US hands off Iran! End all Washington’s sanctions now!

BY ROY LANDERSEN
A series of drone and missile attacks, claimed by Iranian-backed Houthi forces in Yemen, severely damaged Saudi Arabia’s biggest oil site Sept. 14, cutting world oil supplies and escalating prices. President Donald Trump threatened the U.S. military was “locked and loaded, depending on verification,” to retaliate.

Two days later, he warned that “the United States is more prepared than any country in history” to wage war, referring to the U.S. Navy armada and tens of thousands of troops in the Middle East. Yet the president said he hoped to avoid any war moves.

Trump had indicated interest in meeting with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, possibly at the opening of this year’s U.N. General Assembly session. He said Sept. 17, after the attack on Saudi oil facilities, he no longer saw that happening. Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei ruled out any talks the same day.

Coal miners at Blackjewel ‘stand up for what’s right’

BY MAGGIE TROWE
CUMBERLAND, Ky. — Miners laid off and robbed of their wages by Blackjewel coal bosses July 1 are keeping up their encampment they set up July 29 to block the railroad track. They organized the protest on the tracks leading out of Blackjewel’s Cloverlick No. 3 mine when the company tried to move the coal the miners had dug. The bosses declared bankruptcy and put some 1,700 miners on the streets in Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Paychecks deposited in the miners’ accounts were withdrawn without notice following the bankruptcy declaration.

A handful of miners who got calls about the company trying to move the train stood on the tracks and stopped it. They called as many co-workers, family and friends as they could. Soon others joined them and they’ve won moral and material support from across the region and beyond.

Build solidarity with striking GM workers!

BY BRIAN WILLIAMS
Nearly 50,000 members of the United Auto Workers walked off the job Sept. 16 in the union’s first nationwide strike against General Motors in 12 years. The strike is part of an uphill battle in labor actions fueled by lower unemployment and the continuing efforts of the boss class to push the crisis of their capitalist system onto the backs of working people.

Picket lines went up shutting down 33 manufacturing plants in nine states — Michigan, Ohio, New York, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Missouri, Indiana and Kansas — as well as at 22 parts distribution warehouses.

SWP campaigns, wins support for workers organizing to fight

BY EDWIN FRUIT
SEATTLE — “We are seeing important examples of workers organizing to fight to change their conditions on the job. This is a change,” explained Alyson Kennedy, to nearly 40 people at a Socialist Workers Party campaign rally in Seattle Sept. 13. Kennedy, the party’s presidential candidate in 2016, and Malcolm Jarrett, its candidate for Pittsburgh City Council, began a monthlong national tour in the Northwest.

“Many of these workers don’t have a union, but they organize themselves, take a stand and in the process get solidarity and gain confidence,” said Kennedy, a Walmart worker. She pointed to the fight by Blackjewel coal miners to get back pay stolen from them after the company declared bankruptcy.

Hurricane Dorian exposed depth of class divisions in the Bahamas

BY SETH GALINSKY
Hurricane Dorian exposed the class divide between the wealthy ruling families and working people in the Bahamas, the disregard of the government for the lives of the majority who live there and the class values of the U.S. rulers, who dominate the islands’ economy.

It is seen in who was hardest hit by the storm. In the way thousands of working people were left to fend for themselves during and after the hurricane. In the inadequate search operations for the dead that the government admits won’t finish for months, and in the continuing chaos in getting aid to tens of thousands who

GM workers, Blackjewel miners, fight for all of us

The nearly 50,000 autoworkers on strike against attacks by bosses at General Motors are fighting not just for themselves, but for the entire working class. I’ve joined them on strike.

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Walmart is just ‘a modern day sweatshop’

BY MARLEY WALKER
SAN LEANDRO, Calif. — “You can’t make people work in total darkness,” one Walmart worker told the Militant after managers at the store threatened to turn over ‘savings’ to the corporate headquarters.

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Albany SWP runs on ‘program that can defend working people’

BY JACOB PERASSO

ALBANY, N.Y. — “I am running for Albany County Executive for the Socialist Workers Party to put forward a program that can defend working people from the carnage of the crisis-ridden capitalist system and unite the working class in struggle,” Abby Tilsner told supporters as she announced her candidacy at a press conference Sept. 10.

Tilsner, 53, who works at St. Peter’s Hospital, was among dozens of nurses who rallied in June in support of the contract fight being waged by nurses at Albany Medical Center.

Last April the nurses voted to unionize, joining the New York State Nurses Association. However, the hospital has refused to sign a contract.

“A central pillar of our campaign is organizing workers to extend solidarity to struggles like these nurses are waging,” Tilsner said.

The campaign was announced by WNYT Channel 13. Tilsner is joined on the SWP slate by railroad worker Ved Dookhan, the party’s candidate for mayor of Troy, and Walmart worker Lawrence Quinn, its candidate for Troy City Council president.

The socialist candidates explain that it is possible for working people to take political power into our own hands and uproot capitalist exploitation. Tilsner’s opponent, Democratic incumbent Daniel McCoy, has backed federal lawsuits against drug company executive Daniel McCoy, has backed

By Brian Williams

NEW YORK — Officials here have come up with a new schema they claim will help homeless workers dependent on the city’s shelters “transition to permanent housing.” And it has nothing to do with building more homes or organizing workers to fight for a wage hike. Instead, they will force workers in the city’s shelter system to hand over as much as 30% of their income to a “savings” account run by the Department of Social Services that workers get back only if they can afford to leave the shelters. The city doesn’t say how homeless workers are expected to live with 30% less in their pockets.

“People are not homeless because they’re not able to manage their money,” Griselle Routhier of the Coalition for the Homeless told City Limits. “They are homeless because they can’t afford rent in New York City.”

In 2018 the city began putting the “savings” program for single adults into effect as a pilot program. If adopted, this regulation would apply to all single working adults staying in the shelters this year and would include all shelters in 2020. The Department of Homeless Services will hold a public hearing on this proposed rule Sept. 24.

The administration of Mayor Bill de Blasio justified the confiscation of workers’ wages, saying that a previous voluntary program to encourage the homeless to save was “ineffecutive,” according to City Limits.

Increasing numbers of those homeless work either full, part-time or temporary jobs, but low wages and high rents prevent them from being able to get a place to live, one effect of the capitalist crisis facing working people today.

In New York City, 45% of homeless single adults and 38% of homeless adults in families earn wages while homeless, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

On any given night at least 58,000 people are in the city’s shelter system, about three-quarters of whom are families. And these figures don’t include the thousands of individuals who stay away from these shelters because of the abysmal conditions in many of them.

Homelessness increased by nearly 47% in New York state since 2007. Nationwide, during what the bosses call an economic recovery, more than $50,000 working people were homeless last year, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Another indication of the rising numbers of homeless people here are those being shuffling into “hotel” shelters, a figure that has “surged over the last two years,” reported The New York Post. There were 5,473 households living in hotels across the city last month — two-thirds of which have children.

“Hotels lack kitchens for the parents to cook and spaces for the children to play,” the Post article said. “Often families are forced to spend weeks or more living together in cramped rooms.”

In 2017, de Blasio promised that the worst of these shelters would be closed and 90 more livable ones would be built by 2023. So far just 25 have been opened, a further indication that the capitalist rulers have no answers to the growing number of homeless in this city.

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Walmart is nothing but ‘a modern-day sweatshop’

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here demanded employees continue working after a power outage shut off the lights just minutes before closing time Aug. 16. She was one of a number of workers at this store who refused to remain and work under unsafe conditions that day.

This was an important and inspiring action, pointing the way for workers to organize together to meet attacks and defend themselves against bosses.

I felt abused, bullied and disrespected when they demanded I stay,” said another who refused to work.

She said she was glad the Walmart was going to cover what happened and urged the paper to headline this article, “Walmart is a modern-day sweatshop.”

Workers from a number of stores participated in a discussion at a Sept. 14 Militant Labor Forum in Oakland about what they can do to organize and fight the dangerous conditions like this that the bosses impose.

One participant in the forum said she had remained at the store after bosses refused her request to leave. “We have been afraid to raise our voices, because we need to work,” she said. “I’m here to find out how to fight back.”

“Exposing the unsafe conditions we face is one step,” replied Betsy Stone, a Walmart worker, member of the Socialist Workers Party and the featured speaker at the meeting. “More important is the example set by the workers who stood up to the company, including fighting against attempts to give them away their jobs.”

“As this gets known, it gives confidence to more workers to stand up,” she said, “something that can be used as an example and built on.”

During the outage, bosses urged workers to wear headlamps. When the store’s supply of headlamps ran out, bosses pressed workers to use their cell-phones as flashlights.

“There will be headlight you could see a little ahead, but what about what was under your feet?” another worker told the Militant.

The outage hit the entire shopping center and surrounding neighborhood, anything here no matter how wrong or stupid it is. We have to start standing up to it and work to get a union in here to defend workers.”

“Another hour, the power will come back,” one boss prodded, reported another worker who decided it wasn’t safe and went home. “If I do work in the dark, rats like the dark as well,” one worker told the Militant. A rat infestation has been an acute problem at the store, drawing the attention of co-workers and shoppers alike. Workers have encountered rats at close quarters as they move boxes.

Walmart maintenance workers, with necessary training and equipment, have been asked to collect dead rodents from traps set by an exterminating company — a cost-cutting measure the bosses have used to avoid paying a pest control service to dispose of the vermin.

Workers at the San Leandro Walmart have been asked more than once to work in the dark, as have workers at the Richmond store, and no doubt others.

Participants in the forum discussed the example set by coal miners in Kentucky who have blocked railroad tracks, determined to stop bosses moving coal from the mine until they are paid for wages stolen from them when the company declared bankruptcy.

Like most workers today they do not have a union, but this did not stop them from organizing themselves and win support to resist this assault on their jobs and dignity.

Cops fire Taser on customer in Walmart, drawing outrage

BY SEAN WALSH
NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Workers at the Walmart store here argued with cops after mistakenly leaving a $4 item at the bottom of his cart, the cops “settled” the dispute by stunning the man with a Taser, Sept. 3.

Cops fired the weapon three times before taking the older man away. Paramedics cleaned up blood and piles of copper wire on the floor from the Taser firing. Managers surrounded the area and keeping customers from workers and trying to find out what had happened.

“Tasers incapacitate people by electrocuting them with up to 50,000-volts of electric shock. More than 1,000 people have died after cops stunned with Tasers,” said one worker.

Over the next day the incident was the subject of a wide-ranging discussion by many of the store’s workers.

“There were hundreds of people crowded in the area during that time,” said one cashier. “How could they shoot an unarmed, disabled man? They certainly didn’t make me feel safe!”

“The treatment that customer received was outrageous,” another store worker said. Others nodded in agreement. “They almost never arrest people for small amounts. They usually wait until someone steals several hundred dollars so they can get them arrested on felony charges. For small amounts both the company and the cops figure it’s not worth their time.”

A worker who came to Florida from Cuba said, “This would never have happened in my country! How do they justify this? Absolutely nothing, I heard people say that it was because he was too angry — so now it’s a crime to be angry with Walmart? The whole mess was unnecessary — from the queues to shortages to harassments by the cops and managers’ attitude.”

The incident occurred as retail stores throughout South Florida were filled with working people desperate to stock up on packaged food, bottled water, batteries and fuel as Hurricane Dorian approached. At this store, truckloads of bottled water were being offloaded as soon as they arrived — even though these aisles seemed to be empty. Uniformed police joined the regular complement of security guards, and additional police were called into the store in response to calls from store management.

Another store worker told this reporter: “The managers feel like they can do anything about us, even if it’s stupid. It is up to us to start standing up to it and work to get a union in here to defend us.”

Workers at Amazon warehouse in Chattanooga, Tennessee, 2017. Retail rivals Walmart and Amazon are ramping up the pressure on workers as they compete for ever faster deliveries.

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Uniform workers in Puerto Rico, make gains, end strike

After one week on strike 110 workers, members of the General Workers Federation, at Cadillac Uniform & Linen Supply Inc., in Bayamón, Puer-
to Rico, won a wage increase and bet-
ter working conditions. Most workers there were earning the federal mini-
mum of $7.25 an hour and had not had a raise in 15 years.

When the company pulled out of nego-
tiations, they voted to go on strike Aug. 26 and began picketing the plant, shuttling down production. The plant manufactures uniforms and also cleans linen from hospitals.

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Workers at Cadillac Uniform & Linen Supply in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, celebrate Sept. 2 the winning of a wage increase and improved working conditions in a one-week strike.

Los Angeles truck drivers strike for right to join union

WILMINGTON, Calif. — Port truck drivers employed by NFI Industries’ California Cartage Express subsidiary began a weeklong strike Sept. 9 to protest discrimination against workers fighting to establish a union.

Drivers are not workers but “independent contractors.”

Striking workers have the support of the Teamsters Port Division and Teamsters Local 848 and set up picket lines at the Port of Los Angeles, in Wilmington and at the Rio Tinto Mine in Borton.

“Instead of giving us six-month contracts like usual, those of us supporting the union are receiving one-month contracts,” said Antonio Garcia, told the Militant on the picket line here Sept. 11. Garcia has been a truck driver for 14 years and works for NFI/Cal Cartage Express.

“We have no medical, unemployment or other benefits, no vacations. We pay for costs like tags, tires, re-pairs,” Garcia added. The big majority of the hundreds of trucking companies in Los Angeles and Long Beach classify the drivers they hire as contractors so that they can pay them by the load and not the hour and force them to fi-
rance their own trucks by taking on debts they cannot afford.

“We are on strike because we are 9 to protest discrimination against workers fighting to establish a union the company. The boss class drivers are not workers but “independent contractors.”

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tier contract, with less pay and cuts in benefits for new hires.

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“But it’s still hard to live on what they pay us, with prices going up.”

The people that run Kaiser are in a different world from the rest of us,” said Darnyl Love, who works at the South San Francisco hospital. “They don’t care what we are going through.”

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Health care workers rally against two-tier contract, for wage hike

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ON THE PICKET LINE

Are you involved in a union organizing drive or strike? Bring solidi-

fication to fellow workers on the picket line? Let us know! Send articles, photos and letters to 306 W. 37th St., 13th floor, New York, NY 10018.

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October 3, 1944

DETROIT — Students at the Uni-

versity of Michigan and local Ann Ar-

bor antia war activists gave a rocket-like burst to the growing full offensive. The Ann Arbor New Mobilization Committee propelled thousands into action over what normally would have been a routine football weekend.

While people inside the stadium were watching Michigan beat Vanderbilt, ac-

tivists were gathering at the main exit gates of the stadium readying them-

selves to lead an antia war march through the streets a mile and a half to a rallying spot in the middle of the campus.

People had been lauded earlier as they entered the stadium and a sizable march was expected. But only the bold-
est thought that over 15,000 would join.

The police, who had brutally sup-

pressed students and street people last summer, obligingly stopped traffic for the marchers.

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October 3, 1969

ROSETOWN, Saskatchewan — Unionized since 1936, the Saskatch-

ewan Wheat Pool, Canada’s largest grainlands, that had never been struck by its employees. But af-

ter months of rancorous negotiations marked by the big cooperative’s dem-

ands for contract concessions, the Grain Services Union set up picket lines September 7. The GSU repres-

ents 1,800 Wheat Pool workers.

With Saskatchewan harvest opera-

tions in full swing, the union aims to shut down the cooperative’s entire el-

evator system. Contract provisions in-

volving seniority rights, hours of work, use of part-time workers, and job se-

curity are under attack. A key issue in the strike is management’s decision to contract out construction of a new gen-

eration of mammouth con crete elevators to nonunion firms. More than 100 GSU

construction workers will lose their jobs.

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Malamal: The only person who can organize the man in the street is the one who is unacceptable to the white community. They don’t trust the other kind. They don’t know who controls their actions. …

Marlene Nadle asked if he planned to use his new organization.

Malamal: I won’t permit you to call it hate. Let’s say I’m going to create an awareness of what has been done to them. This awareness will produce an abundance of energy, both negative and positive, that can then be channelled constructively.

The greatest mistake of the movement has been trying to organize a sleeping people around specific goals. You have to wake the people up first, then you’ll get action.

Marlene Nadle: Wake them up to their exploitation?

Malamal: No, to their humanity, to their own worth, and to their heritage.

From Marlene Nadle’s article, Village Voice, February 25, 1965

**QUESTION:** What is your opinion of the world-wide struggle now going on between capitalism and socialism?

**Malamal:** It is impossible for capitalism to survive, primarily because of the system of capitalism now being blacked out. Capitalism used to be like an eagle, but now it is more like a vulture. It used to be strong enough to get a bird without any blood; whether they were strong or not. But now it has become more cowardly, like the vulture, and it can only suck the blood of the helpless. As the nations of the world free themselves, then capitalism has less victims, less to suck, and it becomes weaker and weaker. It’s only a matter of time in my opinion before it will collapse completely.

From interview, Young Socialist, March–April, 1965

Malcolm was asked about the outcome of the recent presidential election in the United States.

**Malamal:** It isn’t a president who can help or hurt; it is the system. And this system is not only ruling in America, but it is ruling the world. Nowadays, when a man is running for president of the United States, he is not running for president of the United States alone, but as far as I am concerned, the whole world, who the president of the country is, and to their heritage. This is scientific socialism.

Socialism: The Case for Nationalization by Dick Roberts

**QUESTION:** How do you define black nationalism, with which you have been identified?

**Malamal:** I used to define black nationalism as the idea that the black man should control the economy of his community, the politics of his community, and so forth.

But, when I was in Africa in May, in Ghana, I was speaking with the Algerian ambassador who is extremely militant and is a revolutionary in the true sense of the word (and has his credentials as such for having carried on a successful revolution against oppression in his country). When I told him that my political, social and economic philosophy was black nationalism, he asked me very frankly, well, where did that leave him? Because he was white. He was an African, but he was Algerian, and to all appearances, he was a white man. And he said if I define my objective as the victory of black nationalism, where does that leave him? Where does that leave revolutionaries in Morocco, Egypt, Iraq, Mauritania? So he showed me where I was alienating people who were true revolutionaries, dedicated to overturning the system of exploitation of this earth by any means necessary.

So, I had to do a lot of thinking and reappraising of my definition of black nationalism. How can we sum up the solution to the problems confronting our people as black nationalism? And if you notice, I haven’t been using the expression for several months. But I still would be hard pressed to give a specific definition of what the black nationalism line is necessary for the liberation of the black people in this country.

From interview, Young Socialist, March–April, 1965

Pierre Berton: There has been talk, I think by you, Elijah Muhammad, that the US government will invade the United States by 1984. I’m wondering if you still believe that, and why that particular date?

Malcolm: Much of what Elijah Muhammad has taught, I don’t think he believes in himself, and I say that and can easily defend it sitting opposite him. But where an ultimate clash between East and West is concerned, I think that an objective analysis of events that are taking place on this earth today points towards an ultimate type of showdown. You can call it a political showdown, or even a showdown between the economic systems that exist on this earth which are along racial lines. I do believe that there will be a clash between East and West.

I believe that there will ultimately be a clash between the oppressed and those that do the oppressing. I believe that there will be a clash between those who want freedom, justice and equality for all those who want to continue the systems of exploitation. I believe that there will be that kind of clash, but I don’t think that it will be based upon the color of the skin, as Elijah Muhammad had taught it.

From interview on Pierre Berton Show, January 19, 1969

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their picket lines and they deserve the solidarity of all workers because they are part of the side of working people. Millions of other workers know only too well conditions like those GM bosses have imposed. Two-tier wages that the companies use to divide workers. The mass firing of so-called temporary workers who make even worse wages than the lowest tier of “permanent” workers.

The $20,000 of the nearly $90,000 in contributions donated the proceeds, and she ran 50 miles, won dinner buffet nights for the miners at her restaurant organization With Love From Harlan. Cheng held benefit to the miners through the local community orga

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“This right here started with five guys and then we got out the word,” miner Chris Rowe told work-

employment and donated the proceeds, and she ran 50 miles, win-

during pledges that totaled some $5,000. “Joyce Cheng is awesome,” Stacy Rowe said.

We had lunch at Cheng’s restaurant. Cheng came out to talk with us and thanked us for the coverage of the miners’ struggle in the Militant. She introduced Josh Lee, a high school student whose grandfather was Chinese. Lee works at the Panda Garden and is on the high school cross-country team. He accompa-

nied Cheng on the 50-mile run and helped raise funds.

“I ran not only to raise money, but to bring attention to what the miners are fighting for,” Cheng said. “The newspapers don’t give them a lot of coverage, so I did my part to help them.”

Cheng admires the miners for fighting. “I don’t talk about win or lose. The miners are winning because they’re standing up for what’s right,” she said. A lot of people in the area feel the same way.

Some of the Blackjewel miners have gone to Ala-

bama to work. Jean Hatfield said 20-year-old Dalton Lewis, who went there with his father, Chris Lewis, was injured seriously in a mine there.

The miners’ attorney, Ned Pillessdorf, gave a re-

port to about 50 miners and their families at the railroad tracks Sept. 14. On the results of the bank-

ruptcy court hearing in Charleston, West Virginia, the judge granted after the U.S. Labor Department de-

Fulson, from Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. He was

already to stand up and fight when it happens to them.”

Jeremy Ferguson, the newly elected president of the national SMART Transportation Division, a union that organizes train conductors and engineers, visited the encampment Aug. 27. Putting on the miners’ “Pay

the miners through the local community organiz-

“Key Saudi oil facilities damaged

The quite sophisticated operation included at least 17 hits on the massive Abqaiq oil processing plant near the Arab-Persian Gulf, run by the Saudi state oil comp-

The Tehran-based Fars news agency, which reflects views of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, did say the attack on the oil refinery was “smart and timely.”

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itary-and-political pressure on Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen as the biggest obstacle to defending its imperialist interests and the interests of its allies in the region.

“The Socialist Workers Party says U.S. hands off Iran!” Malcolm Jarrett, SWP candidate for Pittsburgh City Council, said in Cumberland, Ken-

Banning military aid to Saudi Arabia would be a significant step toward organizing the unorganized. Walmart workers are fighting for all of us.

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The threat against which Trump administration are due to a disintegrating decades-old imperialist world order as the dominance of the U.S. rulers — unchallenged since they emerged the primary victor out of the second imperialist world slaughter — is re-encrypting. In his State of the Union address in February, President Trump had said, “Great nations do not fight endless wars.” Trump has since said he would seek to reduce the U.S. military presence in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

Trump’s boast of a “zero-based reevaluation” of U.S. military wars, expansionist and anti-working-class social policies without an end to the counterrevolutionary regime.

The sanctions and threats of Washington are an obstacle to workers organizing and building the political space to organize,” said Jarrett. “That’s why working people here need to campaign for U.S. rulers hands off Iran.”

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