Iraqis proud of Baghdad booksellers’ district that survived war, repression

BY ROY LANDERSEN
NEW YORK — “All drivers just need to turn off their apps for a few hours and refuse to take any rides. Uber and Lyft would have to listen to us,” an Uber driver and immigrant from Nigeria here told Seth Galinsky, the Socialist Workers Party’s candidate for New York City Public Advocate. Galinsky met this driver and others Feb. 17 at an area airport to introduce them to his campaign and the Socialist Workers Party.

“If you did that, that would be the start of getting organized,” Galinsky said.

The worker described how the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission defends the companies. “And [Gov.] Cuomo and [Mayor] de Blasio don’t do anything for us. The Democrats are supposed to be the party of working people,” he said.

“Al-Mutanabbi” — Abu al-Tayyib Al-Mutanabbi Street, Baghdad’s historic booksellers’ district, on a typical packed Friday Feb. 8.

The stalls display books of every kind, political and not, in Arabic, English and other languages.

School workers strike beats back gov’t attack

BY SETH GALINSKY
Washington continues to turn up economic and financial pressure in hopes of bringing down the government of President Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela.

In a speech Feb. 18 in Miami, where the largest émigré Venezuelan population in the U.S. lives, President Donald Trump urged the Venezuelan military brass to break with Maduro and throw their lot in with the opposition led by self-proclaimed president Juan Guaidó. If they don’t, he said, “You will find no safe harbor, no easy exit and no way out. You will lose everything.”

The Maduro government has maintained a course that pushes working people out of politics and demoralizes them. That’s why in the midst of the capitalist economic and social crisis there the imperialist rulers in Washington feel they’re in a stronger position.

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Working people in Haiti have been mounting widespread protests since Feb. 7 demanding the resignation of President Jovenel Moïse and Prime Minister Jean Henry Ceant. A social crisis has wracked the country since hurricanes hit in 2008, 2012 and 2016, a deadly earthquake in 2010 as well as a cholera epidemic. This all comes on top of decades of colonial plunder at the hands of the U.S. capitalist rulers.

Anger among Haiti’s youth has exploded. This is backed by a number of Democratic Party 2020 presidential candidates and other liberals. But it is dangerous for the working class. It points away from course of struggle against the capitalist rulers whose plunder undermines the two sources of all wealth — nature and the labor of working people.

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The走动 began nearly a year to the day that the school workers shut down every school in the state last year, inspiring other school workers across the country to fight for better wages and working conditions.

Officials in Putnam County were the only ones in the state’s 55 counties to try to keep schools open. That meant that school workers there would be docked pay for every day on strike. Teachers from other counties fled to Putnam to bolster the picket lines.

Liberals’ ‘Green New Deal’ scheme no road forward for working people

BY TERRY EVANS
“We will save all of creation!” Sen. Edward Markey claimed when he and House of Representatives member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez launched their “Green New Deal” Feb. 7. Their scheme is backed by a number of Democratic Party 2020 presidential candidates and other liberals. But it is dangerous for the working class. It points away from a course of struggle against the capitalist rulers whose plunder undermines the two sources of all wealth — nature and the labor of working people.

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plored, with thousands proclaiming, “We’re fed up!” They are protesting soaring inflation, joblessness and rampant corruption.

Despite pledging to fight graft, Moïse’s government has failed to prosecute top officials accused of embezzlement.

In the capital, Port-au-Prince, and in most of Haiti’s largest towns, streets are blocked by burning tires or cars. At least seven people have been killed as police have moved to violently disperse protesters. Businesses, offices and schools have been closed. There are shortages of gasoline and food, medicines and hospital supplies.

After a week of silence, Moïse made a prerecorded address in Creole Feb. 14. He announced that he would not step down to “leave the country in the hands of armed gangs and drug traffickers.” He claimed he would take unspecified economic measures to “restore order.”

Far from quelling the unrest, this fueled new protests. Bourgeois opposition leaders called his announce “a declaration of war” against the Haitian people. They are trying to take advantage of the unrest, but offer no alternative.

Moïse was elected president in Feb. 2017 promising to create jobs and fight corruption. This soon proved hollow. He is nicknamed “Banana Man,” as he owns a string of businesses that include a number of plantations.

Jean, who was installed as the new prime minister by Moïse last September after a similar round of protests, promised Feb. 16 to cut government expenditures on bureaucracy by 30 percent.

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Haitian working people gather in Port-au-Prince Feb. 7 demanding President Jovenel Moïse resign. Protests were triggered by soaring inflation, youth joblessness and rampant corruption.

There are close to 600 Cuban medical personnel in Haiti today, continuing to offer free medical care in villages and towns across the country.

Thanks to ‘Militant’ readers, appeal goes over the top

BY TERRY EVANS

Contributions of $1,914 have been received at the Militant, taking the paper’s $10,000 special appeal over the top. This will help finance the paper’s publication between now and its annual fund drive in the spring. Thank you to the readers of the Militant!

After longtime reader George Blue in Michigan City, Indiana, sent in a check for the appeal to the Socialist Workers Party headquarters in Chicago, Dan Fein, the party’s candidate for mayor, visited him at his home. Blue got five books on revolutionary politics, and a day later he phoned Fein to ask for six more titles.

The Militant relies for financial backing on the paper’s working-class and broader readership—the only reliable source possible. Millie Townsend reports that three co-workers, who recently subscribed to the paper at the retail store in the Alba-

BY TERRY EVANS

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are both parties of the bosses,” Galinsky said. “That’s why we need our own voice, our own working-class party and why we can’t depend on them to get better wages, benefits or relief from the conditions we face.”

Most drivers said they work six days a week, many 10 hours a day or more. “We need one union for all the drivers — Uber and all e-hail drivers, yellow and green taxis and black limo drivers in one union,” Galinsky explained. The Uber driver bought The Clintons’ Anti-Working-Class Record: Why Washington Fears Working People by Socialist Workers Party National Secretary Jack Barnes and In Defense of the US Working Class by SWP leader Mary-Alice Waters. He also got a copy of the Militant and gave a $7 contribution to the campaign.

Galinsky discussed with drivers originally from Bangladesh, the Republic of Georgia, Nigeria, Romania, Tibet and elsewhere. One older Bangladeshi worker said, “You can’t do anything. We’ve tried it all, going on strike, protesting at the Taxi and Limousine Commission. You can’t unite the drivers.”

“We need a union, you’re right,” another driver said. He was a Yellow Cab driver before signing up with Uber. “One stick by itself can be easily broken,” he said, “but when you towns, cities and rural areas to knock on doors in working-class neighborhoods. Their goal is to get into discussions, to learn about the political questions on workers’ minds — from developments in Venezuela to the yellow vest protests in France to the economic and social crisis facing workers and farmers, small proprietors and the self-employed today.

SWP members introduce the party and a wide array of books by party leaders and other revolutionaries worldwide to read, study and discuss, as well as the Militant. Out of this, the party’s reach can be expanded and fresh forces won to join party campaigns.

SWP members are also campaigning to build the April 21-May 5 International May Day Brigade to Cuba. This is an opportunity for workers and young people to learn firsthand about the revolution and its example for workers worldwide. At the same time participants can tell Cuban workers and farmers about the class struggle in the U.S. and the activities they’re involved in.

Joins picketing nurses

Galinsky also joined an action by nurses at Mt. Sinai Hospital Feb. 13, one of 13 informational picket lines by nurses fighting for a new contract around the city. The New York State Nurses Association is in negotiations with privately owned hospital bosses here.

Picketers told Galinsky and his supporters that their central demand is for the hospitals to hire more nurses, lowering the patient-to-nurse ratio. Staffing levels are too low for nurses to give patients the care that they deserve.

Union officials gave a shout out to Galinsky for joining their protest and offered him the opportunity to take the bullhorn. “Nurses have a right to decent working conditions,” Galinsky told picketers. “Health care is a right. You’re fighting not just for yourselves but for all of us.”

The SWP candidate raised with many nurses what he had seen in revolutionary Cuba. “In the U.S. when we walk into a hospital the first thing they ask is ‘do you have insurance?’” he said. “In Cuba, because of their revolution, they just ask, ‘What’s wrong? How can we help you?’ They don’t have health insurance, they have health care. Under capitalism health care is just a commodity.”

Galinsky told the nurses that as he and his supporters campaign door to door in working-class areas, he will spread the word about their fight.

Dan Fein, left, SWP candidate for Chicago mayor, talks with Charles Daube at his apartment, Feb. 17. Backbone of SWP campaign is to take their candidates and program out to working-class neighborhoods across the country and discuss political questions on workers’ minds.

The following day, Galinsky campaigned outside the federal Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn talking to family members and friends visiting inmates locked up inside.

A couple of weeks ago, during a freezing spell, the center was the site of protests after word got out that the jail had no heat or electricity. Prison officials covered it up and dragged their feet getting it fixed.

Sarita Rucaruer, whose husband has been locked up there for nearly two years awaiting trial and sentencing, spoke with Galinsky and supporter Don Mackle as she came out after a visit.

Last time she came to visit, she said, “We didn’t even know that there was no heat,” she said. “The officials said there were no social visits allowed, no phone calls, but they didn’t say why, so we left without seeing my husband.”

Then she saw a video about the prison having no heat, and she said “that’s where my husband’s in prison!” “That’s how I heard about the protest and I was here Saturday and Sunday” joining in the action.

“It was important you took part,” Galinsky said. “And it had an impact. It shows the power working people have when we come together, stand up and fight.”

Rucaruer said she was proud she joined the protest.

Many family members eagerly took Galinsky’s campaign flyers and three got copies of the Militant. One gave a $4 donation.

Readers are invited to send in reports for this column, as well as photos, to enrich the paper each week.

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Seth Galinsky, SWP candidate for New York City Public Advocate, joins nurses’ informational picket line at Mount Sinai Hospital demanding bosses hire more nurses Feb. 13.

Capitlism’s World Disorder

by Jack Barnes

“A new pattern is being woven in struggle today as working people emerge from a period of retreat. The emerging pattern is taking shape, defined by the actions of a vanguard whose ranks increase with every single worker or farmer who reaches out to others with the hand of solidarity and offers to fight together.”

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Muslim prisoner in Alabama executed, denied right to imam

BY BRIAN WILLIAMS

In a ruling reaffirming religious discrimination, the U.S. Supreme Court Feb. 7 gave the state of Alabama the go-ahead to execute Muslim prisoner Domineque Ray, denying his request to have his imam by his side at the time of his death.

“Domineque was a devout Muslim and a human being,” Spencer Hahn, one of Ray’s attorneys, wrote in a statement. “He wanted equal treat- ment in his last moments.

Ray, 42, had been on death row for the past 20 years, after being con- victed for the killing of a 15-year-old girl. Officials claimed that as an employ- ee of the prison system, he was “a member of the execution team.” Ray requested that his imam be present instead, which state authorities re- jected, claiming “safety” and “securi- ty” concerns.

Five days later Ray filed a lawsuit saying the prison’s policy violated federal laws barring religious dis- crimination and the First Amend- ment’s establishment clause.

On Feb. 6, a three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals based in Atlanta stayed the execution, saying that Ray made a “powerful” claim to discrimination and that the prison should be allowed to hear and decide the case.

“It looks substantially likely to us that Alabama has run afoul of the establish- ment clause, adding there is “no principle more elemental to the establishment clause,” the court ruled, “than the guarantee of a form of religion.”

The Supreme Court justices agreed. Calling the court’s ruling “pro- foundly wrong,” Justice Elena Kagan wrote a dissenting opinion that under Alabama state policy “a Christian prisoner may have a minister of his own faith accompany him into the execution chamber to say his last words. But if an inmate practices a different religion — whether Islam, Judaism, or any other — he may not die with a minister of his own faith by his side.”

When state prison officials denied Ray from his cell to the death watch area a few days before the execution, they denied him the right to take his Quran with him. Ray sued against this violation of his religious freedom, and a U.S. District Court judge ordered state officials to give him a Quran.

They decided not to fight this decision and provided him with one.

Many opponents of religious dis- crimination across the political spectrum spoke out against the court’s decision to allow prison authorities to refuse Ray’s request to have his imam at his execution. The American Civil Liberties Union issued a statement saying Alabama’s actions were “a clear violation of his right to freedom of religion.”

— SETH GALINSKY

Rail workers need to use union power to fight for safety

BY JOE SWANSON

At least 24 rail workers died on the job in 2018 in North America. We are now into the sixth week of 2019 and at least four rail workers have been killed on the job — all because of the rail bosses’ es’ drive for more profit.

The increased number of workers’ deaths lies with rail bosses pushing greater train lengths with smaller and smaller crews, on schedules that dictate constant fa- tigue, often insufficient training and a boss-led culture of cutting corners. Profit-driven employers are pushing for more, even though they know well this causes increased dangers to crews and to those who live and work near rail lines.

And Seth Mandel, executive editor of the Washington Examiner maga- zine, said, “As a conservative who opposes both the death penalty and religious discrimination I find this story appalling.”

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Coal miners in Ukraine march demanding back pay

Over 350 coal miners and their supporters marched in Lviv, Ukraine, Feb. 6, protesting outside government offices and the headquarters of the Amalgamated Beverage Industries (ABI), a franchise of U.S. soft drink giant Ambev, amid a wave of massive strikes and protests by miners and other workers for higher pay and safer conditions. They also raised political demands, which helped lead to an independent Ukrainian government.

Unions are owed 210 million hryvnia ($7.7 million). Some 4,000 of the 12,000 miners in the Lviv region are members of the NPGU.

Voľnýs told the Militant Feb. 8 that the Ministry of Energy and the Coal Industry claims it cannot pay into the miners’ health care fund. Voľnýs said that 60 percent of miners either have black lung or have been injured in the mines.

In one of the Lvov-Vugilja mines, Stepova, eight miners died and 21 were injured in March 2017 after a methane gas explosion and tunnel collapse. At the time, Volnyts told the Maidan, “The government said they lacked money to provide safety, to buy new equipment and modernize the mines.”

“Coal miners in Ukraine are owed back pay, to move into a house near an abandoned mill itself hunts. They have rallied outside parliament dozen miles and were in the caboose at the end of the train. Their responsibility was to watch the train. Their chief concern was to uphold Roosevelt’s reputation as ‘friend of labor’ and guardian of civil liberties. He argued that unions “must now learn to mobilize the union, to explain that there is no solution for a safe workplace except what I was taught on the job by fellow rail workers—my object was to smash the entire union movement by Big Business and its political agents wielding the Smith Act club against the downtrodden millions.”

And attacks and scabbing organized by the NPGU, which is owned by Alcoa and Rio Tinto Alcan.

“According to locked-out workers on the picket line hereFeb. 12, over 400 local unions have contributed to the strike fund, helping provide workers with a union sustainer of $635 a week. USW members at ArcelorMittal North Shore Steel give $9,000 a week to the miner workers “as long as the conflict lasts.”

Others have sent statements of support, including 22 Walmart workers who would have undermined their pensions, gutted plant-wide seniority and imposed other concessions. The smelter — the second largest in North America — is owned by Alcoa and Rio Tinto Alcan.

From two stores in Montreal that said, “Your struggle for a decent union contract at ABI Becancour is our struggle.”

In early February the ABI bosses contacted local 9700 officials to restart negotiations after months of refusing to negotiate. Then Feb. 15 the company walked out of the new talks.

Send solidarity messages and donations to Metallus SL 9700 F.D.P. Attention Eric Moore, section locale 9700; 830, rue Descartes; Becancour, Quebec G9L 2X2. For credit card donations: www.metallus.org/lockout-abi/

“Addie Léblanc and Jean Stephen

Rail workers need to use union power in fight for safety

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length. The conductor and a brake per- son were in the caboose at the end of the train. Their responsibility was to watch both sides of the train looking towards the head end and they had the power to “pull” the emergency air brake to stop the train if they saw a problem. By having a “rear end” crew, the workers could also help protect working people and working farmers and ranchers who worked or lived close by. Yard workers had similar duties.

After years of attacks on workers and job conditions by the bosses, trains in North America today increasingly reach over 10,000 feet in length, some over 15,000 feet, and train weight can exceed 15,000 tons. More and more yard conductors work alone using a “Helppack” for Remote Control Opera- tion. Rail bosses run most trains now with two-person crews, both on the head end. They are pushing to run en- gineer-only trains. Their longer-term plan is to run with “automation” — eliminate an operating crew altogether — as they do now on some iron ore lines in Australia.

For decades top union officials in North America have followed a course of class collaboration, looking to the Democrats and Republicans to pass laws setting a minimum crew size of two workers and other govern- ment regulations to slow down the bosses and workers for one-person opera- tions and automation.

Mobitize union power

The place to start today is to reverse that trend in our unions and fight on a different course.

We need to educate, organize, and mobilize the union, to explain that there is no solution for a safe workplace except what I was taught on the job by fellow rail workers in 1960 — to use union power and fight for workers control.

We should fight for no trains over 50 cars in length, with four-person crews, including two engineers on the locomotive and two workers on a caboose or engine on the rear. The increase in crew size and increase in trains will provide much needed jobs for thousands in hard-hit working-class communities across North America.

Rail workers have a social respon- sibility to fight to make their work- place safe not only for themselves, but for all those who live and work near the tracks.

And we must chart the course for- ward that Karl Marx outlined in “Trade Unions: Their Past, Present and Future.”

He argued that unions “must now learn to act deliberately as organizing centers of the working class in the broad interest of its complete emancipation.”

He said, “Their must convince the world at large that their efforts, from being narrow and selfish, aim at the emancipation of the downtrodden millions.”

Joe Swanson worked 31 years on the railroad and is the Socialist Workers Party candidate for mayor of Lincoln, Nebraska.
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After the 1963 coup, all political opposition was driven underground. On Al-Mutanabi Street we met a veteran of the anti-colonial struggle who described material clandestinely for the Communist Party during Saddam’s brutal dictatorship.

That regime was overthrown in 2003 through an imperialist invasion led by Washington. An unintended consequence of that assault was to open some political space in Iraq. With no reason to fear any immediate challenge, the new rulers held on power, the occupying forces allowed political parties and social movements to function again, including the Communist Party.

Soon after the invasion, revolutionary capitalist forces used this freedom to form new alliances and turn the Sunni and Shiite communities against each other in a campaign of terror that became a regular occurrence on the streets of Baghdad.

One of these was a March 2007 car bomb that destroyed the famous Al-Shuhada Café on Al-Mutanabi Street, killing nearly 20 people and injuring 100. The street was closed for a year. Moorad Al-Khalawi, the owner of the café, who lost four sons and another son was in a condition in the explosion, insisted on rebuilding the café and reopened it as the Shuhada Martyrs’ Café. The café has been a center for the US occupation and known as a meeting place for writers, artists and intellectuals to meet, debate and gather ideas.

As crowds went down the streets during our visit, one group held up a banner and shouted slogans denouncing the Feb. 2 killing of novelist Ala Mabrouk. There has been widespread outcry, but a protest organized by the Union of Iraqi Writers in central Baghdad, over the assassination of the popular author, Mashzoub, was banned in Karbala, his home city, shortly after speaking out to criticize the Iranian rulers’ interference in Iraq.

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West Virginia has one of the states with the lowest funding for schools and welfare. That means dislodged classrooms, teachers and other school workers forced to work two or three jobs, and overcrowded classrooms lacking sorely needed supplies.

Carnach’s claim is the goal of “comprehensive education reforms” is to prepare students to more effectively “compete for jobs.”

The capitalist rulers and their representatives like Carnach manipulated the illusion that “education is a ticket out of low-paying jobs for the working class.” But the reality is that education under capitalism is meant to churn out obedient workers who don’t need much to do but to increase the labor force for the ruling class. The only reason you should do out more for learning is to compete for better jobs.
The excerpt below is from “The Stewardship of Nature Also Falls to the Working Class,” a resolution adopted by the Socialist Workers Party and published in New International no. 14. The Militant is printing it as part of addressing the anti-working-class course presented by liberal and “socialist” Democrats in their “Green New Deal.”

Science and technology — which are developed and used by social labor — have established the knowledge and the means to lessen the burdens and dangers of work and enrich the quality of life, and to conserve and improve the earth’s patrimony.

Since the rise of the world capitalist order, humanity has faced — and increasingly continues to face — the task of putting an end to the destruction in stemming capitalist’s accelerated destruction of labor and nature and its effects on hundreds of millions of toilers. The stakes for the world’s working people are enormous. Grave and growing are the threats to life and the earth and the existence of massive conventional and strategic weapons arsenals, and by the inevitability of nuclear arms proliferation on a scale completely new since Washington’s infamous 1945 incineration of the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

But “green-red” politics, as a middle-of-the-road approach to fund the government's welfare programs.

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Crisis wrecks toilers in Venezuela - US hands off!

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The Stewardship of Nature Also Falls to the Working Class: In Defense of Land and Labor

The international working class, whose ranks are growing on every continent and in every country, remains the only force capable of preserving the crises produced by capitalism’s degradation of nature. The Socialist Workers Party resolution states, “then we can hardly ever go wrong.”

Continued from page 7 capitalism, described as modeled on Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal. By the 1990s, a “like this scheme, that “deal” was aimed at saving the capitalist system of exploitation and oppression. It culminated in the rulers’ “deal” to World War II, no stroke legislation and the intensification of all class struggle.

When Ocasio-Cortez’s office issued a FAQ statement designed to offer more detail on the scheme, it brought forth ridicule from some in the press. One proposal said it would guarantee “economic security” to all those “unwilling to work.” Her office withdrew the document, claiming it was issued “by mistake.”

The Democratic Socialists of America member argues, “Americans love a challenge. This is our moonshot. It is the product of the drive by the exploiting classes to maintain their political power into their own hands, and overthrow capitalist exploitation and oppression. It culminated in the rulers’ ‘deal’ to World War II, no stroke legislation and the intensification of all class struggle.

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