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ECONOMICS

Inflation: A Knife in the Back of the Working Class

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As gas prices, groceries, utilities and rent continue to increase at an alarming rate, the average worker is the one bearing the additional costs and consequences of one of the most nefarious and volatile capitalist-imperialist structures to be conceived. In addition to the failed response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Biden Administration has graciously allocated 13.6 billion dollars (of the 1.5 trillion spending bill signed March 12, 2022) to “lethal aid” and financial support to the new proxy war frontier in Ukraine, just as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) monthly averages reach their highest points since the housing crisis of 2008.1 Below are the respective figures. The CPI is a representation of the average change

over time of prices and costs of consumer goods and services purchased by households within the US.

It seems that monetary policy and prioritization are rarely in the interests of the working class. Take into account the massive covert bailout operations conducted by the Federal Reserve Board as recently as July 2020, where “The Fed data released this morning [March 31st, 2022] shows that the trading units of six global banks received \$17.66 trillion of the \$28.06 trillion in term adjusted cumulative loans, or 63 percent of the total for all 25 trading houses (primary dealers) that borrowed through the Fed’s repo loan program in the first quarter of 2020.” How can the “richest country in the history of the world” allocate such vast resources that are needed

by not only its struggling citizens and workers, but those who have been subjected to the ramifications of economic sanctions, embargoes and military coups, and instead allocate quite readily to oligarchic, monopolistic financial institutions, some of which are not even based in the United States? The proletariat (the working class) and the lumpen (those defined as outside the workforce) are the populations that are subjected to the most scrutiny, vulnerability, and exploitation in addition to the cascading effects that inflation derives. This is demonstrated as markets around the world are anticipating an upcoming food shortage, increasing gas prices and services, as well as another potential spike in Coronavirus cases, prompting the United States to further privatize testing and care. With

another “recession” looming due to capitalist greed and senility, the capitalist system attempts to sustain and save itself with the value extracted from the working class, both domestic and international. This is done by laundering it back into the same conglomerates and institutions that perpetuate the exploitation, as represented in the past few years of reverse repurchase agreements conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Considering the all-time high of 1,904.58 billion dollars achieved on December 31st, 2021 in Overnight Reverse Repurchase agreements, it is clear where the interests and the objectives of the capitalist class lie, and it is always associated with maintaining systemic posture when it goes through its cyclical declines.

INTERNATIONAL

SHOWING SOLIDARITY

PCUSA & LYC Travel to Western Sahara to Attend the 10th Congress of UJSARIO



Photo Courtesy of Joe Morman

PCUSA and LYC representatives Joe Morman (4th from left) and Christopher Helali (5th from left) attended the 10th Congress of UJSARIO in Western Sahara. Our comrades traveled to Tindouf, Algeria to work with the people of Western Sahara

By Joe Morman

Christopher Helali and Joe Morman of the Party of Communists USA and the League of Young Communists USA attended the 10th Congress of the UJSARIO, which took place from May 20 to May 22 in the Sahrawi refugee camps in Tindouf, Algeria. The UJSARIO is the youth organization of the Polisario Front, the leading

party of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic which has been fighting a struggle for national liberation in Western Sahara against Moroccan colonialism, aided by US-EU-NA-TO imperialism, for almost 50 years.

On the first morning, they visited several locations to learn about the plight of the Sahrawi people. They saw pictures of the victims of Moroccan aggression, including pictures

of those who had been tortured, murdered, or held as political prisoners for decades. They visited the Museo Nacional de la Resistencia, which had an exhibit of the Moroccan wall which now divides Western Sahara. The museum also contained several weapons, vehicles, etc. which had been captured from the Moroccans along with the countries of origin

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WORLD

A Statement from The Russian Communist Worker's Party



Video games are the most widespread destroyer of free time of the left youth from 14 to 30 years old. That is, in the most productive period for the formation of a person’s personality, when in general the formation of his worldview takes place and the person is full of strength, energy, but often still does not have his own family, work, etc., having relatively large amounts of free time. How will he manage them? It all depends on your life goals and priorities. However, their skillful definition and arrangement is a sign of maturity. Young supporters of socialism in no small number devote their leisure time to computer games, sometimes not thinking about the fact that this time could be spent in a completely different way, for the benefit of themselves and the movement that the young man sympathizes with. Why? Because they don’t feel the need, they don’t realize and don’t see the importance of their actions, they don’t have the desire, they don’t see the meaning ... There are many reasons. But, be that as it may, it is to them that Semin’s appeal is addressed. And this call is also the question: “How important and necessary is all this for you?”

WOMEN

Women’s issues and the working woman

A Statement from Women for Racial and Economic Equality

The fate of the bodily security of over 150 million American women will be determined by nine unelected justices, less than half of whom are women. The Supreme Court established a women’s political right to abortion nearly half a century ago. Today, we are once again in a struggle, as the conservative corporate-controlled Supreme Court prepares for an attack on women’s rights in America.

Women in this country have always been placed with the double burden of unpaid domestic

work and employment (both essential to a functioning society), doubly exploited at home and the workplace. This is unappealing to working women of our time, and the brunt of capitalism has resulted in the inability to afford to raise children, which has resulted in a decline in reproduction rates. With these economic conditions, having a child is often inconceivable even for those that do want children. The cost-of-living increases while wages remain stagnant. The rising costs of healthcare and education cause many men and women to fall into bankruptcy or spend years trying to pay off loans. These financial burdens make it difficult for people to afford homes, causing many people to realize they cannot

afford children, thus leading to a lower birth rate. The root of the issue is capitalism.

To reduce the demand for abortions, women must first be provided with access to free and quality birth control, emergency contraceptives, sex education, etc., in order to prevent unwanted pregnancies in the first place. In addition, we must establish a network of aid and support for women, mothers, and families. It should not be controversial to state as working-class women, that we must strive for a society where abortion demands decline through expanding the study of women’s health, through access to healthcare and contraceptives, and using abortion as the last option.

That does not mean limiting

abortion under any circumstances – sometimes abortions are needed to save the lives or health of pregnant women or for victims of rape or incest. When women’s health is a priority, when women have their basic needs met, and when we finally break free from wage slavery, then we will see less demand for abortions. We need to remember this when we fight for abortion. When we fight for women’s rights, we are not beginning and ending with the right to an abortion. In our fight to defend women’s rights, we can never lose sight of the multifaceted class warfare against women. As working-class women, we will always resolutely defend the interests of working women in this country.

LABOR

Around 50 Migrant Workers Die in San Antonio, Texas Crash

A Statement from the Progressive Center for a Pan-American Project

About 50 migrant workers killed yesterday in San Antonio, Texas

Yesterday afternoon the news was released that in the city of San Antonio, Texas, in the United States, at least 50 migrant workers had suffocated to death inside the box of a trailer, another 16 were hospitalized. So far it is known that 22 of the deceased migrant workers are Mexican.

Immediately there were reactions from the authorities of the countries involved. While the Mexican authorities, through Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard, regret the events and assure that they will support the relatives of the victims to transport the remains of the deceased migrant workers, the United States authorities politicize the issue with accusations of a weak immigration policy by President Biden.

The United Trade Union Coordinator of Mexico (CSUM) in the face of this tragedy accuses the authorities of the two countries for their responsibility in the events; because the current immigration

policy of the US government only aims to stop migration in a “more humane” way, but, strictly speaking, it remains the same anti-immigrant policy of former President Donald Trump; while the assistance programs that the Mexican government offers to Central American countries to contain migratory flows have no social impact.

This tragedy is not an isolated or casual event, so far this century there have been at least three other similar events and several more tragedies of migrants that occur while being persecuted by the Border Patrol.

It is true that there are mafias of human traffickers, but these only exist because anti-immigrant policies favor their proliferation, it is true that these mafias exploit the needs of migrant workers, but the main exploitation that migrant workers face continues to be that comes from their status as illegal migrants, since their labor and human rights are violated.


In the world, anti-immigrant policies are radicalized and give rise to mass murders such as the one that occurred last Friday, June 24, in Melilla, Morocco, where 23 migrant workers were murdered by the border police and the gendarmerie of that country and

whose responsibility reaches to the authorities of the Spanish State.


For the United Trade Union Coordinator of Mexico (CSUM) this situation will not change until we change the economic system that generates it, meanwhile we will

continue denouncing discrimination and racism against migrant workers and promoting their organization and the defense of their rights as workers regardless of their nationality, origin or language; either in our country or in the United States.

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INTERNATIONAL

“As Goes Donbass, so Goes the World”

A Statement from
U.S. Friends of the
Soviet People

Sanctions are common amongst American citizens today in 2022; just try adding the word ‘Cuba’ to a PayPal transaction, and find your account frozen. Censorship is now a dinner table talking point for working class Americans, as our Facebook profiles are restricted, or our Twitter accounts are suspended. The writer of these article has experienced these actions anyways, from 2017 onwards, long before 2022. And before 2017, there was Comrade Russell “Texas” Bentley, who went to Donbass in 2014, in response to the atrocities and one-sided media reporting he saw on television of post coup Ukraine.

Russell “Texas” Bentley had lived a colorful life within the United States, from smuggling marijuana, being incarcerated and escaping, to running a tree-trimming business, but he had always been a socialist, sporadically attending ISO events in Seattle (International Socialist Order, a trotskyist 1970s New Left group which as of recently dissolved itself into the Democratic Socialists of America organization).



Photo courtesy of Tejas Donbas

Russell “Texas” Bentley poses for a photo in front of a memorial for the people of the Donetsk People’s Republic

He went to Russia in 2014, crossing the border into the Donetsk Peoples’ Republic, with little money and only a few duffel bags of clothes and uniforms, as this was in his mind, ‘the right thing to do.’ And with some disbelief by the military recruiters in the DPR, Russell then began training and entered the ranks as a DPR soldier. Our comrade Russell Bentley survived battle after battle, once only feet away from a mortar strike. He gained knowledge and prestige. The Russian-speaking inhabitants called him “Texas”, first of all because this word’s Russian translation is easy to pronounce, and second, because he is from Texas. And so Texas did the work of the poor bloody infantry, paid his time, and earned his respect,

and learned new trades. He is still a soldier, but he also married, and began working in information warfare and humanitarian aid.

Texas runs a humanitarian aid channel long before the 2022 US/ NATO-Russia-Ukraine conflict, an organization called Donbass Human Aid (donbasshumanaid.com), which supports children, families and the reconstruction of infrastructure in the Donbass region. He also writes articles and does reporting across many websites, and he has a Telegram channel (t.me/TXDPR). It is peculiar to be correct about future things which transpire, and Texas was a ‘premature antifascist’ (taking these words describing American volunteers in

the Abraham Lincoln and George Washington battalions of 1930s Spain) long before the 2022 conflict. What suddenly became news to everyday Americans was always news for those who followed the reports from Comrade Russell from Donbass. And so logically, the US government shut down all of Comrade Texas’ social media pages and channels.

Texas’ work and actions have been absolved by history, and we in the Party of Communists USA are appreciative of his continued contact with us, likewise with other American expatriots Jeff Monson and Donald Courtier, who have all contributed to US Friends of the Soviet People publications and events like the celebration of the Great October Socialist Revolution. We look forward to further reports of success, and will send a delegation in the future to our dear comrades in the Peoples Republics of Donetsk and Luhansk.

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which supplied them. It was there that they learned that the USA provided more weapons to Morocco than any other country between 1975 and 2016. Several landmines were shown as well, including a Moroccan landmine from 2001 which was placed during the ceasefire. The armed struggle resumed on November 13, 2020, due to Moroccan aggression.

The Congress itself began

later that evening. An introductory ceremony was followed by a speech from Brahim Gahli, the president of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic. Members of foreign parties then gave speeches of solidarity. Dozens of parties were in attendance, and this is where several contacts were made between the PCUSA/LYCUSA and other parties.

On Saturday, the delegation went to the building of the Sahrawi women’s organization to continue their discussions. Here they focused on bringing forward

ideas for how international groups could help support the Sahrawis. Our comrades brought up the idea of holding community events and rallies, as well as open webinars, to raise public awareness about the situation in Western Sahara and the refugee camps. They also discussed putting pressure on local politicians to prevent the United States from giving more military equipment to Morocco, among other ideas like boycott campaigns and providing supplies to the camps. Particular attention was brought to the need for supplies to provide much-needed vocational training for Sahrawi women.

On Sunday, the international observers met again with President Brahim Gahli, who gave a speech to the youth organizations present for the UJSARIO Congress. The leader of the Polisario Front expressed the view that the Sahrawi people would be willing to accept any relationship with the USA that would lead to peace. Our comrades will never forget the struggle which the Sahrawi people face every day, both in the fighting in Western Sahara and in the refugee camps, and we will continue to work with them to the fullest extent possible to achieve the ultimate goal of national liberation which has for so long been unjustly denied to them.



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ECONÓMICAS

Inflación: un cuchillo en la espalda de la clase trabajadora

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A medida que los precios de la gasolina, los comestibles, los servicios públicos y el alquiler continúan aumentando a un ritmo alarmante, el trabajador promedio es el que soporta los costos y las consecuencias adicionales de una de las estructuras capitalistas-imperialistas más infames y volátiles que se puedan concebir; además de la respuesta fallida a la pandemia de COVID-19, la administración Biden ha asignado amablemente 13.600 millones de dólares (del proyecto de ley de gastos de 1,5 billones firmado el 12 de marzo de 2022) para “ayuda letal” y apoyo financiero a la nueva frontera de guerra de poder en Ucrania, justo cuando los promedios mensuales del índice de precios al consumidor (IPC) alcanzan sus puntos más altos desde la crisis

de la vivienda de 2008. A continuación se muestran las cifras respectivas. El IPC es una representación del cambio promedio en el tiempo de los precios y costos de los bienes y servicios de consumo adquiridos por los hogares dentro de los EE. UU.

Parece que la política monetaria y la priorización rara vez favorecen los intereses de la clase trabajadora. Tenga en cuenta las operaciones masivas de rescate encubiertas realizadas por la Junta de la Reserva Federal en julio de 2020, donde “Los datos de la Reserva Federal publicados esta mañana [31 de marzo de 2022] muestran que las unidades comerciales de seis bancos globales recibieron \$ 17,66 billones de los \$ 28,06 billones en préstamos acumulados ajustados a plazo, o el 63 por ciento del total de las 25 casas comerciales (principales operadores) que to-

maron prestado a través del programa de préstamos repo de la Reserva Federal en el primer trimestre de 2020”. ¿Cómo puede el “país más rico en la historia del mundo” asignar recursos tan vastos que necesitan no solo sus ciudadanos y trabajadores en

apuros, sino también aquellos que han estado sujetos a las ramificaciones de sanciones económicas, embargos y golpes militares, y en su lugar asignar fácilmente a instituciones financieras oligárquicas y monopolísticas, algunas de las cuales ni siquiera tienen su sede en los Estados Unidos? El proletariado (la clase trabajadora) y el lumpen (aquellos definidos como fuera de la fuerza laboral) son las poblaciones que están sujetas al mayor escrutinio, vulnerabilidad y explotación además de los efectos en cascada que deriva de la inflación. Esto se demuestra

a medida que los mercados de todo el mundo anticipan una próxima escasez de alimentos, aumentando los precios de la gasolina y los servicios; así como otro aumento potencial en los casos de coronavirus, lo que lleva a los Estados Unidos a privatizar aún más las pruebas y la atención. Con otra “recesión” que se avecina debido a la codicia y la senilidad capitalista, este sistema capitalista intenta sostenerse y salvarse con el valor extraído de la clase trabajadora, tanto nacional como internacional.

Considerando el máximo histórico de 1,904.58 mil millones de dólares alcanzado el 31 de diciembre de 2021 en acuerdos de recompra inversa durante la noche, es claro dónde están los intereses y los objetivos de la clase capitalista, y siempre se asocia con mantener una postura sistémica cuando atrae sus caídas cíclicas

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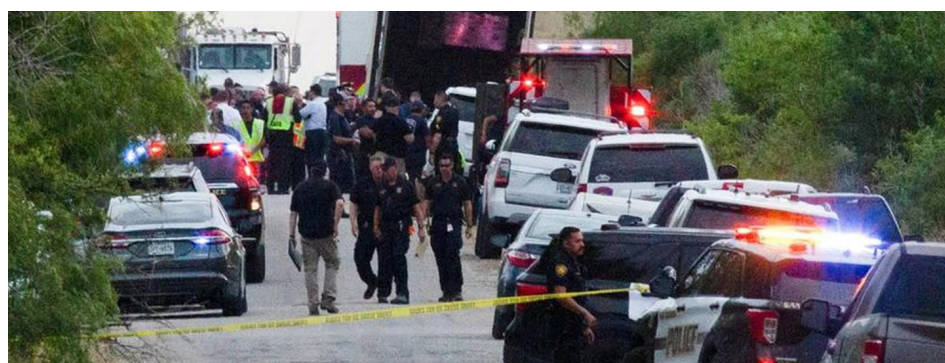
SOBRE LOS 50 TRABAJADORES MIGRANTES MUERTOS

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México

La tarde de ayer se dio a conocer la noticia de que en la ciudad de San Antonio, Texas, en los Estados Unidos, al menos 50 trabajadores migrantes habían fallecido asfixiados dentro de la caja de un tráiler, otros 16 fueron hospitalizados. Hasta ahora se sabe que 22 de los trabajadores migrantes fallecidos son mexicanos.

Inmediatamente hubo reacciones de las autoridades de los países involucrados. Mientras las autoridades mexicanas a través del canciller Marcelo Ebrard lamentan los hechos y aseguran que apoyarán a los familiares de las víctimas para el traslado de los restos de los trabajadores migrantes fallecidos, las autoridades de Estados Unidos politizan el tema con acusaciones de una política migratoria débil por parte del presidente Biden.

La Coordinadora Sindical Unitaria de México (CSUM) ante esta tragedia acusa a las autoridades de



los dos países por su responsabilidad en los hechos; pues la actual política migratoria del gobierno de los EE UU, sólo pretende frenar la migración de manera “más humana”, pero, en estricto, sigue siendo la misma política antimigrante de ex presidente Donald Trump; en tanto los programas asistenciales que el gobierno mexicano ofrece a los países centroamericanos para contener los flujos migratorios no tienen impacto social alguno.

Esta tragedia no es un hecho aislado ni casual, en lo que va del presente siglo se han registrado por lo menos otros tres hechos similares y varias tragedias más de migrantes que ocurren mientras son perseguidos por la Border Patrol.

Es verdad que hay mafias

de traficantes de personas, pero éstas sólo existen porque las políticas antimigrante favorecen su proliferación, es verdad que estas mafias explotan la necesidad de los trabajadores migrantes, pero la principal explotación a la que se enfrentan los trabajadores migrantes sigue siendo la que proviene de su condición de migrantes ilegales, pues son vulnerados sus derechos laborales y humanos.

En el mundo las políticas antimigrantes se radicalizan y dan origen a asesinatos masivos como el que ocurrió el pasado viernes 24 de junio, en Melilla, Marruecos, donde 23 trabajadores migrantes fueron asesinados por la policía fronteriza y la gendarmería de ese país y

cuya responsabilidad alcanza a las autoridades del Estado español.

Para la Coordinadora Sindical Unitaria de México (CSUM) esta situación no va a cambiar mientras no cambiemos el sistema económico que la engendra, mientras tanto seguiremos denunciando la discriminación y el racismo contra los trabajadores migrantes y fomentando su organización y la defensa de sus derechos como trabajadores independientemente de su nacionalidad, origen o idioma; ya sea en nuestro país o en los Estados Unidos.



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