**Join fight to end US rulers’ economic war against Cuba!**

**BY ROGER CALERO**

“We’ve had 12 U.S. presidents enforcing the blockade,” said José Ramón Caballés, Cuba’s ambassador to the United States. “This is a state policy,” not one associated “with a particular president,” as is sometimes said. “Its main purpose is to overthrow the Cuban Revolution.”

**EDITORIAL**

Cuban Revolution sets an example for working people

Millions of working people in the U.S. and worldwide face an economic, social and health crisis caused by the ruling capitalist families who exploit and oppress us in their greed for profits. They run a for-profit private health industry that denies care to working people. In contrast, the Cuban Revolution provides an inspiring example of what working people are capable of.

Field campaign to sell Militant subscriptions and books

Sept. 26 - Nov. 24 (week eight)

**Demand govt’ public works program to create jobs**

**BY TERRY EVANS**

Working people are increasingly finding ways to act together to stand up to the attacks of the bosses and their government as they press to make us pay for the economic and social crisis of their capitalist system. We face both surging coronavirus infections and the scourge of widespread unemployment.

**Drive to expand readership of the ‘Militant,’ books goes over the top**

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“Workers control of production — I love that,” David Wilkerson told Rachele Fruit, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. Senate from Georgia in the Jan. 5 run-off, after he started reading the party’s action program Nov. 21 on his doorstep in Dallas, Georgia.

Wilkerson, 25, who started working for Uber Eats when his acting jobs dried up at the start of the pandemic, subscribed to the Militant, bought two books by SWP leaders and other revolutionaries, and contributed $8 to the SWP Party-Building Fund.

Party members are completing an eight-week international drive to sell 1,200 Militant subscriptions, the same number of books and to raise $120,000 for the SWP’s annual Party-Building Fund. As the Militant goes to press, we are at 1,282 subscriptions, 1,255 books.

Every branch of the SWP and the Militant are at 1,255 books.

**Bloody war in Ethiopia rages over control of nation’s riches**

**BY ROY LANDERSEN**

A bloody war in northern Ethiopia has continued into a third week as federal forces unleash a heavy bombardment against those led by the regional government of the Tigray People’s Liberation Front. Working people bear the cost of the fighting with hundreds killed and thousands forced to flee the Tigray region to neighboring Sudan.

Rising tensions between the government of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and leaders of the TPLF over control of the country’s resources preceded the clashes. Leaders of the TPLF, which is based among the Tigray people — some 6% of the country’s population — have long dominated Ethiopia’s government until Abiy came to office in the wake of widespread anti-government protests in 2018. He is driving to consolidate the central government by ending the TPLF’s stronghold over the country’s politics, military and largest capitalist companies.

**Victory! Indiana prison officials reverse ban on the ‘Militant’**

**BY BRIAN WILLIAMS**

A victory has been won in defense of the right of Militant subscriber Kevin “Rashid” Johnson to receive the paper at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility in Indiana.

Johnson, a leader of the New African Black Panther Party, had written the Militant Nov. 5 reporting that prison authorities had informed him a ban on the Militant was being imposed.

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US gov’t extends accelerated pace of federal executions

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The U.S. government executed Orlando Hall Nov. 19, the eighth federal inmate to be put to death over the past four months. The Justice Department resumed use of this barbaric punishment after a 17-year break, as increasing numbers of workers oppose its use. Two additional executions have been scheduled over the next two months.

Hall, 49, who is Black, was convicted of kidnapping, raping and murdering 16-year-old Lisa Rene in Arkansas in 1994. At the time he was involved in a marijuana trafficking operation there.

A district judge issued a stay temporarily blocking Hall’s execution Nov. 19, but the U.S. Supreme Court stepped in and overturned it. Hall’s attorneys urged the justices to rule the government shouldn’t rush to execute a federal prisoner in the middle of a pandemic that makes it difficult for him to work with his legal team and apply for clemency. All federal executions take place by lethal injection of the drug pentobarbital at the prison in Terre Haute, Indiana. The drug attacks the brain and central nervous system and is also used to euthanize animals.

“Take care of yourself,” said Hall in his last words. “Tell my kids I love them.” None of the others involved in the smuggling operation were executed.

Three of them, including Hall’s brother, cooperated with prosecutors. Another, Bruce Webster, had a death sentence revoked, on grounds of his being intellectually disabled.

The U.S. capitalist rulers use capitalist punishment to intimidate working people by showing them the brutal tools they have — and will use — against workers who mount resistance to boss and government assaults.

In fact, despite an international outcry, exactly 105 years ago on Nov. 19, 1915, the state of Utah executed Joe Hill by firing squad. Hill was a well-known labor organizer, songwriter and member of the Industrial Workers of the World the authorities framed up on baseless murder charges.

The Justice Department is moving ahead with plans to execute Brandon Bernard Dec. 10. He was convicted of involvement in the murder of two youth ministers in Texas in 1999 when he was just 18 years old.

The execution of Lisa Montgom- ery, who would be the first woman put to death by the federal government in nearly 70 years, has been pushed back to at least Dec. 31. A U.S. district judge ruled that since Montgometry’s longtime lawyers had become infected with coronavirus after visiting her in prison, they should be granted time to recover to prepare her clemency application.

Calif. trailer park residents win fight against eviction

BY BETSEY STONE

WEST SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Residents of a trailer park here have been waging a fight to stay in their mobile homes on two fronts — against the callous actions of the Cali- fornia state Department of Housing and Community Development and the equally cruel actions of the company that manages the park.

“A nightmare.” That’s how Nicky Richards described what she went through after a man appeared at her door with a stack of legal papers, tell- ing her she had to make repairs on her home within seven days or be evicted.

“Many had it worse than me,” she told this Militant worker-correspon- dent Nov. 21. More than 50 residents of the Westwind Estates trailer park received notices telling them they were facing eviction because of alleged safety violations.

The nightmare began in March, as the pandemic was picking up steam across the country, when inspectors from the state agency began distribut- ing notices demanding repairs at the complex of over 160 homes.

“Fortunately, I had the $400 to fix the dent on the pole that holds up my awning,” Richards said. “A lot of people don’t have this kind of money and some of their repairs were more costly.”

Many elderly, low-income and dis- abled people in the park weren’t able to make the repairs. Some were Span- ish-speaking households that received notices in English, while others found the notices too vague or impossible to come to terms with. When residents called the Housing and Community Devel- opment number given to clear up confu- sions, it went straight to a voicemail box that was full.

Then in October, Leasoo Manage- ment Company, which operates the property, handed out eviction no- tices. This was their response to the Department of Housing and Com- munity Development’s threatening to pull their license because of the “safety” violations.

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‘Militant’ drive over the top

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Communist Leagues in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom report they have met or gone over their quotas. The fund is at $108,789 and also poised to go over, when final charts are published in next week’s paper.

“We point to the example of revolutionary Cuba,” Fruit told Wilkerson. “It’s a society based on solidarity, with the working class in control. We’re very impressed with how workers in Cuba have fought to eradicate Jew-hatred is bound during World War II by Abram Leon, a leader of the Jewish Community in Philadelphia, who fought successfully to prevent their eviction (see article on page 2).

“You came all the way here from the Bay Area to talk to us about this,”’ Forrest Gardens, one of the leaders of the fight, asked SWP member Carole Lesnick.

“We think it’s important to let working people know about this example of people fighting back and reaching out for — and receiving — solidarity,” Lesnick said. Gardens subscribed to the Militant.

Party branches helped each other out to reinforce teams in cities where SWP members were fighting hard for their subscription and book quotas but could use a boost.

“In Miami, heavy storms for two weeks put a damper on getting out,” SWP branch organizer Anthony Datrow told the Militant. “We went out every day the last week and were joined by Markie Wilson from Atlanta.” That boost helped Miami meet all its quotas.

Typically, comrades have found opportunities to broaden the number of people who know about and work with the party. Its action program, originally presented by party candidates during the 2020 election campaign, started with immediate demands that workers and our unions can fight for today and advances a road forward to lead millions to a new party and a workers and farmers government.

Members of the SWP are getting back to those who subscribed or bought books during the drive and finding out what they think about what they are reading. They are encouraging new readers to work with the party and join in bringing solidarity to union fights and other struggles in the interests of working people. They ask new readers if they have friends, relatives or coworkers who would be interested in learning about the party.

To help in this ongoing work, contact the party’s branch nearest you listed in the directory on page 8.

Know someone in prison who should have a subscription to the Militant?

Let them know they can get a reduced-rate or free book and a subscription by writing us at: 306 W. 37th St., 13th Floor, New York, NY 10018

Donate to the prisoners fund online at: www.themilitant.com

Socialist Workers Party Action Program

THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY PROGRAM: PARTY WORKING-WORKERS PROGRAM CLASS. We NEED TO ORGANIZE TO FIGHT GROWING EMPLOYER ATTACKS ON OUR JOBS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS. Build solidarity with workers’ struggles to organize and defend themselves. On this course, we can build and use union power on every front, and for all those suffering blows by the bosses and their government. One union for all drivers: taxi, Uber, Lyft and other app-based and car-based drivers!

MILLIONS NEED JOBS TODAY! Our unions need to fight for a federal government-financed public works program to put millions to work at union-scale wages building hospitals, schools, housing, mass transportation and much more that workers need. Fight for a sliding scale of hours and wages to stop layoffs and the effects of runaway prices. Cut the workweek with no cut in pay! For cost-of-living clauses in every contract that raise pay and retirement benefits to offset rising prices. Demand immediate national government unemployment benefits at government scale for all those thrown out of work as long as government needs it.

WORKERS NEED THEIR OWN PARTY, A LABOR PARTY. For our unions to lead a class break from the parties of the bosses, the Democrats and Republicans. A labor party can organize workers in our millions to fight in our own interest and in the interests of all those exploited and oppressed by capital. It can chart a course to take political power out of the hands of the capitalist rulers and establish a workers and farmers government.

WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION. Workers need to fight to wrest control of production out of the hands of the bosses. Employers care about profits, not the dangerous conditions we’re forced to work under. This is the only road to take control of and enforce safety and health on the job. Demand the bosses open their books for inspection by workers and consumers. Workers control of production is a school for learning to run the economy ourselves, for all those thrown out of work, for action to put millions to work at union-scale wages.

For recognition of Israel and of a CONTIGUOUS PALESTINIAN STATE. The leaders of Arab states, of Israel and Palestinian leaders need to meet and recognize both the state of Israel and an independent Palestinian state. For the right of Jews to return to Israel as a refuge in the face of capitalist crisis, Jewish-hated and murderous violence.

Cuba’s Revolution — an example

The Cuban Revolution in 1959 showed it is possible for workers and farmers to transform themselves in struggle, to take political power and uproot capitalist exploitation. End the US rulers’ economic war against Cuba; US out of Guantánamo.

FIGHT POLICE BRUTALITY! Demand that cops who kill and brutalize people be prosecuted. Fight racist discrimination and the entire capitalist injustice system, with its frame-ups, “plea bargains,” onerous bail and “three strike” prison sentences, all of which disproportionately hit workers who are Black. For the right to vote for ex-prisoners and all workers behind bars.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL. Fight for universal, government-guaranteed cradle-to-grave health care, and retire- ment income for all.

WOMEN’S RIGHT TO ABORTION. Defend women’s right to unrestricted access to family planning services, including the right to safe, secure abortions.

DEFEND POLITICAL RIGHTS. Demand the right to vote, to free speech and assembly and to bear arms, under attack from Democrats and Republicans alike. Defend freedom of worship. Stop FBI and other government spying, harassment and disruption. No to reactionary “cancel culture” and efforts to shut up people by public lynching through social media.

DEFEND RIGHTS OF PRISONERS. End solitary confinement. End suppression of the Militant, books and other newspapers by prison authorities. Abolish the death penalty, an anti-working-class weapon in the hands of the rulers.

Alexandra Negrete subscribes to Militant in Walmart parking lot in Renton, Washington, Nov. 22 after John Naubert told her SWP fights for workers to forge our own party, a labor party.

Socialist Workers Party Fund Drive Sept. 26-Nov. 24 (Week 6)

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New Zealand elections masked crisis facing working people

BY MIKE TUCKER AND PATRICK BROWN

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — As the Labour Party enters its second term in government here, it has sustained the National Party opposition in parliamentary elections Oct. 17, working people in New Zealand face growing pressure on jobs, wages, housing and health care.

“To defend ourselves against attacks by employers and the government in this crisis, workers must act in our own name and interests,” Patrick Brown, Communist League candidate in the Panmure-Otahuhu electoral district in South Auckland, told an election meeting Oct. 30 organized by representatives of the Tongan community in Otahuhu.

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The capitalist economic crisis was exacerbated by the government’s severe anti-COVID restrictions — a lockdown that lasted from late March to mid-May, accompanied by continuing border closures that halted international tourism.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and the Labour Party won a landslide in spite of the crisis bearing down on working people, taking credit for how the lockdowns had kept the number of working people, taking credit for how the Labour Party won a landslide victory, and the Labour Party won a landslide victory.

“The March-May lockdown saw public transport ridership plummet by over 95% in the capital Wellington and here in Auckland, the country’s largest city,” Ardern said when she took part in a panel of candidates interviewed online by the Manhattan Socialists Oct. 11 that was posted on Facebook and YouTube. The unions, she said, need to “build a party that speaks and acts in the interests of working people.”

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BY STEVE PENNER AND SUSIE BERMAN

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2020 vote shows ongoing crisis of rulers’ two-party system

BY SETH GALINSKY

“The U.S. rulers and their government have begun to fear the working class.” That’s because “working people are beginning to see that the bosses and their political parties have no ‘solutions’ that don’t further load the costs — monetary and human — of the crisis of their system on us.”

That’s what Steve Clark wrote about the 2016 elections in his introduction to The Clintons’ Anti-Working-Class Record. Clark points out that the 2016 election exposed the fact that “the bourgeois electoral system in the United States is rigged … on behalf of the property owners and their large rent-collecting meritorcity.”

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Election laws aim to preserve both capitalist parties’ monopoly and make it as difficult as possible for a workers party to get its candidates on the ballot in most states.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo rammed through changes in New York State last year that made it even harder, increasing the number of signatures needed for third parties to get on the ballot from 15,000 to 45,000. The state’s Democratic boss refuses to cover SWP campaigns.

Despite this the Socialist Workers Party presidential slate of Alyson Kennedy and Kenneth Jarrett, along with a couple dozen local candidates, ran a bold campaign, finding widespread interest in the party’s action platform from working people around the country — in large cities, small towns and farming regions. They exchanged views with thousands about what working people can do together to defend ourselves, regardless of who those workers planned to vote for, or if they planned to vote at all.

Starting with the interests of the working class, SWP campaigns raised demands that workers and our unions can fight for today. This includes a government-funded public works program to put millions to work building and repairing needed infrastructure, cutting the workweek with no cut in take-home pay to prevent layoffs, and workers control of production.

Workers need to forge our own party, a labor party, based on fighting unions, to fight for political power and a workers and farmers government.
Workers fight boss attacks on jobs, wages, conditions

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How US combat troops turned against the Vietnam War

Out Now by Fred Halstead is one of Pathfinder’s Books of the Month for November. Halstead, an active participant in and leader of the international movement against the U.S. war in Vietnam, visited and talked with GIs at a U.S. military base in near Saigon as the Socialist Workers Party presidential candidate in 1968. The Vietnam War was the first U.S. imperialism went down to defeat, thanks to the determination of the people of Indochina, the growing opposition of U.S. troops to the war and the solidarity and anti-war protests by tens of millions around the world. The title is taken from chapter 2 in “The Crueling of a Military Ma- rine.” Copyright © 1991 by Pathfinder Press. Reprinted by permission.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

BY FRED HALSTEAD

Over 500 active-duty GIs joined San Francisco protest against Washington’s war in Vietnam, Oct. 12, 1968. Cz opposition to the war, disintegrating morale was a key factor in U.S. defeat.

The moral disintegration ... was only one side of the story. I know of an artillery spotter who made his choice when a commander radioed him to place a barrage on a village that he knew could see many civilians, including children. After he reported this situation, the order was reiterated. He directed the strike to an “empty area” and reported a heavy “kill.” From then on he mis directed fire as a matter of course, except when the lives of GIs were at stake. Suddenly with a new vigor he could still the cardinal rule, and if it hadn’t been, he wouldn’t have lasted very long.

It was a common occurrence for a patrol out of sight of the command to fire “search and destroy” and report “kills” where there had been no action at all. For all these reasons, the American ground-combat force in Vietnam had become a net liability by 1971, and this reality, above all, forced Nixon to continue the withdrawals in spite of the failure of “Vietnamization.”

Col. Robert D. Heinl, Jr., (Ret.), a marine corps historian, was one of the many American military experts who considered the force the U.S. had been building in Vietnam to be the best American army ever put into the field. Yet, in the June 7, 1971, Armed Forces Journal, he made the following astounding statements:

- The morale, discipline and battle-worthiness of the U.S. Armed Forces are, with a few salient exceptions, lower and worse than at any time in this century and possibly in the his- tory of the United States.
- By every conceivable indicator, our army that now remains in Viet- nam is in a state approaching col lapse, with individual units avoiding or having refused combat, murdering their officers and non-commissioned officers, drug-ridden, and dispirited where not near mutinous.
- Elsewhere than Vietnam the situa tion is nearly as serious.

The author cited some evidence to substantiate his conclusions and then continued:

- All the foregoing facts — and many more dire indicators of the worst kind of disorder — point to wide spread conditions among American Forces in Vietnam that have only been exceeded in this century by the French Army’s Nivelle Mutinies of 1917 and the collapse of the Tsarist armies in 1916 and 1917.

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Cuban Revolution sets example for workers

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people can accomplish when we take political power into our own hands.

That example is one the U.S. rulers have fought to overturn for 60 years, fearing the more workers learn about the Cuban Revolution, the more they will be wont to emulate its example. Since they won to emulate its example, Cuba’s revolutionary government has acted as if it has for decades, mobilizing working people to tackle whatever challenges they confront. As a result, Cuba has the highest success rate treating those stricken with COVID-19 and the lowest death rate from it in the world. Thousands of volunteers — medical students and members of Cuba’s mass organizations — have volunteered to treat their fellow citizens daily to see if they need help or have gotten sick, and organize rapid and free medical care. Everyone gets the best treatment available.

Preventative measures have been organized at workplaces, including spreading out work stations, something unthinkable for profit-hungry bosses here. Staffing for elderly residents in care homes has been expanded to two workers per home, instead of what had been a handful in the U.S., where the capitalists discard the elderly as expendable, as they’re no longer a source of profit.

Simultaneously, Cuba’s revolutionary government has hastened the transfer of medical volunteers to any country that requested help to combat coronavirus.

The mobilization of Cuban working people today cannot simply be grafted onto other countries where workers and peasants are pitted against capitalists. These feats were accomplished not because Cuba had a better plan. They are the result of the mighty revolution Cuba’s working people made in 1959 and the way they were themselves transformed, then and over decades of advancing and defending the revolution from U.S. imperialism and the coronavirus strick, they were prepared to respond in millions.

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**‘Militant’ ban victory**

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recent issue had been “disallowed due to safety and security of families.”

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Airstrike hit the university in Mekelle, the Tigray regional capital of Ethiopia, which is exacerbating crisis conditions in a region where thousands of people have sought refuge by fleeing into Sudan to escape the assaults. The offensive now forces the TPLF to stay alive.

Eritrea and Ethiopia deny any Eritrean military involvement in the hostilities.

As a result, Cuba has the highest success rate treating those stricken with COVID-19 and the lowest death rate from it in the world. Thousands of volunteers — medical students and members of Cuba’s mass organizations — have volunteered to treat their fellow citizens daily to see if they need help or have gotten sick, and organize rapid and free medical care. Everyone gets the best treatment available.

Preventative measures have been organized at workplaces, including spreading out work stations, something unthinkable for profit-hungry bosses here. Staffing for elderly residents in care homes has been expanded to two workers per home, instead of what had been a handful in the U.S., where the capitalists discard the elderly as expendable, as they’re no longer a source of profit.

Simultaneously, Cuba’s revolutionary government has hastened the transfer of medical volunteers to any country that requested help to combat coronavirus.

The mobilization of Cuban working people today cannot simply be grafted onto other countries where workers and peasants are pitted against capitalists. These feats were accomplished not because Cuba had a better plan. They are the result of the mighty revolution Cuba’s working people made in 1959 and the way they were themselves transformed, then and over decades of advancing and defending the revolution from U.S. imperialism and the coronavirus strick, they were prepared to respond in millions.

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