

There's STILL Time And Urgent Need to Trounce Trumpist Tyranny!

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On July 4, 2021, we are celebrating one more year of this country's independence from the tyranny of King George and the British Monarchy — *without fascism having achieved power here...YET*. Before, during and after the November 3, 2020 U.S. presidential election there was a bitter struggle to defend whatever has remained of bourgeois democratic rights in the USA. For Trump, the tyrant, had staked out his position early on that the only way he could lose was if the election was “rigged.” From his powerful position as Commander in Chief, as President, he would fight to stay in power, apparently by any means necessary! Trump's aim was absolute power; he intended to establish a Trump dictatorship in the United States in the tradition of King George of England!

In my previous statement dated October 1, 2020, issued in the midst of the 2020 presidential election, I warned:

“The next three months or so, approximately from Election Day, November 3, 2020 until the presidential inauguration scheduled for January 2021, will be **a time of reckoning** that will likely determine *whether or not fascism will come to power in the USA in this period*. What has become dramatically pronounced in the past week or so is *the extra-legal character of this specific moment* that sharply contrasts with what has historically been a period of peaceful transition from one U.S. ruling class party of ‘Republicrats’ to the other (when the same party did not retain the presidency).

“First, President Trump refused outright to acknowledge the possibility that he could

legitimately lose the election. (And this is despite the fact that all polls have him substantially behind Biden.) Thus, Trump has communicated loudly and clearly to his militia group supporters, the police associations and special police and armed forces that they should not idly stand by and accept a defeat at the hands of the so-called ‘deep state’ federal government.” (p. 2)

In this light, I reported that, “QAnon along with Proud Boys and Boogaloo and other secretive on-line organizations are mobilizing in preparation to be poll-watcher “voter intimidators” and/or **to take to the streets to proclaim and enforce (with police help) a Trump ‘victory.’**”(p. 3, Bold added)



I observed: “Each time Trump has ‘escaped’ punishment for his crimes against the people, he has been emboldened to become *even more autocratic and dictatorial*. Even after being impeached by the House of Representatives, only the third President in U.S. history so convicted, Trump became more aggressive

against his personal foes,* wildly reckless and destructive in his handling of the COVID public health crisis and dismissive of the public health experts, openly hostile toward the U.S. population in the 'blue states,' erratic and irrational in his approach to 'opening up' the U.S. economy, the schools etc., demonstrated no respect for the self-sacrifice of the troops under his command, nor for the health care workers, meat packers and other industrial workers and all the other 'essential workers' and was openly white supremacist in his support for murderous police power against working people, especially Afro-Americans and Latino immigrants and other people of color." (*ibid.*, pp. 4,5)

Finally, I warned: "If Trump is allowed to remain at the head of the U.S. imperialist state apparatus and the U.S. Empire on the basis of his trampling of the most rudimentary democratic rights of the U.S. citizenry, including our voting rights, *we will have no remaining rights*. The growing dictatorial power of a fascistic leader over the past four years will be supplanted by *fascism in power*." (p. 5, Italics as in original; bold removed from this entire quote.)

On the basis of trying to help block the emergence of *fascism in power* in the USA, as the leader of *the Revolutionary Organization of Labor (USA)*, the main purpose of my October 1 Statement was to call on our supporters to help elect the corporate Democratic Party Biden-Harris slate against Trump-Pence and

*Among the most desperate of the many horrific assaults of the Trump Campaign's thuggish MAGA supporters in the lead-up to the election was the attempted kidnapping by white terrorists in Michigan of one of Trump's most hated political opponents, Michigan's Democratic Governor Gretchen Wittmer. The plan included kidnapping her, along with her family, with the intention of putting her "on trial" and executing her! If this well-planned, wide-ranging and well-rehearsed plot had succeeded, it would have put tremendous pressure on the Governor of every state in the USA (since each state conducts its own election) to lean heavily toward favoring Trump and his thugs in the 2020 election.

then to "Wage Battle for Democracy" during the period between the November 3 election and the presidential inauguration on January 20, 2021.*

-Trump's Clear Defeat in the 2020 Presidential Election-

With Trump's thuggish and brutish campaign, with its increasingly sophisticated and effective use of algorithms and access to the internet generally during his term in office, with improper use of the White House and other venues and props as President, and with years-long coordinated Republican voter suppression efforts across many states, Trump may well have won the election with *his own rigging*, had the Coronavirus Pandemic not arisen worldwide and attacked the USA in early 2020. However, because of the Trump Administration's scandalous behavior, motivated by deep ignorance, white supremacist hatred and corporate greed, the U.S. response to the global COVID pandemic was criminal, even genocidal.

The Trump Regime caused the USA, a monopoly capitalist state with state-of-the-art hospitals, medical technology and resources, to be chronically short of basic necessities throughout Trump's remaining tenure and to become, early on, the number #1 country in the world in both infectious rates and deaths from COVID. Thus Trump's monstrous leadership

*I believe this position is *not* at all at odds with our long standing view that *the Democratic Party is the main political gatekeeper of U.S. monopoly capitalism and imperialism, the main political defender of the U.S. Empire*. Moreover, this new position is in conformity with the teachings of the international communist movement in the period of the Communist International that helped the Soviet Union lead humanity in the global defeat of fascism in the World War II period and led to unprecedented advances for the cause of national liberation, socialism and communism in the period that immediately followed. It was crowned by the victory of liberated China in 1949 and the rapid establishment of a huge Socialist Camp with a global population comparable to that of the Capitalist Camp.

was also responsible for the ensuing U.S. economic collapse.

Largely for this reason, the country's voters cast seven million more ballots for the corporate Democratic Party Biden-Harris slate than for Trump-Pence. And, even the anti-democratic electoral college vote favored Biden in 2020 as "overwhelmingly" as it had Trump in 2016.

But, spearheaded by the Afro-American people of Georgia under the leadership of Stacey Abrams, a rainbow coalition of youth and working people were absolutely vital to the successful outcome as well.



Stacey Abrams

-The Contribution of "Sandernistas," Black Lives Matter Activists and Other Anti-Fascists to Trump's Clear Defeat-

As the Coronavirus Pandemic was surging through the country, on May 25, 2020, a revitalized Black Lives Matter movement exploded in street demonstrations across the USA and were soon accompanied by solidarity street protests in cities and towns across the world in response to the brutal Minneapolis police murder of George Floyd. And, shortly thereafter, under massive BLM pressure, police murders that had already been swept under the rug, were belatedly uncovered and revealed. Beginning with the public release of the murderers' own



George Floyd

videotape of their February 2020 stalking and murder of jogger Ahmaud Arbery by a police-connected father-son duo in Glynn County Georgia and public exposure of the March 2020 midnight police break-in and cold-blooded murder of Breonna Taylor in her own Louisville, KY home, BLM street protests, rose up in new locales responding to outrageous police conduct seemingly every day.

This massive outpouring particularly of youth affirming the value of Black lives has included newly conscious Afro-Americans as well as newly conscious allies among Latinos, Asians, Native Americans and poor and working class and middle class whites. Impressively, the BLM has focused on the key role of police departments around the country in enforcement of continuing "systemic racism." This was a notion which most of the BLM protesters had not even previously contemplated, having been filled with the U.S. Empire's bourgeois democratic propaganda and illusions during the "Obama years."

The increasingly fascistic Trump Regime, with its unequivocal backing of and by the police as well as its vast corruption, was all the more exposed by Trump's criminal responses to the Coronavirus Pandemic in the USA. These ranged from ignorance and impotence and concealment of its lethal character to profiteering off the manipulation of scarce medicines, medical supplies, clothing and equipment (which drastically affected health care workers, meat packers and other "essential workers") to outright genocidal attacks against the Afro-American people and Latino immigrant families, The Trump Regime's criminal response to COVID fueled the popular resistance among the youth.

In the face of the rising BLM, aided by the spontaneous emergence of anti-fascist allies in many places, Trump called on the police to be especially brutal in cracking down on the BLM street protests. This served the two-fold purpose of: A. Intimidating some protesters into abandoning direct street

action and B. Creating the conditions for increasingly militant self-defense on the part of the protesters and increasingly hostile encounters with the police.

Perhaps two events were most notorious in this regard: 1. Trump's order for the various special D.C. police forces outside the White House to make an unprovoked attack on the peaceful demonstrators at Lafayette Park to clear a path for Trump's unscheduled walk across to the nearby church where he held a Christian bible (upside down) in his infamous photo op. (This incident led Trump's Secretary of Defense, General Jim Mattis, to resign on the principle that the U.S. military should not be used against U.S. citizens exercising their right to free speech in the USA. Significantly, within days, many active and retired top military brass supported Mattis' position.) 2. Trump's insistence on sending federal forces to Portland, OR against the wishes of both Portland's Mayor and Oregon's Governor. Provocations by Trump's federal forces, including kidnapping demonstrators off the street, helped keep Portland in a constant state of occupation and resistance for months.

With such deliberate provocations, Trump was able to arouse his "law and order" base and his domestic terrorist base against the BLM and its anti-fascist allies. All the violence perpetrated by these Trump MAGA thugs, Proud Boys, Boogaloo, Oathkeepers, etc. had some success in pushing the BLM activists back, as the Trump forces gathered momentum around the 2020 presidential election.

Nevertheless, BLM activists and anti-fascist forces *did not* collapse. Many of them played active roles in the substantial electoral defeat of Trump for a second term. Moreover, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, the most prominent social-democratic politician in the USA*, whose powerful 2016 and 2020 primary campaigns for the Democratic

Party presidential nomination were both sabotaged by the Wall Street-dominated Democratic Party itself, nevertheless, in 2020, wholeheartedly backed the Biden-Harris corporate candidates against the fascist Trump. And Sanders' large loyal base stayed involved and committed, too.

This election victory over Trump's campaign army set the stage for its desperate January 6 assault on the U.S. Congress in session at the Capitol; it was rendered an ultimately **unsuccessful** attempted coup by the Trump-led thugs to prevent the inauguration of Biden/Harris and install Trump as a rogue dictator.

Meanwhile the Biden/Harris victory, highlighted by Stacey Abrams and the Afro-American-led mobilization in Georgia, has required Biden's Wall Street-dominated corporate Democratic Regime to make some positive government appointments and monetary and other concessions to the people, bringing some relief from the widespread hardship currently experienced by working people and oppressed nationalities across the USA. But the short term federal emergency money finally reaching the masses is no substitute for the workers and oppressed nationalities gaining greater power through and over the government itself.

-Trump's BIG LIE About
"the Rigged 2020 Election"-

While bourgeois elections in the USA have always been rigged against the poor and working people, (for example, Afro-Americans and women have only had the vote for a relatively few years historically), Trump still received the second largest presidential vote in U.S. history bested only by Biden's vote in the same race. And the Republicans on the same ballots with Trump around the country gained *more* seats in Congress.

Christopher Krebs, Trump's Republican appointee overseeing the 2020 election countrywide as Director of the Cybersecurity

*who unfortunately has always been and remains a social-imperialist on U.S. foreign policy

and Infrastructure Security Agency, declared that the 2020 election was the most secure election in modern U.S. history. Trump responded by firing Krebs! Even Attorney General William Barr who had consistently abused his office and the entire Justice Department in order to function as Donald Trump's personal shield instead of as the U.S. peoples attorney, already on his way out the door, affirmed the 2020 presidential election results, stating that no widespread fraud or other significant election violations had been found at all!

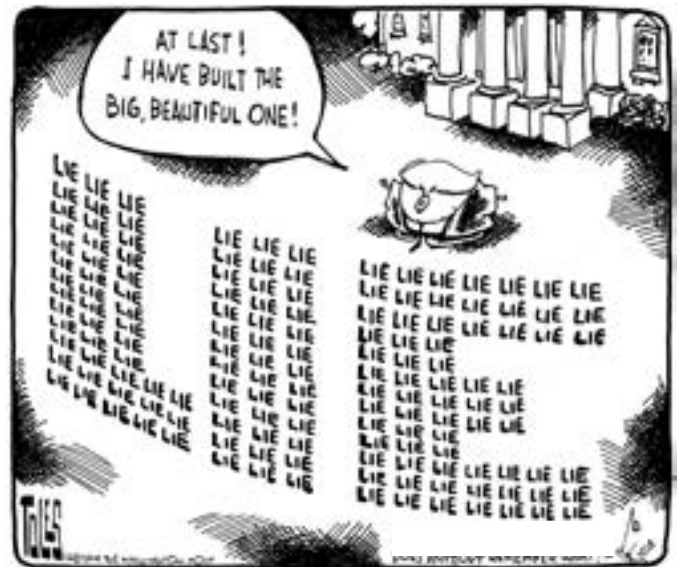
Furthermore, sixty different election court cases, filed by attorneys for the Trump campaign, were all thrown out after being adjudged frivolous claims, including by a host of Trump-appointed judges. And, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected all Trump campaign appeals sent its way, despite the fact that Trump (with McConnell) had packed that court, too.

Recounts of the 2020 vote in several swing states were conducted with no significant fraud discovered and no significant changes. Three were conducted in Georgia alone, including one count by hand. As I had underscored in the October 1st Statement, Georgia was a key battleground in the 2020 election. [SEE "Georgia on my Mind" p. 7, October 1, 2020 Statement] And Georgia's Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger, a Republican who had voted for Trump, taped Trump's telephone call to him openly pressuring Raffensperger to "find" "exactly one more vote than Biden had received." The substance of this blatantly illegal election tampering may yet be among many serious criminal charges brought against Trump now that he is no longer shielded from prosecution by presidential immunity.

Gabriel Sterling, Georgia's chief operating officer under Secretary of State Raffensperger, also a Republican who had voted for Trump, was the voting system implementation manager basically in charge of the Georgia election. Sterling finally made a public and emotional appeal directly to Trump to stop

his attacks on Georgia's (Republican) election officials "before someone got killed," as they and their families were facing increasing harassment and death threats, egged on by Trump and his campaign thugs.

Despite all of the above, Trump maintained and intensified his insistence with no proof that the election had been "rigged" against him. And **the BIG LIE** that Trump had asserted long before the election took place **that he could only lose if the election was rigged** became the foundation for the continuous and still ongoing attempt of the rogue President to overthrow the legally elected Biden-Harris Administration.



Finally, on January 6, 2021, both houses of the U.S. Congress met in session at the Capitol building in Washington, DC to officially ratify the electoral college vote, paving the way to the inauguration of Biden-Harris two weeks later. To block this constitutionally mandated legal process chaired by Mike Pence, his own (defeated) Vice President who was still functioning as President Pro Tem of the U.S. Senate, Trump countered with a well-publicized street rally of thousands of white supremacist MAGA supporters and with some level of strategic planning by domestic terrorist organizations from the Proud Boys, Oathkeepers, QAnon conspiracy theorists and other right wing groups supporting Trump's blatantly illegal attempt to resist and disrupt and block "the peaceful transfer of power."

At Trump's January 6 street rally, the sitting U.S. President called on the crowd to march to the Capitol, though he promised to go there with them and did not. And his personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, urged the crowd to let this be "TRIAL BY COMBAT." With both Houses of Congress in formal session, the MAGA mob attack on the Capitol featured domestic white terrorists trying to hunt down House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat, *and* Republican Vice President Pence, who, until the day before, had been one of this mob's heroes, perhaps second only to Trump himself. Pence was now demonized for carrying out his constitutionally-mandated duty to preside over the formal electoral college vote count. And mob sentiment seemed to be to murder both Pelosi *and* Pence as well as many other Congresspeople, if they got their hands on them.

As many have observed, had Black Lives Matter (BLM) protesters or union workers or anti-fascists stormed the Capitol they would have suffered massive casualties and deaths at the hands of police and military forces armed to the teeth! By contrast, upon arrival at the Capitol, Trump's MAGA monsters found understaffed and outgunned Capitol police and other DC area police and military forces with no specific battle plan to defend the Capitol and its employees and the Congress itself! Clearly, higher-ups in the various DC police forces, the National Guard and the U.S. military were conspiring with and/or cooperating with Trump's insurrectionary mob. In this circumstance, the supposedly "pro-police and law and order" base of Trump supporters beat up and seriously injured and even took a few lives of those overwhelmed guardians of the Capitol who had taken their responsibility to protect the Congressmen and women under attack.

To their credit, the Congresspeople and VP Pence returned to the formerly occupied and besieged and now ransacked Capitol just hours after escaping it. And, in the middle of that night, they finished their work of formally counting the electoral college vote and declaring

Biden-Harris the victors and designated them for the January 20 presidential inauguration ceremony. Ominously, though, even after the violent white supremacist, domestic terrorist assault on the Capitol, 139 House members and eight Senators, all Republicans, still voted that night against the clearly legitimate electoral college vote.*

I had concluded the October 1, 2020 Statement with the following warning: "Donald Trump has shown no indication that he will give up power without a fight. He has maintained some independent strength in spite of the fact that he has not yet had his Reichstag Fire moment. Let us be alert and aware."

I was especially concerned that Trump, while still the head of the U.S. state apparatus, *while still President*, might well launch a serious incident, like the Nazi-created Reichstag Fire in 1933 (where the Nazis themselves destroyed the German parliament building and blamed the communists to justify "a state of emergency") that would carry Trump safely through to victory in the election or to the postponement or cancellation of the election. One important accomplishment of the U.S. people's 2020 election defeat of Trump by a clear margin is that he was able to actually be ousted from office on schedule. From this weakened position his subsequent activities till now have all been transparently ineffectual and largely illegal. And his presidential immunity is gone, too.

-The Present Situation-

However, the main purpose of this current July 4, 2021 Statement is to underscore the

*However, even this bad thing can be turned into a good thing if decisive action is taken against this large group of pro-insurrectionist members of Congress. Evidently, it will take working class and oppressed nationality-led BLM and anti-fascist forces to compel Biden and the Democrats in Congress as well as Attorney General Merrick Garland to move. If Justice is served by Garland's Justice Department, these traitors even to *their own* successful legitimate elections can be cleaned out; and a more productive, pro-democratic and pro-people Congress can result.

fact that *now*, some *eight months* after his *substantial electoral defeat* and then his *ultimate failure to block the inauguration of the Biden-Harris Regime with his January 6 bloody assault on the Capitol*, Donald Trump still has shown no indication that he will give up power without a fight. He has never conceded the election! **He's still fighting for power!** Meanwhile, the Biden Regime, a faithful tool of Wall Street finance capital, has shown little inclination to prosecute Trump and his domestic white terrorist supporters and/or otherwise compel them to concede and comply with the U.S. Constitution. Hence, despite the fact that Biden is President and Trump is *not*, **fascism in the USA remains "a clear and present danger."**

This can be seen in the following: 1. The ongoing openly insurrectionary appeals from Trump-pardoned felons such as Trump political guru Roger Stone and General Michael Flynn and similar political adventurism of former President Trump and his reactionary white supremacist and domestic terrorist MAGA crowd based entirely upon the BIG LIE that the 2020 election had been rigged against him. Yet, none of Biden's vast Executive Branch power has been used thus far to punish these bold insurrectionists. 2. Contrast Trumpite provocation with Biden's refusal to campaign for the elimination of the Senate filibuster rule that now protects the January 6 insurrectionists, including those within Congress itself, from Congressional investigation and from being exposed and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Instead, Corporate Democratic President Biden now travels to *Europe* to "fight against autocracy over there"! 3. With Wall Street's *renewed* financial backing of pro-insurrection Republican Congresspeople, Voter Suppression (Voter Theft) laws aimed against working people and especially people of color being proposed in forty-eight states, based upon the same BIG LIE will likely be successful as Biden's tolerance of the Senate filibuster may spell doom for the *For The People Act*. 4. Similarly, by refusing to lead a powerful campaign to smash the Senate

filibuster rule, Biden has put passage of the *George Floyd Justice in Policing Act* in jeopardy. 5. Likewise, despite Biden's frequent positive comments about organized labor, the *Protective Right to Organize (PRO) Act* (already weaker than the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) proposed and never passed under Obama) is in jeopardy.



Also consider the following: 1. Now, eight months after the election, while his brother remains a three star general, former three-star General Michael Flynn, a convicted felon pardoned by Trump and an unabashed promoter of QAnon conspiracy theories is openly calling for Trump to lead a Myanmar-type military insurrection to overthrow the Biden-Harris Regime. *We the people, including BLM and anti-fascist forces, need to organize and demand that U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and the Joint Chiefs of Staff move promptly and decisively to have Flynn courtmartialed, deprived of his military pension and imprisoned for sedition.* Roger Stone, also a convicted felon pardoned by Trump and Trump's political guru, has been just as outspoken as General Flynn in his constant public urging of Trump campaign insurrectionist action. *And Stone should be likewise arrested and charged with sedition.* 2. Attorney Sidney Powell who had joined with Trump personal attorney Rudy Giuliani in approximately sixty **unsuccessful** court cases to have the official 2020 presidential election results thrown out is now calling for Trump to "simply be re-instated," after "a new inauguration is set." *We must demand that swift judicial action, including disbarment, be taken against Powell for her unconstitutional frontal attack on the Executive Branch of the U.S. government.* 3. In Arizona, a bizarre recount of that state's 2020 election ballots is being carried out by "Cyber Ninjas," a private firm hired to do the recount with no prior experience and no apparent qualifications other than its purely speculative and prejudiced

assertion, **before** having access to Arizona ballots, that the 2020 presidential election was rigged against Trump in that state. *While this unorthodox and unprecedented recount has spoiled Arizona's original ballots, anti-fascist and pro-democratic forces there need to be prepared to fight any attempt to throw out or dismiss the official Arizona electoral college vote. A similar fight may be required in other swing states in the days ahead as well.*

4. Many large corporations, such as Boeing, had previously announced their cutoff of all financial support for Congresspeople that (in coordination with the insurrectionist mob) had still voted **against** the electoral college victory for Biden-Harris just hours after the January 6 insurrection at the Capitol. Now these corporations have quietly begun to back those white supremacist Republican thugs again in keeping with their normal practice of supporting the "Republicrats" (i.e. both the Democrats and the Republicans at the same time.) *We need to mobilize boycotts and other actions exposing and punishing these pro-insurrection corporations.* 5. In this context, the large Republican minority in the House was unable to stop the creation of a Congressional Commission to investigate the January 6 insurrection. However, the Senate, *using the anti-democratic filibuster rule that Biden and the corporate Democratic leadership have refused to eliminate*, just voted to block the establishment of the January 6 Commission. *Attorney General Merrick Garland has the authority to establish a Justice Department special counsel to investigate the January 6 bloody assault on the Capitol and we should demand that he do so without delay on the way to cleaning thuggish scum like Florida Congressman Gaetz and Georgian Congresswoman Greene out of the House. Such developments can only produce a more progressive Congress and more pro-working class laws.*

One Conclusion: It's clear that Trump's fascist campaign to overthrow the elected bourgeois government of Biden-Harris, backed to one extent or another by millions of Trump voters in 2020, will not disappear even if and when

Trump himself is put away and the key thrown away. And even this prospect for Trump, the individual, currently seems unlikely, given the Biden Regime's cowardly and corrupting Wall Street ties. Indeed, the movement to bring fascism to power in the USA will likely need to be struggled against by the workers and oppressed peoples within the USA and beyond for years to come, as the historical example of the rise of Nazi Germany reveals.

-The Rise of Nazi Germany and the BIG LIE-

In November 1918, the German military under the Hohenzollern Monarch and the German monopoly capitalists had just experienced a crushing defeat at the hands of Germany's imperialist rivals in the First World War. This defeat was leading to the rapid ruination of the German people. On this basis the German Communists (the Spartacists) under the talented leadership of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, were building an increasingly powerful armed struggle in Berlin, the capital, on the road toward establishment of a soviet republic in Germany. They were following a similar path as that traversed by the victorious Soviet Bolsheviks a year earlier in Tsarist Russia.

To block the establishment of a soviet republic led by the German working class, Germany's top military leadership forced out the Kaiser and the Hohenzollern monarchy and handed power over to the surprised and reluctant social-democratic leadership of the trade union workers. Thus it was that the dutiful social-democratic government united with the German military, the conservatives and the monarchists to crush the communists and workers in Berlin and to murder Liebknecht and Luxemburg, acknowledged even by bourgeois authorities as the most talented organizers in Germany. And thus it was that the new social-democratic government that had no previous governmental responsibility for Germany's defeat ended up officially signing the harsh terms of the Versailles Treaty and agreed to the harsh war reparations exacted by French and British imperialism. The

German monarchy and the military thus used this “shoddy trick”* to avoid the wrath of the German people, that is, to avoid taking *their* responsibility for the actual conduct of the imperialist war and the ruination of the German people...*And millions of Germans believed this BIG LIE!!*

The early 1920’s saw several putsches carried out by embittered military and ex-military men, pro-monarchist officers and other fascist forces. Adolph Hitler cleverly and persistently promoted the BIG LIE with passionate intensity that “the November criminals” who sold out the German people in the Versailles Treaty were the “socialists and communists, the Marxists and the Jews.” In this way, by late 1923 he was in a position to lead the so-called Beer Hall Putsch in Bavaria.

In his massive, authoritative “*Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*” (1960), bourgeois historian William L. Shirer observed that the Beer Hall Putsch was quickly dispatched and Hitler and eight of the other nine insurrectionist leaders (all except famed General Ludendorff who was acquitted) were **convicted of high treason** at their trial. Shirer reports that the Bavarian Minister of Justice, a friend of Hitler’s, made sure that at trial “the judiciary would be complacent and lenient.” “Hitler was allowed to interrupt as often as he pleased, cross-examine witnesses at will and speak on his own behalf at any time and at any length ...”(p. 75)



Adolph Hitler

Moreover, Article 81 of the German Penal Code declared that, “Whosoever attempts to alter by force the Constitution of the German Reich or of any German state shall be *punished by lifelong imprisonment* ...” According to Shirer, Hitler, while in prison, “was treated as an honored guest, with a room of his own and a splendid view.” Incredibly, he was able to

verbally dictate to his devoted secretary and fellow convicted conspirator, Rudolph Hess, the first volume of his two-volume best-selling book, *Mein Kampf* (My Struggle) which became his chief source of large personal income and wealth over the ensuing years until coming to political power; the book also became his playbook for fascist rule. Furthermore, rather than receiving lifelong imprisonment, Hitler was sentenced to five years. And “a little *less than nine months later*, on December 20, 1924, *Hitler was released from prison, free to resume his fight to overthrow the democratic state.*” (p. 78, My emphasis)

Shirer added, “The consequences of committing high treason, if you were a man of the extreme Right, were not unduly heavy, despite the law, and a good many anti-republicans took notice of it.” (p. 78)*

Little more than eight years later, in early 1933, after continual Nazi Party mobilization, mob actions and murders around the BIG LIE that the “Jews and the Marxists” and not the Monarchy and the Military had been responsible for the crushing German defeat in the First World War, Adolph Hitler was appointed Chancellor of Germany by President Hindenburg. And one month later, the Nazis themselves burned down the Reichstag, the parliamentary building, and blamed it on the Communists. The next day Hindenburg gave the Nazi leader and his Party emergency powers, effectively making

*The dangerous phenomenon described here has frequently occurred over the past few years in the USA. Indeed, among the most vocal and vitriolic pro-Trump insurrectionists who actively mobilized for the January 6 attack on the U.S. Congress at the Capitol and are continuing their non-stop treasonous roles unimpeded until today are Trump’s original National Security Adviser, former Lieutenant General Michael Flynn, and Roger Stone, Trump’s political guru. Both these men are convicted felons who were pardoned by Trump. And neither has been charged since January 6. Moreover, Trump, the main leader of the January 6 coup attempt at the Capitol and no longer shielded from legal prosecution by his former Presidential status, has yet to be charged for any of his crimes. Many violent domestic white supremacist terrorists in the USA have taken note of this, too.

*bourgeois historian William L. Shirer’s phrase

Hitler the absolute ruler of Germany for the next dozen years, during which the Nazi Regime was responsible for the extermination of perhaps one hundred million souls. Yet “the thousand year Reich” lasted just twelve years until the victorious and heroic Soviet Red Army marched into Berlin in May 1945.



Soviet Red Army Victorious in Berlin

-TRUMP and the BIG LIE-

Today, the BIG LIE that the 2020 Election was somehow rigged against Trump is still believed by the majority of the millions of last year’s Trump voters *despite* the consistent testimony to the contrary of Republican figures all the way from state and local election officials to former Attorney General William Barr himself. The belief in this BIG LIE remains the cornerstone of a still prevailing mass sentiment in support of the Trump-led drive to install fascism in power by bloody insurrection.

Many of these MAGA movement activists also believe the BIG LIE that the Trump-inspired assault on the Capitol was somehow carried out by BLM and so-called “Antifa” forces disguised as pro-Trump MAGA thugs. This is despite the fact that the location and timing of the January 6 Rally promoted by and starring President Trump in Washington, DC and the subsequent attack on the Capitol precisely at the time of the constitutionally-mandated electoral college vote officially anointing Biden-Harris to be inaugurated two weeks thereafter

all point to the MAGA thugs and the domestic white supremacist terrorists as having *the primary motive* to be there *themselves*. And this fact is documented by the identities of the 400 or so arrested and indicted participants in the violent insurrection on January 6.

The BIG LIE that all the military and police forces from the DC Capitol police to the Pentagon and the acting Secretary of Defense as well as other top Trump officials in Washington, DC had failed to communicate with each other about a largely internet mobilization that had been publicly undertaken months earlier and were “caught unprepared” would be laughable if were not so dangerous! Indeed, in my October 1, 2020 Statement I had written the following: “The very day of that [first presidential] debate, [September 29, 2020] the FBI Dallas Field Office issued a document marked ‘FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY and LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE’ entitled, ‘Boogaloo Adherents Likely Increasing Anti-Government Violent Rhetoric and Activities.’ *This intelligence report warned of an ‘imminent extremist violent threat’ posed by the far-right militia group known as the ‘Boogaloo’s’ and identifying the current election period up to the 2021 inauguration as a ‘potential flashpoint.’*” (p. 2, October 1, 2020 Statement by ROL, Emphasis in new citation here, 7-4-21) The official Electoral College vote count by both Houses of Congress at the Capitol on January 6 provided the prime target date in this entire period!

-THE BI-PARTISAN “REPUBLICRAT” BIG LIE ABOUT WORLD WAR II AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR TODAY’S STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM-

Finally, there is the BIG LIE promoted virtually unanimously by all the “Republicrats” of both the Democratic and Republican Parties. This is the BIG LIE that it was the USA and Britain that led the victory over German and global fascism in World War II. The truth is that the Stalin-led Soviet Union and the Georgi Dimitrov-led Communist International,

guided by Lenin's teachings, were the main force in the titanic military-political victory of the twentieth century by the widely admired "greatest generation." This truth helps guide us to long term and short term aims and objectives in relation to the struggle against fascism today.

Lenin taught that, "... in capitalist society we have a democracy that is curtailed, poor, false; a democracy only for the rich, for the minority. The dictatorship of the proletariat, the period of transition to Communism, will, for the first time, produce democracy for the people, for the majority, side by side with the necessary suppression of the minority— the exploiters. Communism alone is capable of giving a really complete democracy ..." (V.I. Lenin, *State and Revolution*, 1917) This was and is ***the long-term strategic perspective for the international working class and the oppressed peoples in the successful smashing of global fascism.***

As I noted in the October 1, 2020 Statement, Georgi Dimitrov, the great Bulgarian communist leader, was the heroic comrade who exposed in the German Nazi court itself the Hitlerites' own draconian role in setting the Reichstag Fire themselves! His defense was so strong that, rather than execute him and his two Bulgarian comrades, the Nazis whisked them out of Germany. Dimitrov went to the Soviet Union where he became the head of the Communist International and led the implementation of the United Front against Fascism strategy, spearheaded by the

heroic Soviet peoples of the USSR, the Soviet Red Army and the Soviet Communist Party. They were the decisive forces at the core of the global anti-fascist coalition that included the U.S. military and the U.S. people, which smashed the thousand year Reich in a dozen years.

Comrade Dimitrov taught: "Before the establishment of a fascist dictatorship, bourgeois governments usually pass through a number of preliminary stages and adopt a number of reactionary measures which directly facilitate the accession to power of fascism. Whoever does not fight the reactionary measures of the bourgeoisie and the growth of fascism at these preparatory stages is not in a position to prevent the victory of fascism, but, on the contrary, facilitates that victory." (Georgi Dimitrov, *Political Report of General Secretary to the Seventh Congress of the Communist International*, August, 1935)



Georgi Dimitrov

In line with comrade Dimitrov's guidance, the following are ***current short-run political tasks*** in the Battle For Democracy against the Trump-led campaign to place fascism into power in the USA.

Highlights of The Current Battle For Democracy in the USA

****Defend and Expand Voting Rights Against New Wave of White Supremacist and Anti-Worker Voter Suppression: (including)**

- Street Heat on Congress to pass the For The People Act!**
- Defense of the Public Postal Service for Voter Access to Ballot Box!**
- Election Day as a Paid Holiday for All Workers!**

****Abolish the Electoral College!**

****End Anti-democratic Senate Filibuster!**

****Demilitarize Police:**

- Shift Resources from oppressive police apparatus to Community needs!
- Promote Black Lives Matter (BLM)!
- Street Heat on Congress - pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act

****Take Corporate Money Out of Politics!**

****Defend immigrant people and families**

- Eliminate U.S. federal kidnapping immigrant children away from families!
- Prosecute federal officials complicit in these crimes!

****Expand Workers' Right to Organize!**

- Put Street Heat on Congress - Pass the Protect the Right to Organize Act

****Enforce and Defend Freedom of Assembly:**

- From Police and Vigilante Attacks on Peaceful Demonstrators!
- From state laws encouraging vehicular killing of demonstrators!

****Join anti-fascist resistance—to the streets!**

****Help Build and Defend:**

**THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT,
THE IMMIGRANT RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND
OTHER HEALTHY ANTI-FASCIST FORCES
in the USA and Around the World!**

**Let's Counter the Trump Mob's White Supremacist and Great Nation Chauvinist
Poison By Upholding *Our Banner* —**

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