Women battle war, terrorism and anti-abortion fanatics

by Terry Moon
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Much of the women’s movement in the U.S. today seems unable to address how that the anti-abortion crusade has become. Now, perhaps the greatest challenge to those fanatics has been creatively given by Black women. In February, Black History Month, Truth Black Women offered their “for- mal solidarity with Black Lives Matter.” (See their statement on page 2.) That Black Lives Matter accepted the alliance was clear in a joint press conference where leaders from both movements spoke to the same audience. Black women had already rejected the idea of abortion rights to that of Reproductive Justice. Alicia Garza, a founder of Black Lives Matter, spoke to that: “Even though Black Lives Matter gets talked about as being primarily fo-cused on transforming law enforcement, Black Lives Matter has always been an intersectional organizing approach and intersectional organizing. Reproductive justice is very much situated within the Black Lives Matter movement. The way we talk about it, it isn’t just about the rights of women to be able to determine when and how to be able to start families, but also our ability to raise families.”

STOP THE SHAMING OF BLACK WOMEN

There was great anger at the anti-abortion zealots who not only targeted Black women for shaming, but also tried to appropriate the language of the movement. La’Tasha D. H交易s, founder and executive director of New Voices for Reproductive Justice, said of a bill op-posing the rights of women to be able to determine when and how to be able to start families, that “We look at Cleveland where we see the death of Tamika Rice and we see the0, and then to co-opt our language in talking about access to abortion is ab-solutely insulting. We believe it’s necessary to have a proactive approach in changing the culture and stigma around Black women and abortion.”

Racist anti-abortion billboards targeting Black neighborhoods have been turned to shame women like “Black children are an endangered species” and “The most dangerous place for an African American is in the women’s restroom.” Monica Raya Simpson, executive director of SisterSong: National Women of Color Reproductive Justice Coalition, said: “At the end of the day, no matter how one feels about abortion, there’s no question that these laws make safe abortion harder and is definitely harmful for Black women. Time and time again, politicians have tried to exploit and divide Black communities on these issues, whether by putting up billboards attacking Black motherhood, or even by the latest attempt to preach Black Lives Matter language to justify their anti-woman agenda.”

WOMEN WILL CONTROL OUR BODIES & LIVES

The moribund nature of today’s “pro-life” movement is seen in the sad fact that so much seems to hang on a deci-sion by the Supreme Court. Rather than being on the ground of freedom and the right to control our own bodies and lives, much of the more established abor-tion rights movement is arg-uing legalisms and doing damage and controlling.

Some of that defen-siveness may come from the fact that the war on women in the U.S. has been vicious around the right to abortion—now “a right” in name only. There is not enough space to go into the depth of that article, but it was pro-posed in 2015 and the more than 100 bills already in-roduced in 2016 to shame, discourage and stop women from controlling their own bodies.

ULTRASONICS ARE NOW A WEAPON

Ultrasound have become a club in the hands of Republican lawmakers who force women to abort to have them (and pay for them), to listen to a doc-tor forced to describe it, to hear a fetal heartbeat. Now ultrasounds are being used as a way to shame doctors too. A New Carolina law would force abortion pro-viders to submit an ultrasound for every abortion and induced miscarriage performed after the 16th week of pregnancy, even though the procedure is legal up to 20 weeks. In arguing for yet another bill involving ultra-sounds, Idaho Republican Senator Joni Walker blathered utter nonsense to offset criticism that his bill would further traumatize women who had been raped: “[I]f many cases of rape,” he pontificated, “it does not involve any pregnancy because of the trauma of the in-cident. That may be true in incest.”

The dishonest video misleadingly ed-itio to show that Planned Parenthood profits off of fetal tissue has been completely discredited, that has not stopped legislators in seven states from defunding Planned Parenthood and thus denying poor women top-notch healthcare, and in many cases any healthcare at all.

After Texas defunded most of their clinics in 2011, a new study estimates that between 100,000 and 240,000 mostly young women tried to self-in- duce abortions using herbs, teas, and drugs from Mexico.

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Syrian Revolution continues

It is too early to tell what will come of the partial ceasefire that was supposed to begin in Syria as of this writing. We have already seen hundreds of violations by Assad-allied forces. The depredation of that genocidal regime—including its Iranian and Russian imperialist allies—gives little reason to hope for lasting results. When Assad was overthrown in 2014, Iran stepped up its military intervention. It wasn’t longer than anyone could have expected faced the bru-tal attacks of a heavily armed fascist state.

LIMITS OF ARMED STRUGGLE

Armed struggle became a necessity in Syria be-cause of a non-violent freedom movement that lasted far longer than anyone could have expected the brutal attacks of a heavily armed fascist state.

Five years of war taught some important lessons about the limitations of armed struggle. First is the question of who provides the arms and what they ask for. In too many cases, that has led to a separation between the original ideas of the Revo-lution and the armed fighters. At worst it went some way toward enabling ISIL to attack those who have had to fight ISIS as well as the regime, while knowing that Jihadist al-Nusra will also be a problem to be dealt with.

Likewise, the unity between Kurdish People’s De-fense Units (YPG) and the Free Syrian Army (Takfiri) was so
Japan has placed on the Korean women that anyone
They also demanded an apology and compensation
their counterparts in Korea had received from theirs.
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made statements on Twitter that these meetups would
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boxing since 1996. In February, they made news by
out on facebook and in news articles about the culture
spaces for women. The action was the result of women
sion with the YWCA about sexual harassment and sex
Trust Black Women and Black Lives Matter assert
— unapologetically — that Black people must be at the
center of progressive work for social justice and moral
STANDING IN SOLIDARITY
As Black women leaders, activists and supporters of
the Reproductive Justice movement and members of
the Trust Black Women Partnership, we offer our for
mality with the Black Lives Matter movement. The United States has a long history of over-policing and over-criminalizing Black bodies that started with the dehumanizing logic of chattel slavery. From our homeland. Ever
since we were brought here against our will, this country has been a hostile birthing environment for Black women.
and a dangerous place to raise Black children. This
nation has yet to prove that Black Lives Matter, and it
has yet to prove its ability to Trust Black Women.
Trust Black Women is grateful to Black Lives Mat
ter for building the movement for Black lives to a criti
cal tipping point: no longer can the public or our politi
cal leaders ignore our struggle. We also recognize the role of Reproductive Justice and Trust Black Women in contributing to this tipping point. We walk in one another’s footsteps even as we stand side by side.
In February, we offer the Movement for Black Lives the analysis that brought Trust Black Women into being:
an analysis that centers Black women, low wage work,
and reproductive rights in the fight against chattel slavery and the creation of these identities. We offer to the Movement for Black Lives our commitment to hold gender justice as dear as race justice, with Reproductive Justice as the core of both these aspirations.
We seek community, fellowship, and connection with Black Lives Matter, and we know that we must stand together or fall separately. Our lives are at stake.
To realize a future where Black Lives Matter, we must Trust Black Women in order to keep Black Women to assert that Black Lives Do Matter.
So we say, in the same breath, in the same freedom
or search two ways, the world is black and white.

To see the signatories go to: http://www.trustblackwomen.org/solidarity-with-black-lives-matter

Review: Headscarves and Hymens

Headscarves and Hymens: Why the Middle East Needs a Sexual Revolution, by Mona Eltahawy (Farrar, Straus and Giroux).

Mona Eltahawy, an award-winning journalist and author who grew up in the Middle East and the West and was a central figure in the Arab Spring demonstrations, recently convinced CNN to change their tag line from “Chaos in the Middle East” to “Revolution in the Middle East.” She became a femini
nist as a teen when exposed to patriarchal men’s horrib
le treatment of women in the Middle East and women’s comity in it.
Eltahawy demolishes both Middle Eastern and Western excuses for not recognizing these atrocities to
ward women as oppression. Indeed, women’s human
rights must be fought for in order to establish a just society. While Western liberals often turn to cul
tural relativism to rationalize the predominant subjugation of women (and only women) in other countries, Eltahawy shows how women in the West have fought and continue to fight for equality for women in their own communities.

FEMINISM INSTITUTE TO THE MIDDLE EAST

She says that while religion should never be used as a reason for oppression, the same can be said for professional
lives, Islam have been interpreted in feminist ways.
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Workers rejected Nexteer-UAW deal

Detroit—The recent Big Three contracts with the United Auto Workers (UAW) illustrated the huge difference between rank-and-file workers and the bureaucracy. With the UAW, as predicted by the contract the UAW recommended. That rejection resulted in an increase in benefits and other financial rewards over the previous contract, which resulted in the contract that the UAW bureaucracy and the company were forced to make.

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Topping the concerns of the rank and file were the difficulties of organizing a union system negotiated in the 2007 contract, which paid initial workers $30 less than veteran workers. From the opening of contract negotiations, rank and file workers had understood that over the ten-month period, the demands of rank-and-file workers were to bridge that wage gap. They were concerned with other financial provisions and more information on health care benefits. The Big Three met all these demands. The rank and file correctly interpreted its power going into negotiations.

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Racism, workers and freedom ideas

When Comrade Bukharin said, ‘We can recognize this right in some cases,’ I even wrote down that he attempted to divide the Hottentots, the Bushmen and the Indians. Hearing this enumeration, I thought, how is it that Comrade Bukharin has forgotten a small tribe, the Bashkirs? There are no Bushmen in Russia, nor have I heard that the Hottentots have laid claim to an autonomous republic, but we have the Bashkirs, a separate people and a national entity, a national entity with a language and a number of other peoples, and to these we cannot deny recognition. We cannot deny it to a single one of the peoples living within the boundaries of the former Russian Empire... The Bashkirs distrust the Great-Russians because the Great-Russians have more culture and have utilized their culture to rob the Bashkirs. That is why the term Great-Russian is synonymous with the word 'ruin,' 'ruge,' to Bashkirs in those remote places....

Now, in contrast to Churchill, who had answering India’s demand for independence by the arrogant... "I do not believe in the Minister to preside over the dismemberment of the Empire," British labor correctly branded him for the imperialist and their own opposition to this imperialist position, their opposition to the death... as did the African colonies, during Labor’s reign. What has happened since then?

LABOR PARTIES AND RACIALISM
You, of course, know the answer better than I do: the Labor Government has made such a mess of the situation since their return to power—the unemployment, the wage freeze, the traveling in company with British imperialism on the barbarous Vietnam War. All this, and more, has brought out the very worst features of racism, not only in the ruling class, but also in parts of the working class—on the other side of the Atlantic, i.e., in South USA.

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Marx showed the relationship between labor’s struggle for freedom and the fact that slavery was still in existence in Africa, in Asia, and the oppressor nations within the developed gases... This is why Marx hailed the British proletariat when they said that they would rather starve than perpetuate slavery on the other side of the Atlantic, in South America.... And this is why he called them ‘bourgeoisified proletariat’ when they moved away from that principle when it came to the establishment of a totally new form of society, the Paris Commune. He then moved away from the essentially worker-oriented to the unorganized, from the industrialized workers to the unorganized, from what Lenin called the ‘aristocracy of labor’ to what Marx called ‘deeper and lower into the masses,’ to the true revolutionary core who would stand, not just for reforms, but for revolution.

Marx and Engels had, since the end of the 1950s when Great Britain embarked on its imperialist ad- vention in Suez, and Russia (with the help of China) on the other side of the Atlantic, to the new revolutionary... 2. Vladimir Lenin, Speeches to the Eighth Congress of the Communist Party, March 19, 1919.

3. British workers, though suffering economic hardship from the U.S. Civil War, demonstrated to keep their government from breaking the blockade and siding with the South. Dunayevskaya wrote and ruled in favor of the South in the U.S. Civil War, demonstrated to keep their government from breaking the blockade and siding with the South. Dunayevskaya wrote and ruled in favor of the South in the U.S. Civil War, demonstrated to keep their government from breaking the blockade and siding with the South. Dunayevskaya wrote and ruled in favor of the South in the U.S. Civil War, demonstrated to keep their government from breaking the blockade and siding with the South. Dunayevskaya wrote and ruled in favor of the South...

4. This refers to the massive May 1968 student and worker revolt in France. See Dunayevskaya’s Philosophy and Revolu-

5. The British workers’ support of the North in the U.S. Civil War was a crucial factor in the formation of the inter-

6. The Chicago Teachers Solidarity Campaign and John With Justice have put together a forum to be held in May, which will offer a glimpse into the leadership role that President’s new mayor Rahm Emanuel’s administration adds to the closing

TRIBUTE OF THE PEOPLE
The forum will also feature a speaker from ADAPT, the organization that advocates for the rights of people with disabilities, people with AIDS, and others of the most vulnerable (especially if they are also working-class and low-income), who will illuminate the effects of drastic cuts in spending for a long time.

The agencies that serve these communities are of ten labor unions, the Chicago Teachers Union and the Lutheran Social Services, the State’s largest provider of services, recently announced a $6 million funding shortfall for the coming year, a significant blow to the agencies that have been driven to the brink.

A number of special events have been planned to support the local move- ment as the kind of tributes of the people that will make these social relations transparent, as Black Lives Matter has done for so many issues, and as ADAPT has fought to do for the disabled.

It is a question of dignity and self-determination. This kind of discussion is timely. The Black workers and the people who are affected by cutbacks and austerity, should be a po- tent new beginning of the needed fightback. The focus on ‘financial’ issues as being basic to all the work opens up new areas to both practical and theoretical development.
by Olga Domanska

The concept of International Women’s Day was rooted in struggle, from its birth in 1911 as an act of solidarity with the organizing struggles of U.S. garment workers, through its core meaning with an actual revolutionary moment as in Russia in 1917, to its rediscovery at the end of the 1960s by a totally new Women’s Liberation Movement (WLM) which forced the Left to confront the fact that the “new society” it was fighting for had to mean totally new human relations and that means and ends could not be separated.

What makes the struggle so difficult today is that two kinds of obstacles are combined in one time.

One is the strongest action possible against the vicious dehumanization of women workers, the lethal attack on abortion rights, and the alarming increase in rapes, battering, poverty and unemployment. The other is the struggle against the regression in thought within the left that is manifested in the ever-widening gap between feminist theory, inside the academy and out, and the lives of Black and working women. The crisis here is doubly urgent because it rolls back on all fronts, that everything has to be rebought anew to find a pathway forward again.

The potential that is apparent in the regressive “changed” world, which has reached such an alarming point today, first appeared in the mid-1960s, in the Women’s Liberation Movement, which has impelled a call to attention, in her Introduction/Overview to Women’s Liberation and the Dialectics of Resolution, Olga Domanska points to the Hegelian “problem of philosophy when objective crises are so deep that you are facing an historic point. The specific philosophical elaboration on this very point was Hegel’s analysis of being the WLM to investigate was Hegel’s concept of “Life” in his Science of Logic.

It isn’t that other feminist theorists have not seen the importance of studying Hegel to confront the challenges of our time. Yet it is almost always the case that Hegel has been dismissed as “irrelevant” to current discussions, even when it is clear from his writings that he was thinking of many of the same issues that are so important today. For example, in her article “Revolutionary Feminism and Hegel’s ‘Kind’,” Olga Domanska has noted that Hegel’s idea of a “kind” that is autonomous and that represents “a new, fundamental, and radical way of thinking” means that Hegel was thinking of something that is relevant to the current movement.

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The journey towards this realization is a journey that has been going on for many years, and it is one that Hegel himself never saw to fruition. Hegel spent his life trying to bring together the various threads of his own thought, and in so doing, he created a new kind of understanding of the world that is relevant to our time.

One of the key ideas that Hegel developed was the notion of the “kind” or “species.” This concept is central to Hegel’s philosophy, and it is one that is important for understanding the relationship between the individual and the world around him.

The concept of “kind” is important because it helps us to understand the way in which individuals are related to the world around them. In Hegel’s philosophy, the “kind” is a general abstraction that represents the essence of a particular category of beings. It is a way of organizing the world into meaningful categories, and it is through this process that we can understand the relationship between the individual and the world around him.

Hegel believed that the individual is a part of a larger whole, and that this whole is made up of many different kinds. The individual is thus an abstraction, a generalization, and a way of thinking about the world.

In this way, Hegel’s concept of “kind” is a way of thinking about the world that is relevant to our time. It helps us to understand the way in which individuals are related to the world around them, and it provides us with a way of thinking about the world that is both meaningful and useful.

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"Paris climate accord's suicidal compromise spurs protests" (Jan.-Feb. 2016) shows us how profound our visions about climate change should be. Surely, the Green New Deal is insufficient, since it is not legally binding and doesn't do anything substantial to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. However, it is not enough to pose ourselves against this limited Agreement, and look for “better” accords that could be subject to world with alternative energy sources. No, our vision should go beyond the limits of capi- talism: we need a humanist conception of social change. That is implicit in today's struggle for an alternative path of development, and go deeper, to the self-activity of workers, Indigenous communities, women, students, etc. fighting against this capitalist society, while building a new one: to the place where this practi- cal self-activity is, at the same time, the self-activity of the truly of human liberation.

**Under the banner of "our work is not done yet,"" says Adelberto del Rio, Dr. King march in Los Angeles reiterated the contribution of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the defense of human rights. Among numerous banners, "We will not forget" was a pointed reminder of the senselessness of locking in the police in our cities. The presence of many cops made some people feel not so secure, and so much police brutality almost every other day. On the other side were banners perverting Black Lives Matter: "Black money matters," "Black business matters"—a reminder that capitalism even uses human tragedy to secure its well-being. Our work is truly not done until this system is uprooted and a new human society replaces it—a society that doesn't assas- sinate Black youth.

**Teacher Los Angeles***

The tearing down of refugees’ tents, a prominent Nazi who roughed up a Chicago Agitator, the prominent Nazi who roughed up a Chicago Agitator, and George Wallace movement and Mussolini’s rise to power, combined with Silvio Berlusconi’s control of the media. But as the French left moved away from the 1970s, the Communist Party excluded immigrants from municipal hous- ings. Projects on Christmas Eve, 1980, a hotel for homeless immigrants was bulldozed by order of the CP mayor of Vitry, a working-class town near Paris. Far-right forces have taken over enough populist rhetoric from that old, unprincipled Left to become a growing force throughout Europe. And with a sepa- ratal part of the Euro-American Left, fans of Miloise and Putin, might be said to have been born on that Christmas Eve. Olga was/is a friend of News and Letters Committee events. I also came regularly or occasionally to News and Letters Committees’ events. I also witnessed her deep knowledge of and letters to prison. After numerous years of the base-球 game, we finally convinced Olga to go to Wrigley Field and suffering through Cub games, we were happy. She was a very progressive person, Toward so many, whether the people came regularly or occasionally to News and Letters Committees’ events. I also witnessed her deep knowledge of and self-activity of Marxist-Humanism a philosophy that can save humanity and, indeed, the world. Thank-good-natured, every conversation spread the life-saving philosophy of Marxist-Humanism when she worked in the News and Letters Commit-tees. She never shied away from this. Her dedication to N&L and its important activities was obvious. The Inherits made me realize how she was the organizational person. Olga’s memorial made me realize how she was the organizational person.

**Young Marxist-Humanist Chicago***

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I extend to all members and friends of News and Letters Commit-tees my deep condolences on the pass- ing of Olga Domanski. Olga was a very touching person. Toward so many, whether the people came regularly or occasionally to News and Letters Committees’ events. I also witnessed her deep knowledge of and self-activity of Marxist-Humanism a philosophy that can save humanity and, indeed, the world. Thank-good-natured, every conversation spread the life-saving philosophy of Marxist-Humanism when she worked in the News and Letters Commit-tees. She never shied away from this. Her dedication to N&L and its important activities was obvious. Olga’s memorial made me realize how she was the organizational person.

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The news of Olga’s death made me very sad. I met Olga on May 1, 1990, in a very symbolic site: in the cemetery where the martyrs of Chicago Haymarket were laid to rest. I had the honor of talking with her and she always seemed to me a real democratic person.

May she rest in peace, and her liberatory thought, learned from Ray Doverspike, lived on in the souls of the brothers, sisters and comrades who continue in News and Letters Commit-tees. Olga was a very touching person. Toward so many, whether the people came regularly or occasionally to News and Letters Committees’ events. I also witnessed her deep knowledge of and self-activity of Marxist-Humanism a philosophy that can save humanity and, indeed, the world. Thank-good-natured, every conversation spread the life-saving philosophy of Marxist-Humanism when she worked in the News and Letters Commit-tees. She never shied away from this. Her dedication to N&L and its important activities was obvious. Olga’s memorial made me realize how she was the organizational person.

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**QUEER LIBERATION***

Most reviews of my book (see “Re- view: In The Hands of the Devil: A His- tory of Queer America,” Jan.-Feb. 2016) have neglected a topic that Adele high- lighted: the activity of Queer workers, to build unions and establish collective bargaining at LGBTQ-owned businesses and community centers. Pioneers of labor/LGBT politics shows how coal- itions can make a dynamic difference in our communities.

**Environmental justice activist Chicago***

Thank you for an accurate writing about David Bowie and fascism (“David Bowie’s legacy,” Jan.-Feb. 2016). Thank goodness for people like Bowie, those in the music business who helped him come back to being for liberation and for Bowie inspiring so many to be for liberation. African liberation to his and the Paris Accords’ scientist one is one of the issues still in this world. It’s reflect- ed in the current debate as to whether Bowie finally said he’s Bisexual, after saying early in his music career that he’s Bisexual, then in the 1980s saying he’s not. No matter whether he was Bisexual, writer Sally Kohn (@refinery29.com, on Jan. 11, said: “We were never supposed to go anywhere but simply to find our- selves.”) I had a dream of being in a world in which all the impossibilities. Bowie was an artist in the truest, most original sense of the word. With his music, his persona, and with his life, he painted a vision for a future we’re just now starting to inhabit. And it’s not set the ground for the debate for the electoral referendum? Can the social movements from below now regain their initiative? Eugene Walker Chicago

**TRUMPISM’S FASCISM & RACISM***

For months it has looked like the Trump campaign and the George Wallace movement and Mussolin- i’s rise to power, combined withSilvio Berlusconi’s control of the media. But as the French left moved away from the 1970s, the Communist Party excluded immigrants from municipal hous- ings. Projects on Christmas Eve, 1980, a hotel for homeless immigrants was bulldozed by order of the CP mayor of Vitry, a working-class town near Paris. Far-right forces have taken over enough populist rhetoric from that old, unprincipled Left to become a growing force throughout Europe. And a very vo- luntary embrace of the racist rule against its Indigenous major- ity. The social upheaval born out by Bolivia’s impoverished masses in 2000-2005 was demanding a far deeper and more radical than Morales and his party were prepared to undertake. Where 2000-2005 demonstrated a mas- sive upsurge of social movements, 2005-2006 focused more on state intervention in the mass social movements and the state, whether in the Indigenous city El Alto or in the fight for Indigenous rights in the UP- NIS region, came to the fore. This did not set the ground for the debate for the electoral referendum? Can the social movements from below now regain their initiative? Eugene Walker Chicago

**BLACK LIVES MATTER***

Have you heard about the young man named Steven Kay who was shot by police while asleep in his car? This hap- pened in Memphis. He was murdered by two police officers on Jan. 17, 2016 at 10 PM while he lay asleep waiting for a girlfriend to come home from work. Those officers, Ned Aufdenkamp, who has a very checkered past, and Matthew Dyess are back on the force though the investigation has not been completed. The officers, who were at this ap-
THE MOVEMENTS FROM PRACTICE AND FROM THEORY

Domanski talks about Dunayevskaya's unearthing facts from history, and putting them in the light ("Women thinkers and revolutionaries," Jan.-Feb. N&L). The movement of revolutionary masses being itself a form of revolutionary theory, is the "new light." Dunayevskaya gives to historical events taken for granted by official History. It is the responsibility of revolu-

Manuel Los Angeles

BERNA CACERES

It was awful to hear of the murder of Berta Caceres, Huna-

rass' champion of Indig-

enous rights and environmental justice. She had often been threatened from opprobrium to imposition and illegal logging. Capitalism has been doing this to Indigenous people for centuries. The story of the 100 Honduran activists have been murdered since 2010. As she said last year, "The political, economic and social situation in Honduras is getting worse and there is an imposition of a project of domination, of violent oppression, of militarization, of violations of human rights, of transnationalization, of the turning over of the rich and sovereignty of the land to corporate capital, to privatize energy, the rivers, the land, for mining exploitation, for the construction of development zones." Solidarity activist Midwest USA

WHY READ N&L?

Benjamin Anderson cited Hegel's idea that "newspapers serve modern theory and from Marx to Mao, as human beings it is our duty to put it mildly.

Raya Dunayevskaya

It is literally unbelievable that Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy can doubt that TRAP laws close abortion choice. That they do is a fact. These laws are directly responsible for the closing of clinics across the country and for the fact that now thousands of women—particularly in the South USA—have to travel hundreds of miles to obtain an abortion. If this isn’t an undue burden, then nothing is. The whole idea that an undue burden has to burden a huge number of women is obscene. If one woman is burdened by a ridiculous law thought up by an anti-abortion fanatic “think tank” for the sole purpose of making abortion hard to get, that is one thing. Many women are burdening a huge number of women who is obscene. If one woman is burdened by a ridiculous law thought up by an anti-abortion fanatic “think tank” for the sole purpose of making abortion hard to get, that is one thing. Many women are burdening a huge number of women.

Women's Liberation Chicago

VOICES FROM BEHIND THE BARS

As a state prisoner, I write to re-

quired subscription to your publication. Though I’ve been imprisoned for two decades, I was not aware of N&L until one of your contributor writers, Urvashi Wadlan, shared a copy of your latest issue while I was at my federal jury trial in San Francisco this past November (see “Prisoner bees legal odds to win guard retaliation suit,” Jan. Feb. N&L). I found the publication engaging and in-

spirational, and really enjoyed reading it. I am currently unsigned for your sub-

scription fee, but I anticipate that will change (I prevailed at trial and damages were awarded by the jury) and intend to furnish the fees at that time.

Jesse Perez

Delano, Calif.

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est ever thing in existence. I now believe that we can, and are obligated to do better than this.

I love the solidarity that your newspa-

per shows by commenting on the whole world. Please do continue to send me N&L if you can.

Prisoner Represa, Calif.

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Prisoner San Diego, Calif.

I am writing to request a subscrip-

tion to N&L. I’ve been incarcerated in the Illinois gulag system for 17 yrs. and trying to keep up with the outside world from this side of the wall is rather try-

ing, to put it mildly.

Mt. Sterling, Ill.

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Oakland, Calif.

SOVIET UNION...
Olga’s passion for justice and freedom

by Robert Taliaferro

In a world of constant change and struggle, it is rare to know a person who has had such an impact on the history and revolution of social change and Marxist-Humanism. Olga Domanski was such a person. She has been a pillar that has defined the foundation of News and Letters Committees for decades.

In 2002, at 78 years old, she wrote her first letter of support for a person going before the parole board. She never let this task down, but the power of her writing and art and she felt revealed “a man with exceptional intellect and a great feeling for humanity in all the colors, ages, nationalities and genders it includes.”

When someone receives that type of endorsement from someone who is so well-respected, it is impossible not to feel humbled and honored that a person so dedicated to the cause of justice and equality would take the time to write such a supportive letter.

Such was Olga’s instincts and beliefs. Such was her understanding of justice. Such was her recognition of the potential of every human being and her ability to exemplify and display the power of Marxist-Humanism in her life.

In 1955, she and the Communist party of the United States were among the first to denounce the Red Scare of the 1950s. She put in decades of grinding work in the organizing efforts to build the movement. She was always encouraging of philosophic questioning and the critical nature of Hegel’s work.

The real measure of a human being is not what they are required to do to enhance the common good, but the sacrifices that they will make to be above and beyond what is expected of them.

Olga was one of those people. She lived her life in such a way that I will miss the personal details, like her love of music, and the wealth of casual anecdotes from her life as part of an American Left that has all but disappeared. A Philadelphia native, her father was a sculptor of such renown among aficionados that he received mail addressed simply with his name followed by the word, “Philatelist.”

I don’t know what radicalized her, but Olga joined the Workers Party, a small socialist group, at the start of World War II, only to discover that she had become a member of a small but lively political movement, the state-capitalist tendency, within the larger group.

She and her comrades strove to convey their messages to the wartime working class, standing at factories gates and knocking on doors on what they called “Red Sundays” to distribute the group’s newspapers.

It was a hard life. She, like many of the radicals of the period, voluntarily “colonized” herself in an industry, later at a Body assembly plant in Detroit.

She vividly detailed this experience in a document entitled, “Pages From a Shop Diary.” (See “Olga Domanski: Embodiment of Woman as Rea- son,” Jan.-Feb. N&L.) She also lived and worked in Mexico and Argentina during what she thought was an important wave of post-war leftist strikes against mine operators and the United Mine Workers leadership.

Sharp factional battles accompanied these efforts. Life was certainly made no easier as she and her comrades were forced to work in a factory that was run by a male-oriented management and where the female workers were not allowed to possess any form of power or authority.

Olga made it clear that organization has to begin from an organization of thought, namely, Absolute Method, Hegelian dialectic of freedom as a self-moving force, something which could itself make a difference when humans realize in our own praxis and in life the struggle for freedom that spans “generations.” Though something of Olga’s organizational responsibility lives on in those who followed her, nothing will replace her presence, which will be sorely missed.

—Ron Kelch

Olga’s organizational responsibility is an apt conclusion for the life of Olga Domanski and the work of News and Letters Committees.

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Women battle war, terrorism and anti-abortion fanaticism

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facing women at risk of being murdered. This so-called “sidewalk counseling” consists of/seals yelling at women trying to get out, to block every woman’s way, taking pictures and videos of patients, passing out literature full of lies, and much more.

CLINIC ESCORTS ARE HEROES

Heroes of the movement are the escorts, all volunteer, who show up early every morning the clinic is open, no matter how cold or wet, and put their bod-

ies between the fanatics and women trying to access health care, and escort them to the clinic door.

The death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia in February may make it easier to obtain admitting privileges at a nearby hospital and require a new require-

tion to have the same standards as hospitals. But if it is a tie vote, which is likely, then the Texas law and others like it stand. If that happens it opens the door for reactionary legislation along similar laws and savage any clinics left in their states.

WAR, TERRORISM DESTROY WOMEN’S LIVES

Women’s lives, worldwide, have gotten worse. In- tercessors reported in February 2016, 18,000 women and girls are kidnapped each year, and by 2030, half a million girls could be kidnapped. Women are dying because of the failures of governments, to stop warring, to protect them, and to do something about the wars, tensions and terror.

In South Sudan, war between the government and rebels has been ongoing for years, and the president targets women and children for what has been described as an “unprecedented level of violence.” The UN says that up to 15,000 children are being killed every year in South Sudan.

ISIS has helped turn Syria into a killing field. They encourage the mass rape of Yazidi women in Iraq. Raping the Yazidi is ISIS created an organized method for murder and for turning women captives into sex slaves. It includes buses with covered windows to move women and girls from place to place, camps to hold them, a method to distribute them to ISIS fighter-

ers, laws about how the “slaves” should be treated and mass graves of women considered too old to be sexually useful. It is dehumanization on a massive, meticulously planned scale.

Boko Haram, an affiliate of ISIS, is purposely imposing war crimes and crimes against humanity. It includes mass rape and murder, being burned alive after rape and torture, and children and women are stolen from villages and burned as ritual sacrifice and ininculation.

The new women—60 women strong—hope someday to represent the two million women in the region, but the reach already goes beyond the borders of Nigeria, to Egypt, to women on US military bases, and to women working in the international oil companies. The women are determined to show the world she and others do exist, she helped begin a social media campaign, “Let’s Talk about Do-

mestic Workers.” She said, “We are no longer going to work for free or for a pittance, but when the domestic workers forced the government to raise their minimum wage.

The WORKER WHO WALKED INTO A KILLING FIELD

Domestic workers in Mexico, like their sisters in South Sudan, have been working for 15 years for the making, SINACTITRATI. The new union—60 women strong—hopes someday to represent the two million domestic workers in the region, but the reach already goes beyond Mexico City, as workers from Colima, Chiapas, Puebla, Guanajuato and other areas took part in organizing. Isaida, one of the domestic workers who worked with the union said, “I am very excited for today because it is a historical moment for domestic workers in Mex-

ico. From now on, we will have rights and no one will be able to take them away from us. Our rights will be respected, no more low salaries and disrespectful treatment. Our work is valuable.”

The need for unionism is clear in the case of Uganda’s 2013 ban on women going to Saudi Arabia to work as maids. There are new grounds for intrac-

tion is the problem. is an audio recording where young Ugandan women domestic workers in Saudi Arabia spoke of being tortured with beatings and burning, prompting the ban. A Human Rights Watch researcher explained some of the torture: women who “didn’t earn salaries for up to two to three years couldn’t get married, they were physically abused or sexually harassed. Some worked up to 20 horas di rum with no rest or days off. Others were subject to ‘sleep deprivation.’ Some were continuously beaten with a stick. Women employed in Saudi Arabia last year that included worker pro-

tection was never enforced. 4. Whatever is happening on the international level, it will only be the beginning of something when the women domestic workers organize themselves. It is to them who will make sure that laws on the books are also put into practice on the job.

BLACK WOMEN AS REASON OF REVOLUTION

In the U.S. too, it is the self-organization of Black Lives Matter and Black Women Partnership that can make a difference in the struggle for women’s bodies and lives. Whether groups like NARAL or the National Organization for Women know it or not, a new development between the two is hugely important and not only because it creates a relationship between the struggle for women’s lives/health and a movement made up of Black people that is challenging racism—the Achilles heel of American civilization. It is because what Black Lives Matter and Black Women Partnership are doing is revolutionary, a mass movement founded by women, Queers and Transgender and disabled people who have refused to be erased as lead-

ers of the movement have refused to succumb to the word of “leadership,” who insist on being who and what they are and are breaking new ground in the long struggle for freedom in the U.S. This is the moment for what we are seeing is just the latest step and it greatly deepens both movements.

Implicit in this new alliance of Trust Black Women Partnership and Black Lives Matter is that what they are fighting for cannot be realized under our present capitalist, racist, sexist, homophobic, anti-system, a system which feeds on racism, sexism and hatred and which, by its very nature, has an anti-human direction. What needs to be made evident is that the “call for the human rights of women, regardless of their gender identity or expression, to end a pregnancy, con-
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**Youth in Action**

by Natalia Spiegel

Campus protests against racism continue: After making a statement perceived as racist concerning students not fitting into a mold at Claremont McKenna College in California, the Dean had to resign.

Thomas Rochon, president of Ithaca College, where overt campus racism led to calls for his resignation, was elected as the 20th president last year. Since then, student protests there say this is unacceptable.

Two dormitories named after slaveholders at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., were renamed by the university administration. Students are still demanding the complete endowment and the recruitment of more Black professors.

At the University of Maryland, the stadium, which was named after arch-segregationist Cy Byrd, was renamed Maryland Stadium.

Amherst University, named after a British commander who gave smallpox-infected blankets to Native Americans, will retain that name, but will drop Lord Amherst as a symbol and mascot of the college.

The faculty at Brown University voted to rename Oct. 12 Indigenous People’s Day, and presented a petition, “We don’t celebrate genocide.”

At the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa, student activists physically blocked registration for the new semester, noting that their demand that student fees must fall had not been met, and that a freeze on fees did not result in any fee decreases. Students are also protesting the outsourcing of campus jobs and are calling for the “decolonialization of academic life, to make universities more inclusive of poor and working class students.”

The FeesMustFall movement is demanding the elimination of all registration fees so that poor students can also go to college.

On Feb. 1 students protesting University of Georgia’s policy to ban undocumented students were arrested after they refused to leave the administrative building. Undocumented youth are banned from being students and denied in-state tuition. Although students from the state have been given that privilege, the student occupation was also a reaction to a Georgia Supreme Court ruling that the University could not be compelled to recognize the state constitution’s declaration of “sovereign immunity” (citizens cannot sue state governments).

Although student protestors at the University of Missouri have been in the news because their campus racism have won significant victories, especially the resignation of racist university officials, on Feb. 4 they tried to have a dialogue with the university’s Board of Curators (Regents) and continued to demand that the university do more to eradicate racism. At the Curtators meeting, Black students once again presented their demands, including more Black faculty members. The Curtators and other university administrators said they were committed to act, but no specific new initiatives were announced.

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**Detroit schools need new ideas, political will**

Detroit, Mich.—Mass teacher “sick-outs” and “walk-ins”—with strong parent support—have rendered a laughstocking of Detroit Public Schools’ (DPS) Emergence Plan obsolete. Even the city’s black mayor, who, before the acquiesce, resigned in February, claimed “a few radical teachers” were depriving students of education. That lie crumbled when DPS, run by the state since 1999, struggles under emergency management, yet the latest assault from the Republican legislature holds the relative moral high ground, neither of these countries would want to act so brazenly as to provoke the other. Russia holds the relative moral high ground, the people of the U.S. would thereby lose the legitimacy to lead the administration to any other military.

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In the same way, the crimes of less powerful states such as Syria and Saudi Arabia could also be slowed or prevented. Such states should never again be allowed to hold the relative moral high ground, neither of these countries would want to act so brazenly as to provoke the people of the U.S. would thereby lose the legitimacy to lead the administration to any other military.

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Consider also Modi’s appointment of the obscure Hindu nationalist Y. Shashikant, a former member of the Indian Council of Historical Research. Rao decries standard research methods as “Marxist,” and has declared that ancient Hinduism was born and practiced accurately through study of the Hindu scriptures.

Many Indians are troubled, and disgusted, by this merger of religion and political power, and the gross misrepresentation and vulgarization of ancient texts is a crime in itself.

A VIOLENT MODERN FUNDAMENTALISM

Despite retrospective religious views, Modi has eyes set on the future. He makes wide use of social media, with a Twitter following second only to Barack Obama. He also has a virtual identity as the growing Indian capitalist class with an emphasis on high tech. They have profited by economic growth, unlike the standards of living which would be the case without their policies.

Modi’s neoliberal economic policies, mixed with xenophobia, populism, and a virulent form of Hindu nationalism, are often singled out as enemies in the eyes of Modi’s Hindu fundamentalist supporters.

These events followed what many termed the “institutional murder” of Dalit Ph.D. student Rohith Vemula, who killed himself after being denied a job and accused of sexual misconduct. The police ruled the death a suicide, but many since then have protested, demanding answers. Yet the Pope couldn’t find the time to meet with perhaps the most active social subjects in Mexico, the mothers and fathers of the disappeared students. Was it because they don’t see them as victims of their own system, but as members of a binary society in which the state has a right to decide who, and who is not, to be killed, and as a symbol of how once again, the Pope’s actions render women dying from thousands of illegal abortions.

"The Pope has a partial, limited, critical view of a demonstration at Jawaharlal Nehru University, the failed revolts of the 1960s, articulated the critique of ideology, and the re-establishment of the new humanism. As against the vanguard party, the work of the body of ideas of Marxist-Humanism, was founded in 1955, the organization of Marxist-Humanists. It has always been a form of theory and the movement from practice which is itself a form of theory and the movement from philosophy to practice in Dunayevskaya’s three major works.

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