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Celebrating Exemplary Women in Arms on International Working Women's Day

SUPPORT THE KURDISH WOMEN FIGHTERS AGAINST ISIS AND OPPOSE IMPERIALIST WAR

by RAY LIGHT

As March begins and we approach International Working Women's Day, it is fitting that we focus on the heroic struggle and great accomplishments in battle of the Women's Protection Unit or the YPJ. The YPJ is an all-women, all-volunteer Kurdish military force formed in 2012 in Syria to defend the Kurdish population of Rojava (West Kurdistan) from the deadly attacks of the Assad government as well as from the al-Nusra Front (affiliated with al-Qaeda) and ISIS. The Women's Protection Unit, composed of about 7,500 Kurdish women soldiers, has emerged as among the most effective fighters against ISIS and other reactionary forces in the Middle East. Even the BBC has acknowledged that YPJ and their male counterpart unit, YPG, have been "extraordinarily successful" in their war against ISIS, despite having limited resources.



Kurdish Women Fighters

This is very welcome and inspiring news for us. And yet it is not really surprising. Given the extreme

backwardness of the medieval approach toward woman taken by the Islamic fundamentalist regimes and other criminal organizations that now dominate the
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Wall Street's Secret Trade Deals: US Imperialism and the TPP

by CASEY COLE

"Fast Track" authorization for Wall Street's latest "trade deal" – the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) – is set for a vote in the US Congress as soon as this month, March 2015. Jim Hightower devoted his entire January 2015 edition of *The Hightower Lowdown*, to an exposure of the

TPP and to alerting the 99% of us to get ready to oppose Fast Track Authorization for President Obama being promoted in Congress with Democrat Obama in cahoots with the Republican leaders of the House and Senate, Boehner and McConnell. Hightower exposes the fact that TPP is presented as a trade deal but "it only uses trade as a mask." 24 of 29 chapters deal not with trade but "various ways to 'free' rapacious corporations from any accountability for the havoc they wreak and from any responsibility to the world community's common good." In other words, it is straight up corporate tyranny.

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Do you know who said it??

"When you take your case to Washington, DC, you're talking to the criminal who is responsible; it's like running from the wolf to the fox. They're all in cahoots together."

Hint: It is not a new statement made by someone angry after learning the recent news that three years after George Zimmerman killed unarmed Black teenager Trayvon Martin, the U.S. Justice Department has leaked that it will not bring federal charges against Zimmerman, the vigilante with innocent blood on his hands.

–Still stumped? See page 10 for the mystery answer.

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Middle East, ***the emergence of such a dynamic and enlightened fighting force of Kurdish woman as the YPJ*** (armed also with a revolutionary approach to the woman question) challenges and threatens to tear to shreds every fiber of the rotten beliefs of the soldiers in the reactionary armies and criminal gangs, including ISIS.*



General Zelal, 33, Rabia Kurdistan August 7, 2014

Possibly of even greater significance is ***the resurgence of the Kurdish Nation*** in the course of the liberation struggle that has developed in Rojava, and has already led to the liberation of Kobane, one of the self-governing cantons in Rojava (West Kurdistan). For years, we have pointed to the Kurdish national question as key to victory for the workers and oppressed peoples of the Middle East. In a recent Newsletter, we pointed out: “The Kurdish national territory extends across the borders of Iraq, Syria, Iran and Turkey. In all these reactionary states the Kurdish people have been dominated and oppressed in large part because their nationality was divided and deprived of sovereign territory.” (“The Kurdish National Question: Key to the Liberation of the Middle East,” *Ray O’Light Newsletter #87*, November-December 2014)

Stalin, the great Leninist teacher on the national question, explained: “A nation is an historically evolved stable community of people with a common language, territory, economic life and psychological make-up manifested in a community of culture.” (*Marxism and the National Question*, 1912) Stalin (whose own origins were in the working class of the oppressed nation of Georgia) went on to say that, *if all* of these national characteristics are present, that community of people

*Photographer Erin Trieb, who spent a week near the front taking pictures of YPJ armed fighters, recalled that, “The saying among many Syrian Kurds is that ISIS is more terrified of being killed by women because if they are, they will not go to heaven.”

constitutes a nation. That nation, like any other nation, according to Leninism, has *the right to self-determination* up to and including independent existence as a state. Furthermore, as this scientific socialist definition of a nation indicates, these national characteristics provide a people with a tremendous amount of human and other resources with which to fight for their national freedom against imperialism and all reaction.

It is quite natural that the fighters in Rojava are largely drawn from that area. But it is also noteworthy that significant numbers of Kurdish people from the territory of Kurdistan in the current states of Iraq, Iran and Turkey have come to their aid. As Jose Maria Sison, Chairman of the International League of Peoples’ Struggles (ILPS) wrote last October, “... the heroic resistance of the YPG/YPJ ... has inspired the people of the world to rally in support of Kurdish liberation. The acknowledged leader of the Kurdish liberation struggle, Abdullah Ocalan, has called on the entire Kurdish nation to mobilize in support of the resistance in Kobane. Kurds throughout the world have responded by organizing demonstrations in many countries calling for international support.”

No wonder the YPJ and YPG liberation fighters and the gathering forces of the Kurdish nation have become a real beacon of hope for the Arab masses and all the peoples in this vast and strategically vital region.

CURRENT DANGERS TO THE KURDISH RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN ROJAVA

Comrade Sison concluded his October article, as follows: “We must show our solidarity to the Kurdish people in their hour of need and give them all-out support until victory.”*

This is an historical moment when there is no genuine international communist movement. Most communist parties are dominated by a bourgeois nationalist, every party for itself (“every man for himself”) mentality and culture. Whether in state power presiding over increasingly bourgeois states or being hounded themselves by the forces of openly reactionary states, most so-called “communist” or “workers” or “revolutionary” parties are overwhelmingly pre-occupied with “their own” particular national circumstances and concerns. In this situation, in response to comrade Sison’s call, one important form of solidarity with the Kurdish people is to share a revolutionary working class perspective on the Kurdish struggle from a *different* sector of the world’s proletariat. What follows is such an effort.

*“Support the Kurdish People’s Resistance against ISIS, Condemn US and Turkey for creating and using ISIS,” printed in *Ray O’ Light Newsletter #87*, November-December 2014

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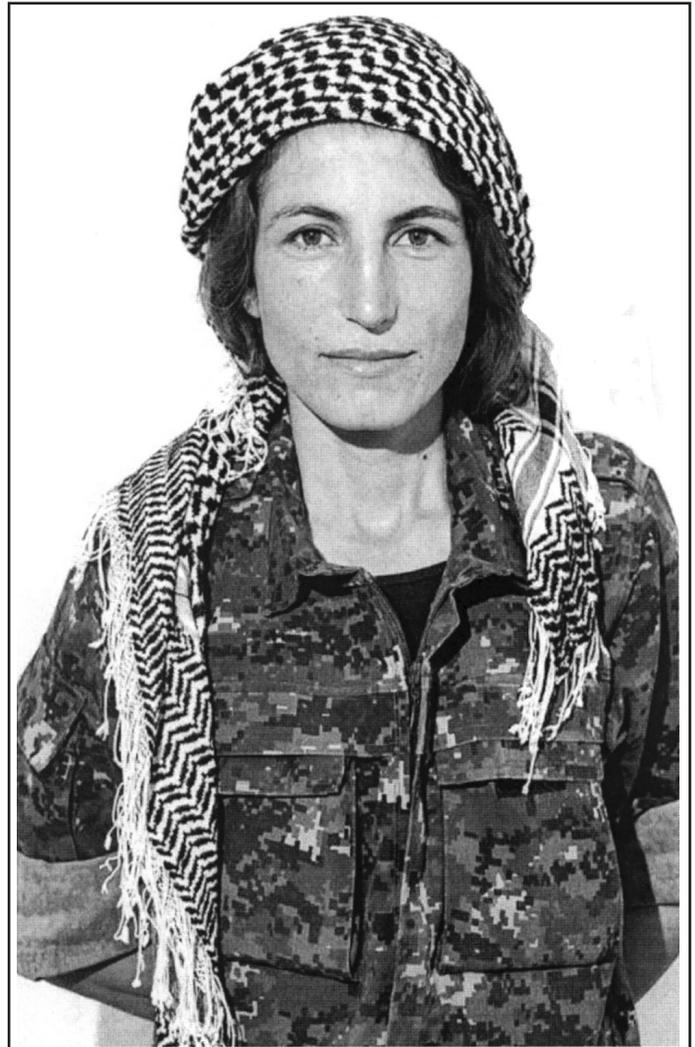
In her article in the current issue of *Foreign Affairs* magazine, the director of the International Security Program at George Mason University, Audrey Kurth Cronin, states that “no government supports ISIS.” She further points out that the groups in al Qaeda and other terrorist networks “generally have only dozens or hundreds of members, attack civilians, do not hold territory, and cannot directly confront military forces. ISIS, on the other hand, boasts some 30,000 fighters, holds territory in both Iraq and Syria, maintains extensive military capabilities, controls lines of communication, commands infrastructure, funds itself and engages in sophisticated military operations. If ISIS is purely and simply anything, it is a pseudo-state led by a conventional army.” (page 88, “ISIS Is Not a Terrorist Group,” *Foreign Affairs*, March-April 2015)

Professor Cronin also “lets the cat out of the bag” when she admits: “ISIS is now led by well-trained, capable former Iraqi military leaders who know U.S. techniques and habits *because Washington helped train them. ... ISIS is now armed with American tanks, artillery, armored Humvees, and mine-resistant vehicles.*” (*ibid.* page 96, my emphasis, ROL)*

Based on ISIS’ apparent great capacity for waging war today, largely due to U.S. imperialist support, Professor Cronin promotes the idea that the “best chance for securing U.S. interests is one of offensive containment: combining a limited military campaign with a major diplomatic and economic effort to weaken ISIS and align the interests of the many countries that are threatened by the group’s advance.” (*ibid.* page 97) And the professor concludes: “for the foreseeable future, containment is the best policy that the United States can pursue.”

And this “limited military campaign” fits in with Obama’s current promise to have no U.S. “boots on the ground” in Syria, while waging a massive bombing

*Last September, we pointed out that the sudden emergence of ISIS in Iraq, seemingly out of nowhere, helped provide a cover for U.S. imperialist troops to remain in Iraq, force Prime Minister al Maliki out as Iraqi head of state and keep a U.S. military presence in Northern Iraq, in the Kurdish semi-autonomous region and especially the oil rich Kirkuk area. ISIS also provided U.S. imperialism at that time the smokescreen behind which it was able to begin open bombings and other incursions into Syria which it had previously been unable to do. As we pointed out then: “The alleged presence and existence of ISIS is of great benefit to both U.S. imperialism and the Israeli settler state both of which are thoroughly exposed and widely hated in the Middle East at this time. The ISIS factor puts everything up for grabs ... Indeed, the alleged threat of ISIS makes all kinds of alliances in the Middle East ‘possible.’” (See *Ray O’Light Newsletter #86*, September-October 2014, “U.S. Imperialism’s New Aggression in Iraq and Upcoming Aggression Against Syria”)



“We have to be free from the Syrian government,” says YPJ member, Evin Ahmed, 26, (pictured above). “We need to control the area ourselves without depending on them. They can’t protect us from [ISIS], we have to protect us [and] we defend everyone ... no matter what race or religion they are.”

campaign all over Syria. More importantly, at this time U.S. imperialism still has no substantial surrogate to rely upon in Syria among the Bashar al-Assad Regime, the al Qaeda-enmeshed anti-Assad rebels backed by Saudi Arabia and other reactionary Arab Regimes, and ISIS — despite the fact that all of them were created and/or propped up by U.S. imperialism in the past! Especially because U.S. imperialism retains political, economic and military ties with all the contending reactionary forces there, this type of limited campaign approach maximizes the declining U.S. Empire’s ability to determine that the outcome of the current Syrian war will be favorable to U.S. imperialism, with minimum military exposure.*

*Of course, Obama is already trying to lift the “no boots” limitation with a three year war authority “to fight ISIS” everywhere, an open-ended authorization to invade *anywhere*. But all this is part of the same U.S. imperialist strategy.

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In a current *Wall Street Journal* (WSJ, 3-2-15) article, a former U.S. State Department planner and current professor of international relations, Henri Barkey, makes the striking observation that, **“The Kurds in Syria are the only bright spot in the fight against ISIS.”** This is a remarkable admission in light of the fact that ISIS is a pariah “state” verbally condemned by every big power in the world and that all these powers would seem to want ISIS smashed!

All the above considerations lead to the conclusion that ***U.S. imperialism, with its “aggressive containment” policy toward ISIS, will fight to the last Kurdish person in Syria,*** while carrying out its sinister efforts to conquer Syria, Iran, Iraq and beyond. Clearly, with regard to U.S. imperialist direction *and* misdirection, the people of Rojava and all of Kurdistan need to maintain their revolutionary vigilance.

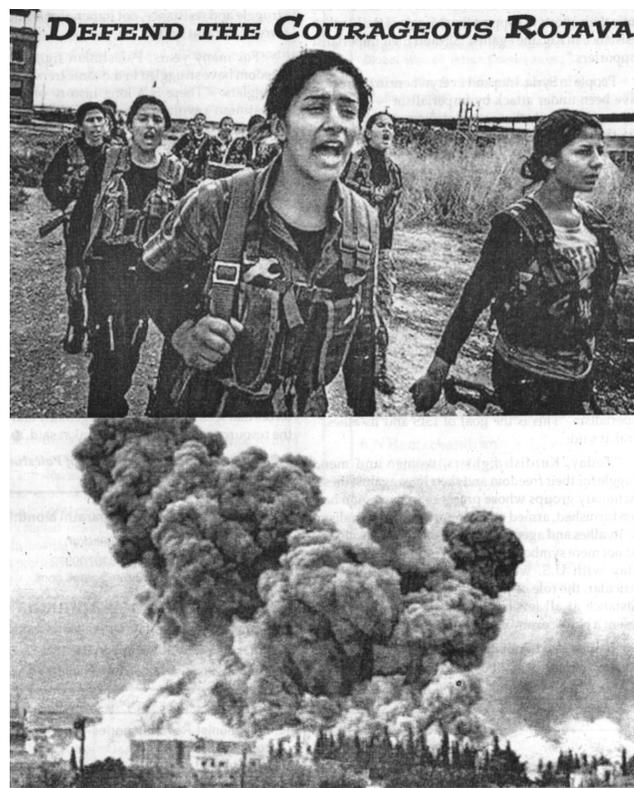
But this is not all. Because of the heroic struggle against ISIS waged by YPJ and YPG and the Kurdish forces in Syria, Turkey’s NATO allies, with at least the tacit approval of U.S. imperialism, have recently called for the removal of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) from terrorist lists. In this political environment, The *WSJ* article cited just above contains the stunning news that PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan, still considered by many the outstanding leader of the Kurdish people, after spending the past fifteen years in a Sea of Marmara island prison south of Istanbul, Turkey, where he remains, has offered to end the three-decade old Kurdish military campaign against the Turkish state and disarm the Kurdish fighters. In exchange, Ocalan has demanded “a new constitution that enshrines pluralistic democratic principles such as recognition of ethnic identities and personal freedoms.” (“Kurdish Rebels in Turkey Make Peace Offer,” Emre Peker, *Wall Street Journal*, March 2, 2015)

Such peace overtures — revolutionaries offering to disarm in exchange for vague “concessions” from the reactionary enemy — are always extremely dangerous, especially when dealing with reactionary big powers like the Turkish state. Underscoring the danger in this situation, Henri Barkey, quoted above, points out in the same article that “The majority of the PKK’s conflicts are currently in Syria, therefore it will [be] difficult for it to lay down arms.” This points up the fact that Ocalan seems to be using the battlefield accomplishments of the heroic and extremely effective YPG and YPJ fighters as leverage with which to sell out the struggle of the Kurdish people of Rojava as well as North Kurdistan (Turkey).*

*For those that could not conceive of Ocalan taking such a path, it is worth recalling how the intelligence apparatus of the South African apartheid state with much guidance from U.S. imperialism and its intelligence

In earlier issues of this Newsletter, we have printed articles by both comrade Sison and me exposing the fact that both U.S. imperialism and the Turkish Regime have been supporters of ISIS. So disarming the Kurdish liberation fighters in Rojava would not be an obstacle for either of them. Finally, the Erdogan government in Turkey might well respond favorably to Ocalan’s apparently unprincipled compromise proposal (and may well be the source of the proposal) in order to undermine and decapitate the biggest popular challenge to the reactionary Turkish state, the Kurdish people’s thirty-year war of liberation inside Turkey.

Thus, the heroic Kurdish liberation fighters in Rojava, including the women fighters of the YPJ, need to be vigilant about a possible sell-out of the interests of the Kurdish people of Rojava from the very pinnacle of the Kurdish national movement!



JOIN THE “SPRING RISING” DAYS OF ACTION IN WASHINGTON, DC

In our International Working Women’s Day celebrations this year, the Revolutionary Organization of Labor, USA (ROL, USA) is sharing the inspiring story of the Kurdish

apparatus, was able to use the long imprisonment of Nelson Mandela, when he was totally under their control, to break down that former heroic national liberation fighter step by step and turn him into a comprador serving the interests of imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism. (See the South African CP-ML endorsement of the Mandela piece elsewhere in this Newsletter.)

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women fighters of the YPJ and their heroic armed struggle against ISIS and other reactionaries propped up by the reactionary Turkish state and U.S. imperialism. We hope the outstanding example of YPJ will encourage our contacts and friends as well as ourselves to become more active in and wage more militant struggle against U.S.-led imperialist war.

An opportunity to be involved is coming soon. Comrade Cindy Sheehan initiated what has become a growing mobilization for **a mass anti-war march in Washington, DC now scheduled for March 21. The Revolutionary Organization of Labor has endorsed this “Spring Rising, An Antiwar Intervention in DC.”** While there will be scheduled events beginning on March 18th, our focus is on the March and Rally scheduled from 12PM until 4PM on March 21st. Especially on the East Coast, the international working women’s day celebrations we are involved in which raise

up the Kurdish women heroes of YPJ should help in our mobilization for the anti-war Spring Rising that begins ten days later. Elsewhere in the country, for those unable to go to Washington, DC we urge our comrades, friends and contacts to heed the call of comrade Cindy Sheehan to “host a solidarity action in your area.”

We know that the U.S. Empire’s fourteen years of unending war of terror on the peoples of the world has brought the USA itself to a more violent and reactionary current situation than ever. And we know that, no matter how complicated the political situation is in the Middle East, U.S. imperialism is the source of the most reactionary and most violent forces and situations almost everywhere. Consequently, the weakening and defeat of the U.S. Empire can only help the peoples from Rojava to Ferguson, Missouri to be able to hold our heads up in human dignity and be successful in fighting for a better life for all.

Long Live International Working Women’s Day!

Long Live the Heroic Kurdish Women Liberation Fighters of Rojava!

***Let there be a SPRING RISING
in Washington, DC and throughout the World!***



(U.S. Imperialism and the TPP continued)

Negotiations for the TPP have been conducted under unprecedented secrecy by Wall Street with its ruling class financial counterparts in eleven other countries around the Pacific Rim. These include all three North American countries, the USA, Mexico and Canada as well as Peru and Chile in South America, Japan and Vietnam in Asia, and Australia and New Zealand. TPP involves twelve countries with about 40% of the world's wealth. As Hightower writes: "... even our lawmakers have been denied 'permission' simply to attend the negotiations as observers ... As for the public and the press, it's only because of leaks from appalled negotiators and the determined digging of public interest advocates that we know anything about the Trans-Pacific Partnership's threat to our democratic rights."

Democratically elected representatives are being strong-armed and cajoled into voting for Fast Track. Obama scolded House Democrats by stating they "shouldn't learn about trade by reading the Huffington Post."* The White House has been pushing for Fast Track authorization all along; it's clear that the forces of global finance capital have the perfect stooge in Obama to get what they want in order to further extract wealth and inflict greater misery on the global working class. (Remember: George H.W. Bush was unable to pass the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) but successor Bill Clinton – a Democrat – was able to push it through.)

A few bourgeois politicians like Senators Warren and Sanders who claim to represent the interests of working people have already declared their opposition to TPP. And such initiatives should be supported by proletarian revolutionary forces and militant working class activists.

In the labor movement, Communication Workers of America (CWA) President Larry Cohen has challenged his more backward, corrupt and comfortable brethren to help build a working class opposition to TPP and Fast Track. Under principled pressure from CWA's Cohen, and remembering the disastrous effects of NAFTA in exporting living wage manufacturing jobs from the US has spurred Wall Street's "labor lieutenants" into half-hearted action. The AFL-CIO and Change to Win labor federations have initiated campaigns calling on members to demand Fast Track be voted down. While the various e-mails, fliers, and handbills being proliferated mention President Obama, the tone is more in line with convincing the President and the Congress to "do the right thing." **No labor federation has pointed the finger at Obama for being Wall Street's point man on Fast Track and the TPP!**

While there are definite ideological and political challenges in uniting with bourgeois politicians and spineless labor bureaucrats, our line has always been to work in united fronts with such people wherever possible, unite with these forces where we can get them to oppose finance capital or at least allow genuine left forces in the labor movement and political arena to mobilize the workers against monopoly capitalist and imperialist tyranny. At the same time, we need to wage constant struggle against their opportunism, their strong tendency to betray the working class in service to the U.S. ruling class, Wall Street capital.

If passed, the TPP will undoubtedly further strengthen the forces of Wall Street and monopoly capitalism while simultaneously undermining the global proletariat, including U.S. workers. TPP represents corporate tyranny over working people taken to a new level. Viewing the TPP as revolutionaries fighting for working class power, we must seize every possible opportunity to mobilize the working class against this capitalist offensive. Thus, we call on our readers to participate in mass mobilizations centered around opposing Fast Track and the TPP so that we can blunt this thrust of global finance capital and – equally important – unite with elements of the working class that have the stomach for the fight.



*From Stop The TPP.org: <http://stopthetpp.org/huffpost-pushes-back-presidential-criticism/>

“DUE UNTO OTHERS”

by LEIGH CHARLES

One of the largest student loan servicing and debt collection companies is actually in debt too. If you're a company that holds student debt, though, not paying what you owe is apparently not a big deal. Navient (formerly a division of Sallie Mae) – the same company that harasses borrowers when they default on their loans – owes the Department of Education \$22.3 million. There is no one trying to collect this money, which is now more than five years overdue!

After years of not repaying this debt, Navient spun off from Sallie Mae and agreed to be responsible and indemnify all claims, actions, damages, losses or expenses previously held by Sallie Mae. But to date, the Dept. of Education has not collected on the \$22.3 million. The truth is, Navient should actually owe the federal government a lot more than the \$22.3 million. In 2009, the interest rates on student loans was 5.6% for subsidized loans and 6.8% for unsubsidized loans, with a 1.5% origination fee. Taking all that into account the Dept. of Education would rake in an extra \$9 million, and that is only if Navient made all of their payments on time over 10 years.

Many debtors see their interest rate go above 25% once they're in default. And up to 40% of the principle can be added in as a fee or penalty for default. This unpaid debt would quickly become very expensive for Navient, the same way it does for so many individual borrowers.

But of course, Navient doesn't receive the same “unforgiving” default treatment from the Dept. of Education that the 40 million regular student debtors receive who are struggling to pay back their loans, while facing the chronic jobs crisis of the past seven years. This nightmare is today a constant reality for the 7 million students who are in default on their federal student loans.

The Navient situation is yet another example of the Dept. of Education's complicit role in the student debt crisis. It makes it clear that the department is serving not those who are trying to get a college education but, like the rest of the U.S. government, is serving the – “**too-big-to-fail**” financial institutions on Wall Street.



Why We Are Opposed to the Terrorist Attacks and the “Je Suis Charlie” Movement in France

by ROSE BROWN

On January 7, 2015, in Paris, alleged Islamic fundamentalists connected to al Qaeda carried out a terrorist attack on the French satirical weekly newspaper, *Charlie Hebdo*, resulting in the killing of 11 people and the injuring of an additional 11. We are opposed to such terrorist killings which discourage and undermine principled criticism, debate and the fight for the proletarian truth. Two days later, on January 9, terrorist Amedy Coulibaly (reported to be an ISIS operative) attacked people in a Kosher food market in Paris, murdered 4 Jewish hostages and held 15 others during a siege in which he demanded that the Kouachi brothers who allegedly were responsible for the *Charlie Hebdo* killings not be harmed. We strongly condemn the attack on the Kosher market and the anti-Semitism at the root of this random attack as well as the anti-Semitism that was generated throughout much of Europe in its aftermath.

However, we do not support the chauvinistic attacks against Muslim people carried out by *Charlie Hebdo* for years through their ridiculing of the Islamic religion. Their attack on Islam and on Islamic people in France carried out in the name of “free speech” has played a role in mobilizing the majority French people against the oppressed and exploited Muslim sector of French society and in keeping Muslim and non-Muslim French workers divided in the face of the growing exploitation of all French workers in the period of continued capitalist economic crisis in Europe.

French President Francois Hollande, just as U.S. President George Bush after the 9-11 terrorist attack in the USA, has used this attack on *Charlie Hebdo* to rally the French population behind French and European imperialism in the name of “national unity” “against terrorism.” On January 11, 2015, two million people in Paris and 3.7 million across France rallied behind 40 world imperialist leaders and their cohorts proclaiming “Je suis Charlie”! Objectively, this was a powerful

chauvinistic demonstration against all Islamic people and in support of French imperialism.

On January 13, France’s parliament voted overwhelmingly (488-1) to extend French airstrikes on Iraq, a Muslim country, in the name of the U.S. imperialist-led fight against ISIS. What’s more, French President Hollande stated that the January 7 terrorist attack “justifies the presence of our aircraft carrier” (the Charles de Gaulle) in the Persian Gulf collaborating with U.S. imperialism in air attacks on Iraq and extending them to Syria.

The truth is that the French imperialists, along with U.S. imperialism, are among the biggest terrorists in the world today. The French imperialists were responsible for the deaths of one and a half million Algerian people in the 1950’s and 1960’s in their effort to maintain Algeria’s colonial status. Recently, the French imperialists joined with U.S. imperialism to launch an unprovoked war on Libya in 2011, killing tens of thousands of Libyans, destroying the infrastructure and homes of millions of African people, including half a million immigrant workers, who had enjoyed the best education, health care and employment opportunities on the African continent under the Gadhafi government. In January 2013, the French imperialists sent combat troops to wage war on the people of Mali with logistical support from U.S. imperialism. In September 2014, France started bombing attacks on Iraq, a Muslim country, supposedly directed against ISIS.

The Nation, a left-liberal social democratic U.S. magazine, published an article entitled “To Be (Charlie) or Not to Be (Charlie)?” in its February 23, 2015 issue. Algerian journalist Kamel Daoud concluded this article by saying, “I am Charlie ... I love freedom and I’ll stand up for it ...” **But those who truly love freedom and desire to stand up for it, would not “be” *Charlie Hebdo*; they would oppose U.S.-led imperialism, including French imperialism, not support them!**



By Collective Decision On May 15, 2014

To: Revolutionary Organization of Labor, USA

Dear Comrades,

The leadership of the Communist Party of South Africa(M-L) has read with enthusiasm the article on Rolihlahla Nelson Mandela by your General Secretary Ray Light which was published in your Newsletter #83.

We can tell you that the leadership of the CPUSA(M-L) has endorsed this statement without reservation. And many South African working people have also read this statement since we have distributed it to the factories and mines, Trade Unions and Communities. All of them were very much satisfied.

Your constant communication will be highly appreciated.

Your comradely greetings from CPUSA(M-L),

Themba Zantsi

Assistant Secretary General

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South African Revolution**

– A Leninist View –”

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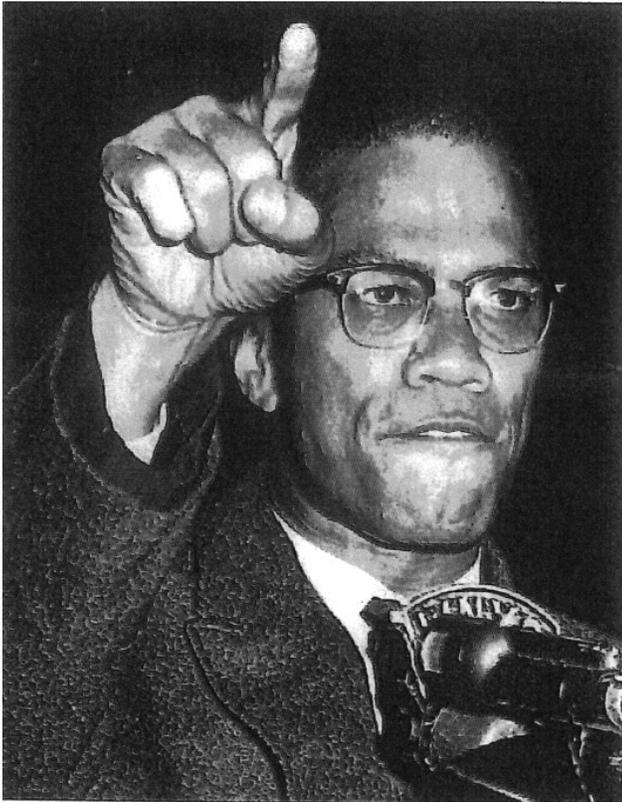
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**Still stumped?! See answer below
to front page mystery quotation.**

Answer: **Malcolm X**, the magnificent leader and fearless fighter for the rights of the Afro-American people, expressed these thoughts in one of his most famous speeches, "The Ballot or the Bullet" given at the Cory Methodist Church in Cleveland, Ohio on April 3, 1964. The fiftieth anniversary of the murder of Malcolm X on February 21st, 1965 by two assassins that was clearly a government hit but was blamed on the Nation of Islam has just passed. Known for his clear-eyed truths about the white supremacist system of rule in the USA, Malcolm's clarity about the U.S. federal government could have easily predicted this latest "disappointment" with the Obama Regime. Obama's Attorney General, Eric Holder, had already submitted his resignation as head of the Justice Department, but was still in charge when the news about the Justice Department's decision to close the Trayvon Martin murder case without bringing federal charges against George Zimmerman was leaked.

—the Editor

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*"The great appear great to us
Only because we are on our knees:
Let us rise."
— Camille Desmoulins*

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