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mont Yankee nuclear power plant owned by Entergy. Citizens’ outreach had overcome a concerted industry
campaign of deception, with pro-nuclear propaganda
repeated by the media and politicians all the way up to
the President. What is telling is that there could be any
question of granting Entergy’s request to renew the
license of this plant for another 20 years—as it ap-
proached the end of the 40 years it was designed to last,
it is falling apart. In 2007 one of its cooling towers col-
lapsed. This year, radioactive tritium from the plant
was found in groundwater. It will inevitably end up in
the Connecticut River and in drinking water.

TRITIUM LEAKS COMMON

For a year Entergy had told Vermont regulators and
activists alike it never had underground pipes carrying radioactive material. This year, they
were forced to admit that it does have such pipes, that they
are the likely leak source, and that they had even
found a leak of tritium from an underground pipe in 2009! This kind of cover-up is completely typical of the
nuclear establishment since its birth.

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quietly stated that at least 21 of the nation’s 104 reac-
tor units—more than one quarter—have leaked triti-

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**Celebrate International Women’s Day**

*The truth is that what initiated the actual overthrow of Tsarism was the action of the women.... Further, the truth is that all the revolutionaries—Bolsheviks, Mensheviks, Social Revolutionaries—were advising against that action on International Women’s Day. The women dismissed their advice.*

**Marching during wartime, wartime against the Tsar, as well as against their factory bosses and landlords, the women demonstrated the power of women when united. Their actions, produced such massive, spontaneous support, not only from other working women but from housewives and children in the streets, that it finally impelled the male politicians to join them, and the revolution fully unfolded. That was fact and philosophy—without the women, the government could not have been overthrown.**

*—Raya Dunayevskaya —Information from Peace Magazine*

By Mary Jo Gray

Women’s rights activists in Haiti say that greater attention must be paid to the immediate needs of women and girls as well as to their role in the long-term reconstruction of their devastated country. A group of women brick makers in Les Cayes looking for support to start a brick making collective. Women and girls face an uphill battle to break with the legacy of male violence and the immediate release of political detainees. More than 40 women’s rights organizations are supporting them.

**NEW HUMAN RELATIONS—WHAT WE ARE FOR**

Today, the fight against fanatical anti-abortion attacks against Black women is being carried out by those like Loretta Ross, the executive director of SisterSong, Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective, which also happens to be in Atlanta. She said, “The reason we have abortion ‘reform’ methods in the Black community is because leaders in the Black community in the ’20s and ’30s went to Margaret Sanger and asked for them. Controlling our fertility was part of our uplist out of poverty strategy, and it still works.” Ross, a leader of the Black female movement for reproductive rights, wrote in 1988, “In Georgia between 1965 and 1987 the Black maternal death rate due to illegal abortion was 14 times that of white women.”

**Shirin Ebadi Speaks**


—By Adele

**Billboards vs. reproductive justice**

**—Information from Feminist News**

**The anti-abortion fanatics just keep provoking that they have zero and the women, who are also being taxed is in Georgia with a picture of a worried looking African-American woman and the words: “Black children are an endless source of human labor.” This would be a fact if the rate at which Black women choose abortions is higher than for white or Hispanic women—as a way to lie about the numbers, and while ignoring the reasons for that fact, they demonize Black women who choose to terminate a pregnancy.**

**BLACK WOMEN WILL NOT BE SILENCED**

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*—Information from Feminist News*

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Public workers defend jobs, services

Chicago—Over 200 marched on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 18, in opposition to cutbacks in pub-
ic services, in particular public transportation. The demonstration was called by the Chicago Federation of Public Workers (NUHW) member Earl Silhar described the group this way: “We are CTA workers, we are people who use to work in the public system, we want to work for the Chicago Board of Education, and we are individu-
als. We are all united on a few things. The cuts in public services would be ruinous.

There is lots of money. They gave us $2 trillion to the bank as if it was one blank check for money for themselves and nobody else.”

NUHW is part of a grow-
ing national movement to de-
finite the role of public services.
It includes everything from
the national fight against
 cutbacks at Stroger Hospital in Chicago. It has the po-
tential to become a significant movement if it incor-
porates serious discussion of theoretical issues—which are becoming concrete—with the voices of workers and the people they serve.

These are voices from the Jan. 18 demonstration:

Carlos Acevedo, CTA Local 241—The CTA is not a government agency. We sent our public representa-
tives of the Coalition which formed in Cal-
ifornia, to look into the assault on school closures and

Stolen wages

Horn Lake, Miss.—On Feb. 19, 25 Memphis-area work-
ners noted that the UAW was now a part owner of
its celebration must be removed.

Full employment continues to rise despite economists’ claims of

The U.S. economy must generate 100,000 jobs a month just to meet the number of new job ap-
plications each week. Army veterans, service members, and those who have exhausted their unemployment benefits or who have given up on finding a job, as millions of people are doing, is more than 20 million.

RECOVERY WITHOUT JOBS

In the past, auto, banking, and home construction have led the way out of recessions, but there is no hope of the same this time. Auto has a steep climb. The actual case for the past two years, home mortgage foreclosures con-
tinue at an increasing rate, and there have been more banks closed this past two years than in any year since rec-
ords were first started, outside of the Depression.

1. Only do suffer equally. Black men, who make up only 8% of the American workforce, are more likely to be left unemployed. The unemployment rate for those earning over $150,000 is 3.2% and 4% for those in the $100,000

2. An immediate stop to all executions, and the im-
mediate and unconditional release of labor and other politi-
cal activists alive.

3. Immediate increase of the minimum wage based on workers’ input through their representatives in gener-
al workers assemblies.

4. End to the Subsidies Rationalization Plan: de-
delayed wages of workers should be immediately paid.

5. 50% of the $78 in wage escalator to go to
the end to all temporary contracts and blank signa-
tures, removal of all government-run organizations in the service sector, and implementation of the right to direct participation of the workers in their general work-

6. Halt to all firings under any circumstances. Any-
one expelled, or at employment age, must benefit from social security in the same way as a disabled person, tural, and family affairs.

8. Insuring all the retired with a life of welfare,

dead, exempt from the necessities. They're not used to

Wages, benefits, and services are not deserved.

They are going to lay off full-time operators and
continue part-time employees. This is a clear violation, and
Local 241 will fight it. All the cuts in management that the CTA workers have been trying to get
who don’t get an increase to a hill of beans. In my department alone, mainte-
nance, there has been a 12% decrease in workers, but a 12.2% increase in the cost of services.

Gwen Johnson, former CTA driver—Cutting back on the early morning and ending the late night service is unacceptable. Everybody doesn’t like to go out and work. The people you see out there at 4 and 5 a.m. are the real heroes. They get to work, if those bus hours are cut short, then they can’t take the job.

Erek Slater, CTA driver—We’re coming together because we’re concerned about the cuts. We’re concerned about our services, from teachers to public transportation to our public services. We need to keep our services running. We’re not just fighting for workers, we’re fighting for the community. We’re not just fighting for workers, we’re fighting for the community.

Andy Thayer, Gay Lib-
eration Network—In times of cutbacks, that’s when you see people wake up. We all know that all the billions of dollars going to these wars is the real reason why we’re having cutbacks in schools, public transit and health-
care. We don’t need to be doing this. We don’t need to be fighting this war,

Teófilo Palacios—Nine years have passed since the February 1979 revolution. At that time millions of Iranian people, full of hope for a better life, took to the streets in order to break the yoke of despotism and repression. A na-

Workers fight ‘ley 7’

Aguililla, Puerto Rico—The ruling pro-statehood party, Partido Nuevo Progresista, got a boost from the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico when it decided four to three that, “ley 7,” the so-called constitutional; “ley 7,” the appar-
point of neoliberal policies which have put thousands of public sector workers in the ranks of the unemployed, not only workers and their families who are surviving on their meager wages, but the majority of the working class. None of these people are exempt from a trade union struggle to change the system.

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Many commentators point out that a continuation of joblessness will lead to social unrest, social disloca-

This kind of change is what the majority of people looked to when they voted for President Obama. But in stead of change, there is only more of the same, and in many cases, even worse. The specter of social revolution haunted the whole decade of the Great Depression. It is increasingly haunting the present period of the Great Recession.
After publishing Rosa Luxemburg, Women's Liberation, and Marx's Philosophy of Revolution during the 1960s—ironically at the time of the May 1968 events—Rosa Luxemburg, Women’s Liberation, and Marx’s Philosophy of Revolution, I had the great honor of working with various women on the Philosophia, the major international journal of women and Marxism, during the 1970s. As a result of this experience, I became convinced that the Marxist-Humanism movement, which had developed under the leadership of Rosa Luxemburg, women’s liberation, and Marxism, was the only true and genuine revolutionary movement. I also became convinced that the Marxist-Humanists were the only true and genuine revolutionary movement that truly understood the dialectics of revolution and the dialectics of liberation. I have therefore devoted my life to the Marxist-Humanist movement, and I have written extensively on the subject. I believe that the Marxist-Humanist movement is the only true and genuine revolutionary movement that truly understands the dialectics of revolution and the dialectics of liberation.

Foundations of Marxist-Humanism

In PART TWO ON THE Women’s Liberation Movement, especially the section on the “Unfinished Task,” the point I chose to elaborate was, once again, the conception of Women’s Liberation not just as force but as reason. As Marx stated, “We have now entered the full period of the Great Divide between Phenomenology and Philosophy—and because it is not an abstraction, but a live subject, it unites rather than divides the world.”

I IN THE INTRODUCTION before the final paragraphs, I saw a need not to have the reader wait for the final chapter to know that we are challenging post-Marxism, post-Frederick Engels, and post-Marxist.” I think the paragraph makes clear at once that the very first point misunderstood by post-Marxist Marxists, beginning with Frederick Engels and Rosa Luxemburg, and including among others, regarding what we now call the Third World, and what Marx called, in the Grundrisse, “the Asiatic mode of production,” well as commenting on it as he read Morgan’s Ancient Society.

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Isn’t it time to challenge all of the post-Marxist Marxists who have achieved great revolutionary change, and none was greater as the 1917 Russian Revolution did not, in thought, measure up to Marx? Isn’t it time to dig into what Marx, who had discovered a whole new continent, had said in a single place rather than separately as they had in other works? We could see the totality, so that it became inseparable from his concept of revolution in permanence, including his last work, the Ethnological Notes.

This is the further challenge to the form of organization which we have worked out as the concept-for-force, to succeed in an actual revolution. But, though committee-form and “party-to-lead” are opposites, they are not absolute opposites. At this point, the concept-for-force reaches philosophy, the challenge demands that we synthesize not only the new relations of theory to practice, and practice to theory, but also philosophy’s “suffering, patience and labor of the negative,” i.e., experiencing absolute negativity. This and only this new concept-for-force will challenge that will achieve a class-less, non-racist, non-sexist, truly human, truly new Society. That which Hegel judged to be an era of “unhistory” and “idea” and the “Self-Bringing-Forth of Liberty,” Marxist-Humanism holds, is what Marx had called the Old Society: the Old Society, then, becomes an idea that is not easy to work out.

We have entitled the Perspectives “What To Do”—and we didn’t mean by that only when facing objective crises, but in the need to single out the new moments in Marx and the ‘triumphs’ of the 1980s’ which we discovered there. Put differently, “discovery” was possible because: 1) finally we had left the whole writings of Marx to 1968 and then 2) we had lived through a 30-year-long movement from practice; and 3) our unique contributions to this three decades were in understanding the subjective objective movement. It becomes necessary now to spell out the hierarchy “three books, one not, which has created ground to this challenge to all post-Marxist Marxists, and to develop the moment the masses have reached in their search for a philosophy of revolution to show how to proceed to succeed in an actual revolution.

With this final addition we have come to the question of Organizational form which is inseparable from the concept of “revolution in permanence.” By using that ground for determining the historical co-incidences fall into the trap of substitutionism—since as the ground was the actuality of organizational growth. Without maintaining a real understanding of the “permanence” of the particular one at the same time underline the imperativeness of organizational growth at this crucial period.

Rosa Luxemburg, Women’s Liberation, and Marx’s Philosophy of Revolution

by Raya Dunayevskaya

Read the whole book along with these added paragraphs

Rosa Luxemburg’s feminist dimension, post-Marxist Marxism as pejorative, Marx’s concept of the Marx-Woman relation, new moments of Marx’s last decade which leave a trail to our day, and much more.

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FROM THE WRITINGS OF RAYADAEVSKAYA

Rosa Luxemburg, Women’s Liberation, and Marx’s Philosophy of Revolution

Yours, Raya

Dialectics of Revolution

The 1962-83 Perspectives Thesi for News and Letters Commissions, titled “What To Do: Facing the Depth of Revolution and the Myriad Global Political Crises as well as the Philosophy of Marxism,” to be found in the Raya Dunayevskya Collection, #7155-38.
and for Hegel, the chapter on the "Absolute Idea" of the 1844 Encyclopaedia brings Raya to question the very idea of an "absolute power". Furthermore, is "absolute power" is, in fact, the same as "absolute spirit", which is, according to most interpretations these Absolutes according to most interpretations these Absolutes should be read as a whole....These texts are, from Marx, the Economic Manuscripts of 1844, Capital, especially the first chapter, and Critique of the Gotha Program, and for Hegel, the chapter on the "Absolute Idea of Logic", especially the "Absolute Spirit" (paragraphs 575, 576, 577) of the Encyclopaedia and the chapter on the "Absolute Knowledge" of the Phenomenology of Spirit. To those texts must be added Lenin's Philosophical Notebooks.

A first glance cannot but draw attention not only to the "immediacy" of the theme, but to the fact that refer to Hegel's "Absolutes", that is, Absolute Ideas, Absolute Spirit, Absolute Knowledge. After all, according to most interpretation these Absolutes constitute the closing of the system, the closure of history. In this respect the interpretation of the dialectical method of Hegel and Marx, of rethinking the Hegelian Hegelian dialectic, constitutes the closure of history. In this respect the interpretation of the dialectical method of Hegel and Marx, of rethinking the Hegelian dialectic, constitutes the closure of history.

**SEVERAL CONCEPTS ARE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE HERE.** First, the "subjectivity" of the Hegelian system, particularly in the dialectical understanding and action, it is impossible to succeed. Here various problems arise that make that difficult to achieve. Hegel's question is always found in Engels and, with Stalinism, was reinforced through dogmatization. In this way, what should have been the key book by Raya Dunayevskaya that we present, was transformed into a screen that obscures it.

In ARGENTINA on Dec. 19-20, 2000, a great revolt broke out against the politics of neoliberal destruction. Employed and unemployed workers, villagers, teachers, housewives, and students occupied the public space, making them a lords of the city streets and squares....In Buenos Aires and the most important cities, there arose the phenomenon of the vanguard parties. Thus those parties contributed to the new politics if it were interpreted dialectically. For the Leninist revolution was the stage of transitions. We cannot conclude this introduction without the recommendation that Hegel makes to the reader of the Phenomenology of Spirit. The experience of the Paris Commune of 1871, praised as "the perfect form of the working existence, the self-consciousness of the masses, as that is a people's knowledge, a true sense that we could translate as "the people's wisdom." There is a people's knowledge that knows when and how the powers of domination can be confronted. It is a creative suffering. Suffering politics dialectical politics. The revolution is the emancipation from the absurdity of the Hegelian Hegelian dialectic, constituting the closure of the system, the closure of history. In this respect the interpretation of the dialectical method of Hegel and Marx, constituting the closure of history. In this respect the interpretation of the dialectical method of Hegel and Marx, constituting the closure of history. In this respect the interpretation of the dialectical method of Hegel and Marx, constituting the closure of history.

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The social movements exhibit great vitality and creativity, but at the same time have met with limitations that at first sight seem insurmountable. As soon as people take the initiative, they have a very restricted, limited range, and end up being swallowed up by traditional political parties. There comes a time when it is need to rethink politics in such a way that these movements can transcend themselves.

It is impossible without theory. It is natural that, when we talk about theory, a determined skepticism rises in the activists of these movements, due to mistrust that has been conditioned in the name of theory. It has always been difficult to understand the unspeakable totality of practice and theory.

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We print below excerpts from Declaration of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR) on the earthquake that took place on Feb. 27.

Although in this moment what is most needed is concrete actions, small though they may be, with the families and communities affected by the earthquake, we also want to point out the following.

1. The government and its military controlled Ministry of Housing left behind so much scandal and corruption in its bid to cover up its own failures. The Coalition privatized the policy of low-cost housing. Now, with the earthquake, people are being buried alive. Their homes are dangerous. Entire housing complexes for the middle class are at the point of collapsing. In the face of the government and private construction, lowering the quality of life and increasing the costs, the business is not in building but in accumulating capital, which is why the political system is in crisis, a mirage, empty of any effective policy.

2. Recently, the capital's government controlled Ministry of Housing forced families to evacuate their homes under the pretext of safety. The government's campaign of fanning the flames of panic and inducing theses evacuation in the middle of the night is not only against the law and the constitution but also against the political and moral fabric of our society.

3. The government is responsible for the lack of coordination between the central government and the local governments. You can find the list of the names of the people who have died, the injured, and the disappeared that have been released by the government. But the government has not provided most of their funding, and it is completely isolated, without water, without electricity, without food, and food is not available. The government has not been able to provide even basic necessities. Where our members are present, we should be an active part of the solution.

4. The tea party activities are very troubling. It is clear that U.S. corporations provide most of their funding, with many others in the extreme right. This is especially worrisome at a time of economic crisis and mounting discontent of those who have lost jobs and those still working under especially dehumanized conditions in these countries. This is a form of fascist fascism, potentially explosive, raising the specter of widening rebellion. Many are not old enough to remember the real threat of fascism that loomed in 1939. The steel corporations financed full-page ads in virtually every daily newspaper in the U.S., warning against the communist threat that united representatives, and also hired scores of armed thugs to attack union organizers.

Editor's note: We will continue to exchange our voices with The Other Israel in its printed form and its various ways of reaching out by internet and email.

Editor's note: Copies can be ordered for $29.00 by writing to Gloria L. Joseph, 4092 Judith a Fanch-Christiansted, St. Croix VI 00820, accompanied by a money order or certified check. Happy reading.

VIEW FROM THE CHILEAN LEFT AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

We went below into the ruins in Chile and this is what we found.

While we are all being asked to give money to Haiti and it is good and well when we can give it, what needs to be understood is how much we owe to Haiti and to Latin America. The American Revolution against Britain. They helped. And today, when the real heroes after the earthquake are those who are helping, feeding, and housing each other with whatever they have, it gives me a glimpse of what a different kind of world could look like from the twisted one we have today.

We in the MIR are completely isolated, without water, without electricity, without food. The people have not died of hunger or disease; they have died of the lack of coordination between the central government and state institutions. Where we are present, we should be an active part of the solution.

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ARCHIVES SPEAK TO TODAY

It’s easy to see that rampant automation has resulted in ever more manufacturing job losses and de-skilling of jobs. It is almost as easy to see that it is a factor in economic crises. Hardly anyone sees how the workers’ struggles against automation have pointed the way out. Andy Phillips’ essay on “Automation and the Marxist-Humanist’s Birth” (Jan. Feb. 2010 N&L, p. 5) demonstrates how all these elements were present when automation was introduced, and the philosophy of Marxist-Humanism captured their meaning. Transforming the relations of production, liberating mental and manual labor were at the core of the miners’ actions and thoughts, and of the new stage of cognition being born. That essay speaks eloquently to Dunayevskaya’s “Black-Red Conference” talk printed on the opposite page, to the needed relationship between theory and practice.

Franklin Dimitrov
Chicago

WHO WILL EDUCATE THE EDUCATORS?

There is a lot of anger about the education system today. The Facebook group for this movement and the list of those who are working on it are not just from colleges, it includes a great many high-schoolers. This movement is real when it reaches down to high school.

There is a lot of organizing around the issue in Chicago. Public Workers Unite! is involved and is fighting not only against CTA cuts but against cuts to hospitals and education as well. At one meeting where poverty was discussed, a Black woman said bluntly that it was capitalism. Mine was not the only loud applause she received. I added that not only what is poverty but what is wealth and the answer is the development of our own humanity, which is what education should be about.

George Illies
Chicago

MARCH AGAINST ENDLESS WAR

Seven years ago, the U.S. invaded Iraq—war that continues with no end in sight. Now, the Obama administration has introduced a budget that includes the largest military spending ever—while freezing spending for human needs. There is no change in the resource imbalance. All Washington can agree on is to feed our tax money to big banks and endless wars.

Join us in Chicago—and thousands throughout this nation—to mark the grim anniversary and show solidarity with Iraq. March 18: 5:30 PM, short rally at Federal Plaza, followed by permitted march on Michigan Avenue. Join us in mobilizing for a united march on Washington, D.C., on Saturday, March 20, where flags and signs are available.

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TWO IRANIAN PROTESTS

The gap between two groups of Iranian protesters on each side of Tennessee Colony, Texas

The Coal Miners’ General Strike of 1949-50 and the Birth of the American Civilization on Trial: Black Masses as Vanguard of the Needed American Revolution

by Raya Dunayevskaya

In the Jan.-Feb. “From the Wraths of Raya Dunayevskaya” column, Raya talked about the necessity of uniting mental and manual labor, the unity of thought and action, the principle for science and life being the same. She related them all to human beings so freely that we may evolve—she said develop. It made me see again why Marxist-Humanism is such a vital force in helping humanity—in all of our varieties of race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, ability—realize true liberation.

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AFRO-COLUMBIAN SEeks SOLIDARITY IN U.S.

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Cover of East Bay Media Center's Anniversary program of Dr. King's April 14, 1967 speech

American Civilization on Trial: Black Masses as Vanguard

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mercantile to its protoindustrial form” (p. 821).

Dr. King's speech has been described as "the crucible, the trial by fire for the ideals of the French Enlightenment. And every European who was part of the revolution was inspired by it, by the prevailing intellectual histories that reality that in the early 19th century the German journalist Minerva, edited Johann Jacob Ryff's Correspondence extensive on events in Haiti in the context of the unfolding of the ideals of the French Revolution. Minerva was very familiar with the work of the philosopher Hegel, who referred to reading Minerva in his letters.

Buck-Morss points to the way Hegel changed his theory of history in the correspondence before the Phenomenology (1806) took form, from one founded on customs and ethical life in the community to one based on the "original night of the world," in which death, culminating in a fight for full social selfhood and freedom in the master/slave dialectic. Buck-Morss takes to task the work of Hegel scholars who are at a loss to adequately account for this dramatic development.

Some, like Otto Pippinger, saw in Hegel in a "totally abstract" example (p. 843). This is in spite of the fact that Hegel was an avid, indeed "religious," im Ahm of current events. As Hegel wrote in his 1845, "Reading the newspaper in early morning is a kind of realistic, reifying morning prayer."

Why can't intellectuals fathom the impact on Hegel of the Haitian Revolution—a then unprecedented extension of the idea of freedom? Why can't they grasp the actuality of slavery? Buck-Morss' answer is that "the intellectual historians of German philosophy know only one place to look for an answer: the writings of other intellectualists" (p. 843).

MARX ON SLAVERY

Unfortunately, Buck-Morss lumps Marx together with "Frantz Fanon," who helped to bring the outrage of the master/slave narrative because they focused on class struggle. She writes, "Since the 1840s, with the early writings of Kautsky, the contradiction between the master and slave has been abstracted from literal reference to the real conditions of black slavery and taken to the level of the class struggle" (p. 850). She fails to see that for Marx, not only was literal slavery integral to capitalism, but the exploitation of black labor under slavery was the pivot of our industrialism as much as machine, credit, etc. Without slavery, you have no cotton, no iron, no steel. It is slavery that is the real driver of the development of our economy. Before the slave revolts and Black Regiments in the American Civil War to get to a new freedom. On Dec. 26, 1846, Marx writes to his wife, "The love of the universal, the interest of the individual, is the pivot of our industrialism as much as machine, credit, etc. Without slavery, you have no cotton, no iron, no steel. It is slavery that is the real driver of the development of our economy. Before the slave revolts and Black Regiments in the American Civil War to get to a new freedom."

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Brazil's urban poor for real democracy

Mocimento dos Trabalhadores Sem Teto, the Social Movement of Brazil (MTST) is the homeless workers' movement. In 1996, the Latin American Workers Movement of Brazil, Mocimento dos Trabalhadores Sem Terra (MST), is much better known. Their allies, the Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra (MST), is much better known. Sao Paolo is a huge urban landscape. There are hundreds of unoccupied skyscrapers, while lots of people...
Iranian workers enter fray, raise questions

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extrapolated from this that the movement is “middle class” and counterpose ‘social justice’ to ‘social freedom,’ are helping to make workers’ parties appear as sunk in their prerogative state-capitalism. In the absence of powerful labor organizations under a repressive state, labor, workers... are focusing on organizing labor to have been numerous sit-ins, strikes and road blockages movement to assert itself. In the last few months there... in their yearning for happiness, still have a burning desire for change. They have not lost their hope for life, their recognition of the 1979 revolution where they put forth their 10-point ‘minimum demands.’ (See page 3.) It states necessary of the 1979 revolution where they put forth their demands and the power of our millions we inspire freedom, dignity... We have at our back the histori... one of the bedrocks of any democracy... circles without centralized hierarchical structures. As one... of Duvalierist op... the impact of the movement, during presidential... The Reagan administration. In seeking to control ‘what happens after’ the overthrow of the old, even before the new is completed, Reagan’s new ‘revolutionary’ movement is revealed to be the other side of the coin of contra aid.” This has held true in various ways under... to Haiti’s long freedom struggle, which was at the cutting edge of the struggle for the last few... people and the rest of the population... the strong laborers. These policies contributed to making... the struggle of workers, the teachers and the... by other means. As a group of... the to legimate its principal gain under... anti-democratic front: we are all working with a sort of international cover: the total erasure of the Haitian... and immigration policy by other means. As a group of... and without centralized hierarchical structures. Relying on this experience and the power of our millions we inspire the best and most humanistic aspirations of the 1979 revolution.

As a response to the crushing economic crisis, growing pauperization, runway inflation, and high unemployment, which way do these workers’ parties... up unbridled by the state-capital... workers and the rest of the population. Haiti is one of the countries with the highest levels of poverty and inequality in the world, with a large share of the population living below the poverty line. The country has suffered from years of political instability, economic hardship, and natural disasters, including a major earthquake in 2010 that caused widespread devastation and loss of life. The Haitian political system has been characterized by corruption, weak institutions, and a lack of accountability, leading to ongoing social and economic challenges. The Haitian government has struggled to provide basic services such as healthcare, education, and access to clean water and sanitation. Despite these challenges, there is a strong desire for social justice and a movement for change among the Haitian people. The Haitian workers movement has been one of the most active and organized in the country, with a long history of struggle for workers’ rights and social justice. However, the Haitian government has been slow to respond to the needs of the workers and the broader population, leading to ongoing protests and demonstrations. The Haitian workers movement has been a critical force in the fight for social justice and democracy in the country, and it continues to play a vital role in shaping the political and social landscape of Haiti.


**Africans revolt in Italy**

Seven hundred immigrant workers in Rosarno, Calabria, Italy, turned over vehicles, set trash cans on fire, and attacked parked cars, rooting out "black hunting." The roots of this conflict are from South Africa and Maghreb, who come to pick fruit in the region of Sicily dominated by the infamous Blue cartel. The conflict is a threat to democracy. Didn’t President Eisenhower warn us to beware of the power of the military-industrial complex? The war on poverty is being won by the homeless population. The goal is to smash fascism in all its forms. It is a heterogenous group of communists and anarchists who wish to replace capitalism with a stateless non-capitalist society. As with the Black Panthers in the U.S., the state is trying to break this movement, infiltrate it as well as attack our demonstrations. When neo-Nazis try to march, we try to stop them. We block roads. If the police set up barri

**Memphis attacks poor**

Memphis—Roughly a year after passing a law against aggressive panhandling, there’s another push to legislate the homeless population out of the Memphis downtown tourist district. The Center City Commission (CCC), a semi-private entity chartered to manage the district, is pressing a law prohibiting the sale of single beers and an outright ban on panhandling.

On Feb. 16, a committee of the Memphis City Council is scheduled to discuss the new ordinances before a standing-room-only crowd. Spokespeople for the Memphis Police Department cited the danger of aggressive panhandling and called for creating a new panhandling zone where the authorities will “set up specific sites where people can panhandle legally.” The CCC’s attorney told the committee that this ordinance would cost him 30-40% of his revenues, since people who buy single beers also buy cigarettes, candy, or other items. I pointed out there is already a law against aggressive panhandling. For the CCC and the Memphis government, housing, shelter, addressing poverty and mental illness are not on the agenda. The war on poverty is being won by the wrong team.

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Gerhard Kruck, 21, from Minsk who has recently decided to give 10 military bases to the U.S. Army. A delegation of British Parliamentarians, senior trade union leaders and labor lawyers visited recently and met with trade unionists, government officials, politicians, policemen and activists, farmers, relatives of FARC hostages and the relatives of the inno
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