

# Voices from the Inside Out

## Racism and the Confederate flag
by Robert Tallaferro

There should come a time when we are able to unite for a common cause without the specter of tragedy being the impetus. The removal of the Confederate battle flag from the capitol grounds of South Carolina is a positive action that should be applauded, yet there are those who would decry that event as pandering to liberal political causes centered in Washington under the Obama administration.

Then there are those who feel that the flag represents their heritage and that they have for those who died for the Southern cause in the Civil War, at the time a call for “state’s rights” and the continuation of slavery.

**FLAG IS DRENCHEd IN RACISM**

It is a sad state of affairs that 150 years after the end of the Civil War the U.S. still has a culture infected by a deep and moral dilemma that engenders vehement debate over a piece of cloth, a relic of history that represents a culture entrenched in violence, racism and brutal class discrimination.

The most curious aspect of this predicament is not so much the attitudes of some who were born and raised in the South, but rather the white kid from Wisconsin, Minnesota or Alaska who waves the “stars and bars” and defines “their heritage” when neither they, nor their allies permitting white right-wing “Oathkeepers” militia members to walk in carrying assault rifles, while young Blacks were beaten and arrested for the mere alleged “suspicion” of having weapons.

At the commencement of Michael Brown’s death, one activist commented that police have murdered over 700 people since the beginning of the year. (See killedbypolice.net.) This doesn’t include deaths in custody, which number in the thousands. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 4,446 deaths occurred in local jails and state prisons in 2013, the last available data. More than one-third (34% or around 1,552) were ruled to be suicides.

## Challenging Bourgeois Politics

Young Black activists are determined to confront and uproot the racism that has disfigured this country, not only from its formal founding in a truly complicit allowing slavery, but in its true foundations: an economic system built on genocide and forced labor. This was demonstrated once again in the challenge to Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders’ supporters at a number of campaign rallies.

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**Greek crisis: austerity, revolt, illusions**

Greek voters overwhelmingly rejected a new austerity package in a July 5 referendum called by the Syriza government. After campaigning for a No vote, Syriza quickly turned No into Yes by agreeing to conditions very similar to those the voters rejected.

What the vote showed above all was that the Greek masses reject the austerity program imposed on them by the European Union, the European Central Bank (ECB), and the IMF, in collusion with previous Greek governments, both conservative and social democratic. Over 69% voted no, even after a pro-austerity propaganda campaign by the mass media and heavy economic pressure placed on the people. By capping loans to Greek banks, the ECB forced capital controls and bank closings ahead of the vote, making life even more difficult for the working class and the middle class.

The country’s forces of revolt have erupted again and again in recent years, as the economy melted down and austerity was imposed. Huge, militant demonstrations in Athens both before and after the No vote were the only last manifestation. The 2011 strikes and occupations were among the most militant in the world. The occupation of Syntagma Square in Athens was one of the links between the Arab Spring revolutions and Occupy Wall Street.

**SYRIZA IS NOT THE MASSES**

Over the last five years, a confrontation has unfolded between the forces of revolt in Greece—workers, youth, immigrants, women—and the ruling classes of Europe through its continental institutions, backed up by global institutions and investors.

Until this year, Greek governments stayed on the side of the institutions. But one of the results of the masses’ opposition to austerity was that they broke down the two-party system and swept the previously marginalized Syriza, whose name literally includes the phrase “radical left,” into power. This year ended, and the Assad regime, now largely controlled by Iran, began a particularly vicious bombing campaign (augmented by new Russian planes) against civilian targets. The massacres of over 100 civilians in the marketplace in Douma, Aug. 26, was just one of many recent regime atrocities.

The specter raised here, of the threatened sectarian division of Syria backed by a regional power and its militia proxies, while great powers stand by or collude, can’t help but bring up memories of the Bosnian war of the 1990s. It is a terrible place for the world to find itself exactly 20 years after the Srebrenica massacre.

**Region in U.S./Caval: Iraq**

To see the revolutionary opposite to this reactionary moment, it’s necessary to pull back and look at developments in a number of countries. For one, there are the stirrings of a new mass opposition in Iraq. It was like a breath of fresh air in mid-August to see thousands of Iraqis pour into the streets of the country expressing an entirely different logic from that of reaction and sectarianism. Their slogans included “Ashgh (in, the Islamic State) are out!” “The two sides of the same coin,” referring to the influence of religious sectarianism on the Iraqi state; “Secularism! Secularism! Not Shia! Not Sunni!” and “Humanity doesn’t live by religion, but by bread and dignity!”

**Planned Parenthood siege**

Dishonestly edited videos accusing Planned Parenthood of illegally aborting fetal organs for profit have now become fodder for most Republican politicians—including those running for president. They are outbidding each other, vowing to destroy Planned Parenthood and in doing so both mislead and grovel before their Right-wing anti-woman base. David Daleiden, head of the Center for Medical Progress—a pure Orwellian doublespeak name—probably broke several laws making, faxing and releasing the videos. Planned Parenthood only donates fetal tissue to researchers when women who have had abortions ask. A woman might actually feel that something good could come from her abortion, for example, the recovery that stem cell therapy has brought hockey legend Gordie Howe. But these zealots don’t want women who abort.
Review of Feminism Unfinished


This book is a brief overview of the history of the women’s rights movement in the United States. It focuses on the progress made by women in various aspects of life, including political, economic, and social spheres.

Key takeaways:

1. The women’s rights movement has a long history in the United States, dating back to the 18th century.
2. The movement gained momentum in the 19th century with the suffrage movement and the abolitionists.
4. Despite these advances, women still face challenges in achieving gender equality today.

In conclusion, Feminism Unfinished provides a comprehensive overview of the women’s rights movement in the United States. It is an essential read for anyone interested in the history of women’s rights and the ongoing struggle for gender equality.
Huge explosions in Tianjin, China, heat up ongoing unrest

On Aug. 17, five days after explosions at a hazardous chemical warehouse killed and injured hundreds of firefighters, neighbors and factory workers, residents of Tianjin reacted with anger and outrage at government officials’ complicity in the catastrophe. The warehouse was illegally close to three housing complexes, and stored a lethal cocktail of hazardous chemicals that contained 700 tons of sodium cyanide 70 times their licensed limit.

Protesters demanded the government buy back the homes of those who lost them and put an end to the threat of any future cyanide forced evacuation beyond two-a-mile radius.

ONLY THE BEGINNING OF DEVASTATION

CNTE teachers organized a parade of 300,000 in protest. The explosion damaged or destroyed more than 1,000 buildings. Surrounded by the explosion and by nearby fires, firefighters struggled to douse flames, which burned for many days.

In September, residents of Tianjin held a day of mourning for the week’s victims. A large demonstration was held the following day in central Tianjin, where protesters burned paper money for those killed and called for the destruction of the chemical plant.

In October, a group of residents marched to the People’s Government to protest the explosion and demand answers about the cause of the blast.
A revolutionary attitude to Archives

Editor's note: To highlight the new online availability of the Rayo Dunyaskaya Collection at www.rayodunyaskaya.org, we reprint part of a piece by Marianne Hudson that appeared in our Spring 2003 issue on Women's Liberation. It was written by a prominent Marxist-Humanist in her role as editor of the Humanist Archives, a section of the Humanist Library that contains the body of work produced by a group of 1960s activists who maintained a distinct line of thought, as they say, that was "outside the Marxist orbit" and "supported the development of a new beginning for our age and our movement." The piece draws extensively on the works of the late Herbert Marcuse, as well as the writings of the collective of authors who made up the "new movement from practice" that led to the creation of the Humanist Archives. The piece also makes reference to the work of the late Fredy Perlman, who was a prominent writer and thinker in the 1960s and 1970s, and who was a key figure in the development of the Humanist Archives.

New Beginnings in Marx's Last Decade

By John Brown and collaborators, from The Pro-Speech Movement and the Negro Revolution, by John Voce. This work took the abridged versions of Marx's works, including the second and third volumes of Capital, and translated them into English, making them accessible to a mass audience. The work was published in 1968, and was one of the key texts of the 1960s anti-war and anti-imperialist movement. The work was widely read and influential, and helped to popularize the writings of Marx in the United States.

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John Brown and collaborators in a portrait by David Hunter Strother, AKA Porte Cragn, drawn at the time titled "The Arrangement.

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occupy: democracy, revolution and philosophy

david graeber, the author of the democracy project: a history, a crisis, a movement (upiagel & grau, 2013), is a well-known anarchist anthropologist and a prominent voice in the occupy wall street (ows) movement. graeber's book is a testament to the power of the occupy movement and its ability to challenge traditional political and social structures. in the introduction, graeber devotes several pages to explaining why ows was "an explicitly revolutionary movement.

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"Until OWS, that is. By then "horizontalist" activism had become something else. In recapitulating some of the thinking about form preceding OWS, Graeber writes:

"Back in the days of the Global Justice Movement we thought that if we exposed enough people, around the world, to these new forms of direct democracy and traditions of direct action, that a new, global, democratic culture would begin to emerge. But as noted above, we were wrong."

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In my view, “Refugees risk death fleeing war, terror and climate change” (July-Aug. N&L) lacks the historical and cultural context of the concept of immigrants and refugees as revolting subjects. There are many elements there, like the demonizations and hunger strikes of Africans at the Italy/ France border, and how illegal migrants challenge capitalism. However, the concept needs to be more streamlined and developed since the focus of the article makes it easy to see refugees more as “victims” than as subjects. This would pose precisely to refute that idea, that is, to propose an important revolutionary subjectivity, just as N&L does every issue, letting us understand what is happening and what includes the Dutch peacekeepers charged by the UN with protecting Srebrenica as a safe haven.

J.G.F. Héctor

Mexico City, Mexico

"Refugees risk death fleeing war, terror and climate change" takes up the growing fascist undertow of narrow nationalism in the face of the continuing crisis under the regime of global capital. The Prime Minister’s invocation of Srebrenica showed how that crisis has been etched into European consciousness. New facts are coming out about how all sides knew exactly what was happening and did nothing, including the Dutch peacekeepers charged by the UN with protecting Srebrenica as a safe haven.

President Obama could give our nation a great civics lesson if he were to point out that this crisis was mass incarceration of 2.5 million and blatantly discriminatory drug laws could be seen as another racist reaction to the Civil Rights Movement.

J.G.F. Héctor

Chicago

The upcoming national U.S. Trans Survey conducted by the National Center for Transgender Equality will be the largest and most comprehensive survey of Transgender Americans in history. SAGE, a senior center for LGBTI people, says it will open its doors on a Saturday to facilitate the participation of those who seek a world built on truly loving relationships. He is not the “warrior for our children” his wife Diana said he would be. Rauner is a warrior against our children.

J.G.F. Héctor

Chicago

I am glad to see the public outrage that has been building up. Let’s keep it going. I am strongly disagree with “What is Transgender solidarity?” by Jaz July-Aug. N&L. It sounds like the gay community is afraid to call people like Caitlyn Jenner a heroine to me.

Jax

Chicago

The Northeast offers some of the most diverse food options in the country. You can try different cuisines from all over the world. From Mexican to Indian to Chinese, we have it all. However, many people still struggle with access to healthy food options in their communities.

The Minnesota Report on Food Security and Access to Nutrition found that 14.1% of households in the state were food insecure in 2019. This means that they did not have access to enough food to support a healthy lifestyle. The report also found that the food insecure households were more likely to experience food-related stress, such as low income, lack of transportation, and lack of food access.

In order to address this issue, many local organizations and government agencies are working to increase access to healthy food options in their communities. Some examples include community gardens, farmers markets, and food banks.

Community gardens are a great way to promote healthy eating and increase access to fresh produce. They allow people to grow their own food using sustainable practices. Farmers markets are another great way to support local farmers and increase access to fresh produce. They also provide a space for people to come together and learn about healthy eating.

Food banks are another important resource for those who struggle with food insecurity. They provide a way for people to access healthy food options without having to purchase them themselves. Many food banks also offer nutrition education programs to help people learn how to make healthy choices.

Overall, there are many ways to address the issue of food insecurity in our communities. By working together and supporting local organizations, we can ensure that everyone has access to healthy food options.
Voices from Behind the Bars

N&L relates to our readers' human rights movement because at the core of each article is a concrete example of collective work/responsibility and cooperative economics.

Prisoner

New Jersey

I have been in an isolation cell since April 15: no running water 24/7, lights on 24/7, on camera 24/7, a generator runs 24/7 so loud the lights are rattling out of the ceiling. The lights, no sleep and water are the worst. I have been on a hunger strike on and off for 90 days. I've lost 64 pounds so far. I was on a hunger strike in 1983-84 for nearly 70 days, and I was denied medical treatment as state of New Jersey is a slave state.

Prisoner

Texas

Amatiella, Texas

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When Barack Obama made his debut at the Demo-
cratic convention in 2004, he gave the keynote speech.
Everyone in attendance and those watching on TV wit-
essed the emergence of a gifted orator on the bour-
geois political scene. Over the last eight years, Presi-
dent Obama has been in office, the issue of race relations has risen
to the fore and he has spoken clearly, with a balanced viewpoint on problems of an avenue of deeper under-
standing of the issue (see, for example, the speech he
gave in the wake of the Reverend Jeremiah Wright con-
troversy).

We knew Obama would seize the moment in history.
As a Chicagoan there were some things I found out
from last week—“All white people are not against us”—
that I would not have learned from the union, and
subsequent bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861.

South Carolina has made some degree of
decision in race relations since the Civil War. But
the killing of nine church members came from
the same seeds of thought that ignited the Civil
War.

Given the rash of recent killings of New African
men and women by the so-called enforcement offi-
cials and the hideous tragedy in Charleston, it is no
longer possible to avoid the issues of Black history
and culture to claim these were simply acts of abhor-
tent violence resulting from the so-called enforcement
officials or wayward persons who lost
control over their emotions. The incident was
more than a massacre of innocent souls.

The consignment of the Confederate battle flag to
a museum where it can be displayed in a fashion that
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sins is, why is such a violent movie still at #1? We are
watching a group of people in a particular manner (regardless
of whether that person is white, Black, Jewish, Mus-
lim, Native American or Christian) then there is a good
chance that you have a lack of awareness of the Black
literary, artistic and musical contributions to American
cultural environment if for no other reason than to “fit in.”

The building blocks of the hatred that led to the killing of nine Black men and women in a
South Carolina church were not forged in a vac-
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bolism of hate and ignorance that those actions
often encompass.

In a country whose whole existence was born on the
roots of slavery, we should not be surprised to find,
black and white, how racist attitudes and acts of
culture might be found. It must be noted that
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Sending love, Sara

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Sandra Bland speaks

Eddie’s note: Sandra Bland, who died in police
 custody in historically racist Waller County, Texas (see
Editorial page 1), recorded a series of videos in response
to the Black Lives Matter movement and was给我们一些伟大
的表达。看看她的说话在她的特殊
用法，她的个性，她的激情，她的对
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三明治。‘’我猜我在这时候
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Jan. 14, 2015. Through ‘‘Spydian’’ we are go-
ing to open up a gateway for the kids. To start educat-
ing them about interacting with police. I don’t think it’s
ever too early, in all honesty, because our kids are so
smart. They can only know how to deal with cops based
off of how they see cops acting.

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March 30, after being harassed by security guards
at Naperville Train: To the people who say, “Oh, you were
breaking the law, wrong is wrong, the law doesn’t see
color,” excuse my French, but bullshit! You can’t tell me
the law doesn’t see color when we have situations like
the gentleman in Georgia getting his face stamped in
the ground.

So for those who say, the law doesn’t see color?
It doesn’t see color because you aren’t no color in your
skin.

My white friends, don’t get upset, but I’m going
to call out racism wherever I see it. You don’t know racism,
because you don’t live it, you don’t feel it. You’re going
to learn what that means when you see just somebody doing
their job, we see the undertones of that. We’ve been trained
to see them because we live them every day. I wonder,
if I had been walking through town with my poster
from last week—‘All white people are not against us’—
that would have gotten me kicked out of the mall?

Racism and the nine murders in S. Carolina

When Barack Obama made his debut at the Demo-
crating convention in 2004, he gave the keynote speech.
Everyone in attendance and those watching on TV wit-
essed the emergence of a gifted orator on the bour-
geois political scene. Over the last eight years, Presi-
dent Obama has been in office, the issue of race relations has risen
to the fore and he has spoken clearly, with a balanced view-
point on problems of an avenue of deeper under-
standing of the issue (see, for example, the speech he
gave in the wake of the Reverend Jeremiah Wright con-
troversy).

We knew Obama would seize the moment in history.
As a Chicagoan there were some things I found out
from last week—“All white people are not against us”—
that I would not have learned from the union, and
subsequent bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861.

South Carolina has made some degree of
decision in race relations since the Civil War. But
the killing of nine church members came from
the same seeds of thought that ignited the Civil
War.

Given the rash of recent killings of New African
men and women by the so-called enforcement offi-
cials and the hideous tragedy in Charleston, it is no
longer possible to avoid the issues of Black history
and culture to claim these were simply acts of abhor-
tent violence resulting from the so-called enforcement
officials or wayward persons who lost
control over their emotions. The incident was
more than a massacre of innocent souls.

The consignment of the Confederate battle flag to
a museum where it can be displayed in a fashion that
represents one of this nation’s most offensive moral
sins is, why is such a violent movie still at #1? We are
watching a group of people in a particular manner (regardless
of whether that person is white, Black, Jewish, Mus-
lim, Native American or Christian) then there is a good
chance that you have a lack of awareness of the Black
literary, artistic and musical contributions to American
cultural environment if for no other reason than to “fit in.”

The building blocks of the hatred that led to the killing of nine Black men and women in a
South Carolina church were not forged in a vac-
um; rather, they are as conspicuous as the sym-
bolism of hate and ignorance that those actions
often encompass.

In a country whose whole existence was born on the
roots of slavery, we should not be surprised to find,
black and white, how racist attitudes and acts of
culture might be found. It must be noted that
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A statement by Luis Bato Talamantez, David General Gip Johnson and William Constanza Tate read:

“We mourn the loss of our comrade brother...the...prisoners who did it as angered as the state. It comes at a time when prisoners are collectively try-
ing to end de-
causes of exter-
nal strife. Those who took his life are done a dis-
service to our movement; their actions denied the cause of the same oppres-
sor we fought

against!”

The timing may not have been coincidental either. August is celebrated as Black August for the founding of the prison wing of Black liberation. It is an anniver-
sary of the 2011 and 2013 hunger strikes, as well as the 2017 agreement with Hostiletakes.

Yogi Pinell reflected recently on his life: “For me, it began with the new W.O. Fernandez’s book, Murder in March in 1967, because I remember the old W.O. in Sole-
dad, in 1963-64, when he was consistently messing up, so were most of us youngsters. The year before Bata and I, New W.O. greeted me in San Quentin, and he was handing me some literature and telling me about the Black Con-
sciousness studies, the Self Defense movement. With Black August, the Black Liberation Movement and the building of the New Man, he became my principal example because I understood the significance of it. I used Malcolm as our primary example of self-transform-
ation and he felt that all of us brothers could make that same transformation...Most of us were very young, doing short sentences (suspended), had been through the gladiator stations, Tracy and Soledad, and the time and place was right for self-change. We read the books, examples, the literature, the means and the opportuni-
ties, so it was up to us, how seriously devoted we would be toward real self-change...to join the liberation move-
ment we had to understand the meaning of liberate and, to embark on a commitment to freedom, we had to do many with old ways, old habits, f—d up mentality, the club, homeboy set mentality and attitude.”

“...This discovery of revolutionary thought was part of a worldwide movement that was in the consciousness of oppressed people—workers, peas-
antos, women, LGBTQI people, the downtrodden, the outcast. In turn, what these men created was an astonishing collective act that picked up on the devel-
oping racist backlash against the Black Liberation movements and saw that the counter-revolution was going to try to strike against the Black and Latino working class through mass criminalization.

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Among the most telling, though, was the mass chant of “Baghdad is revolutionary!” While these demonstrations were a reaction to the people’s immediate concerns with deteriorating services, power outages, and govern-
mental and business corruption, they went beyond these particular concerns to raise what kind of Iraq people want to create. They recognized the current society’s dead end by saying to the rulers, “Daeen is born out of your corruption.” And then there would come pressure to press, similar to corrup-
tion protests have broken out in Beirut, Lebanon.

These demonstration

ations are in line with a history of mass oppo-

sition to religious sectarianism, including the period of the U.S. occupation, when thou-
sands marched across the length and breadth of Iraq opposing the ter-

rorism of Saddam Hussein. In Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. These demonstrations

cluded unions, wom-

en’s organizations, and Leftist groups. Even

the fight on the Shia—mass mur-

der of civilians—was too far for some in al-

Qaeda’s leadership. IS’s rhetoric of al-

Baghdadi has only

pushed that further, to an open bor-

rowed by the world. The U.S. in-

sistence on re-arranging, Saddam

Hussein’s tortured country along religious and ethnic lines and continued re-

suence is the best way to view it. Could it

be as a joint view of the cre-

ation of the two revolutionary rivalles that fell after Sep-

tember 11? Al-Qaeda and U.S. imperialism. It was their interaction in the sectarianized cauldron of the Iraq war. IS combined with elements of Saddam’s Baath Party, gave birth to such a hybrid monostr buc

MONSTERS BREED IN THE SLEEP OF REASON

From the first, Assad claimed that all opposition to his Baathist government—nationalist, and identity-based groups, and even Sunni rebels fighting IS. It is not a question of simply judging events by

sight and reveal anew its relation to Marx’s body

philosophy of revolution in permanence, the door to

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people, it will be harm-

ful for everyone who was involved in or supported the

Revolution. They will stitch up your mouths for cheer-

sing the system. They will take you into Roman circus arenas where rebels are killed. They will send delegations to the U.S. to learn about revolutions in the future. This opportunity we have now may not be repeated for a hundred years!”

US’s imperialism’s wretched failure in Iraq and Syria has opened several levels of discussion.

Imperialism, whether local or regional, can’t sup-

ply the energizing principle that will be required to bring Syria together as a multi-community society on a higher level than before. It must bring to-

gether the tortured Sunni majority with the Alawites, the Kurds, other minorities, and Sunni rebels from the whole of the Middle East. It must do so, whether the US and Assad, the national historic questions of both Kurds and Palestinians, and the ancient Christian communities, all the questions of economic and environmental justice that drove the initial revolutionary uprising, and reappro-

priate the public space for women, who have been cen-

tral to the transformation of consciousness.

PERMANENCE IN PERMANENCE

Though the Colin Powell of the 1990s, it was the struggle in defense of Bosnia’s multiethnic society against genocide that both revealed the total bankrupt-

cy of both the Muslim and the Serbian idea that could be held up as a universal and fought for.

It is not a question of simply judging events by their nationalist sentiment, imperialism where the relation of subjects of revolt to a philosophy needed to overcome the terrible retrospection we see today. The philosophy of revolution in permanence is a way of fighting genocide in Bosnia, and in Syria today, what is demand-

ed isn’t merely a defense of the Bosnians or Syrians as victims, but finding the place in history of people who can help uphold today’s degenerate society.

The experience of the Arab Spring and the Syrian Revolution suggests that the world is now

in need of a new ground. Though the major revolu-
tions of this century have revealed the limits of the philosophy of revolution in permanence, a new

idea is the issue to be fought

The philosophy of revolution in permanence, the door to self-emancipation and counter-revolution, comes to recognize itself in the crucible of revolu-

tion of revolutionaries, forged in this crucible of revolu-

tion. We fight with that confidence. When a new genera-

tion of revolutionaries, forged in this crucible of revolu-

tion and counter-revolution, comes to recognize itself in the philosophy of revolution in permanence, a new ground will be opened.

Readers: We want to hear from you! Write or email us! See contact information, p. 9.
**Horrors of Hiroshima linger 70 years later**

Editor’s note: Darrell Miho spoke at the Koyasan Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles on Aug. 2, to commemorate the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Below are excerpts of his talk.

**November 4, 2015**

Many people are unaware of the innocent lives that were lost in the bombing of Hiroshima. The city of Hiroshima lies in the center of Japan, on the island of Honshu.

On August 6th, 1945, a US-Built B-29 dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, which would later become known as the “Little Boy” bomb. The bomb possessed a power of 16 kilotons and was set to explode on the streets of the city center. This resulted in 70,000 immediate deaths, with over 200,000 more casualties in the following months. The blast also caused a firestorm, which resulted in further fatalities.

The bomb exploded at a point at the center of the city, releasing a set of radionuclides which contained more than 60 nuclear elements. In the first 24 hours, the city was ablaze, with fire and heat killing thousands of people. In the following days, the city became a wasteland as the fires and the continuous bombings. The fires were so severe that they burned for several days, causing the city to be reduced to ashes.

The bomb had a fallout of debris and smoke which spread over a radius of about 6.5 miles. The city was completely destroyed, and the survivors were left with nothing except the memory of the horror.

The survivors of Hiroshima are known as “hibakusha,” and they continue to remember the horrors of the bombing. They have come to realize that the bomb was not just a weapon, but a symbol of the American government’s disregard for human life.

The survivors of Hiroshima have been vocal in their efforts to stop nuclear weapons and to promote peace. They have held many protests and rallies to draw attention to the horrors of the bombing and to the ongoing threat of nuclear war.

The survivors have also been active in promoting nuclear disarmament and in supporting anti-nuclear movements around the world. They have worked with other anti-nuclear organizations to promote education and awareness about the dangers of nuclear weapons.

In conclusion, the survivors of Hiroshima are a testament to the power of the human spirit. They have been able to overcome the horrors of the bombing and to continue to strive for a world free of nuclear weapons. Their story is a call to action for all of us to work towards a safer, more peaceful world.
Egypt's new pharaoh

With the pomp and circumstance of a Hollywood finale, Egypt's new pharaoh—General Abdel Fattah el-Sisi—was presented over the Aug. 6 opening of the expanded Suez Canal. Aboard the luxury yacht Mahrousa—the first ship to pass through the Canal in 1956—and saved by King Farouk before his overthrow by Colonial Nassar in 1952, Sisi and guests watched as navy warships, helicopters, fighter jets and military transport aircraft passed in review. To top off the day there was a performance of Verdi's opera, La Traviata.

This stage setting can’t hide the facts of Sisi’s murder, dictatorial rule. Since overthrowing the Muslim Brotherhood’s Mohamed Morsi in July 2013, he has surpassed former dictator Hosni Mubarak. There are an estimated 41,000 political prisoners—mostly Muslim Brotherhood—being massed in a number under Mubarak. These include activists Mahienour el-Masry, Yara Sallam, Ahmed Maher, and blogger Alaa Abdel Fattah. Wim- en’s rights activist Hend al-Naﬁf and 229 others were sentenced to life in prison for protesting. The Interior or Ministry announced in July that hundreds of high school students would take their final exams in prison this year.

Under the guise of attacking the Muslim Brotherhood, el-Sisi is using his decree to crush the protests. He has arrested hundreds of unnamed protestors on Aug. 14—Sisi attacks all who challenge him, including most of the revolutionaries of Tahrir Square. He has expressed his support for Syria’s Assad. The military has seized even former control of the economy. Protections and subsidies have been reduced. Corporate taxes have been outlawed. Despite this, the U.S. has resumed military aid and the European Union has pledged their “continued support.”

—Eugene Walker, Gerry Emmett

Puerto Rico: U.S. exploitation and austerity

Puerto Rico’s gargantuan $72 billion public debt is now technically in default, as the most recent inter- est payment couldn’t be made. However, Puerto Rico can’t declare bankruptcy, and the Federal govern- ment has no intention of providing a bailout. While the debt has been reduced by fees on the export of the finan- cial crisis lay within the human crisis stemming from the island’s 117-year history as a U.S. colony.

CAPITALISM DELIVERS MISERY

Since being taken from Spain’s colonial rule in 1898, Puerto Rico has been subject to the U.S.’s “be- nign” imperialism, which molded the colony for its own exploitative uses. In the early 20th century a third of the land came under the control of U.S. absentee landlords. Diverse agriculture (coffee, sugar, tea) was transformed into a one-crop export economy—sugar, controlled by a few syndicates. Small farmers, and others who lived off the land, were forced to migrate to the cities.

When it suited U.S. capitalism, Puerto Rico became a producer of coffee, sugar and tobacco. But when a minimum wage law wasn’t enforced. But when it became cheaper to produce goods elsewhere in the Third World, those jobs disap- peared. Because of a special law tailored to the marine industry, goods must arrive in Puerto Rico within 24 hours or face import fees. The cost of imports is far higher than in the U.S. Eco- nomic development and growth in the U.S. and the govern- ment is now the largest employer.

Bonds were issued to keep Puerto Rico aloft. Credit rating agencies still demand low returns on their capital, and public services were cut off. Puerto Rico has vast amounts of untapped potential. That the U.S. government argue a “property of the U.S.” and can thus claim sovereignty over the island. Puerto Rico has long been subjected to the一页的自然语言表示，如果您以阅读自然的方式阅读它。