workers

By G. Dunkel

The fire that began on May 1 southwest of Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada, has consumed over a million acres of Canadi- an territory, the size of Rhode Island, and is still burning as of May 23. Only a good soaking rain and cool weather will put it out — something unlikely until the fall.

What happens if the fire continues south, however, where the bulk of Canada’s land area is? According to the May 22 Financial Times, “the Fort McMurray sands produce almost completely spared. Some neighborhoods were completely destroyed, some partially destroyed and some were almost completely spared.

What this means is that nearly 100,000 people — mainly workers — lost their homes and now will have to discover what insurance companies will offer to reimburse them. These companies benefit from a policy of “deny, delay and dispute.” Renters and people living in the Fort McMurray First Nation generally had no insurance, and many of the First Nation offices and community buildings in the city were destroyed.

First Nation communities in Alberta, both north and south of the city, have provided significant amounts of aid — water, food, gas, clothes — to the refugees. Fort McKay First Nation, about 90 miles south of Fort McMurray, sheltered 3,000 refugees. Alberta is about 6 percent In- digenous.

According to the May 22 Financial Post, many of the skilled trades who do summer work in the oil sands aren’t hired and are unemployed when they had expected to be working.

Firefighters were able to protect most of the infrastructure. About 80 percent of the existing homes in Fort McMurray have had their electricity and gas restored, and the Albertan premier has announced that a phased reoccupation of the city will begin around June 1.

Fort McMurray is in the midst of a boreal forest, similar to those covering about 60 percent of Canada’s land area. Boreal forests contain many confiers, whose needles, when they drop off, are highly flammable under dry conditions. Many months with little rain, as in Canada, there was almost no snow. This spring’s warm weather due to climate change and a strong El Niño left the floor of the bo- real forests particularly dry. A few light- ning strikes were enough to set off this huge fire.

The carbon pumped into the atmo- sphere by the producing and burning of coal and oil, including tar sands, is one of the root causes of climate change.

By Jim McMahan

Environmental, Indigenous groups protest climate change

From May 13 through May 15, the group “Break Free Pacif- ic Northwest” held a weekend of actions to oppose global climate change, on and around March Point, a peninsula where two huge oil refineries owned by Tesoro Corp. and Shell Oil are located.

The peninsula, which is near Ancora- cote, sticks out for three miles into the Salish Sea, also known as Puget Sound. The actions includ- ed a march and rally led by Indigenous peoples and groups in the works on a rail- road track blockade with 52 arrests, and a three-day climate conference.

March Free PNW is composed of at least 40 environmental and social jus- tice groups in alliance with Native peo- ples from around the Salish Sea area. The movement is fighting to break free from fossil fuel use. But “the U.S. is the one’s who’s kept climate negotiations from having enforcement mechanisms,” said Sarrah Tekola from the allied organiza- tion, “Women of Color Speak Out.”

BreakFreePNWorg says, “A just tran- sition from fossil fuels provides real al- ternatives to communities dependent on dirty infrastructure, protects workers’ job security as fossil fuel use declines — supporting the communities most impacted by fossil fu- els, here and around the world.”

Some 150 participants seized the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) tracks leading into March Point as the weekend got underway. The next day, Saturday, May 14, was the Indigenous Day of Action. The local Swinomish Peo- ple and other Native peo- ples led a march of near- ly 1,000 people for three miles up March Point, where a rally was held with speak- ers, dancers and drummers.

Although March Point was on reser- vation land, the federal government took March Point from the Swinomish in the 1970s. At this action, people in a hundred kayaks came over from An- cortes to demonstrate and converge with the rally.

On May 15, state, local and BNSF cops with guns drawn came and arrested 52 demonstrators who had pitched their oc- cupation tents on the tracks for nearly two days. No trains had been able to come through during this time. The remain- ing 100 occupiers, in defiance, marched up the tracks a ways to attempt a second occupation, but the cops got in front of them. Those arrested were released after six hours.

Organizers are committed to stopping all ten large terminal or infrastructure projects for coal, liquefied natural gas, oil, and LNG scheduled for the Northwest. The Lummi Nation was honored at the Saturday rally for stopping the building of a proposed massive coal port on their land by the SSA Marine company.

Break Free events were held around the globe from May 3 through May 15, with 30,000 participants in 20 civil disobedience actions, according to the BreakFree2016 website.
Detroit activists oppose increased fracking waste

By Martha Greatt

May 22 — “While union work- ers insist that the strike will impact Verizon’s customers’ service calls and equipment in- stallation, Verizon has assured its consumers that this won’t happen,” wrote the April 15 Wall Street Daily. “With little to no detectable change in service Verizon is performing, it will see a minimal change, as the product itself won’t suffer any deterioration.”

This typical capitalist bravado, put out a day after the Verizon strike began, was based on Verizon’s claims of having trained 10,000 potential scabs to do the work of “those who have opted to picket.” The initial optimism of Wall Street is now being pummeled by a highly effective strike, currently in its sixth week. Stock value is falling as customer complaints skyrocket. Verizon has acknowledged that large numbers of residential custom- ers are switching providers. Municipal- ities, including seven in Massachusetts, are following suit. Small businesses are blaming Verizon, not the unions, for the harm caused them by the company’s fail- ure to provide necessary services.

The overwhelming majority of the 39,000 strikers, members of the Communications Workers and the Interna- tional Electrical Workers, continue to “opt to picket,” with only handfuls here and there crossing the lines. In fact, pick- eting is the only job these workers have.

To counter the company lies in the me- dia, the CWA launched a radio ad cam- paign — “What will you do get rich while the rest of us struggle to get by.” This isn’t theory, it’s real. Verizon makes $1.9 billion a month in profits and top executives pay themselves nearly 50 million a year while trying to take away jobs send by from Verizon workers. That’s why Verizon workers are on strike.

The state steps in

The strike’s effectiveness promised U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez to insert himself into the bargaining process. Both parties were called together to meet in the presence of Perez and experienced federal mediator Allison Beck under the auspices of the Department of Labor. There they agreed that no public statements would be made during the talks. Under what amounts to a gag order, the unions cannot inform rank-and-file members of how or if — the talks are progressing.

Why would such a high-ranking mem- ber of the capitalist state intervene in a labor dispute between a private employer and two private sector unions? One factor might be the location of the strike. New York is home to Wall Street. If the strike continues, it might not just be restaur- ants, shops and doctors’ offices having to get by without phone or internet ser- vice — retail banks could be affected.

Moreover, Verizon provides services to the Pentagon. Wireline workers are on strike in an attempt to get better wages and protect the military bases across the country. If the strike drags on, war plans could be disrupted! The CWA and IBEW should not put too much faith in the Demo- cratic administration. It’s worth remembering that in 1978 Presi- dent Jimmy Carter invoked Taft-Hartley to prevent a strike by steel workers — that’s why Verizon workers are on strike.

The hazardous chemical nightmare

Currently, USE Detroit North is permitted to dispose of as much as 17,000 gallons of toxic chemicals and met- als such as cadmium, cyanide and lead into the public sewer system. According to a fact sheet issued by COE-USE, “USE has not only re- quested to process and store ten times this amount of hazardous wastes accepted at this facility — but also to request the dumping of radioactive and hazardous waste into Detroit’s sewer system which is currently a moratorium on residential water shut-offs. USE operates several hazardous waste processing facilities in Detroit. The company has requested a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to increase the processing and disposal of radioactive and car- cinogenic fracking waste at its US Ec- ology North facility, which is located in the middle of Detroit at 6320 Georgia St.

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Black Liberation & the re-emergence of MALCOLM X

By Lamont Lilly

Lilly is WWP's vice presidential candidate in the 2016 elections. The following article is based on a talk given at a Workers World Party forum in New York City on May 20. To view a video of the talk, go to youtube.be/AGZq4-8BCK.

Thursday, May 19, was the 91st revolutionary birthday of Brother Minister El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz — Brother Malcolm X. Born on May 19, 1925, he was brutally assassinated at the Audubon Ballroom on Feb. 21, 1965, in New York City. It would be just like Malcolm to request that we not only lift his name in love and respect but also the names of Yuri Kochiyama, Lorraine Hansberry and Brother Ho Chi Minh, all of whom share his birth day.

The way Malcolm was evolving, he would want us to recognize all their contributions to the struggle. This was the same Malcolm X who said, “I, for one, will join in with anyone, I don’t care what color you are, as long as you want to change this miserable condition.”

Unfortunately, comrades, we’re still living in many of the same conditions that Malcolm was preaching about in “The Meaning of Freedom.” The most recent example is the police murder of two black men and white women; church burnings; mass incarceration; poor housing; and thirdclass living conditions. Tamir Rice was no different than Emmett Till. The poverty then is the same poverty now, even worse. The same imperialism. The same police state.

But Brother Malcolm did leave a blueprint of what needs to be constructed through work and collective struggle.

New generation of freedom fighters emerges

That’s the time we’re living in right now—a renewed period of work and struggle. A new generation of young freedom fighters has stepped forward, comrades! We’re talking about teenagers and youth. And Brother Malcolm X is right back in the swing of things, right back talking about teenagers and youth. And Brother Malcolm X is right back in the swing of things, right back with the movement’s Black youth. Sister Beyoncé put Brother Malcolm X on her album like that was actually quite revolutionary.

As of last month, you have Black girls — girls of color all over the world, as young as six years old — googling Malcolm X now, reading about him, learning about him, listening to his speeches. Not in the public school system, but on their own independent, free-thinking terms.

Right here in Manhattan somewhere, there’s a crew of 12-year-old Black girls braving each other’s hair now and discussing Malcolm X’s political theory. That kind of enthusiasm for Malcolm X hasn’t happened in 40 years, comrades.

A good friend of mine, Dr. Ashley Farmer, who’s currently working on her postdoctoral degree at Duke University, just published a major academic article on Malcolm X. It’s entitled, “The Many Women Mentors of Malcolm X.” A must-read, it was published via the African American Intellectual History Society on May 3 and has been widely circulated ever since.

Oppressed youth seek guidance from Malcolm

As the state has clamped down and decent employ- ment has dried up — as the conditions have worsened for workers, oppressed youth have that, but he did organize a very similar network of free-thinking terms. And this is why Malcolm X is a genuine favorite of today’s youth. Malcolm X was at the vanguard of a new generation of freedom fighters emerging from the struggle.

New membership drive down South — the oppressed masses of Black youth are now “unapologetically Black,” as one flier put it last month in Ferguson during the 2014 rebellion. Malcolm didn’t have that, but he did organize a very similar network of oppressed, allies and comrades — in Cuba, Ghana, Egypt, Algeria.

When I was in Lebanon last year for the International Forum for Justice in Palestine, it was the youth from Algeria and Tunisia who knew all about Malcolm X. I learned firsthand that Malcolm X is still a bridge of international working-class struggle.

Malcolm stated in 1964, “It is incorrect to classify the revolt of the Negro as simply a racial conflict of black against white, or as purely an American problem. Rather, we are today seeing a global rebellion of the oppressed against the oppressor, the exploited against the exploiter.”

One of the current and most beautiful aspects of the Black Lives Matter movement is this new emphasis on things “Black.” Not only do Black lives matter, but the massacres of Black youth are now “unapologetically Black,” redefining what Black Power means for a new generation.

Why the U.S. incinerated Hiroshima and Nagasaki

By Stephen Millies

Barack Obama is scheduled to visit Hiroshima on May 27, the first sitting U.S. president to do so. Obama’s visit to the Japanese city has revived the question of whether killing hundreds of thousands of people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki with atom bombs was a military necessity.

Dwight Eisenhower didn’t think so. The former president and five-star general wrote in his autobiography “Mandate for Change” that dropping the atom bombs on Japan “was completely unnecessary.” Ike claimed that it was based on a talk given at a Workers World Party forum in New York City on May 20. To view a video of the talk, go to youtube.be/AGZq4-8BCK.

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Malcolm X for the first time.

Despite pleas from Treasury Secretary Henry Morgen- thau, War Secretary Stimson refused to bomb the rail-
Vietnamese revolutionary leader
Tribute to Ho Chi Minh

By L.T. Pham

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The following article is based on remarks made at a Workers World Party Forum on New York City on May 20. To view a video of the talk, visit youtu.be/tpmod2H0Y74.

May 19 marked the birthday of many revolutionary leaders, among them Ho Chi Minh, Malcolm X and Yuri Kochiyama. They all shared a commitment to fighting imperialism and national oppression through an internationalist perspective. Ho Chi Minh, or Uncle Ho, was a Vietnamese Marxist-Leninist born in 1890.

In 1941, he was the founder of the Viet Minh Independence League, dedicated to the task of expelling the French out of the country in 1945 through a huge guerrilla force that took extremely strategic actions.

Ho Chi Minh leads. The future belongs to those who prepare for it today. In all our deeds, the proper value and respect for time determines who will survive it.

In the words of El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, “The future of Americans and other people of color] thought they had taken that and run with it. So let’s help take over highways and universities. Your head high, despite the teargas, despite the tanks. Fight back instead of laying down and begging. The kind of cause that will make you sacrifice yourself and love the people, then you’ll have a cause to fight for.”

The only reason that a nuclear holocaust hasn’t destroyed humankind is that the Soviet Union, at tremendous cost, continually in the air ready to attack. Inevitable crash still a Jim Crow army, tens of thousands of soldiers crushed by Hitler.

The U.S. had half the world’s industrial capacity in 1945. President Kennedy correctly noted in 1963 that the Nazi destruction of the Soviet Union would have equalled everything in the United States east of the Mississippi River being destroyed.

But the millions of GIs whom Wall Street wanted to turn into fighting men were crushed by Hitler.

Super-racist U.S. General George Patton talked about rearming Nazi SS troops and marching to the Volga. Winston Churchill considered an invasion of the Soviet Union in “Operation Unthinkable.”

During World War II, Time magazine publisher Henry Luce proclaimed an upcoming “American Century.” The Pentagon was planning to confront the USSR not just with the bomb, but also with military forces numbering 16 million GIs and the biggest air force in history.

This immense power was also to be used against the Vietnamese Revolution and as a threat to all oppressed peoples.

The U.S. and British ruling classes dreaded Soviet forces marching all the way to Paris and being welcomed by workers.

Capitalists also feared a revival of the German working class who had been crushed by Hitler.

The U.S.S.R. was recovered.

Despite billions of aid lavished on Chiang Kai-shek, the Pentagon couldn’t stop the Chinese Revolution.

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May we continue to pay tribute to Uncle Ho and Malcolm X in our struggles in the streets. May we continue to fight in their spirit, as internationalists and revolutionaries. May we continue to make sacrifices, put our bodies on the line and dedicate our lives to revolution.

Long live Ho Chi Minh!

Long live Malcolm X!

Long live internationalism!
**Philippine election and U.S. imperialism**

By Carl Lewis

In the years following the Spanish-American War of 1898, U.S. imperialism consolidated its political and economic dominance over Spain's former colony, the Philippines.

The Philippine revolution had begun in earnest in 1896 as a guerrilla movement against the Spanish empire. The U.S. posed as the “savior” of the people from Spanish rule, promising to usher in “democracy and liberty.” Betrayal, arrogance, and subtlety went hand in hand despite the heroic efforts of those resisting imperialism and racism.

The yoke of neocolonialism went hand in hand with militarism in a country with no constitutional rule or legislative body. Although Philippine nationalists fought heroically against U.S. subjugation and for authentic independence and self-determination, neocolonialism remained in the saddle.

The U.S. military led a brutal pacification campaign to quell a rebellion that eventually claimed 1.5 million lives. Using tactics similar to what they did later in Vietnam, they created “strategic hamlets” on devastated land. Water boarding and a scorched earth policy were the trademarks of imperialist occupation. (Boxboy Tiaxan, Bulatat.com)

In February, the policies of Manifest Destiny and the Monroe Doctrine from the Western Hemisphere to Asia, this hypnotic advance of the U.S. across the globe for a century also led to the exploitation of Cuba, Puerto Rico and Hawaii for their natural resources and cheap labor. The Philippines and Hong Kong would serve as a bridgehead for U.S. economic hegemony in the Asian-Pacific — what is now called “Pivoting to Asia.”

The Philippines became a virtual aircraft carrier for the U.S. military in order to guarantee U.S. control throughout the Pacific. The U.S. also made sure to create and nurture an anti-communist elite government that would build up the armed forces of the Philippines and a large police force to oppress the people.

**World War II and its aftermath**

The Japanese invasion of the Philippines during World War II led to an anti-colonial resistance movement headed by Hukbalahap Magapagalya ng Bayan, the People’s Liberation Army. Under the leadership of the Communist Party of the Philippines, they fought the Japanese he-roically.

The PLA attempt to form an alliance against Japanese rule with the U.S. Armed Forces Far East was rejected. The anti-imperialist movement had to procure its weapons from Japanese soldiers and by raiding ammunition dumps.

By 1946 the PLA numbered 15,000 fighters. When the Philippines gained formal independence from the U.S. in 1946, an era of neocolonialism began, using U.S. Land, Air Force and Army bases throughout the islands. A pacification program as well as a counterinsurgency policy by U.S.-backed President Ramon Magaysay hurt the movement, especially when a minority of the CPP opted for a national policy. The further decline of the agrarian economy, massive inflation, obscene corruption and nepotism were hallmarks of Magaysay’s successors. President Ferdinand Marcos ruled as virtual dictator for 21 years starting in 1965. He imposed nine years of martial law, beginning in September 1972, and sponsored the Bagong Lipunan (New Society), which for all practical purposes was a neo-fascist manifesto that outlawed strikes and muzzled the press.


In December 1986, Jose Maria Sison reestablished the Communist Party of the Philippines. The CPP received its impetus from the massive popular unrest in the country, especially among the poor. In March 1990, the New People’s Army was established from the remnants of the old Hukbalahap. And in 1993 a broad Popular organization was established called the National Democratic Front.

**Election of Duterte**

This year, the Philippine presidential elections in May caused tremors in the capitalist world, especially in the U.S. The winner, Rodrigo “Digong” Duterte, is now the leader of a band of drug-warriors who call themselves against the oligarchs, to develop the Philippine economy through national industrialization and genuine land reform, to promote a patriotic and progressive culture, expand the public school system, and foster international solidarity for peace and development.

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**U.S. missiles out Europe on nuclear frontline**

By Manlio Dinucci

At a ribbon cutting ceremony at the airfield of Deveselu in Romania, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg inaugurated the “Aegis Ashore” land-based installation of the U.S. Aegis missile system.

Stoltenberg thanked the United States, which the U.S. is enhancing, being deploying in Europe. Illus-trating the technical features of the MK 41 vertical launch system — the one installed on Aegis missile ships and now even at the land base of Deveselu — the company stresses that it is capable of launching “missiles for every mission: anti-air, anti-ship, anti-marine and to attack ground targets.” Each launch tube is adaptable to any missile, both to interceptors and to those for a nuclear attack.

Thus, no one can know which missiles are really deployed in vertical launchers at Deveselu or on those board vessels sailing in the Russian territorial waters. Unable to inspect them, Moscow must assume missiles are present that enable a nuclear attack.

Europe thus returns to a climate of Cold War, to the benefit of the U.S., which can thus increase its influence on Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean.

In the meeting with the leaders of Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway on May 13 in Washington, President Barack Obama denounced "the growing presence and aggressive military posture of Russia in the Baltic and North Sea region as well as the U.S. commitment to “Europe’s collective defense.”

At the same meeting, Obama high-lighted the European consensus to main-tain sanctions against Russia, praising in particular Denmark, Finland and Sweden, who, “as members of the EU, strongly support the TTIP (the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partner- ship) agreement that I want to conclude before the end of year.”

We see that Lockheed’s vertical launchers can also contain the TTIP missile.

By Sara Flounders

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Miguel deEscoto Brockmann, President, U.N. General Assembly, 2008-2009, Foreign Minister of Nicaragua’s Sandinista government

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Workers battling labor law occupy refineries

By G. Dunkel

Some 220,000 workers hit the streets May 17, with thousands more on picket lines, blocking roads, burning depots and occupying oil refineries in the ongoing battle against the new anti-labor law. The French government used a rarely invoked feature of the French constitution to force the reactionary law through the National Assembly on May 10 without a vote.

Over 400,000 workers came out on May 19 to protest the law. These are the sixth and seventh national demonstrations against the regressive labor law in the country.

The demand of the workers is simple: They want the new labor law completely withdrawn.

Six refineries out of eight are occupied, and most fuel depots in the north and west of France are blockaded. Major ports like Nantes, Dunkirk and Le Havre are on strike, with other ports shut down. Truck drivers, who have particular grievances over working conditions, are still out.

Though the workers’ struggles have caused disruptions and aggravations for French workers, students continue protests, and the population, 70 percent of the people in France still oppose the law, according to the General Confederation of Labor (CGT).

The refinery occupations and fuel depot blockades, along with blockades truckers erected on the roads, have to make major shortages in supplies for cars and trucks. This involves not just gasoline but also diesel fuel, which is used much more in France for both cars and trucks than in the U.S. According to figures as of May 22 from the Ministry of Transportation, 1,612 gas stations out of 12,000 in France are totally or partially dry. Most of the dry gas stations are in the north west of the country.

When Prime Minister Manuel Valls was asked what his government was going to do about fuel running short, he mentioned the 90-day supply the French government keeps in emergency stockpiles.

When Alain Vidalies, the secretary of state for transport, was asked about the same problem on May 22 on the main evening news program on French TV 2, 20 Hours (Eight O’Clock), he said that besieging emergency fuel, the government would “use the forces of public order” to clear the blockades, but would stay away from the refineries.

Protests throughout France

The May 19 protests took place throughout Ukraine. In Nizhny Novgorod, an umbrella of the national government for the area involved the state of emergency, which has been extended to November, to ban the demonstration scheduled for May 19. Still thousands of people showed up and “played cat-and-mouse with the cops for a few hours, risking six months in jail and a 7,500-Euro fine.” Sixty-six people were arrested. (Agence France Presse, May 20)

The seven unions that have been active in fighting this law — the CGT, Workers Force, Unitary Union Federation, Solidarity, National Union of French Students, National High School Union and the Independent and Democratic Federation of High Schools — issued a joint statement May 17 declaring for the petition and demonstrations May 26 and a national protest June 14 in Paris. The French Senate is due to deliberate about the new labor law on that day.

This union struggle against a law that the French media portray as bringing prosperity to the country, the economy is growing larger and sharper. Though the workers have still failed to shake the government’s refusal to concede, the government is faced with any illusion of French democracy.

Donetsk and Lugansk: front line against fascism

By Greg Butterfield

Looking through the magnified sights of an anti-tank weapon in the Lugansk People’s Republic, I experienced a moment of deeper understanding of the stakes in the anti-fascist struggle in Ukraine.

It came as I was visiting a camp of Prizrak, the “Ghost Brigade” anti-fascist militia, on the outskirts of Kirovsk in the Donetsk region. They are fighting against the regressive labor law in the country.

I was surrounded by volunteer fighters, not only from Donbass and Russia, but from other countries and women and men. Young communists and anti-fascists,인터넷, living in the most difficult condition imaginable, their sleeping quarters dug up into the earth, subject to tons of shrapnel and concussions, shelling, shelled and burned-out vehicles from past battles.

Several days earlier, Ukrainian forces had attacked a nearby bus stop in an attempt to advance. They were pushed back. Now the Prizrak fighters were digging trenches to prevent another advance by the better-equipped enemy forces.

Through a magnifier I had a better view of the Ukrainian base just across no-man’s land, which was visible to the naked eye from our position. We could tell there were hundreds and people moving around, I could see two flags. One was the Ukrainian national flag and the other was the hammer-and-sickle banner of the Red Army.

This was not only a deeply felt day of history, shared tragedy and triumph over the inevitable odds seven decades earlier. I remembered that just two years ago, fascists had been at the gates of Lugansk again — shells were destroying apartment buildings, schools and hospitals.

A woman was literally torn apart on the street in front of a government building occupied by the anti-fascists. Tanks were on the roads, and there was gunfire on the streets.

Wreckage of yet another U.S. war

On our way to Lugansk, we had stopped at a memorial to the Ukrainian side of the road, a wrecked tank, only about a mile from the city.

In the spring of 2014, the four-person tank crew had volunteered to hold the line against advancing Ukrainian forces, to give the anti-fascist resistance time to prepare to defend the city. All those in the tank were burned alive.

In just the few minutes that we internationals pulled over to photograph the memorial, at least half-a-dozen cars drove by, locals pulled over, too. Families brought flowers and ribbons to lay on the tank, offering of memory and thanks, heaped on top of dozens and hundreds left earlier.

On Victory Day I stood beside Lisa Chalenko, two years old. She was an infant when Lugansk was besieged. Her parents remember that time only too well. Thousands of other parents, children, teenagers and grandparents in Lugansk remember.

For them — and for people throughout the Donbass republics, in Odessa, in Ukraine — the struggle against fascism is not history. It is their life, now, today.

I’ve returned home. And while here, in the heart of imperialism, in the belly of Wall Street, it is difficult to find anyone who has heard of the war in Donbass, and too many self-proclaimed leftists and progressives would rather ignore or even condemn the resistance in Donetsk and Lugansk.

There everyone understands that the Ukrainian junta, the fascist gangs, the constant, murderous ceasefire violations could not continue for a single day without the support of the United States. It’s time for the anti-war movement and the left to get serious about supporting this struggle and awakening the workers, the youth and progressive movements to its reality.

Because this war, this struggle, isn’t going away. Everyone I spoke to during my eight-day visit to Donetsk agreed on this point — from soldiers to political activists, students and parents, journalists and taxi drivers.

Working-class Donetsk besieged

I visited the city of Donetsk, capital of the Donetsk People’s Republic, for a few days before going to Lugansk for an International Anti-fascist Conference in Krasnodon on May 7. While I was there, I had the opportunity to see firsthand what U.S. support for the Kiev junta means.

Donetsk is a beautiful city, a Soviet city, full of culture and wide boulevards, parks and universities built for the enjoyment of the working class — in that region, primarily military. This was the most working-class region of Ukraine before the war, its population imbued with socialist aspirations and two decades of half decades of capitalist bankruptcy.

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The leaders of the Donetsk republic public have worked hard to rebuild and establish a sense of normalcy for the city’s people despite the war and economic blockade. But just a few months ago, workers could say you are back on the front lines of the war.

I rode with Jamis Putkonen, director of Donbass International News Agency, to the town of Svetlopil, which I passed by. He showed me the highway and that road that used to connect Donetsk and Lugansk, now cut off by the Ukrainian occupation forces.

The sound of gunfire rattled nearby.

We drove to the village of Oktobersk, a Donetsk suburb. Markets, a theater burned out and demolished. Row upon row of small houses and businesses destroyed by Ukrainian shelling — roofs collapsed, whole sides of buildings torn off, a cemetery shells. And in the distance, the gutted remains of the Donetsk airport.

For those who continue to live here, mostly in larger apartment buildings, shattered windows are boarded up rather than replaced because everyone understands the destruction will come again. At touch, the shells.

When I was there in the first week of May, things were relatively quiet — an intense vacation weekend holiday week. But in the second week, the shellings of Donetsk and other cities and villages resumed and intensified.

No more than a coincidence

The war isn’t over and there’s no end in sight. Why? The residents of the Donetsk and Lugansk republics are certain that the war is driven by the United States, unwilling to surrender to Kiev, and they know that if they did, the result would be genocide. That is the program of the fascist battalions that hold up the neolib-
While the U.S. Congress votes hundreds of billions of dollars for military expansion, it is squeezing health programs vital to the people. As Congress turns to the threatened Zika epidemic, the capitalist health care model kills. In recent years, Zika, the Obama administration requested in February that Congress allot $1.9 billion for emergency measures to prevent its spreading in the United States. The funds would be used to develop a vaccine, pay for tests and treatment, and discover methods of containing the disease-carrying Aedes aegypti mosquitoes. The Senate voted to allocate $8.1 billion of new funds. Then House reactionaries reduced this to $622 million and insisted that money be diverted from funds earmarked for a possible recurrence of the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, which killed over 28,000 people. The White House calls this amount “woefully inadequate” and threatens a veto if the House vote carries. Even some right-wing Southern senators voted against urgency funding, as their states are vulnerable to Zika.

While not rendering most sufferers able to live, Zika presents a danger to developing fetuses. The virus can cause microcephaly, characterized by small brains and brain damage, and even fetal death. It is also associated with Guillain-Barré syndrome, a potentially paralyzing, even deadly, neurological disease. The virus can be spread by sexual contact.

Third, eliminate all tax loopholes and gimmicks. Penalize all corporations that do not pay income tax. Last year, 27 profitable corporations did not pay a cent of this tax. (March 7, USA Today) Only 10.6 percent of federal revenue comes from corporate income taxes, reported the Pew Research Center on April 13.

Tax breaks for the super-rich and big business reduce government revenue by billions, even trillions of dollars — money that could be used for health care and other human needs. It could fund research, prevention and treatment programs for Zika and every other disease — and still pay for expanded Medicare and/ or Medicaid for all.

But here’s the reality: This is a medical crisis in a capitalist country. Reactionary billionaires oppose government spending on public health and their political representatives fight all allocations.

What the masses of people really need is a socialized health care system in a socialist society, where the government’s role is to organize, prioritize and provide everything that is needed to meet disease outbreaks and medical emergencies — and provide free medical care — without political resistance.

Cuba provides a stellar example of how the Venezuelan reality

Imperialism always takes advantage of its targets’ difficult situations to extend and exacerbate differences and problems and thereby cause a disintegration that adds its goal of exploitation.

In Venezuela, there is indeed a dire economic situation, mainly the result of the fall in oil prices, along with a persistent drought that has caused a lack of drinking water and power outages due to the decline in the water level of dams. Also at play are the consequences of the attack by rightist oligarch importers and manufacturers who monopolize commodities and create shortages in food markets.

All these things, along with capital flight and resale of products in the illegal market, has caused shortages, especially of basic products subsidized by the government. They are sold illegally at higher prices across the border in Colombia, which creates a major crisis due to the country’s dependence on its geopolitical position.

One day, it was our choice to join Prizrak in the Donbass region. We were praying for speed.
Confirmation of United States efforts to prevent Africa from reaching genuine self-determination and national liberation is the result of consistent diplomatic activity, especially of the international media circulated damning reports about the CIA's pivotal role in the arrest of African National Congress and South African Communist Party official Nelson Mandela in 1962.

Donald Rickard, who in 1962 was the United States vice-consul in Durban, said he witnessed that Nelson Mandela was "the world's most dangerous communist outside of the Soviet Union." And he had no reservations about alerting the apartheid regime about his location. (British Telegraph, May 13)

Mandela was stopped at a police roadblock in Howick, KwaZulu Natal on Aug. 5, 1962, and arrested. His capture provided the legal and political basis for trials that culminated with the Rivonia treason conviction and sentenced him to 27 years in prison. The CIA's pivotal role in his arrest has been repeatedly documented since the Book of Mandela: The Cellar Door to U.S. after his release from prison.

Rickard claimed that ANC informants alerted him that Mandela was traveling to howick on his way to Johannesburg. He was attempting to escape to South African police, noting that the ANC-SACP leader was planning to return to Johannesburg.

Secret travels
Mandela had traveled outside of apartheid South Africa to win international support for the national liberation movement against settler colonialism and to receive arms training in order to build the armed wing of the ANC, Umkhonto We Sizwe. By early 1961, the ANC declared that it was futile to continue peaceful methods of struggle in the aftermath of the Sharpeville massacre of March 1960 and other atrocities.

In March 1962 Mandela undertook military courses from the National Liberation Front (FLN) at their bases across the border in Morocco. In his testimony during the Rivonia Trial in 1963, Mandela said, "In Africa I was promised support by... Ben Bella, now president of Algeria. (nelsonmandela.org)

A publication by Mandela, "Conversaciones con Myself," includes numerous extracts from his 1962 diary, all of which verify his military training at FLN facilities in Morocco.

Around the same time Mandela also took military courses in Ethiopia then led by Haile Selassie I. According to an article published by the British Broadcasting Corporation, "In July 1962, Col. Fekadu Wakene taught South African political activist Nelson Mandela the tricks of guerrilla warfare and how to plant explosives before slipping quietly away into the night. Mr. Mandela was in Ethiopia to be the new commander-in-chief of Umkhonto we Sizwe — the armed wing of the African National Congress. (Dec. 9, 2013)

Mandela was later to have been the future president of South African president, saying, "Nelson Mandela was a very strong and resilient student, and he took instruction well and was really very likeable." He "concentrat- ed on the task in hand."

Continuing U.S. strategy in Africa
The CIA intervention in 1962 was part of a broader U.S. policy extending from the 1960's to the present. In 1960, the CIA and the Central Intelligence Agency plotted to overthrow and assassinate Congolese leader Patrice Lumumba. Immediately after the assassination of Lumumba, the country became a rear base of the struggle to eliminate white-minority rule in the continent. The CIA set the stage for a massive seven-month bombing campaign, which toppled the government of Col. Muhammad Gadhafi, a former chair of the African Union.

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CIA turned in Mandela in '62, still undermines Africa

By Abayomi Azikiwe
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La Red de Intelectuales y Artistas en lucha denunció rechazando el golpe. En las calles, pero igualmente desestabi- lizante... La presidenta no ha cometido ningún crimen y debe estar a salvo de un golpe ilegalmente. Las organizaciones populares tienen que clara. El pueblo obrero tiene que estar en el arte del discurso de la articulación de golpe... Yo estamos aquí para denun- căr el vínculos de Michel Temer con el golpe (...) y estamos aquí para denun- căr las prácticas de la granja es para denunciar la intervención con Temer. Kelli Mafort, dirigente del Frente a las comisiones ilegales. (Telesur)

No habido un día en calma más decisivo en Sao Paulo, está ahora a cargo de derechos humanos con escuadrones de la CIA. Hasta ahora están a la cabeza de la policía acusada de los abusos, como ocuparon una finca relacionada con la construcción de la Amazonía; Alexandre de Moraes emplear todas las energías posibles en el derribo de la granja. (Telesur)

CIA turned in Mandela in 1962.

By Joe Catron

Hundreds of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank city of Hebron, on May 20 to celebrate the release of Moham- med al-Abed by Israeli jailing earlier. The day before, al-Abed was freed in a military and police coup on Feb. 24, 1966, which was coordinated by the CIA. al-Abed had been a staunch supporter of Mandela, along with others included in the move- ment governments movements across the continent.

See “In Search of Enemies” by John Reed.

The former Portuguese colony of An- gola in southwest Africa was on the verge of national independence in November 1961. From the occupation of the country by the South African Defense Forces and the CIA in order to prevent the Popular Move- ment for the Liberation of Angola, which was aligned with the South West African People’s Organization of Namibia and the ANC of South Africa, from taking power. In March 1961, the CIA sent South African agents and paramilitary forces deployed by then-President Fi- del Castro worked in conjunction with national and regional forces to drive back SADF establishing Angola as a rear base of the struggle to eliminate white-minority rule in the continent. The American occupation was approximately 350,000 Cubans served in Angola. The defeat of the SADF and the CIA in Angola represented a major turning point in the anti-colonial struggle of African people for self-determination and sovereignty.

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En su discurso en la catedral en la ciudad de Hiroshima, Obama dijo: “Hoy en día, cualquier país que posea armas nucleares está al alcance de los japoneses, y el mundo entero”. Las críticas a Obama por su política de armas nucleares son corroboradas por la evidencia de que las naciones que poseen armas nucleares, como Japón, están en constante tensión con otros países que tienen armas nucleares, como Corea del Norte y China.

La visita de Obama a Hiroshima es parte de un esfuerzo más amplio por parte de los Estados Unidos para acercarse a Japón, que tiene una importancia crítica en la política de seguridad de la región. La visita de Obama también es un intento de reafirmar el compromiso de los Estados Unidos con la paz y la seguridad en Asia.

No obstante, la visita de Obama es vista con cierta desconfianza en Japón, donde hay una amplia mayoría que ha rechazado la idea de que las armas nucleares sean una amenaza para el país. La historia de la guerra y la cultura japonesa son tan profundas que la visita de Obama es vista como un acto de agresión por parte de los Estados Unidos.

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