You can really see what capitalism is all about when you are in the factory. It is anti-human. Karl Marx wrote that in production "the machine dominates man, not man the machine." They wanted to figure out a way to dominate us even though we had a contract. They paid over a million dollars for these machines to do the work. They downstaffed and said there wasn't enough work. They paid over a million dollars for these machines to do the work, tried to get faster and faster machines to do the work on the kill line. They downstaffed and said there wasn't enough work.

They made history of workers. They put those machines in to dominate us, keep us down and stop us from progressing. You are a person and you don't get the proper care, you keep us down and stop us from progressing.

TREATED LIKE A MACHINE

Marx also wrote that "the capitalist mode of production produces, thus, with the extension of the working day, not only the deterioration of human labor power, but also the premature exhaustion and death of this labor power itself." When a machine runs so long, you are not human. You are just machines to produce and produce. It will produce for a while, but eventually it will break down. If you are a person and you don't get the proper care, you will break down.

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Seattle anti-WTO demonstrations pose a future without capitalism

by Ron Brokmeyer

Tremors from the dramatic showdown in Seattle against the World Trade Organization in November continue two months later. While commentators of every ideological stripe weigh in, anti-WTO participants, having returned to home towns here and abroad, report the incredible events. Enthusiastic audiences debate the meaning of what is reported.

Local demonstrations inveigh against the Gap's use of virtually enslaved labor in poor Asian countries. Protesters in Seattle, London, and the release of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the U.S. Black revolutionary journalist on Death Row. An anti-capitalist activists plan to write a second chapter to the Seattle episode with meetings and protests in Chicago on May Day.

The epicenter of these tremors was the youthful crowd of tens of thousands, fighting for human rights and environmentalism, and 30,000-40,000 trade unionists who convened on Seattle to protest the WTO's Nov. 30 conference opening. They put globalized capitalism on trial—and the whole world was watching. The demonstrations succeeded in throwing light on a thoroughly undemocratic, secretive organization that overrides, in the name of trade agreements, environmental, trade union and human rights regulations.

THE BATTLE FOR SEATTLE

The youth actually stopped the opening WTO ceremony at the Paramount Theater. The day-long non-violent resistance of hundreds of autonomous groups of the Direct Action Network were successful in dominating the area of Seattle around the conference center and, in turn, shutting down the whole conference. What was so hard for the capitalist media to grasp is how such a large mass of people with no centralized direction could exhibit such discipline and, in turn, the power of coordinated collective action.

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Is development possible without the ravages of capital? by Maya Jhansi

The recent Seattle protests were not the first time that "globalized" capitalism has felt the prongs of a freedom movement. They were manifestations of the desire for the whole world to get off the rope of progress and begin the journey of development. For more than a decade, people in northern India have been building a large dam-building project along the Narmada River at the vantage point of those most affected. She speaks powerfully about "backlash of development" on peasants, lower castes, and women, using the Narmada Valley situation to demonstrate the inadequacy of development. The dam project along the Narmada is a proposal to build 3,200 dams, including the megadam, the Sardar Sarovar, on the Narmada River that flows through three states into the Arabian Sea. The project has sparked an intense national debate about capitalism, the environment, democracy and the future of India.

It is no wonder then that this epic battle on the banks of the Narmada attracts the attention of India's most prominent women writer, Arundhati Roy, author of the Booker Prize-winning novel The God of Small Things. In addition to joining the movement as an activist (she was arrested on Jan. 11 for demonstrating against one of the large dams, she has written incisively about the project. In an essay called "The Greater Common Good," recently published along with her powerful and chilling report on her involvement in the Narmada movement, The Cost of Living, she uses the Narmada Valley situation to introduce a broader argument about "development." The owners of the dams have responded to Omvedt's unprincipled attack on the Narmada and on Medha Patkar at such a crucial moment. However, larger philosophical issues are at stake here as well. Although both take up industrialization and "development," neither mentions the word "capitalism." In Omvedt's case, the problem seems to be an unplaced faith in technological progress that Roy challenges. Roy recognizes that "development" projects are actually undertaken in the name of globalized capitalism for the betterment of people's lives.

On the other hand, in Roy's championing of the god of small things, she uses the Narmada to show that the small things, the specific wars and battles that will bring an end to "big bombs, big dams, big ideologies, big contradictions, big countries, big mistakes," there seems to be a note of resignation, perhaps because of the futility of socialism in the twentieth century. Roy calls the 21st century the "century of the small things" and Roy's thesis is that the small, specific struggle in Narmada has raised the biggest and most universal questions facing humanity today. Roy's conclusion is that the "greater common good" of Omvedt's "development" projects are actually undertaken in the name of globalized capitalism for the betterment of people's lives.

Part of the problem is the continued but false association of the Narmada movement with the "globalized" capitalism that is using the power of the Indian state to lay claim on any land it chooses in the name of "national development." It seems to me that the problem is not one of defining the question of whether we can achieve a more human, socialist society without going through a struggle that is not just a centralized state, without destroying unique communities and their intricate ties to the ecosystem. These are big questions that deserve the whole world's attention.

Flora Bronvof confronts Serbian state

Editor's Note: Noted Kosovar poet and women's rights activist, Flora Bronvof, was sentenced to 12 years in prison on Nov. 9, 1999, after being found guilty of the murder of a Serbian police officer. She is a long-time human rights activist, she founded and headed the League of Albanian Women in Kosovo and ran a clinic for women and children near Kosova. Flora Bronvof’s final letter was published in News & Letters in Nis, Dec. 9, 1999:

I dedicated my whole life to children and children do not choose their ethnicity. With my poems, I have never divided them according to their ethnicity, either to decry the misery of the people or to express their joy and happiness. If I had chosen a different path in life, I would have helped those that are suffering more now. It is now that it is not Albanians that are suffering the most; it is others.

I am one of the persons with a great humanistic work in Kosovo, a work that saved my life. I have fed my health in order to help women and children to get food and life. You are free, I would help those that are suffering more now. It is now that it is not Albanians that are suffering the most; it is others...

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Women inured in U.S.

Berkeley, Cal. — If it was not for the efforts of Berkeley's Jewish community to challenge the Israeli occupation, then the millions who have died and the millions more who have been made homeless — including the 180,000 who have been killed between 1974 and 1997 — would have been made to suffer in silence.

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Women Worldwide

by Mary Jo Gery

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Teamsters continue Overnite strike

Memphis, Tenn.—We’re not striking against Overnite once more over money. We have been on strike nationwide for over three months over unfair labor practices. Union President Jimmy Hoffa has been dead for a very long time, and most people don’t realize that they don’t care about anything other than their own profit. We’re trying to get recognition of the union as a promising service to the employees. And we’re trying to get better wages, better working conditions, and better health care for the workers.

Our strike is unique because it is the first time that the Teamsters have struck against Overnite, a company that has a long history of unfair labor practices. We are fighting for better working conditions and a better quality of life for all Teamsters.

We are not just fighting for ourselves, but for all workers in the United States. We are fighting for a better future for all Americans.

We want to make sure that our voices are heard, and that our demands are met. We are determined to fight for our rights, and we will not give up until we win.

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I liked it from the start. The work was fast and I was able to make money. However, there were some downsides to the job. For one, there was a lot of stress involved. We were constantly under pressure to meet our deadlines and complete our work as quickly as possible.

Another issue was the lack of communication with management. There was a lot of confusion about what was expected of us, and when we asked for clarification, we often did not receive a clear answer.

Despite these challenges, I continued to work at UPS for several years. I found a sense of community among my co-workers and enjoyed the camaraderie of working together.

However, after several years, I decided to leave UPS. The reasons for my departure were a mix of personal and professional factors. On the personal side, I was looking for a change in my life and wanted to explore new opportunities. On the professional side, I was frustrated with the lack of advancement and stability that I was experiencing.

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On the picket line at Overnight in Memphis, Tenn.

UPs shirks blame for pain

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It was no accident that the Negro runaway slaveways, the white Abolitionists and Negro freemen gathered together, determined to resolve the problem of slavery, not by founding a colony abroad, but right here at home. And it was neither accidental nor a moral achievement that these making statements of the situation, that than that which was then prevalent, and the suffrage movement also arose out of this most remarkable organization of the Negro masses, which has already dated the origin of Bolshevism by 80 years. It was in itself a "Black Power" affair. It existed for three long decades, until they impelled the Civil War, and during all those 30 years, in slave-ridden America, there was no significant mass movement. There should also have been skipped over by Carmichael because it doesn't fit into his conception that all whites share the same "psychic." This Negro Marxism to begin with, it has been lived.

It does a great deal of harm, however, to the SNCC philosophy, which has led to the collapse of the self-determination of the Negro masses, to see the "white fear-guilt complex resulting from the black presence" as the origin of the Negro maintain his independence from any state power, and its present. Many of these have jumped on the bandwagon of "Black Power" slogan, it therefore must be closely examined.

The SNCC, [Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee], statement, which evidently SNCC had been discussing for months before its publication by others, is not based on any consistent framework, consistent principles. In turning to these, we, of course, take the statement at its face value when it declares: "These views were arrived at by analysis of the outside agitation but should be viewed as the natural product of the Negro's own movement, so that the move by the Black militants and SNCC in this direction should be viewed as a turn toward self-determination by the Negro masses." 1

At the same time, however, we know that ideas have a historical development of their own, and we must follow each to its logical, bitter end, including all its historic ramifications, not the least of which, both for past and present, is the relationship between race and class.

RACE AND CLASS

There is no such suprahistorical abstraction as racism. In each historical period it had different form. Therefore, and not only during Reconstruction, and quite something else today.

To maintain, as the new SNCC statement and its new chairman has "come to the conclusion," that there is nothing called a "white psyche" and that this "white psyche" is part of a "white fear-guilt complex resulting from the slave revolts," is but the reverse side of the same coin which standard bourgeois white textbooks maintain: that it is the Negro who is the "slave mentality" under which, down, but that it is due to some sort of "stigma of slavery." That, naturally, was not the intent of the SNCC statement. Instead the emphasis was put on "all whites," as a genetic type vocabulary, completely devoid of any sense of the psychology of class. By 1850 emancipation was completed, Hegel, had a phrase for this type of thinking. He called it "the ideal freedom." This freedom of the Negro, above, not as it emerged from internal self-development.

The Negro Revolution of the 1960's that emerged from before was the property of independence, of white and black, of interference by the whites, but because it arose spontaneously from Black youth, and the whites, 2

The point is that DuBois moved to Ghana because it had been lived. This was so when he organized an all-black movement, outside of it. Indeed, to get back into the mainstream of Black revolution, Malcolm X found he had to break from Elijah Muhammad. The development of SNCC to greater militancy, of course, had to involve this, the struggle of the Black, a break both from their money and their policies, it is true. But the emphasis, if this is what SNCC meant to do, should have been on the "liberalism" they opposed. Instead the emphasis was put on "all whites," as a general, and it has been that, in my opinion, the very lives for the movement.

If you have any generalizations is that they very often are now only confusion, because each one reads into his specific interpretation, which may not be what you intended, and this sort of self-imposed confusion except by being specifically of general.

1. Stokely Carmichael was the chairman of SNCC from May 1966 to June 1967, and is credited with popularizing the slogan "Black Power." With Charles V. "Black Power" was not intended as a main read ﬀ reformed the words that the Negro masses, all Black movement, and retreated. It was so when the West Coast Negroes organized their own mass movement, and DuBois attacked it. It was so when DuBois fought against the Marxism. And retreated. It was so when the Communist Party and followed their African line. This is just that, as much as DuBois showed his character in the Negro masses, so that the world scene, especially in Africa. For, while he appeared to be an independent movement, he was an Independent—towards Africa limited, the African masses arose spontaneously and changed the whole world scene.

The point is that DuBois moved to Ghana after it became clear that the Negro masses' state power was won. The point is that, as with all intelligentsia, so with the Negro, there has always been a separation of the theoretical and the practical. In this crisis constitutes one of the most shameful chapters in our recent history. It is peculiar, indeed, that this page of history, so carefully hidden from all standard white textbooks which, at best, treat the Abolitionists as a tiny group of "fanatics" with no influence, is now being pressed into the hands of whites, which should also have been skipped over by Carmichael because it doesn't fit into his conception that all whites share the same "psychic." This Negro Marxism to begin with, it has been lived. This was so when he organized an all-black movement, outside of it. Indeed, to get back into the mainstream of Black revolution, Malcolm X found he had to break from Elijah Muhammad. The development of SNCC to greater militancy, of course, had to involve this, the struggle of the Black, a break both from their money and their policies, it is true. But the emphasis, if this is what SNCC meant to do, should have been on the "liberalism" they opposed. Instead the emphasis was put on "all whites," as a general, and it has been that, in my opinion, the very lives for the movement.

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2. George B. Schuyler was a radical journalist for the Black Pittsburgh Courier in the 1930s before he became politically conservative in the period just preceding the Civil Rights Movement.
by Olga Domanska

While the passage of 1999 to 2000 invoked all kinds of retrospectives on the passing century and millennium, what is even more surprising is the 50th anniversary of a critical moment both in American labor history and in revolutionary thought. What stands out is the fact that the 1949-50 Striking Coal Miners' General Strike of 1949-50, the first-ever strike against spontaneous communism, was not viewed as a mere theoretical exercise in a previous generation's attempt to grasp the importance of what the miners were saying and doing. It represents a new form of mass meetings where the miners made their own decisions about the way the strike was to be conducted. It even brought forth a new form of social relations among miners and their families, who traveled around the country to get food and clothing and began to work in other industries. It enabled them to hold out until the very end, while still being capitalized. It is true that what Lewis settled for was not the miners' demands. Their fear came true in the unemploy­ ment and economic devastation that describes Appalachian life. But the strike still has many lessons for today.

II. THEORY AND PRACTICE

The history of the 1949-50 events is interwoven with how Marxism-Humanism, as translated into Lenin's Philo­ sophical Notebooks, began to find its way. Dunayevskaya, who later founded the body of ideas of Marxist-Humanism, ascribes nothing less than the revitalization of capital as the mainspring of their strike, which is precisely what Marx said Marx was needed to achieve.

She saw this not because the miners used any such words, but because she had been working for several years as an organizer for the semi-underground Trotskyist Tendency (JFT), of which she was the co-founder. (For backgrounder, see the 1998 Report to Members.) The “Coal Miners’ General Strike of 1949-50 and the Birth of Marxist-Humanism,” by Dunayevskaya, was published in the three-way correspondence that ended as the JFT submitted their document, State-Capitalism and World Revolution, to the Socialist Workers Party in August 1950, left Trotskyism the next year, and attempted an independent existence that aimed to publish a workers' paper, later called Correspondence. As Dunayevskaya correctly pointed out, its first issue was devoted to the new miners’ seniority strike that had sprung up during their efforts to “take their problems in their own words”—James objects. “If a mighty bobble broke out,” he wrote, “with 500,000 miners vs. John Lewis and the like, we wouldn’t be able to do anything but pay them the check from our program.”

So the question to ask is, what could explain such a divergence of attitude, such a failure by James to grasp the importance of what the miners were saying about automation and what it means for their job and for the world?—remains the crucial question even more by revealing James’ concept of Organization in James’ own words. As he looks back in his 1996-97 letters to “Marxism for our Times” (Univ. Press of Mississippi, 1999), illuminates the JFT theoreticians in their next meeting to dis-
As a 20-year-old student, I was really taken with the protest against the World Trade Organization in Seattle. It was the first time I had been involved in the issue of world capitalism, and it was the first time I had been involved in a protest. Who can say that labor bureaucrats like John Barashefsky (the chief negotiator of the U.S. corporations) for the opening of the Millenium Round of the WTO negotiations in Seattle, which ended in a complete fiasco. The U.S. and multinationals corporations are the chief beneficiaries of the goal of completely subjugating the whole world to their interests. They ignore the fact that there are six billion other human beings on this planet and that the fate of all humanity is inextricably linked to the WTO's goals with the very survival of humanity. Special thanks to all the wonderful organizations of the anti-WTO movement, and events. The seminars, workshops, principles, and materials, the protection for the police brutality and violence all contributed to the success. Perhaps historic the second major event in the series of events in Seattle with the gunshot of the Austrian banker, St. Peter Gonzalez, which heralded the beginning of the Russian Revolution.

Gioergio Vancouver, Canada

The protest was the greatest thing I've been involved in. What can you say that labor struggles and environmentalists are at odds with the WTO? Where can you say that everybody involved in the protest is not a capitalist? Who can say that this protest was not worth a life. It seems very ironic that on the day I went to see the protest in Seattle, I was able to see the same workers who were marching in Seattle, with some Teamsters and UAW members when they were protesting. For the Teamsters, they showed neither friendship nor hostility toward them. Some issues apparently still need to be sorted out.

Labor activist California

The New City workfare (WEP) still imposes slave labor condition on recipients. WEP workers get a job and went to various work and industrial supervisors. Some supervisors yell at you and treat us like animals; there are no words to describe the system. That day we chanted and demand-ed they speak with us and sign a pledge to treat us fairly. Our demonstration was successful. Within 46 minutes of your vigil, the coordinator, Frank C., was out and his replacement was chosen.

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Active Memphis

The government started a dialogue with them that they have the option of how they want to enforce it. They can be no severe or as severe as they want to be. The Miami system has 14,000 students and only 26% of them receive workfare. The tend-ent was congratulated last year for being the best in the country and the children get frustrated with the system. That day we chanted and demand-ed they speak with us and sign a pledge to treat us fairly. Our demonstration was successful. Within 46 minutes of your vigil, the coordinator, Frank C., was out and his replacement was chosen.

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U.S./NATO bombing.

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U.S./NATO bombing and occupation of Serbia is an act of war, that Milosevic and the Serbian military—as victims of the bombing—are the "good"

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It is my opinion that the lack of the KLA security force in Kosova does not

sure you would agree in principle that a democratic workers' government in Ukraine would be the most desirable, but that a government in which the KLA security force in Kosova does not inspire me with much confidence.

I'm not convinced that independence for Kosova is necessarily incompatible with U.S. goals. While I do not agree with your analysis of the current situation, it seems to me quite possible that some time down the road the U.S. will find it expedient to accept that there is a lack of the power structure in Kosova that a new Yugoslavia is imposed by Thaci or somebody else.

F.R.

New York

I used to think that N&L's stress on connecting philosophical to political events was idealistic and a necessary thing. But after the war in Kosova I've come to see your point. Something is very wrong with the way we are approaching the situation when genocide is invoked in the name of "opposing U.S. imperialism."

Teacher

Illinois

The supermax prison concept is nothing new in this chapter. All one needs to do is to go back to the history of the old Eastern Penitentiary in Pennsylvania. Every foreign visitor to this country, from Texas and other places—even when their systems were relatively brutal—were appalled at the conditions in American prisons.

Prisoner Wisconsin

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice last year found that Texas prisons are unconstitutional and that Texas prisoners live in fear of being raped, beaten, owned and sold. He reported that inmates who refuse to join race-based gangs may be physically or sexually assaulted. He also found that there were many instances of brutal police prison guards used force not for restoring order but maliciously for the purpose of causing harm, significant pain, and injury. He found that the pattern of excessive force in Texas prisons violated contemporary standards of decency. For more information contact Prison Legal News, 3400 NW 80th St., Seattle WA 98115.

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Black/Red View New century: golden age?
by John Alan

A host of politicians, including President Clinton, joystick contemplation that the new century proclamed, since the beginning of this new century, that the nation is on the verge of entering into a golden age. A limited number, an unlimited amount of wealth through scientific development.

Clearly these soothsayers are desperately trying to forestall the mere movement in time—from one century to the next—not has any intention of exploiting living labor in order to consummate the process of 

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VICTORIES NULLIFIED

When these movements were at their peak, none of the leaders would consider the possibility that their victories would be cut back or nullified by another retrogression of the free labor movement. They saw the extension of capitalism as a social problem: poverty, the abuse of nature, labor unremunerated of choice and white alienated youth. In the 20th century mass movements organized by African Americans and labor fought to compel capitalism and its government to make many reforms regarding civil liberties, hours of labor, wages and the conditions of labor. African Americans in the 1950s and 1960s created a mass Civil Rights movement organized by African Americans, women and labor have depended on the political intervention of the state to help them in their freedom struggles. This has proven to be an abstract, partial form of freedom which also stands in contrast to the pathological, material for their task to go beyond a century of incomplete revolutions to revolt out of time. People and society are the same expression of being.

REASON OF CENTURY OF STRUGGLE

The start of this political issue is to reveal that the underlying reasons for these non-essential entities in society is a non-essential society. A society founded upon capitalist production can never be made into a 

A group of prominent African Americans are vigorously 

American economic security is through corporate capital-

isms. They have reached back in history to a concept proper to the corporate period, the corporate or progres-

sive period in American history. In no way can free-

dom and economic security now be the same as they were at their period of production and the new world market it is reorganizing. The youth in Seattle understood that.

That means all these African-American folks who had 

black airfields and a clear white city. They are the ones least 

money, they lowered the landing fees, FedEx earned 

There are 10 or 12 schools near the airport. There is not going to be any tomorrow for those students who can't afford to live in this expensive city. They have moved away because they won't do well in school. We have high youth problems in our neighborhood. They are going to build three more schools in the airport area. None of these schools have had any environmental impact studies done. The airport is going to be there. Some day in the not too far distant future we will have the ability to fly to other places. We are the ones least able to fly out of that airport. We pay with our homes, our neighborhoods, for the world of corporate capi-

Free Mumia Abu-Jamal!

Los Angeles—Mumia Abu-Jamal has been locked down since December 10 in a cell about two doors from a Green Prison for a crime he did not commit, the murder of a policeman during a police chase. Mumia's lawyer, who has 

his critical, revolutionary ideas, reflected in political action as an organizer for the Black Panther Party and a 

His radio show in Philadelphia was characterized as the "voice of the voiceless." He drives a cab in the city; he 

broadcasts for the poor, the powerless, the wretched and the downcast to be heard. He rocked the boat through his 

 advocacy, the rich would not just fly through like Mumia or Geronimo Pratt who are considered political 

prisoners, but abolish the whole prison system with its racial and class prejudices. They had been abandoned for 

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Mumia's death warrant is an 

attempt to silence us all!

Mumia Abu-Jamal's first book is titled Live from Death Row, and his second book is Death Blossom. He is using the written word as a weapon against the state machine. The written word will give him life after death, if it comes to that. The blooms are the fruit of his thought, words being planted within the mind of a living, breathing person.

This capitalist system shakess at the concept of those who have the right to never die. They cannot be 

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Abu-Jamal's death warrant by Governor Ridge of Pennsylvania, who has already sentenced at least four 

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A new unifying principle for the 21st century

On the first day of the new century, capitalists heaved a sigh of relief at the end of the 20th. They knew that, in terms of technology, logistics, markets and services did not come crashing down. Many had expected that the economic problem of the 1990s. At the heart of a global system lay a technologic...
Seattle anti-WTO protests pose a future without capitalism

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It was just this, and not a handful who shuttled a few windows in big money chain stores like Nordstrom's and Starbucks, that brought Seattle Mayor Paul Schell and Governor Gary Locke to the scene of an attack of enormous scope, including a 7 p.m. curfew. (Much more locking and window breaking happened in the aftermath of events in many cities after a home sports team won a championship.)

Two days later, a woman on TV that night a brutal suppression of people's rights was witnessed by many local bystanders with a massive use of tear gas, rubber bullets, pepper spray by phalanxes of what was described as a "no provocation" police force.

Reminiscent of any totalitarian regime's police state tactics, the Seattle police forces of order declared a 50-square block "no protest zone" reinforced by Guard, state police, and neighboring state departments.

In spite of this on Dec. 3, after most demonstrators left town, the local Rico County Sheriff's office, who sponsored a march which 5,000 came out to show solidarity in a "no protest zone" and demand the release of "The Seattle 600." Along with workers who had done a great deal of work against the WTO and who had seen the power of mass revolt as well as a new broad-front of humanity fighting this global system, beginning with an absolute majority of workers who said, "We are not going to wait for us. We have to catch up."

In contrast to the WTO's privatization of the globe on a whole scale of conditions of life and labor for hundreds of millions around the world, dozens of open mass demonstrations took place in Seattle during the week leading up to the Nov. 30 confrontation. Why are laws barring the import of shrimp which are caught by slave labor, or cents of a dollar a day in Laos or Cambodia? Why can't we refuse to participate in a system that brings us goods made with prison labor in China or by kids and women earning a dollar a day in sweatshops?

It is not that these issues had not been talked about for years. They certainly were. However it took the WTO process to bring them down to the level of discourse as issues of the same globalized capitalism. Open democratic deliberations on such matters impelled participants to act, to express their solidarity with the broad range of humanity fighting this global system, beginning with an absolute majority of workers who said, "We are not going to wait for us. We have to catch up."

WORKERS AND ENVIRONMENTALISTS

The Nov. 30 demonstrations made the WTO the most visible manifestation of the totally undemocratic essence of the global economy. It was more about a phenomenon that raised many new questions about the meaning and future direction of the movement. A whole new generation experienced these demonstrations in a way which was familiar and meaningful to them.

In solidarity with the WTO protests, the West Coast unions have joined the global and local solidarity for a more livable wage and world. In support of dockworkers in Liverpool and striking in Shanghai, thousands have directed solidarity for a more livable wage and world. In support of dockworkers in Liverpool, and striking in Shanghai, thousands have directed solidarity to the WTO protests.

Two-thirds of what is counted as trade is already in the hands of the same multinationals, and consists of about 15% of the major markets of the world. The other one-third is small suppliers and vendors who receive very little of the global value-added. The truth is that the global trading system is about the right of capital to move freely in order to divide the world. But the reality is that the WTO's baseless freedom for the globe as a whole market. The other one-third is small suppliers and vendors who receive very little of the global value-added. The truth is that the global trading system is about the right of capital to move freely in order to divide the world. But the reality is that the WTO's baseless freedom for the globe as a whole market.

ABROAD AT HOME

Today's globally integrated commodity production with its much touted U.S.-centered high-tech prosperity is one of the most dramatic examples of the WTO's baseless freedom for the globe as a whole market.

For all prisoners in Stateville, 1999 brought many positive changes. Conditions and treatment. These men in prison need decent and humane treatment. It may be hard to have any sympathy for a system that is unable to provide adequate hygiene and clothing items mandated by the Illinois Revised Statutes for prisoners. The labor bureaucracy, on the other hand, wants to get involved with prison issues that revolve around humane conditions and treatment. They are trying to develop themselves spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically.

Let's open the door of Stateville to you. It is time to get involved with prison issues that revolve around humane conditions and treatment. They are trying to develop themselves spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically.

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New York—The mass movement for independence from Indonesia continues in Aceh, the province on the western end of Sumatra. But in spite of the demonstration on Nov. 8 by hundreds of thousands of protestors in Jakarta, the Indonesian government still refuses to schedule a referendum on Aceh’s future status. Instead, it has sent more and more special military units to the province, which beat and kill civilians almost every day.

Some people think Jakarta will not act because the situation in Aceh, which has been getting progressively worse. It seems that Indonesia is instituting a six-month-revoked martial law in Aceh, in order to have a justification for its military operations. The violence is escalating and the mass movement is becoming more united.

The mass movement is not that of the sit-down, but the movement of the movement. Members of special units of the elite police mobile brigade, the 1st Battalion, are attacking the mass movement as comprised of Muslim fundamentalists in guerrilla movement’s declaration of independence. Civilians are afraid of the police and military anyway, so people call on Black Cat for help instead. Its student group has been investigated several times as a political threat.

Confront youth at a recent pro-referendum demonstration.

POLICE CONFRONT YOUTH AT A RECENT PRO-REFERENDUM DEMONSTRATION

The UN economic sanctions imposed on Iraq in 1990 and 1991 were aimed at depriving the Iraqi people of medicine and food. The UN Security Council, in its resolution of 1990, has stated that the ground soil, clear cutting and destruction of the Brazilian rain forest. The exploitation of nature by man is not just as wildlife preservation, but the connection between nature and humanity, human nature as Marx characterized it as being the full development of the human being, i.e. freedom.

This concept seems to run central to how the environment movement is focused. The movement is to link up with labor which sees jobs exported overseas to a cheaper labor force. The call from labor has been to condemn those corporations who export jobs abroad. The Third World standard of living should be equal to the First World. The Third World workers an equal playing field. “Foreign” labor cannot be exploited tenfold. In a sense, it is a call for workers of the world to unite.

The exploitation of capitalism is reflected in the use of “foreign” labor to do jobs in the U.S. and Brazil. In the Third World countries, the exploitation of nature by man is not just as wildlife preservation, but the connection between nature and humanity, human nature as Marx characterized it as being the full development of the human being, i.e. freedom.

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by Kevin A. Barry and Mary Holmes

Boris Yeltsin's surprise Jan. 1 resignation, which allowed the former KGB man, Vladimir Putin, to assume the presidency, has deepened the drift toward authoritarian rule in Russia. The new Russian leaders have established close ties with the Bush administration, and a major new strike against Automation and the Montgomery Bus Boycott against segregation in the South, for which he won a Nobel Peace Prize, historically appeared in state-capitalist regimes calling themselves Communists as the first step in the development of new human relations, what Marx first called a new human society.

News & Letters was founded in 1958 to bring together a movement against the Vietnam War. It continues to focus on those desires freedom to transcend the limitations of its World Development.

News & Letters Committees is an organization of Marxist-Humanists that since its birth has stood for the abandonment of the private property form as in the U.S., and its replacement by the means of production in the hands of the community, as each man and woman is responsible for her or his part in the development of new human relations, what Marx first called a new human society.

News & Letters was founded in 1958 to provide a forum for those desires freedom to transcend the limitations of the U.S. and Asia. It has a long history of rebuffing the offer of the CIA to turn it into a platform for its own desires freedom to transcend the limitations of the U.S. and have been published Dunayevskaya's original 1958 philosophical breakthrough and her final 1987 Presentation on the Dialectics of Organization and Philosophy in The Philo-

Socialist win in Chile

Ricardo Lagos narrowly won (by 2.5%) the presidential election of Oct. 1999, ending the dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet. The closeness of the vote in part demonstrated how both workers and small farmers in the face of the economic crisis of the early 1990s and the national elections of 1997 which the latter won, the Free Democratic party, much like its counterpart in Argentina, the Peronistas, has refused to slow or cut off their massive economic aid which is financing the war. The Chechen independence struggle has a long histo-

Crisis in Russia in wake of Chechen war

In mid-January, strong Chechen counterattacks besieged several towns the Russian troops thought to have been behind the lines. These counterattacks are sure to continue even if the Russians succeed in taking Grozny. Russia would conduct a first strike "if necessary." Putin is discovering what Yeltsin learned in 1994-96: that most Russians are unwilling to sacrifice their lives for the sake of a foreign policy that they do not understand.

Humanism, became Chairwoman of the

Irish accords underway

The implementation of the April 1998 Northern Ireland accords leading to political power sharing between unionists and nationalists took place in December. Two elements were central: pressure applied by Britain and the U.S. and support from the majority of Irish, north and south, for an end to both paramilitary and state supported violence.

Chechen refugee wanders the streets near Grozny.

The Panama Canal was relinquished from U.S. control on Dec. 31, after nearly a century of U.S. occupation of the Canal Zone, under provisions of the 1978 treaty brokered by then-President Jimmy Carter who led the U.S. delegation at a ceremony held Dec. 14. No ranking members of the Clinton administration attended.

Panama gets canal

On another front, Panamanian environmentalists are warning against the increased degradation of the water- shed through erosion due to construction and the expansion of real estate and development projects in the former Canal Zone, which is also being "globalized" through foreign direct investment projects coming from private real estate and luxury resort developers. On the other hand, Panamanian environmentalists are warning against the increased degradation of the water-shed through erosion due to construction and the expansion of real estate and development contracts in the former Canal Zone, which is also being "globalized" through foreign direct investment projects coming from private real estate and luxury resort developers. Panama can be run for profit, but she has not indicated whether the profits will go to improving social conditions, or how the government intends to treat the $850 million which U.S. control generated. The ruling elite is making money in real estate and development contracts in the former Canal Zone, which is also being "globalized" through foreign direct investment projects coming from private real estate and luxury resort developers. Panama can be run for profit, but she has not indicated whether the profits will go to improving social conditions, or how the government intends to treat the $850 million which U.S. control generated. The ruling elite is making money in real estate and development contracts in the former Canal Zone, which is also being "globalized" through foreign direct investment projects coming from private real estate and luxury resort developers. Panama can be run for profit, but she has not indicated whether the profits will go to improving social conditions, or how the government intends to treat the $850 million which U.S. control generated. The ruling elite is making money in real estate and development contracts in the former Canal Zone, which is also being "globalized" through foreign direct investment projects coming from private real estate and luxury resort developers.