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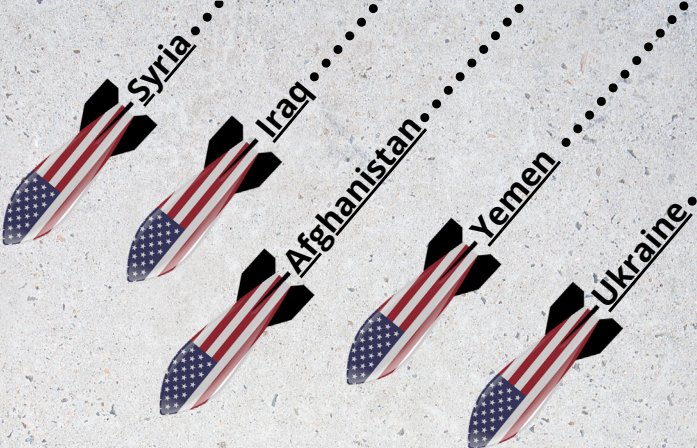
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For the first time since 1984 a Communist Party candidate will participate in a major U.S. election. The last time was back in 1984 when Gus Hall and Angela Davis ran for U.S. President and Vice President, respectively.

His name is Christopher Helali and he joins the electoral battle for Vermont's at-large congressional district for the November 3rd elections. Helali is officially supported by the Party of Communists, USA (PCUSA). The PCUSA is the Marxist-Leninist continuation of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA).

Christopher was born in Worcester, Massachusetts to immigrant parents. His mother was born in Canada of Greek parents who fled after the Greek Civil War and the subsequent persecution of Communists by the right-wing government. His father was born in Iran, to ethnic Lur and Kurdish parents, and left his homeland in 1979 in the midst of the Iranian Revolution.

Helali's family from his mother's side holds an important legacy of heroic struggles for people's freedom. Christopher's grandfather and great-uncles were members of communist-led Greek resistance organizations (EAM-ELAS, EPON) during the Axis Occupation of Greece. His grandfather's brother, Yiorgos, was executed by fascists for being a communist, during the 1946-1949 Greek Civil War.

The militant legacy of his Greek family had a profound impact in the formation of Christopher's political views. These views are clearly illustrated in the priorities he sets as a candidate for U.S. Congress.

"We are at a very important moment in not only the history of

the United States but the history of humanity. We face multiple existential crises including nuclear weapons and the climate emergency. Therefore, our campaign was born from the need to move beyond the failures of capitalism, to build socialism, and to usher in a new era of peace for the nations of the world", Helali points out in a recent news release.

A staunch anti-imperialist, Christopher Helali calls for the abolition of NATO and the termination of the U.S. warmongering hostility towards Russia and China, stressing out that "the time has come to end war and usher in an age of peace, self-determination, and mutual cooperation among all nations". ■



Christopher Helali at the Mansudae Grand Monument, DPRK

75 Years Since the End of WWII The Great Anti-Fascist Victory of the People

Editorial Board
Christopher Helali

On May 9th, 2020, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Great Anti-Fascist Victory of the People. Today, many in the United States believe the U.S. single-handedly won World War II. This could not be further from the truth.

When Nazi Germany invaded the Soviet Union and committed genocide and atrocities, the Soviet Red Army under the leadership of Marshal Joseph Stalin, bore the brunt of the Nazi war machine and was able to stop it. In some of the largest

battles in human history, the Soviets turned the tide of the war at Stalingrad and Kursk, pushing back the Nazis before the U.S. and U.K. opened a second front in Europe. The heroism of the Soviet people against fascism and the sacrifice of over 25 million Soviets including millions of members of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is unmatched.

In the United States, historical revisionists and Hollywood see D-Day as the turning point of World War II. We can think of movies like Saving Private Ryan that give the illusion that it was the US that gave

everything to defeat the Nazis. Yet, it was Stalingrad that was the real turning point of the war.

In a letter to Marshal Stalin sent in February of 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said "As Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States of America I congratulate you on the brilliant victory at Stalingrad of the armies under your Supreme Command. The one hundred and sixty-two days of epic battle for the city which has for ever honoured your name and the decisive result which all Americans are celebrating to-

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U.S. #1 in COVID-19 Deaths

Party of Communists USA
Health, Safety, Aged, Disabled
Commission

The Party of Communists USA advocates for the safety, knowledge, and community of the working-class people. We refuse to perpetuate ideas of violence, xenophobia, and alienation. The COVID-19 disease is an international crisis. Meaning we must extend compassion to all nationalities and come together to address the crisis. SARS-CoV2 is not Chinese or East Asian borne, and it does not solely belong to any country, race, or nationality. Viruses have no bias and no preference. You can contract the virus through direct contact with someone affected – not through

what you consume, and not through only people of East Asian descent.

How can we test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in humans? The most common way to test for SARS-CoV-2 infection is to check for the presence of viral RNA. This is accomplished by first collecting a nasopharyngeal swab or sputum sample. The sample is then tested using real time reverse transcriptase PCR (rRT-PCR). In this method, samples containing the viral RNA sequence will interact specifically with components of the test kit and produce a fluorescent signal. This fluorescence is detected by the PCR instrument and thus allows for detection of the virus within hours. However, capitalism has severely limited

availability and access to these tests.

COVID-19 presents a large economic problem for the working people of the United States. Millions of Americans go without access to healthcare, and without paid sick leave. These individuals are often the backbone of our functioning society. They serve our food, they help transport us, they watch our children. Without the access to real healthcare, many are facing unpaid leave, or even loss of employment, upon contracting the virus. There are no federal mandates in the United States on emergency paid leave, and the Senate has recently rejected a bill for emergency paid sick leave to Americans. *Conued on page 3*

PCUSA Statement on Murder of George Floyd and Other People of Color in the United States of America

Central Committee of the
Politburo PCUSA

The murder of George Floyd is an act of police terror and cowardice that demonstrates the total disregard for the human rights and dignity of the poor and working-class peoples. An unarmed and innocent African-American was slowly executed by 'peace officers' who are entrusted and sworn to protect their fellow citizens. The Party of Communists USA strongly condemns the recent murder of George Floyd by white supremacist officers of the Minneapolis Police Department on Monday, May 25, 2020. What the Minneapolis Police Department and the City of Minneapolis have proven once again is that they protect the privileges, property, and the power structure of the monopoly capitalist class. NOTHING HAS

CHANGED SINCE 'STRANGE FRUIT'! A communist, Abel Meeropol wrote the poem in 1937 that became a song performed by Billie Holiday in 1939.

Things have gotten worse since William L. Patterson and Paul Robeson presented the WE CHARGE GENOCIDE! petition to the United Nations in 1951. Nothing will change until we as a nation of people truthfully and openly question the mentality of 'profits over people' in the United States. Monopoly capitalism never died in the Americas! It continually persists, exemplified by the events in Minneapolis, with its victims being the poor and working-class members of society!

Just as our brother George Floyd was asphyxiated, so too are the poor and working peoples of the United States. The Party of Communists USA demands:

STOP GENOCIDE! • AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL! • THE LIVES OF THE POOR AND WORKING-CLASS MATTER! • SOLIDARITY WITH ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLES!

PCUSA Statement on the Ware State Prison Uprising

The Civil Liberties Commission of PCUSA

On the evening of August 1st, 2020, a riot broke out in the Ware State Prison located in Waycross, Georgia which left two inmates and two prison staff injured. This incident, while appearing to be spontaneous and warranted to an unaware bystander, comes months after the COVID-19 pandemic had made its way through the Ware State Prison and exposed truly unsanitary conditions allowing its spread. A reported 32 staff members and 22 inmates are infected, as well as two inmates who died. Western media has barely reported on the incident, and within a day it was reported to be under control. Yet, communists know better as to why this frustration has boiled to the point of revolt.

The prison-industrial complex in the United States is the most extensive and growing system of abuse conducted by the government with both State and Federal collaboration with private corporations to exploit prisoners. It is well known among leftists in this country and abroad that the United States houses 22% of the world's prisoners, despite only making up around 4.4% of the world's total population. This is not accidental nor should it be treated as such, as this figure has been rising at dramatic rates since "tough on crime" policies, first touted by politicians such as Richard Nixon in the mid to late 20th century, were brought into the mainstream. The American political obsession with fighting crime and preserving justice saw the creation of many neoliberal policies which have targeted minority groups, particularly African-Americans, such as the War on Drugs campaign. In hindsight to many observers, the War on Drugs was a complete and utter failure in preventing the spread of illicit drug use since it was the CIA and DEA that were helping to

smuggle drugs into the United States. What the War on Drugs did was dramatically increase America's incarcerated population (some places seeing a 700% increase in incarceration) through arresting and imprisoning people, particularly minorities, on minor drug crimes that are designed to target the poor and minorities of American society. The most glaring example of this was the 100:1 weight ratio of powder cocaine to crack cocaine, in which 1 gram of crack cocaine (cheaper to produce and obtain, therefore more popular among impoverished areas) was legally treated as the same penalty of holding 100 grams of powder cocaine (an exorbitant amount of powder cocaine to possess that only an extremely wealthy person would be able to obtain). Although this was changed by the Fair Sentencing Act to a ratio of 18:1, the disparity still remains, and poorer communities are still targeted. In fact, the disparity is so great in Georgia, the location of the Ware State Prison, that more than 60% of the state's 54,000 incarcerated prisoners are African American. Including county jail populations brings the total to over 100,000 incarcerated persons and over 50% of which are African Americans.

The obsession with being "tough on crime" has become a popular stance within both ruling parties of the United States, with all bodies of government since the 1970s seeing a dramatic increase in the incarcerated population, despite changes of leadership and party. Because of this, being "tough on crime" has trickled down to become the norm of our society, and furthermore has rotted the American perception of why people commit crime in the first place. It is a popular belief in the United States that people are in prisons and jails for good reasons, and so any punishment they receive is just. This, simply, is not true, as an overwhelming portion

of the incarcerated population are incarcerated because of minor charges, such as the selling of illicit drugs, failing to meet standards with a parole officer, theft, trespassing, etc. People do not commit crimes, such as the sale of illicit drugs or theft, because they have turned into a cartoon villain who seeks to watch the world burn and its people suffer. Rather, people commit crimes because it is the only option afforded to them in a society that does not give them the means of subsistence they require. When someone's community has all of the industrial work suddenly vacant due to outsourcing, when their towns are depopulating because opportunity is vacant, and when support systems in poor and underdeveloped communities are simply not present, people become desperate to support themselves or their families. People will resort to crime in order to make ends meet, and it is a vicious cycle that does not end. These people get arrested, and then when they are released from their incarceration, they cannot vote, find jobs, or have access to federal/public assistance because of their previous criminal history. What other option is someone like this left to do other than commit crimes again to make ends meet?

Policies such as these are deliberately made to increase the incarcerated population to feed what is de facto legal slavery in the United States. Penal labor is explicitly allowed under the 13th amendment as the one exception to involuntary servitude and slavery. This system is not made to punish people for the crimes they commit and make them think in the future, it is explicitly designed to extract as much surplus value from their labor as possible with paying them as little as humanly possible. Numerous corporations are known to take advantage of this system, such as Whole Foods, McDonald's, Target, Boeing, Intel, Wal-Mart, Microsoft, Nike, Victoria



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A 'Taste of Socialism' Can Cure Covid-19

By the Labor Commission of USPCA

We propose to the American people a simple program that calls for U.S. government control of key sectors of our economy that have been badly mismanaged by the profiteers in the private sector. Once again socialist measures are necessary to produce recovery for capitalist plundering and failure as was the case in the Great Depression of 1929. Why should private airline executives get economic bailouts when our own publicly owned U.S. Postal service can't get the necessary funding to promote the general welfare of the people? Why should airline executives get rewarded with big government bailouts for failing businesses? Workers reward success, not failure.

Our simple program is to require the federal government to take over key industries that the capitalists refer to as the 'commanding heights' of the economy:

1. Healthcare: All health care should be run by the federal government. The best example of government run health care is the Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals. The pharmaceutical industry must be under federal control to prevent price gouging and dishonesty. Everyone should receive Medicare/Medicaid as their insurance, regardless if they already have insurance or not. Their Medicare-Medicaid insurance should be the primary form of payment for all medical issues. No one should be denied care because of an inability to pay. All hospital doctors, nurses, and ancillary staff should receive a federal paycheck so that our taxpayer money can be accounted for.
2. Social Security: Benefits need to be increased. Older Americans and the disabled cannot rely on a one-time payment of \$1,200!

We need regular monthly payments of \$2,000 a month in addition to our regular Social Security benefit.

3. Manufacturing: All manufacturing companies like GM, GE, 3M, Ford, Chrysler, and all the rest should be taken over by the Federal government and retooled to manufacture needed medical equipment like masks, protective face shields, suits to keep out bacterial contamination, hand sanitizers and soap, etc.
4. Distribution: All distribution centers must be managed by the federal government to ensure that proper health and safety protocols are in place. This is especially true in food distribution centers like Tyson Foods and Smithfield, and JBS where outbreaks of COVID-19 have occurred.
5. All public venues and gatherings must remain closed and prohibited until further

Secret, and many more. When they are not being utilized for private interests, they are essentially property of the state and therefore treated as such, with the example of Georgia holding that prisoners are used towards the maintenance and construction of State property. With many politicians citing the rising cost of the State's ad-

ministration as justification for the use of prison labor to cut costs.

The Party of Communists USA seeks the abolition of the prison-industrial complex, a system which seeks to utilize de facto slavery to gather as much surplus labor value as possible. The PCUSA stands with the Ware State Prison uprising in their frustration and agitation towards a fundamentally unjust and corrupt system. These prisoners are treated horribly, especially with the conditions that the Coronavirus pandemic has allowed, and their frustration has finally boiled over to a point where those in power cannot tip toe around the issue. The PCUSA stands with all colonized and oppressed working peoples in the United States and the fight against white supremacy and capitalism. ■

notice. Labor Today (LUCS) believes that all life is precious and until we are safe, we must stay at home and only go out when absolutely necessary. Our slogan is: "Our health trumps their wealth."

Only the federal government can provide an effective response to the COVID-19 crisis. A piecemeal, patchwork, private sector bailout system is failing all of us. We must take swift action now to save lives and prevent economic collapse that will be a greater disaster than what occurred here in the 1930's.

Our colleagues at the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) have a saying that is worth repeating here: "A world without workers is impossible, a world without capitalism is necessary." Workers and our allies must join us in this fight to save humanity. Our choice is between socialism and capitalist barbarity. Which side are you on? ■

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75 Years of the Great Anti-Fascist Victory

From page 1 day will remain one of the proudest chapters in this war of the peoples united against Nazism and its emulators. The commanders and fighters of your armies at the front and the men and women, who have supported them in factory and field, have combined not only to cover with glory their country's arms, but to inspire by their example fresh determination among all the United Nations to bend every energy to bring about the final defeat and unconditional surrender of the common enemy."

U.K. Prime Minister Wins-



The Soviet Banner of Victory over the Nazi Reichstag in Berlin

ton Churchill in a speech in the House of Commons on August 2nd 1944 stated, "I have left the obvious, essential fact to this point, namely, that it is the Russian Armies who have done the main work in tearing the guts out of the German army. In the air and on the oceans we could maintain our place, but there was no force in the world which could have been called into being, except after several more years, that would have been able to maul and break the German army unless it had been subjected to the terrible slaughter and manhandling

that has fallen to it through the strength of the Russian Soviet Armies."

The Victory of Stalingrad was commemorated by a sword forged by the command of King George VI of the United Kingdom as a gift to Marshal Stalin. On behalf of the British people, it was presented by Churchill on November 29, 1943 at a formal ceremony during the Tehran Conference to comrade Stalin in honor of the heroic Soviet Red Army that defended the city.

When assessing the war, the statistics are self-evident. Approximately 420,000 Americans and 450,000 British people died during the war. At least 26 million Soviets died. That is a 6000% difference. That translates to 62 Soviets were killed for every 1 Ameri-

can. Of the approximately 14 million German soldiers who were killed, wounded, or captured in the Second World War, 10 million were casualties on the Eastern Front. That means nearly 80% of all German military casualties in World War II were on the Eastern Front.

Historian Peter Kuznick describes that "throughout most of World War II, the United States and the British were fighting 10 German divisions combined. The Soviets were fighting 200."

While many U.S. corporations and businessmen like Henry Ford praised and supported Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, the Soviets and the Communist partisans in the occupied countries heroically fought against fascism. We must never forget the heroic sacrifice of the Soviets and Communist Partisans who truly defeated fascism and ended the atrocities of the Nazis. ■



Party Life

Southern District:

The Party has adopted structural changes to the District, such as combining Alabama and Georgia into a club, and South Carolina and Tennessee into the North Carolina club. This change will help our comrades who are typically separated by distance socialize, giving them a place to share ideas and create goals. Lately, we have placed great importance on peace work and our comrades across the South have attended Hands off Venezuela, Iran, and Bolivia demonstrations. We also sent one of our comrades in the Florida club to an Anti-Imperialist Conference in Havana, Cuba.

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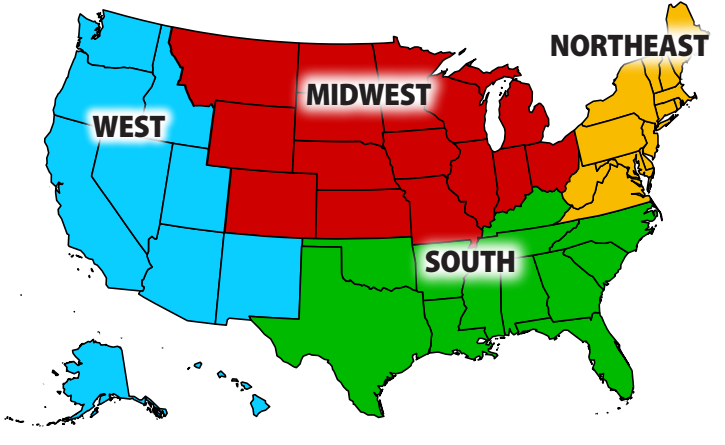
Pacific District:

The Pacific District has strengthened itself by leaps and bounds since the beginning of the year. In tandem with the efforts of the Mass Organizations, the party is growing substantially and working tirelessly to address the issues prevalent to our conditions, such as homeless and unemployment. In the midst of the United States' disastrous "attempts" to combat COVID-19, the murder of

countless Black Lives across the nation, fascistic abductions by state law enforcement in Oregon, and the tyranny of American interventionism, we apply the theory of Marxism-Leninism and Democratic Centralism to practice. The struggle of the working class is at the heart of our District and the injustices of capitalism will not

club have seen huge surges in COVID-19 cases as well as a dying down of protests in support of Black Lives Matter, our members have continued to be involved in political activism whenever the opportunity presents itself. We have had a number of club members participate in protests in and around the Salt Lake City

Party of Communists USA District Map



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Mountain West Club:

Although the states that encompass the Mountain West

area of Utah, such as the July 9th protest which sought to address the Attorney General of Utah's lax treatment of yet another murderous police officer, essentially allowing the murderer to go free. Comrades also went to Ogden in general support of Black Lives Matter, urging local politicians to throw their support behind the movement as well. In addition, we had a club member go out to

protests in Santa Fe and Albuquerque in support of Black Lives Matter, both of which were spontaneous and peaceful, as protestors stood by to give water and food to the masses, as well as working in compliance with COVID-19 regulations (the wearing of masks, for example). Our club members continue to stand ready to support this and all other revolutionary movements that seek to liberate the oppressed masses, for the people of Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah, and everywhere else in the USA.

New England Club:

The New England Club is officially now the Elizabeth Gurley Flynn Club. Comrades have been engaged in non-stop party work, attending rallies against war, police violence, and the Trump administration. Currently, the New England Club is focused on Christopher Helali's campaign for Congress in Vermont.

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From page 1 The problems we are facing, with regards to coronavirus, are exactly why we need socialism. Look at how dysfunctional the bourgeois state is; they are only worried about their money, not about the people. People are losing their jobs, or they are being sent home without any sick leave at all, let alone paid sick leave. Many of these people have children being sent home from school as well, and there is no childcare being provided for them. People who are not sick are forced home to take care of their children, and they will lose pay over this. The bourgeois state is scrambling around, incapable of properly addressing all these issues, because they lack the state power to do what is necessary. The bourgeoisie's preoccupation with maintaining their profits, over the lives and well-being of the people, has shown the true nature of capitalism. Meanwhile, we can look towards countries with socialized healthcare, such as Vietnam, where they have tac-

kled the issue to the best of their ability, and the virus is on its way to being wiped out. Immediately, they built the necessary test kits, and got to work. This shows the efficiency of a planned economy. In China, those who are quarantined are not worried about becoming homeless, or going hungry, the state provides for their people. Capitalist states worry about the bottom dollar, socialist states worry about the people. As well, in Vietnam, they have taken the proper measures to ensure that the needs are met of all people affected by the virus,

including food. Again, this shows the functionality of socialized healthcare as opposed to private healthcare, and the need to abolish capitalism.

The Party of Communists USA demands the United States Government to:

- Provide quality healthcare to every person in the country, with no out-of-pocket costs at entry.
- Begin mass production of testing kits so every person showing cold/flu symptoms may be tested
- Work with China and Cuba to

better coordinate the production and development of vaccines and anti-viral drugs.

- Release all those currently imprisoned in so-called "migrant detention centers"
- Provide job protections and mandatory paid sick leave so that all may properly self-quarantine without fear of losing their livelihoods and their ability to provide food for themselves and their family
- Cease the demonization of China's response to the pandemic, and cease demonization of the Chinese and other

- ethnic groups/immigrants
- FREE healthcare.
- FREE healthcare is a human right. To have this right is to have the freedom to pursue life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, as we have been falsely promised since the founding of this nation, and the rights we the people will never have under a capitalist mode of production.

Covid-19 has succeeded in revealing the absolute weakness of American capitalism when dealing with a crisis. Whilst countries like China and Vietnam have succeeded in containing the virus, America instead chooses to contain Wall Street losses, with a \$3+ TRILLION bailout, leaving ordinary working-class Americans to fend for themselves. It is socialism for the rich, and brutal capitalism for the rest! This is simply unacceptable, atrocious and outrageous, and these kinds of actions must be met with the fury of the people! ■

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Reseña De Película De “Daniel” Dirigida por Sidney Lumet

Arts and Cultural Commission
José Esparza

“Daniel” del director Sidney Lumet es una película sobre los hijos de una pareja comunista acusada de espiar para la Unión Soviética durante la Guerra Fría. Los niños, Daniel (interpretado por Timothy Hutton) y Susan (interpretada por Amanda Plummer), deambulan de familia en familia después de que sus padres, Paul Isakson (interpretado por Mandy Patinkin) y Rochelle (Lindsay Crouse), son miembros dedicados del Partido Comunista que representan Julius y Ethel Rosenberg. Los Rosenbergs que fueron ejecutados injustamente por transmitir secretos atómicos en junio de 1953. Sus hijos Michael y Robert quedaron huérfanos y se mudaron de casa en casa durante la mayor parte de su infancia.

La interpretación cinematográfica de Lumet de E.L. El “Libro de Daniel” de Doctorow es una película sobre la búsqueda de Daniel Isakson de la verdad sobre el encarcelamiento de sus padres y su posterior ejecución por electrocución. Como una corriente de electricidad, la película comienza con un primer plano fascinante de la cara de Daniel mientras recita información objetiva sobre los dos principales productores mundiales de electricidad en el mundo, los Estados Unidos y la Unión Soviética. El tono de la película está establecido: una guerra entre dos gigantes luchadores en las salas de estar y en los hogares de la gente común. La cámara retrocede lentamente y revela una cara aguda, arenosa y barbuda del protagonista de la película involucrado en un soliloquio de algunos hechos muy modernos con los que cualquier audiencia de hoy puede relacionarse: la electricidad. Cuando termina el soliloquio de Daniel, somos transportados a un luminoso comedor el Día de Acción de Gracias cuando Daniel y su hermana Susan discuten sobre la política del día: la participación de Estados Unidos en Vietnam y el movimiento contra la guerra liderado por estudiantes.

La ejecución del Isakson deja un trauma indeleble y profundo en Daniel y Susan mientras intentan encontrar respuestas a los eventos que devastaron sus vidas. Lumet es magistral en su uso de la tensión emocional y la profunda desesperación entre los dos hermanos en la mesa de la cena de Acción de Gracias que sirve como campo de batalla entre los dos niños ahora adultos. Susan trata desesperadamente de conectarse con los recuerdos de sus padres arrojándose a movimientos y causas estudiantiles

radicales, y se deleita en mostrar sus cicatrices de batalla como prueba de su compromiso con la causa del día. Amanda Plummer usa su voz aguda y aguda para un efecto máximo mientras acentúa la ira y la desesperación de tratar de encontrar justicia en causas externas a ella. Daniel, por otro lado, se sumerge en su familia recién formada y en su trabajo de posgrado, que se ve interrumpido por el creciente clamor del movimiento de protesta estudiantil que se desarrolla en el fondo.

Daniel es una víctima del sistema capitalista. Daniel y Susan son el resultado de la disolución de la familia, ya que sus padres son perseguidos después de servir a su país durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial; regresar fielmente a casa para criar una familia como cualquier otra familia estadounidense. Lo que sigue es el recuerdo de Daniel de su primera infancia repleto de salidas de campamento de verano en las logias del Partido Comunista en las montañas Catskill. Recuerdos felices no diferentes a los de otros niños estadounidenses. Lumet reconstruye estas escenas de eventos reales, ya que el número de miembros del Partido Comunista era de miles, donde los discursos y seminarios eran comunes mientras los miembros escuchaban atentamente los temas y las perspectivas marxistas del Partido. Para muchos estadounidenses, especialmente aquellos con lealtades o afinidades de derecha, escenas como estas los asustaron, ya que era una prueba de que los comunistas, a menudo retratados en muchas revistas de derecha como agentes engañosos del mal universal, solo los hicieron encogerse ante la idea de que Los comunistas eran estadounidenses pacíficos que disfrutaban de las bromas de la vida tanto como ellos. Los tiempos fueron buenos, para algunos, pero fueron de corta duración ya que el macartismo levantó su fea cabeza enfrentando a los estadounidenses con los estadounidenses. La Guerra Fría se desencadenó no sólo en el extranjero, sino también en casa, y evidentemente fue brutal sin escatimar a nadie.

En general, Daniel trata sobre la destrucción no solo de una familia dedicada a construir el socialismo a través del Partido Comunista en América, sino más bien sobre la destrucción de las familias por el capitalismo y el sistema político que lo apoya en los Estados Unidos. La industrialización ha dejado muchas pruebas de que no sólo estimuló el crecimiento de la población sino que indirectamente divide a las familias. Dos de los prin-

Un “sabor a socialismo” puede curar a COVID-19

Por: Comisión Laboral de PCUSA

Proponemos al pueblo americano un programa simple que pide el control del gobierno de EE.UU. de sectores clave de nuestra economía que han sido mal manejados por los especuladores del sector privado. Una vez más las medidas socialistas son necesarias para producir la recuperación del saqueo y el fracaso capitalista como fue el caso en la Gran Depresión de 1929. ¿Por qué deberían los ejecutivos de las aerolíneas privadas obtener rescates económicos cuando nuestro propio servicio postal público no puede obtener los fondos necesarios para promover el bienestar general del pueblo? ¿Por qué los ejecutivos de las aerolíneas deben ser recompensados con grandes rescates del gobierno por empresas en quiebra? ¡Los trabajadores recompensan el éxito, no el fracaso!

Nuestro simple programa es requerir que el gobierno federal se haga cargo de las industrias clave son los que los capitalistas se refieren como las “alturas dominantes” de la economía.

1. La atención médica: Todo el cuidado de la salud debe ser dirigido por el gobierno federal. El mejor ejemplo de cuidado de la salud manejado por el gobierno son los hospitales de la Administración de Veteranos (VA). La industria farmacéutica debe estar bajo control federal para evitar la estafa de precios y la

deshonestidad. Todos deben recibir Medicare/Medicaid como su seguro, sin importar si ya tienen seguro o no. Su seguro de Medicare/Medicaid debe ser la principal forma de pago para todos los asuntos médicos. A nadie se le debe negar la atención por no poder pagar. Todos los médicos, enfermeras y personal auxiliar del hospital deben recibir un cheque federal para que el dinero de nuestros contribuyentes pueda ser contabilizado.

2. Seguridad Social: Los beneficios deben ser incrementados. Los americanos mayores y los discapacitados no pueden depender de un pago único de \$1,200! Necesitamos pagos mensuales regulares de \$2,000 al mes además de nuestro beneficio regular del Seguro Social.

3. La manufactura: Todas las compañías manufactureras como GM, GE, 3M, Ford, Chrysler, y todas las demás deberían ser absorbidas por el gobierno federal y reequipadas para fabricar el equipo médico necesario como máscaras, protectores faciales, trajes para evitar la contaminación bacteriana, desinfectantes de manos y jabón, etc.

4. Distribución: Todos los centros de distribución deben ser administrados por el gobierno federal para asegurar

que los protocolos de salud y seguridad sean los adecuados. Esto es especialmente cierto en los centros de distribución de alimentos como Tyson Foods y Smithfield, y JBS donde se han producido brotes de COVID-19.

5. Todos los lugares públicos y reuniones deben permanecer cerrados y prohibidos hasta nuevo aviso. Labor Today (LUCS) cree que toda la vida es preciosa y hasta que estemos seguros, debemos quedarnos en casa y sólo salir cuando sea absolutamente necesario. Nuestro eslogan es: “Nuestra salud triunfa sobre su riqueza”.

Sólo el gobierno federal puede dar una respuesta efectiva a la crisis de COVID-19. Un sistema de rescate del sector privado poco sistemático y fragmentario nos está fallando a todos. Debemos actuar rápidamente ahora para salvar vidas y evitar un colapso económico que será un desastre mayor que el que ocurrió aquí en los años 30.

Nuestros colegas de la Federación Mundial de Sindicatos (FSM) tienen un dicho que vale la pena repetir aquí: “Un mundo sin trabajadores es imposible, un mundo sin capitalismo es necesario.” Los trabajadores y nuestros aliados deben unirse a nosotros en esta lucha para salvar a la humanidad. Nuestra elección es entre el socialismo y la barbarie capitalista. ¿De qué lado estás? ■

cipales intelectuales del mundo occidental (William Blake y Friedrich Engels) escribieron sobre la disolución de la familia como la unidad básica de cualquier sociedad destruida por los insidiosos efectos del capitalismo. El poeta romántico William Blake relató este fenómeno en muchos poemas compuestos durante la revolución industrial en las Islas Británicas en la última parte del siglo XIX. Blake frecuentemente hizo referencias poéticas a los niños sin padres. Engels analizó la lenta destrucción de la familia en términos económicos en su “El origen de la familia, la propiedad privada y el Estado”. Lumet continúa esta narración a través de Daniel mientras narra la lenta disolución de los Isakson. Aunque Lumet hace algo diferente pero sin saberlo; le da a su audiencia una visión interna de la ruptura de una familia estadounidense, una familia que participó en la lucha contra el fascismo tanto en el país como en el extranjero. Una familia que no difiere de ninguna otra familia estadounidense, la única diferencia son sus ideales políticos que los convirtieron en chivos expiatorios en un reino de terror patrocinado por el estado contra una familia estadounidense. ■



Mientras Trump suspende el financiamiento de la OMS, arremete contra China y confisca equipos de protección, la Brigada Médica Internacional Henry Reeve de Cuba está luchando contra COVID-19 en 22 países. Estos doctores realmente merecen el Premio Nobel de la Paz.