Help us put the Socialist Workers Party on the ballot!

BY RACHELE FRUIT
SHREVEPORT, La. — “After looking at the Militant, I really want to see the Socialist Workers Party on the ballot in Louisiana,” Keri Tankersley, a 24-year-old student in Monroe, an hour and a half east of here, told party campaigners. “What can I do to help?”

Tankersley agreed to be an elector for Alyson Kennedy and Malcolm Jarrett, SWP candidates for president and vice president. Campaigners fanned out across the state July 11-13, recruiting the eight electors needed to get on the ballot, one from each congressional district and two at-large.

The Socialist Workers Party is the only party running into the elections that campaigns in defense of the interests of working people. In addition to Louisiana, the party is already on the ballot in Colorado and is fighting to win ballot status in five other states.

As the capitalist economic and social crisis deepens, the SWP is winning people to its rank-and-file parties and the SWP candidates for president and vice president. “What can I do to help?”

Join protests for prosecution of cops who killed Breonna Taylor!

BY JACQUE HENDERSON
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — It’s been four months since Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old emergency room technician, was killed in a hail of bullets by cops breaking into her apartment in a late night “no-knock” raid here.

Outrage over her death has become a prominent part of hundreds of demonstrations against police brutality and killings in cities and towns nationwide, and around the world. But unlike in the case of George Floyd, where charges were brought within 10 days against the four cops who killed him in Minneapolis May 26, none of the cops involved in killing Taylor have been arrested.

“All this time and still no charges against any of them,” Katrina Cameron, Taylor’s cousin, told the Militant July 10. “We have been working so hard on this and a lot of people have spoken up, but still there are no moves toward justice.”

Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron, who is now in charge of handling the killing, told the media July 13.

Workers fight boss attacks on jobs, wages, conditions

BY TERRY EVANS

A letter to Harper’s magazine by 150 writers and artists speaking out for freedom of speech and debate came under immediate attack by radical purveyors of political correctness who believe that the suppression of “improper” views is required today. The venomous reaction to “A Letter on Justice and Open Debate,” in fact proved the writers’ point.

Attacks on free speech — no matter where they come from — always end up being used against those looking for a working-class road forward in the fight against capitalist exploitation and oppression.


The bosses have refused all further negotiations with the union, insisting their “last and final” concession contract is the best it can get. The contract would allow the bosses to continue increasing the number of nonunion contract workers in the shipyard, strike blowes at seniority job protection, and force workers to pay more for health care.

The key issue is contract workers used to threaten shipbuilders’ jobs and the strength of the union. Local S6 organized a Solidarity Cornhole Tournament and Chili and Ribs Cook-Off outside the union hall July 10 that drew some 200 of the local’s members, their families and supporters.

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In the largest labor conflict in the country, over 4,300 shipbuilding workers, members of Machinists Local S6, at the Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine, continue to demand workers’ and solidarity from area unions and local businesses as their strike enters its fourth week.

Bath shipyard strike against union busting needs support!

BY VED DOOKHUN

Workers’ problem today is crisis of capitalism, not a virus

BY ROY LANDERSEN

Speedup and dangerous working conditions enforced by bosses at Los Angeles Apparel and at nearby meat-packing plants highlight the employers’ contempt for workers’ safety and lives. Four workers at L.A. Apparel have recently died from coronavirus and over 300 working there have been infected.

In a June 26 visit to this south L.A. site, inspectors cited “flagrant violations” of infection control measures, including the use of makeshift cardiac monitors.

President Donald Trump’s “threat to democracy,” the writers point out that “the free exchange of information and ideas, the livelihood of a liberal society, is daily becoming more constricted.”

Defense of free speech, debate met with slander and threats of reprisal

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June 22 picket at Bath, Maine, shipyard. Strike is solid and winning solidarity from other unions and workers in the region in face of company’s union-busting “last and final” offer.

No worker has to die on the job! For workers control of production

Alyson Kennedy, Socialist Workers Party candidate for president, issued the following statement July 15. Malcolm Jarrett is the party’s candidate for vice president.

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See full text below:

June 27 protest in Louisville, Kentucky, demands cops who killed Breonna Taylor be arrested, charged.

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This isn’t new, the company has
Indict cops who killed Breonna

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there is still no timetable for making a decision whether to prosecute the cops. He also said he was against making any information they’ve uncovered about the killing public until the case is closed.

Sam Aguiar, an attorney for Taylor’s family, told them they are concerned about the delay, but he’s hopeful it is because prosecutors are “working hard to put back together anything that was lost as a result of a cover-up” by the Louisville Metro Police Department.

The family has filed a lawsuit against the cops.

Efforts to press this fight for arrest and prosecution have broadened into artistic expression and sports as well. This includes a 7,000-square-foot mural of Breonna Taylor painted by some 40 volunteers over the Fourth of July weekend in Annapolis, Maryland. For the opening weekend of the Women’s National Basketball Association season later this month, players plan to feature Breonna Taylor’s name on their uniforms.

Three plainclothes cops — Myles Cosgrove, Brett Hankison and Jonathan Mattingly — are the four whose actions on Taylor’s apartment March 13. Responding to this intrusion, Taylor’s boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, fired one bullet that hit one of them in the leg. The cops then fired over 20 rounds into the apartment, killing Taylor. Some shots hit other apartments, including one with a 5-year-old boy inside.

Three days later, video of the assault — including body camera video of the intruders — was released. A grand jury, which was convened by the bringing of federal civil charges, returned no indictment on any of the cops, despite the evidence that one of them, Hankison, was fired.

“This is an example of how differently workers like us are treated,” said Defrederic Roberts, a factory worker who has joined rallies against the killing of Taylor here, told the Militant July 11. “If you or I had shot someone we would be in jail.”

“I think it is very important that we fight this. If the cops get away without being charged in this case that is so much in the spotlight, they’ll feel like they can do anything and get away with it,” he said.

Some 500 people joined Taylor’s family to rally on the steps of the state Capitol in Frankfort June 25, demanding the cops who killed Taylor be prosecuted.

Violin vigils for Elijah McClain

Vigils by violinists and other musicians to honor the life of Elijah McClain, who played the violin to soothe the animals at local shelters, continue to be organized in cities around the country. The cops in Aurora, Colorado, killed 23-year-old McClain last August after they stopped him while he was walking home from a convenience store. They said they had received a complaint that a young Black man was acting “suspicious.” McClain was wearing a mask and waving his arms, which he routinely did outside because he had anemia, a blood condition.

One of the officers put McClain in a chokehold and he was physically restrained harshly. Then the cops had paramedics inject him with a high dose of the sedative ketamine. The shot was set to sedate a 240-pound man. McClain weighed 140. He had a heart attack on the way to the hospital. None of the three officers involved in McClain’s killing have been charged.

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In Philadelphia two candlelight vigils are planned, one July 15 in Malcolm X Park in West Philadelphia, and another July 19 on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

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Nurses on strike in Joliet: ‘We can set an example’

BY DAN FEIN
JOLIET, Ill. — Chanting, “What do we want? Safe staffing! When do we want it? Now!” some 200 striking nurses, families and supporters rallied outside the AMITA Health Saint Joseph Medical Center here July 12. The action was preceded by a caravan of over 100 cars and motorcycles that circled the struck hospital.

The action occurred a day after the nurses voted 393-154 to reject the hospital’s latest contract offer. The 720 members of the Illinois Nurses Association began their strike July 4 over bosses’ demands for a wage freeze over the two-year contract, elimination of sick pay and no increase in staffing. They had been working without a contract since May 9.

While the latest company offer backed off ending sick pay and would give a 2% wage increase for the last two years of the contract, it refuses to meet the strikers’ main demand.

“The proposed company contract addresses sick time but not our core demand for more staffing,” Sarah Corless, a nurse at AMITA for four years, told the Militant. “They just promise to do more hiring, but nothing in writing.”

Striker Laura Basco, with five years at AMITA, said, “We can be an example to other nurses who have the same problem with understaffing. The hospital only cares about money.”

The problem with understaffing. The hospital always wants to cut costs, said Sharon Marasco, a nurse for 22 years, commuting, “We feel closer bonds among ourselves by walking the picket line together. At work we are too busy to know one another.”

The nurses have been winning solidarity from other unions in the area, including from the International Association of Fire Fighters and electrical workers who have walked the picket lines. “It’s great to see the support we have from the people in the community,” striking nurse Armi Ormet said after the rally. “We are fighting for them as well as ourselves.”

Messages of support can be sent to Illinois Nurses Association, 910 W. Van Buren St., Room 502, Chicago, IL 60607.

Shipyards strike against union busting needs support!

BY ROY LANDESRN

The U.S. government carried out the first federal execution in 17 years July 14, fast tracking the killing of Daniel Lee, in Terre Haute, Indiana. The fact that he was strapped on a gurney with an IV needle in his arm for four hours awaiting court decisions on his fate underlined the cruelty of the state’s determination to put him to death. His lawyers were not told of his death until after the execution.

By a 5-4 majority, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled shortly after 2 a.m. that they wouldn’t consider the objections because they were too “last-minute.” The court also overrode arguments that the use of the barbiturate pentobarbital would cause “extreme pain and needless suffering” akin to drowning. Observers at the execution reported Lee’s breathing did become labored, and after his chest stopped moving, his lips turned blue and his fingers ash.

The execution was opposed by Earlene Peterson, the 81-year-old mother of one of Lee’s victims, as well as his daughter and granddaughter. They asked for a postponement, saying they wanted to attend, but feared traveling to Indiana because of the coronavirus outbreak. They planned to use their attendance to speak out against the death penalty.

Just 10 minutes passed between the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals revoking the last outstanding objection stopping Lee’s execution, in an order at 7:46 a.m. to reveal Lee strapped to a gurney,” Reuters reported.

Public support for this barbaric practice has been declining for years. The Militant has stated, “We are fighting for our future,” Bellefleur told the Militant. “For the most part, people are in it for the long haul.” She said that area workers have brushed aside the threat of violence.

More coverage to come on Asarco strike and the solidarity it won...

BY JOHN STUDER

The article “Asarco Miners End Strike, Look to Continue to Fight” in the last issue of the Militant wasn’t able to do full justice to the determined battle by the big majority of the copper miners to defend and expand the gains they had made, in defense of the union’s structure and solidarity.

The Militant will run a follow-up article in the next few weeks to describe this important battle and the lessons we can draw for future battles we know are coming.

United Electri- cal Workers Union hall, 37 S. Ashland Ave. 26, 6 p.m. Donation: $10.

Guns of the Cuban Revolution — the 67th birthday of the Cuban revolution. Celebrate the heroism of the Cuban people in their revolution against U.S. imperialism. The Militant will have a table to sell subscriptions and raise funds for the Militant.

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They’re not fighting for higher pay, and defend and union-won working conditions against Asarco bosses’ nine-month-long effort to crush them. And it didn’t give enough of a picture of the breadth of solidarity that the strikers get from workers across the country. If you look back over the extensive coverage of the strike in the Militant you get a feel for this. It sets an example for workers to build on.

One rail worker representing a Se- attle local visited the pickets, brought greetings from his local, took reports and raised about $2,000 for the fight. Steelworkers from Chicago, re- finery unions from Los Angeles, Walmart workers from many cities, the NA-Nisei Labor Federation from the Navajo Nation, International Longshore and Warehouse Union retirees’ locals in the Seattle area, unions in Australia and Colombia and more sent tens of thou- sands in donations and expressions of support that made a real difference.

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paigens met Kimberly Hatfield and her companion, Rashed Norman. “Right now as far as jobs, people need higher wages,” Norman said. “All my friends and family are working for $7.25 an hour, and no one can pay bills on that. I make $800 a day, but it’s hard work in the hot sun all day, doing landscaping.”

“What do you think we should do?” asked Gerardo Sánchez, SWP candidate for U.S. Senate from Texas, campaign- ing for the presidential ticket.

“We could force them to raise the pay if we all stopped going to work,” Nor- man said. “If you have a union, you can negotiate schedules, working condi- tions, and they can’t do whatever they want to you.”

“Even where we don’t yet have a union, workers can unite and act to- gether like a union,” said Sánchez, who works at Walmart, where workers also haven’t yet organized a union.

The 21-year-old Norman, who is Black, said that he has been stopped by cops several times for no reason, leading to a discussion on how to end police brutality.

Tommie McGlothen Jr., a 44-year-old Black man, died after he was beaten by Shreveport police April 5. The beating, caught on video by witnesses, was covered up for two months by the cops. McGlothen’s family and the Shreveport NAACP are demanding the firing of all officers involved in his death or the cover-up.

Join fight against cop brutality

Kennedy, Jarrett and SWP candidates across the country have been active in many of today’s fights against police brutality. They explain that protests demanding the prosecution of the cops can push back police violence. But the capitalist rulers will never stop using the cops and their criminal “justice system” to defend their power and profits. To end police brutality, they explain, workers need to fight in their millions to end capi- talist rule and bring to power a workers and farmers government.

MONTREAL LONGSHOREMEN STRIKE OVER UNSAFE SCHEDULES

The workers, who have a lengthy list of demands, have been without a union contract since December 2018. A central issue is scheduling. Strikers told this Militant worker-correspondent that they are forced to work for 19 days straight without a day off, “They try to say it is the workers who are the bad guys, but they make profits on our backs,” said LaPierre.

Ten years ago, the port bosses locked out the workers after the union authorized a strike following an 18-month impasse in contract talks. The Maritime Employers’ Association has tried twice — unsuccessfully — to get Ottawa to take away the work- ers’ right to strike by declaring their job an “essential service.”

Strikers on the line also discussed the need for workers to have our own party, a labor party, based on a mo- bilized labor movement that fights for what working people need. “I think having such a labor party is necessary and possible, we are the only ones who know what is in our interest,” said strikers Janico Tremblay said.

Many workers honked in solidarity as they drove by the picket line. The short strike was called to put pressure on the bosses without provok- ing strikebreaking action by the federal government, workers said. After it be- gan, the port bosses began negotiations with union officials, but as of July 8 no results had been announced.

Correction

In issue no. 25, the article “SWP 2020 Campaign Presents Fighting-Work-Class Program,” should have said: “This is the day ending deadline to submit signatures to place Omari Musa on the ballot for District of Co- lumbia Delegate to Congress. In the same issue, the article “DeSTRUCTION of Statutes Seeks to Erase History We Need to Know,” should have said of the march in 2002 demanding the Con- federate flag be taken down from the state Capitol in Columbia, South Carolina.
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board barriers between workers. The following day inspectors closed the plant.

These conditions and similar conditions elsewhere show the urgent need for a fight by those who work to control aspects of production — from safety precautions, sanitary facilities, line speeds and break times, and to take decisions on these questions out of the hands of profit-hungry company owners. The bosses’ organization of production is the deadliest threat to workers’ health, safety and lives.

Workers at nine industrial sites, five of them meatpacking plants in south L.A., were struck by similar outbreaks of the disease in May. The largest of these was at the Smithfield Foods-owned Farmer John plant of 1,837 workers. Months earlier a government agency had given meatpacking plant bosses the green light to increase line speeds, pushing workers in the plants into closer proximity in order to ramp up production.

As the capitalist crisis deepens working people are organizing to stand up to the bosses here and around the world. Thousands of shipyard workers in Bath, Maine, have been on strike since June 22 against bosses’ attempts to replace union members with contract workers and attack seniority protections in order to deepen their attacks on wages and conditions. Some 350 drivers, members of Teamsters Local 25 in Watertown and Everett, Massachusetts, struck Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority’s The Ride program July 12 after bosses tried to cut their health insurance. These struggles need solidarity from working people and our unions. In Israel, tens of thousands of young workers from the Kibbutz next to Tel Aviv July 11 voiced their anger at monthlong delays of promised government aid to the self-employed and small-business owners. Since a government-enforced lockdown, unemployment in the country has risen to 21%.

Some 12,000 protesters converged on Baghdad, Iraq, from the mainly Shiite south of the country July 12, to protest Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi’s decision to halve monthly compensation payments from the government to thousands who were previously imprisoned by the Saddam Hussein regime. Government security forces the protesters, shooting and killing two people.

The unprecedented downturn in worldwide production and trade, brought on by government shutdowns, is intensifying competition among workers for jobs. Governments in some places are now reversing steps to reopen commerce and are reimposing shutdowns as fresh outbreaks of the virus surface. Workers face the pressing need to fight for jobs and get us back to work and to join other workers in the struggles for safer working conditions and better wages.

Bosses inflict massive job cuts

Nearly 33 million working people in the U.S. have filed claims for jobless benefits as of June 20 — five times the number of unemployment during the 2008 recession.

Some 1.3 million of those newly out-of-work filed claims the first week of July. An additional million self-employed and other workers applied the same week through the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program.

In this wave of layoffs, many job cuts are now permanent as more businesses fold. Bosses at United Airlines said 36,000 workers, almost half the work force, would be furloughed July 8. Workers organized themselves in on-the-job skirmishes and strikes we have opportunities to win allies and build support for our common struggle against actions and the fight for solidarity with them are the foundation for charting a road forward.

Tens of thousands protest July 11 in Tel Aviv, Israel, against government’s failure to deliver aid promised to workers classified as self-employed. Sign reads, “Out of touch! We’re fed up!”

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August 7, 1995

The decision by President Jacques Chirac in France to resume nuclear weapons testing on Moruroa, one of its colonial possessions in the Pacific, and its people have been the testing ground for nuclear powers since 1945. Fifty years after the bombing of Hiroshima and its people have been the testing ground for nuclear powers since 1945. Fifty years after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the first time all Black workers were included in union negotiations, the city agreed to win their central demand, union recognition. However, the city agreed to begin negotiations.

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LOS ANGELES — More than 14,000 people answered the call of the anti-fascist united front, organized to demonstrate against Gerald L.K. Smith and his fascist movement by attending a meeting at the Olym- pic auditorium.

A leaflet distributed by the Socialist Workers Party outside the protest meeting called for the formation of anti-fascist committees in every shop, which would enable labor’s forces to be mobilized rapidly for defense against fascist actions.

Additionally, the program urged continuation of the united front which prepared the demonstration and the broadening of the united front by the inclusion of representatives from every local union, organization of mass picket demonstrations against any further meetings Smith may attempt, and the building of an independent labor party.

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August 31, 1970

Black municipal workers in Jackson, Miss., voted to return to work July 21, ending a tumultuous three-week strike. The nearly 800 sanitation and maintenance workers, about one-third of Jackson’s city employees, did not win their central demand, union recognition. However, the city agreed to begin negotiations.

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Columbus voyage to America opened door to social progress

‘Discovery of roads of the world was clouded by the enormous crime of conquest’

Over the Fourth of July weekend, a statue of Italian-born seafarer Christo-
vpher Columbus, the first European to discover the Americas in 1492, was pulled down over a century later.

Another, presented by Iberian-Americans to the city of Waterbury, Connecticut, a year ago, was melted down and shipped to Spain.

New York, and Columbus, Ohio, statues were removed to stop vandalism to them. Those who destroyed the statues said that they were celebrating and commemorating Columbus opening the Americas to Europe.

Below are the italicized articles below from the News of the World and the Daily Mirror, and the Daily Mirror, and the Daily Mirror.

The first is an interview with the historian of the year 1999, Armando Hart, entitled “Faithful historic leaders of the Cuban Revolution,

“We are not preparing to hold a dignified commemoration of the first voyage of the discovery of the roads of the world, and we are happy to do so. We are going to have a commemoration in the Americas that will be the first of the model that Camilo Torres was not only the only one. The conquest had three serious consequences: the abject devastations of the indigenous peoples — and above all, with the desire to prove that the world was round, and the known world. These events, in and of themselves, were revolutionary events that extended human culture into a dimension unknown until that moment. Since the fall of the Roman empire, 100 years before, nothing of that magnitude had been done. It was a new view of the world, and it was an opening of the world.

The reaction Spanish colonies at that time in the age of the colonies and the penetration, through the annihilation of the cultures and the destruction they caused, the data their essential interest and brought about a great revolution which was the result of the discovery for Spain. The conquest and colonization was carried out with a purpose that was a result of a new and important trend in the colonization of the Americas. It was a result of a new and important trend in the colonization of the Americas.

The great adventures, advances, and voyages that have been taken over by the reactivators, in the aim of the so-called ‘scientific and technical achievements’, just as the Spanish fortresses are, with these geological discoveries, to the detriment of the bourgeois thinking that had fostered these 500 years in a scientific and beneficial manner.

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tina, became a central leader of the Cu-
ban Revolution and one of the outstand-
 ing communists of the 20th century. The
excerpt is from “Socialism and Man in Cu-
ba,” his famous article on the tasks and chal-
enges of the working
people in Cuba and abroad, leading Cuban and other fight-
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of the European invaders. They had in- 
dependently invented the zero for use in their number system, 

thousands of West Indians in the islands. And that was only 

the beginning.

European society was passing from feudalism to capitalism at the time of 

Columbus. This was not a smooth pro-

cess, but was accompanied by violent 

conflicts as the forces of feudalism on 

that side and the rising commercial 

class on the other wrestled for supremacy. As Armando Hart notes, one para-
docural result of the Spanish monarchy’s 

success in colonizing and plundering 

central and south America was that the 

development of Spain itself was held 

back for centuries, while other Europe-

an nations overtook and displaced Spain as 

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correct or not. The counterstatement 

charges that free speech and open 

debate are “seductive but nebulous 

concepts and coded language” that 

are being used to keep “marginalized 

voices” from having a “platform.” 

Never mind that the letter was 

spelled by Thomas Chatterton 

William, a writer who is Black, as 

many are of the signers.

The counterstatement backers 

are especially irked that the letter 

is signed by J.K. Rowling, author of 

the Harry Potter series. Rowling has 

come under increasing attack for her 

feminist views, aimed at destroying 

her career and livelihood.

The counterstatement signers 

falsely charge Rowling with “plat-

forming violent anti-trans speakers,” 

because she spoke out in defense of 

Maverick, a woman in the U.K. who 

was fired for stating that there are 

two sexes, determined by biol-

ogy. A special target of those pushing 

the suppression of views is to prevent 

workers and youth from seeing class 

battles as the driving force of history 

and from seeing how working-class 

consciousness advances through our 

struggles.

Vox staff writer Emily VanDer-

Werff complained to the website’s 

editors that the signature of fellow 

staff writer Matthew Vigilanzas on the 

Letter on Justice “makes me feel less 

safe at Vox” — a prod to the bosses 
to go after him.

Attacks from free speech opponents

These are not hypothetical threats. In early June New York Times edito-

rial page editor James Bennet was 

forced to resign for running a column 

by Republican Sen. Tom Cotton that 

fell foul of the strictures imposed by 

liberals who manage the paper.

In May, Henry Bienen and Wil-

lard Bunn, president and board chair-

man of the Poet’s Foundation, were 

forced to resign for issuing a short 

statement charging that “the watery vaga-

naries of this statement are, ultimately, a 

violation” against Blacks.

Workers and our unions need to 

disregard of whether we agree with 

their opinions. As the class struggle 

heats up, bosses will increasingly 

try to muzzle militant workers for 

speaking out about the impact of the 

capitalist crisis on our lives — as 

they have done in the past.

Working people and youth have 

a right to a competing consumer 

points, to think for ourselves and 

express our own views without being 

threatened with losing our livelihoods 

by those who claim they know what is 

in our best interest. We need to jeal-

ously guard the right to free speech 

because we need more discussion and 
debate, not less, for political clarity on 

the way forward to strengthen the 

unity and fighting capacity of the 

working class.