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World Anti-Imperialist Platform Meets

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The **World Anti-Imperialist Platfor (WAP)** was founded in 2022 after Russia launched its military operation against NATO fascism in the Ukraine. The Platform held a meeting in Seoul, South Korea addressing the threat of fascism and imperialism in today's world. The Platform met a week after the 78th anniversary of the WWII Victory over Fascism in Europe. The World Anti-Imperialist Platform program can be found at <https://wap21.org/?p=390>.

The Party of Communists USA (PCUSA) sent a delegate, Chris Helali, whose speech called for united action against the US-EU-NATO takeover of the Ukraine in 2014.

Helali also described the US-led separatist movement in Taiwan against China, as well as the US military involvement on the Korean Peninsula. Helali's speech can be found here: <https://wap21.org/?p=3973>.

The birth of the **World Anti-Imperialist Platform** is a shining example for a renewed revolutionary, anti-imperialist movement worldwide.



Christopher J. Helali gave a speech at the WAP meeting on behalf of the Party of Communist USA

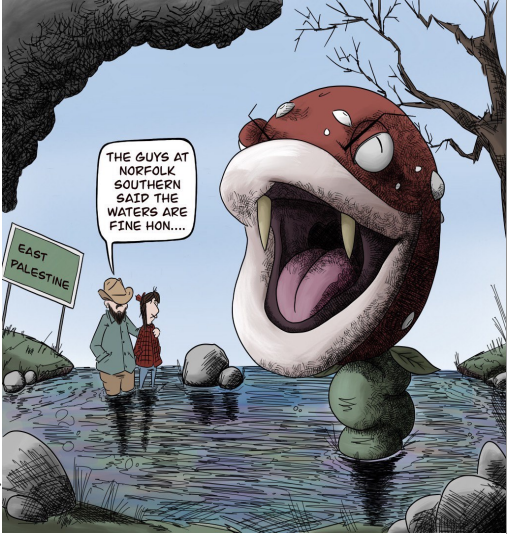
Environment

Toxic Railroad Disaster

By Ben Olive,
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The Norfolk Southern railroad corporation caused an environmental disaster in East Palestine, Ohio after repeated union warnings about unsafe practices. In early February of this year, Norfolk Southern's unsafe practices caused a train to derail in East Palestine, OH. The derailed train spilled thousands of gallons of deadly chemicals, which were then burned off into a massive black plume. At the time, Norfolk was using precision-scheduled railroading, an often-criticized practice where railroad companies attempt to make deliveries with as little margin for time as is physically possible.

While this helps railroad companies yield profits far exceeding those of the average American business, it comes at the expense of traditional safety measures. According to Cheryl Roffe, an organizer with Earth Before Profits, "railroad workers and unions on the ground have been begging the press to report what has become increasingly obvious to them after the implementation of PSR. Their bosses have employed fewer inspectors per train,



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increased trains to lengths of a mile or more, and even told workers to skip safety inspections altogether so they can run more trains." The working-class residents of East Palestine, OH have been left holding the bag so that rail tycoons can take in obscene profits. Norfolk Southern shareholders have bragged in their financial reports that it's less expensive to deal with the cost of derailments in residential areas, rather than following standard safety procedures. While corporate interests essentially get away with murder, thousands of dead animals lie in the forest and streams of Ohio, and citizens will have to live their lives surrounded by cancerous toxins.

Civil Liberties

Editorial

Rosenberg Murders Marks 70 Years



Pablo Picasso

70 years since their barbaric execution, the controversy over the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg still goes unresolved. Caught in an FBI witch-hunt that many believe could have ensnared any U.S. leftist (communist or not), the Rosenbergs resisted government and media demands for "full and complete cooperation" in exchange for their lives. This cooperation mandated naming the names of

other alleged conspirators in what was popularly dubbed the "red spy ring."

Instead, they refused to compromise their integrity. Historians, legal scholars, and authors have all claimed that the Rosenbergs' arrest, indictment, trial, and death sentence were all carried out improperly by falsifications, mishandling of our judicial process, and dubious testimonies as "evidence." Many

have been able to obtain some files from the FBI and CIA's declassified documents about the case. Washington, however, refuses to release all the files.

The continued struggle of peace and freedom forces to exonerate Ethel and Julius Rosenberg remains a glorious chapter in the history of our struggle for world peace and justice. Progressive forces in our country must continue the campaign to exonerate Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

US Economy: Inflation or Bank Collapse

By **Dr. Robert Daly,**
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The ongoing banking crisis that felled three US banks and Switzerland’s Credit Suisse in the past 12 days slowed today the rate of increase of the interest rates controlled by the Federal Reserve Board (hereafter, “the Fed”) in its fight against inflation. The Fed raised its key interest rate only one quarter of 1 percent (0.25%), as if it is testing the waters, before pursuing further rate increases, to see if this modest rate increase has a deleterious effect on the banking system. For inflation is far from tamed. “The CPI [Consumer Price Index] for services inflation without energy services jumped by 7.3% in February year-over-year, the worst increase since 1982 and the third month in a row above 7%, according to the CPI data released today [March 14] by the Bureau of Labor Statistics,” reports Wolf Richter. Inflation in services is accelerating, not slowing down.

Even with today’s hike, the Federal Reserve interest rate stands at only 5%. That’s still lower than the overall rate of inflation (6.4%). To tame inflation, the Fed must raise its rate to above the rate of inflation. The Fed has to raise rates at least another point and a half to have any effect. But the core of US inflation is in services, for we are a services economy, and the rate of inflation in services is 7.3%. The Fed has work to do if it’s going to tame inflation. But there’s a problem: Rising interest rates reduce the value of U.S. Treasury bonds held by banks, that the banks bought before the rates went up, because those bonds are compared to the newer bonds recently issued that carry a higher interest rate: When they try to sell their old bonds to meet depositor withdrawal demands, they lose money and the banks could become insolvent, as happened to

Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), according to a Social Science Research Network research paper. In other words, the very fight against inflation makes some banks insolvent. As Sputnik said, “financial institutions have a significant amount of their assets in interest rate-sensitive financial instruments like government bonds and mortgage-backed securities. The Federal Reserve’s aggressive rate hikes have had a tremendous impact on these instruments by eating away at their value.” According to the Social Science Research paper, “Nearly 200 American banks face similar risks to those that led to the implosion and bankruptcy of Silicon Valley Bank.” So, the US economy is now in the crisis predicted by The Worker last September when we wrote: “Watch the Fed raise rates higher and higher as inflation rages... But now the financial system is so interlocked, that if one bank or corporation fails, many more follow. So, the Fed might scale back its rate hikes before it tames inflation in order to avoid a financial blowout.” The Fed cannot fight inflation as hard and fast as it would like. It is no longer talking about “ongoing rate increases.” In response to the recent crisis, the Fed has entered a “new regime: tightening monetary policy while providing liquidity support for banks,” says Richter. The European Central Bank is following the same policy. Richter compares this to “stepping on the brake with one foot and putting an arm around the baby to keep her from hitting the dashboard.” As part of its policy, the government is orchestrating a bailout for millionaire bank depositors, and this we must oppose. (No bailout is needed for small depositors like you and me, for our deposits are insured by the Federal

Deposit Insurance Corporation.) For example, Silicon Valley Bank was a bank for millionaires. Ninety percent of their depositors had over \$250,000 in the bank, which is the limit for insured deposits. Senator James Lankford said on the senate floor, “That’s not normal!” Now the government is expecting small banks across the country to pay a special fee “to bailout a bank for millionaires in San Francisco,” said the Senator. Another problem is that new government policies are protecting big depositors in big banks, but not in small rural banks, so that government policy is encouraging big depositors in small banks to shift their funds to large banks, the Senator pointed out to a nervous Treasury Secretary Janice Yellen in a hearing March 21. Despite what he said on the Senate floor, Lankford now seems to want a bailout for big depositors in rural banks as well.

The Worker opposes any bailout for large depositors and the enactment of any bank bailout fees. Dishonest, speculative gains should be wiped out. Most of those who have been calling for interest rate cuts are either speculators, e.g. the disgraced former Lehman Brothers vice-president Lawrence McDonald, 6 or government officials from the hoopla of banking deregulation (1980 to 1999). These are the people who rode the expanding balloon of the US money supply ‘under the Fed’s outrageous “Wealth effect” policy,’ as The Communist 2022 issue explains. Such was SVB, for Fed chair Jerome Powell called that bank “an outlier,” that is, they engaged in speculation in volatile assets and other activities that used to be barred by the Glass-Steagall Act which the drive for deregulation repealed in 1999. SVB’s depositors benefited from the bank’s casino banking. No need to bail them out. Bring back Glass-Steagall! During this crisis, many people are buying gold to protect themselves and their families if there’s a crash.

(Editorial Note: The Worker opposes bailouts for rich depositors.)

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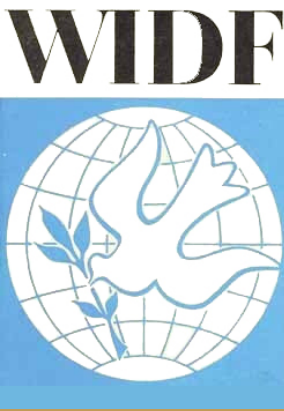
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Women

Pay Women for Family Caretaking

By **Anna Scibek** (*Women for Racial and Economic Equality*)

Imagine a world where parents can drop their children off at a safe, nurturing daycare center on their way to work, knowing that their kids are in good hands. Imagine the peace of mind that comes with knowing that your elderly loved ones are receiving high-quality care at a state-of-the-art nursing home. These are the kinds of services that a worker-controlled state could provide, transforming care-giving from a burden into a source of support and stability for families across the country.

The expectation that women will take on the role of primary caregivers is not only unfair but also harmful to their well-being and that of their families. When a woman has to quit her job or leave school to take care of a child or elderly family member, she may lose out on opportunities for career advancement and financial stability. During the start of the pandemic, over 2 million women had to leave the workforce due to childcare alone. This can lead to long-term financial struggles,

making it difficult to provide for herself, let alone her family. Care-taking responsibilities are also emotionally and mentally taxing, leading to stress, burnout, and other negative health effects. As a mother and primary caretaker for my grandmother until her death, I have first-hand experience of the economic and emotional toll of having to put my own career and personal goals on hold to take care of my loved ones.

The negative impact of care-taking responsibilities hit close to home for me. I felt trapped, and guilty for feeling trapped. I poured from my glass into others, but who refilled mine? We’re long past due to take on this challenge of reorganizing society to alleviate the unequal status of women. What we need is a fundamental transformation of our economic and political system; one that recognizes the value of care-giving and puts human needs at the center of our priorities. As long as women are left with ‘no choice’ but to subsidize care-taking for the capitalist state, their status will not change. Addressing the crisis of care-giving

with piecemeal reforms is like trying to put out a forest fire with a garden hose. The problem is too big and too systemic to be solved through incremental change.

Are we content to let caregivers struggle in isolation and families fall apart, or do we have a responsibility to build a more just and equitable society for all? A recent news story emerged about a single mother who was arrested for leaving her child unattended while she went to a job interview. It’s clear that this mother was faced with an impossible choice: risk her child’s safety and well-being in order to attend an interview that could help her provide for her family. This is just one example of the desperation that many women face when it comes to care-giving responsibilities, and it underscores the urgent need for societal and structural changes that will support and uplift caregivers, rather than punishing them for trying to make ends meet.

Letters to the Editor

July 4th- The Meaning for Communists

On July 4 we celebrate one of the greatest events of history - the signing of the first great modern charter of democracy, the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Though five more years of war were needed to give King George III and his Tory supporters their final defeat, the democratic American nation had its birth on that day. The Declaration of Independence was based on a solid confidence and faith in the common man, in the ability of people to govern themselves. The final authority rests with the people who are the real rulers. According to the intentions of Jefferson and most of the signers, this principle was to be the basis for the American system of government.

This doctrine was most disagreeable to the big American merchants who did a prosperous trade with England, to the aristocratic, the prosperous and the privileged, to the officers, judges, and countless other officials of the British crown and their hangers-on. To these gentry Washington’s army and supporters were the “propertyless rabble” whom they hated and feared far more than foreign domination. These are the gentlemen who organized the Tory party, who financed, supported and spied for the English king against their countrymen. But side by side with riches there grew poverty. We have within our borders some of the most beautiful cities in the world, but in those cities there are slums that breed crime and disease. We have factories and plants that can produce food, clothing and modern housing for twice our population,

but many of our people are hungry, ill-clad, ill-housed. Our old people approach age with fear and insecurity. What has happened to the America of Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, Tom Paine, the America of Valley Forge and Yorktown? The answer is: the rise of Monopoly Capital. Stated in another way, great banks and corporations, fattening on the labor of workers and farmers and by devouring small enterprises, have gathered into their hands ownership and control of the sources of wealth of our country.

The concentration of wealth into the hands of the few has naturally meant that enormous political power has also been concentrated into these same hands. Exactly what Thomas Jefferson feared and sought to prevent had come to pass. The history of America since Jefferson has been largely the struggle of the American

people against the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the few. Even at the very birth of the Republic, the representatives of the entrenched wealth of the day, of whom Alexander Hamilton was the outstanding spokesman, sought to secure economic and political power for the large propertied interests. To this end they bitterly opposed a democratic constitution. It was only after a long popular struggle that Jefferson won the inclusion of the Bill of Rights in to the Constitution as the first ten Amendments. Today the nation is again faced with a decisive struggle between the forces of democracy and progress and the forces of reaction.

Alex Dillard
Sunnyvale, California



Tenth Communist Party USA convention in Chicago. Portraits of Lincoln, Lenin and Stalin flanked the stage while the Party’s leader spoke, May 1938

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Defend the African People's Socialist Party from Gov't Attack

Black Liberation Commission, PCUSA

The Black Liberation Commission of the Party of Communists USA condemns the unlawful raids by the FBI on chairman Omali Yeshitala and the African People’s Socialist Party.

We stand in full solidarity with them against this unlawful act by a federal agency against a revolutionary organization. This sets a dangerous precedent for anti war activists in the United States who refuse to tow the line of the Bourgeois state.


This is the continuation of the ongoing war waged by the U.S. Government against black people and POC who are vocal in their opposition to U.S. policy, most notably Mumia Abu Jamal and Leonard Peltier who are unjustly imprisoned by the so-called justice system. We believe nobody should be harassed by federal agencies for speaking truth to power, which has haunted federal agencies since the days of COINTELPRO.


**Black Liberation Commission,
Party of Communists USA**


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Se reúne la Plataforma Antiimperialista Mundial

Por Tyler Lyons
Servicios de Noticias del Trabajadores

La Plataforma Antiimperialista Mundial se fundó en 2022 después de que Rusia lanzara su Operación Militar Especial para combatir el régimen nazi respaldado por la Organización del Tratado del Atlántico Norte (OTAN) en Kiev. La reunión, que tuvo lugar una semana después del 78 aniversario de la Victoria sobre el Fascismo en Europa, abordó la amenaza del fascismo y el imperialismo en el mundo actual. Se puede acceder al programa de la Plataforma Mundial Antiimperialista en <https://wap21.org/?p=390>.

El Partido de los Comunistas de EE. UU. (PCUSA) envió a un delegado, Chris Helali, cuyo discurso pidió una acción unida contra la toma de poder de Ucrania por parte de EE. UU., la UE y la OTAN en 2014.

Helali también describió el movimiento separatista liderado por EE. UU. en Taiwán contra China como la intervención militar estadounidense en la península de Corea. El discurso de Helali se puede encontrar aquí: <https://wap21.org/?p=3973>.

El nacimiento de la Plataforma Mundial Antiimperialista y la representación de PCUSA en la plataforma es un faro brillante para el renovado movimiento revolucionario antiimperialista en todo el mundo.



Discurso de Christopher J. Helali en WAP en nombre del Partido de los Comunistas de EE. UU.

Cartas al Editor

4 De Julio - El Significado Para Los Comunistas

El 4 de julio celebramos uno de los mayores bellas del mundo, pero en esas ciudades hay acontecimientos de la historia: la firma de la barrios marginales que engendran el crimen y la primera gran carta moderna de la democracia, la enfermedad. Tenemos fábricas y plantas que Declaración de Independencia en 1776. Aunque pueden producir alimentos, ropa y viviendas se necesitaron cinco años más de guerra para modernas para el doble de nuestra población, que el rey Jorge III y sus seguidores pero mucha de nuestra gente está hambrienta, conservadores tuvieron su último derrota, la mal vestida, mal alojada. Nuestros viejos se nación democrática americana tuvo su acercan a la edad con miedo e inseguridad. nacimiento en ese día.

La Declaración de Independencia se basó en una sólida confianza y fe en el hombre común, en la capacidad de las personas para gobernarse a sí mismas. La autoridad final descansa en las personas que son los verdaderos gobernantes. De acuerdo con las intenciones de Jefferson y la mayoría de los firmantes, este principio sería la base del sistema de gobierno estadounidense. Esta doctrina era sumamente desagradable para los grandes comerciantes estadounidenses que comerciaban prósperamente con Inglaterra, para los aristócratas, los prósperos y los privilegiados, para los oficiales, jueces y otros incontables funcionarios de la corona británica y sus secuaces. Para estos nobles, el ejército y los partidarios de Washington eran la “chusma sin propiedad” a la que odiaban y temían mucho más que a la dominación extranjera. Estos son los señores que organizaron el partido tory, que financiaron, apoyaron y espionaron para el rey inglés contra sus compatriotas.

Pero al lado de la riqueza creció la pobreza. Tenemos dentro de nuestras fronteras algunas de las ciudades más

Jefferson, Samuel Adams, Tom Paine, la América de Valley Forge Y Yorktown? La respuesta es: el surgimiento del capital monopolista. Dicho de otro modo, los grandes bancos y corporaciones, engordando con el trabajo de los trabajadores y campesinos y devorando a las pequeñas empresas, han acaparado en sus manos la propiedad y el control de las fuentes de riqueza de nuestro país.

Alex Dillard
Sunnyvale, California

¿Qué ha pasado con la América de Thomas



Décima convención del Partido Comunista de EE.UU. en Chicago. Retratos de Lincoln, Lenin y Stalin flanqueaban el escenario, mientras el líder del Partido hablaba, mayo de 1938