Green recovery needs a radical struggle

The disruption caused by the pandemic and lockdown have been so severe that governments around the world scrambled to bolster economies. That immediately became a battle over who would benefit most and who would be left behind—corporations or workers? Oil companies and Big Pharma were recipients of huge “cash for clunkers” subsidies. “Green recovery” and “green stimulus” became the watchwords of many environmentalists, renewable energy companies, and their political supporters. All this money supposed to jumpstart the economy should be used to move toward climate restoration and away from climate chaos. Calls for a green recovery came from world leaders like the heads of Germany, France and the UN and from development banks, economists, environmentalists and doctors. The International Energy Agency held a “Clean Energy Transitions Summit” in July, in which they told us that funding renewable energy in the years to come is among those disastrous impacts vs. 2020 was the worst weather disaster year in history. At the same time, governments and politicians are busy trying to rescue and reward down what the movements thought these things were supposed to mean. They exploit the limitations of the Keynesian green stimulus/recovery concept itself: it is based on the state’s power restoring economic growth, meaning capitalism.

Vaccine rollout inflames global inequalities

Scientists: First, vaccines must be given to high-risk patients and those with underlying conditions. Second, vaccines must be given to essential workers to ensure that hospitals can function. Third, vaccines must be given to vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and those with underlying conditions. Fourth, vaccines must be given to those who are at high risk of contracting COVID-19, such as those who live in crowded conditions or those who work in high-risk settings. Fifth, vaccines must be given to those who are at high risk of transmitting COVID-19, such as those who live in contact with high-risk populations or those who work in high-risk settings. Sixth, vaccines must be given to those who are at high risk of the severe complications of COVID-19, such as those with underlying conditions or those who are immune compromised. Seventh, vaccines must be given to those who are at high risk of dying from COVID-19, such as those who are over the age of 65 or those with underlying conditions. Eighth, vaccines must be given to those who are at high risk of being unable to access vaccines, such as those living in remote areas or those who do not have access to transportation. Finally, vaccines must be given to those who are at high risk of being unable to pay for vaccines, such as those who are uninsured or those who cannot afford to pay for vaccines. The vaccines must be given in a way that is equitable, fair, and just, and that does not exacerbate existing inequalities. This is a difficult task, but it is crucial for the success of the vaccine rollout. The key is to prioritize those who are most vulnerable and at highest risk, and to ensure that the vaccine is distributed fairly and equitably.
Sarah White (Sarah Hamer) 1958-2020

The movement lost a powerful voice for workers’ liberty, self-development and freedom when Sarah White died of a heart attack on Oct. 5, 2020. While educated as a teacher, her whole life changed as she lived the lives of workers in South USA—when she took a job at ConAgra catfish processing plant in the early 1980s and a few years later began working at Delta Pride catfish plant in St. Louis, Missouri. Being single women, she and the other single men, made $240 for a 40-hour week—$6 an hour—where they killed, gutted, filled, or cleaned 10 to 12 catfish a minute. They worked 60 hours a week, 50 weeks a year.

SARAH LED HISTORIC STRIKE FOR DIGNITY
Sarah, who worked on the “kill line,” organized a strike against the relationship between catfish workers and owners. She saw helping workers do their very best work. She made the point many times to us workers that striking wasn’t about the money, but ‘It’s about dignity, about being treated with respect.’ After a few days of talking of the striking at Delta Pride, she said: “It came down to respect. We didn’t get尊重。They asked us to take a lunch break, and we said no, and they said we were fired. We didn’t care. We worked at it. The workers couldn’t abide it anymore. I’ve had a (male) supervisor walk into the restroom and tell me, ‘Get up, Sarah, you’re fired!’ I told him, ‘I’m going to argue this point and make sure you know I’m there.’”

In 1990 the workers struck. A thousand and more walked out in a strike that lasted four months. It was a tremendous accomplishment up to that time in Mississippi, and Sarah, as one of its leaders, took on responsibilities for traveling widely and speaking at conferences, holding the line. As the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Oct. 8, 1990), she was chosen as one of the 25 most influential women in Missouri. According to Sarah, “plantation mentality, it still exists. We’re going down in history as Black women in Mississippi who tried.”

But that life’s work was not confined to unions, of which Sarah had a deep critique. When asked how she felt about being being unjustly “fired,” she responded, “It will give me a chance to do what’s in my heart. I believe we can make a difference in the state of Mississippi, or wherever they send me, but especially here because this is my home. I know people have been struggling for years and I can do something to help white men themselves.”

STEREOTYPES MISLEAD
The stereotypes of whiteness and maleness are associated with positive traits like rationality, competence and industriousness, which benefit from teamwork and diversity. The role of women is actually counterproductive for leadership roles. They are perceived as too “fragile” to lead, and people of color whose voices are not heard, and to society.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF MARY}

In December, Lenn Koller, a Black Lesbian feminist activist, historian, and documentary photographer, died of cancer at age 69 in San Francisco on December 12, 1997, she collected pamphlets, flyers, posters and other memorabilia of the thriving political and social Lesbian community, creating the Archive Lesbian Archives in 1994. Especially documenting the lives of Black Lesbians and other women of color, she was always talking photos, five of which feature in this article. She was a native of California, a woman of color who worked on the historical documentary “Persistent Desire.” She stated, “Marginalized histories are not often documented. This means that all women, across sexual orientations and race…”

In December, a group of women brought a $600 million child pornography lawsuit against Mindklee, the company that owns Pornhub, the internet’s largest porn website. The representative of the group, The Children of Pornhub, states a video of her rape at age 12 was posted to the site, which ignored her plea to remove it. In December, 40 women sued Mindklee for $80 million for making millions from a sex-trafficking scheme using Pornhub. The site purged over 10 million videos, claiming to crack down on illegal content, although activists found violent videos starring women with Down syndrome, credit card compa-

THE DANGEROUS LEGACY OF WHITE MALE AMERICA
by Adele

Predictably, some reviewers of Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America, a timely book by Adele Oluo delves into the historical roots of the American story. So if me and Franklin get to arguing I can just see Delta Pride here and one day, News

Letters Committees will be sitting over here as far as I’m concerned, explaining why I’m unhappy, learn-...
Governor charged in Flint water poisoning

Flint, Mich.—Rick Snyder, the former Governor of Michigan, has been charged with two misdemeanor counts of willful neglect of duty. An internal e-mail by Governor Snyder’s former chief of staff, Kyle Steliwitz, revealed that the governor was aware of the serious lead problem in Flint’s tap water while the state Department of Environmental Quality was telling Flint residents that the water was safe.

Snyder gets slap on the wrist

A district judge Monday sentenced a sheriff’s deputy in Ingham County jail through a back entrance for his booking and arraignment. Humiliating as this was, Mr. Snyder escaped the more severe punishment of jail or fines. Two counts of willful neglect of duty are charged with involuntary manslaughter.

The manslaughter charges arise from the death of two men, their eight-year-old son, Logan, and a pet dog. Logan’s death is a severe form of pneumonia. Prompt treatment with antibiotics usually cures it, although some people experience problems after treatment.

These charges all stem from the decision by Mr. Snyder not to close the Flint water pipe from Lake Huron to Flint. A pipeline was installed many years ago by the Detroit system so that Flint would get water from Lake Huron. Flint city leaders, with little choice, had the lead pipe line services to residences.

The water from Lake Huron did not corrode the lead pipe, as was expected. The lead levels were never elevated. The lead levels were found with corrosive elements that cause the lead to pipe to enter the water. The water exposed the people to elevated levels of lead, which especially harmed children.

Wave of arrests indicts justice in China

Zhang Zhan is an independent journalist who traveled from Shanghai to Wuhan in early February 2020 and witnessed the unfolding drama. Ms. Zhang uploaded videos to YouTube and Twitter, hospital corridors of patients and doctors sharing their harrowing stories about ways to help students reflect and build on what they have learned in school and how to figure out how to allow those experiences to “count.”

—Susan Van Gelder

Rohingya burned out

Rohingya Muslims have faced extreme hardship at the hands of the Burmese military. The cooperation of the civil government under once opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, spurred on by Buddhist religious leaders encouraging violence, rape, and genocide against them. The Rohingya Muslims who survived have since 2017 relocated to refugee camps primarily in Bangladesh. They face poverty and restricted movement, and their children have little access to education and medical care. Earlier this month, a fire almost completely destroyed over 550 shelters and 150 shops in Naypyidaw. An investigation is ongoing, and it is uncertain whether shelters will be rebuilt or if the refugees will be able to get the necessary medical care and provide medical care to refugees in camps in Bangladesh. That would have been an elusive goal when the persecution began. The UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) is providing medical care, winter clothing, hot meals and shelter.

After years of being ignored, including when the persecutions began and other nations and the UN Security Council refused to act, the UN Security Council did issue a statement condemning the attacks by the Burmese government and military.

Zhang Zhan was one of several journalists sentenced for exposing the life-and-death reality for patients while the official line remained that the government had protected the population.

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RUNNING FOR OFFICE NOW SEDITION

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Uncivilized U.S.: Murder of Rev. King

The愤恨与激进的言论

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跟着他在新山区的旅程

多年来，马丁·路德·金的旅程穿越了美国各地，他追求的是自由和正义。他的演讲和著作影响了无数人，成为了民间社会和政治运动的重要动力。　

他所追求的“权利”

马丁·路德·金的努力和牺牲让“黑人”在美国获得了更多的权利和尊重。他的言论和行动都成为了历史上的重要事件，让人们看到了希望和可能性。　

我们今天的任务是继续他的事业，为实现真正的平等和自由而努力。　

附注：
1. Albert B. Cleage Jr. was a Black nationalist minister ac-
   tive in civil rights struggles.
2. The Montgomery, Alabama, Bus Boycott lasted a year,
3. Malcolm and Martin Luther King Jr. were assassinated.
4. "Took a bullet from a Birmingham Jail," April 16, 1963, by Mar-
   tin Luther King Jr.
Trump's coup threatens U.S. democracy.

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**BLACK REVOLT AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS**

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existing system. Thus the
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partial failure of the Citizens Union
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ation is convincing the populace
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**Every day more of the invaders of
the Capitol who on Jan. 6 attempted a
coup in the heart of American power,
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well-connected, not the forgotten white
workers that so many news outlets have
told us form the MAGA base. A tech company
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**THE UNFINISHED BATTLE**

With Biden’s inauguration, the battle is
only half-done. We know that he will not
advance a working-class agenda. We know
what representatives their
Democratic counterparts
and Republicans are merely dif-
cent of the same corrupt capitalist
cion. Together, they are a part of a
U.S. empire that must be toppled if humankind
is to survive. What Biden
mends well against us now, remember Tom Paine’s
words: “Tyranny, like hell, is not
crushed out, yet we must keep
up our contest against it
until it yields to us.”

| LGBT+ Advocate Sign, Ill. |

| Activist Southern California |

**LOVE IS LOVE**

I hate that it has to be such an ordeal for
people to come out. I love, gener-
ally unfortunate. I am grateful that our
country doesn’t have the hateful leadership
we were under for four years. We had
peace amongst one another as a country.

| Activist Los Angeles |

| Activist Southern California |

**WHAT IS CAPITALISM? WHAT IS SOCIALISM?**

Are we still living in a society
where that
capitalist economy should be a way to paint the
society so people can work together (loosely associ-
ated labor) for the benefit of society, which
is at the same time the benefit of the
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**THE FAR RIGHT'S TOTALITARIAN ASSAULT**

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**PRISONERS’ QUEST FOR SELF-DEVELOPMENT**

We are all part of society, whether living in the free world or behind the walls. As part of society, our voices and votes deserve to be heard. The time has come for discussions of the development of the incarcerated masses to end.

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Newport, Ark.

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Cynthia Chandler, co-founder of Justice NOW, said women’s organizing has always had a larger understanding of the issue. HIV/AIDS (or COVID or sterilization) in Latinx communities touches on all aspects of life: housing, education, and, especially, childbearing. But the tools to make its more difficult to address through a mere reform.

Another reason the problem seems invisible is that those women who engage in discussions on women’s rights are subject to retaliation. Women prisoners are already a captive population, but even “free” workers who witness the abuses are “discouraged from speaking about it.”

As we see over and over again, the problem with reforms is that no matter what their initial intent, they will be useless. To further oppress those for whom they are aimed. The solution is not to make prisons more humane, but to realize a society based on caring for humanity to a large portion of society.

The question came up: why is men’s organizing visible and able to be replanted if we have the guts and the will. Here’s to many but is most egregious in sterilizing women of color, which has been happening since the 19th century eugenics movement.

The seminar discusses how this practice is continued today in 2020 book Policing the Woman: Invisible Women and the Criminalization of Motherhood, documenting the increasing trend to criminalize women for miscarriages, stillbirths, and threaten ing the health of their pregnancies. Women in prison are given birth while shackled in leg irons, in solitary confinement, and even delivering in prison toilets.

She mentioned one woman charged with murder for an accidental fetal death even though she had no idea she was even pregnant. Such thinking is rooted in denigrating women’s humanity to a large portion of society.

As the movie shows, even today, the doctors who perform sterilization of women in prison, mostly without consent of the doctor or legal counsel, justify it by saying it is a service to taxpayers, saving money that might have to be spent on welfare for Black and Latinx children later.

Women in general and women in prison in particular, have organized against the assaults on them. Examples are women’s responses to the AIDS epidemic, demanding their right to basic information and human treatment (see the history of Shumate v. Wilson case in California in the 1990s.) This now continues in their fight with prison authorities’ debate with COVID-19.

The second half of the book draws on Carruthers’ research, organizing, and activism to develop ideas. There, he contributed an important perspective on discussions among Black freedom activists of the early 1970s whether to describe themselves as “Negro,” “Black” or “African-American.” He wrote in News & Letters under the name Ray Robeson.

Ray remained active and engaged in numerous social justice struggles after retiring, always reading widely and engaging in discussions. In 2020 he posted a yard sign denouncing the inflated property assessments by the city of Detroit and the lack of political will to return overpayments to taxpayers. Friends, family and comrades will miss his generous wit and wisdom. —Susan Van Gelder

RAY BAZMORE 1926-2020

Raymond Harold Bazmore, long-time passionate ad vocate for social justice, died Nov 4 at the age of 93 in De troit, Michigan. Ray graduated from his home town high school in Aliquippa, Penn., and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy before he moved to Detroit.

The murder of George Floyd sparked massive, Black youth-led protests worldwide whose participants then looked for books to explain 21st-Century Black liberation movements. Review: Unapologetic: A Black, Queer, and Feminist Manifesto for Radical Movements (Beacon Press, 2018), as a ‘believing’ book for all people who are curious about and committed to the struggle for Black liberation.”

A MANUAL FOR LIBERATION

Carruthers credits her community organizing experience, mentors during school and college, and time spent in Africa, Palestine and Haiti for forming her voice. It is a manual for much-needed real change by and for Black liberation movements, confronting their own explo- sive growth and an increasingly vicious assault from the Right.

Chapter I, “All of Us or None of Us,” quotes the foundational Black feminist “Combahee River Collective,” who said that the most profound and potentially most radi cal politics come directly out of our own identity... If there is a moment of freedom for everyone before everyone else would have to be free since our free dom would necessitate the destruction of all the systems of oppression. Then, we insist that this concept of identity politics means that the Black Queer feminist lens is essential to a radical, principled movement, which needs to create a solution that everyone can see its full selves in the process of dismantling all systems of oppression. It must be aided in creating alternatives of self-governance and self-determina tion” (p. 10).

The next two chapters call for reimagining the Black radical tradition, which “approaches the dismantling of capitalism, patriarchy and anti-Blackness in new ways which are growing in grounded in earlier movements” (p. 20). She does not limit this to Black liberation struggles in the U.S. nor to politics: “Black feminism, communism, socialism, liberation theology and hip-hop have transformed the shape of Black struggle and life by influencing thought and action” (p. 24). She cautions that “lib- eration as a collective strategy is a center, not a periphery. If we are won, continual regeneration and transformation are necessary” (p. 25), an understanding reminiscent of Karl Marx who called “viva la revolucion!”

What kills the Black imagination? Anti-Blackness, which denies the humanity of Black people. Black on-Black and gendered violence, which can be eradicated by Black people only if it is done in tandem with dismantling the systems of capitalism and patriarchy.

Carruthers asserts that incomplete stories about the history of Black liberation have led to ineffective solutions and stories that don’t include critique are counterrevolutionary. Rosa Parks was not “just tired” in 1955 but a seasoned NAACP or ganizer. Bayard Rustin, the openly gay architect of the 1963 March on Washington, was not allowed to speak there.

A second half of the book draws on Carruthers’ work in community organizing in Chicago, where she founded and led the Black Youth Project (1970) since 2013. To combat the challenges within all contempo rary Black liberation movements, Carruthers poses specific questions.

THE NEED TO DEVELOP VISION OF LIBERATION

The commitments are: build many strong leaders; practice healing justice; combat liberalization through prin ciples that guarantee that all people achieve a transfor mation of Black and racial and gender justice; and always be ready to win!”—map out guidelines so that activists de velop a vision of liberation for themselves, their organiza tion and their goals.

Carruthers turns to a history of community organ izing in Chicago, where the people include in the 1987 campaign to oust police terrorist Jon Burge and to gain reparations for his torture victims; #MeToo; Black Trans women’s rights; and the #BlackLivesMatter. This is a starting point for a working model of orga nizing and questions that is “a call to or ganize...we must succeed for the sake of liberation” (p. 140).

One of the questions is “that our collective imagina tion must burst open in order to believe that liberation is possible” (p. 139). This reflects her underlying philosophic attitude.

Georgia requires a new flag!

We can celebrate that the State of Georgia has elected two Democrats to the Senate, breaking the Republican stronghold on federal leadership and showing that a last bastion of the old South is beginning to change. Things aren’t there yet, though.

One reactionary, hiding in plain sight for years, is the Georgia state flag which is a full-blown Stars and Bars Confederate flag except for the Coat of Arms of Georgia inside the circle of 13 stars in the upper corner.

Pompeo worsens war on Yemen’s masses

“Yemenis aren’t falling into starvation. They are being pushed into the abyss by men with guns and power.”

—A former top U.S. humanitarian relief official

In huge swaths of Yemen—particularly in areas controlled by Houthis refugees—famine and mass starvation are rampant. Yemen’s population of 27 million—more than two-thirds are in food scarcity, with millions on the brink of actually perishing from starvation.

DELIBERATE BOMBING OF CIVILIANS

A military coalition of Saudi Arabia and the UAE, in seeking to defeat the Iran-backed Houthis who control much of the North of Yemen, has waged a bombing campaign to destroy Yemen’s infrastructure and ruin its economy. After six years of war on the people of Yemen, the country is now the scene of one of the greatest humanitarian crises in the world.

The Saudi coalition airstrike—thousands of them—often target hospitals and schools. The bombing has forced farmers off their land. Fields have been abandoned and food production has been decimated. The Houthis have frequently blocked food shipments and other aid from reaching those they are targeting.

To add to this tragedy, U.S. President Trump’s Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s parting shot before leaving office was to designate Yemen a terrorist state, which housing starvation, thus creating draconian difficulties for food aid to reach famine-suffering Yemenis. David Beasley, the executive director of the World Food Program (WFP), the UN’s humanitarian agency of the UN which won the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize, said such a terrorist designation amounted to “a death sentence to hundreds of thousands, if not millions of innocent people in Yemen.”

U.S. SUPPORT YEMEN SLAUGHTER

For three-plus years the Trump administration supported the Saudi coalition with the military weapons to carry on its crimes against Yemeni civilians enabling Saudi’s proxy war against Iran, it meant “America First” support for the arms industry. Raytheon Corporation has sold arms worth some $5 billion to the Saudi-led coalition in the last five years. Nor should it be forgotten that arms sales to the Saudis for this campaign began under the Obama administration.

Yemen is the poorest country in the Arab world. Does this now mean that their people are under a death sentence and how many countries and NGOs bear responsibility?

—Eugene Walker

In the year before Trang Tuprey Day of Remembrance 2020, 350 Trans and Gender Nonconforming people, mostly women of color, were reported murdered, up from 331 in 2019. Many more murders are never reported, due to lack of support from family, society and government.

Classmates and other supporters of Transgender student Avril held a vigil for her. She committed suicide after she was verbally assaulted in public by her school guidance counselor for wearing a skirt and banned from the Stone Mountain Monument still stands in Georgia. This carving into Stone Mountain of monumental figures of Lee, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and Stone Mountain Monument stands in Georgia. As long as the Stone Mountain Monument stands, it remains a nuisance that attracts dittoed segregationists from Georgia and around the country.

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take protective measures against the COVID-19 epidemic. Cherokee County in the northwest of the state has been in the news worldwide for the lack of basic safety. In the Nov 3 election and in the runoff, we witnessed some of the worst instances of voter suppression in over 50 years in Georgia. There have been several recent racist police killings.

While statistics of Robert R. Lee and other Confederate andKKK figures have been removed across the South, the Stone Mountain Monument still stands in Georgia. This carving into Stone Mountain of monumental figures of Lee, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and Stonewall Jackson was carved during the revival of the Ku Klux Klan by Gutzon Borglum, who erected the busts of the Presidents into Mount Rushmore. As long as the Stone Mountain Monument stands, it remains a nuisance that attracts dittoed segregationists from Georgia and around the country.

—Former Southerner

Florida is an energy innovation leader, and a crutch to prop up fossil fuel burning—and infrastructure, including roads and bridges, predicated on endless economic growth.

Missing are the urgency of wind down all fossil fuels extraction and use have been a far greater portion of the past year’s stimulus initiatives than investment in renewables, energy, electric cars, energy efficiency and other “green” projects. The Trump grasy train for oil is notorious. More to the point is what will continue to happen under Biden. Minnesota, under a Democratic-Farmer-Labor state administration, approved the expansion of the Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline at the beginning of the year. The pipeline project for years. The pipeline project for years.

RADICAL CHALLENGE, STATUS QUO?

The battle is on: is green recovery going to be a way to bring in ideas of the radical change we need or will those who want to sustain the status quo win? Will “build back better” reinforce today’s infrastructural, which is based on fossil fuels, intensive energy use, industrial methods, and imperialist relations? For example, production of most solar cells and electric car batteries currently requires materials such as lithium and cobalt that are mined by superexploited labor in countries like Chile and Congo. Much current solar cell production uses materials produced by China companies that areexampleInputEmail(). The only way to break out of this kind of “building back” is through control by the workers, communities and peoples affected.

If “build back better” and “green recovery” do not mean tearing up this capitalist society by its roots and building a new one true, truly new and different understanding of the climate that is necessary and possible, and is struggling to be born through the various social and labor movements, is just such a new society, if the movements and their supporters fight for it in the battle of ideas as well as in activism.

1. See “Carbon dividend remap social scale” by Gabriel Levy, people-and-networks.wordpress.com, Nov 13, 2020, which is being unaccountably removed by Facebook.

Georgia has a lot of other problems. It has the lowest minimum wage in the nation, just $8.15 an hour, and its Workers Compensation system has been stripped bare, so much so that it has created life-threatening situations for thousands of injured workers. Georgia has also recently done poorly by failing to answer the question of how long Trans and GNC are in schools across France.

Brotherhood of larvae serves News Orleans’ underdorsk and at-risk communities, including LGBTQ+ people, and the homeless and poor living with HIV/AIDS. It includes Triunity House, grown from a group of homeless housing ability for homeless people living with HIV/AIDS. Brotherhood provides HIV/AIDS education, counseling, testing, prevention, education and protection. Brotherhood’s board of directors is diverse in race and ethnicity, deliberatively reflecting the communities it serves. You can find this organization at brotherhoodinc.org.

After Gay tomer Trevor Wilkinson was handed an in-school suspension for wearing nail polish to school, the American Civil Liberties Union and tens of thousands of people around the country signed a letter in support of Wilkinson enabling a suspension in force is to remove the nail polish. More than 85,000 signatures were gathered on Trevor’s petition calling for Clyde High School in Texas to change its sex- ist policy prohibiting boys from wearing nail polish and makeup. Trevor is also protesting the school for violating his First Amendment right to freedom of expression.

The Star’s and Bars Confederate flag.

It was made the official flag under Governor Sonny Perdue in 2003, and he know exactly what he was doing. It is urgent that the school administration resolve this matter,” said Trevor. “If it is removed and that liberals and progressives know their history better and not so be foolishly.

In Ghana people with disabilities face confinement and in some cases physical violence. Many people view disabilities as a spiritual sickness or curse that can be healed with prayer, and those with disabilities who are using a wheelchair are ignored when they are trying to sell their goods on the roadsides or in public.

—There has been an increase in the number of women killing their disabled children. In several cases the mothers committed suicide at the same time or soon after. This heartbreaking act is often seen as a result of despair in a crisis most are ignoring. People with disabilities, including our children, are entitled to the same respect and dignity that other people have. They are entitled to a life.
Vaccine rollout inflames global inequality

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and holiday pay, so they could (temporarily) remain on the job—and to quote a Dec. 24 order from Texas Health Care Commissioner John Showalter, “to prevent them from ever utilizing their entire vaccine allotment with all deliberate speed.”

RECOMMENDATION FOR PRISONERS IGNORED

administration residents were delayed by the Trump Administration’s insistence on working through private drugstores CVS and Walgreens, a program that was meant to expedite vaccine risk. While only six states have placed them so far, these programs continue.

The CDC failed to make the same recommendation, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons is using their first allotment to vaccinate staff. The rate of possible COVID-19 tests is increasing, and errors times the general average, and the background negligence of prison staff has been exacerbated during the pandemic. Shortages of soap and hand sanitizer have been evident, as well as a lack of masks, gloves, soap, and toothpaste. Obtaining disinfectant to clean common surfaces has also been difficult or impossible.

After 1A, most states intend on prioritizing the elderly and those with medical conditions. The advanced age means increased risk of infection and death due to COVID-19. However, low-income people also expect to face increased risk, yet they enjoy no similar prioritization. Despite what congressio

nal Republicans—who slashed unemployment and blocked minimum wage increases—might believe, this isn’t about buying a big screen TV but a life-and-death question of whether a house and can afford food and water bills and rent, to be able to shelter in place through the pandemic.

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**Voices from the Outside**

**Epicurean #2: fantasy**

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The capitalist machinery, you are spit out, obsolete, not necessary. Capitalism is trying to convince you that this is your fault. Yet it is impossible to have any job security. At all levels of work, many jobs are replaced by robots.

There is no more being “just bringing up, people wanted to get into construction. That was a secure future then. You could make a living, put your children through school, etc. Now the jobs you get are so short term. It is a huge apparatus, protecting capital from the discarded people on the street. In that job you set yourself against the people. You said you would go for it and try to “give back,” and go into politics in an attempt to change things. But after they replace you, you get co-opted and end up only perpetuating this system. Going into the system is not a way to change it. Capitalism is not “reformed.”

**Extinction Rebellion**

Extinction Rebellion seeks to end destruction of life on the planet and bring about a society free of the problems of today, based on the principles of human rights and planet.

Greta Thunberg represents the youth of the world looking for an alternative to capitalism's destruction of life and the industrial system that has happened all over the world, including countries such as Mexico.
Historic mass strike of India's farmers

The farmers’ strike is in many ways a continuation of last year’s workers’ general strike. That also involved hundreds of millions of urban workers and peasants protesting privatization and the ruling regime for those suffering under the economic burden caused by COVID-19. Indeed, most rural strikers are urban workers who are being forced to return to their rural homes as jobs were lost in the cities. The protesters are all general land movements, social barriers begin to break down. Women’s voices have been heard, in many demonstrations, and 82-year-old Bikila has been a symbol. “She said, ‘I will sit here till blood stops flowing in my veins so the children of this country and the world breathe the air of justice and equality.’”

Muslims have also been targeted, despite past violence, and despite the biggest 2020 Citizenship Act that targets them for discrimination. Cumnor Syed Abu Rahman writes, “Even the women donning hijab are join-ing the farmers, addressing the gathering and sitting in the protests for Muslims. Muslim women are serving food to protesters around the country.”

Dalit farm-labor unions have also joined the protests, thus implicitly challenging the dehumanizing caste system.

The ROLE OF REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS

This coming together of urban workers with the rural masses is happening in the context of many of the country’s historic contractors and radical parties have become involved in recent upheavals, including the farmers’ protest. Yet, as many have noted, Modi’s government retains a significant popular base.

The core of the struggle against his and the BJP’s Hindutva capitalism has got to be a philosophical struggle as well. Contained within the current list the conflict with the Indian Left, i.e. the potential revolutionary humanism, emerging from India’s concrete history, that can transcend not just the anti-communist logic of capitalist humanism but capitalism itself.

EU contradictions

German Chancellor Angela Merkel is retiring from politics this year, and Armin Laschet has succeeded her as leader of the Christian Democratic Union and likely candidate for next chancellor. As the governor of industrial North Rhine-Westphalia, Laschet lost Russian energy and Chinese trade in cold economic terms typical of any bourgeois. More telling is his position on Syria, the test of world politics. Laschet backed the Syrian Revolution to a quest-ion of “ISIS and Al Nusra” versus “President Assad,” thus also opting for the brand of neoliberal revolution.

HALF THE WAY TO FASCISM

French President Emmanuel Macron, facing opposition from neo-fascist Marine Le Pen, has also tilted rightward. He has adopted an anti-immigrant rhetoric that echoes his Rassemblement National party in order to steal voters. A bill to exempt police from public scrutiny has angered civil libertarians.

The Netherlands government of Prime Min-ister Mark Rutte has been plunged into crisis this year, and Armin Laschet has succeeded her as leader of the Christian Democratic Union and likely candidate for next chancellor. As the governor of industrial North Rhine-Westphalia, Laschet lost Russian energy and Chinese trade in cold economic terms typical of any bourgeois. More telling is his position on Syria, the test of world politics. Laschet backed the Syrian Revolution to a quest-ion of “ISIS and Al Nusra” versus “President Assad,” thus also opting for the brand of neoliberal revolution.

Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor who led the EU through its most difficult years, has retired. She was a leader who understood the importance of the European project and its potential for a united Europe.

The death of a woman who worked in the textile industry for many years, Randeep Maddoke, was a reminder of the ongoing struggle for workers’ rights.

The farmers' strike is a continuation of the workers' general strike of last year, which involved hundreds of millions of workers and peasants. The strike is against the ruling regime and its policies, such as privatization. The farmers are demanding the revocation of new laws passed by the government, which they believe will benefit large corporations at their expense.

The strike has spread to other countries, such as Germany, where the new government has been criticized for its handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. In India, the farmers' strike has been met with violence by the police, who have used tear gas and other tactics to disperse the protesters.

The farmers' strike is a symbol of the struggle for justice and equality in India, and it is part of a broader movement for social and economic change.

The EU contradictions show that the European Union, despite its stated commitment to democracy and human rights, continues to support regimes that violate these principles.

The EU’s support for the Syrian regime, despite its atrocities, and its failure to address the issue of refugees, are examples of its contradictions.

The EU’s support for the Israeli regime, despite its violation of Palestinian rights, and its failure to address the issue of climate change, are other examples of its contradictions.

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