New York Times’ changes its ‘story,’ says race-baiting can topple Trump

BY ROY LANDERSEN

The owners and editors at the New York Times, long one of the capitalist rulers’ central media outlets, are in the midst of a wrenching shift in the “story” they try to peddle daily.

For the last three years, like most of the liberals and middle-class left, they have relied on the witch hunt led by former FBI boss Robert Mueller to impeach or indict President Donald Trump. Their pages have been filled with harangues against Trump and against the workers who either voted for him or decided — after looking at both Trump and his main bourgeois opponent, Hillary Clinton, who called them “deplorables” — to sit that one out.

But now Executive Editor Dean Baquet told a 75-minute rancorous staff meeting, recorded and leaked to Slate, that they all had to realize, “Holy shit, Bob Mueller is not going to do it.”

So, Baquet said, they have to change their “story.”

“How do we write about race in a thoughtful way, something we haven’t done in a large way in a long time,” he said. Continued on page 7

Workers in Puerto Rico face crisis of colonial rule

Protests oust governor, spur debate on way forward

Yasmin Morales, from family that live by fishing, describes conditions in El Negro area of Yabucoa in Puerto Rico to Alyson Kennedy, Socialist Workers Party 2016 presidential candidate Aug. 17. The capitalist parties are like “sharks going after the small fish,” Morales said.

BY SETH GALINSKY

AND ALYSON KENNEDY

YABUCOA, Puerto Rico — When she returned to what was left of her home in the small El Negro neighborhood overlooking the sea after Hurricane Maria in September 2017, Yasmin Morales looked up at the nearby hills. “There wasn’t a leaf on a tree,” she told Socialist Workers Party members on a solidarity and reporting trip here Aug. 23.

Many people say that storm exposed the widespread poverty in the territory.

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Miners win support in fight against Blackjewel

BY MAGGIE TROWE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Coal miners laid off July 1 by bankrupt Blackjewel Coal have vowed to maintain their encampment on railroad tracks in Cumberland, Harlan County, to prevent coal bosses from moving coal out of the Cloverfield No. 3 mine.

“We’re tired, but we’re going to hang in there,” Blackjewel miner Chris Sexton, one of the workers who began the protest, told the Militant by phone Aug. 25.

The miners began blocking the tracks July 29 when they found out Blackjewel was trying to move out 20,000 tons of coal worth more than a million dollars after the company had laid off miners and workers’ paychecks bounced. Begun by a handful of miners with encouragement from union rail workers, the tent city encampment has received support of small business owners and others.

Blackjewel’s bankruptcy affected 1,700 workers in Kentucky, West Virginia and in the Powder River Basin in Wyoming. At an Aug. 23 bankruptcy court hearing in Charleston, West Virginia, Blackjewel owners requested court permission to sell coal without miners’ consent.

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Florida prison officials lift ban on 5 issues of ‘Militant’ after protests

BY SETH GALINSKY

The face of growing support for the fight against the censorship of the Militant, Florida prison officials have rescinded the ban on five issues of the socialist weekly. All those who support the right of prisoners to read literature of their own choosing can use this victory to strengthen the fight to overturn the ban on eight other issues of the paper.

Issue nos. 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 were previously issues of the Militant. Officially banned. Continued on page 4

Working people in Syria face growing crisis from attacks by Assad regime

BY BRIAN WILLIAMS

Following months of airstrikes by the Syrian regime and its ally in Moscow, the government of Bashar al-Assad has retaken some key areas in Idlib province that have been under the control of opponents of his dictatorial rule for the past five years. The bombardments exacerbated the disastrous conditions for some 3 million people, many of whom had fled government army assaults in other parts of Syria.

Conflicts are sharpening among the people, including the displaced from Idlib who have fled to areas within Syria’s northeast.

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We need to organize workers to defend environment, safety

Rachel Fruit, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Atlanta School Board, told Belinda Aycock who was attending a town hall meeting of several hundred in Covington, Georgia, Aug. 20. The meeting was held to discuss carcinogenic emissions coming from the BD Bard plant there.

“I think they should shut it down,” Aycock said.

“Yes, until it can be operated safely,” Fruit replied, “and workers there should be guaranteed full pay during the closure.”

BD Bard, which employs some 1,000 workers, is one of two plants that have been emitting ethylene oxide. The other is the Sterigenics plant in Smyrna, with about 30 workers, that sterilizes medical equipment.

Fruit and campaign supporters attended another town hall meeting of over 1,000 people in Cobb County to protest emissions from the Sterigenics facility Aug. 19.

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Gov’t to give pork bosses sole power over line speed

BY JACOB PERASSO

The Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service is threatening to eliminate its current limit of slaughtering 1,100 boxes per hour in the nation’s pork packing plants and turn inspection there over to the company bosses. This is an attack on the health and safety of workers and the millions who consume pork products.

Even under the current “limits,” injuries in meatpacking are high — pork and beef workers are three times more likely to suffer serious injury and seven times more likely to get debilitating repetitive motion injuries than other workers.

For the better part of a decade I worked as a meat cutter in cut-and-kill hog and cattle slaughter and in processing operations in the Upper Midwest. I have seen firsthand what the bosses’ thirst for higher line speed can do. The bosses say eliminating caps on line speeds will give them more “flexibility.” In fact, it will embolden the bosses...

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Hong Kong rallies demand political rights

Working people in Hong Kong fighting for democratic and political rights face Beijing’s determination to tighten its grip on the territory. The ‘Militant’ explains why the Chinese government fears the impact of this struggle on working people elsewhere in China.

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class values — those of human solidarity, of working people relying on to protect our families, communities and co-workers. We should oppose the recent immigration raids and fight for an amnesty for all undocumented workers to unite working people.

We need to organize solidarity with the farmers in Harlan County, Kentucky, who are blocking a coal train there until they receive wages stolen from them by the bankrupt Blackjewel coal bosses.

We need to build and strengthen the United Mine Workers union in the mines and the United Food and Commercial Workers union in the packing plants. The UMW set an important example in this country, winning hard fought battles in the 1930s and ’40s that helped establish union safety committees that had the power to shut down production anytime they found mine conditions unsafe. This is what the pack plant workers — and all workers — need.

Jacob Perruso is a former member of the Teamsters in New York City, and a past president of the Packing Workers Union and a freight rail conductor and member of SMART-TD Local 394 in Selkirk, New York.

Tribunes of the People and the Trade Unions

A tribute of the people uses every manifestation of capitalist oppression to explain why it’s workers and all workers who can and will — in the course of struggles by the unions and beyond — lay the foundations for a world based not on violence and competition but on solidarity among working people worldwide.

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permission to remove the coal. The judge called for an evidentiary hearing in two days before making a ruling on the coal bosses’ demand.

“We are wanting our money, not just partial,” Darrel Raleigh, a laid-off Blackjewel miner, told WYMT-TV Aug. 27. “We’re the encampment. Kopper Olio Mining has bought the Clevelick mine subject to government approval and off- ered workers a paltry $800 towards un- paid wages, which average over $4,000 per worker.

“We want our money — the money that’s owed to us. We are going to be here. That’s it. We are not going to move,” Raleigh said.

Others echoed Raleigh’s response. “I’m standing right there behind my son and the rest of them,” Donna Sexton, a home health care worker and Chris Sexton’s mother, told the Militant Aug. 25. Support for the miners is growing, she noted. Her son said that retired United Mine Workers of America miners have been visiting the camp regularly.

Messages of support can be sent to Harlan County CAA, P.O. Box 1556, Harlan KY 40831 or emailed to avar- gas@harlancountycwa.com.

Workers’ claims always come last in hearings by bankruptcy courts, which exist to protect the interests of the bil- lionaire capitalist families. Coal bosses use the hearings to minimize the losses to themselves, bondholders and other creditors, and to maximize the burden that falls on working people, shedding obligations to pay workers’ pensions and other benefits and breaking union contracts. While there are retired United Mine Workers of America miners in Kentucky, there are no longer any UM- WA-organized mines.

Decline in coal production

Working people in Appalachia, the coal-rich mountainous region encompassing eastern Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia, are suffering from an economic and social crisis, which the steep decline of coal production in rec- ent years has exacerbated.

The number of workers employed in coal production has fallen 61% over the last 30 years, from 136,400 in 1989 to 52,700 today. And laid-off miners face stiff competition looking for work. The official unemployment rate in Harlan County is 13.1%. Statewide it’s 5.6%.

In 2010 almost half of U.S. power was generated by coal-fired plants. Last year the figure fell to 27 percent. Cheaper oil and natural gas produced in increasing quantities by shale-fracturing technol- ogy is displacing the demand for coal. Officials in some counties blame the drop in tax revenue from coal compan- nies for cuts they are making to services that working people depend on. In some eastern Kentucky and West Virginia counties authorities say they cannot de- liver drinkable water to residents. Knott County in eastern Kentucky declared a partial government shutdown in Janu- ary, and officials there are threatening to cut a meals program for retired workers.

Blackjewel’s bankruptcy affected hundreds of miners in Wyoming, on the heels of other bankruptcies in re- cent years. Six coal companies with Wyoming mines filed for bankruptcy in the past four years. Coal jobs there dropped from over 7,000 in 2011 to some 5,700 last year.

The July 25 Casper, Wyoming, Star- Tribune reports that some laid-off Wyom- ing Blackjewel miners say the bosses frequently issued paychecks late, and stopped issuing retirement payments six weeks before the mine closures. Local businesses with contracts with Black- jewel reported receiving no payment for invoices as well.
Airline catering workers picket Dallas airport in contract fight

EULESS, Texas — Several hundred airline catering workers employed at LSG SkyChefs from cities across the country, including Fort Worth, gathered at the信息发布 pike line near the American Airlines headquarters outside the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Aug. 13. The unionists, members of UNITE HERE, are fighting for a new contract. They say they are targeting American because it is LSG’s biggest customer.

Barry Saht, a hotel housekeeper, came on a bus with 28 other unionists from San Antonio. He described having to work double shifts. “The corporations make more money and we deserve to get paid more,” he said.

Nearly half of LSG SkyChefs workers receive $11.35 an hour or less and can’t afford their families’ health insurance plans, according to UNITE HERE. The union represents some 18,000 catering workers at airports nationwide.

The 11,000 union members working for LSG, including 926 at Dallas-Fort Worth airport, voted in June to authorize a strike. Airline workers like rail workers face anti-working-class legislation under the Railway Labor Act, which is designed to restrict workers’ rights to strike.

— George Chalmers

Asda store workers in U.K. rally against concessions contract

LEEDS, England — Hundreds of Asda workers marched here Aug. 14 past the company’s headquarters to protest a new concessions contract with the retail chain.

It would allow bosses to arbitrarily switch workers’ shift schedules and eliminate pay for breaks, cut night shift and holiday pay and mandate work on public holidays.

Ben Kelly, a full-time community organizer with the GMB, brought workers to the protest from throughout the U.K., including from London, Cumbria, Doncaster, Peterborough and Scotland.

Workers, some with more than 20 years at Asda, said that the new contract means that they will have to leave their jobs.

Julie Wival, who came on a bus from Peterborough, told the Militant that many Asda workers will not be able to work these new shifts as they are single mothers or care for relatives. The bosses “tell us that if we don’t sign, we will be terminated,” she said.

“Asda makes more than $700 million a year [$860 million],” said Matthew McAlpine from Peterlee. “It’s our hard work that creates that. But they keep changing our terms.” — Dog Tirsin

Toronto cop who killed youth paroled after only two years

BY STEVE PENNER
TORONTO — The Parole Board of Canada Aug. 13 granted day release to imprisoned former cop James Forcillo, less than two years into his life-and-half-sentence for killing Sammy Yatim in 2013. This ruling was a topic of discussion among working people who Communist League candidates Pierre Luc Filion and Steve Penner met as they campaigned here a few days later.

Yatim, an 18-year-old Syrian immigrant, was shot by Forcillo in August 2013 while running away from the police with a small knife and appeared to be in a disturbed mental state when Forcillo shot him nine times.

A public outcry and a series of protests forced authorities to charge Forcillo, who was tried and convicted of attempted murder in 2016. Over 460 people were killed by cops in Canada between 2000 and 2017, according to CBC News, but Forcillo is one of only two cops convicted for any of these killings.

Yatim’s family says they were shocked when the parole board told Penner, the Communist League’s candidate for the federal riding of Papineau in Montreal, and Filion, its candidate in the Montreal riding of Longueuil-Saint-Hubert, campaigned in York Township, Toronto, the day after the announcement of Forcillo’s discharge. Several working people there told the CL candidates they were opposed to Forcillo’s early release.

“No one jailed for murder gets out of prison after less than two years,” said Amerigo, a retired construction worker.

Truck driver Shane Rickett told Filon and Penner that Forcillo’s release from prison shows that the police “can get away with doing whatever they want.”

Rickett, who is black, said he thought that having “more people of color” on the police force might help.

Filion pointed out that Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders is black and his appointment hasn’t done anything to change the anti-working-class or racist character of the cops.

“Giving more money to the cops is not going to help,” Rickett said. The municipal, provincial and federal government announced a $4.5 million increase in funding for Toronto cops Aug. 13. Saunders said the money was needed for the cops to respond to a rise in gang-related shootings. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau claimed the funding package would “keep Canadians safe.”

Rickett got a copy of a statement the CL candidates released Aug. 15. “Trudeau’s proposals are aimed at working people,” Penner says in the release. “More police mean more arbitrary arrests, frame-ups and cop violence against us — especially black and Indigenous workers.”

In the statement Filion explains, “There’s only one way to respond to anti-social violence. When working people in our millions stand up and fight for better working conditions, against police brutality, for women’s rights, against imperialism’s wars around the world — when we fight for something and win — crime and senseless acts of violence will diminish.”

Filion said that to bring about fundamental change working people need to wage a fight to take political power out of the hands of the capitalist rulers and establish their own government.

“That’s what we need,” Rickett said. “The masses shouldn’t have to live in fear. They should be able to live in dignity.” He encouraged the CL candidates to return for more discussion and bought a 12-week subscription to the Militant and the book The Clintons’ Anti-Working-Class Record: Why Washington Fears Working People by Socialist Workers Party National Secretary Jack Barnes.

Are They Rich Because They’re Smart?

Jack Barnes

“Only through our own organization of working people can we begin to transform ourselves and our attitudes toward life and work and each other.”

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The Puerto Rico Worker's government that oppresses us maintains Puerto Rican workers as a colony. Kennedy said.

Cuba and the Coming American Revolution

Cuba is a revolutionary country. For the first time in history, there are workers in control of the local and national government. The workers are organizing to fight against capitalist exploitation.

Cuba is a revolutionary country and has been for more than 50 years. It is the only country in the world where workers are in control of the government. The workers are organizing to fight against capitalist exploitation.

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Socialism is the historical mission of modern proletariat

Socialism: Utopian and Scientific by Frederick Engels is one of Pathfinder's books of the Month for September. Engels was the lifelong political collaborator of Karl Marx in the foundation and special product of capitalism," writes SWP leader George Novak. It is also "destined to take charge of the economy and remold society from top to bottom." Capitalist competition on home grounds was complemented by fierce rivalries between national capitalist interests in the international arena. These exploded periodically in armed conflicts between the great powers for the possession of colonies, fields of investment, and supremacy in the world market.

All these tendencies of capitalism, from monopolist domination to imperialist wars — which Engels viewed from the vantage point of the end of the nineteenth century have attained their consummate development in our own time. So long as the capitalists owned the means of production and operated them for private profit, either directly as individuals and corporations or indirectly through the state they controlled, all the evils of the system - exploitation, unemployment, crises, poverty, wars, discrimination, and inhumanity - would not only persist, but grow worse, said Engels. The massive productive forces summoned into being by modern science and technology had outgrown the national boundaries and the capitalistic class bares its teeth in reaction and retaliation — they have no recourse but to rise in rebellion.

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rival capitalist governments intervening in Syria. The governments of Russia and Iran back the efforts of Bashar al-Assad to reimpose his control over the country. Turkish rulers have sent troops to intervene in northern Syria, backed armed groups fighting Assad, and sought control of Turkish borders, fighting for their national rights; and the Israeli rulers are stepping up their airstrikes on bases that Tehran has established inside Syria.

Washington, with about 1,000 troops in northeastern Syria in areas controlled by Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, seeks to defend its imperialist interests and counter the Iranian government’s military presence and popular movements within the area.

Syrian government troops captured the strategic town of Khan Sheikhoun and surrounding areas in Idlib Aug. 20. Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, a reactionary Islam group warlord, had been based in the area since January, fled after days of heavy fighting. Militia backed by the Iranian rulers reinforced Moscow’s airstrike on the area.

Khan Sheikhoun lies along the main road connecting Damascus and Aleppo, two of Syria’s biggest cities under government control.

A “de-escalation” agreement between the governments of Iran, Russia and Turkey earlier in Idlib in 2017 permitted the establishment of Turkish troops at 12 military outposts in and around the province aimed at protecting opposition forces that the Turkish government backs. The pact also demanded that all Islamist groups relinquish heavy arms in the area. When they didn’t comply with the demands of Moscow and Assad, the Russian government unleashed massive airstrikes in the area.

Syrian warplanes fired into a Turkish military post in the village of Merek Aug. 22. Days earlier airstrikes had targeted a Turkish army convoy, killing three civilians and wounding 12. In response, the Turkish government sent additional armored vehicles to its outposts in Idlib, Anadolu Agency reported.

These attacks “could test the strength of military cooperation between Turkey and Russia,” noted the Red Street Journal. The government recently began receiving S-400 antiaircraft missile equipment from Moscow, provoking the ire of Washington, its NATO “ally.”

Since late April, airstrikes and rocket fire have killed more than 700 civilians in Idlib, according to the United Nations. Hundreds of others have been wounded.

Over the past three months more than half a million people have fled their homes, camping along roads, in olive groves and orchards near the Turkish border. Many face dire conditions without tents or shelter, and starved from the summer heat. The Turkish government has shut its border to Syrian refugees trying to enter the country.

The eight-year-long civil war in Syria has killed hundreds of thousands of people and displaced more than 10 million. It followed a powerful uprising by working people who fought to overturn Assad’s repressive rule in 2011. He crushed their rebellion, but different opposition forces, including Islamist groups, took up arms and seized control of large parts of the country.

Turkish gov’t targets Syrian refugees

During the civil war, some 3.6 million people from Syria have taken refuge in Turkey. They are required to register in the Turkish province where they reside. While many live in areas bordering Syria, hundreds of thousands of others have settled in Istanbul, Turkey’s largest city, in search of work.

Turkish authorities have stepped up the arrest of Syrian immigrants “during raids on homes or work-places as well as on the street. Telecom operators also reported AI Jazeera. In Istanbul alone thousands have been detained in recent weeks. The Turkish government demands the 350,000 Syrian immigrants living in Istanbul who are not registered in the city must return there by Oct. 30.

It disputes claims by human rights groups that it is deporting Syrians back to war-torn areas of the country, claiming that the country’s new law lets people stay even if they are “voluntarily.” However the “voluntary return document,” that cops press refugees to sign is written in Turkish, a language that many Syrians can’t read.

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SWP CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Organize workers to defend class interests

The following statement was issued Aug. 28 by Seth Galinsky, Socialist Workers Party candidate for New York City public advocate.

Working people from New York and Puerto Rico to the coalfields of Appalachia and the Powder River Basin face attacks by both bosses and their cops, courts and government. We don’t have to accept this state of affairs.

Today there are examples of working people standing up to do what our leaders cannot — like Blackjewel miners in Harlan County, Kentucky, thrown out on the street after bosses declared bankrupt. Miners are preventing the company from shipping out coal until they get the pay they’re owed.

Wherever workers are standing up to the bosses’ assaults we can organize to bring solidarity. Every act of solidarity helps unify the working class and strengthens our ability to stand up and fight.

The capitalist rulers’ efforts to make us pay for the crisis of their system has no end. As competition sharpens between bosses at Walmart and their retail competitors, they tighten their squeeze on the workers to maximize their profits. Rail workers confront bosses operating longer and longer trains with fewer workers, making conditions increasingly dangerous. Federal officials plan to grant the packing bosses’ demand to end all limits on line speeds in pork processing plants, further threatening workers’ lives and limbs.

The Blackjewel miners have been winning wide-spread support and aid, from retired United Mine Workers union members, churches, small businesses, other unions and individual workers. What do we make a difference? Win your co-workers, family and friends to offering solidarity for this working-class struggle and others like it. As workers organize together we gain experience and become more confident, like our fellow workers in Puerto Rico did when their mass actions brought down the governor.

We develop consciousness of our power as a class. We learn how to fight in a disciplined way. We see more clearly how our interests are tied together with those of fellow workers around the world.

Two years ago U.S. colonial rulers and the capitalist government in Puerto Rico left working people there to fend for themselves, in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Mass layoffs threatened to wreak more havoc. Working people in Puerto Rico and the U.S. have common interests in fighting for an end to U.S. colonial rule and cancelling Puerto Rico’s $74 billion debt.

The capitalists want to convince us to see each other as the problem, not their exploitative system of production. They demand amnesty for all immigrants in the U.S. without papers. That would open the door wide so they can more easily join in struggles for higher pay, safer conditions and for dignity without the fear of deportation. This will put all workers in a stronger position.

The Socialist Workers Party campaign organizes to involve other workers in every union fight and social protest in the interest of the working class.

Through common struggle we become different people, more conscious that working people are part of the exploited class that creates the wealth that can be capitalized away from us. That we are capable of overturning capitalist rule and taking power into our own hands.

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Stigma of mental illness

Thank you for comments on the capitalist misuse of mental illness in the article on the mass shooting in El Paso, Texas. The article only serves to increase the stigma that divides working people.

Homelessness, hospitalization and incarceration are often the fate of those suffering from mental illness. Brutality at the hands of uncomprehending cops takes place all too often. Suicide rates among them are rising.

Too often, insurance does not cover needed services that do exist are woefully inadequate.

David Hurst,

Fort Myers, Florida

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Militant schedule

This is a two-week issue. Militant No. 34 will be mailed out September 12.

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Israeli rulers bomb Tehran’s bases in Syria and Iraq

The Israeli Defense Forces unleashed airstrikes on Iranian Quds Forces and militia allies united with Tehran in Aqbara, Syria, Aug. 24, coming after an agreement between the Iranian military and political influence of the Iranian regime in Iraq and Syria. The Iranian rulers’ intervention in conflicts there extends abroad the counterrevolution they carried out at home in the early 1980s, pushing back gains made by working people during the 1979 Iranian Revolution that toppled the U.S.-backed shah of Iran.

In July the Israeli Defense Forces bombarded Tehran’s rocket bases in Iraq. Israeli spies agencies claim that Tehran has stationed missiles in Iraq that are capable of striking Israel. Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, calls for the destruction of Israel and the driving of Jews into the sea. Hamas, the governing party in the Gaza Strip, and Hezbollah share his Jew-hating tirades.

The attacks come as Washington steps up its pressure on Tehran. The sanctions it imposes that intensify the economic and social crisis bearing down on working people Iran.

TERRY EVANS

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