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Venezuela is constantly accused of being a “dictatorship,” but the voting process is more open and transparent than most other countries.

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NA groups call to suspend accelerated NAFTA talks

OTTAWA, TORONTO, MEXICO CITY - MAY 24, 2018 - The political and economic climate under which Canada, Mexico and the United States began the NAFTA renegotiations in 2017 has deteriorated drastically in 2018. Organizations from across the continent have called on their governments to immediately suspend these NAFTA talks until a proper climate for trade negotiations can be reestablished.

The NAFTA renegotiations have accelerated recently to a 24/7 pace, under the intense pressures of the United States, including its threat to impose hefty tariffs on steel and aluminum from Canada and Mexico. Negotiating under such extreme conditions is always problematic and can lead to decisions being taken under duress that are not in the long term best interests of the populations in all three countries" said Rick Arnold, a long-time Canadian fair trade campaigner.

The organizations launched a joint Tri-National Statement with observations on 25 years of NAFTA’s “contributions” to economic and social inequality, environmental degradation and worsening conditions for farm communities throughout North America. The most damaging investor-state provisions currently NAFTA need to be debated, such as putting an end to the investor-state dispute settlement found in Chapter 11.

"We call on all three governments to suspend these negotiations and to reject the arguments that a NAFTA 2.0 must be completed before either Mexico and Canada, and the US, from Mexico’s elections or the November U.S. mid-term elections. These investor-state provisions, over which pretexts to force the trade negotiators, particularly those from Mexico and Canada, into highly problematic compromises," said Mexican University professor Alberto Arroyo Piedad of the coalition Mexico Better Without NAFTA.

"These negotiations are being carried on with the public being left in the dark. We insist that any already agreed upon texts be published right away, and that these rushed and secretive talks be suspended and replaced by an authentic consultative process involving legislators and civil society. The end game should be ensuring sustainable development that addresses the inequalities that currently face most people in North America,” said Manuel Perez Rocha, Associate Fellow, Institute for Policy Studies.

Endorsing organizations: Canadian Union of Postal Workers, Common Frontiers (coalition); Council of Canadians; Council of Canadians - Northumberland Chapter; Trade Union; Global Exchange; Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy; Institute for Policy Studies; Mexico Better Without FTAs (coalition); National Farmers Union (Canada); OpenMedia.

PV FUND DRIVE

We fell behind on Fund Drive news in the previous issue due to expanded coverage of the Ontario provincial election, which takes place on June 7. Now, back to the progress of our annual Drive for $50,000. As seen in the columns below, we’ve made great progress over the last month, raising another $10,000. That includes the results from events like the annual Mother’s Day Pancake Brunch organized by the Burnaby Club, and the hugely successful Karl Marx 200th birthday party in Edmonton. Next up is the PV Banquet in Vancouver - Saturday, June 2, 5:30 pm at the Russian Hall. Our biggest yearly event, the PV Walk-A-Thon at Bear Creek Park in Surrey, is set for August 26. Congratulations to our Manitoba supporters for topping their target with donations and pledges, and to other provinces which are starting to close in on their goals!

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SFL, community organizations like SaskCrows, and the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party, who suggested Bill 40 was originally introduced in 2016. "I would like to thank all the union members and community members across the province that came together in our fight to protect the Crowns. I would also like to thank the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party for their work in the Legislature opposing privatization," said Hubich. "While Bill 40 is finally dead we will continue to work to protect Crowns from all types of privatization, such as contracting out, privatization deals, and any attempts to get rid of minor Crowns that don’t fall under protection legislation."
By Kimball Cariou

The first anniversary of BC’s new NDP government, backed by three Green Party MLAs, is coming up in July. A year ago this month, Christy Clark’s defeated BC Liberals were still desperately clinging to office, even presenting a Throne Speech based on the NDP’s campaign platform. That bizarre gambit failed. John Horgan became premier, while Clark soon abandoned her promise to remain as Opposition leader.

Since then, the NDP government and its Green partners have brought forward a budget addressing some of the most vicious cuts imposed by the Liberals. Social assistance and disability rates have increased, and the minimum wage is on the way up, although in both cases, much less than what poverty activists have demanded. More funding has been provided for a range of programs, from child care to health and public education, but again falling short of the growing needs of working people.

One widely condemned move by the new government was the decision to finish the controversial Site C dam, which will flood valuable farmland and violate the treaty rights of First Nations in northeastern BC. That move was said to be in the NDP interest of “fiscal responsibility,” since cancellation would cost taxpayers several billion dollars.

All these and many other policy initiatives by the Horgan government have been adopted in the context of claims that the province lacks sufficient revenue to make more radical change possible. Some progressive movements, and the Communist Party of BC, have argued all along that the best way to boost provincial revenues was to bring forward a provincial sales tax to tackle the growing inequality and avoid large deficits for corporations and wealthy individuals. Brought in by former Liberal premier Gordon Campbell after his first victory in 2001, these breaks add up to an estimated $3.5-3.8 billion annually, but the NDP has refused to consider anything more than token measures to claw back some of this vast wealth.

Instead, the NDP has looked for ways to push at the margins, such as its “thirty step” plan to address the housing crisis. Overall, the new government remains fairly high in the polls, but some of these steps have generated anger in certain circles.

For example, the 2018-19 budget includes a “school tax” increase. This special surcharge of 0.2% on the value of homes worth over $3 million, and 0.4% on homes valued at over $4 million, would bring in $250 million over the next three years. But it has sparked a revolt by some residents of areas like the west side of Vancouver, where the increase can be as high as 1.1% of the home value over the last two decades has turned many into “house rich” millionaires, at least on paper.

One argument is that the school tax unfairly hits people with relatively low incomes, such as seniors. Others say that their new-expensive homes are their only pension plan. The government points out that the surcharge can be deferred for seniors or families who fall under the Canada Child Tax Benefit.

It is true that the surcharge seems unfair to many working people who struggle to live on a modest income, and then were lucky enough to see its value rise. But one must ask: what kind of society bases its pension plans on real estate bubbles? What happens when that bubble inevitably bursts? And what about working class and poor people, the renters who never had a down payment for a well-paying stable job to allow them to buy a home? Do their rent payments become the “pensions” of rich landlords and real estate developers? Shouldn’t the government’s priority be to fix the shredded social safety net for those in greatest need?

Many of these debates could be resolved quickly if the NDP reversed the Campbell tax cuts. The resulting revenues could have halted the Site C dam immediately, and put billions more into health, education, social assistance, and public transit. Similarly, if the government simply stopped giving taxpayer dollars to elite private schools, the controversial school surcharge might be unnecessary. But the NDP refuses to consider such policies, which of course would enraged the wealthiest sections of the provincial population.

Now, another shocking revelation about budget and fiscal policy in BC is to look to the Environment and resource policy analyst Ben Parfitt, from the BC Office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, reports that resource corporations are paying much less in royalties today than a decade ago, and that the new government has amended the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act to prevent the public from knowing the details.

In 2008, Parfitt says, the government had a “thirty step” budget in place in 2018, three from Vision Vancouver, and two NPA members.

Ken Clement. She may vote against the budget as a whole in June.

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The gender wage gap is an issue, there is no doubt about that. The gender wage gap is a problem that has been around for many decades in British Columbia, but the new government is reluctant to challenge corporate interests and tax breaks for the rich.

We are still far from a place where people can look forward to a future with dignity and respect. Women of colour and Indigenous women are still facing the same challenges as their counterparts in other communities.

If you are a woman, you have probably heard the statistic that women make on average 75 cents for every dollar a man makes in Canada. In 2018, women working in full-time, full-year jobs earned an average of $55,000. That’s 25% less than the average earnings for men. And women of colour with university degrees is about 30%, and smaller (about 20 per cent) for younger workers.

What doesn’t make the headlines is how the wage gap affects women of colour and Indigenous women. The fact that most women have on average 10-12 years of education is the main reason why they make less. Also, women of colour and Indigenous women are more likely to live in poverty, at a rate of 36% and 28% respectively. Getting out of this cycle and moving forward economically can be difficult for many women.

In 2016, researchers found that women of colour and Indigenous women tend to have hourly wage and jobs in lower-paid fields and they also tend to work fewer hours because of the nature of their work. Also, women of colour and Indigenous women are often significantly lacking in leadership roles. And this lack of opportunity affects pay.

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**EDITORIALS**

A huge victory in Ireland

Congratulations to the people of the Republic of Ireland, who voted 68% “yes” on May 26 to overturn the country’s deeply misogynist ban on access to abortions. The anti-choice 8th amendment to the Irish constitution, banning abortion except when a woman’s life is threatened by pregnancy, was adopted in 1983 under pressure from the Catholic Church. Many evaded the ban by travelling to the UK or other countries to obtain an abortion, but this was often not an option for young women or those without resources.

Moreover, the Irish imperceptibly incline to a society where 40% of the women of Northern Ireland still maintain its own ban. UK Prime Minister Theresa May’s minority Conservative government is propped up by MPs from the anti-choice Democratic Unionist Party in Northern Ireland, which threatens to desert May in Parliament if she backs demands to give women in Ulster the same rights as their sisters in Britain and the Irish Republic. Even so, the entire so-called European Union, including the only European country which denies women control over their own bodies. Abortion bans and restrictions remain in many countries across Africa, Latin America, and Asia. But the biggest global barrier to reproductive rights is the powerful anti-choice movement in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. But the biggest global barrier to reproductive rights is the powerful anti-choice movement in Africa, Latin America, and Asia.

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We fled to Damascus first and then to London. The view my parents clung to was that our exile was temporary and we would soon be back. But as the years passed the hope faded and then turned into an ideal we aspired to but feared would never be realized. I used sometimes to wonder what the Jewish immigrants who were settled in our house in Jerusalem did with our belongings. Did they throw them away or keep them? And did they feel anything about the family whose place they had so obviously taken?

Hundreds of thousands of other Palestinians like us must have had the same thought. In the first years after the Nakba, Palestinians did nothing but struggle to survive. It was a trauma of a severity still unappreciated to this day, a time of sadness and loss. We were defeated and friendless until the rise of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the resurrection of the Palestinian national movement.

There then followed a heady ferment of creativity in Palestinian art, literature and culture has only grown in strength and international acceptance. Its defeat, economically prosperous as it is and basking in American adulation, seems far away. Maintaining an optimistic outlook in the face of Israel’s aggression is a constant challenge. A disinterested observer of this scene in 2018 might well feel that the cause of the Palestine cause is hopeless. But that would be wrong.

While Israel has been consolidating its power, the Palestinians, in their different locations, have been increasingly asserting their existence and right to resist. It is as if they have awoken from a long torpor.

The last decade has seen an extraordinary revival of national consciousness. Each locality where Palestinians live has developed its own form of resistance activity, whether inside Palestine or out. The boycott, divestment and sanctions movement is but one of these. A ferment of creativity in Palestinian art, literature and culture has taken hold, and political activism has assumed new forms.

This wave, which is now unstoppable, draws on the young, a generation of fresh, committed supporters of the cause of their parents and grandparents. Seeing this in action has been the most uplifting experience of my life. It has infused new energy into a cause that may have faltered from time to time, but never died.
It’s becoming clearer by the day. Communists believe that “the elections in Venezuela are recognized around the world as one of the most transparent and democratic, though clearly not to the liking of Freeland the Liberal Foreign Affairs Minister” and that “Canada rejects the results” and will institute “further emboldened homo-trans- and biphobic forces. There are 28 US states where lesbians, trans, and bisexuals, and 22 states where gays and bisexuals can be fired from the workplace.”

The disproportionate number of people of colour, sex workers, homeless and marginalized persons murdered without adequate police investigation could not be more clear.

Despite decades of legal provisions for and acceptance of sexual, gender, and (more recently) sex (characteristics) diversity, the force of negative assumptions in the US still exerts great power, played out through violence and discrimination in policy and law, forced surgeries and numerous other horrific violations. Globally we see a backlash at numerous national levels to the legal progress made at the United Nations and at regional human rights mechanisms.

The persistent growth of right-wing and fascist forces in North America, and their conscious inflaming of hatred and fear is all part of the “othering” aimed at keeping us divided. Anti-immigrant, racist, Islamicophobic, anti-feminist, transphobic rhetoric and the demonization of “big labour,” the “academic elite” and the “politically correct” - all are part of the “othering” aimed at keeping us divided. Anti-immigrant, racist, Islamicophobic, anti-feminist, transphobic rhetoric and the demonization of “big labour,” the “academic elite” and the “politically correct” - all are part of the “othering” aimed at keeping us divided.

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By Vijay Prashad, May 9, 2018

So there it goes. Trump did what he promised. He took the United States out of the “anti-Iran deal.” It was possible that Trump was merely bluffing. He has done this before. He has suggested a policy and then done the very opposite. But on Iran, all the signs point toward this madness. For it, indeed, madness.

Just after he did so, the Israelis bombed an Iranian facility in Syria. This is not Israel’s first attack on Iranian assets inside Syria. This was Iran’s first attack on Israeli territory. It was provocative. Israel attacked after it understood that Iran was making plans to attack it. Israel attacked first.

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Iran’s Regional Expansion

What is gained by this decision? It brings glee to the most irrational elements in West Asia (namely the ruling regimes of Israel and Saudi Arabia). They have long wanted a war to punish Iran for being welcomed into the region. They want Iran to be punished. The United States needs complete, total, and which has military bases and which has bases along the rim of the Arabian Peninsula. These bases—such as in Bahrain and Qatar—directly threaten Iran. Iran had been hemmed into its borders from 1979 to 2001. During this period, internal weakness in Iran was heightened by the Iraqi assault on Iran (Iraq was backed by the Gulf Arabs and the Gulf Arab—namely the ruling regimes in Bahrain and Qatar—directly threaten Iran. Iran had been hemmed into its borders from 1979 to 2001. During this period, internal weakness in Iran was heightened by the Iraqi assault on Iran (Iraq was backed by the Gulf Arabs and the Gulf Arab—namely the ruling regimes in Bahrain and Qatar—directly threaten Iran. 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Elections in Venezuela have come and gone, in the peaceful and transparent way promised by the Maduro government. Nicolás Maduro was re-elected president for the 2019-2025 period, by more than two-thirds of the voters. The Lima Group, Luis Almagro and the Canadian government immediately issued declarations of not recognizing and considering “illegitimate” elections, as if they had been prepared before May 20. However, is there any valid basis to those declarations?

The US, which seems to be more and more governed by way of presidential executive orders, was just as quick to react, forcing more sanctions against Venezuela. These are directed at curtailing crucial financial interactions with Venezuela, with the intention of “making the economy scream”, as famously stated by Mrs. Thatcher in the 1970s. Those sanctions give a vivid impression of being extra-territorial, with the intention to penalize businesses of other countries that have economic links with the US. [1]

Maduro responded without delay, by declaring persona non grata and expelling two US diplomats, Chargé d’Affaires Todd Robinson and head of political affairs Brian Naranjo. [2]

Sanctions are serious aggressive acts, disguised as administrative measures that hurt people, and must always be questioned as illegitimate. However, false accusations have a larger impact in the minds of those who only see a mirror of what they themselves are doing.

The accusations about the elections in Venezuela use words such as “illegitimate”, “force”, and “fraud” because they do not meet “international democratic standards”. Both the Lima Group and the Canadian government use that same expression.

Most of the rebukes to these accusations have focused rightly on the legitimacy of the voting system choice, which is necessary to quote in full: “A country’s choice of a voting system, provided it operates in a non-discriminatory manner and facilitates the expression of the will of the people through periodic and genuine elections conducted on the basis of universal and equal suffrage and secret ballot should be respected.”

None of the points in the “provided” section of the paragraph has been broken in Venezuela. No one can claim that there was any discrimination, nor that equal suffrage or secret ballot requirements were infringed. Those who did not participate in the elections did so by their own free will. But the essential part is the paragraph that is the electoral system “should be respected”. That was not the case with the fierce criticism received by the international opposition.

Another component is the election administration, “The administration of democratic elections requires that election commissions/bodies are independent and impartial.” This is another controversial point raised by the international opposition, but by constitution of the Consejo Nacional Electoral (CNE - National Electoral Council) of Venezuela as is independent and impartial as it can be.

In the elections of May 20, with the participation of opposition parties, and the previous constant openness and invitation by the CNE to all parties to register, nothing suggested that the election administration was taking sides. This was being suggested by Boulton, unfair that the president of the CNE, Tibsuy Lucena, who has been the position for more than two years, should be sanctioned in July 2017 by the US for following the international commitments on the election mandate to administer the election of the National Constituent Assembly. Finally, by bail, Lucena also sanctioned Lucena for the “breaking the constitutional order.”

This year, Switzerland also sanctioned Lucena for “human rights violations and the deterioration of the rule of law and democratic institutions.” The relevant Article 21 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights ensures the five basic premises of electoral democracy: legality, periodicity, secret ballot, and equal suffrage, none of which was broken at any time by Lucena or any of her subordinates.

But a day after Switzerland, it was announced that sanctioned Lucena for the serious “money laundering, financing of terrorism and financing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.” It is absurd, but we will only ask one question: who in the world sanctioned for appearing in the infamous Panama Papers leak? The Panama Council of Public officials allegedly set up illegal offshore tax-haven schemes?

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In 1890 a husband can stop his wife from working and earning more than he does. Women cannot register a business. In entire sectors, at night or in dangerous places like driving a train or steering a ship. Russia's 456 women are specifically guaranteed to the 2 percent wage hike offered in the last two-three years for bank employees. The union leader said that bank workers only, which has angered the government. It seeks to limit negotiations on other issues to women and economic security. The protest began with the Facebook page “Public Service Unions,” which was launched in February. The federation said earlier that bank workers are barred from certain jobs in 104 countries. Gender equality in labour law is a right that women have been working and earning more relative to men, says the record. Cox said workers will be deprived of their rights to address a range of workplace issues, ranging from sexual harassment to retaliation against whistleblowers to fighting for the job and health and safety.

French strikes as new cuts loom

Galled by years of public sector pay cuts and President Macron’s pension reform, France’s labor unions urged civil servants, hospital staff and other employees to join the strike on May 22 and join nationwide street protests. Unions call the president’s plans on attack civil servants and erode public services. “Thanks to the civil service, all of the unions in this country will be together,” said Bernadette Grosmin, of the national education syndicate, the FSU, France’s largest labor alliance. “That shows how high the stakes are.”

Lisbon dockers start overtime strike

The dockers of the Port of Lisbon started a two-week overtime strike on Tuesday, May 21. Their union, SEAL, banned work beyond the normal period on working days, and for all workers on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays until June 2. The union had earlier expressed “moderate opposition” to “reaching a deal 30, in protest against a nominal 2 percent wage hike offered on May 5 by the Indian Banks’ Association (IBA). The IBA also said to limit negotiations on some issues to “women’s issues” and that any worker who was late due to any union meeting would be prevented from resuming work in the following 24 hours.

The union asked those and other “anti-union practices” to be reviewed by the Public Prosecutor’s Office, listing several examples in the strike notice, which added that the stalemate in negotiations was also due to issues related to wage rises and the distribution of work at the port.

Employees of various state-run banks will go on a two-day strike next week, starting June 17, and the union will closely monitor the results. The president of the Federation of Bus Industry Trade Unions, which represents drivers from the city’s three largest franchised bus companies, estimated about 5,000 drivers took part in daily protests and industrial action. The protest began with the first buses of the day and ran until 10 am. Drivers did not drop off or pick up passengers until their vehicles were completely inside depots and marked areas at bus stops. Other rules were less stringently enforced. Journeys continued even when broken down, and some commuters to cross a yellow warning line near the driver, and even when a passenger’s luggage was still allowed to board. There are about 13,000 bus drivers in Hong Kong, including the Discovery Bay, Lantau and Park Island bus companies. The drivers were unhappy with the Transport Department’s revised working hours guidelines following one of the deadliest bus crashes in Hong Kong’s history. A KMB double-decker flipped on its side in Tai Po days before the Lunar New Year, killing 19 passengers and injuring 67.

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One year later, Grenfell Tower fire victims still betrayed

From the UK Morning Star

Britain’s Tory government was forced into an embarrassing U-turn on May 18 after justice campaigners branded a review into the circumstances surrounding the devastating Grenfell Tower fire a “betrayal.”

Labour MPs led a furious backlash into Dame Judith Hackitt’s report on reforming building regulations in the wake of the June 14, 2017 disaster that left at least 71 people dead as it failed to recommend banning combustible cladding and “desktop studies” — approving the use of materials without real-life safety tests.

Housing and Communities Secretary James Brokenshire announced hours after the review was published that they would consult on banning combustible materials.

But MPs, campaigners from Grenfell United, the Local Government Association, Shelter housing charity and the Equality and Human Rights Commission said there was no need to consult over it. Kensington Labour MP Emma Dent Coad said the ban on combustible cladding was an “absolute 100 per cent no-brainer.”

She told BBC Radio 4’s World At One: “I don’t understand what they are consulting upon — are they going to say: ‘Would you like combustible cladding around your building or not?’

This is not an abstract issue. It is the escalation of aggression and the lack of public health all over the country, people are not able to sleep because they have cladding and they are not sure whether it is safe, they have got fire marshals outside their door. They want to leave now and the government must act.”

Shelter chief executive officer Polly Neate said the charity was “deeply concerned” that less than 4 per cent of 189 social housing blocks identified by Hackitt to have combustible cladding have had the material entirely removed.

Grenfell United chairman Shahin Sadafi said that the campaign group had specifically asked Hackitt to ban combustible cladding at a meeting.

He added: “We are disappointed and saddened that she didn’t listen to us and that she didn’t listen to other experts. The cladding on the Grenfell Tower was deemed to be limited combustibility, but it cost 72 lives. It must be banned. We need to hear from government a clear promise that these dangerous materials will no longer be used on homes again.”

Shadow housing secretary John Healey said it “beggers belief” that the report “continues to green light” combustible materials on high-rise blocks.

He added: “I say to the Secretary of State: Don’t consult on it — do it.”

In her review, Hackitt found that indifference and ignorance had led to a “race to the bottom” in building safety practices and that the UK government proposals to make high-rise flats safer to live in. She said a ban would “not solve the root causes” of the “broken system” of building regulations.

But, responding to criticism of her report, she said she was open to seeing combustible cladding banned in the future.

First Peoples come last in Australia’s budget

Australian Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison’s 2018-19 budget has come under fire for neglecting Indigenous people, being racially discriminatory and allocating nearly $50 million towards a Captain Cook memorial.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said First Australians would benefit from a stronger economy, more jobs and guaranteed essential services.

But Australian National Senator Pat Dodson told the ABC that, from a First Nations perspective, it was “unimaginative and disastrous.”

“The whole approach of this government — particularly First Nations people in the remote areas,” he said. “Overall, it’s a bit like being said I’m not watching the whole of the children get a present off the Christmas tree and being left to pick up the glittering wrappers and hopefully play with the busied toys once they are gone.”

The National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples said the budget did “not significantly address many of the key concerns of Indigenous communities, organisations, and peoples.”

“First Peoples have come last,” they said in a statement. “The government’s priority for First Australians focuses on economic prosperity. While many would welcome this outcome, the government’s roadmap to accomplishing this prosperity is fanciful, incorrect and sorely lacking in the detail necessary for success.”

The federal government’s decision not to proceed with the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing, which exprires in June, was, said the WA and Queensland governments, Congress and Senator Dodson.

While Indigenous Australians living in remote areas of the Northern Territory are set to benefit from a $550 million funding boost from the federal government, other states and territories missed out.

WA Treasurer Ben Wyatt said there had been “a bifurcated refusal” to engage with the state government about renewing the agreement for WA, which itself spends $100 million a year on remote housing.

“The Commonwealth government has provided a lifeline for remote Indigenous communities, the Northern Territory – the other state that has the big demand is certainly WA, so that is a huge failure,” he said.

The budget included “wage subsidies for 6,000 jobs in remote areas as part of reforms to the Community Development Employment Program (CDEP) dole scheme. The ACTU said the wage subsidies to the racially discriminatory CDEP were “grossly inadequate.”

ACTU national campaign coordinator Kara Keys said vaguely-worded changes in the budget suggest that CDP will move to the same demerit system used by metropolitan work-for-the-dole schemes — but there was no explanation of how this will reduce the appalling rate of financial penalties which has already been the hallmark of the CDP to date.

“The Turnbull government has failed to meet its commitment of marginalised Indigenous communities because it thinks there will be no political consequences,” she said. “We are determined that there will be severe consequences for this unconscionable conduct.

Senator Scullion needs to scrap this discriminatory program and focus on the economy and the dignity of paid work in these areas — otherwise we will see other than the abolition of this program is unacceptable.”

Congress pointed out that $50 million had been allocated for the memorialisation of the 250th anniversary of Captain Cook’s voyage to Australia.

“Whilst gaining pockets of local support, this appears a controversial investment in the Treasurer’s own electorate,” One Nation Senator Rod Culleton said. “Were these decisions to be redirected these funds into community based Closing the Gap initiatives to address the negative impacts of the European invasion of Australia.”

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Statement on the dangerous consequences for world peace of the US withdrawal from the JCPOA agreement

We, the undersigned Communist and Worker parties attending the meeting of the Working Group of IMGP in Athens on May 20, 2018, condemn the decision of the Trump administration - in contempt of the Convention of world public opinion - to take the USA out of the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) agreement with Iran, and the dangerous consequences this now has.

The United States’ withdrawal on 8 May 2018 from the JCPOA agreement between the five Security Council permanent members plus Germany (P5+1) and Iran - has significantly increased tension in the region and has raised the threat of a new devastating war in the Middle East.

We also condemn the re-imposition of economic and banking/monetary sanctions on Iran, which would constitute an unacceptable violation of the international agreement ratified by the UN Security Council. Both the US and the IAEA have criticised the US withdrawal and have confirmed that the Iranian side has fulfilled all its obligations under the JCPOA.

The actions and policies of the US administration in relation to Iran have been - and continue to be - coordinated with those of the governments of Israel and Saudi Arabia. The recent military aggression against Syria, including the aerial bombings carried out by Israeli forces, has intensified the possibility of all-out war.

We, the undersigned parties, are concerned that if the current course of behavior of the US and its allies in the Middle East is not curtailed and reversed immediately, then the potential for a new disastrous war, with unpredictable consequences for peace and stability in the region is real and huge.

Our parties strongly condemn the military attack on Iran and/or use of economic sanctions as a means of starving the people of that country into submission. We further believe that these actions will have a disastrous impact upon the continuing struggle of the Iranian people for peace, sovereignty, social justice, as well as their national democarcy.

The future of Iran and its political system is a matter of concern for the Iranian people and them alone - and they reject foreign intervention in their country.

The signatory parties to this statement call upon all forces of peace and disarmament globally to condemn the politics of confrontation of the governments of Israel and its allied Israelis which are contrary to the UN Charter. They should campaign to ensure that no government in the world supports any sanctions against Iran and do not succumb to US pressure.

The list of signatures on May 20 include: Communist Party of Brazil (PCdoB); Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (Czech Republic); AKEL of Cyprus; Communist Party of Greece; Hungarian Workers Party; Communist Party of India; Communist Party of India (Marxist); Tiketude Party of Iran; Social Movement of Kazakhstan; Communist Party of Lebanon; Communist Party of Portugal; Communist Party of Mexico; Communist Party of Russia; Russian Federation; Russian Communist Workers Party; Communist Party of Spain; Communist Party of Peoples of Spain; Syrian Communist Party of Turkey; Communist Party of Ukraine; Communist Party of Venezuela; Tudeh Party of Iran; Communist Party of Canada.

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By Norman (Oris) Richmond, aka Jalali

“Robeson may have joined the ancestors but his example, his integrity, his political acumen remains as a lodestar we would all do well to study--and exemplify.”

Of Dr. Gerard Horne’s latest volume is Paul Robeson: The Artist as Revolutionary. I recently walked into the Parkdale Library and read the biographical introduction. It was a huge poster celebrating the great Robeson.

Robeson, actor, athlete, political activist and one of the greatest singers of all time, would have been 112 years old today. Thousands of words have been written about the life and accomplishments of this international star. Here’s a look at Robeson’s interpretation of Jerome Kern’s song, Old Man River, but Robeson was qualified for the centre of world freedom.

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May 28 - United Steelworkers (USW) members in Labrador City, NL, have ratified a five-year collective agreement with the Iron Ore Company of Canada, ending a nine-week strike. (See previous issues of PV for reporting by our correspondent Sean Burton.)

The union says that more than 1,300 members of Locals 5795 and 6731 will return to work over the next several days. USW Local 5795 members voted 79% in favour of their agreement, while Local 6731 approved their contract as presented. The workers at IOC’s Labrador West operations had been on strike since March 26.

More than 500 members of USW/Syndicat des Métallos Local 9344, based in Sept-Iles, Que., will vote May 29 on a similar contract offer. Local 9344 members work at IOC’s port and railway operations in Quebec.

The new collective agreements include increases in medical benefit coverage, wages and pensions, as well as other improvements, said Ron Thomas, resident of the 1,300-member USW Local 5795.

“Our members can be proud of the ballot, of standing together in solidarity for the last nine weeks to achieve a fair collective agreement that our families and community deserve,” Thomas said. “We are very grateful for the tremendous support expressed to the Manager of the strike from our friends, our neighbours, local businesses – the entire community.”

“I am very proud of my membership and the solidarity they showed with our sisters and brothers in Locals 5795 and 9344,” said Tony Record, President of USW Local 6731. “It’s time to get IOC back up and producing so that our members and our communities can get some normalcy back into their lives.”

The collective agreements include an increase in the cap on medical benefits – the first such increase since the 1990s. As well, any member or dependent who exhausts the cap will still be covered for the duration of the five-year collective agreement.

The contracts provide for significant increases in pension benefits under the hybrid pension plan which will further provide for retirement security for members. Over the five-year term, wage increases will amount to an average of 2.4% annually, including cost-of-living allowances.

The new contracts include improvements to contract language, while the union also fought back management demands for concessions on pensions and the creation of a temporary workforce.

Hands off Venezuela...

The Communist Party of Canada demands the Canadian government accept the results the election, respect the decision of Venezuelan voters, and end all efforts to overturn these results, or to overthrow the elected government of Venezuela as advocated by the US President and government.

We call on the Canadian government to immediately rescind all sanctions against Venezuela, and to immediately cease all interference in diplomatic, trade, and international relations between Canada and Venezuela.

Venezuela has a right to self-determination and sovereignty, including the right to elect progressive and popular governments critical of imperialism, and moving in the direction of socialism.

Canada has no right to interfere: that is a crime under international law.

PAME calls May 30 general strike in Greece

PAME, the All-Workers Militant Front of Greece, has called a general strike on May 30, to demand improved collective agreements and abolition of the Syriza-ANEL coalition government’s anti-labour laws.

For two years, the government has refused to bring to Parliament a bill proposed by 518 regional trade union centres, federations and trade unions. The demands were presented on October 17, 2016, the day of a Panhellenic rally by workers and class-organisation federations that opposed the abolition of anti-labour laws, restoration and signing of sectoral employment contracts, full coverage of wages, and increases in wages, pensions and social benefits.

The proposed legislation was handed over to all parliamentary groups, except for the fascist Golden Dawn party. But the bill is still in the drawers of the Ministry of Labor, notes the Communist Party of Greece, which immediately mailed the draft legislation to Parliament, asking to bring it forward for debate and voting. On May 24, the KKE parliamentary group re-submitted the draft law in the form of a question on issue of a separate extension to the Minister of Labor, Social Security and Social Solidarity, again asking for a Parliamentary discussion.

The question from the KKE notes that almost two years later, the government still arbitrarily breaches the regulation of Parliament to bring the draft law forward for debate. “This decision shows its intentions to continue and escalate the attack on labour rights,” further strengthening the ban on collective agreements and promoting flexible forms of employment aimed in exploitation of the working class and the popular strata and supporting the profitability of capital, in line with the guidelines of the EU, promoted in all its member countries.”

PAME is calling upon Greek unions and workers to rally decisively on the path of a counter-attack, and to put the needs and interests of the popular classes and the Party strata that are in conflict with the strategy of capital, the EU, and the government’s policy, at the heart of labour’s demands.

Peace billboard on the Trans Canada Highway

The Regina Peace Council, an affiliate of the Canadian Peace Congress, recently erected this billboard outside of Qu’Appelle, fifty kilometers east of Regina, on the Trans Canada Highway.

Done in memory of the Regina Peace Council’s past president, the late Peter E. Gehl, the initiative is part of the group’s efforts to make the message of peace better known to the public. The billboard reads, “Canada—act for peace not war. Sign the treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons. No participation in Ballistic Missile Defense. Stop exporting weapons of war. Oppose regime-change militarism.”

Indigenous leaders on KM pipeline: “The answer is still no”

29 May, 2018, Unceded Coast Salish Territories (Burnaby, BC) — Indigenous leaders preparing to escalate their frontline opposition in the face of the federal purchase of the Trans Mountain pipeline.

“This is the moment in history where Justin Trudeau has revealed that he never cared about Indigenous rights or reconciliation,” said Will George, Tleil-Xwumthينا member and spokesperson for the Coast Salish Watch House.

“The cost that they did not calculate in their $4.5 billion purchase is that Indigenous frontline opposition will continue.” The Coast Salish Watch House.

“Despite all this insanity that Justin Trudeau is speaking, the answer is still no, we will never allow a pipeline to come through British Columbia and harm our Inlet,” said Tleil-Xwumthina Elder Te‘ah Amy George. Over 200 people have been arrested since March for opposing the pipeline and defending the water, land, and climate.

Indigenous leaders and grassroots organizers expect that number to grow exponentially if the federal government attempts to ramp up construction. Outrage at the federal decision has spurred urgency among residents to take direct action against the tar sands project, with over 25,000 people pledging to do “whatever it takes” to stop the pipeline.

WHAT’S LEFT

VANCOUVER, BC

People’s Voice 25th Anniversary Banquet, Saturday, June 2, doors 5:30 pm, Russian Hall, 600 Campbell Ave. Tickets $20 ($12 students or unemployed). For details, ph. 604-254-9368.

Protest the annual Jewish National Fund Dinner, Sunday, June 3, 5 pm, Four Seasons Hotel, W. Georgia & Howe, organized by Canada Palestine Association, BDS-Vancouver, Vancouver Peace Council & others.

Left Film Night, Sunday, June 24, 7 pm, film TBA, at the Centre for Socialist Education, 706 Clark Dr, ph. 604-255-2041.

TORONTO, ON

Vote Communist Election Rally, hear the Communist view on the election, Sat., June 2, 7 pm, A Different Booklist = 779 Baldwin St. Join us for food & drinks, and remarks from local candidates and the provincial leader of the Communist Party (Ontario). Free admission, financial appeal will be made. Rally for Decent Work! Sat., June 16, 1 pm at Ministry of Labour, 400 University Ave. After the provincial election, keep decent work on the agenda and show that labour is strong. Join the Ontario Federation of Labour and the $15 and Fairness campaign at this rally to show that community and labour stand united.

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Israel's slaughter of Palestinians: crime against humanity

May 15th, when Palestinian protests against the US-Israeli provocation would draw the greatest number of unarmed men, women and children to demonstrate at the border. Israeli snipers were shooting to kill, and to permanently maim thousands who survived the snipers, but may not survive the thousands of gunshot wounds.

which have overwhelmed doctors and hospitals. The Red Cross reports that hospitals – without electricity and supplies due to the eleven year old Israeli blockade of Gaza – were over-welmed with the dying and wounded, many of whom had been shot with exploding and fragmenting bullets intended to leave fist-sized exit holes in limbs. Deaths included children, and an 8 month old baby suffocated by an Israeli gas attack.

After years of aggression and war against the Palestinian people, including the illegal arrest, imprisonment, torture and murder of thousands of Palestinian civilians; the collective punishment of Palestinians deemed illegal under international law by former UN Secretary Ban Ki Moon; the continuous and illegal Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and the bulldozing of Palestinian homes out a political solution to long-term and catastrophic Israeli aggression and to a growing threat of regional and global war. These Israeli war crimes were premeditated by the government and military, and deliberately planned to coincide with the opening of the US Embassy in Jerusalem, on the eve of the 70th anniversary of the Nakba, recognizing the ancient city as the capital of Israel, inflamed the protests and the violence. Jerusalem has always been highly disputed and central to the peace process. The move was criticized by the international community as destabilizing and undermining any chance of peace.

We are disappointed that the Liberal government has refused to condemn Trump's decision to relocate the US Embassy to Jerusalem and demand that the Prime Minister condemn this violence as a clear violation of international law and human rights and to call for an independent investigation into the actions of the government of Israel.

"World has watched in horror," says CUPE

Statement by Canadian Union of Public Employees, May 15, 2018

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) condemns the killings of protesters in Gaza by Israeli Defence Forces. On Monday [May 14], 55 protesters were killed, and another 2,371 were injured when the Israeli military used live ammunition on demonstrations near the border with Gaza.

The Palestinian people have lived under a total land, sea and air blockade since 2007, and a military occupation by Israel since 1967. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon has described their conditions a form of collective punishment, and a clear violation of the Geneva Conventions. Living conditions in Gaza are characterized by violence, fear, lack of security, arbitrary arrests, hopelessness, unemployment and the denial of basic services, food, freedom of movement and other essentials. CUPE and the world have watched in horror over the past seven weeks as excessive violence has been used against Palestinians protesting the oppression and participating in the Great March of Return protests. These protests demand the right of Palestinian refugees and their families to return to the land now called Israel. The decision of US President Donald Trump, to relocate the American embassy to Jerusalem, May 15th, when Palestinian protests against the US-Israeli provocation would draw the greatest number of unarmed men, women and children to demonstrate at the border. Israeli snipers were shooting to kill, and to permanently maim thousands who survived the snipers, but may not survive the thousands of gunshot wounds.

This massacre will not stop the Palestinian struggle

In a May 15 statement, the Communist Party of Israel (CPI) strongly condemns the crimes of the Israeli Occupation against the unarmed Palestinian protesters in the March of Return rally in Gaza; crimes that killed more than 50 persons, including children and people with disabilities. The CPI statement says, “this terrible massacre will not stop the legitimate struggle of the Palestinian people for its freedom, an ongoing struggle for the last 70 years.”

The CPI denounces the official opening of the US embassy in Jerusalem. This is a provocative step, overruled by the majority of the world’s nations and states, as well as by the Palestinian people and all peace seekers locally and internationally. This step, along with the US withdrawal from the nuclear treaty with Iran, embodies the direction the Trump-Nietanyahu-Reactionary Gulf regime pact is heading towards – blurring the conflict’s origin in the region and turning it from a struggle against the Israeli occupation and the American hegemony into a religious conflict while terminating the Palestinian Issue.

CPI calls for a wide mobilization and participation in the activities organized by the Higher Follow-Up Committee for the Palestinian Population in Israel in the Arab villages and towns, to mass mobilization of its cadre in the activities organized by Israel, and to the solidarity of Jewish workers through the movement of the Joint List and the American Left. CPI also calls upon all peoples, Left and Progressive forces in the world to enhance the solidarity with the Palestinian people against the Israeli occupation and its crimes, and to fully reject the American policies driving the entire region to an abyss.

People’s Voice file photo by Ed Bil, from “Gaza Under Attack” rally in Toronto, July 2014

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