



JOBS NOT WAR!

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The AUKUS alliance between Australia, the UK and the US turns the meaning of security on its head. It will promote neither security nor prosperity in the region – quite the opposite. AUKUS is an offensive alliance increasing regional tensions, pushing an arms race in preparation for war with China. Its aim is not security.

The nuclear-powered submarines, missiles and other weapons of mass destruction pose an existential threat to the peoples of the whole world.

And the hundreds of billions of dollars being thrown at the military industrial complex on weapons of mass destruction drain budgets of much needed spending on the social security and well-being of people.

BUILD SHIPS NOT SUBS

Australia is heavily reliant on exports and the importation of manufactured goods. More than ninety-eight per cent of Australia's exports and imports are carried by sea. Globally, Australia is the fourth largest user of ships, yet its international and coastal (cabotage) shipping is reliant on foreign vessels registered in tax havens and with slave labour crew on as little as \$2 an hour.

Australia remains vulnerable to the disruption of global supply chains, whether it's due to the pandemic, economic crisis, energy supplies or military conflict. Australia once had a vibrant national fleet but today only twelve large trading vessels remain due to government free trade and taxation policies. Most of Australia's trade is no longer under its control.

The Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) is calling for the building of a national fleet of large commercial vessels to move goods between Australian ports and on international routes. The workers currently employed in the shipyards who expected to work on the now cancelled French submarines are highly skilled. These skills could easily be transferred to the production of a national shipping fleet.

Banning the nuclear-powered subs would not mean thousands of lost jobs.

On the contrary, with conversion of existing facilities these same and additional workers would not only have good jobs; but they would be serving the genuine strategic interests of Australia.

PEOPLE WITHOUT JOBS JOBS WITHOUT PEOPLE

Tertiary and further education (TAFE) has suffered over \$3 billion in federal government funding cuts since 2013. The Australian Education Union (AEU) holds the government directly accountable for the current national skills shortage.

According to the Centre for Future Work,



"Australia's historic investment in quality TAFE education supported a combined and ongoing flow of total economic benefits worth \$92.5 billion to the Australian economy in 2019 – 16 times greater than the annual 'maintenance' costs."

"The presence and activity of TAFE institutes 'anchors' over \$6 billion per year in economic activity and 48,000 jobs from the direct operation of the TAFE system and its supply chain, and 'downstream' consumer spending impacts."

TAFE has huge spin-offs in productivity, many more times than the cost of running the system, yet it has experienced savage cuts over the past decade or more with funds for training being transferred to the corruption-ridden, inferior private sector.

Karen Noble of the Canberra Institute of Technology points out that, "As Australia transitions to a clean energy future, workers will need to re-skill and re-train as jobs become redundant. It's impossible to simply redeploy coal miners as solar panel installers or wind turbine engineers. A workforce development plan with a strong TAFE at the heart will be essential for avoiding skills shortages that may create barriers to investments in a low carbon economy."

COMMUNITY JOBS

The community sector is labour intensive and is experiencing critical shortages of skilled workers and funding. It covers services such as disability support, child protection, housing and homelessness, domestic violence

and women's services, and community legal centres. They have experienced ongoing cuts at the same time as rising demand.

There is no justification for denying these services the funds they need. Yet these are some of the areas where cuts will be made to pay off government debt which will be fuelled by the submarines, missiles and other costs of AUKUS.

Health services are in crisis. Public hospitals were under-staffed and under-resourced before the pandemic hit. They faced critical shortages of ventilators, masks, and other equipment as well as staff.

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AUSTRALIA KEEN TO BE MAJOR DEFENCE EXPORTER AS SALES TO AFRICA REVEALED

Australia is commonly referred to as “America’s deputy sheriff” because of the support role it plays for US imperialism. This doesn’t diminish Australia’s involvement, but it clarifies whose ruling class interests we are predominately serving. This role has become even clearer since the advent of the AUKUS pact.

However, this does not mean that Australia’s meddling in foreign affairs is always at the behest of the US – sometimes it strikes out on its own.

Documents obtained under Freedom of Information laws show the Australian government has approved military sales to at least eighteen countries in Africa since 2015. These documents revealed that Australian companies are selling munitions and military technology to African countries under a Defence Department plan.

Given Australia’s high-profile military contracts in recent years – first with France, then with the US – one could easily mistake Australia as a buyer in the military equipment market. However, Australia’s contributions as a seller in this market are not insignificant. Defence officials reported an estimated \$5 billion worth of military equipment sales in 2019-20, equalling more than the usual yearly export value of Australian wine, wool, or wheat.

In fact, these sales are only part of a larger strategy for a Coalition government that has made no bones in recent years about its desire to be a top ten “defence” exporter, as former Defence Industry Minister Christopher Pyne stated: “We expect that in the next nine years because of the investments of this government we’ll move to be in the top ten defence exporters in the world, and so we should be.”

The sale of military equipment and munitions to African countries has, of course, raised a lot of ethical questions. Sales have been made to Burkina Faso, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and Eritrea – all countries undergoing political upheaval.

The news of this information has caused an international outcry.

Former UN lawyer and federal Labor Minister Melissa Parke stated that she found “[...] it hard to believe that, rather than seeing ourselves on the international stage as a good global citizen, that instead we would seek to increase the manufacture and sale of weapons that cause death, injury and destruction to people who’ve done us no harm,” further qualifying the Coalition’s ambitions as a major defence exporter as “simply grotesque.”

Grotesque is a completely fitting adjective to describe Australia’s actions and perspective. Instead of treating war as a serious political and humanitarian issue, it treats conflict like all capitalist economies do: an opportunity to make a buck. This is most evident in the Australian government’s Defence Export Strategy which outlines how military sales will be expanded and lists the Middle East as a “priority market.” It should appal everyone that Australia views war so coldly and opportunistically in this way, but it shouldn’t be a surprise.

Capitalism will always try to maximise profit out of every opportunity no matter how heinous or benign, regardless of ethical and moral implications. We must fight for an independent Australia, and we must fight for peace.

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Regional Australia is crying out for hospitals and other medical services. The new hospital at Coffs Harbour cost \$197 million, the one at Shell Harbour \$297 million. A good ventilator costs \$50,000 and another \$50,000 a year to run. It’s appalling that the government can find money for killing machines and not such basic needs.

There is a housing crisis with cost of both rental and purchasing a home unaffordable, especially for workers on low and medium incomes and people not in the paid workforce. Homelessness is on the rise, in particular amongst older women and their children fleeing domestic violence. This is being exacerbated by the lack of public housing and state governments running down and selling off their stock of public housing.

EDUCATION

Adam Rorris, in a report titled *Investing In Schools: Funding the Future* on public education needs, estimated that a school capital investment program of approximately \$3.8 billion would likely sustain more than 37,000 additional jobs every year in the construction industry.

“Improving existing public assets that are distributed nationally with reach into urban, rural, remote

and the poorest communities is a scalable and effective means for generating short term stimulus. Public schools are in urgent need of modernisation and can benefit from significant public investment while yield long-term economic benefits,” the report said.

With federal government providing zero capital funding to public schools the report showed that the cumulative Capital Investment Gap between public and private schools was \$21.5 billion from 2013 to 2018.

BASIC ARITHMETIC

The Coalition government plans to make workers and the most vulnerable pay the cost of “getting the economy back on its feet”. It has no plans to invest in job creation as a means of stimulating the economy and thus increasing revenue through taxation.

The money will have to come from somewhere. The Morrison government will try to cut funding for public services, slash social security payments, sack public servants and freeze their wages, and sell off public assets – all while crying poor. The big hit will be after the federal elections when we will be told there is a “need” to increase the GST and expand its application to cover currently exempt services such as health and education.

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14th National Congress Special Appeal

From 25-27 February 2022, elected delegates representing Communist Party organisations from all over Australia will gather in Sydney for the 14th National Congress of the Party, COVID restrictions permitting. In the lead-up to the Congress, Party members have been discussing and submitting amendments to a draft Political Resolution. At Congress delegates will review the work of the Party and look to its future tasks. Congress will elect a new Central Committee to lead the work of the Party until the next National Congress.

The CPA has launched a Special Appeal to help defray the costs associated with holding a National Congress. We are appealing to Party members and organisations, all friends and supporters of the Party and *Guardian* readers to help fulfill our \$10,000 target as soon as possible.

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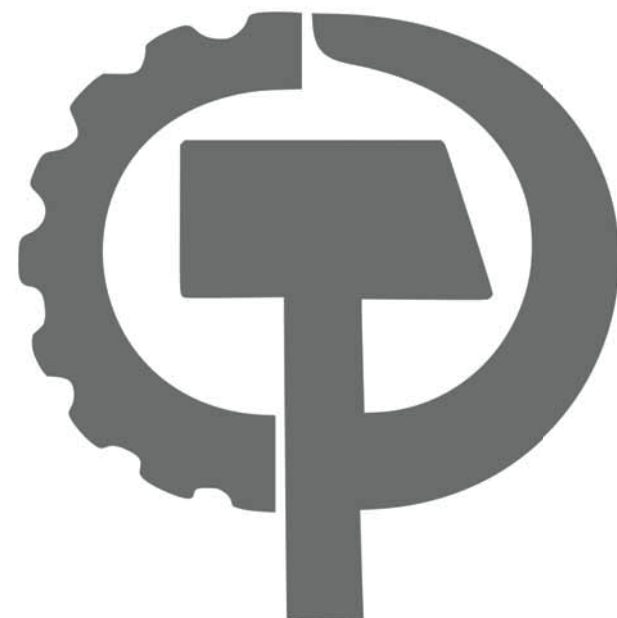
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CPA, CPB & CPUSA TRILATERAL STATEMENT ON AUKUS



The Communist Party of Australia, the Communist Party of Britain and the Communist Party of the USA met on 1st October to discuss the implications of the formation of AUKUS, a trilateral Australian-British-US military alliance targeting China. The three parties issued the following statement:

The Communist Party of Australia, the Communist Party of Britain and the Communist Party of the USA unequivocally condemn AUKUS, a trilateral Australian-British-US military alliance and the plan for Australia to purchase or lease nuclear-powered attack submarines.

The Communist Party of Britain and the Communist Party USA declare their support and solidarity with the Communist Party of Australia, which has called on its members and supporters and all peace-loving men and women to actively oppose the government's decision to join the AUKUS agreement; to buy nuclear-powered submarines; to purchase cruise missiles and other offensive weapons; and for Australia to host more US troops, warships, weapons, and planes.

AUKUS is a response to changes in the global economy which are promoting a direct challenge to neoliberal norms of government across the globe. The US is

determined to maintain its political and economic hegemony in the economically expanding Asia-Pacific region.

In the face of declining US economic power, AUKUS aims to tie Australia even more tightly to US imperialism's plans to contain and control the People's Republic of China and to consolidate Australia as a US launching pad for coercion and even war.

The US and UK feel the world slipping through their fingers, prompting ever greater aggressiveness, rather than face economic and geo-political reality. Instead of seeking to peacefully join a multilateral world as equal partners, they are turning to military alliances to try to hold onto their fading power."

AUKUS is an aggressive and destabilising military alliance which jettisons what vestiges of sovereignty Australia still retained. It is part of the US-led imperial system which prioritises the rights of private investors over the sovereignty of most states.

In post-Brexit Britain, AUKUS feeds Prime Minister Johnson's dream of aggressive expansionism for a "global Britain." The UK already has a strike group in the South China Sea. This will not be welcome as British imperialism was particularly brutal in Asia Pacific region from the impoverishment of India to starting the Vietnam War, to laying the basis for ethnic conflicts in Fiji and Sri Lanka and inflicted near genocide

on the Aboriginal owners of Australia and the Maori of Aotearoa.

The governments of our three countries rob jobs, education, the environment, the vital health budget, welfare and much more to pay for unnecessary war preparations that benefit only the armaments corporations.

Military spending does create some jobs but not nearly as many jobs as a comparable investment in productive industry. In the US one billion dollars of federal investment in the military creates 11,200 jobs whereas the same investment in clean energy technology would yield 16,800, in health care 17,200 and in education 26,700 jobs.

Working people need work that creates benefits for the people of the world, not work that produces more efficient people-killing machines. Rather than sinking resources into the creation of tools that further destroy resources, both people and goods, production that meets human needs is required.

Many Asia-Pacific nations have only recently emerged from a long period of oppressive European imperialism. Many view AUKUS as an attempt to re-impose imperialist dominated military and economic hegemony in the region. Inevitably, tensions will increase, as already suggested by the Indonesian and Malaysian responses to AUKUS.

The introduction of nuclear-powered submarines opens the way for the development

of an Australian nuclear power industry and for a nuclear weapons capacity. All this weakens current non-proliferation agreements and threatens independence, security and the environment in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Communist Party of Australia, the Communist Party of Britain and the Communist Party of the USA join with peace and environmental movements, trade unions, churches, welfare and aid organisations and many other groups around the world to demand:

- No war on China. No new Cold War on China.
- Australia, the UK and the USA must sign and implement the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons.
- An end to military alliances and their replacement with multilateralism, diplomacy, and cooperation with China to address the existential threats of the pandemic and the climate crisis.
- Cuts to military budgets and an end to the economic drain of military spending and its replacement with profitable peacetime economies creating useful consumer goods.

Nothing less than the future of our planet depends on ending the new Cold War between the United States and China. ✪

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AUSTRALIA TO HELP US ESTABLISH “STRATEGIC BASE” ON THE MOON



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The federal government’s \$50 million trailblazer program will support businesses to develop a semi-autonomous robot which NASA will use to collect lunar soil as part of the Artemis program, which seeks to set up a permanent “strategic base” on the moon.

This comes as Prime Minister Scott Morrison signalled an increased focus on space-exploration.

“By 2030, we want to triple the size of our space sector – adding \$12 billion to our economy and creating up to 20,000 new, high-skilled jobs – providing more opportunities for Australians and industries.”

The Artemis Accords, drafted by NASA and the US Department of State and signed by Australia and twelve other countries in

late 2020, is the legislative framework aimed at tying Space Law to US-interests.

Unlike the United Nations’ multilateral 1979 “Outer Space” treaty, the Artemis Accords are an attempt by the US to enforce its own interpretation of space law from above, pressuring its allies and subordinates to accept and abide by its terms.

The Accords have been criticised for violating space law established in the Outer Space treaty that expressly forbids nations from claiming planetary bodies by allowing Artemis signatories to claim any resources extracted from celestial objects.

However, as a ratifier of the Moon Treaty since 1986, the Morrison government has placed Australia in conflict with its legislated commitment to an international regime responsible for overseeing the extraction of resources from space.

The Artemis Accords amount to little more than a brazen attempt to not only privatise space for the benefit of US commercial interests, but to militarise it in preparation for war.

In addition to desired profits from resource extraction, space “exploration” is as an important outlet for surplus capital in the expanding the military industrial complex.

Military action is reliant on satellites for communication, navigation, and weapons guidance. The militarisation of space is a front-line in the unceasing campaign to enforce the US-led imperialist world order.

The AUKUS agreement was flagged by Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne as increasing collaboration between the US and Australia on space technology.

This was reiterated by the Joint Statement on Australia-US Ministerial Consultations

(AUSMIN) 2021, which claimed that the US and Australia must establish shared space capabilities to understand “space related threats [...] and achieve Alliance objectives.”

In addition, plans for combined satellite activities “to provide global coverage in support of a wide range of intelligence mission requirements” were unveiled.

As the US ramps up aggression in a bid to create a new Cold War and arms race, the international community must resist its attempts to galvanise the space-faring world into opposing blocs, as well as the US’ aims to use space for militarism and profit. Instead, we must continue to promote the collective exploration of space “for peaceful purposes.” ✪

REPORT: RALLY TO PROTECT ABORIGINAL HERITAGE – PERTH

Richard Titelius

After Rio Tinto famously blew up the Juukan Gorge in 2020 in the Pilbara gained worldwide attention, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal activists in WA were activated to stop further destruction like this from happening again.

Hundreds of sites are at risk. Many intersect sacred waterways, cave systems, Songlines and Dreamtime locations with irreplaceable engravings, paintings and artefacts dating back tens of thousands of years. We must protect

the world’s oldest living culture. We must respect the authority of Aboriginal people and their strong cultural responsibility to protect and care for their country and significant sites.

After the incident, the McGowan government was pushed into a review of the deficient State Aboriginal Heritage laws that allowed this tragedy to occur. However, now that the draft bill has been open to public scrutiny, it has angered and disappointed many Aboriginal people in the state. A coalition called Protect Aboriginal Heritage WA was formed of four Aboriginal

groups, including Land Councils who represent Aboriginal groups on these issues. On Saturday, 23rd October, they held a rally in Victoria Gardens on the Swan River or Derbal Yirrigan in its Noongar name to protest and inform people of the issues which they have with the bill for the proposed reform of the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

The most significant issues are there are no powers for significant and meaningful consultation with Aboriginal elders over mining on Aboriginal land, including the power of veto over sites important to Aboriginal ontology or being.

There were a number of speakers from both the Noongar people of the southwest and Aboriginal groups in the Pilbara. They spoke of arriving at sacred sites that had been destroyed without their knowledge or approval. An Aboriginal spokeswoman from the Pilbara who had been given permission by her elders to speak on their behalf said they wanted to have heritage to give the next generations. Some elders and children who were also present at the meeting place after the march by the 400 people across the Matagarup Bridge to Optus Stadium – an imposing Western

cultural sacred site on the other side of the Swan River.

The Communist Party of Australia supports the Aboriginal people of Western Australia in their push to ensure the current bill is not enacted until there has been meaningful consultation with Aboriginal groups representing Aboriginal people whose land could be affected by resource development, including the right of veto by Aboriginal elders over significant Aboriginal Heritage sites. ✪

ANMF WARNS THAT NEW TRADE DEAL WILL HURT THE AGED CARE SYSTEM

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation Statement

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF), representing over 310,000 nurses, midwives and care staff across the country, is calling on the Federal Government to defer progressing the largest trade deal in history, amid growing concerns that it will negatively impact the aged care system.

Earlier this month, Federal Parliament is being asked to pass the enabling legislation for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), a multi-country trade deal involving close to a third of the global population and a third of global GDP.

But a Submission to the Federal Government's Joint Standing Committee on Trade by the New South Wales Branch of the ANMF, highlighted significant concerns that link the RCEP Trade Agreement and the Recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care.

ANMF Federal Secretary, Annie Butler, said if the RCEP deal goes ahead in its current form it runs the risk of providing loopholes for private overseas companies to avoid being held accountable for how they provide care to aged care residents.

"Many Australians would be well-aware of the shocking evidence of abuse and neglect found by the Royal Commission into Aged Care, evidence that reflected an absence of accountability and transparency within many of the country's privately-operated nursing homes," Ms Butler said.

"Despite billions in Government funding annually, the Royal Commission found that many aged care providers failed to staff their aged care facilities adequately, and on too many occasions, failed to even provide decent meals for those in their care. The ANMF welcomed the recommendations for greater staffing, greater accountability and greater transparency from the Royal Commission but we are now concerned that this trade deal could jeopardise these urgently-needed reforms of aged care."

ANMF NSW Branch spokesperson on Trade, Michael Whaites, questioned why 'on one hand we have a trade agreement whose



purpose is to freeze or de-regulate services and on the other, we have a Royal Commission calling for more regulation?"

"Increased accountability and transparency requires tighter regulation, not less regulation. It came as a shock to us that the Morrison Government has chosen not to exclude Aged Care from the agreement. The RCEP agreement excludes childcare and some aspects of healthcare, but not aged care," he said.

"This represents either an oversight by the Government, or it represents a belief by the Government that the Aged Care system is currently over-regulated, which would fly in the face of the Royal Commission's findings."

Ms Butler said the Government must

stop the legislation to ensure the RCEP will not hinder regulation of the aged care sector, most importantly, the quantity and quality of care being provided to elderly residents.

"We are calling on the Government to amend the agreement before the enabling legislation is put before Parliament this week and remove any confusion. If the Government will not make this amendment, then we need the opposition parties to vote against the legislation," she said.

"If you agree that the Aged Care system needs more regulation, then you must ensure that there are absolutely no impediments to implementing change. If the RCEP deal goes ahead in its current form it runs the risk of providing loopholes for private overseas

companies to avoid being held accountable for how they provide care to aged care residents."

The ANMF is also deeply concerned that the RCEP trade agreement will legitimise the brutal military dictatorship in Myanmar.

"We stand with the healthcare workers and trade unionists in Myanmar who have been opposing the takeover of democracy in that country. We do not believe the Australian Government should be making trade deals with a government that punishes healthcare workers who enact their democratic rights," Butler said.

19th October 2021.

The ANMF's Submission on RCEP is available at: tinyurl.com/ANMF-aged-care ✪

NATIONAL FEDEX STRIKES AS COMPANY TRIES TO AMERICANISE WORKFORCE

Transport Workers' Union Statement (TWU)

FedEx workers held national 24-hour strikes last Monday after the company exploited the suspension of strikes this week to ship its American anti-worker campaign to Australia and change the terms of the agreement.

In good faith, FedEx workers had paused strikes planned for yesterday to allow the company to provide a fair agreement offer at a further negotiation meeting.

Talks broke down yesterday after FedEx rolled back progression towards an agreement by trying to stretch its length out by another year. This approach swindles

workers out of repayment for hard work during the pandemic and destabilises growth as the economy recovers.

In the previous weeks, TWU members had made great progress in obtaining job security protections, but other terms are now being attacked dragging down standards already below those of other major transport operators like Toll and Linfox.

TWU National Secretary Michael Kaine said Australian FedEx workers will not stand for the Amazon-style union-busting tactics the company wants to ship over from America.

"FedEx workers are angry their good faith has been twisted, exploited and thrown back in their face this week. While six other transport operators have settled fair agreements in the last two weeks, FedEx is keeping its foot on workers' necks.

"It is a disgrace that FedEx took the extra time agreed to by workers to change tack and launch a fresh assault on their terms and conditions. These workers generated record multibillion-dollar profits for FedEx but their pay and conditions fall dangerously below those at their competitors like Toll and Linfox.

"When standards are dragged

down in transport, it has deadly consequences.

"In the US, FedEx spent \$837,000 on a union-busting campaign when workers fought for parity with UPS workers. The Australian Federal Government has allowed American cellar-dwellers Amazon and FedEx to set up shop and go about their business attacking workers with no regulation to keep them in check. Workers have no choice but to fight back," he said.

National StarTrack strikes took place yesterday after the company refused several requests to meet worker representatives and finalise a fair agreement.

StarTrack and FedEx have proven to be outliers fighting ideological battles. Over the last two weeks, fair deals have been reached at Toll, Linfox, Global Express, BevChain, Ceva and ACFs.

In June, FedEx reported record revenues at US\$84 billion and net income over US\$5 billion.

In July, Amazon and Apple – key clients of StarTrack and FedEx – reported profits had roughly doubled compared to the previous year. Amazon's half-year profits reached US\$15.89 billion, while Apple's June-quarter profits reached US\$21.7 billion.

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\$100 BILLION**



**BUILD
320,000
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4,500
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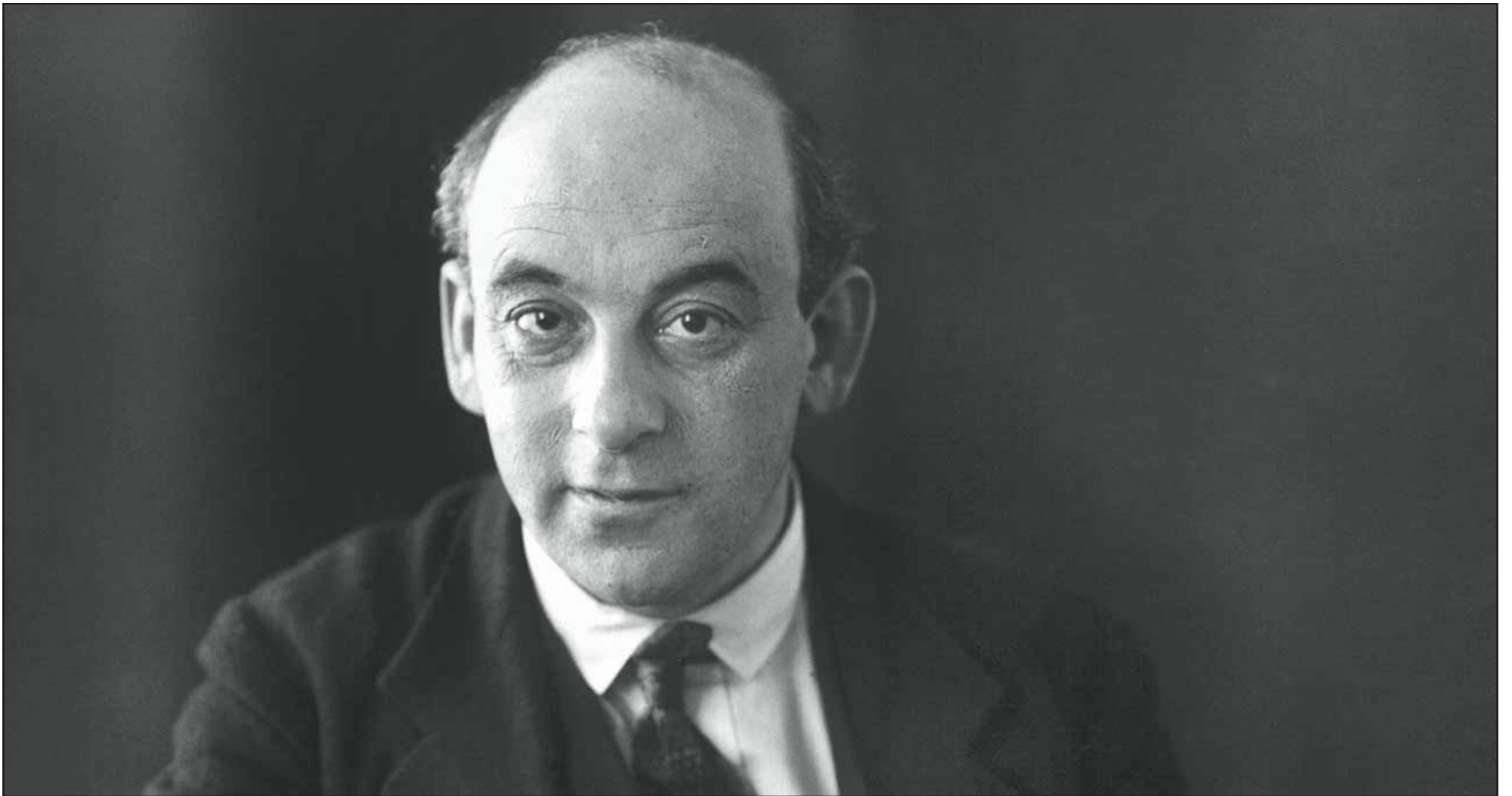


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THE LANGUAGE OF THE THIRD REICH



Jenny Farrell

Victor Klemperer is remembered for his seminal study of the language of the Nazis. Born the son of a rabbi on the 9th of October 1881 in Gorzów Wielkopolski, Poland (then called Landsberg an der Warthe in German), Klemperer grew up in Berlin, where he was baptised as a Protestant. In the First World War he volunteered for the front.

With the rise of German fascism he was declared a Jew. He lost his professorship and his home, had no access to radio, newspapers, or libraries, and could not publish or go to the cinema or theatre.

After the war Klemperer supported socialism as an anti-fascist new beginning. Having fled Germany after the Dresden bombing of 13/14 February 1945, he returned to Soviet-occupied Dresden after the war and was reinstated as professor. He joined the Communist Party, “because he wanted to finish with the Nazis for political reasons.”

Klemperer kept a diary, and after the war he published *LTI: Language of the Third Reich* (available in English). A keenly observant middle-class scholar, Klemperer grasped how the fascists’ language expresses their inhumanity. In the anecdotally written *LTI*, Klemperer deals with the central terms of this Newspeak: “Mein Kampf [...] fixed the essential features of its language. Following the Party’s ‘takeover’ in 1933 the language of a group [took] hold of all realms of public and private life.”

Klemperer never identified as Jewish, even after twelve years of fascist persecution. However, fascist racism towards Jews occupies a central place. He draws attention to what was new: “embedding the hatred of the Jews in the idea of race [...] Displacing the difference between Jews and non-Jews into the blood makes any compensation impossible, perpetuates the division and legitimises it as willed by God.”

Concern about postulating Jews as a separate people and its implications appear in a diary entry for the 8th of January 1939: “It seems complete madness to me, if specifically Jewish states are now to be set up in Rhodesia or somewhere. That would be letting the Nazis throw us back thousands of years [...] The solution of the Jewish question can only be found in the deliverance from those who have invented it.”

In *LTI*, Klemperer reflects on one aspect of fascist conspiracy theory: “The adjective ‘jüdisch [Jewish]’ [...] [binds] together all adversaries into a single enemy: the Jewish-Marxist Weltanschauung, the Jewish-Bolshevik philistinism, the Jewish-Capitalist system of exploitation, the keen Jewish-English, Jewish-American interest in seeing Germany destroyed.”

Though Klemperer himself was critical of communism until the end of the war, he did have communist friends and describes the fate of communists in the hands of the fascists. “The garden of a Communist in Heidenau is dug up, there is supposed to be a machine-gun in it. He

denies it [...] he is beaten to death” (the 15th of May 1933).

An interesting observation is that Hitler and his supporters presented the “Führer” as the new saviour: “The *LTI* was a language of faith because its objective was fanaticism [...] [although] national Socialism fought against Christianity in general and the Catholic Church in particular [...] the first Christmas after the usurpation of Austria [...] [celebrates] the ‘resurrection of the Greater German Reich’ and accordingly the rebirth of the light ... the sun and the swastika, leaving the Jew Jesus entirely out of it.”

War is similarly cloaked in Christian terminology. War “became known as a ‘crusade,’ a ‘holy war,’ a ‘holy people’s war.’”

Occasionally Klemperer concentrates too much on the person of Hitler as a “madman.” One finds little about the larger connection with the social system, capital and the economy.

Klemperer gives examples of the renaming of thousands of localities. Parallels with the anti-communist renaming of places after the annexation of East Germany are striking. In East German subculture the GDR names of certain streets, squares and towns continue to be used in protest: Dimitroffstraße, Leninplatz, Karl-Marx-Stadt.

Klemperer’s observations on “Europe” also resonate with contemporary readers: “the ideas of the accident that are to be defended against the forces of Asia [...] For Europe is now no longer simply fenced off from Russia – whilst also laying claim to large

areas of its land as part of Hitler’s continent by right – but is also at loggerheads with Great Britain.”

This links to the right-wing extremist language of contemporary Germany, their slogans about “Fortress Europe” as a bastion against the “Great Replacement.” Björn Höcke, an AFD politician, has referred to “the so-called immigration policy, which is nothing other than a multicultural revolution decreed from above [...] the abolition of the German people.” Höcke’s hints at a conspiracy theory have roots in the Jewish conspiracy mentioned above. Such “race-mixing,” it is implied, would destroy the “civilisation” and “identity” of the natives. Conspiracy theories create fear, and present a chilling image of the enemy.

As in Nazi language, today’s neo-Nazis semantically recast everyday terms: “homeland” and “culture” are given racist undertones. It is only a small step to racial violence.

In linguistics, framing is a technique whereby two different things are associated. Where refugees are compared to natural disasters, such as a “tsunami,” or “flood,” this portrays refugees as undesirable disasters, ultimately life-threatening. Another example is the framing of refugees with “security.” It is ultimately about “us” against “them.”

Some of the linguistic strategies mentioned here, such as framing, are adopted by the establishment media. Klemperer pointed out how quickly this language and, therefore, thinking spreads in society.

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Such “race-mixing,” it is implied, would destroy the “civilisation” and “identity” of the natives. Conspiracy theories create fear, and present a chilling image of the enemy.

“FRANÇAFRIQUE” – A TALE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DOMINATION WHICH MUST END!

Taras

The New Africa-France Summit was held in Montpellier, France, on 8th October. This summit is an attempt by French President Emmanuel Macron to strengthen the position of French imperialism in West Africa, which now faces pressures from economic rivals including the US and China.

France is one of the strongholds of neo-colonialism, in its crudest and least disguised form. In many ways, this is rooted in the classical colonial relationship of subordination which began to take shape during the great geographic “discoveries” of the 15th century. Africa is still a victim of French imperialism. France openly limits the sovereignty of African states, exerting a direct influence on their internal affairs. And it does so completely legally through mechanisms enshrined in international agreements.

The key instrument is the French-led monetary union, which was created mainly on the basis of its former colonial holdings. One of the currencies included in this zone is the CFA franc. This acronym was the initials of the words “Colonies Françaises d’Afrique.”

The CFA franc was established by the French government in December 1945 as part of the reforms approved by the Bretton Woods Conference.

Weakened post-war France sought to maintain its influence in Africa by all means, and to use the continent as a resource for restoring its own national economy. The CFA franc became the only official currency of more than twenty countries in West and Central Africa. Since then, French capital has succeeded in exploiting a territory of more than 150 million inhabitants via the CFA franc.

France only grants loans to the countries of the CFA franc zone on condition that the funds are spent on the purchase of French products, and African governments must give priority to working with French companies. French multinationals like Total and Orano have exclusive rights to develop the natural resources of France’s former colonies, which are rich in oil, gas, uranium, diamonds, gold and iron.

Because the CFA franc was linked to the French franc, France could import goods from Africa with its own currency, which greatly benefited it in its relations with African countries. France also had the option of restricting access to the region for other large customers. With the changeover to the euro, these privileges were extended to the leaders of the European Union, who were able to influence the monetary policy of the European Central Bank.

Membership in the CFA franc zone has been disastrous for African economies, which are in a state of prolonged stagnation. The French authorities claim that by their intervention, these countries receive currency and price stability. But neoliberal recipes do not work: the price to pay for low inflation is the complete lack of economic growth.

Real per capita GDP in the CFA region has been declining since the mid-1970s. Seven countries of the monetary union remain the



poorest in the world and two-thirds of their population are forced to live on less than two dollars per day. And this is not surprising – having no real sovereignty, the countries of the CFA zone sacrifice their populations for the profit of French imperialism. The African states do not have the capacity to control the exchange rate or interest rates, nor to maintain them with the export of raw materials that are monopolised by French corporations.

One might ask: why did these countries agree to participate in the French monetary union? This institution was created fifteen years before the start of the national liberation movement in Africa (a liberation movement encouraged and supported by the Soviet Union, the socialist states, and the progressive and anti-imperialist people of the world). The free republics were determined to create their own currencies. However, France laid down the condition that it would recognise their independence only if they retained their membership in the CFA franc zone.

France imposed “cooperation agreements” on African countries, which governed a wide range of issues including mining, the terms of foreign trade and international relations, the structure of the armed forces, the educational system, civil aviation and much more. These agreements consolidated the economic and political domination of France over the former colonies, making their independence a fiction – they are semi-colonies, in Marxist terms.

Many African countries have tried to escape the yoke of the metropolis, and

some have been successful. Over the years and with great difficulty, Guinea, Djibouti, Comoros, Mauritania and Madagascar left the CFA franc zone. In other countries, the struggle for independence was not successful. Togolese president Sylvanus Olympio was assassinated during a military coup d’état supported by France, after having announced the renunciation of the CFA franc in 1960. An unenviable fate befell other African political figures including the legendary Thomas Sankara, who tried to resist French financial dictatorship.

All those who have tried to oppose French imperialism and the establishment of the CFA franc have been killed or overthrown following pro-French coups. In total since 1960, French armed forces have intervened more than forty times in military operations on the continent. Macron’s recently announced Barkhane Operation, which outlines a “profound transformation of the French military presence in the Sahel,” does not substantively change anything: the logic remains that of a controlling and interfering foreign presence whose aim is “establishing an international alliance involving the States of the region.”

But time does not stand still. The colonial currency is increasingly being rejected, and not only in Africa, where protests are erupting more and more. In France, progressive forces are calling on the state to close this shameful page in the country’s history. The demand to abolish the CFA franc system was one of the demands of the Gilets jaunes (Yellow Vests) in 2019.

Progressive movements in Africa are calling for an end to the policies of plunder and military and political interference in the affairs of the continent. More and more slogans call for the expropriation of the big landowners (in general the big monopolies) so that the peoples of the African countries can decide their future for themselves. More and more forces demand the immediate withdrawal of French troops.

In West Africa, pressure on French imperialism is also exerted by Chinese and American monopolies, and even Russian and Turkish, as they race for profits (and not because they are worried about the fate of African workers). However, the presence of the CFA franc closely linked to the euro does not yet allow them to significantly hinder European control in the region.

The peoples of the former colonies still have a long way to go in the struggle for real economic and political independence. The dictatorial regimes controlled by French capital will violently repress any attempt to resist the neocolonial system of oppression.

Today, working-class internationalism and the international solidarity of workers in France and around the world with African workers acquire a special meaning. Pan-African and progressive movements must be supported in their struggle against imperialism in Africa. The more workers learn about the situation in Africa, the stronger the struggle against imperialist politics will be. And this will help the peoples of Africa to finally be rid of the chains of colonial exploitation.

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Dear Editor,
I'm writing to commend you on the editorial "Morrison Government Wants To Remove Internet Anonymity" (*Guardian* #1983). The Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison government has always been very hypocritical and inconsistent on questions of anonymity and freedom. They came into office claiming to approve of freedom, so much so that they created a "Freedom Commissioner" position for far-right apparatchik Tim Wilson of the Institute of Public Affairs! Wilson went on to support the freedom of employers, but not of workers, feeling

that the workers' freedom to go and look for another job if they didn't like whatever the employer felt like dishing out was all the freedom they needed.

As for anonymity, while Joyce and Morrison are complaining about the horror of anonymous internet users being able to comment on things, they were overlooking another anonymous group – the anonymous funders of Christian Porter's very expensive (and failed) defamation case against the ABC. The "blind trust" set up to fund Porter's costs could run to seven figures. Porter has resigned as a minister rather than say where this huge sum of money is coming from, and

Morrison hasn't pressed him on it, hoping that the matter is settled by Porter's sacrifice (i.e. not being a minister anymore, but staying in parliament).

This is in a parliament where the rules say that any gift worth over \$300 should be declared. Yet, oddly enough, none of the fervour the PM and Deputy PM show over anonymous individuals online is on display toward's Porter's backers. Truly, we have two sorts of outrage here; one for the little people and one for the elite.

All the best, and thanks for the paper.

Peter Farmer
Melbourne

REVIEW: SQUID GAME



Floyd Kermode

NOTE: This review may contain spoilers.

You know something has become a pop culture phenomenon when Bill Shorten, known for being a dag and quips that fall flat, tweeted: "ridiculous that climate progress in this country is now subject to the *Squid Game* going on between Barnaby & the PM." *Squid Game* – more than being South Korea's most popular cultural export since *Gangnam Style* – is the most-watched program on Netflix. It's been viewed in over ninety countries, seen by 142 million viewers in twenty-eight days. Thus, when you're the subject of an unfunny and (mostly) inaccurate tweet from Bill Shorten, suffice to say you've hit the mainstream.

I'll try not to spoil *Squid Game* too much, in case there's anyone out there who has somehow managed to remain un-spoiled. However, I'm not giving much away when I say that the show is almost nothing like the negotiations that went on between Scott Morrison and Barnaby Joyce who, after having eight and a half years to think about it, tried to think of a climate policy that would fool the electorate and keep their corporate donors happy for COP26 next month.

For a start, neither of our very well-paid leaders is cash-strapped. *Squid Game* begins with Seong Gi-Hun, who has lost his decent job during a strike (based on the brutal 2009 Sanyong strike, which led to thirteen suicides). He's a gambling addict in debt to gangsters he can't afford to repay, and his ex-wife is about to take their young daughter to the US and out of his life forever. A stranger offers him the chance to make money playing a game, and before you can say "that sounds sinister," Seong finds himself on a mysterious island playing children's games against a few hundred equally out-of-luck contestants.

Each player has prize money allocated to them, and when a player is eliminated, their money is deposited in a large transparent piggy bank suspended over the gymnasium/sleeping area where they eat and sleep between games. In a twist that will surprise nobody at this point, the losers die either during the game or by being shot by the sinister masked guards who run the island.

Apart from one man who doesn't have long to live and wants a thrill, the contestants are mainly in the game for financial reasons, and the message that South Korea is a very tough place to live, where money is very important comes through clearly, but not didactically. Many of the participants are in

the game due to bad decisions on their part, but this doesn't let the society they live in off the hook. Another contestant, Kang Sae-byek, a North Korean, is surviving through pick-pocketing when we meet her. She tells another character that she came to the south because "I thought it would be better here." When asked if it is better, she says nothing. The one non-Korean player, Ali, a Pakistani factory worker, is there because his Korean employer hasn't paid him for months. To drive home the point of how harsh life can be in South Korea, the contestants get the chance to leave the game once they know it's lethal. Most return after a few days on the outside.

The games are exciting, suspenseful, and violent. As more players are eliminated, the survivors begin to realise that it's them or the others. In a more simplistic series, this would just lead to a series of mindless punch-ups, but *Squid Game* is good at keeping both players and the audience off-balance.

Sometimes cooperation is rewarded, sometimes players have to betray each other to stay in the game. All the while, since the guards and their boss are masked, we don't know who's running the show.

It gets you in, that's for sure. I couldn't stop speculating about who was really in charge of the game, who would win, and what

would happen to the heroic character who sneaks onto the island, wanting to answer those questions as much as I do (more really, since I'm just watching tv, while he's sneaking around a dangerous island). Watching *Squid Game* with my son, who's seen it before, I felt like the annoying boss from *The IT Crowd* who spoils a Korean horror movie for his underlings by constantly speculating about the plot twists, shouting "He's his own brother!" or "He's an evil clone!"

The show is beautifully filmed and designed, from the now-iconic circle, square, and triangle masks that the different ranks of guards wear to the Max Escher-inspired series of stairways players have to march down to get to the games.

Is it as good as the hype suggests? It's not as original as I'd thought it would be – there are obvious echoes of various other survival stories like *Battle Royale* (a Japanese battle to the death movie), and this viewer kept thinking of the late 1960s classic *The Prisoner* (about a mysterious island), and *And Then There Were None* (mysterious island, cast murdered one by one), but the series is otherwise genius. *Squid Game* is very good indeed and very worth watching if you can stand some quite graphic violence. ☆

WORKER POWER SWEEPS THE COUNTRY DURING #STRIKETOBER

Joe Sims

Workers all across the country are striking and engaging in other job actions, large, and small. Fed up with company attempts to impose two-tier wages, long hours, and inadequate pay — despite rising productivity and skyrocketing corporate profits — unions in several industries have had it. Now they're marching on the picket lines.

As of last weekend, over 100,000 workers had voted to authorise strikes, and over 169 have occurred so far this year, the largest uptick since the wave of job actions in 2018-19. The AFL-CIO has aptly labelled last as month #striketober. The class struggle is sharpening.

There is deep anger, unrest, and growing militancy among the working class. Why? Companies want more while labour is repeatedly asked to do with less. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that "manufacturing sector labour productivity increased 8 per cent in the second quarter of 2021, as output increased 5.5 per cent and hours worked decreased 2.3 per cent."

Overall, productivity "grew an average of three per cent in the first half of 2021. Unit labour costs fell 0.8 per cent during the same period."

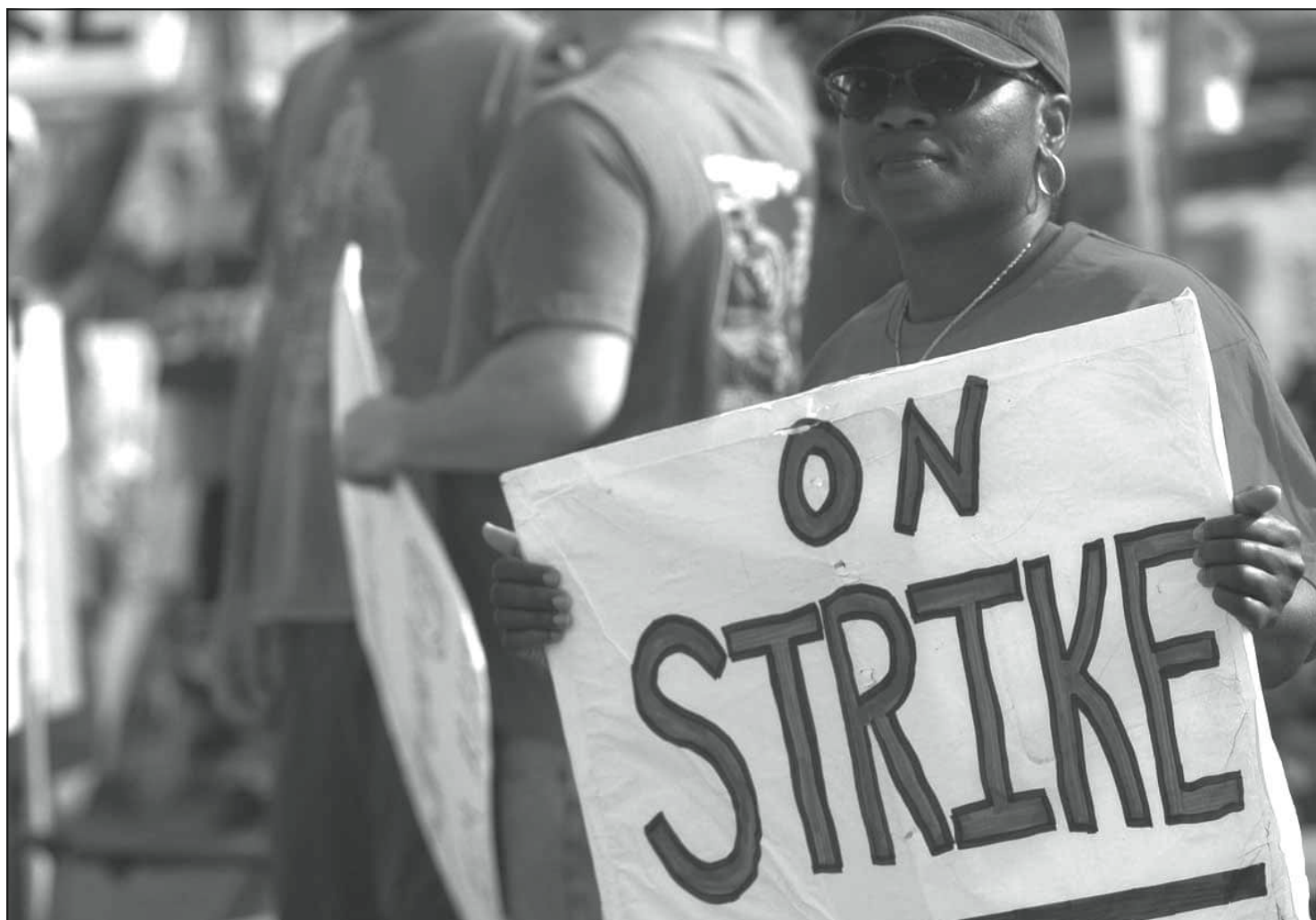
But at what cost to the worker? Wages are too low to pay for the rising cost of housing, hours are too long to allow adequate time for caregiving, and lack of health care benefits force many to go to work sick. Workers are tired of supplying profits to billionaires like Jeff Bezos to fuel their rocket rides and egos.

As the nation emerges from the pandemic, literally millions are so dissatisfied that they're simply quitting in what some have described as a silent general strike. The business press calls it "The Great Resignation." The left-wing *Monthly Review* writes: "The seriousness of the situation was confirmed by the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics report showing that a record 2.9 per cent of the workforce quit their jobs in August, which is equivalent to 4.3 million resignations."

According to one poll, "employees were so dissatisfied with their situation that more than one-quarter (twenty-eight per cent) of all respondents left their jobs without another job lined up." One of the main reasons workers are leaving is burnout, cited by forty per cent of the poll respondents.

Big business is alarmed at the political significance of so many workers quitting. "The Great Resignation," *Forbes* writes, "is a sort of workers' revolution and uprising against bad bosses and tone-deaf companies that refuse to pay well and take advantage of their staff."

Contributing to the spike in labour activism is growing confidence in collective action



and knowledge that you can strike and win. A glut in job openings, despite still significant unemployment, has improved unions' bargaining position and power. Pro-union sentiment among the broad public is at its highest level in several decades. A Gallup poll released at the beginning of July showed that sixty-eight per cent of Americans approve of labour unions, up significantly from the forty-eight per cent approval in 2009 during the throes of the Great Recession.

In this regard, the Biden-Harris administration's pro-union stance should not be underestimated, not the least of which is reflected by new appointments to the National Labor Relations Board.

The new general counsel, Jennifer Abruzzo, for example, has "signaled that she is willing to reconsider all kinds of twisted and outdated precedents that have vastly favoured bosses during a nearly four-decades-long union-busting drive ... she's indicated a willingness to issue bargaining orders — not elections — for new unions when employers commit Unfair Labor Practices, to certify minority members-only bargaining units to

help unions establish a foothold and to be more creative about 'make whole' financial remedies for terminated union activists."

As *People's World* reports, 10,000 workers at John Deere are among the latest to go out: "The strike wave that has hit John Deere has been building nationwide for more than a month. Last week Kellogg workers went on strike, and over the summer Mondelez, the maker of Nabisco Oreos walked out. Coal miners in Alabama have been on strike for months."

While uneven, the working class and people's forces in local communities and workplaces are gathering in strength for the class and democratic battles that lie ahead. Today they're focused on bread-and-butter issues of survival. But with the Republican Party blocking everything from strengthening voting rights to spending on climate change and human infrastructure, these economic struggles are becoming political. When that material force takes off — especially with the midterm elections looming — watch out.

Big days are coming. But it would be a mistake for the friends of labour to sit around

awaiting their arrival. Visit the picket lines and be sure to bring your walking shoes. A box of donuts and coffee would be appreciated but more important are the smiles and solidarity of friends. Talk, learn, listen, and afterwards share the experience. In so doing, you'll add to the growing class consciousness and militancy that's sweeping the nation. It will do everyone concerned a whole lot of good.

Building community support for striking workers is vital, calling on local politicians, clergy, and neighbourhood leaders to lend solidarity. Letters to the editor along with social media campaigns can help build pro-strike sentiment. Community pickets at retail outlets and dealerships might also be helpful. Solidarity should also include boycotts and other forms of public pressure against companies that refuse to provide good wages, health care, working conditions, and rights in the workplace.

Yes, there's a rising tide of struggle occurring deep within our class. Let's give it our every support.

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THE DECISION IS ONE OF STRUGGLE AND VICTORY

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With the presence of Army General Raúl Castro Ruz, the closing ceremony of the second plenary session of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee took place Sunday, 24th October, in Havana's Convention Palace, with Party First Secretary and President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, presenting the keynote address

"I applaud you for the Plenum that has just concluded," said Army General Raúl Castro Ruz, addressing participants in the second plenary session of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee.

For those at the meeting – headed by Party First Secretary Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, the presence of Raúl at the closing session, who was received with a standing ovation, came as a surprise. "Very good interventions," he added, referring to those participating in the Plenum's two-day analysis of core issues in the life of the country.

President Díaz-Canel said that the Army General's presence provided a touch of grace to the closing, and began his remarks, not before noting that Raúl was keeping his promise – expressed six months ago at the 8th Party Congress – to continue, until the end of the battle, "with his foot in the stirrup."

The President went on to discuss the complexity of the current moment the country is facing, in a world immersed in the challenges of COVID-19, a scenario in which, he said, the Cuban people are "without a doubt, not the most affected, but we are the most punished."

He reflected on the uniqueness of Cuba, not only because of our intrinsic characteristics, but also because of the punishment imposed on our people by the US government's international economic and financial siege, incomparable to any other on the planet.

Díaz-Canel addressed several urgent issues, denouncing the enemy's aspirations to break our unity and resistance, and noting the strategic tools Cuba has developed recently to move forward, as well as the lessons learned in during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He emphasised several key concepts about the necessary struggle: the practice of maintaining

revolutionary guard, revolutionary vigilance, which can never be abandoned, recalling that we are distinguished by our unity, capacity to resist and dignity; that we have the obligation to move forward and are going to emerge victorious in this battle; that we will have bright spots along the way, and that there are solutions for each of the problems we are facing.

Likewise, the First Secretary stated that the greatest virtue lies in being useful and helping others; that we cannot take even one step back in the conquests of the Revolution; that the decision is to struggle and emerge victorious; and that every problem provides an opportunity to win.

The President's speech was marked by optimism, calling for critical analysis of our reality and not giving an inch in defence of the Revolution. "We must draw inspiration from the people," he emphasised, "This is an opportunity for us to build consciousness, to overcome difficulties, to struggle and fight for victory, never discouraged."

Díaz-Canel made an essential call "to close ranks, to fight our problems, to struggle with creativity, this is part of the battle."

Regarding the past 11th July and the lessons learned that day, the President stated that the events do not constitute evidence of a rupture. In fact, he said, they provided evidence of unity, a victory for the Cuban Revolution.

There are enough revolutionaries here," stated the First Secretary of the Central Committee, "to confront any type of demonstration that seeks to destroy the Revolution." We struggle, he said, with intelligence, with respect and in defence of our Constitution, but also with strength and courage.

To the imperialists, Díaz-Canel Bermúdez sent a very clear message: "They should know that they will be obliged to fight a people that will not be fooled, a people sufficiently numerous, brave and heroic to fight, who are not intimidated by threats."

He recalled that we will never give in to imperialism "not even a tiny bit," as many must have remembered Che insisting.

During this Plenum, as at other times for the homeland, the combat order was explicit, with the Party First Secretary reiterating that Cubans are "ready and willing to do everything to defend what is most sacred, what unites us, to be consistent with the invariable decision of Homeland or Death, Socialism or Death, and the deepest conviction that we will win!"

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HUNDREDS MARCH THROUGH LONDON DEMANDING JULIAN ASSANGE'S RELEASE

Niall Christie

Hundreds of protesters gathered in central London at the weekend to demand the release of journalist Julian Assange before his extradition hearing this week.

Campaigners assembled on Saturday before marching to the High Court, where speakers told a rally that the upcoming decision on the Wikileaks founder's future will represent a landmark for press freedom.

Assange, who is being held at south-east London's Belmarsh

prison, will appear at the court on Wednesday and Thursday as the US government appeals against the earlier decision which blocked his removal.

If extradited and convicted in the United States, Assange faces a possible prison sentence of up to 175 years.

Among those speaking at the rally were Labour MP John McDonnell, who is also secretary of the National Union of Journalists parliamentary group, as well as rapper and activist Lowkey and Assange's partner Stella Moris.

Moris, who is also a member

of Assange's legal team, warned that the "right to know is being criminalised," adding: "We are all in Belmarsh prison as long as Julian is in Belmarsh prison."

Following the rally, John Rees, a historian and Don't Extradite Assange campaign member, told the *Morning Star*: "The demonstration yesterday, ahead of the US appeal in the High Court this week, demanded that the case be dropped."

"In recent weeks the key US witness has admitted he lied, the plot by the CIA to kidnap or assassinate Assange has been exposed, and a

Senate investigation into that plot has been announced.

"Any other trial would have been abandoned under such circumstances. This one should be."

Labour MP Richard Burgon was among those who gave evidence to last Friday's Belmarsh Tribunal, which demanded Assange's release and put Western governments "on trial" for alleged war crimes as well as attempts to attack, persecute and imprison Assange.

Burgon said: "Julian Assange is being persecuted for, in the best traditions of journalism, revealing war crimes and human rights abuses

carried out in our name, including in Iraq and Guantánamo Bay.

"Julian Assange is being treated in the most inhumane and appalling way in an attempt to intimidate journalists and whistleblowers from revealing the truth and holding the powerful to account."

"Everyone, regardless of their politics, who believes in free journalism should oppose his imprisonment and extradition."

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