Humanity’s choice: Freedom and revolution or fascism, war and genocide

I. Two opposite directions: Climate strike and genocide

Two events that happened almost simultaneously on March 15 dramatically reveal the horrific terrors facing this disintegrating capitalist society: the international climate strike carried out by youth and the racist massacre at New Zealand mosques.

The first reveals a profound reach for a new human future. The second a reach in the opposite direction for a mythic past—one rooted in the actual atrocities of the past 50 years and is set to rise 40% more in the next decade. Resource extraction and energy production continue to push out of the atmosphere has occurred since the 1992 Earth Summit, out of which came the first world treaty promising limits to global warming.

Half of emissions are due to resource extraction like mining, oil drilling and deforestation. Resource extraction and energy production keep rising faster than population. Plastic production has increased twenty-fold in the past 15 years and is set to rise 40% more in the next decade as petrochemical companies vastly increase plastic manufacture based on oil and gas.

At the behest of oil companies, the Trump administration sabotaged UN negotiations on reducing plastic use and production in March. New chemicals keep being brought to market despite lack of knowledge about their impacts. U.S. recycling systems are collapsing. The capitalist economy keeps moving in the opposite direction. That is why Michael E. Mann writes, “The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future. The clarity of the present is reaching for the future.
National Women’s Liberation (NWL), a Gainesville, Fla., organization, has worked closely with its Los Angeles, Calif., sister organization, the Women’s Liberation of New York, N.Y., since the 1960s. Both grassroots organizations, as think tanks that research and disseminate information and as action-oriented groups, fight for a gender- and race-neutral society that supports women and marginalized individuals of all backgrounds.

NWL assigned Jenny Brown, an NLW organizer formerly with Florida’s Alliance (Order) Council, to write Birth Strike: The Hidden Fight Over Women’s Work (PM Press; Nine edition, April 1, 2019). The book illuminates how the post-feminist elections, three extended study groups, many consciousness-raising sessions, and innumerable arguments among dozens of feminist activists. She and her comrades were inspired by Kathy Sarah Richards’ 1970 NLW newsletter comment, “Women’s Liberation View of the Social Wage.”

WOMEN NOT HAVING CHILDREN

Sarah Richards’ theory that U.S. women are on a “pro-natalist strike” was borne out by the testaments of many women, some of which are included in the book. Those come from consciousness-raising sessions, and Brown strongly emphasizes the importance of this technique. A group of women, the more dividual solutions—abortion, marriage, or childbirth, mothers—was unable to keep up with the increasing difficulties of modern life, they are always blamed.

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Uber and Lyft drivers strike against pay cuts

Pasadena, Calif.–Drivers in California who work for the ride-sharing apps Uber and Lyft held a 24-hour strike on March 5 to protest pay cuts. Uber forced what amounted to a 25% cut on March 11, after Lyft on Dec. 1 had instituted a 12% cut. Three hundred drivers met at the Uber hub in Redondo Beach, while in San Francisco a crowd gathered outside a hotel where Lyft executives were meeting with prospective investors.

Drivers are independently organizing under the name RideShare Drivers United (RSDU), which grew to more than 3,000 driver-members in the days leading up to the strike. The organizers are now consulting the members on whether to go back to reversing the pay cuts. Proposals include pay for all miles driven, the cost of fuel covering two-thirds of the cost, a $15-an-hour minimum wage, and the ability to see the passenger’s destination in advance, group health insurance, and an independent and transparent process to challenge deactivations.

The California Supreme Court in April 2018 ruled that ride-sharing drivers were not independent contractors, but were employees covered by the state’s minimum wage because they did the same work as the app’s subcontractors. In negotiations, Lyft and Uber have claimed they are merely technology companies, not responsible for paying wages. “We can’t be independent contractors when we don’t negotiate our pay,” RSDU said.

LAW ENFORCE NOT ENFORCED

The state has not enforced the Supreme Court ruling against the apps, and a March 29 meeting between driver-representatives of RSDU and Governor Gavin Newsom so far hasn’t changed that.

Members in Los Angeles are pushing for the same $17.22 minimum wage New York City drivers recently won, and are also calling for a paid sick leave policy, no cut in health insurance, and assistance with the skyrocketing cost of car insurance.

Chicago visit for Syria, Yemen and Crimea

Chicago—Activists in solidarity with the Syrian Revolution came together March 24 to 26 in Chicago’s North Michigan Avenue. We were there to support and enable the government of Syria to have its own official act there, forcing it to move elsewhere.

In these 100 years there has been a continuous struggle for Syria to appreciate Zapata’s legacy. With their actions of permanent resistance, with their own lives in rebellion, the Syrians below are essentially renewing the revolutionary meaning of this word.

RESISTANCE ON MANY FRONTS

On the second day there was a demonstration in the town where Zapata had been shot dead. That made the government of Syria understand that any act of violence whatsoever is going to be faced with such resistance that they can’t move elsewhere.

That economy, itself a usurper of traditional empires, is today forcing the 21st century to understand as you do. If we don’t have the popular backing of the people, the economic system will not be able to work.

It is not only Uber and Lyft drivers’ jobs that our investment capital is eager to squeeze harder and eventually eliminate. A five-year fall in mass transit usage has been accelerated in no small part by the advent of ridesharing apps. If that trend continues, jobs driving transit are at risk as well. School buses, both of which I have driven as well as for Lyft, could be in danger.

The companies claim they move passen- gers the “last mile” between a transit line and their doorstep, but a University of Kentucky study showed that the aforementioned two transit parts of the trip—how they add, as ride sharing replaces walking, biking, or a bus connection—are 94% more expensive per mile of travel than ridesharing.

Traffic congestion in New York City has reached the point where voters will weigh in on capping the number of drivers Uber and Lyft can allow. The practice of deadheading—moving while empty—exacerbates the urban traffic situation, by putting more people on the road, which is already suffused with excesses on air quality and the effort to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases.

Like other auto-related issues, the degradation caused by subsistence wage labor is a matter of survival. A recent study published in the Journal of the International Labor Organization makes the point that workers want to earn more than 5-10 per hour to drive back to when they can expect frequent over-time pay, which ensures they can pay rent.

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Endangered Public Transit

Often, parents of minor schoolchildren illegally send them alone in a rideshare instead of in a school bus, the vehicle designed and driver qualified for keeping them safe. In an obvious attack on transit systems, Uber rolled out a reduced fare for passengers as drivers run “jittery”—in taxi parlance, a straight shot from point A to B, making pickups and drop-offs along the way. In other words, a tiny transit bus.

On the first day an assembly took place in the lobby of the building. In this assembly, Samir Flores Soberanes, who was murdered by paramilitary gang on Feb. 20, for his opposition to the paramilitaries in Tlaxcala, an oil- rich region of two thermoelectric plants, an oil-rich region of many thermoelectric plants, an oil-rich region to the rest of the country. (See “Samir Flores murder,” p. 12.) His murder brought together many people too rough for Lyb- rador’s myriad developmentalist projects.

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The economy and dialectics of liberation

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What is socialism?
Socialism, labor, and the Black dimension

by Bob McGuire

When the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 and the state-capitalist systems were overthrown, many hailed those events and not only for the paths toward freedom that potentially opened up. Those who identified as socialists, humanists, or social democrats, expected that many would find the road from the old to the new. Many hoped that the liberation that over time would be achieved was the third revolution in sheep’s clothing. Sadly for us, and for the world since 1989, too many people believed Marxism in the same grave where they intended to bury it, calling itself Communism.

REBURGENCE OF ‘SOCIALISM’ VIA TRUMP

Since then, there are reports of increasing numbers of people identifying as socialist, and remarkable membership increases in older and new socialist groups: the Democratic Socialists of America. That is a positive reaction to Donald Trump’s rule, and you’d think it was, at worst, harmless.

But exploring socialism no deeper than as a brand name and little more, as do so many of those calling itself Communist.

If we look back to Marx for guidance, or to Raya Dunayevskaya for a guide to Marx, you see Marx carrying on arguments in his own lifetime over the nature of the revolution. The Marxist-Leninist considers the center of resistance to capitalism and central to revolution intertwined labor in the U.S. with the Black dimension.

If anyone, whether self-identified socialist, capitalist, or disinterested in politics, knows even five words of Capital, he’d be a Workers of the world unite! —from the 1848 Communist Manifesto. Every three years the Communist League and co-written the Manifesto with Frederick Engels on the eve of the Revolutions of 1848 which swept across Europe, he had already looked lower and deeper for forces resisting the old feudal order and the encroachments of capitalism.

Marx denounced the inhumanity of arresting peasants for simply gathering firewood, a violation of nobles’ rights to the forest. He then chose the revolts of Slavic workers, their job threatened by the just emerging bourgeois and overthrow capitalism. The working class’ labor did not succeed, could expect only steadily worsening conditions of life, even driven below subsistence as Marx demonstrated in the First International.

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It is attained." The hostility to the Arab Spring and especially the U.S.-backed Syrian intervention in Bosnia on the pretext that Serbia had more factories than Croatia in its territories, there are examples of solidarity. Charles Patrick Emmett, can be found in the March-April N&L. With this ‘resurgence of socialism philosophy/’

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SOME SOCIALISTS FOCUS ON WORKERS LIKE GENIUS AND Politics like genius. Ruling state-capitalist parties for the last century have pretended to embrace Marx and workers in their rhetoric while betraying workers. In the last century, to be a Marxist is not to be a Marxist.

But at other moments, when there is forward movement, there are examples of solidarity. Charles Dunayevskaya, in The Black Worker’s Journal that not long after the formation of the CIO he led a walkout strike in an auto plant to get Black women away from the glue room and into the saw-room. To his astonishment, when workers from department after department walked out with the Black women in solidarity.

1967 and 1968 News and Letters Committees members participated with Black Ford workers in New Jersey who had wildcatted over forever using the union to negotiate improved living-standards. They called for the formation of the First International, Marx scratched out their names in favor of the names of Communists. Tellingly those names from the Paris Commune included many who were not organizationally Marxist.

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BLACK MASSES AS VANGUARD

Marx wrote: “Workers of the world, unite! From the struggles of Blacks in the U.S., whether slave or free, Dunayevskaya followed that rich legacy of Marx’s writings. Upon arrival in the U.S., seeming an alien to herself, she identified with the Black struggle. On the centenary of the Emancipation Proclamation, she wrote: ‘Black Man in the Civil War—Black Man as Vanguard.’ That booklet shows how every forward movement in U.S. history represented a moment in which, despite the hostility that capitalism generated, white workers saw that the aims of Black workers were their own.

Black and white Populists in the South mightly threatened the re-established post-Reconstruction Southern power, and made causes for voting and other rights for mostly white homesteaders and other small farmers. That was the moment. Before, when the Southern power structure successfully under mined that solidarity by driving a wedge between workers in the U.S., and the U.S., and the U.S., and the U.S.

That last moment infected the labor movement well beyond the U.S. In 1948 the World Federation of Labor set out to fight for the eight-hour workday with an exclusion clause built into the by-laws of its member craft unions. On the West Coast, to be a socialist or a trade unionist might mean losing a lumpy book against Chinese workers.

The hostility to the Arab Spring and especially to the 2011 Syrian Revolution has led self-styled Marxists to support counter-revolution-worldwide. Europeans had counted on awed socialists’ solidarity with a revolution that had ended overseas empires, an Arab nation and national identity, and stronger nationalities and communities. That lost moment infected the labor movement in Bosnia on the pretext that Serbia had more factories than Croatia in its territories, therefore more factory workers, therefore it was the more proletarian.

Marx: I AM NOT A MARXIST!

Marx, the First International (International Workingmen’s Association), participated in one of the most heroic examples of solidarity across national and class lines. When the British government moved to intervene on the side of the slave-owning South during the U.S. Civil War, to keep cotton flowing. Black textile workers “Marse” them. Workers, already at the edge of subsistence, risked their jobs when cotton ran short of. By contrast, Marx rejected some U.S. Marxists, the ones who distanced themselves from the Black workers and their revolution against the Civil War. When the Civil War began Marx stated, “Labor in the white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor in the black skin is branded. It was not the African-American opponents who had equated chattel slavery on the plantations with wage slavery in the workshops. That attitude of “whathabeautification” was the seed of the failure to support revolution up even to our time, while finding theoretical points to call themselves anti-imperialist.

But Marx foresaw, the agitation for the eight hour-day spread up immediately after the Civil War and the end of legal slavery. The founding convention of the National Labor Union in 1866 declared that “The first necessity of the present, to free labor of this country from capitalist oppression, is the passing of a law by which eight hours shall be the normal work day. In the last 20s all states in the American union. We are resolved to put forth all the energies of the people until this glorious result is attained.”

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This antagonism is artificially kept alive and intensified by the press, the pulpit, the comic papers, in short, by all the means at the disposal of the ruling classes. This antagonism is the secret of the impotence of the English working class, despite its organization. Its organization, by which I mean the actual class-consciousness of the English workers, is its power. And the latter is quite aware of this.”

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Black and white Populists in the South
This paper is a philosophical reflection on the concept of permanent revolution. Dunayevskaya was showing that for Marx permanent revolution was equally necessary to the construction of a new society (the second moment). In Critique of the Gotha Program Marx’s comments were on labor. Dunayevskaya pointed to this labor as a concept, as needed “after the revolution” for women’s liberation, for the family, indeed for all aspects of human life. Labor is the basis of social development and the process of revolution.

SUDAN IN REVOLT

Give Sudan back to the civilians! Hamidi, head of the Rapid Support Forces involved in genocide in Darfur, should have no role in the transitional government. What’s convenient for him is not what is convenient to us. And to those in the opposition who say, “This is not my revolution,” that is pure racism.

IRANS. IRANIANS

They support, tortured and killed our environmentalists in Iran. Now they are arresting flood relief community workers. Two dozen who’ve been building emergency flood protection barriers to save their homes, farmlands, families, communities. The message of the Iranian state is clear: “You are enemies of the state.” The state does not protect and organize yourselves even under the harshest and most dire conditions. The state is the sole authority. If we are failing at fulfilling our basic human rights, yes, you can treat us like garbage anymore.” Thank you, struggling workers, for inspiring us to keep working for liberation.

FLINT PLAY CAPTURES VOICES

“Flint” is a play by Josee Cassa, an assistant professor of theatre and dance at the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance. He interviewed over sixty people in Flint and wrote the play based on the interviews and on various speeches by public officials. The “blueprint” implies strong ideological beliefs and communist programs. The demo of the Indigenous Goddess Gang was an attempt to capture the voices of the people and for inspiring us to keep working for liberation.

IS THIS FASCISM?

When the Highlander Institute in Tennessee announced that they would address is an apparent by a white supremacist, I thought about the Taliban (they didn’t betray an American woman in any other things?) and other fascist groups’ tactics. I thought of the isolated group of people, and the U.S. bombing of Iraq that decimated museums and shrines of the modern age. They’ll become a fascist on the attack of the idea of freedom, to erase the struggle and its artifacts from the earth. It is really sad, and frightening too.

To our incarcerated readers

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Remaking the world order in the image of the far right

Fascism never disappeared after the Nazis’ defeat in World War II because capitalism could not solve any of society’s fundamental problems. It was some of the same ruling class that supported the various democracies needed to stabilize post-war Europe, which still faced staggering economic and social challenges.

Europe, the far right has made strides in country after country, in some cases becoming the largest party, and in others, getting a major foothold in governments and migrant parties. The UK’s Brexit vote in June 2016 was forerunner to an avalanche of support for right-wing parties and parties that straddle the divide between right and center-right. The May 23-26 European Parliament elections are likely to see a big enough far-right surge to transform the kind of competition for power within the political establishment.

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Hegel's concept of freedom and revolution

In the essay "The Philosophy of History," Hegel presents a comprehensive system of thought about history and human freedom. Hegel's philosophy is based on the notion that history is a dialectical process that leads to the realization of the absolute, a transcendent idea that encompasses all reality. This absolute is realized through the historical development of the world, which is driven by the contradictions that arise within society. According to Hegel, the process of historical development is guided by the dialectic of thesis, antithesis, and synthesis, which are three stages of development that arise from the opposition between opposing concepts.

In Hegel's view, history is a series of conflicts and struggles that ultimately lead to the realization of the absolute. The history of human freedom, as Hegel sees it, is a series of revolutionary movements that arise out of the contradictions and conflicts within society. These movements are driven by the struggle between the thesis and antithesis, which lead to the synthesis of a new concept that is more advanced than the previous one. This process is repeated throughout history, with each stage leading to a new synthesis that is more advanced than the previous one.

Hegel's concept of revolution is based on the idea that history is a process of continuous change and development, driven by the contradictions and conflicts within society. According to Hegel, the revolution is not just a change in power, but a change in the ideas and concepts that govern society. The revolution is a process of transformation that leads to a new synthesis that is more advanced than the previous one. This process is repeated throughout history, with each stage leading to a new synthesis that is more advanced than the previous one.


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Hegel's philosophy of revolution is also closely tied to his concept of the state. Hegel believed that the state was a necessary institution for the realization of the absolute, as it provided the means to govern society and direct its development. The state was seen as a vehicle for the realization of the absolute, and its role was to guide the development of society towards its ultimate goal.

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Malcolm Feeding Operations and Their Impact on Communities


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Pakistani women for a different, freer reality. One of the Aurat March planners, Shumaila Hussain Shahzadi, said, “We do it because each right-wing tactic will deter the marchers. Marches will continue, our struggle.” Lapu-Lapu found the world anew, as women, which itself in the age of Trump gets less media at-
tention than his tweet. Some of the latest protests have brought out the impu-
ity of killer cops.

Steve Cameron, Stephen Clark’s shooters were given a paid vacation and not charged.

Six cops in Vallejo, Calif., got a paid vacation and are back on duty after executing 21-year-old Willie McCoy as he slept in his car—including the cop who had previously shot and killed another Black man from behind.

Protests met the light sentence a judge gave the cop who murdered Laquan McDonald in Chicago and the judge’s decision to “validate” the police in this co-conspirator.

It is not only white but also many Black cops who have absorbed the racist system’s dehumanized attitude to Black victims, seen by the brutal beating and tasering of 16-year-old student Dnigma Howard at Chicago’s Marshall High School, which was caught on video, beginning with an unprovoked attack by two cops as Howard started walking away from them.

During this period, news came out revealing lies to white supremacist organizations by police—lies that have already killed’utilizing 2-tickets.

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Development of revolutionary philosophy and theory depends on the work of compre-

Every issue of News & Letters addresses that question in articles and Readers’ Views. Now more than ever, we need to work on our projec-

We have much to build on, beginning with Du-

Transgender man Oliver Knight was one hour away from having his second gender-affirming sur-

TRANSMISSION

Photographer Chuck Kramer’s exhibit “PACES Over Press” will be on display at the Up-

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San Francisco Youth Climate Strike

San Francisco—On Friday, March 15, a friend of Bay Area News and Letters Committees reported a

“cheerful and exuberant rebellion today in the rare San Francisco rain. About 50 students, kids and high school kids and youth leaders and reporters and photographers.

What a turnout! Probably above 1,000 strong. The youth did it all. So many delightful and creative signs. The standard chants and some new ones: ‘Climate change is not a lie. We won’t let the planet die.’

About 50 students demonstrated for better operating over its capacity, ‘hence quality is compromised’

rely on meals provided at SPPU spotted worms in

only to cancel them again. The university caved once stipends in the summer of 2018, reinstated them,

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School in Maryland learned her male classmates

not trying to take care of anyone at the home.

I have seen psychological abuse here. One

Wheelchairs are stacked three or four in a row in

door wide open. Anyone walking by could see her.

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of the ones who wear them when she to change them. “That so gross,” I’ve heard her

say, “icky,” and “Jesus Christ,” to make it clear

of the ones who wear them when she has to

sight. Unfortunately, as many prisoners will tell you,

greatest wisdom in the world comes from 20/20 hind

security settings.

sue any and all available legal avenues to block the

order to implement this policy as fully as possible, I

court actions when a long-term prisoner attempts to

of that letter that continue to haunt Wisconsin long-

A TOO LATE CHANGE OF HEART

As devastating as Thompson’s 1994 letter was to many serving life with parole eligibility, or lengthy near life sentences. It was the last two paragraphs of that letter that continue to haunt Wisconsin long-

Ohio Sierra Club Nuclear Free Committee member

Still kept in prison continued from p. 1

of violent criminals is wrong. That is why I called

a special session of the legislature in 1987 to pass a ‘life means life’ sentencing bill, and that is why I

against HB 6 when opponent testimony is

What should the Ohio legislature do? It should promote sustainable energy and give zero emission credits to wind and solar and create jobs!

We need people to come to the Statehouse to testify against HB 6 when opponent testimony is scheduled.

-YOUTH IN ACTION

by Buddy Bell

When a senior at El Camino College in Vallejo, California, was caught at school party, she and two friends told an admin-

istrator: When one boy was given only a one-day suspension, the girls texted other classmates, tell-

ing them to watch for the dress code officers. At the same school, 40 girls showed up in the principal’s office. Nicky

Schmidt read from their agreed-on text: “We want to know what the school is doing to ensure our safety and security. We should be able to learn in an en-

vironment without the constant presence of officers, facilitation and monitoring.” On March 9, together with male classmates, the girls described their experi-

ence to the Daily Mirror and their school approved a 45-minute session, but the meet-

ing went for two and a half hours. The senior class has since collaborated to organize a pop-up museum and to give training to younger students on how to counter toxic masculinity.

The dress code at the K-8 Charter Day School near Wilmington, N.C., required all girls to wear skirts or jumpers. Students in 2016 presented a peti-

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OVERCROWDING FOR PROFIT

The 40 residents on my floor are jammed into one day room that should only hold half of them. Wheelchairs are stacked three or four in a row in front of each other. Those of us with walkers don’t want to be boxed in, so we go where there is a couch—but we all can’t sit on it. Because of the over-
crowded day room, some people stay in their rooms, and the staff encourages that. That means they’re being denied their most basic needs.

I have seen psychological abuse here. One

Chicago—Nursing homes are around someone with a disease, but where the money is—it’s where the manicurists work, where they’re paid.

I reported a CNA who physically threw me into

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Europe

European Union elections: mixed signals

Elections to the European Parliament will be held in late May. These elections will be a measure of the strength of the far right, racist anti-immigrant parties that have recently swept to power across the continent. Far-right politicians like Italy’s Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini, French National Rally leader Marine Le Pen and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban have declared their intent to take power at the European level.

These parliamentary elections have become an international issue in a way not previously seen in the EU. This is because the far right is seeking to gain the results of national elections in the run-up to them.

BETTER OR WORSE?

Many have seen the victory of Zuzana Caputova in the Slovakian presidential election, Mar. 30, as a sign of a backlash against the far right. But Caputova is a supporter of the EU and of the European project.

This is significant in a country where the far right People’s Party–Our Slovakia–commits violent attacks on Roma and immigrants, mainstreams neo-Nazi figures, and engages in Holocaust denial.

Caputova was helped by the widespread disquiet at corruption under the previous Slovak government, which has a long record of misuse of EU funds and tax evasion. The EU and Slovakia have a very difficult relationship.

BAD NEWS IN NETHERLANDS, FINLAND

In the Netherlands parliamentary elections held on March 15, the Right Forum for Democracy party won 13 Senate seats, the most of any of the parties represented. The party is led by former anti-Christian Democrats leader Geert Wilders.

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