Rally protests attacks on abortion rights in Kentucky

BY JACQUE HENDERSON
FRANKFORT, Ky. — More than 100 protesters gathered at the state Capitol here Feb. 7 to demonstrate in defense of a woman’s right to choose abortion.

They were speaking out in opposition to a bill in the state legislature that would ban abortions from the moment a fetal heartbeat is detected, usually around six weeks into a pregnancy, as well as against other moves by the state government to further limit women’s access to abortion.

The action was called by Planned Parenthood Advocates of Indiana and Kentucky, together with the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky.

“Abortion is not something a woman takes lightly. But this is my right as a woman. I get to decide!” Louisville poet and writer Hannah Drake told the crowd. “My womb, my choice, my body.”

Abortion rights defenders are on the ballot.

Her supporters are taking advantage of the victory to reach more broadly, knocking on doors in working-class neighborhoods in cities and small towns in the region. Some of those who’ve met Kennedy have joined on campaigning trips to help spread the word about the party’s program.

After supporters of Kennedy’s campaign went door to door to talk
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‘Amnesty for immigrants in US, unify the working class’

BY ROY LANDERS
Alyson Kennedy, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Dallas mayor, speaks at Feb. 12 candidates’ debate, campaigns at workers’ doors throughout area.

SWP takes campaign to workers’ doorsteps

US troops, warplanes, bombs out of Korea now!

BY BRIAN WILLIAMS
President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un announced they’ve set Feb. 27-28 in Hanoi, Vietnam, for their second face-to-face summit meeting on denuclearization of Korea. Teams of U.S. and North Korean negotiators have been meeting to prepare the talks.

Stephen Biegun, the State Department’s special representative for North Korea, returned to South Korea Feb. 8 after three days of discussions in Pyongyang. This was the longest disclosed visit by a U.S. government figure to North Korea since Trump took office. Trump and Kim’s first summit took place in Singapore last June.

For more than 70 years the U.S. rulers have kept their boot on the neck of the Korean people. In 1945 Washington — with the complicity of the Stalinist regime in Moscow — divided Korea in half. U.S. troops occupied the South. They put down in blood a powerful revolutionary uprising by workers and farmers and imposed the
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Baghdad book fair organizers: ‘We won’t be stopped by terror’

BY ÖGMUNDUR JÓNSSON
BAGHDAD, Iraq — Thousands of people here are flocking to the 46th Baghdad International Book Fair, which began Feb. 7, seeking out Iraqi and world literature, and books on everything from science and technology, languages and art, to religion, history, philosophy and politics.

For years book fair organizers have fought to maintain the event in face of political repression, regional conflicts and U.S. imperialist intervention.

These clashes include the 1980-88 war against neighboring Iran launched by Iraq’s tyrannical Saddam Hussein regime, with the combined aims of crushing the 1979 revolution by Iranian workers, farmers, and youth, as well as occupying and annexing rich oil fields and strategic waterways and port facilities there. The war coincided with murder
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Trump ‘State of Union’ talk touts jobs, hits ‘endless war,’ ‘socialists’

BY TERRY EVANS
President Donald Trump scored gains against his opponents in both the Democratic and Republican parties with his Feb. 5 State of the Union address, touting the successes of his administration in both foreign and economic policy. In particular he aimed to skewer the Democrat’s new, more prominent “socialist” wing.

“Great nations do not fight endless wars,” he said. He pointed to plans to remove U.S. troops from Syria and reduce them in Afghanistan — despite the recent censure of these moves by a 68-23 bipartisan vote in the Republican-controlled Senate.

New York forum discusses political crisis in Venezuela, says US hands off!

BY SETH GALINSKY
NEW YORK — “There is a deep crisis in Venezuela today. Washington — from President Trump to the Democratic and Republican Party Congress — is trying to take advantage of it to oust the government of a sovereign nation,” Socialist Workers Party leader Paul Mailhot told a Feb. 9 Militant Labor Forum here. It was titled, “Crisis in Venezuela: What way forward for working people?”

“Nothing good can come for working people out of what the U.S. government is doing in Venezuela. We must demand that Washington keep its hands off,” said Mailhot.

But there is much more involved than
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brutal dictatorship of Syngman Rhee there.

After significant defeats at the hands of North Korean forces at the outset of the Korean War in 1950, U.S.-led forces drove toward the northern border with China. Mass U.S. bombing and widespread napalm attacks destroyed much of the country. But Korean workers and peasants, aided by Chinese volunteers, pushed U.S. forces back to the 38th parallel, leading to a stalemate in 1953. It was the first ever military de-
feat for U.S. imperialism. Washington and Pyongyang signed an armistice, but the U.S. government refused to sign a peace treaty ending the war, and has continued to do so ever since.

For nuclear-free Korean Peninsula?

“Working people should take the opportunity of this coming round of negotiations to press the U.S. rulers to sign a peace treaty and reach agree-
ment with the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea on a Korea free of all nuclear weapons, of any origin, and take all practical steps to that end,” Seth Galinsky, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Public Advocate in New York City, said in a statement Feb. 11.

“A world free of all nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction opens more favorable conditions for workers and farmers everywhere to combat the capitalist system of exploitation and oppres-
sion,” Galinsky said. “For a nuclear-
free Korean Peninsula! End all eco-
nomic sanctions against the Korean people! Sign a peace treaty with the DPRK now!”

Even while the negotiations con-
tinue, Washington has maintained its punishing economic and financial sanctions against the North, sanctions that hit working people the hardest. Washington has insisted it will con-
tinue these sanctions until North Ko-
réan leaders destroy all their nuclear weapons and intercontinental ballistic missile capacity.

But Biegun told a select audience of Korea “experts” at a Stanford Univer-
sity talk before he left for Korea that while the U.S. government statement that “we will not lift sanctions until de-
nuclearization is complete” is correct, “we didn’t say we won’t do anything until you do everything.”

“President Trump is ready to end this war. It is over,” Biegun said. “We are not going to invade North Korea. We are not seeking to topple the North Korean regime.”

Biegun noted that Kim announced to the people of North Korea that he has decided to come to an agreement with Washington.

The talks and insistence by both Trump and Kim that they will reach a demilitarization agreement have spurred a number of steps forward for working people on the peninsula. Meetings of family members sepa-
rated by the two countries for decades have taken place. Discussions have be-
gun between leaders in the North and South over joint rail projects to boost trade and travel. DPRK leaders have taken steps to return to the U.S. the remains of thousands of U.S. soldiers up as can-
on fodder by Washington during their bloody assault on Korea.

These steps have boosted renewal of sentiment for reunification of the country.

“Korea is one!” Galinsky said in his statement.

Readers help ‘Militant’ zero in on $10,000 appeal

BY TERRY EVANS

“Keep up the good work!” George Blue from Michigan City, Indiana, wrote when he sent in a check for $25 to the Militant’s special winter appeal. “I first started reading the Militant in 1970 when I was in prison — in the belly of the beast,” he said.

With $8,132 collected and further contributions pledged, the paper looks forward to going over its $10,000 ap-
peal. This will help cover the Mili-
tant’s operating expenses through the launching of its annual Militant Fight-
ing Fund in the spring.

“Happy to help out,” wrote Dan Coffman, a retiree, “at the first time around from Washington state, when he sent in $25. Coffman was president of Local 21 of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union during its hard-fought 2011 strike against EGT’s union-busting effort in Longview.

“It’s so important to get the truth out — First and Second amendment rights are under attack today,” he said. The Militant explains why liber-
als’ attacks on freedom of speech and the right to bear arms are a threat to rights the working class needs.

The appeal’s success will make it possible for the Militant to continue providing readers with articles like the special features in this issue from Cuba and Iraq. The issue also contains material on how fighting toilers in Algeria overthrew French colonial rule in 1962 and established a work-
ers and farmers government there, opening the door to collaboration with the Cuban Revolution in ex-
tending solidarity and aid to fighters across Africa. Algeria is the country of honor at this year’s Havana Interna-
tional Book Fair.

The on-the-scene article by Og-
mundur Jonsson depicts the efforts to keep the Baghdad International Book Fair running in the face of wars, pol-
itical repression and violent conflicts in Iraq over years. And it describes how despite the animus of the Bush administra-
tion there this year to get their hands on a wide range of books. Volunteers at the Pathfinder Books stand found great interest in titles by Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, Thomas Sankara, leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and other revolutionaries.

We still have time to kick in to the appeal this week. You can use your credit card to contribute online at www.themilitant.com or send a check to the Militant at 306 W. 37th Street, 13th floor, New York, NY 10018. Help take us over the top!

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“Weber without understanding the devastation of the lives of working-class families in regions like West Virginia, and the vast increase in class inequality since the 2008 crisis, you can’t understand what’s happening in the United States.”

Mary-Alice Waters

A GIANT HAS BEGUN TO STIR. Hillary Clinton calls them “deplorables” who inhabit “backward” regions. But tens of thousands of teachers and school employees from West Virginia, Oklahoma, and beyond set an example in 2018 with their victorious strikes. Working people across Florida mobilized and won restoration of voting rights to more than one million former prisoners.

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Seth Galinsky, SWP candidate for New York City Public Advocate, talks with restaurant worker Jason Bryant at his home in Cohoes, New York, Feb. 2. Introducing the party to working people on their doorsteps and discussing how to defend working class is central activity of party.

Debate with capitalist opponents
When they were asked what each had to say about immigration, Kennedy re-
aptured her campaign was fighting for
Amnesty is in the interests of
the whole working class, she said, and
would help workers build unity and soli-
darity to fight against attacks from
the bosses and their government. It’s a fight
working people can win, she said.

Kennedy pointed to how million of
workers, mainly Mexicans but many others, worked the streets in 2006 and
-defeated the Sensenbrenner bill. The bill
would have made it a crime for anyone
to assist someone without papers. “In
Dallas, half a panel event at the Texas
Theater, was great!” Three of them have signed
up for more information about going on
the May Day brigade.

She invited people to join the May
Day International Volunteer Work Bri-
and has been for many years.

“We have confidence that in the com-
ing years we’re going to see bigger struggles by workers and farmers for our rights and to change our conditions,” she continued. “We will build the kind of movement in this country that will take political power for our side, and reorganize and build a new kind of soci-
ety. A society that’s capable of meeting the needs of the vast majority.”

The full interview can be viewed at: https://www.prestonhollowpeople.com/2019/02/07/former-presidential-candidate-runs-for-dallas-mayor/

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Kate Miller, advocacy director for the Kentucky ACLU, told partici- pants that there are several bills in the legislature that would restrict abortion rights. “These people who claim they want to protect human lives ex- press no concern for the fact that the U.S. has the highest rate of maternal deaths in the developed world,” she said, “and that Black women die at double that rate.”

“I’m tired of being talked about like my only purpose on earth is as a ves- sel to reproduce,” Nichole Stipp from Planned Parenthood said. “If you’ve had enough, get out and change it. Go home and tell your story.”

Many of those at the protests shared experiences and exchanged ideas on how to fight to win the fundamental right of women to control their own bodies. Among them were Amy Husk, Socialist Workers Party candidate for governor of Kentucky, and a number of her campaign supporters.

How can we win?

Husk introduced herself to Annie Prestrud, an activist with the Re- ligious Coalition for Reproductive Choice and the Kentucky Health Justice Network, who said she has become radicalized as a teenager around the question of women’s right to choose abortion. “Abortion is really a ques- tion of women’s right to choose,” Husk said. “These people who claim there are several bills in the legislature that would restrict abortion rights because they per- sonally don’t like the idea of abortion.

“When we knock on the door of workers who say they are personally opposed to abortion, we explain that the point isn’t what you or I think about it, or whether we would ever have one. It’s that doctors and the government shouldn’t have the right to tell women what to do with their bodies,” Husk said. “When they think about the fact that the government shouldn’t interfere with anyone’s per- sonal choices, many are won over to support this right.”

Capitalist crisis blocks ‘affordable family formation’

BY BRIAN WILLIAMS

The capitalist economic crisis is in- creasingly dashing the hopes of many working people, and some among mid- dle-class layers, that their children’s lives will be an improvement over their own. Low wages, mounting debts, and rising rents and housing prices have made for more and more working-class young people’s lives unaffordable, for more and more working-class youth.

Under the ravages of dog-eat-dog capitalism, our families, whatever their present circumstances, are ultimately the only institu- tion that working people can turn to for help in dealing with health and hous- ing crises. Today the number of young adults still living in their parents’ homes is the highest in 75 years. Fully a third of all young people — 24 million of those aged 18 to 34 — were living in their parents’ homes in 2017. More youth lived with their par- ents than with a spouse in 2016, the U.S. Census Bureau reports.

In a number of states the figures are higher. In Mississippi it’s 37 percent; Massachusetts, 38 percent; California and Florida, 39 percent; New York, 40 percent; and almost half in New Jersey, 46 percent.

In 2005, the majority of young adults in 35 states lived independently, in their own place. A decade later the number of states where the majority of young people lived on their own had fallen to just six.

One big factor affecting this is workers’ declining income. In 1975, one-quarter of young men had in- comes below $30,000 a year, mea- sured in 2015 dollars. By 2016, the figure was 41 percent.

At the same time, student debt has ballooned. Between 1989 and 2013, the amount owed on student loans nearly tripled, from a median of $6,000 to $17,300. This has spurred many graduates to move back in with their parents, putting off plans for marriage or raising children.

“ar the 1970s, in 8 to 10 people married by the time they turned 30,” the Census report said. “Today, not until the age of 45 have 8 in 10 people married.”

The U.S. birthrate hit a record low in 2017, marking years of steady decline. In fact, current childbirth statistics are 16 percent below the number needed for the U.S. population to stay even as older generations die off. It’s only thing that keeps the U.S. population growing is immigration.

The Carnegie being visited on young people by the crisis of capitalism today is having a big impact on their “choices” about how to live. There are more young adults today who live with their parents, other family members, are packed in with roommates, or live alone, the Cen- sus report said. “Over the past 40 years the proportion of young people who were living with a spouse fell by half, from 57 percent to 27 percent.”

‘Unaffordable family formation’

Large tech companies like Amazon are notorious for hiring new college graduates at crappy wages and push- ing them to get places in gaggles. De- pends on how this leads to what he calls “unaffordable family formation,” Steve Sailer says in an Unz Review blog. “It helps them squeeze more out of workers: The firms like being in places too ex- pensive to raise a family — families are distinctions, at least in the short-run.”

And this process lets always greedy landlords push rents in these areas up and up, forcing workers looking to raise a family to either give up their plans or move away.

So young people in their late 20s to early 30s employed at the company’s headquarters in Seattle end up living with ganges of roommates who face the same squeeze instead of forming a fam- ily and settling down.

The same situation will play out in Queens, New York, and Crystal City, Virginia, if Amazon moves forward with new satellite headquarters there.

For decades workers moved to big U.S. cities for jobs where they would earn more money than in rural areas, in steel plants in Chicago, shipbuilding yards in Oakland, oil refineries in Hous- ton and auto assembly plants in Detroit. But this is no longer true. The bosses have attacked the unions, lowered pay, and moved all over the country. Over the past couple decades “jobs like manu- facturing and office work equalized between cities and rural areas,” wrote Fortune magazine Jan. 22. “Workers in these jobs can no longer get much of a pay bump by moving into town.”

And housing and rental prices make “affordable family formation” some- what easier outside the cities.

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assassin days earlier of prominent novelist and writer Alaa Mashzoub. The novel itself has become a target to Mashzoub, whose portrait appears prominently in the hall’s central square (see accompanying article).

Pathfinder Books in London is participating in the book fair for the first time. Volunteers staffed the booth from the U.K. and the U.S. have been received with appreciation by the many people, young and old, who sought information on working-class struggles around the world and from history, as they look for a way to rebuild their country and put an end to the devastating economic and social conditions faced by Iraqi workers.

As of Feb. 12, 798 Pathfinder books have been sold, including 200 of the six Pathfinder titles in Arabic translation. Books on working-class struggles and politics in the United States are in high demand. These include Are They Rich Because They’re Smart? Class, Privilege, and Learning under Capitalism and Malcolm X, Black Liberation, and the Road to Workers Power, both by Socialist Workers Party National Treasurer Jack Barnes, as well as Pathfinder’s most recent title, In Defense of the U.S. Working Class by SWP leader Mary-Jane Waters.

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into battle with no preparation to confront the U.S. rulers’ military onslaught.

Another popular title is The Jewish Question by Alba Leon, which explains how anti-Semitism is bred by crisis-ridden capitalism. Leon puts forward a class-struggle road to ending anti-Semitism and repulsing persecution of Jews. There is also keen interest in a December 2017 statement circulated by the SWP, “For Recognition of a Palestinian State and of Israel.”

For centuries, Iraq was home to a thriving Jewish community, but the majority left in 1948-52, when persecution organized by the Iraqi rulers was stepped up following the establishment of the state of Israel. All but a handful of Jews who had remained ended up leaving the country following the 1967 six-day war by Saddam’s Baath Party, whose anti-working class “Arab socialism” included virulent Jew-hatred.

Like many others at the fair, Dina Al-Aoube, from Sulaymaniyah in Iraqi Kurdistan, was pleased to discuss the fight against anti-Semitism and the political course laid out in the SWP statement. “The Jews are very welcome to come back to Iraq,” she told volunteers at the Pathfinder stand.

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Cuba and Algerian revolutions: an intertwined history

BY MARTIN KOPPEL

A new book is now available for sale: "Cuba and the Coming American Revolution" by John K. Molyneaux and John Wight. The book presents a detailed analysis of the history of internationalist solidarity to Algeria.

"The Algerian Revolution and its impact on popular struggles in Africa, worldwide"

Further reading on Cuba & Algeria

For a Workers and Farmers Government in the United States includes articles by John K. Molyneaux and John Wight, including "Celebrating the Homecoming of Ernesto Che Guevara: His Revolutionary Contributions for the WFR-MC, V" in the Cuba and the Coming American Revolution book, included in the order form at www.pathfinderpress.com

 nog their influence was limited to specific sectors of the population. The new government, however, sought to expand its base of support across society, including women, students, and workers, by appealing to popular sentiments and economic grievances. This helped to solidify the revolution's gains and ensure its durability in the face of counter-revolutionary threats.

By Mary Alice Waters

A few months after the Bay of Pigs, the Cuban government launched a large-scale internationalist military aid to Algeria. This aid involved the establishment of a military aid committee within the Cuban government, which was responsible for coordinating and managing the provision of military assistance.

According to the agreement, Cuba provided Algeria with a large-scale military aid package, including missiles, tanks, and other military equipment. The aid was part of a broader strategy to support the Algerian revolution, which was seen as a key component of the global anti-imperialist struggle.

The aid package included a large number of military personnel, including Cuban military advisors and trainers, who worked closely with Algerian fighters to develop and implement effective military strategies. The aid also included the provision of medical and logistical support, which helped to sustain the Algerian fighters during their long and艰苦 struggle.

The aid was not without controversy, however, as it was seen by some as a form of foreign intervention in Algeria's domestic affairs. Despite these criticisms, the aid was seen as crucial in helping Algeria to defend its national independence and sovereignty.

The Cuban government's support for Algeria was part of a broader strategy to promote international solidarity and support for anti-imperialist struggles around the world. This strategy was rooted in the ideas of the Cuban Revolution and its understanding of the importance of internationalism in the fight against imperialism.

The Cubans were not afraid to use their own military power to support the Algerian revolution, which they saw as a key component of the global anti-imperialist struggle. This approach was seen as a departure from the policies of previous administrations, which had been more focused on maintaining Cuba's own security and interests.

In conclusion, the support of the Cuban government to Algeria was a significant contribution to the struggle for national liberation and independence in Algeria. It demonstrated the Cuban Revolution's commitment to internationalism and solidarity, and helped to strengthen the global anti-imperialist movement.
Chicago charter school teachers strike over pay, conditions

CHICAGO — Some 175 members of the Chicago Teachers Union hit the picket lines at four schools here operated by Chicago International Charter School network Feb. 5. “The most important issues are class size and full staffing, as well as pay,” math teacher Melissa Olsen told the Militant on the picket line at Northtown High School.

Ellison High School “doesn’t even have a foreign language teacher. Students come from around the world throughout the year,” Olsen said. “Wrightwood only has one special education teacher for an entire K-8 school.”

“I’m teaching our teachers,” said Jorge Mejia, a freshman at Northtown, as he joined the picket line. “We need supplies, new computers, a better heating system.”

“Our struggle is not just for the teachers,” says Chicago International Charter School management is sitting on $36 million in public funds and refusing to put a chunk of that in the pockets of the banks and other capitalists as they padded their profits against this move to protect the profits of small rural producers.

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“Either way, farmers are squeezed between high prices for labor movement can put forward conditions in New Zealand.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Junior doctors — also known as Resident Medical Officers — picketed hospitals here Jan. 29-30 in their second nationwide strike in the last two weeks, fighting for safer working conditions.

The action involved some 3,500 strikers.

The strikers included newly qualified doctors still training as well as those training to becoming specialists. Most work in public hospitals, with a few training to become family doctors.

After two strikes in 2017 the junior doctors union, the Resident Doctors’ Association, won a new contract with the District Health Boards that included raised rest hours and a safer roster system.

The contract allows them to work no more than 10 days at a stretch, no more than 16 hours a day and limits how many night shifts they can work each week.

The health boards now want to weaken the union’s control over the new rosters.

“We know the strike means some surgery will have to be postponed, but we had no option,” Anthony Walters, current resident in internal medicine, told the Militant on the picket line outside Auckland City Hospital.

“The long run it is better for patients to be looked after by someone who’s well rested.” Emergency and life-preserving services were maintained during the strike.

About six months ago some junior doctors opposed to the new rosters, formed a breakaway union, the Specialty Trainees of New Zealand. They signed a contract with the District Health Boards to work 12 days without a break, hoping they could graduate faster.

“Under our contract my training will probably take about six months longer,” Prateek Vadgaankar, a general medicine specialist trainee, told the Militant.

“But would you rather be trained well or trained fast?”

The Resident Doctors’ Association won support from the senior doctors union, the Association of Salaried Medical Specialists, and the New Zealand Nurses Organisation, which took strike action last year over working conditions.

Junior doctors struck again Feb. 12-13 and plan a fourth strike later this month.

— Felicity Coggan

February 28, 1994

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — About a thousand Sudanese fled from wars in Sudan and the Darfur region, the crowd here chanted, “Al-Bashir you arrogant racist, we are all Darfur!”

This has also been a popular slogan in the demonstrations in Sudan.

Many young protesters say the Bashir government can no longer use tribal and regional differences to divide the people.

Hugo Wils, Communist League candidate for Baguley ward in the upcoming Manchester City Council elections, addressed the protest. “The Communist League stands in solidarity with the people of Sudan rising up against the Omar al-Bashir dictatorship,” Wils said.

As the CL campaigns among working people across the U.K., it said, many workers are being “raided for the people rising up in Sudan.”

Bashir’s government has met the protests with brutality. Dozens have been killed and many injured in recent protests.

Osman Ebrahim, a student from Darfur, told Wils that government authorities claimed they were releasing all those arrested that night. Ebrahim said, many remain in prison.

The Bashir regime uses its so-called public order law to imprison protesters and attack the population. Under this reactionary law, women are arrested for “indecent dressing and immoral behavior.” Hundres demonstrated in Omurman, Sudan, Feb. 10, in a rally for women detainees.

Some at the protest looked to the imperialist rulers in London and elsewhere to help their fight, chanting, “U.K., UN take action now!”

“We cannot rely on the British government for help,” Wils told protesters. “Like the imperialist rulers in Washington, Paris and elsewhere, they’ve done nothing but plunder and bring devastation to Africa.”

He said working people need to follow the example of Thomas Sankara, who led the workers and peasants in Burkina Faso to take power and established a popular revolutionary government from 1983 to 1987.

Protestors said they are planning on-going weekly actions in support of the demonstrations in Sudan.
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The SWP campaign in 2019 is running against all those who say workers can find solutions by talking to the capitalist parties. They have been organized to fight against workers and farmers government to carry out welfare programs to make our lives better. They strive to act for us — they know best — the opposite of mobilizing the Working people are fighting for the world for a world based not on exploitation, violence, racial discrimination, class-based poverty and oppression, but on solidarity among working people that encourages the creativity and recognition of the worth of every individual. A socialist world. Join the SWP campaign!

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U.S. interference, he said. U.S. imperialism has only been able to make headway because of the course of the government led by Nicolás Maduro, and by Hugo Chávez before him. This has undermined the self-confidence, political consciousness and fighting spirit of working people whose struggles go back decades. The U.S.-dominated oil industry in Venezuela was nationalized in 1976 during the government of Carlos Andrés Pérez, Mailhot said, by a proponent of a rising labor movement. In February 1989 a rebellion sparked by the attempt of the capitalist rulers to raise gasoline and fixed prices to fight a severe economic depression. Their efforts to make capitalism “fairest” obscure the miserable class interests of working people and the ruling capitalist families. The cops, courts and the government are organized to defend the entrenched interests of the capitalist ruling families.

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Trying to make capitalism serve the people

Mailhot recalled how at first Washington tried to derail the Chávez government. In the midst of a popular uprising in 1998, Chávez was elected president, with 700,000 supporters attending his final rally.

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Mailhot pointed to a 2009 interview with Chávez, where he was asked about the differences between the Cuban Revolution and his perspectives for Venezuela. “Fidel is a communist. I am not,” Chávez responded. “Fidel is a Marxist-Leninist. I am not.” Chávez used income from Venezuela’s vast oil deposits to fund nationalization of thousands of Cuban internationalist volunteers, a leader of the Socialist Workers Party and President of the United States.

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