Join ‘Militant’ in fight against censorship in Florida prisons

BY SETH GALINSKY

The Florida prison system’s Literature Review Committee upheld the ban on four more issues of the Militant June 20, despite the fact it hadn’t yet received the paper’s appeal of the impoundments. They had previously agreed to extend the deadline for the appeal to June 28. In response to the Militant’s protest, they claim they can still give “full and de novo review and consideration” to the appeal.

The committee did not even inform the Militant of its rulings. Instead, the Militant learned about the committee’s decisions to uphold the bans on issues nos. 19, 20, 22 and 23 from the paper’s subscribers behind bars. The status of the ban on no. 18 is unclear.

The Militant’s attorney, David Goldstein, sent in the socialist newsweekly’s appeal as planned. The number of bans by local prison wardens upheld by the committee now stands at five of the last nine issues.

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UN committee backs Puerto Rico fight for independence

BY MARTIN KOPPEL

UNITED NATIONS — This year’s U.N. decolonization hearings on the status of Puerto Rico June 24 reflected the growing anger at Washington and the colonial government among millions of Puerto Ricans on the island and in the U.S. over the crisis in jobs, health care, housing and other vital necessities.

That social and economic catastrophe continues to worsen nearly two years after Hurricane Maria ravaged the island.

The U.N. committee approved a resolution, sponsored by Cuba’s revolutionary government, backing the Puerto Rican people’s right to self-determination and independence. Some 50 people testified, all but a handful arguing in favor of independence for the Caribbean nation, which has been under Washington’s boot since U.S. troops invaded in 1898.


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Liberals’ Green New Deal is trap for working class

Modeled on Roosevelt’s WWII attacks on unions

BY TERRY EVANS

One feature of capitalist politics in the U.S. is the entry of a layer of self-proclaimed socialists — like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez — who see their mission to rebraid the Democratic Party to better ensure workers and to reform and defend capitalist rule while “helping” the working class.

Millions of workers today are looking for something different, as they face an economic and social crisis resulting from the punishing impact of the pro-imperialist, pro-war and pro-business policies of both parties that have boosted profits.

Ocasio-Cortez promotes a “Green New Deal,” backed by many of the Democrats running for president, as the central vehicle to accomplish this.

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G-20 summit reveals ‘liberal world order’ is coming apart

BY ROY LANDERSEN

The Group of 20 annual summit in Osaka, Japan, June 28-29 drew government leaders from the U.S., Germany, Japan, China, Russia, all the main imperialist and other large capitalist countries. It reflected the deep competition over trade between the main imperialist and other large capitalist countries.

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Iran book fair: US embargo hits pocket cash, not political interest

BY TONY HUNT

TEHRAN — The 32nd Tehran International Book Fair took place at the large Mosalla mosque complex here April 24-May 4. Hundreds of thousands from around the country attended amid rising U.S. imperialist military threats, economic sanctions and a declining currency, which are squeezing living standards of working people and the middle classes.

The largest section housed some 2,400 Iranian publishers of Farsi titles. The international section, with around 800 publishers, displayed books in Arabic and English as well as other languages. This year’s country of honor was China.

Pathfinder Books from the United Kingdom, which has participated since 1992, sold more than 300 titles by revolutionary working-class leaders. Its best-seller was Are They Rich Because They’re Smart? Class, Privilege, and Learning Under Capitalism by Jack Barnes, national secretary of the Socialist Workers Party in the U.S., with 61 copies sold. Tributes of the People and the Trade Unions, with an introduction by Barnes, and In Defense of the US Working Class by SWP leader Mary-Alice Waters were the newest titles on its shelves.

Fifty-three Pathfinder titles translated into Farsi, Iran’s most widely used language, were on display by Talaye Porsoo publishers, which sold over 700 books. Top sellers included The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels (104 copies) and Are They Rich Because They’re Smart? (59 copies). Talaye Porsoo also featured two other books by Barnes: The Clintons’ Anti-Working-Class Record and Malcolm X, Black Liberation, and the Road to Workers Power.

A new title, Talaye Porsoo’s translation of In Defense of the US Working Class, was also on display at a book-fair event hosted by the Association of Women Publishers. Other Iranian publishers displaying Farsi translations of Pathfinder titles included Godazin, which publishes Explorations of the Working Class and Women’s Liberation, both by Evelyn Reed, as well as Cosmetics, Fashions, and the Exploitation of Women by Reed, Waters, and Joseph Hansen. Titles on the fight for women’s emancipation were popular at both the Talaye Porsoo and Pathfinder booths.

“I wish I could buy all these books,” said a student after browsing the Pathfinder shelves, “but I have to watch my pocket.” She left with Che Guevara and the Fight for Socialism Today, one of several titles on the Cuban Revolution sold here. A young woman from a rural area in north Iran bought Is Biology Woman’s Destiny? by Reed, Is Socialist Revolution in the US Possible? by Waters, and Origins of the Family, Private Property, and the State by Engels. She said she’d been unable to pursue postgraduate studies abroad “because of the sanctions.”

Several visitors to the fair said they were interested in socialism or Marxism. Many asked if it was “legal” to sell these kinds of books in the U.S. and U.K. Volunteers at the booth responded by showing them photos in books of such titles being sold on the streets or at workers’ doorsteps.

The world capitalist crisis, and by early May the nearly three-quarters fall of the rial, the local currency, have made a big dent in the budgets of most Iranians, including fairgoers, since Washington reimposed sanctions last year. One student came to the Pathfinder stand carrying a bag of books he’d bought with the “Bon” card, a government subsidy for students. “Last year,” he said, “I was able to fill up three bags.”

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Mass protests in Hong Kong block hated law

Two million people jammed Hong Kong’s streets June 16 forcing the government, and the rulers in Beijing, to back down from pushing through an extradition bill. The ‘Militant’ covers struggles by workers, students in China and growing rivalry between Beijing and Washington.

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“We’ll be explaining the need for working people to break from the Democrats and Republicans, the two parties that represent the interests of the ruling rich and their political system,” Kennedy told the Militant. At a rally last month in Trenton, New Jersey, Lea Sherman and Candace Wagner, SWP candidates for New Jersey General Assembly, joined a rally June 27 for the driving’s license for immigrants, one of the two documented immigrants, sponsored by the immigrant rights group Cosecha.

“Winning licenses serves to unite us. And it puts us in a stronger position to fight for amnesty for the 11 million immigrants without papers so we can organize and rebuild a fighting union movement,” Wagner, a union rail worker, told fellow protesters.

The same day members of the Communications Workers of America who gathered at the Statehouse called on government officials invited Cosecha members to speak on the fight for licenses. “We’ll continue to fight until we win licenses for everyone,” Norma Morena, a CWA member from both organizations. “We’re standing united, without papers and without fear,” added Caritina Hernandez. They got a standing ovation.

Sherman and Wagner will join Seth Galinsky, SWP candidate for New York City public advocate, at a campaign program at the opening of the new SWP hall at 3600 Bergenline Ave. in Union City July 6. Rachelle Fruit launched her campaign as SWP candidate for the Atlanta Board of Education at a Militant Labor Forum June 28. Two days earlier she joined an action called by the Georgia Peace and Justice Coalition demanding, “End War in Iran” and “End U.S. sanctions now!”

There she met Thomas Proenza, a former graduate student and member of Democrats Against Armenta. He said he wanted to donate to the campaign, bought a subscription to the Militant and got a copy of the Militant supplement “Revolution, Counter-revolution and War in Iran.” It describes the working-class-led protests that swept 90 cities and towns across Iran early last year and presents the stakes for the working class in the wars and upheavals sweeping the region today.

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— former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s New Deal, which subor-
dined workers’ interests to “national unity” in order to turn all the country’s resources to the victory of U.S. capital in the second imperialist world war.

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doing the crisis of capital today. The meritocrats propose-
ing it see working people as needing their help to “do the right thing.”

Like Roosevelt’s New Deal, Ocasio-

Cortez and other Democrats today view workers and farmers as the ob-

jects of government policies to be administered, rather than people who are not only capable of fighting to meet the conditions the bosses and their govern-

ments impose on us, but to transform themselves through that fight to take political power.

The capitalist rulers are incapable of finding a way to reverse the cri-

sis of their system today. Democrats present a false account of the New Deal to convince working people that something can be done to lessen the pain. But they face the better “managing” the capitalist economy.

But it is only by relying on work-

ers own capacities to struggle together against those who exploit us — the same bosses who degrade both labor and the environment — that working people can chart a course forward.

Rebuilding capitalist rule with work-

ers power can make possible “social relations that are based on human soli-


ers, farmers and youth to commit their lives and futures to advancing the his-

toric line of march of the international working class.”

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UN committee backs independence for Puerto Rico

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closed after the hurricane and there isn’t even a maternity ward on the island.

Several speakers spoke about the tens of thousands who have migrated from Puerto Rico, as a result of the economic catastrophe. Some ar-
gued that the migration was a result of a deliberate U.S. government policy to "make work for the workers" and exacerbate the normal workings of capitalism and the superexploitation of working people there, exacerbated by U.S. colonial rule. Despite efforts by the capitalist rul-
ers and the big-business media to por-

tray the Puerto Rican people as help-

less victims, it was working people who came together to help each other and began to rebuild in the wake of the hurricane destruction, and of the U.S. and Puerto Rican capitalists’ criminal inaction and contempt.

Walter Alomar from the Organization for Culture of Hispanic Origins reported that he recently visited 15 of the closed schools in Puerto Rico. "Every aban-
doned school was guarded and cared for by the people of the community," he said, in the face of government neglect.

"It wasn’t thanks to FEMA or fed-

eral funds," said Wilma Reverón of the Hostos National Independence Move-

ment. "Much of what is being restored now in Puerto Rico — agriculture, roads, bridges, and roads — has mostly been the product of the work by com-
munities, by the hands of Puerto Rican men and women.

"We are showing that we don’t need masters. We need solidarity," Reverón said. “We need freedom in order to build our country.”
Glad that people got to see through the curtain. Jerry Finn, a trainman, said, “I’m losing confidence in themselves after the settlement. This takes three to four years to acquire experience working in the many area switch yards, road jobs and where to ‘spot’ rail cars at local industries. Rail workers know that the bosses’ book of ‘rules’ is pulled out whenever there is any kind of accident to scapegoat the workers.

Fight for workers control

Our union needs to fight for workers control of railroad training and operations, to fight for safe conditions and protect its members, and to extend that protection to those living, working or driving near the tracks. For decades top union officials in North America have followed a course of class collaboration, looking to the Democrats and Republicans in state and federal government to pass laws setting a minimum crew size of two and one or other government regulations to slow down the bosses’ push for one- or no-person operations and automation. The example of the legal system and government regulators not only doesn’t work, it does not prepare railroad workers to use union power, and to reach out and win solidarity from other unionists and the working-class public — the only road to win a larger crew size, shorter trains and safe working conditions. Our own experience shows that looking to the rulers’ political parties and their government is a dead end, and it disproves our class collaboration.

One recent example is the May 23 decision by the Federal Railroad Administration to withdraw a pending new rule that would have set a mandatory crew size of at least two for freight and passenger trains and to void all state laws and regulations that say the same. Our union had spent many hours and money to lobby for the larger crew. But the purpose of the FRA and similar government regulatory bodies is to protect the bosses and the possibility of workers using the real power of the union — our experience you can use the union to defend themselves and those who experience working in the many area switch yards, road jobs and where to ‘spot’ rail cars at local industries. Rail workers know that the bosses’ book of ‘rules’ is pulled out whenever there is any kind of accident to scapegoat the workers.

Coal train near Powder River Basin area of northeast Wyoming. BNSF bosses recently began running dangerously extra-long coal trains from Wyoming mines. BNSF’s new program calls for trains with no more than 50 cars and crew of four, two on each end of the train.

Seven numbers in action — under the guise of being “impartial” in its deliberations. That’s why workers need to develop our ability to fight in our own interest. The place to start today is to win our unions to a course to fight in the interests of the whole working class, by mobilizing union power, the only real strength we have.

More training for new hires is a modest start, but it is a step on the road to using union power in the interest of those workers on the railroad.

Joe Swanson is a retired rail worker with 31 years’ experience. He lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, and remains active in his union local.

Calif. Fresh Express workers walk out, win wage raise

The contract covering over 500 workers expired at the end of last year. Workers were demanding a $3 an hour wage increase over three years, “no” to the company’s demand to double their medical insurance costs and that unsafe conditions be ended.

“If they crucify me for this, it doesn’t matter,” striker David Rangel, a loader at Fresh Express for 23 years, told the Salinas Californian while striking workers were gathered outside the plant. “This company has a lot of money. But we’ve been negotiating for seven and a half months and there has been nothing for us. We have unsafe conditions at work. Forklifts for loading the product are 10 years old and don’t have parts.”

Two hours into the strike Fresh Express managers asked to resume negotiations and agreed to a two-year contract with a $1 an hour yearly wage increase retroactive to January. The union reports that all the workers’ key issues were addressed.

“Workers outside the plant overwhelmingly approved the deal by a voice vote and returned to the job,” the union statement said.

The Salinas Valley is known for the large quantities of berries and vegetables grown here. Two years earlier, workers at nearby Taylor Farms, another big processing plant, walked out and rapidly won a $1.50 an hour raise and another $1 the following January. The initiative came from the workers themselves, but once the strike was underway Teamster union officials joined with workers to negotiate the pay hike.

Joe Britton, Socialist Workers Party candidate for mayor of San Francisco, led a team of supporters to knock on workers’ doors here June 30. Workers remembered the Taylor Farms strike and told Britton they supported the Fresh Express walkout.

Jorge, 42, who declined to give his last name, said he had worked at Fresh Express for a few months and now works at another food processing plant. “Sincerely, the equipment at Fresh Express was not in good condition, it was unsafe.” he said. “The working conditions and other gains can only be won when we engage in actions like the Fresh Express workers did with their strike,” Britton said.
Conference celebrates 100 years ‘on the right side of history’
Socialist Workers Party campaigns for independent working-class political action

BY TERRY EVANS AND JOHN STURD

Some 30 conference displays graph-
ically illustrated the continuity from its
workers and peasants in Russia, who in
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Oberrin says its smears of bakery were just ‘students free speech’

BY SETH GALINSKY
Oberrin College President Car- men Twillie Ambarr and other officials have launched a media blitz to falsely portray June 7 verdict as a Lorrain County jury as a dangerous attack on free speech. The jury found the college guilty of maliciously trying to “permanently harm and damage” Gibb- son’s family-run Oberrin bakery by promot- ing false statements that the business and its owners are racist.

The Gibson’s $44 million in compensatory and punitive damages, considerably higher than state regulations usually permit. The judge lowered the award to a still substantial $25 million. A hearing on fees for the Gibson’s lawyers is set for July 10.

Three days after a whirlwind media tour at the end of June, holding a press conference, contacting alumni and giving interviews to CBS News, NPR, The New York Times and the Wall Street Journal, she denied that the college had smeared the Gibbons or was guilty of anything and discounted the jury’s decision, claiming “this is the First Amendment case about whether an institution can be held liable for the speech of its students,” she told NPR.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Gibson’s lawsuit wasn’t directed at free speech or the right to protest, but at the press and signing carried out by Oberrin College officials.

The dispute began when some stu- dents, encouraged by college officials, began protests outside the store, falsely claiming its owners had a long history of “racial profiling,” after three Black students were arrested for attempting to shoplift two bottles of wine from the bakery on Nov. 9, 2016, and assaulting Allyn Gibson, grandson of the owner, who tried to stop them. They later pled guilty to minor charges and acknowledged that Gibson’s response was not racially motivated.

College officials printed and helped distribute flyers for the smear campaign and cancelled the bakery’s contract with the campus dining services for two months, and again after the lawsuit was filed. Guides for official campus tours advised prospective students and their families not to shop at Gibson’s because it is a “racist establishment” that “as- sauls students.” The college even posi- tioned construction equipment to block a parking lot owned by Gibson’s. The bakery has done business with the col- lege for 100 years.

In response to the college’s attempt to reframe the case as “a First Amend- ment issue,” Gibson’s lawyers released a 56-page FAQ June 28 that demystifies Am- barr’s twisted facts.

“Even after the jury’s verdict,” the lawyers said, “the college refuses to take responsibility for its actions.”

Gibson’s employee Emily Crawford was told by college Vice President for Communications Ben Jones in a Nov. 11, 2016, email that the police report stated the shoplifting and arrests “is bullshit.” He then asked her “what are you hearing in your rec- ord?” Crawford replied that “the police officers do not believe the shoplifting and arrests is bullshit.” Cramford then “told them that ‘I have talked to 15 townie friends who are [people of color] and they are disgusted and embarrassed by the protest.”

“To them this is not a race issue at all and they do not believe the Gib- son’s are racist.”

The response from Tita Reid, an as- sistant to the Oberrin president? “Don’t change a damned thing for me.”

Three days later then-college Presi- dent Marvin Krislov emailed Reid that students are talking about urging the college to stop buying anything from Gibson’s. Reid responds, “That’s a great bargaining chip,” and the col- lege does so.

Amber also ignores the testimony from several witnesses at the trial that Dean Raimondo spoke at the Nov. 10 protest and handed out flyers calling Gibson’s a “RAacist establish- ment” with “a LONG ACCOUNT of RACIAL PROFIL- ING and DISCRIMINATION.”

The class disdain of Oberrin College officials — by far the largest business in town — towards the family-run bakery led them to underestimate the support that working people in the area would show the bakery owners. Many Oberrin residents displayed signs in support of Gibson’s, and others, out- raged by the slanders and the boycott, mobilized to shop there. But the over- sized weight of the college meant the bakery lost business.

David Gibson wrote in an op-ed in U.S. Today June 21 that the family de- cided to file the suit after his father told them, “In my life I’ve done everything I could to treat all people with dignity and respect. And now, nearing the end of my life, I’m going to die being labeled as a racist.”

The victory won by the fam- ily against the college is a gain for all working people.

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David Gibson wrote in an op-ed in U.S. Today June 21 that the family decided to file the suit after his father told them, “In my life I’ve done everything I could to treat all people with dignity and respect. And now, nearing the end of my life, I’m going to die being labeled as a racist.”

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EDITORIAL
Join SWP on ‘right side of history’

The 2020 U.S. elections — with 16 months to go — are front-page news, as incumbent Donald Trump and some two dozen other candidates pour money and manpower into trying to peel away voters at each other. All these Democratic and Republican politicians, whether self-proclaimed socialists, liberals or conservatives, share one key thing in common — a common obsession with trying to reelect and reappoint the two-party system in order to preserve — the Democrats or Republicans — appears as the two-party system is set up to preserve — the markets and resources. They work hard to keep us divided and war in wars over conditions and to send us to fight and die in wars over markets and resources. They work hard to keep us divided and we end up attacking each other. There is no “lesser” evil.

The Socialist Workers Party fights for an opponent ‘right side of history’ movement to combat the crisis — long-standing capitalist production and trade today. The final G-20 statement said that global growth was “low,” with geopolitical risks “tilted to the downside.”

The post-World War II imperialist world order is still slowly but surely being torn apart by the workings of capitalism itself.

At the gathering, President Donald Trump met on the sidelines with Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. The two leaders sought to meet with the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea leader Kim Jong Un. Stalled trade talks with Beijing were resurrected, and talks with the DPRK over nuclear disarmament were expanded.

The U.S. capitalist class is using its unequal economic weight — the size of its domestic market, the centrality of its financial system and the ever-present U.S. dollar as the world’s reserve currency — to protect its exploitative global domination against continuing decline. Even though the dollar’s share of global foreign exchange has slipped since the financial crisis a decade ago, its role as the world’s reserve currency remains.

In his G-20 address June 29, Xi, in a veiled reference to the Trump administration’s escalation of tariffs, denounced protectionism by rich countries as “ill-intentioned.” China’s state media have been urging the U.S. to stop pursuing a “unilateral” strategy.

Trump says the “globalized” economic order has aided the rise of Chinese capitalism in recent decades to the detriment of U.S. capitalism. Trump and Xi met over lunch at the G-20 to restart bilateral trade talks. The U.S. president agreed to lift his threat of new duties on $300 billion of Chinese goods not currently hit by U.S. tariffs. He also lifted a ban on U.S. companies from investing in sectors of China’s economy with the help of the Chinese government.

The SWP’s slate of candidates presents a program to fight to change the conditions workers face in the only way that is possible — by challenging capitalist rulers to which they are trapped in the collapse of the economy and oppression and join in fighting to change them.

By recognizing and acting on our capacity to struggle, the SWP campaign presents demands to increase the unity, size and efficacy of working people. It explains why workers need our own foreign policy to oppose the wars, military threats and sanctions imposed with bipartisan support by the U.S. imperialist rulers. They point to the revolution made by the Chinese people to change the destiny of millions of people in Hong Kong, hundreds of thousands marched in the streets, calling for the pro-Beijing government to resign. A few hundred protesters occupied and clashed Hong Kong’s legislature, clashing with police. This gave Beijing an uncustomed chance to pose as a guardian of the “rule of law.”

Mass protests continue in Hong Kong

The Chinese rulers blamed unnamed foreign countries for the unrest, while admitting the huge marches were a “blatant challenge” to Beijing’s rule. But what they really fear is the “interference” of the class struggle from within, a fear shared by rival ruling classes around the world.

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G-20 reveals ‘liberal world order’ coming apart

Executive Carrie Lam against millions of working people in Hong Kong continued to play out. On July 1, 2022 million people in Cuba in a massive protest against the U.S. aggression against the island. On July 24, Kim Jong-un will be a “blatant challenge” to Beijing’s rule. But what they really fear is the “interference” of the class struggle from within, a fear shared by rival ruling classes around the world.

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Back ‘Militant’ fight

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The Militant notes that nothing in prison rules authorizes “prison officials to censor a newspaper merely because of its viewpoints,” Goldstein notes, which is unconstitutional. Many prison subscribers agree.

‘Keep up the righteous fight!’

“armpowerful appeal,” one prisoner, who just got out of solitary confinement, wrote. “I’ll be contesting the latest round not on paper. I was on the outside. That’s nothing I read in the papers that cause me to react.”

It’s the conditions in the prison itself that are the problem, he said. The solitary confinement units “don’t have the best light. The food isn’t the best. The work doesn’t work along with a lot of other inhumane conditions.”

“Keep up the righteous fight!” he writes.

Militant editor John Studer and this correspondent attended the American Library Association convention in Washington, D.C., June 22-23. The Office for Intellectual Freedom of the ALA and the Freedom to Read Foundation are signers on a letter from the National Coalition Against Censorship that calls on Florida prison officials to overturn the ban on the Militant.

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