**Capitalist rulers seek to paper over growing frictions in EU**

**BY TERRY EVANS**

While millions of workers in countries across Europe confront rapidly rising unemployment, continuing outbreaks of coronavirus and attacks on wages and working conditions, the leaders of the European Union agreed to put together a 750 billion euros “recovery fund” ($880 billion). After acrimonious debate they decided the fund will be financed by the European Commission issuing bonds. The accord was acclaimed by the editors of the Financial Times as “the end of a process that started 70 years ago” — steps toward economic integration of the continent’s different capitalist economies.

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**Workers need our own party, a labor party!**

**BY ROY LANDERSSEN**

As bosses worldwide are stepping up attempts to restore their profits on our backs, working people are finding ways to defend ourselves. The fight by some 4,300 striking shipyard workers in Bath, Maine, is setting an example of resisting deepening assaults on jobs, wages and working conditions. Fresh viral outbreaks and accompanying renewed government lockdowns have slowed a tentative recovery of the global capitalist economy.

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**March builds support for Bath shipyard workers strike**

**BY VED DOOKHUN**

BATH, Maine — Over 300 spirited strikers, family members and supporters of the Bath Iron Works Shipbuilders strike gathered outside the International Association of Machinists Local S6 union hall, across the street from the shipyard here, for a rally and march July 25. The strike is now in its fifth week.

IAM International President Robert Martinez Jr. addressed the crowd, reminding everyone that the strike is the “largest going on in the country” right now, and that “the eyes of the nation are upon us.”

The company’s demand to use more subcontractors, who work for lower wages and threaten union members’ jobs, is the main issue in the strike. The union will not back down. Martinez stressed. He handed a check for $10,000 from the international to Local S6 President Chris Weirs.

Workers marched from the union hall to both the north and south gates of the shipyard. Company bosses say they’ve already made their “last, best and final” offer and have so far refused any further negotiations with the union. They’re recruiting strike-breakers from Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Both the union and the bosses have held separate meetings with federal prison authorities only say they’re imposing this issue because of those pages, but they don’t say what they object to. So what’s on those pages?

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**As virus rebounds, recovery falters, workers fight growing boss attacks**

**BY EDWIN FRUIT**

SEATTLE — Across Tennessee, New Jersey and Washington state, Socialist Workers Party campaigners are collecting signatures from working people who want to see a working-class party on the ballot in 2020. Through the fight for ballot status they’re winning support for the party’s ticket — Alyson Kennedy for president and MalcolmJarrett for vice president — and they will be doing Continued on page 4

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**SWP wins support in ballot fight across the country**

**BY ALAN JARRETT**

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**Join the fight against Pennsylvania prison ban on issue of the ‘Militant’**

**BY BRIAN WILLIAMS**

The Militant received a letter from a subscriber in Pennsylvania’s State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill July 23, saying that prison officials there banned issue no. 28 of the Militant because “of security issues.”

The inmate sent the form prison officials gave him that claimed the paper was confiscated because of what was on pages 3 and 4. It said that they “create a dangerous within the context of the correctional facility.” No notice was ever sent to the Militant informing it of the prison officials’ July 16 ban, which they are requiring to do by law.

The subscriber wrote to the Militant that he is challenging the ban from inside the prison. “I’m fighting it in here. Please help me fight out there,” he wrote. We plan to do just that. Militant attorney David Goldstein has informed state prison officials that the paper is preparing to file a challenge to overturn the impoundment by the prison.

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**Join campaign to put SWP’s presidential ticket on ballot!**

Alyson Kennedy, Socialist Workers Party candidate for president, issued the following statement July 28: Malcolm Jarrett is the party’s candidate for vice president.

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Join the fight to put the Socialist Workers Party 2020 presidential campaign on the ballot everywhere we can! Teams of campaigners are fanning out across Washington state, Continued on page 9

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BY BRIAN WILLIAMS

Two of the most publicized cases where cops shot and killed people and haven’t been indicted—the killings of emergency doctor Breonna Taylor in Louisville and Elijah McClain in Aurora, Colorado—came together in Kentucky July 24. Protesters from Aurora, Colorado and Louisville demanded that cops who killed Taylor in Louisville and McClain in Aurora be arrested.

“COVID-19 has delayed official decisions on the dealing with the police killing, but none of them have been arrested,” said a.co, who organized the caravan in Louisville. “We want the cops arrested. Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron, who is in charge of the investigation, has yet to announce a ruling. He says there’s no timetable for him to decide. That’s just not OK.”

The Women’s NBA announced July 25 they were dedicating the league’s season to Breonna Taylor. “We are also dedicating this season to the ‘Say Her Name’ campaign,” a league statement said. “We’ve committed to saying the names and fighting for justice for Black women.”

Cops cover up killing of McClain

In the case of Elijah McClain, it’s been nearly a year and no charges have been brought against the cops who killed him. But protests by working-class Black youth and supporters of them in Aurora and other cities have exposed the authorities’ efforts to cover up this crime. McClain was walking home from a convenience store Aug. 24, 2019, when three cops stopped him, dragged him from a car and beat him up. They said they received a complaint that he was “acting suspicious.” The cops put him in a chokehold, ignoring his pleas that “I just can’t breathe.” Even though he was restrained, they had him injected with ketamine, a powerful sedative, at a dose high enough to put down a 220-pound person. McClain weighed 140 pounds. He suffered a heart attack on the way to a hospital.

District Attorney Dave Young had announced last November that an investigation into McClain’s death would be filed against the cops. But protests by McClain’s family and friends and others fighting for justice for him have continued to demand that the cops be prosecuted. But protests by McClain’s family and friends and others fighting for justice for him have continued to demand that the cops be prosecuted.

Teachers need workers control for schools to open safely

BY JOHN STUDER

A debate is raging among the capitalist candidates over whether schools should be opened this fall or students consigned to desocializing “learning-at-home.”

But the real question isn’t whether they should be opened. It’s how they can be opened to be safe for workers and students alike. The answer is for teachers and all other school workers to take control of how the schools are opened and run, to ensure they are safe to work and study in.

By relying on themselves, their power can build on today. This will take a serious fight, because it means so much,” Shenika Carter, who organized the caravan, told WHAS radio that they’ll continue coming to Louisville until the cops who shot Taylor are prosecuted, and Elijah McClain’s family is arrested. “We will continue to work alongside them.”

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Kennedy also spoke with Jaled Harris, who is starting a job as a baggage handler at the airport. Harris related how he got involved in the police brutality. “I think the violence and looting hurts our cause,” Harris told Kennedy. “I support defunding of the police to protect resources like schools for the Black and Latino communities.”

Kennedy agreed about the looting. “But defunding the police is not changing the nature of the cops under capitalism,” she said. “Their role is to defend the wealthy ruling class and put working people in their place.”

“Only working people taking political power into their own hands can change that,” Kennedy added. “In Cuba working people did make a socialist revolution. That’s what I’m calling for.”

Harris signed the petition and got a subscription to the Militant and a copy of Are They Rich Because They’re Smart? Rolly Konse told Kennedy about the intense speed up he has faced delivering packages for Amazon. “Before the pandemic, we were working 12 to 13 hours a day. Now it is 18 to 20 hours.”

Kennedy, who is a cashier at Walmart, described how Walmart workers in Kentucky who were in ongoing lockouts were told to go together to speak to bosses who were trying to double the amount of orders workers were expected to fulfill per hour. After some workers and forth bosses agreed to send more workers to help. “We need to act like we have a union,” Kennedy said.

SWP worker Daniel Griffin signs at Walmart parking lot to put SWP presidential candidate Alyson Kennedy, left, and running mate Malcolm Jarrett on the ballot in Washington state.

“I know the Cubans send doctors all around the world,” said Griffin, who was born in El Salvador. “It impresses me that they do this despite the U.S. blockade.” The Cuban government mobilized the population to keep the virus in check, Kennedy said. “They are only able to do this because they had a revolution in 1959.”

“Here in Washington, campaigners are going house to house in cities and towns mobilizing the population to keep the blockade.” The Cuban government has universal, government-guaranteed cradle-to-grave health care for all, as opposed to what passes as health care in the US. Griffin got a subscription to the Militant and purchased Red Zone: Cuba and the Battle Against Ebola in West Africa. She was glad to see a Militant article about nurses on strike in Illinois to win staffing levels and a pay raise.

At Griffin’s invitation, the campaigners participated in a protest that evening calling for the moving of a statue honoring Confederate soldiers to a museum. Several protestors signed up to put the SWP candidates on the ballot.

In Lebanon, 20 minutes outside of Nashville, SWP campaigners Katrina Estill and Lisa Potash met retired army veterans Charles Bailey and Reginald Sweett. Estill told them that under capitalist society is organized to meet the needs of the capitalist class, not the needs of working people. “You’re right,” Bailey said. “There’s potato farmers right now that are digging holes to throw their potatoes in and hog farmers killing the animals they can’t sell. All the while, meat prices are going up.”

The Socialist Workers Party campaign platform demands that the government guarantee farmers their costs of production, including their living expenses. Sweett and Bailey signed the petition.

The SWP campaigners also met Devontea Shields at her doorstep. He told them he quit his job at a local factory that makes Kool-Aid because he’d come home each night covered in the Kool-Aid powder. Workers need to wage a fight to wrest control of production from the bosses, Estill said, so they can organize work safely.

Shields recently went to his first-ever protest against police brutality. After seeing news on these protests “I decided I was going to go to one and then it turned out there was one in my home-town,” he said. Shields signed to put Kennedy and Jarrett on the ballot.

“Let me sign that!”

BY CANDACE WAGNER

TRENTON, New Jersey — Lea Sherman, the SWP’s candidate for U.S. Senate, and vice presidential candidate Malcolm Jarrett filed 270 signatures with state election officials July 27 to get the party’s presidential ticket on the ballot.

“This shows we have support among working people in New Jersey,” Sherman said. The party plans to keep campaigning and get well over the required 800 signatures. “We invite all those who want to see a workers party on the ballot to join us in exceeding the requirements over the next couple of weeks and turn those signatures in.”

Donna Barber, elections manager for the New Jersey Division of Elections, told Sherman to call and inform her when they’ll be bringing the rest of the signatures.

“Let me sign that. We need a voice,” retired nurse Diane Pockep told SWP campaigner Chris Hoepnner July 26. She is one of the 270 people whose signatures were filed July 27. Pockep told Hoepnner she was fired once when she needed to extend her maternity leave, but fought and won her job back. When her husband got injured on the job at UPS, and wasn’t treated right, “I convinced him to fight. You fight until they give up,” she said. Sherman subscribed to the Militant and bought three books to learn more about the party.

Sherman met retired postal worker Don Hill on his doorstep in Paterson the day before. “With many businesses reopening, the companies are organizing to restore their profits at the expense of working people,” he said. In her contribution of $___________ to help spread the word.

Join the Socialist Workers Party campaign in 2020! Campaign for what you are for, not who you’re against!

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Back Bath shipyard strike

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 mediators, but nothing has come out of these discussions so far. “This is not about money, it’s about our part, it’s about dignity,” John LaPointe, an HVAC technician who has worked at Bath Iron Works for 31 years, told the Militant as he marched with his picket sign. Like many workers who voted to strike, LaPointe explained how he sees the fight as a knitting of generations. He wants to see his grandchildren have a future, he said. Many strikers told us the company had counted on pitting veteran shipbuilders against new hires, and said with pride that that’s not their work.

In an attempt to show that production is taking place, the company posted a letter with a list of “completed jobs.” Many of the strikers I talked to said the jobs the company is taking credit for were in fact completed or close to being, “We aren’t seeing hundreds of workers to get production,” said LaPointe. “We aren’t seeing anything.”

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“Stop messing with our seniority,” said striker Jaimie Bellefleur. “They are just trying to scare people,” said striker Jamie Bellefleur.

People are sleeping in their cars at night, and many strikers told us the workers are being attacked by management, and institute a $100-per-paper carriers (now union members) as mediators, but nothing has come out of the start of the strike, three pickets were arrested.

Three hundred strikers attended the July 18 Sterling Heights City Council meeting to protest the action of the cops and use of company gun squad.

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“There are signs everywhere you go,” said Nate Graf, describing the support the strike has in the community. “You stand with us, we stand with you,” is how we look at it, he said. Johnny Johnson, who works as a shipfitter with a six-year seniority, said he has worked for 10 years in the yard. “This is not my first strike,” he said, recalling how he was on the picket line with his parents during the last strike 20 years ago. “This strike is going to set a precedent for all workers,” he said, adding that they will be out on the picket line “no matter what.”

Fifty-year-old Laura Saford is training to be a pipe fitter. “The attack on seniority and hiring of contractors is the problem,” she said, explaining why she voted for the strike. She said she had made a lawn sign that said, “Stop messing with our seniority.”

Solidarity contributions boost strike

“This really helps our strike,” Local 56 President Weirs said as he accepted letters of solidarity that Malcolm Jarrett from Pittsburgh presented from United Electrical Workers Local 506 in Erie, Pennsylvania; Service Employees International Union Local 321B; and teachers from the Pittsburgh School District.

Jarrett was also instrumental in getting a $1,500 financial contribution from Local 506. Jarrett had been involved in building solidarity with the UE local’s bitter strike against Wabtec in 2019. “I appreciate you bringing these down,” Weirs told him.

Jarrett is the Socialist Workers Party candidate for vice president, and builds solidarity with the Bath strikers’ battle wherever he goes. “This is an important fight, we need this for working people,” said Jim Labbe, a member of IAM Local 2740 in Skowhegan. He was part of a delegation of workers from Sappi Paper that presented a $1,000 donation to the strikers at the rally.

Kristi Skhembi, a 26-year-old Walmart worker who joined some of his co-workers from Albany, New York, to come here, said this was his first picket line. The sign he carried saying he works at Walmart and supports their strike was very popular.

“This was a very eye-opening experience,” Skhembi said. He was impressed by the unity of the strike. “It shows how strong and powerful it is when people get together.”

He said he’s eager to get the word out when he gets back to work.

Zak Larabee, who came with supporters of the strike from the Boston area, was impacted by the march and rally. He had come to the picket line the previous weekend with a friend, bringing sandwiches they stayed up late putting together. “What for me has always been ideas in books about the labor movement was more real than I had anticipated,” he said.

More solidarity is needed. Come to Bath and walk the picket lines. Send messages and contributions to the strike fund at IAM Local 56, 722 Washington St, Bath, ME 04530, or donations through PayPal at https://www.paypal.me/LocalLodge5.

Candace Wagner contributed to this article.

SWP wins support in ballot fight

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of working people,” Sherman told him. “We need to fight for workers control on the job to protect our health and safety.”

Hill told Sherman he had visited Cuba several times and that “the whole world should emulate the Cuban example” of sending volunteer doctors around the world. “Washington tries to blaspheme the Cuban Revolution. But the record speaks for itself.” He signed the petition and subscribed to the Militant.

SWP campaigner Laura Anderson told David Dobbs in Elizabeth about her visit to join the picket line of striking shipbuilders in Bath, Maine. “More experienced union members said they didn’t know what to expect from the young ones” on the picket line, Anderson said. “But these young workers are the most enthusiastic about defending the union they only recently joined.”

Davis, a young gas station worker, really liked that. “There is a lot of injustice. It’s not right,” he said. Davis told Anderson he supports the protests against police brutality. “But this looting is no good. They are destroying our own community. It has to stop.”

“I would like to help out on the campaign,” said Anderson. Davis subscribed to the Militant and said he would like to help out on the campaign.

Want to help campaign for the Socialist Workers Party and aid the fight to get on the ballot? See page 8 for the campaign office nearest you. Or email: socialistworkers2020@gmail.com

Joanne Kuniensky contributed to this article.

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Workers fight boss attacks

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In the U.S., official government jobless figures for June, an understatement of on-the-ground reality, tally only 1.8 million out of work. New York, 19.5% in Los Angeles and 20% in Chicago.

The parties of the ruling class, the Democrats and Republicans, are haggling over the July 21, phase-out date for the $600 supplementary weekly payments to two-thirds of the 33 million people who rely on federal and state unemployment benefits. Those who have many that haven’t been able to cut through the red tape to claim, or haven’t received, any of the benefits they deserve.

As working people, many small businesses are folding and millions of furloughed workers are becoming permanently unemployed.

Working people also face cuts to worker rights and a growing sense that a “shared sacrifice” and workers are becoming permanently unemployed.

Those who work, no one who runs to production maximum profits at the sick of small proprietors and workers who find their livelihoods destroyed are of no importance. The bosses at e-hail taxi companies are lined up in anger threatening to demand-smuggling thousands at the Port of Montreal, shoremen at the Port of Montreal — is an inevitable and irreplaceable act of solidarity,” Valdés said. “They don’t see health care as a business, but a proletery that can take months, debt bondage that can take months, years, to pay off.

In many cities like Portland, the bosses don’t have a concept of class struggle or class conscious destruction, but also Madagascar, Nepal and Mauritius was an uninhabited island before it was colonized by the colonial rulers who brought in African labor from Senegal as if capitalist profiteering — with slavery. They seized the country as a bounty of war.

In the meantime, the Clinical and Legal Base — which gave the government pretexts to attack political rights and the fight against police brutality.

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One of Pathfinder’s Books of the Month for August is The Founding of the Socialist Workers Party: Minutes and Resolutions, 1938-39. The program adopted was based on the communist course of V.I. Lenin and the Bolsheviks, who led workers and farmers to power in the 1917 Russian Revolution. At its founding convention the SWP deepened its orientation to the industrial working class and the special task of mobilizing the real masses to fight the bosses’ assaults at home, the rise of fascism in Europe and the drive to war by Washington and the other imperialist powers. The excerpts below are from "Our approach to the Jewish question." This was followed by a November 1938 statement by the SWP National Committee, "Open the Doors to Victims of Hitler’s Nazi Terror!" Copyright © 1982 by Pathfinder Press. Reprinted by permission.

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The SWP fought for US to admit Jewish refugees of Nazi terror

Members of Socialist Workers Party joined other groups picketing German Consulate in New York in November 1938. They demanded Washington open its doors to Jews and other refugees, victims of Nazi brutalities as that regime began to prepare the Holocaust.

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**Teachers need workers control for safe schools**

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work-class fight. This is the only road forward. As the workers strike showed, school workers and their unions can organize and fight to accomplish this. We can’t start by asking the bosses and the government for safe schools. We need to fight to take political power out of the hands of the working-class capitalist state, the political control to work over production, we learn more about our own resources and can see more clearly the need for our class and its allies to run the entire economy.

Neither Democratic nor Republican candidates act on the urgent need to reverse the rising joblessness facing the working class. Our campaign calls for a government-funded public works program to put millions back to work at union scale pay. Such a jobs program would be used to construct safe workplaces, rebuild and reopen shuttered hospitals and schools where our children, teachers, and other school workers can work safely.

Getting workers back on the job opens the door to acting together to stand up to the bosses and build unions. And, in the process, to build a labor party that can take command of these battles and fight for political power. On that foundation future progress for all toiling humanity can be made.

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Ban on books

Pennsylvania prison officials have previously targeted the Militant and other publications as part of an effort to suppress news they just don’t like.

Two years ago officials in Pennsylvania severely restricted prisoners’ access to books. Under pressure from de- fenders of prisoners’ rights, they had to back off. In September 2018 new rules were announced, backed by Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf, that prisoners could no longer order books directly from publishers. They also could no longer receive free books donated over the years by book fairs, organizations, and others. They can only order books through Bars in Philadelphia and Book ’Em in Pittsburgh.

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**ALYSON KENNEDY MALCOLM JARRETT**

Tennessee, New Jersey and Minnesota. With backing from school workers the party already has won ballot status in Colorado and Vermont, and is filing in Louisiana Aug. 7. The party’s goal is to be on the ballot in as many states as possible, as we have done every year since 1948.

All working people have a stake in this struggle! Winning ballot status for the SWP gives us an opportunity to advance building our own political party, a labor party. The Democrats and Republicans both sell out the interests of the employers whose attacks we face daily on our jobs, wages, working conditions and dignity at work.

If the political arena is left in the hands of the bosses and their parties, and we spend our time trying to figure out which is the “lesser of two evils,” workers and our unions will continue to face blows from a government that serves the ruling class. But if workers forge our own labor party, we will have a powerful tool to fight to strengthen the unity of all workers and lead millions in struggle for the interests of all those who are oppressed.

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Not since the Cuban revolution fought by Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution has there been a movement to build a labor party. In the 1970s, when he was a member of the Boston SWP branch, where he participated in the student movement to defend school desegregation and Boston’s Black community from racist attack.

For the past 40-plus years, Fred lived in Atlanta. After he became a supporter, he worked with other volunteers at the Pathfinder Press warehouse, helping to sell prison-oriented and then the Socialist Workers Party, died a natural death in Ecuador and Mexico. Fred loved to read and looked for-