Workers’ struggles are key, not who’s on the Court

BY TERRY EVANS

When Anthony Kennedy announced he was retiring from the U.S. Supreme Court, the liberal press and middle-class left let out a howl — President Donald Trump is going to remake the court so deeply reactionary that our social rights will be irrevocably gutted. They desperately hope to stop up their “resistance” to the president and his nomination of long-time Judge Brett Kavanaugh, or at least put off the confirmation vote until after this fall’s midterm election.

The Democrats dream of a sweep in November, though they’re enmeshed in a passionate debate over what type of candidates to field. Some have gone gaga over Democratic Socialist of America member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s Democratic Party primary win in New York. Others respond that candidates like her are a ticket Continued on page 6

‘We need to tell the truth’ about US colonial rule in Puerto Rico

BY SETH GALINSKY

On July 3 the government-owned electric company of Puerto Rico claimed electricity had been restored to 99.9 percent of its customers. That was little consolation to the over 2,000 mostly rural households still without power nearly 10 months after Hurricane Maria hit the island.

And the U.S. colony’s semi-remote, but still antiquated electric grid couldn’t stand up to a few inches of rain and up to 40 mph wind gusts from former Hurricane Beryl July 9. By the time the storm had passed

more than 15,000 households were without electricity — not a good omen for what working people face the next few months of hurricane season.

“We are in a better position with involuntary manslaughter. Residents of Humacao and Yabucoa, part of the area hardest hit by Maria, were not impressed by promises. “It’s just words coming out of a mouth,” Luis “Cheverito” Velázquez, Continued on page 7

SWP: Get US rulers’ troops, planes, bombs out of Puerto Rico!

BY BRIAN WILLIAMS

Negotiations toward implementing the declaration signed by President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at their June 12 summit in Singapore on denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula are proceeding. This is despite public jockeying and a shrill chorus from liberal media moguls insisting Trump got bamboozled and steps toward relaxation of tensions are a sham.

The prospects opened by the Singapore summit are good for the working class, not just in the U.S. and Korea, but in Japan, China, across the Pacific and worldwide. The indefinite suspensions of U.S.-South Korea war games — which Trump admitted are “provocative” — the possibility of U.S. pulling some of its 28,500 troops out of Korea, and other steps toward ratcheting down war threats in the Continued on page 6

Unions rally in fight for gov’t-funded pensions

All workers need pensions at union-scale pay

BY EMMA JOHNSON

Car caravans and busloads of active and retired union members from across the Midwest and beyond are gathering in their thousands at the Ohio state Capitol in Columbus July 12. They’re demanding that the government fund the pensions for hundreds of thousands of workers who depend on plans on the brink of bankruptcy.

The rally — set the day before a meeting there of Congress’ Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans — underscores the need for the union movement to champion the fight for government-guaranteed pensions for all workers at union-scale pay. More than 600,000 retired and working members of several of the unions organizing the rally — the United Mine Workers, the Teamsters, and the Bak-

ery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers — belong to plans that face bankruptcy in the coming few years.

“Our pension fund goes insol Continued on page 3

Pittsburgh protests continue in fight to convict cop who shot Antwon Rose

BY JOHN STUDER

Protests against the killing of 17-year-old African-American high school student Antwon Rose by East Pittsburgh cop Michael Rosfeld have continued since he was shot in the back June 19. Rosfeld was arrested and charged with criminal homicide, which could result in a conviction ranging from first degree murder to involuntary manslaughter.

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Books by SWP leaders draw interest at Tehran book fair

BY CATHERINA TIRSEN

TEHRAN, Iran — The 31st Tehran International Book Fair — held under the slogan “No to Not Reading Books” — took place here. The annual event was held at the Imam Khomeini Mosalla, an enormous mosque in the heart of the city.

Over 2,500 Iranian publishers and representatives of 300 foreign publishing houses had stands. Surrounding the book fair are food stands, loudspeakers with music, walkways and parks for the hundreds of thousands of visitors, giving the event a festival atmosphere.

For the 27th time Pathfinder Books in the United Kingdom participated. This year the booth featured three books on the conditions and struggles of working people in the United States: Are They Rich Because They’re Smart? Class, Privilege and Learning under Capitalism and The Clintons’ Anti-Working-Class Record: Why Washington Fears Working People. Both by Jack Barnes, national secretary of the Socialist Workers Party in the U.S., as well as is Socialist Revolution in the US Possible? A Necessary Debate by SWP leader Mary-Alice Waters. Visitors were interested in what working people face in the U.S. The three titles were the best sellers, with 85 copies sold altogether.

Is Biology Woman’s Destiny?

In April Talaye Porsoo volunteers also took their titles to a book fair at Kabul University in Afghanistan. (Far- si, often called Dari, is widely read in Afghanistan.) They sold out of several titles the first day, including Socialism and Man in Cuba by Che Guevara and How Far We Slaves Have Come! which contains speeches by Nelson Mandela and Fidel Castro about the impact of Cuba’s internationalist course in bringing down the white supremacist regime in South Africa. As other titles got low in stock, among them books on the fight for women’s emancipation, the Talaye Porsoo representatives had several re-prints made there in Kabul!

BY MIKE TUCKER

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Hundreds of farmers department store workers across New Zealand, members of the First Union, went on strike for up to five hours July 5 to press demands for better wages and conditions.

“Performance pay” is the main issue,” said Maureen Scott, one of 60 workers from company stores in west Auckland who picketed St. Lukes Mall. Pay scales start at the minimum wage of 16.50 New Zealand dollars (US$11.20), with NZ$17.50 being the top pay for most jobs. Any further increases depend on performance reviews conducted at the discretion of managers. The bosses try to use the lure of higher pay from these “performance assessments” to divide workers and push them to work harder and compete to sell more.

Over 600 workers have submitted a petition to Farmers demanding an end to the performance pay system and for a minimum pay rate of NZ$20.55 an hour. The union estimates 80 percent of the workforce earns below that rate.

Many workers are kept on part time, one of over 60 workers from stores in south Auckland who rallied at a busy intersection in Botany Town Centre told the Militant: “It’s hard to get a good amount of hours to work” to make up for the low pay, she said, “and it’s not humanly possible to do what we’re expected to do in those hours.”

Farmers is a nationwide chain of 59 stores that sell a wide variety of clothes, cosmetics, toys, homeware and electrical goods. Most workers are women.

Workers at the Botany rally described how they’re pressured to garner donations from customers for company-sponsored charities. If they hit the day’s target, managers give them a chocolate bar as a “reward.”

Picketers, rallies and marches took place in eight other cities and towns alongside the two in Auckland. The First Union said 93 percent of its members at Farmers had voted for the protest strike after rejecting the company’s new contract offer. For most of those taking part it was their first time on strike.

As the Botany picket concluded, one worker called out, “When’s the next one?”
Unions rally for pensions

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Militant July 3 that the union had organized dozens of buses from West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Alabama. Miners from as far away as Utah and Colorado are going. Like the Teamsters, the United Mine Workers 1974 Pension Plan is on the verge of insolvency, a move that will affect 87,000 retired and 20,000 working miners.

Retirement is not a ‘fringe benefit’

During the world capitalist eco-

Unions...social rights...class leader...

Unions have organized two summer road trips to the Carolinas to visit his relatives in the good times – for the working class — wages high enough to make meeting these life-or-death needs the responsibility of individuals and their families.”

“Our fund was driven towards insol-

This is the price paid for the union of-

Retroactive increases in contribution rates and a cut in benefits for several years and helped get his union to support other hard-fought workers’ struggles, like the sugar beet workers locked out by American Crystal Sugar bosses in Minnesota and the lumber workers in Idaho, organized by the United Steelworkers, who have been on strike since March 2017. Local 21 has made financial contribu-

Hundreds celebrate life of ILWU fighter Byron Jacobs

BY EDWIN FRUIT

LONGVIEW, Wash. — Some 500 people gathered at the Cowlitz Coun-

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Lumbee Indian heritage.

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The meeting was chaired by Kel-

Many in the audience wore black shirts for the occasion say-

“They can’t take such long trips and they can’t take the heat. We expect 10,000 Team-

More and more of these pension and health care plans become con-

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**Strikers chase scabs from Ontario salt mine**

Of the clinics themselves. The fight to keep clinics open will continue for the working class. Increased access to birth control won affirmative action, abortion rights, and War II, as well as of the civil rights and struggles of women and men who took legal in the early 1970s through the gress reverse its June 30 vote upholding 4. The Militant 23, 2018

July 26, 1993

Working people should demand Congress reverse its June 30 vote upholding the Hyde amendment, which bans federal funds for abortions. It denies millions of women— particularly working-class women— their right to decide when and whether to have children.

The right to choose abortion became legal in the early 1970s through the struggles of women and men who took to the streets in protest. It was the by-product of the massive influx of women into the workforce. Women used the new opportunity to fight for better working conditions to be imposed on future union members' claims for unemployment benefits.

The bosses are demanding concessions from current workers and harsher working when their contract expired, they discovered they had been locked-out union members' claims for unemployment benefits. The union fact sheet says, "even as National Grid sees tremendous prof- its and benefits from recent tax cuts." On July 1 the bosses stopped payment to locked-out workers' health care plans. National Grid bosses are challenging the locked-out union members' claims for unemployment benefits.

Ted Leonard

**Illinois Teamsters end strike at American Bottling, make gains**

Some 500 Unifor members and support- ers, including members of the teachers' union, attended a solidarity barbecue near the mine June 28. More than 1,000 supporters turned out to support strikers' pickets over the July 7-8 weekend.

The salt mine, which extends 549 me ters — over one-third of a mile — under Lake Huron, is the largest in the world. Some 1,200 natural gas workers fought a three-week strike against American Bottling Company, told the the spreading of this war. More and more workers have learned since Pearl Harbor that the economic problems of the labor movement can no longer be solved in the “normal” trade union manner. Price rises au-thorized and tolerated in Washington are not the Czechoslovak people at all, those who have been enthusiastic supporters of government reform, steadily pushing it to go further and further. By claiming that there is a danger of counterrevo-lution in Czechoslovakia, the Kremlin bureaucrats are above all attempting to hoodwink the Soviet people themselves.

The contract was ratified at a union meeting July 1. “We got a $3.80 raise over four years — we wanted a three-year contract, but settled for four,” said Gnagni, 61, who has been a union truck driver for 40 years. “We now earn close to what the Coke and Pepsi drivers make. And the pension plan was dou-bled in benefits.”

“The new contract keeps the health insurance plan the same,” he said. “The company wanted higher premium pay-ments from us and less coverage, but we blocked that. We also got six sick days per year, up from four.”

“Thank you to all those in the community, our local representatives, and fellow Teamsters who supported the Union in this long hard-fought victory,” John Coli, secretary-treasurer of Local 727, said on the union website. This corres-pondent helped organize delegations of Walmart workers from the Villal Park and Darian stores to bring solidarity to the picketers many times.”

— Dan Fein

**Vermont nurses call strike for wages, staffing**

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Nurses at the University of Vermont Medical Center are holding a two-day work stoppage July 12-13 to demand a 24 percent wage increase, fuller staffing to assure pa-tients’ health and safety, and a $15 mini-mum wage for all other hospital work-ers. The Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals Local 5221 represents 1,800 workers at the teaching hos-pital. Their contract expires July 9.

“Nurses are angry,” Local 5221 President Laurie Aunchman, a working nurse, told the Militant at a solidarity meeting at the Vermont Workers Center on June 24. “We need a better nurse-to-patient staffing ratio and we need more pay. We make $2 an hour less than mers at the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital in Plattsburgh.

“Negotiations are going badly,” she said. Nearly three-quarters of the mem- bership in mid-June voted 94 percent to authorize a strike.

Signs reading, “Patients before prof-its, support the nurses!” dot yards here and on farms along roads into town. Nurses in New England, upstate New York and elsewhere have carried out several recent struggles. Aunchman said her union supported the success-ful organizing drive at Albany Medical Center. Nurses voted 1,161-582 in mid-April to be represented by the New York State Nurses Association, in spite of the bosses’ anti-union campaign, which in-cluded threats to have nurses from the Philippines deported.

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*Jun 26, 1968*

The Soviet bureaucracy has greatly stepped up its pressure to halt and, if possible, reverse the liberalization of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and administration.

A note from Moscow and four East European governments siding with the Kremlin bureaucrats delivered to Prague July 16 stated, “This call represents a serious danger to the party, the national front and the socialist state... [the document’s purpose] is to legalize the program of counterrevolution, of head- hoarding the vigilance of the party, the working class and the working folk.”

But the real targets of “hoodwinking” are not the Czechoslovak people at all, who have been enthusiastic supporters of government reform, steadily pushing it to go further and further. By claiming that there is a danger of counterrevo-lution in Czechoslovakia, the Kremlin bureaucrats are above all attempting to hoodwink the Soviet people themselves.

A greatly ballyhooed political cam-paign was initiated by the national campaigners to head off and prevent the creation of an independent labor party through which the workers can successfully challenge the political agents of Big Business.

*July 24, 1943*

More and more workers have learned since Pearl Harbor that the economic problems of the labor movement can no longer be solved in the “normal” trade union manner. Price rises au-thorized and tolerated in Washington are more than nullified the wage rais-es won by the unions. Wage freezing and compulsory arbitration have put an end to collective bargaining as it was known and practiced before the war.
Black troops had key role in revolutionary victory over slavery

Below is an excerpt from Black in America’s Wars by Robert W. Mullen. It is one of Pathfinder’s Books of the Month for July. This piece covers the role of Black troops in the Civil War, the Second American Revolution. The Lincoln administration at first opposed Black recruitment against the Confederacy. But this was reversed with the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation, when the war took on a more revolutionary character. Black soldiers then played a decisive role in the Union overthrowing the slavery.

From Andrew Carnegie’s Standard of Living, 1899:

"But neither Lincoln nor the governors of the Northern states had any intention of making use of Black troops. Negroes who presented themselves to recruiters were thanked for their troubles and sent back. ... The Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, which freed all slaves in the rebel states and stipulated that freed slaves should be received into the armed forces of the United States, indicated that Lincoln had accepted the idea that the North could only win the war by destroying the slave base of the Confederate States. ... Once the Emancipation was made to permit the enlistment of Blacks in the army, Black abolitionists like Frederick Douglass and Martin Delany began to act as recruiting agents for the Union army in the North, holding rallies to enlist Afro-Americans. Douglass charged his fellow Blacks to “fly to arms, and smite with death the power that would bury the government and your liberty under a system of perpetual slavery.” It was better to die free than to live as slaves, he said. ... Douglass saw that the freed slaves would have a powerful argument in their future demands for full rights of citizenship if they played a conspicuous role in the army. In his words, “Once let the Black man get upon his pedestal of freedom and take on the arms of the nation, and you can get an eagle on his button ... bullets in his pocket, and there is no power on earth ... which can deny that he has earned the right to citizenship in the United States.” ... After the Emancipation Proclamation, however, the War Department moved rapidly to begin enlisting Blacks. In January 1863 it authorized Massachusetts to raise two Black regiments, the first officially authorized Black military units. Eventually nearly 200,000 Black troops were to serve in the Union army, and another 300,000 served as army laborers, spies, servants, and helped Lincoln admit that their participation was essential to the victory in the war. Eventually there were 154 Black regiments in the army, including 140 infantry units. They saw action in 198 battles and skirmishes and suffered 68,178 fatalities on the battlefield, in the clothing of freedom.

Of the nearly 200,000 Black troops to take part, 93,000 came from the slave states that had seceded, about 40,000 came from the border states that had joined the Union, and the remainder from the North.

By the end of the war there was scarcely a battle in which Black troops had not participated.

Black troops had key role in revolutionary victory over slavery
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region are welcome. These steps and more from Washington and reciprocal movements in North Korea can lead toward elimination of barriers to travel and communication, and for economic and political relations in the region that would be a historic advance.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo visited Pyongyang July 6-7 for talks with Kim Yong Chol, vice chairman of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea. Pompeo told the media the talks were “very productive,” and that some progress was made “on almost all the central issues.”

Representatives of the Pentagon and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will meet again around July 12 in Panmunjom, in a militarized zone separating the two Koreans, to discuss return turning remains of U.S. soldiers from the 1950-53 Korean War, something the North Korean government has agreed to do. The two governments also agreed to set up working groups, overseen by Sung Kim, the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, to prepare future meetings. Pyongyang confirmed this, and a statement issued recently by the North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesmen said, plans for destroying a testing facility for intercontinental ballistic missiles. In May the North Korean government destroyed at its Punggye-ri nuclear testing site.

Pompeo asserted that the sanctions imposed by the U.N. and U.S. over the past decade will remain in place and be pursued “with vigor” until the U.S. rulers are fully satisfied that denuclearization in the North is underway. Throwing up the U.S. sanctions, which are unilateral and gangster-like demanded in Korea alike, have increasingly tightened the squeeze on working people there.

Hours after Pompeo left Pyongyang, a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman issued a statement describing the secretary of state’s visit as “regrettable.” The unnamed official’s key complaint was that “the U.S. side came up only with its unilateral and gangster-like demands for denuclearization,” without offering significant steps to aid and defend North Korea itself.

The heart of the back-and-forth, whatever the verbiage, is forking for who will give up what as a series of concessions is pursued.

The liberal pundits, who view all politics through their anti- Trump hysteria, grabbed onto the statements to step up allegations that Trump had been conned and North Korea is instead upgrading its threat.

“I have confidence that Kim Jong Un will honor the agreement signed,” Trump said in a tweet July 9. “We agreed to denuclearization of North Korea.”

Trump added that one factor influencing the pace of the talks is the ongoing trade dispute between Washington and Beijing. “May be exerting negative pressure on a deal because of our posture on Chinese Trade. Hope Not!” he said.

Workers’ struggles are key, not who’s on the Court

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disaster in November. Either way, NOW President Toni Van Pelt claimed July 10, “We are on the threshold of the most consequential Congressional election in modern times.”

The working class has no horse in this race for which judges sit on the Supreme Court, or, for that matter, on which bourgeois political party comes out ahead in the election. The court exists to protect the interests of the propertied owners. Changes to its composition will not offer us significantly better or worse conditions. Our starting point has to be relying on independent working-class mobilizations to fight for our rights along the road to overthrowing capital and putting workers and farmers in power.

The right to顶部 is used by the ruling class as an arbiter of conflicts over how it rules. It settles restrictions, while denying the Constitution that was marked by the impact of the revo-

Cannon in 1937, when President Franklin Roosevelt tried to end the Supreme Court with judges who weren’t “at the top of their game.” It was preserved “solely on the strength of our power.”

The division of Korea is the only remaining unresolved national separation that emerged out of the second imperialist world war.

A statement issued recently by the Socialist Workers Party points to the importance of the Washington-DPRK talks. “The stakes have never been higher in ensuring a nuclear-free Korea and Korea Peninsula,” and the statement says, “including an end to Washington’s nuclear ‘umbrella’ and deployment of nuclear-armed warships and submarines in the surrounding seas and skies. “Korea is one!”
UK health workers beat back attack by hospital bosses

BY HUGO WILS

WIGAN, England — “We’re so proud, everyone’s walking around work with massive smiles, because we’ve won,” hospital porter Stuart Horrigan told the Militant after members of the Unite and UNISON unions gained an important victory here.

In face of escalating strike action and broadening solidarity, National Health Service bosses backed off July 6 from move to transfer workers from the state-run NHS to a new private company. This would have paved the way for an assault on workers’ wages and job conditions, as well as health care.

Hospital bosses had previously moved to transfer almost 900 domestics, porters, carers and gardeners working in the Wigan & Leigh hospital trust, called WWL Solutions. UNITE and UNISON union members have doubled — from 20 to 40 a day — for two days each. They report that community. They had previously walked out for two days each. They report that hospital bosses have backed off.

But the Militant warned that NHS jobs and open attack on wages, working conditions and against health care.

Hundreds joined the stoppages, including a number of nonunion workers, as well as the picket lines. To broaden support, strikers organized two marches into the center of Wigan and other public activities. A further seven-day strike was planned to start July 17.

“Thanks on behalf of workers and health care like the one NHS bosses tried in Wigan are a growing crisis for working people across Britain. More than 10,000 workers in 19 different NHS trusts have been transferred to similar private setups as a basis for widening differentials in wages and conditions.

Workers and their union representatives had packed the June 27 board meeting and walked out, shouting “Shame!” following the decision to go ahead with the transfer.

On June 30 a busload of strikers, their families and supporters joined a march during the march to get donations to the strike fund. “The money was coming in so fast!” she said. “Many already knew about the strike from television and newspapers.” Over £1 million was collected ($1.3 million).

At the start of the march, Pete Clifford, a meat worker and member of the Community union at Tulip meats, delivered a solidarity card signed by 35 workers from the plant in Dukinfield near Manchester.

Hospital bosses “have used social media, any sort of media to tell a pack of lies, which they hope the public will believe,” striker Joanne McClure told the Militant held before the march. “But the important thing people need to remember is how strong we are, how firm we stand together even when we have abuse thrown at us. We speak the truth.”

“Need to tell truth” about US colony Puerto Rico

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A lot of those people don’t have property titles and FEMA wouldn’t give their NHS jobs and open attack on wages, working conditions and conditions.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers inspected Vieques just a few months after Hurricane Maria, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency distributed 125,000 smaller ones to people whose homes were destroyed or damaged. But FEMA spokesperson Deliris Aquino told the press July 9 that those tarps are only designed to last 30 days.

“The inflation of property titles, undermining the family’s ability to keep their ranch. “The Hammonds are good people,” neighbor Ruth Danielson said by phone July 10. “Now we need to tell the truth about what’s happened,” Velázquez said.

Mildred’s brother Raúl “Rudy” Laboy, a retired electrician, spoke with the Militant July 10 after returning from a meeting in Guanica in solidarity with working people in Haiti, where the government just reversed a steep hike in the price of fuel, after widespread protests. The meeting raised funds to continue building a school in Haiti.

“Like Pidel Castro says, we don’t just help with our leftovers, we share what we have,” Laboy said.

Working people like Laboy, Rodri- guez and Velázquez are proud of what they accomplished. The sentence in the face of the U.S. and colonial gov- ernments’ neglect and inaction. School workers and parents joined together to clean up and repair the local schools. They joined protests demanding elec- tricity and opposing the school clos- ings. ARECMA with the help of vol- unteers is still providing meals once a day for those in need.

Oregon ranchers Dwight and Steven Hammond freed!

In a victory for working people, President Donald Trump pardoned and freed Dwight Hammond, 76, and his son Steven Hammond July 10. The two Oregon ranchers had been defending their cattle ranch from government en- croachment for decades. In June 2010 federal prosecutors filed charges against them under the 1966 Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act for setting two backfires on their ranch in 2001 and 2006.

Ranchers and government land agencies frequently use controlled burns to protect land from wildfires and invasive plants. The trial judge rejected impos- ing the Bill Clinton-era law’s five-year minimum sentence, saying it would be “absurd to sentence the Hammonds to prison and DWIGHT to three months. But federal prosecutors appealed, demanding the full five years, and in January 2016 the two were sent back to prison.

The Bureau of Land Management later revoked the Hammonds’ grazing per- mitts, “to ensure the family’s ability to keep their ranch. “The Hammonds are good people,” good friends.”

— SETH GALINSKY

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Pittsburgh protests continue

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working people. The Pittsburgh Genesis
Mentem Club had 100 people go in a march through Homewood June 30, demanding justice for Rose. Homewood is 98 percent Caucasian.

Dozens of protesters gathered outside the home of East Pittsburgh Mayor Lecia Payne July 8 and then marched to the corner of Grandview Avenue and How-

dard Street for a moment of silence where Rose was shot down.

Then they marched into the outbuildings of Route 30. Cops and volunteer

firefighters from nearby cities routed traffic around the protest.

"Just everybody coming together and seeing all races — it's going to take ev-

everybody to see a revival, to see something happen, see change, no matter the vol-

tumes," 24-year-old Isaiah Jefferson from Monroeville told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Then one driver drove into the crowd, hitting one of the people, and the driver was arrested 69-year-old Ronald Himnerman,

charging him with reckless endanger-

ment.

Supporters of justice for Rose also spread out to Arnold July 8 after Demo-

cratic Mayor Karen Pecoconi went on so-

cial media to say that those who protest against the killing of Rose should be met with water canons.

Her racist posts were met with a re-

sponse from the city’s firemen. Speak-

ing for both the firemen and the police, Arnold No. 2 Fire Chief Chris O’Leary said, "They do not support or condone the mayor’s state-

ments. "We do not answer to her or who-

ever the mayor happens to be," he said.

In March 2015, the suit says, Rosfeld's preliminary court hearing is set for July 27.

Malcolm Jarrett contributed to this ar-

ticle from Pittsburgh.

Washington, Moscow seek Mideast arrangement

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other Sunni-led regimes in the area.

The U.S. president will also take part in the NATO summit in Brussels, where he is planning to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who is天气 in Europe to stop freelancing on Wash-

ington's back and kick in a higher share of the military alliance’s budget.

The Washington/Moscow summit takes place on the heels of airstrikes July 8 by the Islamic State in Syria, targeting Tehran’s military and allied forces there. This was the third time in a year Tel Aviv has bombed the capital

base with no complaints from Moscow.

Since 2015 the Russian rulers have in-

creased their sway in the Mideast, us-

ing air power against Syrian opposition forces to restore Bashar al-Assad’s tyran-

ny over much of the country. While the Russian rulers sit atop a significantly weaker military and econo-

mic power, Moscow’s role in the region is reflected in those coming to meet with Putin this week. In addition to Trump, he will sit down with Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu; Ali Akbar Velayati, senior adviser to Iranian leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei; and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. The Iranian rulers have deployed ground forces alongside

allyed Hezbollah militias across Syria. They aim to entrench themselves there, extending their counterrevolutionary influence across the region while also strengthening their position against Tel Aviv. Iran’s cleric-led capitalist govern-

ment — which calls itself a "resistance state" — and for driving the Jews into the sea after a new round of fighting in May, now faces growing pressure to pull back due to Wash-

ington’s decision to wage a new war against Israel and the Palestinians.

A new onslaught by Moscow and the Assad regime against opposition-held areas in southwestern Syria has driven an esti-
mated 189,000 people to flee towards the Israeli border. In response, the Israeli rulers have reinforced their military po-

sitions in the Golan Heights. They are wary that as the Syrian army advances it could bring Tehran-backed forces allied with Assad closer to the Israeli border.

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