

Donald Trump's Rise and the True History of the Racist Police State in Amerikkka!

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"At no time in European history has there been a period of peace and harmony. Every moment of his past has been spent in the breakdown of civilization by causing disruption, disease, and artificial famine. You send me a date from the moment he emerged from his cave-dwelling days and I'll tell you which of his tribes were at war, either on us or on themselves. The whole of the western European's existence here in the U.S. has been the same, one long war with different peoples. This is the only thing they understand, the only thing they respect - the only thing they can do with any dexterity..." –George L. Jackson

Racist Donald Trump's rise to commander-in-chief of the racist police state (Fascism) in Amerikkka, stems from a long history of white supremacy, police terrorism, capitalism and imperialism. How did all this begin? Why was there a need to find a so-called new world for the racist Europeans in 1492?



Because they had all but completely destroyed Europe (what habitable parts there were) with their destruction and diseases from a lack of cleanliness, their volatile inhuman nature against each other and the land, and their lack of ability to grow a sustainable civilization to speak of. The numbers of the Europeans dwindled so much from war and murder amongst each other, famine, a lack of food, and unhealthy living conditions, they needed to figure out something before they were completely wiped out.

But what could they do? Every European thought that the world was flat and if you went too far west into the water you would fall off the face of the planet! But something had to be done. They had to reduce the amount of criminals that plagued Europe, to spare what little resources they had left as well as venture out to look for other means to survive. So the decrepit king and queen of Spain, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, came up with the idea of setting free all of the criminals, rapists, and murderers who were responsible for the crimes in Europe to be sent on a suicide mission of finding a new world. Christopher Columbus was the one they picked as captain to lead the fleet that would discover this so-called new world because of his history with successful previous voyages. After pardoning him for crimes of torture and tyranny, Christopher Columbus set sail. He was given an African who was skilled in the art of navigation and a boat load of criminals to go discover and explore, or fall off the planet altogether. So, when they arrived in so-called Amerikkka they were met by the native people (who are descendants of the first Africans to travel to the western part of the hemisphere) who Christopher thought was Indians. This was in 1492.

The start of the first colony in Amerikkka and the need for a policing system

During the creation of the triangle slave trade, the first colonizers to stay and claim so-called Amerikkka, was in 1607 in what they called Jamestown Virginia, the first colony to be established by the racist Europeans in the West. When they landed half dead from the long journey, the inhabitant tribes of natives took pity on them and showed them how to farm and grow food stock to survive and live off the land the natives intended to share. But this was not the racist colonizers' plan. Of course we know that they mass exterminated the natives that Christopher Columbus mistakenly called Indians through various methods like small pox filled blankets, and blatant out right trickery and murder, raiding local native villages and raping the land of its resources and killing off the people like they do everywhere and taking it for themselves.

After successfully taking the land from the local natives, the racist settlers began to set up plantations and work fields to cultivate products for profit. They had already tried to make the natives into slaves, but if they weren't escaping from the plantation, they were dying because the work was too much for them and the racist settlers needed more money to pay the taxes of the European British

powers overseas. So they started bringing in Africans to be slaves on their plantations set up for profit mainly, to send portions of the cotton, tobacco, wheat, and sugar products back to Europe, through the triangle slave trade, and import and export routes. But due to the fact that they were destroying and taking land from the local natives, they needed to set up watchmen patrols to keep the few rebellious native tribes from raiding them in retaliation for the numerous attacks they made in taking the land in the first place, as well as keep slave rebellions at bay, which was almost a daily occurrence contrary to what most of us were taught to believe.

"The watch system was composed of community volunteers whose primary duty was to warn of impending danger. Boston created a night watch in 1636, New York in 1658 and Philadelphia in 1700..."

At times, rebellious warrior natives would even raid plantations to set Africans free to join them in fighting against the colonizer. At the same time, white indentured servitude was in effect, but due to the small potential of the white indentured servants and the African slaves joining together in fighting against the plantation master, (which happened in the Bacon rebellion in 1676) they ended white indentured servitude and started hiring them as slave catchers, night watchers and overseers. This was the racist ruling class's way of trying to prove to the likeminded envious poor whites that no matter what, even if you don't have money you are still better than those niggas, which enforced the mentality of white skinned privilege, and a false unified front amongst racist white people to always go against anything and anyone that is not white.

"In 1704, the colony of Carolina developed the nation's first slave patrol openly. Slave patrols helped to maintain the economic order and to assist the wealthy landowners in recovering and punishing slaves who essentially were considered property."

The slave patrols became the main form of work for the poor whites that lived in and around plantations but did not have plantations of their own. So they would get paid to hunt down and bring back run-away slaves to the plantations, sometimes dead or alive (i.e. mercenaries for hire). The slave patrols were most popular in the south mainly because the majority of the plantation industry was focused in the south, but they were also in the north like York (as New York was called then,) Boston, and Philadelphia. Even though it is not mentioned much but these places had plantations too, but some were euphemistically called factories.

Most slaves thought that if you escaped north you were free. But that simply was not true. A few succeeded, but they soon created methods to stop this trend that would make slaves want to run north. Some slave catchers and night watchers would work together to send slaves back south to the plantation if the pay was good enough to split. And in some cases even Canada would allow these slave catchers to cross the border to retrieve runaway slaves. Just like today, if you have a warrant in another state and happen to be caught, you will be extradited back to the state

you caught the original charge at after you have already been tried in the state you were caught. Which means the starting of the extradition process has been practiced in the same way it always has, which is returning Africans back to the plantation.

"Slavery and the abuse of people of color, however, was not merely a southern affair as many have been taught to believe. Connecticut, New York and other colonies enacted laws to criminalize and control slaves. Congress also passed fugitive Slave Laws, laws allowing the detention and return of escaped slaves, in 1793 and 1850."

The so-called Amerikkkan Revolution

In the 1770's with the help of Benjamin Franklin's instigation, the Amerikkkan revolution started taking shape. The racist colonialists (calling themselves patriots) began to reject the British parliament's control over the taxes of local goods and wanted to control their own laws and taxes without parliaments' involvement. Antagonisms and back and forth continued between the so called patriots and the British. The patriots began raiding parties that resulted in the Boston Tea Party in 1773 where the patriots raided a ship load of tea that was parliament controlled, on the Boston Harbor and burned the ship. That ultimately was the last straw for the British.

The colonies created an alternate government and elected George Washington as General of the continental army. Of course the majority on the frontlines were African slave soldiers who either were tricked with the lie of being set free if they won against the British or outright forced to fight. Thus giving the patriots the advantage of having freedom hungry slaves fighting fiercely on the frontline for not their own independence, but for the independence of Britain's evil bastard child, Amerikkka and their racist colonialists.

From the start of racist Amerikkkan independence and on, they made new laws to continue to exploit Africans as slaves as well as keep them from rising on any level. The need for slave patrols and watchmen grew because there were constant slave rebellions and uprisings that took place throughout different places like Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and other places. This made the white population very scared and racist white males began joining slave patrols (left and right) to stop the rise of the Negro revolts.

"Policing was not the only social institution enmeshed in slavery. Slavery was fully institutionalized in the American economic and legal order with laws being enacted at both the state and national divisions of government. Virginia, for example, enacted more than 130 slave statutes between 1689 and 1865."

Emancipation Proclamation and the Civil War of 1861-1865

"I will say then that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political

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THE COMING

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The time has come.

No longer need economic leaders choose political puppets to do their legislative bidding. Today, they simply buy, bribe or lie their way into political power.

The late Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party, once said that when fascism comes to America, it won't need a swastika; it'll be singing Yankee Doodle Dandy – and waving American flags.

What is fascism?

The popular political definition is the union of corporations and the State.

Because of naked fear and brute ignorance, America has voted for a new political reality. And although it seemed as if the Republican Party was hurtling towards self-destruction, the Democrats lost what initially seemed like a sure thing.

The Democratic Party, whose head honchos insured the fall of the insurgent candidate, Senator Bernie Sanders, may've also insured failure by opting for yet another Clinton, remembered now for the ruinous economic impact upon workers because of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement).

NAFTA spelled the end for any Clinton victory in labor-heavy precincts, like Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Ironically, many of the people who voted for Trump were themselves beneficiaries of the Clinton crime bill, which helped establish dozens of prisons in lightly populated rural areas of Pennsylvania, even becoming the largest employer in some counties. I'd wager that over 90% of prison guards voted not for the family that gave them lifetime jobs (Clinton), but for her nemesis: Donald Trump!

Not even the personally popular President, Barack Obama, could carry Hillary Clinton across the finish

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equality of the white and black races..." were Lincoln's words during a campaign speech he made while still running to become president, in Charleston, Illinois Sept. 18, 1858. His position didn't change much. He was an advocate of colonization of Black people from the US into Africa, and believed it was impossible for black and white people to live together, let alone be equal in any way. He was a believer in white supremacy, and he viewed the war only in terms of preserving the Union. So in other words, the emancipation proclamation was not a moral decision, but was a military maneuver. But it would only take effect in the states that were in rebellion against the union, not in all states that practiced slavery. Slavery did not officially end on the books until the end of 1865 when the 13th amendment was introduced to the constitution and enforced, which states; "... the 13th amendment in the US constitution abolished slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment of a crime..." which means, slavery never ended for Africans trapped in Amerikkka. It only took on a new name.

Now today in 2016

Fast forwarding to today, not much has changed since 1607-1865 until now. Donald Trump's rise is directly connected to the Electoral College that has its origins in slavery, even though he was selected by the racist ruling class to be the figurehead to carry out their "Final Solution" extermination of Black People. This year for the fourth time in history - and second time in recent history - a presidential candidate won the popular vote but lost the Electoral College and, therefore, lost the election. Hillary Clinton received 2,000,000 more votes than Donald Trump nationwide, yet lost big in the Electoral College. A prevailing racist lie surrounding the Electoral College was that the system was designed to protect small states. However, at the time of the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, the real division was between those states



which practiced slavery and those which supposedly did not. Electing the president though the college instead of a straight tally of voters favored slaveholding states of the south, as they had a small number of eligible voters – wealthy, racist white landowners – but large numbers of people who were unable to vote, including over half a million enslaved Africans at the time.

At the convention, James Wilson of Pennsylvania called for Presidential elections based on the national vote, to which Virginian James Madison responded: "The right of suffrage was much more diffusive [i.e., extensive] in the Northern than the Southern states; and the latter could have no influence in the election on the score of Negroes." Madison meant that the North would overrun the South in the Electoral process. As a result, the convention allowed Southern states to count three-fifths of their enslaved population to determine the representation of each state in Congress, creating a perverse incentive allowing these states to benefit from the institution. Accumulate more enslaved people and increase your influence in the federal electoral system. The racist European thinking was, "Free your Black people and watch your political power wane."

Today, old slave catcher buildings and headquarters only transitioned into Sheriff's departments and pig police stations, with new ones being created and state funded as the primary "safety enforcement" for the property of the rich and keeping their profits up by creating ways to send Black People back into legalized slavery (prisons). The racist pig police are an occupying army used to deploy on us at any given moment we threaten the economic system, or try to be anything other than how they want us, which is nothing but slaves. No different than 1690.

"...there are more Black people in prison and jail today, than there were slaves on the plantation before the start of the Civil War..."

From sharecropping to segregation laws, racial discrimination in the job industry creating the high unemployment rates. The state ran (mainly police and law enforcement agencies) drug and weapons smuggling into specifically the poor oppressed Black Community, the overwhelming number of Black men and women being sent to the prison industrial complex due to these dynamics, on to the blatant murders of Black People in the streets at the hands of the police and more. We see there has been no real progress for Black People in Amerikkka.

"After the civil war, the form of slavery changed from chattel to economic slavery, and we were thrown onto the labor market to compete at a disadvantage with poor whites. Ever since that time, our principal enemy must be isolated and identified as capitalism and white supremacy. The slaver was and is the factory owner, businessman of capitalist amerikkka, the man responsible for the employment, wages, prices, and control of the nation's institutions and culture..."

Point J of the Black Riders Black Commune Program states: "We Ride for an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of Black people. We Ride



Mumia Abu-Jamal in BPP office, 1971

line, for his coattails did not reach that far.

Welcome to the New Fascism – unleashed will be the most racist, vicious and nationalist forces in the country.

That's what "America First" really means. (Guess who's last?)

'New Fascism' – also known as Trumpism. --© 2016 maj

because we believe we can end police brutality in our Black community by organizing Black self-defense groups dedicated to defending our Black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all Black people should arm themselves for self-defense."

Out of all of the tactics we have tried in the past; protests, sit ins, stand ins, pray ins, and lay ins, it has not worked. Now is the time for Black People to wake up, clean up, stand up, and arm up to defend ourselves from these attacks by any means necessary. The only real solution to end racist police oppression, capitalism, fascism, and US imperialism is through ARMED REVOLUTION.

As General T.A.C.O., Leader of Black Riders states; "The Black Riders, New Generation Black Panther Party for Self Defense is a group that was created in Los Angeles in 1996. We have existed for 20 years pushing the line for our people's freedom.

Last year, we traveled from California to Texas and marched with the Huey P. Newton Gun Club through South by Southwest in Austin, openly carrying guns to the state capitol to raise black consciousness and awareness of our second amendment constitutional right to bear arms after the police brutal murders of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Ezell Ford in Los Angeles, Eric Garner in New York, and Clinton Allan in Texas.

The Black Riders has been organizing the Watch-A-Pig patrols for 20 years in which we police the police in California. For the past few years we have been organizing the patrols nationwide to defend against police terrorism. While we can't lawfully carry loaded guns in California, we use video cameras, law booklets, and other legal weapons to observe the police, at a legal distance, pulling over and detaining innocent Black People..."

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Black Power! All Power to the People who Don't Fear Freedom! RBG 4 LIFE!



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We would like to thank everyone who believed in us and supported us in every way. Thanks go out to all of the people who have donated quarters, nickels, dimes, and dollars to support our programs, activities, and newspaper for the last 20 years. Without the support of the people, we could never have become a national organization. We still have a lot of work to do. Please continue to support us as we serve and defend the people with our hearts, minds, bodies and souls. - General T.A.C.O. (Taking All Capitalists Out)

PART's Perspective:

Resist to Exist!

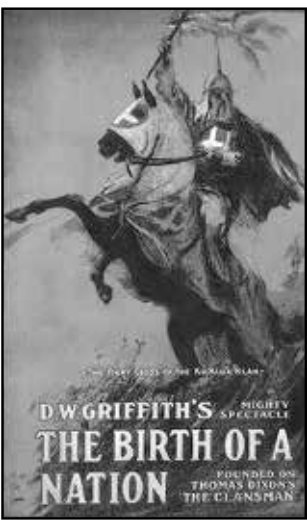
by Michael Novick, *Anti-Racist Action-Los Angeles/People Against Racist Terror*

The persistence of deep-rooted, intergenerational anti-Black racism in the US, manifest in schools, housing, health and medical care, policing, courts, prisons, employment, household income and wealth or poverty, and every other sphere of life is evident to anyone willing to trust the evidence of their senses. Yet as the Nobel laureate Bob Dylan once sang, "How many ears must one man have, before he can hear people cry?"

Liberals and pundits, especially but not exclusively of European descent, who were fond of denouncing Trump and the Republicans for promoting "fact-free" policies and prejudices, were gob-smacked by their own willful ignorance of the facts of white supremacist, patriarchal, exploitive settler colonialism when slapped in the face by Trump's victory. Their blinders removed, they are stunned by the impact of the in-rushing flood of reality. Many are falling back on the old and familiar, trying to circumscribe their response to policy advocacy or ritualistic demonstrations. But the times demand that all of us do more, and do better -- quickly.

In 1915, segregationist Democratic US President Woodrow Wilson screened "The Birth of a Nation" in the White House, and helped birth the 20th Century Ku Klux Klan. In 2016, pResident-elect Donald Trump is installing

the 21st Century suit-and-tie KKK directly into the White House, notably in the person of Steve Bannon of Breitbart, a principal platform for the self-named "alt-right" of racists and white nationalists. Emboldened by Trump's campaign, victory and his appointments, they have become more naked in their fascism and racism, chanting "Hail Trump! Hail Victory!" (English translation of the nazi slogan "Sieg Heil!") and giving stiff-armed nazi salutes at their celebration in DC.

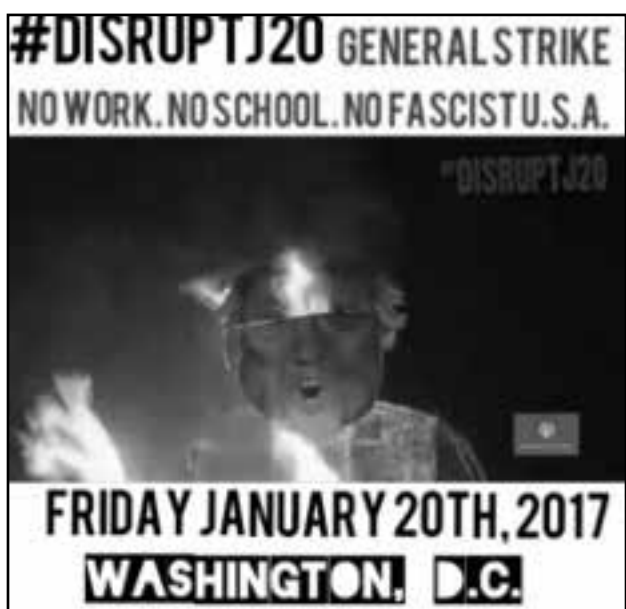


On Jan. 20, 2017, the Ku Klux Klan and a variety of other white power and white nationalist formations are planning to be in Washington DC to welcome and celebrate Trump's inauguration. This too, is an echo of earlier occasions,



including the 1920s, when the KKK marched in hoods and robes by the thousands in DC and named governors and senators in many states; and 1980, when the Klan announced a rally to welcome Ronald Reagan to DC, but were chased out of town by angry Black Washingtonians and a national mobilization of anti-Klan activists.

That the Klan plans, along with those of the Empire for a "peaceful transition of power," must be disrupted should be as evident as the shorter life spans, longer prison sentences, higher unemployment and lower high school graduation rates Black people suffer, or the vast wealth the US rulers extract from all around the globe. But the grip



of illusion, denial and identification with the oppressor is very strong. We need to do much more than disrupt the trappings of power, or expose and oppose the blatant neo-nazis and conscious white supremacists. We need a fundamental breach with the settler colonial Empire. We must base our strategies, our tactics, our definitions of friends and enemies, on the understanding that there is an irreconcilable contradiction between on the one hand freedom, justice and survival for the vast majority of humanity and most of the living species, and on the other

hand, the system of conquest, colonialism and the private expropriation of land, water, and the products of human creativity and labor.

A lot of people these days are talking about resistance without a clear conception of what it entails or on what it can be based. What are the examples that can guide us in deepening our understanding and practice of resistance? Many people associate the term resistance to opposition to fascism. We can look, it's true, to the French Resistance against Nazi occupation during World War II, as well as that of the Greeks and Yugoslav partisans, and to examples of Resistance inside Nazi Germany itself.

But we must also look to the Algerian resistance to French colonialism, to the Vietnamese resistance against French, Japanese and US occupation, Palestinian resistance to Zionist occupation, to the indigenous resistance to half a millennium of settler colonialism in the Americas. In Puerto Rico, which has been colonized, with genocidal impact, since Columbus, resistance principles were once summed up in a concept of "retramiento," translated as a refusal to identify with their oppressor or to collaborate in their own oppression.

Resistance must almost always operate at least partially from clandestinity; it must incorporate multiple modalities and tactics that will include physically impeding and disrupting the operations, wealth extraction, military maneuvers, surveillance, propaganda and methods of domination of the oppressor.

The US has for too long been the world bastion of reaction through the active or passive consent of about a third of a billion people (not only white people) inside its militarily-imposed borders. This has allowed the creation of a vast military and counter-insurgency apparatus that imposes compliant governments on other countries and peoples, enforces the extraction of vast amounts of wealth from colonized and semi-colonized people, and inevitably shapes life and death inside the borders as well.

A weakness of previous forms of anti-fascism and anti-imperialism, which have often been separate from each other, is that, predicated on a cross-class alliance against 'extremism' or foreign invasion, they stopped short of full social and economic transformation. Much



more is called for today. Fascism here is rooted in a history of colonialism, particularly settler colonialism, and its method of rule and of wealth extraction -- slave labor, genocide, harsh repression against dissidents and against collective defense of working people's rights, as well as incorporation of a mass base and the integration of private, corporate wealth into the state apparatus -- have been the hallmarks of settler colonialism in the US and elsewhere.

So today, anti-fascist and anti-imperialist resistance in the US must be anti-capitalist and anti-colonialist. Within that framework, there is room for a diversity of tactics, organizations, alliances and even ideologies. The base of solidarity from which people can resist, and the goals of liberation towards which any resistance must chart a course of positive social transformation, do not require uniformity. We will all be inevitably enlightened, educated and transformed in and by the struggle. Some may resist based on religious faith or the collective consciousness of a denial of national rights and sovereignty. Others may

fight to preserve and protect the earth, the water and the life forms that dwell therein, or to end their own poverty, degradation and the theft of their humanity and creativity. Or it may be a combination of such factors.

Too many on the left for too long have been defined by *either/or* political positions and sectarianism, to mutual detriment and eventual often fatal defeats. Whether we are talking about divisions in South Korea between opposing dictatorship or opposing US domination and division of Korea; about the split within the Black Panther Party, or the differences between the Panthers and the League of Revolutionary Black Workers; or about the divisions between autonomists and anti-imperialists in West Germany, such divisions have weakened the peoples' movements, and given a freer hand to the oppressors and exploiters, the Empire, to divide, conquer and repeatedly liquidate threats. We cannot afford the same errors again.

Recently, the Charlotte, NC chapter of *Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)* announced it was dissolving, and called for the dissolution of SURJ nationally, because it asserted that the only correct organizational form for white people's participation in struggles against white supremacy and for racial justice was in multi-racial formations led by people of color. Setting aside other issues or struggles about class composition or political orientation of SURJ, such an *either/or* proposition is effectively a *diktat* to people of color as well as to white people that they must be in such multi-racial formations. This is clearly wrong. There is room and need for national formations, for local coalitions, for groups based exclusively on and within Black, indigenous or other colonized or oppressed people. Thus there may also at times be a role for so-called white people to work together with other white people to undermine and uproot white supremacy and settler colonialism. I engage in direct solidarity and material aid with revolutionary liberation organizations of various peoples of color, work in multi-racial, international coalitions, and undertake anti-white-supremacist work jointly with others of European descent. Though there are some contradictions, those efforts are in the main mutually-reinforcing.



The definitional struggle about *allies* or *accomplices* is another example of limited and limiting *either/or* thinking. Allies can be a powerful statement of people fighting actively alongside each other; or it can be diminished to a kind of self-righteous statement of identity or status, rather than a militant, revolutionary practice. Accomplice can be a daring embrace of illegality and transgression of the boundaries of polite or civil obedience, or it can reflect a kind of internalization of judicial criminalization.

We all must increase the level of risk we are willing to take, the level of commitment we are willing to make, recognizing that the greatest risk -- in fact the guarantee of defeat, of a half-life of submission and of mass extinctions -- is to do nothing. We have to figure out ways to become ungovernable, to weaken the bonds that hold people in subordination to and identification with the oppressor, to identify and exacerbate the internal contradictions of our enemy -- the oppressors and exploiters and those attack dogs who carry out their orders.

The erratic nature of Trump's pronouncements and personality make it hard to predict exactly what forms of resistance we may be called upon to practice. But whether it involves an Underground Railroad/Sanctuary system for undocumented people; provision of birth control, abortion and other reproductive health services to women; creation of secure means of communication or whistleblowing on the surveillance state; community self-defense mechanisms; or protection of eco-systems from the death machine of capitalism, any effective resistance is likely to involve illegality, and facing down repression.

Resistance presupposes moving from a position of relative weakness to one of relative strength, to begin to dictate to and shape the circumstances of the enemy, as opposed to vice versa. The Black freedom movement, the indigenous sovereignty movement, the prisoners' struggle against legalized slavery under conditions of captivity and repression all point the way forward. Like settler colonialism, these forms of resistance were around long before Trump. We must base our collective resistance on a culture and communities of solidarity and a vision for liberation that will create a pole of attraction to draw people into the resistance movement and struggle, one that can and must go on beyond the lifetimes of those who initiate or revive it.

TORCH ANTIFA NETWORK GATHERING

by *Rocky Mountain Antifa*

Rocky Mountain Antifa, which hosted, is pleased to announce the success of the 3rd annual TORCH Antifa Network Conference! TORCH is a network of various antifascist groups working autonomously. We come together to share resources, information, and strategy. Our purpose is to oppose and fight all formations of fascism. We confront neo-nazis, anti-migrant, anti-LGBTQ, anti-choice, anti-Muslim, the KKK, Trump supporters, the Alt-right, and more. Such groups and individuals have never been a minor issue. Although it was only a year ago when many fascists were hiding, they still contributed to and promoted violence against women, Muslims, people of color, LGBTQ people, and social justice activists.

Groups like Blood and Honour, the Ku Klux Klan, Keystone State Skinheads, Golden State Skinheads, and the American Freedom Party continue to pop up on our radar. In addition, new ones have appeared such as the Traditionalist Workers Party, Soldiers of Odin, Identity Evropa, and far-right militias such as Oath Keepers and Three Percent Patriots. With the state and mainstream media jumping at the chance to amplify their bigotry, the rising movement of fascism is not a joke. It's not a bad dream, bad movie, or section of a political science book. This is real.

On Friday Nov. 11, TORCH chapters gathered in Denver on the heels of the US elections to discuss the network and upcoming goals/strategies. In attendance were Rocky Mountain Antifa, Philly Antifa, WNC Antifa, Los Angeles People Against Racist Terror (PART)/ARA-LA, and South Side Chicago ARA. Then on Saturday Nov. 12th, a much larger crowd gathered for the semi-public portion of the conference. Attendance consisted of groups and individuals from: Denver CO, Philadelphia PA, Los Angeles and the Bay Area CA, Asheville NC, Richmond VA, Dallas/Ft. Worth and Houston TX, Atlanta GA, Minneapolis MN, Portland OR, New Jersey and Chicago IL. Many involved also participated in the large nightly anti-Trump protests taking place in Denver as we met.

The larger event kicked off with a panel of speakers. Four Tasks for Confronting Contemporary Fascism were proposed: confronting machismo; defense ideas

and strategy; counter recruitment to undermine white supremacy; and identifying our allies and connecting struggles. Especially in the light of recent struggle around Standing Rock and #NoDAPL, which a number of gathering participants had been involved in solidarity with, the theme of the relationship between anti-colonialism and anti-fascism was addressed.

After a break we regrouped for a workshop on antifascist prisoner organizing. This was connected with a discussion about organizing in rural areas, where many prisons are located. Finally, we ended with a facilitated discussion on so-called "Alt-right" white nationalist formations, strategies and tactics for moving forward, collective resources and implementation, and a go around of the efforts in our different regions. The conference was a huge success, and with no disruptions from the enemy.



We want to take a moment to answer the question of "What happened to TORCH?" We assure everyone that we are still here and still fighting fascism in the streets and on the Internet. The TORCH network is stronger than ever. If you noticed the website was down, it was because of technical issues with the server. These problems are being resolved as we speak and we will soon be re-launching our twitter account. The network expanded over the weekend with new chapters vouched in, and we are planning much greater numbers by this time next year. The tactics of TORCH have been effective for us and many others. We will continue to neutralize the efforts of fascist organizing and recruitment. Under a Trump regime we cannot fall short of our goals. For more information on our analysis of fascism and our points of unity, as well as contact info for our chapters, go to www.Torchantifa.org. We have a lot of work to do. *We intend to win!*

Confronting The Trump Regime:

For years antifascists have warned the world of nationalist formations and their influence in politics and mainstream media. Since the inception of the Trump campaign, we warned everyone of the seriousness of this man, the consequences of his presidency, as well as the uselessness of voting in electoral politics. We demanded ACTION to stop fascists from taking power. When we took actions ourselves, we were smeared by many on the liberal left. Perhaps the most notable example was the June 26th action in Sacramento to shut down the neo-nazi rally organized by Matt Heimbach. The aftermath was a sea of liberals defending the neo-nazis and shaming Antifa. Then on Tuesday November 8, 2016, a Trump was elected, changing things forever. Unsurprisingly, Antifa haven't seen as much of the character assassination we saw just a short time ago. The shift is massive.

In light of the emergency protests erupting across the country, in enormous numbers, it seems many have finally acknowledged the grim reality we warned about. Social media is blowing up with encouragement to join your local Antifa groups. What does this mean for Antifa? It



means our role has increased drastically. We are more than local crews combating local fascists. We are essentially tasked with building resistance to a fascist regime. For those of us who saw this coming as well as those who are just waking up, we need to recognize our significance at this moment. All social movement organizing is now antifascist organizing. We are at a pivotal point in the outcome of this overwhelming shit show. Mistakes made now are more detrimental than ever. Every step needs to note the masses of people looking at us for an idea of what to do.

We call on antifascists everywhere to be bold moving forward. If you haven't already, join your local Antifa group or start a new one. If starting a new one, pick your most trusted people and develop a secure strategy for recruiting more. Consider that Trump plans to immediately deport up to 3 million people. This means that 3 million friends, family, allies, accomplices, comrades, and community members need backup. Develop community-based coalitions and create local defense networks to resist raids and deportation. Secure your communications with Tor, Signal, Tails, GNU Privacy Guard (GPG), Full Disk Encryption, and read the limitations of each. Seek firearms and self defense training and share skills with everyone around you. Stock up on medical supplies, emergency contraceptives, and hormones. Stay together, support one another, and keep fighting.

There has been a call for a mass convergence in Washington D.C. to disrupt the inauguration of Trump. The TORCH Network endorses this action with several other organizations. We encourage all who reject domination and oppression to be there.

Solidarity,

Rocky Mountain Antifa and the TORCH Antifa Network

#DisruptJ20: NO PEACEFUL TRANSITION

On Friday, January 20, 2017, Donald Trump will be inaugurated as president of the US. We call on all people of good conscience to join in disrupting the ceremonies. If Trump is to be inaugurated at all, let it happen behind closed doors, showing the true face of the security state Trump will preside over. It must be made clear to the whole world that the vast majority of people in the US do not support his presidency or consent to his rule.

Trump stands for tyranny, greed, racism and misogyny. He is the champion of neo-nazis and white Nationalists, of the police who kill the Black, Brown and poor on a daily basis, of racist border agents and sadistic prison guards, of the FBI and NSA who tap your phone and read your email. He is the harbinger of even more climate catastrophe, deportation, discrimination, and endless war. He continues to deny the existence of climate change, in spite of all the evidence, putting the future of the whole human race at stake. The KKK, Vladimir Putin, Golden Dawn, and the Islamic State all cheered his victory. If we let his inauguration go unchallenged, we are opening the door to the future they envision.

Trump's success confirms the bankruptcy of representative democracy. Rather than using the democratic process as an alibi for inaction, we must show that no election could

legitimize his agenda. Neither the Democrats nor any other political party or politician will save us—they just offer a weaker version of the same thing. If there is going to be positive change in this society, we have to make it ourselves, together, through direct action.

From day one, the Trump presidency will be a disaster. #DisruptJ20 will be the start of the resistance. We must take to the streets and protest, blockade, disrupt, intervene, sit in, walk out, rise up, and make more noise and good trouble than the establishment can bear. The parade must be stopped. We must delegitimize Trump and all he represents. It's time to defend ourselves, our loved ones, and the world that sustains us as if our lives depend on it—because they do.

In Washington, DC

DC will not be hospitable to the Trump administration. Every corporation must openly declare whether they side with him or with the people who will suffer at his hands. Thousands will converge and demonstrate resistance to the Trump regime. Save the date. A website will appear shortly with more details. #DisruptJ20

Around the US

If you can't make it to Washington, DC on January 20, take to the streets wherever you are. We call on our comrades to organize demonstrations and other actions for

the night of January 20. There is also a call for a general strike to take place. Organize a walkout at your school now. Workers: call out sick and take the day off. No work, no school, no shopping, no housework. #DisruptJ20

Around the World

If you are living outside the US, you can take action at US embassies, borders, or other symbols of neocolonial power. Our allegiance is not to "making America great again," but to all of humanity and the planet. #DisruptJ20

Spread the word. Join the fight. #DisruptJ20

Signed,

Agency, CrimethInc. Workers' Collective, It's Going Down, subMedia, Earth First! Journal, AK Press, PM Press, Indigenous Action, New York Anarchist Action, The Base (Brooklyn) and a host of other antifa, environmental, labor, student and anarchist groups around the US and internationally.

If you endorse this call, sign your name at the bottom of this list and circulate it.

Email disruptj20@riseup.net to be included in the above list.

Para Fidel: Fidel Castro-Ruz (1926-2016) Viva Fidel!

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Fidel Castro, father of the 1959 Cuban Revolution, has died, after 90 years of a life of rebellion and resistance. That this bold revolutionary figure lived as long as he did is itself a victory, for he outlived at least 11 assassination attempts launched by the CIA.

11 times that the US government has admitted!

As a young man, he earned a law degree, but he never practiced; he took the revolutionary path--and began a struggle against the US-supported Cuban dictator, Fulgencio Batista. That struggle, which led to the fall of Batista, inspired people all around the world.

One of those inspired was the late Huey P. Newton, cofounder of the Black Panther Party, who, in a 1967 jail interview, noted:

“When Fidel Castro started the Revolution, along with Che Guevara, with 12 of them altogether, they realized that they wouldn’t be able to topple the, uh, oppressive regime in Cuba. What they were essentially was an educational body. They engaged with the Army, they fought with the Army, and, uh, they showed the people that the army was not bullet-proof, that the police were not bullet-proof. And that Batista’s regime was not a regime that was



impossible to topple, so the people began to feel their strength.”-Dr. Huey P. Newton.

Fidel was a friend of Malcolm X, and a life long friend of Africa. The racist regime of Apartheid South Africa got whipped in Angola, with tens of thousands of Cuban troops in the field. The notorious battle of Cuito Carneval, Angola was where South Africa saw the bloody handwriting on the wall.

Castro once said:
“African blood flows in our veins. Many of our Ancestors came as slaves from Africa to this

land. As slaves they struggled quite a great deal. They fought as members of the liberating army of Cuba. We’re brothers and sisters of the people of Africa and we are ready to fight in their behalf.”

Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution never bowed to the US Empire--not once in over ½ a century. The Cuban Revolution produced the finest educational system in the Caribbean and much of the world. They have sent their doctors all around the Earth.

The world mourns the passing of a giant.

Fidel Castro-Ruz, Comandante de la Revolución. ¡Presente!

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Anti-Klan Activist & Researcher Daryle Lamont Jenkins Speaks in LA Saturday, January 14, 7pm



Daryle Lamont Jenkins, right, on The Rachel Maddow Show, MSNBC

At an “Alt-Right” conference immediately after the election of Donald Trump, leader Richard Spencer declared “Hail Trump! Hail our people! Hail victory! To be white is to be a striver, a crusader, an explorer and a conqueror. We build. We produce. We go upward. And we recognize the central lie of American race relations. We don’t exploit other groups. We—we don’t gain anything from their presence. They need us, and not the other way around. America was, until this past generation, a white country, designed for ourselves and our posterity. It is our creation, it is our inheritance, and it belongs to us.” Hail Victory, of course, is the English translation of the nazi chant to Hitler, “Sieg Heil!” Spencer was greeted with stiff-armed nazi salutes from many in the crowd, visible on the video. The gathering had been called before the election to strategize and commiserate over an expected Trump loss and swiftly metamorphosed into a victory celebration. One unanticipated result of the election may be the over-confident self-exposure of closeted neo-nazis and white supremacists, suit-and-tie fascists who are blowing their cover and making antifa opposition research a lot easier.

Daryle Lamont Jenkins, one of the leading anti-Klan researchers and archivists in the US will be speaking in Los Angeles on Saturday, January 14, 2017 (during the Martin Luther King weekend) at 7:00 PM at the Peace Center, 3916 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City 90232, between Washington Place and Venice Blvd. (free parking in rear, dial 22 for entry), hosted by Anti-Racist Action-Los Angeles/ People Against Racist Terror (ARA-LA/PART). Jenkins has appeared on numerous broadcasts, produces a podcast and is the L.A. area for a press tour related to a mini-series based on her work on the A&E cable television network (consult your local listing or video provider for more details on when the series will air.

Jenkins spoke, along with ARA-LA/PART founder Michael Novick at the TORCH Antifa Network gathering in Denver CO in November. Jenkins will be sharing some of his voluminous informational files on the threats posed by various white power groups that operate locally and nationally and talking about how to gather intelligence about and expose their operations.

For more information, contact ARA-LA/PART at 323-636-7388 or email antiracistaction_la@yahoo.com

Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Anti-Racist Action-LA/ People Against Racist Terror Saturday February 11, 7pm

People Against Racist Terror (PART) started in 1987 to expose and oppose a Glendale, CA appearance by former Birmingham church-bomber J.B. Stoner, who was on a national speaking tour on the theme of “AIDS: God’s Gift to the White Man.” Stoner, then recently released from prison after having been underground for some years after the bombings, was trying to attract support for his old-style Klan type politics from the rising scene of nazi-oriented boneheads being recruited to fascism and white power politics through music from racist bands like Skrewdriver.

PART founder Michael Novick, previously a member of the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee, had continued doing intelligence gathering on local racist and fascist groups after the JBAKC pulled up stakes and left LA. Upon learning of Stoner’s plans, he pulled together a small group of anti-racists and spread the word widely locally, using the name *People Against Racist Terror* and the acronym PART, with the slogan, “Be PART of the Solution!”

PART drew over 1000 people to its maiden protest, got the Glendale library to cancel one appearance and then marched on the Glendale Holiday Inn, where Stoner’s supporters had set up a private meeting. A few boneheads showed up and got booted, and the Glendale police declared the whole protest an illegal assembly, closed the freeway off-ramps to prevent more people from joining us, and rolled out a water cannon (though they didn’t actually fire it) to disperse the crowd.

PART almost immediately began communicating with other anti-racist groups around the country, many of which used the Anti-Racist Action name, and eventually added ARA-LA to its name, keeping the PART acronym. In the ensuing years, it helped develop the campaign for community control of the police with former Black Panther Michael Zinzun, and helped build the NeighborsAgainst Nazis grouping in Simi Valley to oppose KKK organizing there in the wake of the acquittal of the cops who beat Rodney King. Its publication *Turning The Tide* was one of the first to translate and publish the communiques of the EZLN when they rose up against NAFTA’s impact on the indigenous people of Mexico, and ARA-LA/PART later helped build the Crack the CIA Coalition, which held the first demonstration in the US demanding the dismantling of the agency, along with reparations to the Black and other impacted communities and to the Nicaraguan victims of the Contras.

For three decades, ARA-LA/PART and its journal, *Turning The Tide*, has continued providing an outlet for the voices of prisoners and liberation movements, gathered and shared intelligence about fascist forces operating from above and below and how to fight them, campaigned to free all political prisoners, supported the CA prison hunger strikers, and more. TTT was one of the first publications to print the commentaries of Mumia Abu-Jamal. TTT has been sent free to thousands of prisoners over the years, currently to nearly 1700 almost every issue. ARA-LA/PART promoted International Human Rights Day actions for many years on Dec. 10, including co-sponsoring a march and rally on Dec. 10, 2001 demanding the US get out of Afghanistan, and has been part of too many coalitions for peace, justice and equality to list. On Saturday, February 11, ARA-LA/PART will celebrate its 30th anniversary year since its 1987 founding (and coincidentally the 70th birthday of founder Michael Novick) with a cultural/political commemoration at the Peace Center, 3916 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City 90230 (between Washington Place and Venice Blvd; free parking in rear, dial 22 for entry). A \$20 donation is requested to benefit continued publication of *Turning The Tide: A Journal of Inter-communal Solidarity*.

For more information, call 323-636-7388
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An American in Syria: Anti-Fascist Struggle for Communal Society in the Ruins

<https://shadowproof.com/2016/12/06/american-syria-ypg-communal-society-ruins/> (excerpts)

The young US florist now working in Raqqa, Syria, as a volunteer with the People's Defense Units, or YPG, is known to most on Twitter as PissPigGranddad.

For nearly two months, and when he's had cell or internet service, he's taken to Twitter and updated his timeline with candid shots of himself holding puppies, sheepishly grinning while armed with an AK-47, and joking with his followers about his looks.

I spoke to him through a series of texts about why he's in fighting with the YPG, how he got to Raqqa, and how his family is dealing with his absence. His name is redacted for obvious safety reasons.

"I'm here for a few reasons. First of all, I believe in the struggle, as cornball as that is to say (for dipshits like me being sincere at all takes tremendous effort). The struggle is, for those who don't know, many-sided and an uphill battle, but if the Kurds are good at one thing it's fighting people on fucking hills."

"Anyways, our enemies are as follows: ISIS, Islamists in the FSA and a certain lunatic jacking off to Atatürk-Islamist fan fiction in Ankara. The struggle is more than just violence against fascists; it's to implement Democratic Confederation in Northern Syria."

"That is specifically our struggle, if other armed groups with extremely similar ideologies and great pants wish to do the same in the immediate regions then of course that is merely coincidence. I can talk more about Democratic Confederation later as well, but in short it is a left-wing ideology that I, as a Communist, am willing to help to implement."



"War is the crucible for revolution, and as all of Syria is in turmoil we will create a new and just society from the rubble. Durruti said something like, 'We have always lived in slums and holes in the wall...we are not least afraid of ruins; we are going to inherit the Earth,' and anyways, that's why I'm here, to struggle with comrades for a communal society in the ruins."

"Unfortunately there's not that many Americans here, and the majority of those here aren't political. There's a few vets here, many who had positive experiences with the Party and with Kurds/ Yazidis during their deployments in Iraq. All of them I've met were anti-Iraq War and usually rather bitter towards a government that fucked them every way they could be fucked. They were here and not in the

What does Trump's election teach us about the nature of the US? How should those concerned about justice, peace, equality, freedom and the environment respond? What can we expect from his regime, reinforced by Republican dominance across the board?

In two of the last five presidential elections, the candidate with the plurality was defeated. If this hasn't shaken the illusion that the US is a democracy, it's hard to say what will. The Trifecta of a federal system, (always based on voter suppression designed to stabilize a continental empire) along with a society founded on white settler colonialism, and a corporate-dominated media focused on personalities, required no conspiracy to ensure a "choice" between a demagogic, racist, sexist pseudo-populist and a neo-liberal/neo-conservative hawk who tacked right as soon as she escaped the primaries.

Hillary Clinton's victory in the Democratic primaries and Trump's triumph in the general election manifest the weakness of a genuine left in the US. We get amoral sociopaths,



Family with goats fleeing from ISIS towards YPG lines in northern Syria.-photo by PissPigGranddad

Peshmerga, which says something."
"Of course, you have glory seekers, dogs that come over here and slobber all over the country taking pictures of themselves near dead bodies and such. They're universally hated, by politicals and veterans alike."

"The main source of volunteers has been Europe; at the Academy where I was trained, we had a lot of rambunctious Italian anarchists, all covered in scars from street fighting with fascists. There are a lot, and I mean a goddam u-boats worth of Germans. Anarchists and Apoists mostly."

"Met a French Communist, and the good men of the Bob Crow Brigade are holding the red flag high here as well. I haven't killed anyone in ISIS or anyone at all yet. Of course I'm fully prepared to do so, my god who wouldn't be! But fighting is only part of a revolutionary's duty."

"We will of course smash ISIS, and I will of course be a part of that (if you notice I'm being vague here it's because I'm a bit leery of arrest). I am attached to a mobile heavy weapons unit right now, but I'll be transferring out of here soon. It's a mistake to think that all we do is fight; in fact, most of what we do is ideological."

"The Party functions differently than the rest of society, we're modeled on Democratic Centralism (in fact I've heard good old Lenin quoted a few times re: our organization). There are meetings, self-criticism sessions, regular criticism sessions, lectures about how we must kill the man within ourselves...the point is to change, it's to create revolution everywhere, internally and externally, in the heart and in the mind as well as on the street."

"There are many of us, who have no possessions, just their uniform. We share in all duties. There are no salutes, no titles yet this is organized, we are not living in some free-for-all."

"Listen, the fight at home is hard. I live in San Francisco so I'm at the bottom, licking a drain in circles, and god it's awful but we still struggle for housing and for tenants' rights and against the police."

"I had this opportunity to come, an opportunity everyone has, really, so I took it. I want to see what Revolution is like, what the possibilities are, how we can make new worlds. This is a new synthesis being made here, 'new realities' to quote that famous leftist Dick Cheney. I have to be a part of it! I mean it was like my gut was drawing me here, I can't explain it or I sound crazy. I've tried to! Believe me, I've tried, to my friends and my family and the woman I love. It was hard to explain it to her, but we share the same principles so of course in many ways she understands."

"But, to be clear, I booked a flight over, I came over because I was desperate to participate in what inshallah

will be the first of a hundred, a thousand revolutions that will shake this world."

"Anyways, I always knew I needed to come. The fighters want a lot of different things. Some want to die, I guess. Lots of PTSD, and I'd wager some of the boys want a double dose or a permanent cure. Others want revolution; not only here, but in Italy, Spain, America. We've got a Chinese comrade here, a Marxist, who wants it."

"Of course, we're optimistic, sometimes cynical, but a Leftist has to be optimistic! We're demanding the entire world—what could be more optimistic than that? I'm 27 years old, a true idiot's age."

"I worked at a boxing gym in California, but I've been a male florist for almost ten years and besides holding a pistol in the name of progress that's my main calling."

"On the other hand, the Kurds and Arabs here have been incredibly receptive. They have comrades throughout the world, of all nationalities, and though there have been nationalist currents in the Party history, they see themselves as part of an internationalist left."

"They've been more than receptive, and they honor the foreign dead as they do their own. It's not just propaganda,



Fallen US comrade Robin Agiri, killed in Raqqa they really are more than glad to have foreigners helping them. Especially as they see themselves as having been isolated politically and geographically for so long."

"There's been no animosity, just a common understanding that we must struggle for a better world and of course must smash or convince all those who would stand in the way of a just society."

"It's allowed because they invite it, essentially. I don't want to impose, in fact, I refuse to, but they'd be overjoyed if ten, a hundred, a thousand Western socialists of any stripe came here to oppose the many fascist enemies we face."

"Also, women don't have to follow military orders from men, which is both amazing and terrifying."

No Donald Trump,

We must identify wedge issues that will crack into and smash up the cross-class white nationalist alliance that has always undergirded the US empire. The right can mobilize support by identifying "un-American" ideologies and scapegoats as the enemy because the left won't identify and oppose a real enemy, a ruling class and imperial system with whom colonized, oppressed and exploited people have an irreconcilable contradiction.

The specter of US fascism didn't arise with Trump. Fascism's methods of rule and profit-production -- slave labor, genocide, incorporation of a mass base through appeals to racial nationalism and militarism -- are the same ones used to build the Empire and enforce settler colonial rule over indigenous, Asian/Pacific Islanders and African-descent people. The latest struggles over the theft of Native lands, such as DAPL in North Dakota, indicate the reality of this system since Europeans arrived, but also the indomitable resistance that should inspire us all. So too the Movement for Black Lives against

mass murderers and vain bullies in the White House because genuine, self-sacrificing, transformational leaders like Leonard Peltier, Mumia Abu-Jamal, Assata Shakur, Oscar Lopez Rivera and Chelsea Manning are locked up or in exile thanks to COINTELPRO (an FBI-led domestic war against the Black Panther Party, the American Indian Movement, Chicano-Mexicano struggle, and Puerto Rican independentistas) and the domestic counter-insurgency police state it birthed parallel to the global national security state.

The record of immigrant-bashing, Muslim scapegoating, criminalizing of Black resistance, misogyny and encouragement of violence that marked Trump's campaign, and the immediate incorporation of so-called "alt-right" white nationalists and corporate figures into his upcoming administration are clear. We must understand the underlying white supremacy, land theft, slavery and genocide, that predisposed large sectors to respond to white nationalist appeals.

DAPL EASEMENT DENIED, BUT THE FIGHT'S NOT OVER

<http://sacredstonecamp.org/blog/2016/12/2/obama-administration-denies-final-easement-whats-next>

On Dec. 5, the Obama Administration announced that the US Army Corps would not grant Dakota Access LLC the last remaining easement it needs to drill under the Missouri River at Lake Oahe and complete construction of the pipeline. The US Army Corps statement implies they will conduct a limited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the river crossing and explore possibilities for alternative routes.

The Obama Administration's decision comes as thousands of veterans are arriving from across the country to stand with the water protectors and join the frontlines of resistance in the face of extreme and escalating violence at the hands of law enforcement.

While this is clearly a victory, the battle is not "over." A response statement from Energy Transfer Partners and Sunoco Logistics said the corporations remain "fully committed to ensuring that this vital project is brought to completion and fully expect to complete construction of the pipeline without any additional rerouting in and around Lake Oahe. Nothing this Administration has done today changes that in any way."

The Trump administration could easily approve the project early next year. The Obama Administration has never guaranteed the water protectors or the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe that they would use force to stop Dakota Access from drilling under the river without a permit, if necessary. The Army Corps has not yet agreed to pursue a full EIS for the entire length of the pipeline.

Organizers continue to call for every day of December to be "a day of #NoDAPL action" against the investors of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Over 100 solidarity actions worldwide have already been registered for the coming weeks as the encampment continues to stand their ground.

Tara Houska, National Campaigns Director of Honor the Earth says, "The original peoples of these lands fought with all of our hearts against injustice and won. We have been maced, tased, demeaned, hit with water cannons in below freezing temperatures, we stand with the strength of our ancestors before us. The inaction from the administration and media was answered by our refusal to back down. Let this send a message around the world: we are still here. We are empowered. We are not sacrifice zones. Mni wiconi, water is life."

Eryn Wise of the International Indigenous Youth Council says, "We've been fighting this fight our whole lives and now there is no doubt in our minds that our generation can

change the future. We know that the next presidency stands to jeopardize our work but we are by no means backing down. We will continue protecting everywhere we go and we will continue to stand for all our relations. We say Lila wopila to everyone who has supported the resurgence of indigenous nations. This is just the beginning."

Dallas Goldtooth of the Indigenous Environmental Network says, "Today, the Obama Administration has told us they are not granting the final easement for the Dakota Access Pipeline. This is not just an amazing victory for Standing Rock and the Oceti Sakowin -- but also for the many other Tribal Nations, grassroots Indigenous communities and millions of Americans around the country who have stood in solidarity with us here in person, at rallies around the country, and through phone calls and letters. This is a victory for organizing, and it doesn't stop now. We are asking our supporters to keep up the pressure, because while President Obama has granted us a victory today, that victory isn't guaranteed in the next administration. More threats are likely in the year to come, and we cannot stop until this pipeline is completely and utterly defeated, and our water and climate are safe."

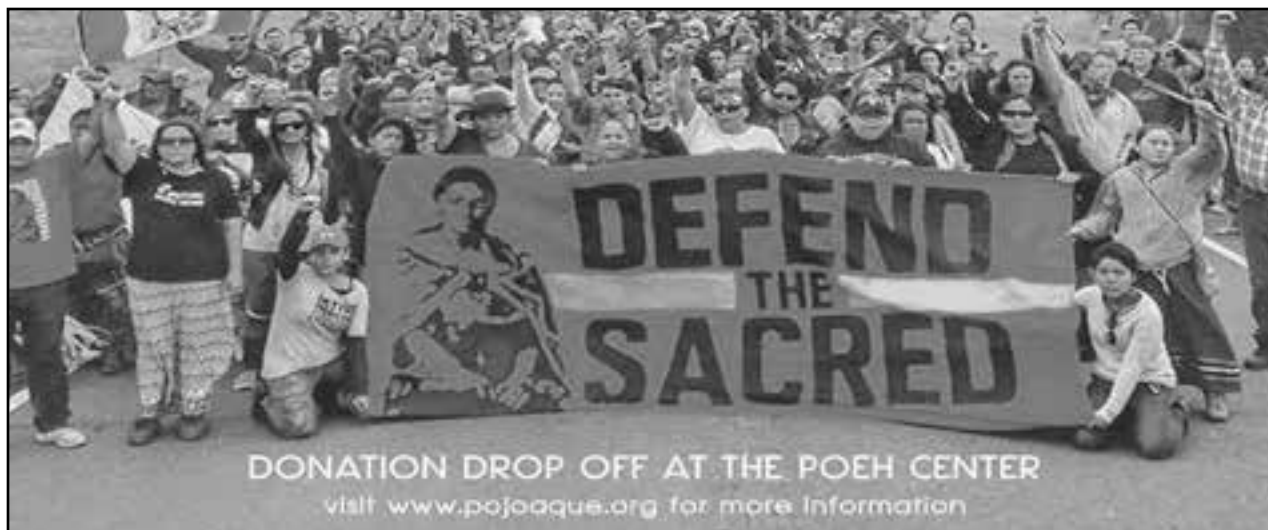
LaDonna Allard, Director of the Sacred Stone Camp, says, "I was asked, 'When do you consider this pipeline issue to be over?' I said, when every pipe is out of the ground and the earth is repaired across the United States. I am not negotiating, I am not backing down. I must stand for our grandchildren and for the water."



Livestream image of Sacred Stone Camp

HERE ARE THE 10 QUESTIONS WE NEED TO BE ASKING IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS AHEAD:

1. Will the Army Corps actually conduct an Environmental Impact Statement? If so, on what portion of the project - just the river crossing, or the whole pipeline?
2. What issues will the EIS take into account? (for example, will it include an analysis of spill risk? how about sacred sites? will it reassess the economic need for the pipeline now that the Bakken is busting?)
3. Which alternative routes will be considered? Will a "no-build" option also be considered?
4. How long will the EIS take?
5. What input will the tribe have? What will the public participation process look like?
6. In what way(s) was the original Environmental Assessment prepared by the Army Corps deemed inadequate?
7. What was the result of the tribal consultation process exploring possible changes to the regulatory process for pipelines in general? Have any changes been proposed?
8. How easily will these decisions be reversed by a Trump administration?
9. How will these decisions be affected by the outcomes of DAPL's lawsuit against the Army Corps, scheduled to be heard on Friday?
10. Is the US government prepared to use force, if necessary, to stop the company from drilling under the river without a permit?



No KKK, No Fascist USA!

racialized patriarchal capitalist state violence and the prisoners' strike against slave labor.

Part of the "whitelash" against "political correctness" that fueled a lot of Trump's support is due not only to a sense of grievance at lost privilege, but to resentment of holier-than-thou hypocritical 'limousine liberalism.' A liberatory left needs to distinguish itself from corporate liberalism and capitalism in general, not just neo-liberalism. To begin to crack into the white "herrenvolk" democracy that enables underemployed working people to identify with Trump because he eats Wendy's on his plane, we must be a self-critical movement.

Black liberation, Native sovereignty and other anti-colonial struggles have always been a pole of attraction for some people of European descent. We must extend that by rebuilding the internationalist anti-globalization movement of the late 90s -- which has shown its power again by stalling the TPP -- sharpening an anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist environmental consciousness, and identifying the common interests of working

people here and around the world in creating a new economic system and way of life. This requires directly confronting, if necessary physically, forces of racism and reaction inside and outside the state. Anti-colonial class struggle has divided people in Brazil, Venezuela, and South Africa -- it will certainly do so here in the settler colonial superpower that bottom lines reaction all over the world.

In the 1960s and 70s, many white radicals moved to working class white neighborhoods and suburbs, and entered factories. Others set up GI coffeehouses outside military bases and otherwise connected with the growing anti-imperialism of 'grunts' and conscripts. At the same time, many young white workers, Appalachian refugees to northern cities, and other working class people of European descent were being radicalized by contact with Black Panthers and revolutionary Black workers. That development was truncated and reversed by COINTELPRO. Today, there is a pressing need to revive that process of proletarianization and

radical transformation.

Competing with the so-called alt-right, open and covert nazis and avowed white supremacists for the hearts and minds of a significant element of the aggrieved white working and rural people who turned to Trump will involve strengthening our capacity for self-defense. On January 20, there is a national mobilization to DC to oppose and disrupt Trump's white nationalism and the plans of the KKK and other white-power supporters to celebrate his victory. But that effort needs to be generalized, extended and deepened all across the country. Trump is a bully (and therefore a coward) -- he attacks those he thinks weak and defenseless; that's why he's so inspirational to nightriders of the KKK, boneheads and alt-right. Standing up to them will demonstrate that they have no guts, no heart and no brains and is essential to winning away those they seek to organize or intimidate.

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 - ★ Sat., January 14, Daryle Lamont Jenkins, One Peoples Project, Peace Center
 - ★ Monday, January 16, Peace & Justice Contingent in MLK Parade, L.A.
 - ★ 100X100 Fundraising Campaign for TTT gofundme.com/eugzgg ongoing
 - ★ Sat., February 11, 7pm: 30th Anniv. of ARA-LA/PART, Editor M. Novick's 70th birthday
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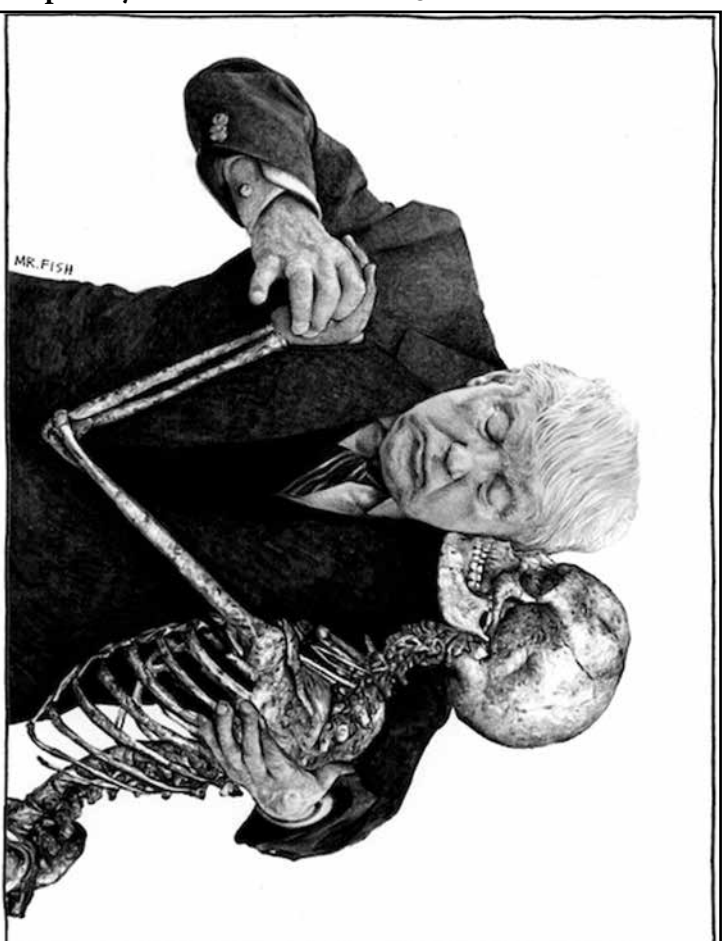
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