Liberals push impeachment, target is the working class

BY TERRY EVANS

Impeachment hysteria is consuming the Democratic Party, pushing their 2020 presidential candidates’ competition aside, as the party’s leaders in the House of Representatives have launched “impeachment inquiries” against President Donald Trump in no less than six different House committees. Their goal is to overturn the results of the 2016 election, and, if possible, to get Trump indicted.

For the most zealous liberals, evidence doesn’t matter. Days after the inquiry announcement, Hillary Clinton told CBS News that Trump should be thrown out because he’s an “illegitimate president.”

Clinton derisively smeared workers who backed Trump as “deplorables” in 2016. The real target of the Democrats and middle-class left mania against the Trump presidency is the working class. The liberals believe the “deplorable” workers have to be cor-

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Join 9-week drive to win readers to ‘Militant,’ revolutionary books

BY BRIAN WILLIAMS

With an uptick in workers’ battles — like the UAW strike against GM and the Blackjewel coal miners’ fight to win wages stolen from them by the bosses — the Socialist Workers Party has launched a nine-week drive to expand the reach of the Militant and readership of books by SWP leaders around the country. We gave up a lot. Now we can...

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Halt Ankara’s assault against the Kurds in north Syria!

BY JOHN STUDER

Aiming to deal blows to the Kurdish peoples’ struggle for national rights, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has begun airstrikes on the Kurdish-controlled region of northeastern Syria. President Donald Trump announced Oct. 6 the withdrawal of some U.S. troops in Syria near the Turkish border area, stating Washington would not stand in the way of Ankara’s operation.

“The Socialist Workers Party demands the Turkish rulers halt their attacks on the Kurds in Syria and pull their forces back from the border,” Seth Galinsky, SWP candidate for New York City public advocate, said Oct. 9. “The Kurds have the right to self-determination.”

“We also call for Washington to get all its troops and weaponry out of the Middle East,” he said.

Erdogan plans to force hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees in Turkey to move into the Kurdish-controlled areas.

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UAW strike against GM is battle for all workers

BY ILONA GERSHI

FLINT, Mich. — So many drivers were honking their horns in solidarity that at times it was hard to carry on a discussion on the United Auto Workers picket lines at the General Motors plants here during an Oct. 5–6 solidarity visit. Some 49,000 GM workers at 35 factories and 22 parts warehouses...

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Hong Kong ban on masks can’t stop struggle for political rights

BY ROY LANDERSEN

As mass protests for political rights and against Beijing’s interference continue, the Hong Kong government announced Oct. 4 it was implementing a highly controversial ban on people wearing face masks at public assemblies. The Chinese government applauded the repressive measure, declaring it “extremely necessary,” and called for “all necessary measures” to restore order in the city.

Carrie Lam, the pro-Beijing chief executive of Hong Kong, invoked...
Join ‘Militant,’ books drive

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U.S. and worldwide. Central to this campaign will be exchanging views and sharing experiences with workers, farmers and other exploited producers in cities, towns and rural areas, laying the groundwork for class together in solidarity with strikes and other working-class protests, and on the party’s 2019 and 2020 election campaigns.

Through joining these working-class struggles, discussing their significance and the class view of other political developments on workers’ doorsteps, SWP members and partisans of the party can establish deeper relations with union fighters and other class-struggle-minded workers and youth.

The drive is an international effort — with participation by the SWP’s sister Communist Leagues in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the UK, as well as all others who join in, from Iraq to the Philippines.

Crisis of working-class leadership

Worldwide, working people in sustained protests involving millions have toppled governments in Sudan, Algeria and Puerto Rico in recent months. But while hated rulers there have been defeated, the governments that defend the interests of the capitalist rulers remain in place. What’s lacking is a revolutionary leadership capable of advancing the fight to build an independent working-class movement that can chart a course toward taking political power.

This points to the importance of getting into the hands of working-class fighters a broad range of books that explained — from the past experiences of our class — how we can transform ourselves in struggle, gaining self-confidence and growing class consciousness.

To facilitate this campaign, all Pathfinder books and copies of the Marxist magazine New International will be offered at 20% off during the drive.

In addition, eight books that deal with some of these questions of class politics and the party’s course today are available at half-price with a Militant subscription.

They are: Malcolm X, Black Liberation, and the Road to Workers Power, Are They Rich Because They’re Smart? and The Clintons’ Anti-Working-Class Record, all by SWP National Secretary Jack Barnes; F. Socialist Revolution in the US Possible? and In Defense of the US Working Class both by Mary-Alice Waters; “It’s the Poor Who Face the Savagery of the US ‘Justice’ System” by the Cuban Five; Tribunes of the People and the Trade Unions by Karl Marx, V.I. Lenin, Leon Trotsky, Farrell Dobbs and Barnes; and The Jewish Question by Abreham Leon, a revolutionary in Belgium.

Available just a few weeks after the drive begins will be a new Pathfinder book, The Turn to Industry: Forging a Prelaoritarian Party by Barnes. It explains how the SWP throughout its history has fought to build a party based in the working class and in our unions. The title will be an invaluable tool to introduce to workers to door to door, among co-workers and at political events.

Another opportunity to get books at discounted prices is to sign up for the Pathfinder Readers Club. For just $10 a year, all of the hundreds of books published by Pathfinder Press are available at a 25% discount.

To join in the drive get in touch with the SWP or Communist League in your area, listed in the directory on page 8.

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LA COURNEUVE, France — “The workers movement here has been pushed back hard for years, but we got woken up by the yellow vests,” Regis Lanier, a nurse from Amiens, on the left, told Pathfinder supporters at their bookstand at the Fete de l’Humanite held here in Sept. 13-15. Amiens is an old industrial center 100 miles north of Paris.

Lanier was attending the festival for the first time in two decades, along with his son Ronan, second from left, a college student who brought his yellow vest. They both said they had participated in the yellow vest protests last winter. They decided to get French-language editions of Teamster Rebellion by Farrell Dobbs and In Defense of the US Working Class by Mary-Alice Waters.

Fete de l’Humanite, an annual event organized in a working-class suburb outside Paris by the French Communist Party, is open to all comers. Supporters of Pathfinder Press set up a booth every year, offering dozens of titles by leaders of the US Socialist Workers Party and other revolutionaries.

Thirty-one copies of In Defense of the US Working Class, released in French right before the book fair, were sold. Sales were 20% higher than last year.

Altogether, 190 Pathfinder books were sold at the festival, including 44 copies of Women’s Liberation and the African Freedom Struggle by Bilkhana revolutiary leader Thomas Sankara; 16 copies of The Communist Manifesto, and 11 copies of The First and Second Declarations of Havana.

— DEREK JEFFERS

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farm here. They were joined by Rach- 

ele Fruit, SWP candidate for Atlanta 

School Board.

“The same thing is true of the almost 

50,000 auto workers on strike at GM and 

the broad solidarity they’re getting from 

workers,” Kennedy said. “The two SWP spokespeople on a nation- 

tour campaigning to build the SWP.

Kennedy and Jarrett have visited the 

encampment of Blackjewel miners in 

Cumberland, Kentucky, fighting for pay 

that had been stolen by the mine bosses 

when the company declared bankruptcy 

July 1. The miners blocked a train filled 

with coal they had mined, determined to 

get their pay before allowing it to move. 

Although the encampment has ended, a 
court order bars the train from moving, 
and the miners’ fight continues.

Kennedy and Jarrett have also joined 

United Auto Workers picket lines in Ar-

lington, Texas; Bedford and Kokomo, 

Indiana; and Hudson, Wisconsin.

“Coal bosses have been filing for 

bankruptcy for decades, trying to break 

unions and assimilate wages and working 

conditions,” Kennedy told Head. “But 

this time the miners said, ‘Enough,’ and 

were joined with an outpouring of soli-

darity and support from fellow workers.

“People know Blackjewel is getting shafted by the capitalist sys-


tem,” she said. “But it takes workers and working 

farmers deciding to act, like the coal miners and auto workers, to 
beg to change things.”

Head farms corn, greens, soybeans 

and other crops. But like many small 

farmers, he has worked at industrial jobs 

off the farm to be able to pay the bills.

Head said he agreed with Kennedy 

about how workers and farmers need to 

stand up and fight, and described some of the struggles Black farmers in 

the South have waged.

“We usually can’t get loans from the 

banks or the Department of Agricul-

ture,” he said. “The so-called political 

leaders know that Black farmers aren’t 

going to get anything, but they do nothing. 

Because you can’t get credit, you have 

to pay cash for everything.”

Head has visited Cuba several times 

and is an outspoken supporter of the Cu-

ban Revolution. “I have seen firsthand 

what it means for workers and farmers 
to have made a socialist revolution and 
taken power out of the hands of the 

capitalists,” he said. “I tell other farmers 

about what they’ve accomplished.”

He asked Kennedy and Jarrett what 

they thought of Democratic Party 

candidates Elizabeth Warren and Ber-

nie Sanders. “Our views are the oppo-

site of Sanders and Warren,” said Ken-

nedy. “We’re working to build a fighting 

movement of workers, to make a revo-

lution and take political power from 

the capitalists. The Democrats are trying 

to band-aid their system in the hope of pre-

venting workers from rising up.”

They talked for hours, discussing pol-

itics, the SWP’s fighting program and 
or other battles by workers and farmers.

The SWP members thanked Head 

for the visit, saying it would help them 

describe the crisis facing farmers today 

and to win solidarity with Black farm-

ers’ ongoing fight to stay on the land.

Head renewed his Mili
tant subscrip-

tion and got a copy of Tribunes of the 

People and the Trade Unions.

“You sparked me up!”

Campaign supporters Jose Alvarado 

and this worker-correspondent joined 

Kennedy and Jarrett. The Party opened 

in Hogansville Oct. 1. They visited the 

home of Reggie Jackson, a former 

Wal-Mart worker, who is disabled. Three 

months ago Jackson had subscribed to the 

Militant and bought a copy of Mal-

colm X, Black Liberation, and the Road 

to Power Workers by SWP National 

Secretary Jack Brenner.

“That book shook me up,” Jackson 
said. “They don’t teach you this history 
in school.”

Jackson spent 10 years in the army.

“The Veterans Administration treats 
vets badly,” he said. For veterans with 

post-traumatic stress disorder “it’s a 

struggle.”

“How veterans are treated is a prime 

example of how working people in gen-

eral are treated in capitalist society,” Jar-

rett said. “But it’s better to fight — like 

the GM workers now on strike. You see 

men and women, Black and Caucasian, 

and other workers side by side on the 

picket line, showing the working class is 

less racist and more united than ever.”

“You all have sparked me up!” said 

Jackson. He renewed his subscription 

and bought Tribunes of the People and 

the Trade Unions. Are They Rich? 

Because They’re Smart?, In Defense of 

the US Working Class; and The Clintons’ 

Anti-Working-Class Record.

Jarrett and SWP supporters also vis-

ited with Uber and Lyft drivers at the 

Atlanta airport. Jarrett explained that 

the campaign supports the fight to orga-

nize “one union for all drivers,” app taxi 

and limousine drivers. Three drivers got 
copies of the Militant and thanked the 

party for stopping by.

Kennedy said Jarrett attended the 

Decatur trial of the DeKalb County 
cop Robert Olsen, who shot and killed 26-year-old African war veteran 

Anthony Hill in 2015. Olsen shot Hill, 

who suffered from PTSD and bipolar 

disorder, while he was walking around 

naked and unarmed in his own apart-

ment complex. It was only the efforts 

by Hill’s family and opponents of police 

brutality that forced murder charges to 

be filed against the cop.

While talking with supporters of Hill 

outside the courthouse, Kennedy and 

Jarrett learned of the murder conviction 

of Amber Guyger, the policewoman 

who shot and killed Botham Jean in his 

apartment in Dallas. She was sentenced 

to 10 years in prison the next day.

Kennedy joined SWP supporters for 

the tour wound up with a lively 

Militant Labor Forum that drew 25 

people and raised $820 for the SWP 
national campaign.

Rachelle Fruit, Lisa Potash and Jan-

ice Lynn from Atlanta contributed to 

this article.

‘The stewardship of land and labor falls to the working class’

BY JOHN STEELE 

AJE YOUNG

MONTREAL — Pierre-Luc Filion, 

Communist League candidate in the 

Montreal riding of Longueuil-St. Hu-

bert, and Steve Penner, CL candidate 
in the federal riding of Papineau in 

Montreal, and a number of supporters 
got to the “climate crisis” rally here 

Sept. 27. They spoke with workers and 

students about how rapacious capital-

ist competition for profit is the driving 

force behind damage to the environ-

ment, and that the working class is the 

only force capable of ending it.

The event had all the trappings of 
a government-sponsored affair. 

School boards closed schools and many 

students were organized by teachers to 

attend the event, in some cases receiv-
ing free lunches. The city provided free 

public transportation.

“They have to do something,” Ni-

colle Biernocik, a student from Con-

cordia University, told Filion. “The 
situation is irreversible.”

“It isn’t irreversible,” replied Filion. 

“The bosses and their profit system 

are responsible. It’s not in their class 

interests to stop attacking workers 

and nature. We can do something — 

the working class can organize and 

build unions to fight for workers’ 

control of production. This is the 

road both to safe working conditions 

on the job and to take steps against 

the rape of the environment. To end it 

once and for all working people need 
to take political power.”

Komal Mohite, a McGill University 

student from Mumbai, India, said she 

agreed when Penner explained, “It’s 

not possible to wage an effective fight 

against capitalism’s poisoning of the 

earth’s land, water and air unless the 

world’s toilers unite in an internation-

al movement.”

“It can be done on the basis of the 

recon
tionary 
call by the Climate Strike 

Canada organizers to ban fossil fuels,” 
said Penner. “This would mean turning 

modern society on its head, opening the door to 
culture and politics.”

Mohite said, “There are hundreds of 

millions of people in India alone in ex-

acted poverty in a kind of suffering.”

Communist League campaigners 

featured New International 

no. 14, which includes a statement by the So-

cialist Workers Party’s 

program.

“Green politics,” it says, leads “away 

from the fight for independent working-

class political action and the conquest of 

power by workers and farmers — the 

only road to peace and to the effective 

defense of labor and the earth’s land, 

waters and atmosphere.”
Iraqi protests demand jobs, end to Tehran intervention

BY TERRY EVANS

Despite unbridled government and paramilitary assaults that have left over 100 dead, 6,000 wounded and hundreds in custody, 250,000 people continue to protest in Baghdad and cities across southern Iraq. They are demanding an end to years of unemployment, widespread corruption and the Iranian rulers’ military and political interference in the country.

The actions, which began Oct. 1, take place as Washington continues to intensify its sanctions against Tehran that have made life difficult for workers in Iraq. The rulers in the U.S. and Iran both have forces stationed in Iraq and vie for influence against each other. Washington maintains 5,000 troops in the country to defend the interests of the U.S. rulers and push back Tehran’s military and political power there.

The Baghdad government is still largely dependent for its military defense on US-subsidized militias organized by the Iranian Revolutionary Guards.

Working people have used the opening of political space since the defeat of Islamic State — which had seized large parts of the country in 2014 — to continue widespread protests against successive Iraqi governments, first in the summer of 2018 and again today.

Protesters demand jobs, improved supplies of electricity, water and sanitation, and removal of Tehran’s grip from the country. Increasingly they demand the removal of the government of Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi, which took office a year ago. While insisting he will meet many of the protesters’ demands for change, Mahdi’s government has responded with curfews, cutting off the internet, arrests and assaults.

Politicians have been “stealing, stealing from the year 2003 until now,” Yousif Emad, a 25-year-old unemployed worker from the southern city of Nassiriya, told the Financial Times. “I live in a very small house in a bad neighborhood,” he said. “No sewage, no electricity, no water. How do you expect me to live?”

Official unemployment figures have not dropped below 8% over an entire two decades, with youth unemployment remaining double that figure.

With disdain for these growing hardships working people face, Mahdi said Oct. 4 “his government had “no magic solution.”

The next day, government forces opened fire on protesters in Baghdad with water cannons and tear gas grenades. Saraya al-Khorasani paramilitaries, one of the Tehran-backed forces, started using live ammunition against demonstrators, had snipers in buildings targeting the protesters, “one macher told the media.

The leader of the largest bloc in parliament, Shite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, pulled his forces out of the assembly Oct. 5, calling for new elections. A few other parties have followed suit.

Actions target Tehran’s intervention

Some participants carry photos of former deputy head of Iraqi counterintelligence operations Abdul-Wahab al-Saad, who the government replaced Sept. 27. Saadi wanted to limit the power of Tehran-backed militias known as the Popular Mobilization Forces. Under pressure from Washington, Mahdi issued an order in July to bring the Baghdad-backed militias under greater government control. But they still retains the loyalty of Tehran.

“Iran and Iraq are two nations whose hearts & souls are tied together,” Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the Supreme Leader of Iran’s bourgeois clerical government, tweeted Oct. 7. “Enemies seek to sow discord but they’ve failed & their conspiracy won’t be effective.”

The aim of Iran’s capitalist rulers is to increase their regional power and influence by force of arms, extending the nearly four-decade-long political counterrevolution that pushed back the work, farmers, women and oppressed nationalities who carried out the historic Iranian Revolution of 1979.

That was a far-reaching, popular social revolution, not a religious ji- di victory, like Washington, both Damascus and Moscow have long records against the Kurds’ fight for national rights. Assad says he wants to seize control of north-east Syria back from the Kurds.

Halt Ankara’s assault against the Kurds in north Syria!

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area of northeastern Syria once his military occupied it. He hopes this “Arabization” would separate Kurds in Turkey from their brothers and sisters across the border in Syria and create a base of support to extend the Kurds’ struggle for self-determination.

Turkish government forces launched airstrikes on Kurdish fighters in Ras al-Ain and other Syrian border villages Sept. 17, three days after a phone call between Trump and Erdogan.

Some 30 million Kurds are an oppressed nationality spread across Iran, Iraq, Syria and Turkey. Over decades the capitalist rulers there have crushed the Kurds’ struggle for rights and a homeland, with the complicity of Washing- ton and other imperial powers. The U.S. rulers have turned support for the Kurds on and off, as best serves their imperialist interests.

After millions of working people joined an uprising against the Bashar al-Assad dictatorship in Syria in 2011, Kurds were able to carve out an autonomous area. That region expanded as the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces helped lead the ground efforts to defeat the reactionary “caliphate” of Islamic State. This area now covers some 25% of the country, including most of its oil. The Turkish rulers see the Kurdish-controlled area of Syria as a threat to their efforts to push Kurds in Turkey, who are also fighting for their national rights.

While Trump says he wants “to get out of these ridiculous, endless wars” and bring our soldiers home,” his administration’s measures amount to moving an estimated 50 U.S. special operations troops out of two border outposts. Facing bipartisan criticism in Congress that he was abandoning a U.S. “ally,” Trump said he had no intention of abandoning the Kurds and threatened to “obliterate the Economy of Turkey” if Ankara’s forces did anything he deemed “off limits.” None of the 1,000 troops the U.S. rulers deploy in northeastern Syria have been told to leave and most still remain in areas controlled by the Syrian Democratic Forces.

The Kurds have been engaged in a se- ries of disputes with Ankara, its fellow NATO member, including opposition to the Turkish regime’s decision to accept an anti-missile system from Moscow.

In response to the Turkish government’s threat to push back and pun- ish Syrian Kurds, commanders of the Kurdish People’s Protection Units (YPG) ordered their forces closer to the Turkish border.

Kurdish regional officials are seeking protection from the Syrian and possibly even the Russian government “to fill the void,” they say, if U.S. forces depart. But like Washington, both Damascus and Moscow have long records against the Kurds’ fight for national rights. Assad says he wants to seize control of north-east Syria back from the Kurds.

For further reading

“Despite the results of the U.S. military ‘victory’ in Iraq, an imperialist-imposed Mideast ‘peace’ is further from Washington’s grasp than ever.” — Jack Barnes in New International no. 7. (See distributors on page 8 or visit: www.pathfinderpress.com)
Idaho miners’ rally marks two-and-a-half-year walkout

MULLAN, Idaho — Some 100 members of United Steelworkers Local 5114 and supporters marched and rallied here Oct. 5, marking two and a half years since silver miners at the Lucky Friday mine went out on strike against Hecla Mining Company.

The company wants to put the union-enforced system under which workers bid on job crews based on seniority, a system miners say helps protect their safety and lives. The company also wants to increase miners’ medical insurance payments and cut bonuses and silver premiums, an important part of what miners take home.

Hecla bosses want to run the mine 24/7 except for two holidays a year, Bruce Baraby, who has worked at Lucky Friday for 35 years, told The Militant. In the past the company always asked for volunteers for holidays or Sunday work,” he said. “Now they want to make this mandatory for all workers. It’s not worth what your body has to go through working underground.”

Baraby said the mine has been operating at a profit only when management personnel and about a dozen scabs who have crossed the picket line.

At the rally, Local President Dave Roose thanked the wives and relatives of the miners “who have been the cornerstone of the fight, including keeping a food bank going for the length of the strike.” Roose told the Militant that negotiations are ongoing with the company.

— Edwin Fruit
California sheet metal workers end strike, cite gains

STOCKTON, Calif. — After 26 days on strike, workers voted Oct. 1 to approve a new contract with Simpson Strong-Tie, a maker of metal parts used in building and construction industries. Three hundred and nineteen workers at the plant had been on strike since Sept. 5.

“Most important, we kept our medical and pensions,” Jose Rojo told the Militant at the plant gate Oct. 4. The company backed away from earlier demands that workers contribute to long-term, fully-paid medical premiums.

The strike featured mass picketing by members and supporters of the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers Local 104. The company hired some strikebreakers but not a single striker crossed the picket line. Teamster delivery drivers refused to drive through the picket lines and Building Trades unions donated supplies and money to the striking workers.

The four-year contract includes annual wage increases from 70 to 75 cents an hour.

“What gets me is the gap between how much money these companies make and what they pay us. The greed, it’s getting worse. We were just trying to get a little more, a little extra to pay our bills and so we can afford to take the family to the amusement park.”

— Joel Britton

Albany nurses fight for union contract, against short staffing


“Make the company take care of our patients but, at this point we have a crisis in the hospital, most significantly staffing,” Jennifer Bejo, a nurse at the hospital, told the rally.

In addition to demanding a reduction in the nurse-to-patient ratio in order to provide safe care, nurses are fighting for annual wage increases from 70 to 75 cents per paycheck for a family.

The two-part action, one held around morning shift change and the other during lunch time, was the largest protest the nurses have organized so far in this fight. Members of the Laborers Union, United Union of Roofers, SMART rail union Local 83, nurses from the nearby Veterans Administration hospital and some nursing students joined the action.

Last year, nurses at Albany Medical Center voted 1,161-582 to be represented by the New York State Nurses Association. Albany Med tried to intimidate nurses from the Philippines working at the hospital but failed. “They told some nurses they would lose their green card if the union won,” said Maria Bartolome, a nurse at the rally. That hasn’t happened.

Nurses have stalled since the union vote. “They are not taking us seriously. We are short staffed. We want a voice on staffing. They will not even look at us,” said Karen Gerstenberger, a nurse with 35 years.

Abby Tilsner, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Albany County Executive, joined the picket line on her lunch break at the request by St. Peter’s Hospital, where she works as a nurse. “Health care should be a right, not a profit-making insurance business,” she said in discussions with nurses there.

— JAMES HARRIS

October 24, 1994

With almost unanimous bipartisan support, U.S. president Bill Clinton has launched a mammoth military buildup in the wake of the historically unprecedented day of action. Millions went into the streets to express their overwhelming opposition to the Vietnam war.

In a matter of days, tens of thousands of U.S. troops have poured into the region, taking over facilities owned by Cambodian and Vietnamese military.

Washington’s new military moves against Iraq come as thousands of U.S. military have finished their tour in the Gulf and are being moved to bases in Europe.

In a report distributed by the U.S. embassy in Baghdad, the White House has said that the buildup is intended to “counteract” the Iraqi regime’s “military posturing.”

The direct, mass action by millions of people played a prominent part in the conference.

— Joel Britton

October 21, 1944

With the approval of Washington and the counter-revolutionary Stalinist gang in Moscow, the British imperialists are moving armed forces into Greece to crush the insulationist Greek workers and install in Athens the rotten Greek government-in-exile as the guardian of capitalist private property.

Events in Greece provide one of the clearest demonstrations of the reactionary purposes animating the policies of the Allied imperialists. Last week the Greek masses rose and seized Athens and Piraeus as Nazi forces began evacuating the country. Paratroops in other towns and innumerable villages likewise rose and took control. Nowhere did they have difficulty in overcoming resistance by the retreating Nazis and their Greek collaborators.

Churchill and his friends decided to intervene. Against whom? Obviously against the insurgent masses!
**Montreal rally: End on warning religious symbols**

**Beverly Bernardo**

**Montreal**— Some 300 protesters gathered in front of the local Walmart severe arrest order that puts a stop to the independent truckers protest new govt regulations of the trucking industry.

The Montreal trucks drivers protest a new govt regulations that put a stop to the independent truckers protest new govt regulations of the trucking industry.

Beverly Bernardo, a school teacher and former president of the Student Council of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), Maria Mila Luri-

ning, a woman from the Philippines-Cuban Association and Janet Ruth from the Communist Party of the Philippines, said that the battle for rights is still ongoing.

"Are They Rich Because They're Smart?" is a book about the educational system in the Philippines. The book was written by Janice Ruth and was published in 2017.

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In Teamster battles, ‘Workers learned to fight as a class’

The following excerpt is from Teamster Power, by Farrell Dobbs, one of Pathfinder’s Books of the Month for October. The book is about how members of Teamsters Local 574 learned to wield the union power forged through three 1934 strike victories in Minneapolis. Under central union leadership, the Teamsters extended their union through the Midwest, helped organize other unions and the unemployed, and strove for political independence. The book is the second in a four-part series by Dobbs, who emerged from the ranks to become the central organizer of the Teamster’s 11-state campaign to unionize over-the-road truckers. Dobbs went on to serve as national secretary of the Socialist Workers Party from 1953 to 1972. Copyright © 1975 by Pathfinder Press. Reprinted by permission.

**BOOKS OF THE MONTH**

**BY FARRELL DOBBS**

Workers who have no radical background enter the trade unions steeped in misconceptions and prejudices that the capitalist system has inculcated into them since childhood. This was wholly true of Local 574 members. They began to learn class lessons only in the course of struggle against the employers.

Their strike experiences had taught them a good deal. Notions that workers of struggle against the employers.

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William Green, president of the AFL, was quick to second Rossevelts’ proposal and call upon the labor movement to put it into practice. Ludovic Green and his co-workers both Roosevelt and Green issued an answer through an editorial in The Organizer.

“Labor cannot and will not give up the strike weapon. Labor has not in the past received any real benefits from the governmental boards and constituted authorities. What Labor has received in union recognition, wage raises and better working conditions, was won by the unions themselves in spite of such boards. The strike is the one weapon that the employers respect... Whether or not there is a period of industrial peace will depend upon the employers’ reply to our demands.” (Emphasis in original.)

It did not follow from this position that called strike 574 would be easily won. There are always hardships involved for the workers in such struggles. If the union moved blithely from one walkout to another, with disregard of all factors in the situation, it could easily wear out its fighting forces. The important thing is that a union stand ready and able to take strike action when required. In fact there are occasions where readiness alone makes the strike weapon an essential菲律宾.

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Illinois prison book ban

I was reading the front-page article in your Sept. 9 issue on the Florida gulag system’s overturning the ban on the several issues of the Militant in our county. I understand the information about the Danville Correctional Center’s attempt to remove 200 books from the library. I have been challenging these readings for censoring us for over 50 years.

A prisoner, Illinois

Finally getting the ‘Militant’!

I want to thank you for all the effort and help all the subscribers of the Militant in the fight against banning our news that defends our basic rights. I wanted you to know I received the five previously banned issues you sent me.

The Militant keeps me informed about the situation in my Island of Enchantment Puerto Rico.

We have been victims of U.S. capitalism for many years and now my people on the island have stood up and confronted the reality that the U.S. has never helped us. Instead it utilized us as slaves working for a few dollars while they get rich.

A prisoner, Florida

The letters column is an open forum for all working people on subjects of interest to working people. Please keep your letters brief. Where necessary they will be edited. Please do not prefer that your initials be used under your full name.

Editor’s note: It seems that, from now on, we have won a victory against the Florida prison system’s efforts to suppress the Militant. But thanks to the Local 425 Review Committee the bans on the last six issues that had been imposed and to our knowledge no issue of the paper has been impounded since then. Thanks to all those who sent letters to the Review Committee!

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Impeachment push

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British colonial-era emergency powers to impose the ban. Thousands of protesters, including office workers and students, immediately took to the streets to denounce this expansion of the cops’ powers.

Three days before, the Chinese rulers held a huge military parade in Beijing to showcase their technological and military might as a sign of China’s emergence as a growing capitalist competitor against U.S. dominance. In his address marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic, Chinese President Xi Jinping asserted, “There is no force that can shake the foundation of this great nation.”

Despite a police lockdown of Hong Kong that day, tens of thousands protested, continuing their challenge to the Chinese Communist Party’s authority.

Xi called for stability in Hong Kong, unity among different ethnic groups in China — a cover for the regime’s brutal suppression of the Uighurs — and the “correct interpretation” and implementation of the “one country, two systems” framework.

This is a reference to incorporating Hong Kong and Macau, the special administrative regions of China now run under the “one country, two systems” arrangement, as well as to Taiwan, a self-governing island for the past seven decades.

Xi’s goal to impose direct rule by the central gov- ernment throughout greater China is threatened by the developments in Hong Kong.

In weeks, Hong Kong police have been escalating their violent attacks in pitched battles with mostly youthful demonstrators. On Oct. 1, live ammunition was used for the first time against the protests. An 18-year-old protester died in hospital after being shot in the head, and 134 others were wounded. Rubber bullets and tear gas canisters were fired, while 269 protesters were arrested as police tried to disperse thousands of demonstrators. Some of the protesters have employed provocative tactics that have given the authorities a handle on their attacks.

Broad opposition to the ban

The Civil Rights Front, an umbrella organization of some 50 political, labor, professional and religious groups, who held a mobilized protest of between 2 million people several times since June. The group issued a statement rejecting the ban on wearing masks that was established on the basis of “severe colonial law” imposed by the British rulers in 1922.

The anti-labor law was last used in 1967 by British authorities to put down pro-Beijing “riots” supporting the so-called Cultural Revolution, a violent bureaucr- atic upheaval in China.

The Civil Rights Front noted the main rea- son for demonstrators “wearing masks and industrial respirators is for protection from tear gas.” Surgical masks have been banned in Hong Kong since the deadly outbreak of the SARS virus there in 2002-03, as well as for protection against pollution.

The organization’s statement said the masks were “also a political gesture.” The authorities use high-tech sur- veillance to identify and target protesters, using tech- niques employed at home by Beijing.

The protests began in opposition to Lam’s efforts to adopt a hastily arranged bill, which would have al- lowed Beijing to bring in suspects it says have committed “serious crimes” from “the mainland for trial. But after Lam was forced to drop the bill, protests continued, demanding direct election of the city administration by universal suffrage. A proposal to ban masks in public annulled after reports arrested demonstrators now numbering over 2,000. They are also fighting to defend freedom of speech and assembly.

The sharpening factional conflict reflects the grow- ing importance of Hong Kong to China as a growing capitalist competitor against U.S. political interference in the affairs of other governments, and with broad support against these aggressive acts and political struggles. It was set up and staffed in 1947 by “Cold War” liberals, and these types have honeycombed its ranks ever since.

Robert Mueller’s review of the CIA’s anti-terrorism activities was represented by Andrew Bajak, a lawyer with close ties to the Democ- rats, and who previously worked for Hillary Clinton.

The CIA is the U.S. rulers’ political police tasked with operations abroad. It is notorious for decades of interference in the affairs of other governments, and with torture and other acts of aggression.

In that role he threatened bribes to get Ukrainian officials he didn’t like deep-sixed. And his son was suddenly appointed to the board of scandal-plagued Ukrainian natural gas giant Burisma, with a sweet salary of $50,000 a month.

Similar U.S. government arm-twisting, bribery and influence peddling has marked all administrations, Democrat and Republican alike:

“We have not spoken directly to the whistleblower,” Adam Schiff, Democrat in charge of the House Intelligence Committee, one of those leading the witch hunt, flatly stated. “And the New York Times reported Oct. 2 that he and his staff members had been meeting with the CIA operative for weeks.

In another Times article, Alison Storger portrays the whistleblowers as being “part of some kind of constitutional democracy” who speak “truth to power.” But in fact they are CIA agents, joining Democrats’ efforts to void the 63 million votes cast for Trump in 2016.

Trump says ‘full halt’ to cooperation

Democrats say they will churn out more articles of impeachment, if the administration doesn’t comply with their “whistleblower” and sub- tee investigations—they’ve issued. The president said he won’t cooperate with any of the partisan witch hunt committees the Democrats have crank up.

This has not taken place due to his Trump says he won’t now. In particular, he points out, unlike the impeachment inquiries into former Presidents Rich- ard Nixon and Bill Clinton, there has been no debate and vote in the House on opening an investigation.

In both those cases, the inquiry was assigned to only one House committee, the Judiciary Committee, not a plenitude. And, by bipartisan agree- ment, previous presidents have had no way to have their attorneys sit in on all sessions — open or secret, and both major capitalist parties were to be consulted on any subpoenas to be issued. None of these things have been done here, Trump points out, saying it shows the Democrats “have no respect as open to a totally compromised kangaroo court.”

Democratic Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, who took it on herself just “announced” the far- reaching “whistleblower” investigation, is trying to have the House vote.

The sharpening factional conflict reflects the growing crisis of the capitalist two-party system. And if lib- eral politicians don’t come up with new or improved meth- ods against the president, who defends the interests of the bosses, think about what lengths they’ll go to, to shut up workers they consider “deplorables.”