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THE RISE OF AMERICAN NEO-FASCISM: NOTES ON THE DONALD TRUMP PRESIDENCY.

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Marxism-Leninism defines fascism as the open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinist and most imperialist elements of a ruling class exercised through a fascist political party or organization having a mass base.

- The current era is one of a weakening U.S. imperialism, wedged as it is in between rising Chinese social-imperialism and a less powerful but important E.U. imperialism. Moreover, under the impetus of the U.S. industrialists' wish to outsource manufacturing jobs overseas because of cheap labor costs, they have unwittingly laid the seed of a manufacturing boom in many otherwise under-developed parts of the world. These have developed their own infrastructures and now possess a trained proletariat that is poised to become an increasing challenge to U.S. industrial market share.

-- As the late British Marxist-Leninist Bill Bland previously stated while analyzing American capitalism in the era of the Watergate Affair, the Democratic Party had become the representative of financial capital - so-called "Yankee capitalists."

- The Republican Party had become the party of the advanced aerospace and technology industries, and the oil industry - the so-called "cowboy" wing of the capitalists.

- The Great Recession of the 21st century is one where financial capital created a vortex of debt based on no real working class-produced assets, known to Marx as "mythical" or "fictional capital." Accordingly, its political representatives Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton shored up its profits and gave Wall Street new lease on life. They intend to continue this path. The Democratic Party nailed the pseudo-socialist Bernie Sanders for his attempts to raise these issues. They have also sidelined the capable Elizabeth Warren for daring to disagree with the Clinton Dynasty.

- The Republican Party has been unable to define a clear path forward. They are in a true crisis - not one just depicted as such by the bourgeois press.

- Firstly, the dramatic surge in oil supply, and the challenges of liquid oil have been a challenge to the profits and power of one traditional stalwart of the Republican Party.

- Added to which the high-tech service industry of this era, namely "Silicon Valley" and its denizens, have been until now fed by intellectual labor immigration from overseas, especially from India and China. But increasingly this sector has been under attack from E.U. challenges and labor unrest in China, where much of their products are made in the labor-hells of Guangzhou and Shenzhen, etc. Finally, the recent FBI attacks can be seen as an attempt by the finance capitalists to undermine the Silicon Valley capitalists.

- In this situation, the difficulties of the capitalist state are exacerbated by a rising unemployment rate, a move towards declining real wages, and the movement from below to raise the minimum wage.

- All this has created an enormous pressure on the Republican Party. Hence the rise of the "Tea Party," which represent-



ed the restless petty-bourgeois and elements of the disenfranchised white working class. But the "Tea Party" was not able to put a mass party together or to gain mass support. Hence, the rise of Donald Trump.

- Donald Trump represents the interests of the most reactionary wing of the monopoly bourgeoisie, with the support of the petty-bourgeoisie and small producers, and trying to build a mass movement by penetrating into the working class as far as possible based on demagogic and right-wing populism.

- Trump's wealth is mainly based on the real estate market and service industries, run through the multinational conglomerate known as the Trump Organization.

- A fascist dictatorship makes use of an organized social base, particularly among the petty-bourgeoisie. Fascism seeks to build its mass base primarily among the petty-bourgeoisie and lumpenproletariat, but also seeks to extend its influence as far as is possible into the working class and its organizations.

- Let us look the facts straight in the eye: the Trump campaign was neo-fascist in character, adapted to the conditions of American monopoly capitalism.

- It is a fallacy to think that a fascist movement only arises in response to a mass working class movement. The Italian fascists had already smashed Gramsci and the worker's movement when it launched itself. Similarly, in the USA, a real, mass working class movement is absent.

- The objective of the turn to fascism is not to smash the organized working class, but to preempt it from developing.

- Fascism has taken many forms historically dependent on the specific material conditions in the given nation in which it manifests. Being openly anti-rational, fascism in its initial stages is more a collection of attitudes formed by a particular world outlook than a coherent movement or organized party. Fascist ideology belongs to reactionary and radically right-wing sentiments that are amorphous by their very nature. The Trump campaign represented a proto-fascist movement rapidly developing in the direction of full-blown fascism, acquiring more and more of the characteristics of

a fascist movement, even if the details of its program were constantly changing, full of inconsistencies and blatantly opportunistic. This opportunism is typical of fascist movements.

- Signs of this included its repeated pledges to "restore American greatness," talk of national decline and aggressive foreign policy, abusively racist and extremist rhetoric appealing to voters' worst fears and prejudices, openly chauvinist attitudes towards women, and demagogic "anti-capitalist" propaganda. The xenophobic, rabble-rousing billionaire Trump made mass mobilization his main goal, urging his followers to blame their economic troubles on Mexican immigrants and Muslims, exploiting ethnic stereotypes and fear of foreigners. He threatened to ban Muslim immigration, place Muslims on a national registry and murder the relatives of terrorists, even while he paid lip service to pseudo-radical "anti-capitalism," attacking Wall Street for ruining the economy and making puppets out of mainstream politicians. Trump also openly condoned and encouraged violence at his rallies, and a short-lived paramilitary calling itself the "Lion's Guard" formed around him.

The ascendance of Donald Trump to the presidency of the United States represents an unprecedented disaster for the working peoples of the U.S. and the working classes of the entire world. The election of a neo-fascist. In short, Donald Trump's election represents a neo-fascist movement adapted to the conditions of the USA led by an "alt-right" dema-

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EDITORIAL A NEW BEGINNING, A REAFFIRMED COMMITMENT

"The era of proletarian revolutions has only just begun. The emergence of socialism is a historical necessity emanating from the very development of society. It is inevitable. The counterrevolutions that have occurred, the obstacles that have arisen, may prolong the outmoded exploiting system for some time; but they are powerless to stem the advance of human society towards its socialist future." - Enver Hoxha

This year marks the centennial of the Great October Socialist Revolution. Around the world, communists and class-conscious revolutionaries, are not merely celebrating the anniversary of this world-shaking event; but, are using this occasion to reaffirm their commitment to the cause of proletarian revolution and socialism. The Age of the Proletarian Revolution continues. The achievements and experience gained, the lessons learned, the battles lost and won, all form the living history from which we draw nourishment and inspiration.

We, in the American Party of Labor, would like to take this occasion to announce that we have taken a major step forward. Starting with this issue, the issue you are now holding in your hands, The Red Phoenix will be a bi-monthly print publication. We trust that a print version of the Red Phoenix will serve to deepen and concretize our organizing efforts. And not just that, but it will also help us hone our political skills by giving us the ability to further spread our message in the streets through more boots-on-the-ground participation in mass and popular struggles.

We've come a long way; but we're still at the beginning of the road. Let this newspaper be another step on that road, the road to freedom and socialism. That road opened up in 1917, it will continue until the final victory of the working class on a global stage. We are all travelling on that road. Join us, for the journey will lead to your victory.

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gogue, putting a shiny new face on fascist politics.

Trump is not ideologically a Hitlerite fascist but is an Americanized version of fascism, similar to other fascist rulers who weren't allied with the Axis powers. This does not mean we should relax our guard for an instant, as he is laying the basis for the USA to step by step, march towards a fascist dictatorship.

Although there have been some personnel changes, an analysis of Trump's initial cabinet is telling:

Jeff Sessions (Attorney General), close association of white nationalists and opponent of birthright citizenship, denounced by Coretta Scott King for being racist, lover of the CIA and mass surveillance, **Wilbur Ross** (Secretary of Commerce) billionaire monopolist Trump donor who drew criticism for safety failures after an explosion killed 12 workers at a coal mine owned by his company, **Ben Carson** (Secretary of Housing and Urban Development) retired surgeon who admits himself he isn't qualified to be in the Cabinet, **James Mattis** (Secretary of Defense) an extreme war hawk removed from command in 2013 for his hardline behavior, **Ryan Zinke** (Secretary of the Interior) freshman Congressman with an anti-environment record who doesn't believe in climate change, **Betsy DeVos** (Secretary of Education) billionaire heresi anti-public school crusader who favors unregulated charter schools, **Rex Tillerson** (Secretary of State) ExxonMobil executive with no experience in the public sector, **Steve Mnuchin** (Treasury Secretary) a hedge-fund manager and one of the chief architects of the financial crisis, became infamous for his bank's cruel foreclosure practices, **Elain Chao** (Secretary of Transportation) former head of the Bush Administration Labor Department that was investigated and found to regularly fail to protect the rights of low-wage workers, **Andy Puzder** (Secretary of Labor) A fast-food CEO who opposes minimum wage increases and worker protections; one remarked that machines don't need days off, sick days, or maternity leave and don't file lawsuits, **John Kelly** (Secretary of Homeland Security) retired general and immigration hardliner who fa-

vors mass deportations and ICE raids, **Tom Price** (Secretary of Health and Human Services) staunch opponent of women's rights and access to contraception who supports cuts to Medicare and Medicaid and has already tried to overturn the Affordable Care Act, **Rick Perry** (Secretary of Energy) former Governor of Texas and climate change denier who wants to eliminate his own department completely, **Scott Pruitt** (EPA Administrator) former Oklahoma Attorney General and climate change denier who sued the EPA to roll back its efforts for clean water and clean air and tackle climate change. **Stephen Bannon** (Chief Strategist) alt-right former banker and self-proclaimed white supremacist, former chief executive editor of the far-right Breitbart News.

This "alt-right," like the National Socialists before them, pose as revolutionaries while they represent militarism, fascism, racism, chauvinism, and clearly represent the most reactionary parts of monopoly capital. The ruling class has made their peace with him, liberals wilted at the sight of him and have put up no serious resistance.

Economic crisis, aggravation of class struggle, and the intensification of imperialist aggression are the result, as well as attempts to ban Muslim immigration, including a ban on Syrians, anti-protest legislation, de-funding of the arts, twisting of the media, revival of the Dakota Access Pipeline, and recently threatening war with Mexico, North Korea, and Iran.

It's not just a question of historical necessity; it is a question of survival. We are in the darkest situation in the USA in decades, possibly even a century. Trump's brand of atavistic, reckless American ultra-nationalism can only be defeated through militant, organized mass action. Armed with a clear analysis of the situation, revolutionary, progressive and mass organizations must prepare themselves for prolonged and intensified struggle.

The threat is defined. The battle lines have been drawn. History will not be denied. The tomb of fascism must and will see the birth of socialism. Thus it has been. Thus it will be again.

STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN PARTY OF LABOR IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF CATALONIA

The ongoing developments with respect to the Catalan national question and the violent repression meted out by the Spanish government have rightfully provoked impassioned responses from revolutionary parties and proletarian forces across the globe. Scenes of jackbooted riot cops wading into crowds, kicking and beating down unarmed protesters, recalls the Fascist past of Francoist Spain as clearly as the Fasces which still adorn the uniforms of every Guardia Civil in the country.

The American Party of Labor has sought to rescue and uphold the legacy of proud Communist revolutionaries and antifascists of the United States from the clutches of revisionism, Browderism, and opportunistic Brezhnevism. We recall the immortal heroes, including our own Comrade Jack Shulman, who once crossed the ocean to battle Spanish Fascists and uphold the spirit of proletarian internationalism under the banner of Comrade Stalin. It was the Abraham Lincoln Battalion of the 15th International Brigade which stood out as a shining example of why proletarian internationalism is at the heart of the revolutionary battle against capitalism. These brave antifascist heroes were the first historical example of a racially integrated military force assembled in the United States and the first military force in our history to be led by a black man, the legendary Oliver Law. Through this experience we understand internationalism not to be separate from our work here at home, but in fact a fundamental part of the struggle for proletarian revolution. It is therefore our responsibility not only to working class Catalans, but to the working class and oppressed nation peoples here at home who suffer under the white supremacist capitalist system to offer this statement in solidarity to the people of Catalonia.

As Stalin reminds us in *Marxism and the National Question*, national liberation takes a variety of forms with respect to the particulars of every nation. Self-determination is seen as an essential right of every nation, but autonomy is not always the optimal outcome for proletarian forces. Each instance of the national question, which can be conceived of in bourgeois or proletarian terms, takes on a progressive or regressive character based on the present material conditions and the forces which drive them. In this regard, the Catalan question is subject to unique conditions which no other nation faces, as is the case with every nation.

Within the confines of the Catalan national struggle, there are clearly both proletarian and bourgeois forces which have fought for the heart of the movement. Prominent Catalan nationalists like Artur Mas, of the decidedly corrupt, disgustingly liberal, and socially backwards Democratic Convergence of Catalonia (CDC), played a key role in the government of the Catalan autonomous

province. These forces have advocated for regressive policies on subjects like gay rights and abortion, and pushed for economic liberalism which only served to weaken the Spanish working class during some of the worst years of the economic crisis that gravely impacted the whole of Spain. Yet it was the left-leaning Catalan nationalist Popular Unity Candidacy (CUP) who lead the way towards removing Mas from the Catalan presidency. The working class forces are thus organized to a degree against the most egregious practices of economic liberalism. They work to push these elements to the margins of the Catalan national struggle.

The character of the struggle is not limited only to the internal struggles of the Catalan autonomous province. The exact borders of the Catalan nation are the subject of some debate, as the Catalan language extends far beyond the borders of what the Spanish government recognizes as "Catalonia." Like the Basque Country, there is a French Catalan province, and there is a community of Catalan speakers in the Principality of Andorra. The Catalan language is also commonly used in a large portion of the Spanish province of Valencia, as well as the Balearic Islands and even as far as sections of Sardinia. This also raises the issue of how widespread Catalan culture is in these areas and to what degree those communities identify with the Catalan nation, if at all. In addition to the questions surrounding the Catalan communities in neighboring Spanish provinces, the Catalan national question also raises issues of organizing a proletarian Spanish revolution. A few Leftist parties and organizations have raised concerns with respect to the weakening of proletarian forces in Spain if Catalonia's national liberation struggle were to take a bourgeois direction.

Yet the fears of a new, bourgeois Catalan state were subordinated in an instant by one of the most naked instances of capitalist repression we have seen in Western Europe in some time. The Spanish national bourgeoisie, many of whom were themselves former Fascists or related to former Fascists, proved that the "democratic transition" from the Francoist years were at best only a mild suppression of the state apparatus' most violent instincts. Conditioned by years of the most chauvinist rule possible, the ruling Spanish bourgeoisie fell back on old habits the moment it felt threatened by both bourgeois and proletarian elements of Catalan nationalism.

Marx and Lenin made it clear that struggles between rival bourgeois camps were inevitable. This principle is not unknown to us here in the United States, where every four years the working class is condemned to choose between two color-coded camps of

liberal mass-murderers. Yet in Spain, the prospect of nationalism was deemed such a threat to the whole of the Spanish project that the ruling bourgeois faction felt it necessary to rely on brutal violence to shut down a peaceful exercise of self-determination. And, as always, it was the working class Catalans who were dealt the worst of the abuse. The now widely circulated pictures of Catalan firemen bravely forming human chains to protect the masses from riot cops have made their way to every corner of the earth. At a time where the national question has taken center stage due in large part to the heroic, progressive struggles of the brave fighters in occupied Kurdistan, the willingness to engage in such public displays of violence against working class peoples seeking the most basic rights resonates clearly with the toiling masses.

The evidence of this anger is seen everywhere. In the neighboring Basque provinces, where a bloody struggle for national liberation has been at the forefront for decades, rallies in the thousands sprang up in solidarity with their Catalan comrades. As far south in Spain as Seville, working class Spaniards have taken to the streets in protest of government treatment of Catalans seeking only to secure the right to determine for themselves their own future. Freedom fighters in Rojava have issued statements of solidarity in support to the Catalan people. Communist parties across the globe have issued condemnation of the Spanish government for their egregious practices, which have only served to show the truth contained in the age old adage "scratch a liberal, a Fascist bleeds."

These developments, along with the strong popular support for the Catalan referendum (90% of the vote, just under 50% of voter turnout despite the Spanish government's efforts to shut down the elections) only serve to highlight the principles Comrade Stalin identified in *Marxism and the National Question*. Though the question of autonomy remains complex, unilateral repression of the right of self-determination is recognized by proletarian forces across the world as a grave injustice. While opinions on the Left remained divided on how progressive an independent Catalonia could truly be, the Spanish government has certainly, if grimly, demanded support from the international proletariat in favor of the Catalan people.

In solidarity with the peoples of Catalonia, as with Kurdistan and all other brave fighters of national liberation struggles,

Visca Catalunya!

The era of proletarian revolution has just begun!

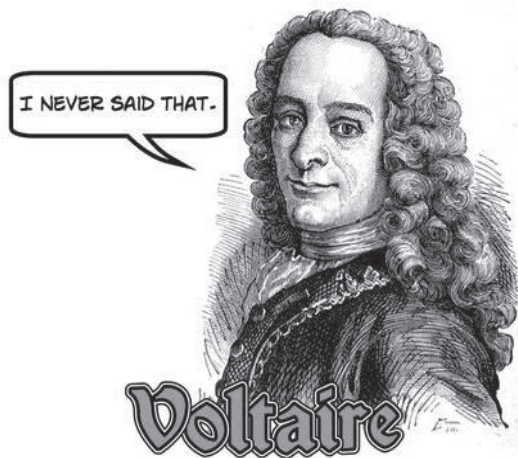
FALSE EQUIVALENCY AND THE FETISHISM OF FREE SPEECH

By Mike B.
August 24, 2017

In the days following the murder of activist Heather Heyes as a result of the fascist attack in Charlottesville, leftists far and wide correctly condemned the words and actions of the neo-fascist Trump, who explicitly – and repeatedly – declared a false equivalency between the fascists horde and the anti-fascists who opposed them. The implicit equivalency established by Trump in his initially bemoaning of violence “on many sides” later gave way to a more direct verbal attack on the opponents of fascism during the now infamous debacle at the Trump Tower on August. In the latter instance, the imperialist leader actually took steps beyond equivalency, virtually absolving white nationalists and neo-Nazis of most wrongdoing while buttressing his ham-handed criticisms of the antifascists in Charlottesville.

It is not unsurprising that Trump would seek to legitimize the positions and tactics of neo-Nazis, white nationalists, and their Confederate forbearers at the present point in human history, as he most certainly sees them as powerful allies and enforcers in the effort to curtail the imminent decay of capitalism. At the same time, it is also encouraging that the tragic events of Charlottesville ultimately galvanized antifascist sentiment among a broad range of groups and movements. But a fundamental problem remains with respect to how and why fascism must be combated.

“I do not agree with what you say, but I’ll defend to the death your right to say it” boasts a tired, old platitude.[1] Fascism has lingered and now thrives in the United States under the auspices of “free speech,” a well-intentioned but highly fetishized cornerstone of American society. It endures in America not only because it is tolerated, but because it is zealously defended. A destructive and murderous worldview that promotes slavery and genocide, fascism is unworthy of the protections offered through the doctrines of liberalism.



The Second World War was the proving ground of this Weltanschauung as a mechanized ideology, wherein untold millions on three continents perished, in the first phase as victims of fascism and in the later phases as its opponents. The same is true with respect to the American Confederacy, which sought to preserve the enslavement of black Americans in the face of the institution’s imminent demise.

Communists have always stood in opposition to the insidiousness of oppression, whether it manifested south of the Mason-Dixon line or Nazi-era ghettos of Eastern Europe. In 1864, Karl Marx penned a letter to Abraham Lincoln praising the U.S. president’s resolve in ending the scourge of slavery in the United States.

[The workingmen of Europe] consider it an earnest of the epoch to come that it fell to the lot of Abraham Lincoln, the single-minded son of the working class, to lead his country through the matchless struggle for the rescue of an enchained race and the reconstruction of a social world.

Decades later, Comrade Joseph Stalin put Marx’s vision into practice, leading the worldwide opposition to the forces of fascism following Nazi Germany’s invasion of the U.S.S.R. in 1941. Stalin gave no hint of the implicit moral equivalency that now allows fascism to fester in present-day America. In the face of the barbarous and bloodthirsty Nazi invaders, Stalin unequivocally called for the “complete destruction” of fascism and punishment for its adherents. His leadership – along with the collective resolve of the Soviet people, their allies, and partisans in occupied countries – ultimately led to the annihilation of fascism at the close of conflagration. The processes and practices of “denazification” followed, effectively outlawing fascism as throughout Germany. Much to the credit of Comrade Stalin, Nazism was effectively eradicate in the German Democratic Republic until the restoration of capitalist rule in unified Germany four decades later.

But while American forces were a signatory of the proclamations which implemented denazification throughout post war Germany, the doctrine of “free speech” likely impressed upon Americans that it was untenable to impose similar restrictions at home. The American government itself infamously cavorted with Nazis behind the scenes during this time, as well. [2]

Just like the rise of the Ku Klux Klan in the aftermath of the Civil War, the dénouement of World War Two brought about new renaissance of sorts for fascism in America. Old prejudices commingled with the hate-filled philosophies that were allowed to spread in the name of protected, “free” speech, giving way to deadly new strains of American fascism, including neo-Nazism and the Christian identity movement.

Even in the wake of the violence in Charlottesville, a poll conducted by major American media outlets indicated that 9% of Americans – 30 million United States citizens – continue to regard white supremacy as “acceptable.” Countless more regard the protection of such views as essential to the fabric of American society, effectively creating a false equivalency between meaningful social discourse and barbarism. It is deeply troubling that so many Americans remain sympathetic and enabling towards a vanguard of aspiring terrorists and murderers. It is also a call to action for good people everywhere to recognize and oppose fascism in all forms.

The current trend with regard to how corporate media and citizen journalism propagate fascist ideas and agendas through a seemingly endless parade of interviews and forums, all of which strive to provide the “other side” of an argument in which no rational person should engage. Fascists only benefit through the continued opportunity to grow their ranks through free and unencumbered self-promotion. Those who provide fascists and their ilk with the means to spread their poisonous ideology and defend this as a “right” are, in fact, little better than the fascists themselves.

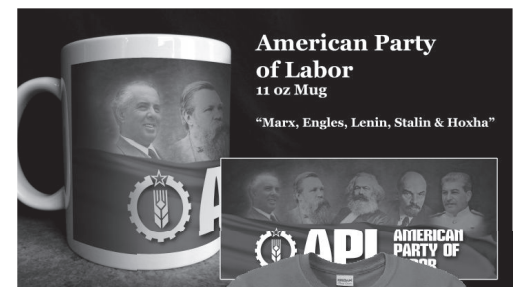
For too long, fascists and their ideological predecessors have promoted their designs of hatred and violence with the tacit support of the American government, mainstream press outlets, and misguided proponents of free expression. Repression, brutality, and murder are the real-world manifestations of fascism as an ideology. Preventing the spread of this ideology by any and all means is therefore essential. It is thus the duty of antifascists – including all communists and our fellow travelers – to isolate and suppress the message of the fascists, irrespective of the medium or method.

No tolerance for fascists! No protection for fascists! No free speech for fascists!

Oppose the neo-fascist Trump regime and white supremacy in all forms, today and moving forward to a better future!



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AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT: POLICE VIOLENCE AGAINST PROTESTERS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE



By: Joe Barthol
August 22, 2017

The terrorist attack against anti-fascist demonstrators on August 12, in Charlottesville, VA, ignited a flame of anti-fascist and anti-racist actions all across the United States. A comrade in the struggle against fascism and white supremacy had fallen at the hands of a neo-Nazi, leaving everyone else in this struggle in a state of sadness, rage, and determination. We could not sit idly by while our comrades were being killed.

Within hours of the attack, roughly 150 to 200 Memphians gathered at the statue of Nathan Bedford Forrest in the downtown Health & Sciences Park. This was the beginning of a week of non-stop pressure being applied to both the city and state governments to have this monument, dedicated to the slave-trader and first Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, removed from its place of honor.

The entire week remained relatively peaceful. We marched. We protested through all hours of the night. We also spent a day demanding the removal of the Jefferson Davis statue in another park downtown, where we were met with shouts and threats from those who want these "pieces of history" to remain intact and unharmed, though they were few in number and easily driven from the park.

We were making our voices heard, and no one was getting hurt – until Saturday, August 19, exactly a week following the attack in Charlottesville and the tragic death of Heather Heyer.

It wasn't the neo-Confederates or white supremacists who attacked us, who threw us to the ground, who dragged us, who hit us with their cars. It was the Memphis Police Department.

The day was scorching hot – around 100 degrees Fahrenheit, with high humidity and no breeze whatsoever. The plan was much like the one we had the Saturday before: gather at the statue of Nathan Bedford Forrest at 3:00 pm to hear organizers speak about the many problems plaguing our city (severely under-funded education, a severely over-funded

police force, abysmal public transportation programs, and a local government that seems to talk a lot of talk without actually moving forward on any of these issues). We wanted to keep trying to get the local government's attention, to push them to make good on their promises, including their promise to do everything in their power to get these stone symbols of slavery and genocide removed immediately.

I pulled up to the park to see the usual media vehicles parked in the front, but a surprisingly small police presence. At least, that's what I saw at first glance. The park was packed with demonstrators – more than had attended any other rally throughout the previous week. It took me a few minutes to find a place to park.

Once I did, I fell in beside a man I had never met or seen before. We made some small talk about the heat and the difficulty in finding convenient parking. When we came within view of the park and the statue, he told me that he had lived in Memphis throughout his childhood, but had moved to a different city and stayed there for the past 14 years. He had just recently moved back, and he had no idea the statue even existed before the protests of the past week. We had brought it to his attention. We were hoping to do the same for our government officials.

The rally began as always: an organizer using a megaphone brought up the energy by leading us in the chants we had all become used to. "WHOSE STREETS? OUR STREETS! WHOSE CITY? OUR CITY! WHOSE PARK? OUR PARK!"

Following the hype, the city's lead organizer took over and began to speak on the issues mentioned above. She led us in a moment of silence in honor of Heather Heyer. The megaphone was then passed to other organizers and members of the local clergy. Each gave rousing and inspired speeches on the necessity of combating racism, fascism, and police violence.

It was during these speeches that the first attempt to cover the statue was made.

The rally was mainly focused at the southern side of the statue, but behind it there lay a few large banners. Each read: "Black Lives Matter," "No KKK, No Fascist USA," and the popular local hashtag "#takeemdown901." It was the latter banner that was used. Several people tried to throw it over the statue in order to cover it temporarily as a statement to the city, but the cloth had barely touched the top of the stone slave-owner's head before the police who were standing by ran up and snatched it out of the protesters' hands.

They were met with boos and hisses from the crowd, but we weren't exactly surprised. What was surprising was how those cops allowed one of the pro-Confederate opposition members to charge up and take it out of their hands without them even reacting. This unidentified man then ran off with the banner, northward and out of the park.

A few protesters gave chase. I held back before I saw that another member of the small "counter-protest" had started following the chasers. I followed him, keeping a safe distance (we had been informed that it was likely that these people were armed), but he left the park when he saw our people returning with the banner back in their possession. Evidently, there had been a small scuffle with the man who had ran off with it, but he gave it up after a few seconds.

We had the banner again, and we weren't going to let the neo-Confederates intimidate us. Nor were we going to let the police stop us from making a harmless, visual statement that the people of this city would not stand for racism being put on a pedestal.

Before making the second attempt, everyone else at the rally formed a human shield around us, the banner, and the statue. By now, the police presence had more than doubled, indicating that they had had plenty of officers on stand-by, away from view. We waited until the human chain was complete. Hundreds of Memphians all playing a part in this single act of peaceful defiance. We went in for the second attempt.

This time, we wrapped the banner around the base of the statue. We managed to get it all the way around, but the police broke through the wall of people before we could securely tie the corners together.

This was not at all an act of violence on our part. No one was being hurt. We were not attacking anyone. We weren't even damaging the statue. We had no ropes or chains. We weren't tearing it down. We weren't vandalizing it. We were wrapping a piece of cloth around it. In and of itself, it was a harmless act that was simply meant to inspire the people and send a small message to our government. We did not instigate. We did not make threats.

The violence began only when the police stormed the crowd.

The next minute or so is a blur. The platform around the statue became a scene of total chaos. People – including the elderly – were being shoved to the ground. The banner was being ripped from our hands on every side, tightening around some of our necks. I linked arms with the others while still trying to hold on to the banner. One officer attempted to pull me away. I put out a leg to brace against his pull. He grabbed that leg and my torso and tossed me into the surrounding crowd. I'm thankful for those who caught me.

There was more screaming and shoving and tugging. The cops eventually had control of the banner, and that's when

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I noticed my friends and comrades in handcuffs, being pulled towards the surrounding police vehicles. We collectively followed.

Several times we asked the arresting officers for their names and badge numbers—none answered. We followed our friends to the vehicles they were placed in, and promptly called for everyone to surround those cars to prevent them from leaving. We were threatened with batons and mace. The cops driving the cars started backing out, seemingly not caring if they ran any of us over. A group of people—including at least one clergy member—sat down behind one of the vehicles. They were violently dragged away by the MPD.

More arrests were made during this time, and we again followed those comrades to the cars that were to take them to jail, this time on the south side of the park. The police predicted what we were going to do and formed a line in front of those vehicles, allowing none of us to get through, though we certainly tried.

At this point we stood face-to-face with the cowards of the MPD. We chanted: "Shame!" We shouted, asking them if they felt good about themselves. If they felt proud to have attacked elderly members of our community, to have arrested peaceful people with the use of force, to have dragged church leaders across the dirt. We were not shy about the fact that many of us had caught them in the act with our cameras. They didn't care. After all, the police in the U.S. have gotten away with much worse, even when being filmed.

Once the vehicles carrying our friends and comrades left, we briefly regrouped around the statue to hydrate and prepare for our next move. We were met by a sight that was nothing short of inspiring. While the police were arresting people and dealing with hundreds of us trying to stop them, a few protesters had stayed back to finish the simple task we had attempted before the chaos began. The base of the statue was now covered in the signs many of us had left behind. The banner was no longer needed. The statue of the slave-trader was now covered in words such as: "No Honor for Racism, No Platform for Fascism," "Take 'Em Down," "End White Supremacy," "Racism Can't Stand," and, a phrase popularized locally by a speech given the Saturday before by a local reverend, condemning centrism and moderation when dealing with fascists and neo-Nazis: "PICK A SIDE!"

The sight of this was wonderful, but it reminded us that our work wasn't over. We decided to march to the primary city jail to demand the immediate release of our friends and comrades. We started the march west down Union Avenue, chanting the whole way. The police followed, trying to get around and ahead of us, driving up onto the sidewalk and blasting their sirens as loud and as possible, using their speakers to tell us that we would all be arrested if we didn't get out of the street. At least 2 more of us were put in handcuffs and hauled off, but not without resistance from the rest of the crowd.

Halfway to the courthouse, we got word that our friends were being relocated to the smaller jail on the University of Tennessee campus, right next to the park where it had all went down. We rerouted, but once there, police vehicles blew past us in the opposite direction, carrying those arrested comrades to the courthouse.

Still, we stood outside of the UT building and spoke our minds to the local media. We told them that this was far from over. We dispersed to go to our cars, eat, hydrate, whatever we needed to do.

Several people made it back to the courthouse on 201 Popular Avenue, and camped outside until all 8 of those arrested were released. Thanks to the local Black Lives Matter chapter, all the bail money was provided and everyone was out by the next morning.

The hearings took place on the morning of Monday, August 21. Most of the charges were dropped, and one judge even spoke highly of what we had done and were trying to do, bluntly giving verbal support to our cause. So, in the end, the only thing the MPD accom-

plished was further distancing themselves from the trust of the people. Videos of their actions have circulated all around the city. National news has picked up the story. They might have held a few of us over night, but they will forever be known as cowards who would protect the inanimate statue of a slave-owning Klansman at the expense of the actual people of this city. I hope every single one of them comes to realize that they are on the losing side of history.

It should be noted that while all of this was going on, on Saturday, August 19, Mayor Jim Strickland was cutting the ribbon at the new Crosstown building—a building which represents and epitomizes the continuing gentrification of this city. He was partying with the "new money" that has been flooding in and benefiting only the rich, while hundreds of his fellow Memphians were being brutalized by the police force he keeps loading with city funds.

We have taken the past few days to rest and regroup, but this is far from over. The city government and the MPD did nothing but stoke the flame of our determination and will to fight for our city.

We demand an immediate end to the respect and honor being paid to genocidal Confederates in the form of these monuments. We demand that city officials begin listening and caring about the heart and soul of this city – the poor, the workers, the people who keep Memphis moving – rather than the wealthy newcomers and property-buyers and land-owners who are trying to force Memphians out of Memphis. And after last Saturday, we demand the MPD be held accountable for its actions.



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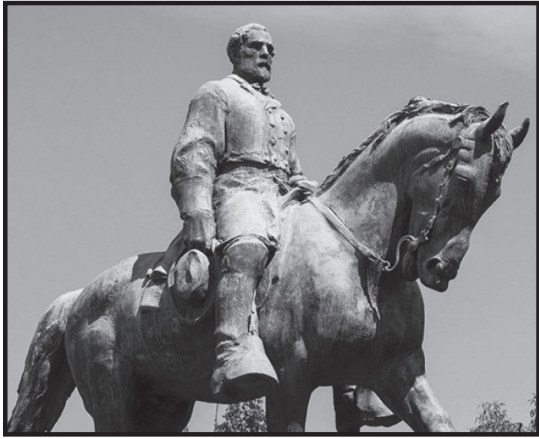


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REMOVE ALL CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS NOW!



By Jonathan Palameda

We must finish what they started.

In Durham, North Carolina on the afternoon of August 14th, 2017, a gathering of activists including elements from the Workers World Party climbed a statue greased by cops to impede climbing, tied a rope around the statue of a confederate soldier, and pulled it to the ground.

The collapse of the crumbled and soon mauled statue was heralded with shouts of elation from the crowd, and its ruin brought with it a litmus test of the growing American resistance against fascism and its historical legacy in the United States. The liberals have been quick to condemn the action, defending their sacred property from damage and quickly conflating fascists and anti-fascists, as is their custom. But as Lenin counselled the Bolsheviks in 1913 in the aftermath of a labor strike in Belgium, "Look less to the Liberals, trust them less, and have more confidence in the independent and whole-hearted struggle of the proletariat."

An increasing number of working class Americans have declared their intentions to secede from the violent legacy of white supremacy represented by these statues, and communists working in areas with these statues can and should make them a hot point for anti-racist and anti-fascist activism. The history of the Civil War is often misunderstood and misrepresented by white supremacists and liberals alike, and militant activism around destroying and removing these monuments to slavery is essential to, as Abraham Lincoln once hoped at the burial of over 20,000 Americans at Gettysburg, create a "new birth of freedom" in the United States.

The ultra-reactionary nature of the confederacy and the cause it made and lost is unquestionable, yet romantic histories scribed by southern apologists have corrupted the popular narrative of the Civil War to revolve around absurdities and tacit support for white supremacist propaganda. The reconstruction era historiography coming from the south rendered the conflict as a political disagreement rather than a counterrevolution, and underplayed the essential nature of white supremacy to the confederate cause even though the first document of secession, South Carolina's, mentions slavery 18 times. Lee apologists, from his former aides to Shelby Foote, barely mention that both campaigns into the North, Antietam and Gettysburg, saw the brutal recapture and enslavement of free blacks. Lee also repeatedly refused

prisoner exchanges involving black troops, and oversaw the brutal slaughter of surrendering black troops at the Battle of the Crater. This apologism and total rewriting of history is what led to the construction of these statues as emblems of the new white ruling class in the south under Jim Crow. White supremacy was continuous with the new south, because the south had seceded not for its right to brutalize millions of people, but to protect its culture and freedoms—a familiar rhetoric for contemporary activists.

The reactionaries are not the only ones willing to sweep the brutal racist nature of the Confederate state under the historical rug. Liberals, following post-Lincoln reconstructionist republicans, often render the conflict as a moment of house-splitting passion in an otherwise moderate and compromise-driven national history. The reunification is given more prominence than the militant struggle for freedom waged by freed blacks and immigrant communities. Added to this moderate appraisal of history is the nearly ubiquitous equation of damage to property and damage to lives and bodies at the heart of American liberalism; a crime against property is greater and more serious to the liberals than the crime against humanity represented by the statues. This equation is made easier for the liberals because of their idealistic vision of history. The bronze and stone statues do not live and breath in the present as symbols of white supremacy, but are instead distant reminders of a dead history. Liberalism, a faith in reform, must render systemic white supremacy as a thing in the past. As materialists, we know better: until we actively excise the rot of white supremacy that actively takes lives in the present, these statues will only continue to drive and normalize white supremacist myths.

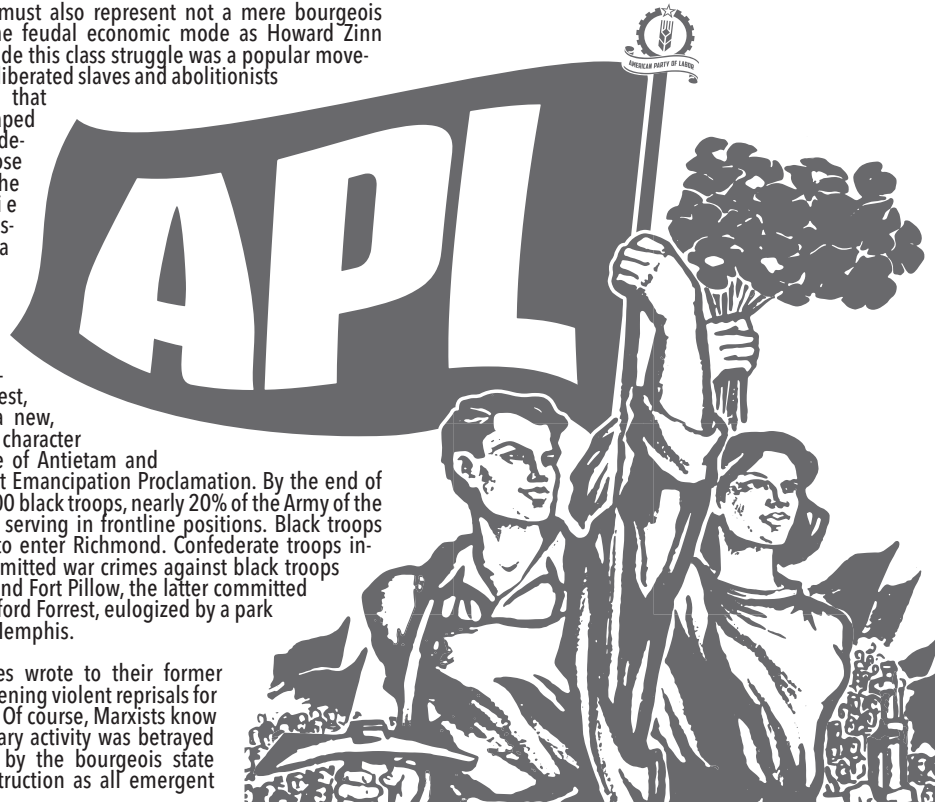
The Civil War must also represent not a mere bourgeois conquest of the feudal economic mode as Howard Zinn suggested. Inside this class struggle was a popular movement of newly liberated slaves and abolitionists against racism that at times escaped the bounds defined by those members of the bourgeoisie leading it. Historian Barbara Fields argued (Slaves No More) that while the war began for union and economic conquest, it developed a new, revolutionary character after the Battle of Antietam and the subsequent Emancipation Proclamation. By the end of the war, 180,000 black troops, nearly 20% of the Army of the Potomac, were serving in frontline positions. Black troops were the first to enter Richmond. Confederate troops increasingly committed war crimes against black troops at Petersburg and Fort Pillow, the latter committed by Nathan Bedford Forrest, eulogized by a park and statue in Memphis.

Liberated slaves wrote to their former masters, threatening violent reprisals for their atrocities. Of course, Marxists know this revolutionary activity was betrayed and dissolved by the bourgeois state during Reconstruction as all emergent

anti-capitalist movements were in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, but these trends are important for the contemporary struggle against the fascist legacy of the Confederacy. This is our legacy as militant anti-racist activists, and we cannot let it escape the popular narrative of the Civil War and American history at large. There is nothing new or unique about anti-racist action against the legacy of the Confederacy, activists have only picked up the banner in light of a resurgent American fascism that seeks to reclaim the legacy of the Confederacy written by the same people who enshrined Jim Crow.

Just as the Civil War sought to resolve the contradictions of "all men are created equal" and the 3/5ths Compromise, modern activists must seek to resolve the contradiction of empowered black liberation movements that blazed their way through plantations and cities alike and the toleration and creation of Jim Crow—and they must seek to do it on and around the police-greased statues of reactionaries.

The American Party of Labor has taken a strong stand against the legacy of white supremacy in the United States and joined movements for the removal of Confederate statues in Memphis, Texas, and Florida. This is not merely a historical concern, but an intensification of the struggle against reactionary politics and liberal idealism. To remove and destroy these statues is not to destroy history or mere property, but to rectify a century and a half of white supremacist apologism and once and for all complete that wish sung by millions of Union troops in their Battle Cry of Freedom: "Down with the traitor, up with the star!"



POLICE BRUTALITY

INTERVIEW WITH JALEN EVANS OF BLACK LIVES MATTER BALTIMORE

By Victor Vaughn
August 31, 2017

Would you mind if we start off with some background about yourself? Your name, where you came from, where you grew up, when you started working with Black Lives Matter, etc.?

My name is Jalen Evans. I grew up in Baltimore. When the uprisings happened I watched them and experienced them first-hand. I wanted to join BLM because we expect this to happen in other cities and towns but it happens to us and it made me feel like we have an obligation to it.

BLM started after the acquittal of George Zimmerman for the murder of Trayvon Martin, and became recognized as a movement after protests in the streets following the deaths of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Eric Garner in New York City. What role did BLM and other organizations play in organizing against institutional racism and police crimes during this time?

BLM in my view had to organize in the face of injustice and when they protested little and little people got the word of mouth out and joined.

Baltimore has been in the news in recent years because of police murder. The case of Freddie Grey in particular got us national media attention. What happened during the protests in the city of Baltimore?

There were organized protests in the southwest district. Then, two or three days later some Baltimore City High Schoolers got fed up and all banded together. They sent out messages and sent dates and when they met at Penn-North and Mondawmin protests erupted.

Can you tell us about the current situation in Baltimore?

Baltimore is experiencing the recovery from the uprising. Now we are all questioning our police due to the accusations and subsequent evidence of them planting drugs, which is making national news.

What has been the experience of organizing in Baltimore?

It's harder to organize in Baltimore than in most other American cities. Don't forget people have lives, but hey, at least like us on Facebook.

What is the biggest roadblock to progress?

The biggest roadblock would be that there is so much misinformation everywhere about Black Lives Matter. People need to get the legitimate facts. The most common misconception is that we are a terrorist group that kills cops and doesn't care about black-on-black crime. Why is it every time a black organization pops up its always called a terrorist organization? If we were a terrorist organization we would already be infiltrated (laughs). Our ranks are grassroots and among the poor. But we're not! We don't blow sh*t up and set sh*t on fire - we're not Al-Qaeda or ISIS!

How do you see your struggle in the context of international struggles like Palestine, Cuba, etc.?

Some of us, including BLM Baltimore, see ourselves as the Kurdish people. We have been oppressed and are fighting our oppressors.

What are the implications of the election of Donald Trump?

Donald Trump is playing a two-sided coin of police brutality. One time he's saying innocent people were killed by police in Minnesota and Louisiana but then he embraced the aggressive tactics of police officers and insisted that his team was "rough" and encouraged police officers not to be concerned about preventing physical harm to people being taken into custody. His Attorney General Jeff Sessions is a VERY serious threat to the black community.

There are different campaigns to stop police crimes: movements to abolish prisons, disarm the police, abolishing independent police review boards and replacing them with civilian accountability councils, and so forth. Which do you see as the best for building up people's power?

Police have way too much unchecked power. To many people it seems like police can never be held in check or can't get fired or convicted and it's true. We think the War on Drugs should be ended. Mandatory minimum sentences should also be abolished and people with non-violent drug offenses cases should be reviewed. Adding people other than police officers to police review boards should be the answer too.

Where do we go from here? What lessons should we draw?

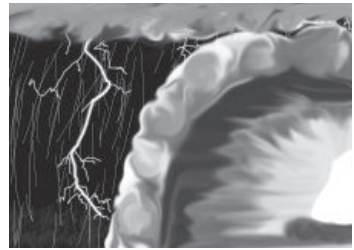
I want everyone to do their research and pull OFFICIAL facts and not look at them with bias. Actually think about what you're seeing.

How can people get involved?

People can get involved by contacting us via Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.



MORE THAN 500 PROTESTERS MARCHED FROM EMPOWERMENT TEMPLE CHURCH ON PRIMROSE AVENUE NORTH ON REISTERSTOWN ROAD TO REISTERSTOWN ROAD PLAZA FOR "BLACK LIVES MATTER SUNDAY." (AMY DAVIS / BALTIMORE SUN)



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The American Party of Labor is...
a revolutionary working class organization. Our aim is to abolish the capitalist system and all its horrors by replacing it with socialism, a system based on the principle laid out by Marx, "from each according to his ability, to each according to his work." This is the first phase toward the higher phase of communism, defined by the principle "from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs."



Let the "socialist" snivellers croak, let the bourgeoisie rage and fume, but only people who shut their eyes so as not to see, and stuff their ears so as not to hear, can fail to notice that all over the world the birth pangs of the old, capitalist society, which is pregnant with socialism, have begun.

Lenin, Prophetic Words (1918)

Why is Marxism-Leninism the Best Answer? Can't We Regulate Capitalism or Try to Create Some Kind of Third System That Isn't Fully Communist or Capitalist?

One must understand there is an important fundamental difference between Marxism and other so-called anti-capitalist or "third way" theories. Marx, unlike many thinkers of his day, did not just see a problem with capitalism and start proposing an alternative system. Instead, he and his compatriots analyzed capitalism itself to understand how the system worked. Marx's ideas for revolution are based off of that analysis, not ideas he dreamt up on his own. Solutions to the problems of capitalism can only be reached by understanding and observing the system itself, not by dreaming up some wonderful Utopian alternative. As for regulating or restraining capitalism, this has been done many times before.

Oftentimes the governments of capitalist states must restrict the private sector for various reasons. The problem is that political power is still stacked in favor of the ruling class, and if you slap regulations on big business, they have every avenue and all the resources necessary to see those regulations overturned in the long run. What truly led to the collapse of the old socialist bloc was not that these countries followed Marxism-Leninism, which was ultimately too radical, but rather quite the opposite- that these nations all came under the impression that they needed more and more market style reforms, until they had more or less become capitalist countries.

Nowadays, ideas such as "21st century socialism" would have us do basically the same thing, if not less - regulate capitalism, nationalize some industry, and try to maintain a welfare state- without expropriating the ruling class, without giving the nation a clear direction for the future, and worst of all, without putting the working class in power. This kind of idea can only lead to temporary gains for the workers.

How is the American Party of Labor Different than Other Socialist, Communist, or Left-Wing Parties or Organizations?

First of all, the main difference is that we see the solution to the problems of the working class in revolution and the seizure of state power by the working class and its political organizations. The methodology by which we strive for revolution is Marxism-Leninism—that is, the scientific methodology of social/economic revolution first devised by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, and contributed to by figures such as Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin and the late Albanian leader Enver Hoxha. This does not mean, however, that we look at these figures the way religions look at their own prophets, nor do we see their every written word as some kind of Holy Scripture or their every action as blameless and divine.

That being said, we critique their actions from the Marxist methodology of historical dialectical materialism, analyzing actions and events in their historical context, taking into account the benefit of hindsight and trying to avoid idle speculation about what could have been if certain events had or hadn't happened, etc. Because we uphold the general line of these figures, from Karl Marx to Enver Hoxha, we consider ourselves "anti-revisionist," and it is in this way that we differ from most communist parties or organizations in the United States.

Who Can Join? How Do I Get Involved?

Every working person who is sick of being abused by capitalism, is open to our plan for change, agrees with our Program and Platform, who lives in the United States and is over the age of 18 is welcome to join.

We recommend that you check out our publications page to get a more in-depth look at the Party. Another good place to look is our online library. The cornerstones of our Party are the works of Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, and Enver Hoxha.

You can find everything that you should know about us here, and you can join online or contact us and connect to members in your area.

If we don't have a presence in your city, we'll get to know you and help you establish one.

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Our General Line.

1. The American Party of Labor comes from and represents the American working class. From time to time and place to place there may be individuals who are admitted to the Party who do not have a working class background, or are not currently considered to be working class by Marxist-Leninist ideology and principles. Such individuals are exceptions to the general rule, as they have in effect transcended their class through conscious application of Marxist-Leninist ideology.

2. The American Party of Labor maintains that value in society is produced by human action within the material world. That is to say, value is created by the consumption of labor power. The working classes, which have only their labor power to sell for their daily sustenance, therefore make production possible. We call for the reorganization of society to provide the means of production to the working class to be administrated either under an elected or selected management or collectively through a council system.

3. The American Party of Labor demands the abolition of private property and that all means of production be in the hands of the working class. Profit under capitalism is extracted surplus value from the consumption of labor power and constitutes a theft from the working class by the capitalist ruling class. Under our system, the working class will be paid the full value of their production less the necessary deductions to support the state and its various cultural, economic and social support projects.

4. The American Party of Labor demands that all oppressed nations within the context of the American Empire, including, but by no means limited to, Indigenous peoples, Native Hawaiians, Guamanians and Puerto Ricans (within the context of Puerto Rico), be given national self-determination as to whether or not they wish to remain in the American socialist state, which shall be constructed on the remnants of the United States. We call for the end of the so-called commonwealth system in all U.S. imperial possessions. The nations in these political organizations should either choose to become a U.S. state or an independent country.

5. The American Party of Labor demands the cancellation of all current debt held by developing countries to the U.S. These loans were not made with the intention of helping the people of these countries, but rather to enslave those countries with debt.

6. The American Party of Labor is a party against all imperialism. We are opposed to all wars of aggression on the world stage and all other threats of war and military intervention. We call for the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from abroad. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with all occupied peoples and with all nations living underneath neo-colonial regimes. We call for the end of foreign aid to Israel, Colombia and other outposts of capitalist and imperialist aggression.

7. The American Party of Labor is an internationalist party. All peoples around the globe struggling for their emancipation from their own systems of exploitation are our allies. We extend our hands to all revolutionary organizations guided by Marxism-Leninism worldwide and to national liberation movements of exploited peoples of all countries because our cause is one and the same.

8. The American Party of Labor demands the U.S. withdrawal from NATO and other imperialist alliances.

9. The American Party of Labor stands fully against the militarization of the U.S.-Mexican border. It supports the rights of immigrants and the ending of neo-liberal policies in other countries, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean, that drive sustenance farmers off their lands and to the United States due to a lack of economic opportunity in their native countries.

10. The American Party of Labor has a more generalized list of our demands and positions in a separate document called the Party Platform.