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## How Can We Make A Difference?

In Sacramento, California, thousands rallied in protest against the police killing of an unarmed young black man, Stephon Clark. In Washington, D.C., teenage survivors of the country's most recent mass shooting confronted members of Congress and demanded to know why their elected leadership wasn't looking out for them. These actions spoke to a nationwide community's outrage. The system tragically failed Clark's family and the young people in Parkland, Florida. Those in positions of leadership proved incapable of answering their demands. People are rejecting the violence and ugliness they see and want to be a part of something that changes the world around them for the better. Many ask themselves: What can we do to make a difference? To do that, people's thinking must be changed.

Regardless of where people are with regard to their political ideology, they are coming to see that there is something wrong with the way things are working right now. They see that the quality of their lives is under attack. They see that no matter how hard they work, they cannot meet the basic demands for survival, that inequality is growing, and that society is growing more divided and violent. There is little or no illusion that the members of either major political party are working in their interests. The reforms put forth by the Republican and Democratic parties, both beholden to corporate interests, cannot address these looming crises in their lives. They see clearly the symptoms of social breakdown, but don't know the underlying causes and how they relate to them. Many are coming to see that the capitalist system itself is unsustainable.

A disruption in the economy, through the introduction of new technology in the workplace – computers, robotics, equipment designed to produce faster and more efficiently than people can – invariably casts more people out of the workforce. Human workers are costlier to pay and insure, which hampers the profitability of their employer. People who are deprived of the ability to earn a wage have nothing to exchange for goods in a money-driven economy.

This process is giving rise to a new class of workers that the capitalist class no longer needs. It is a new section of the working class, a new quality within the working class. The majority are contingent, minimum wage, below-minimum wage, and part-time workers – over a 40% of the workforce. This employed sec-



**In Los Angeles, students lead the March for Our Lives, where tens of thousands rallied on March 24 to oppose gun violence and to secure a peaceful future for themselves and society as a whole.**

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tor of the class is constantly drawn into the growing unemployed sector that ranges from the structurally unemployed to the absolutely destitute, homeless workers.

America has the means for producing more than enough to meet the needs of everyone. This is not a dream. A society in which everything is distributed according to need is the society that is most in line with the new technology.

The ruling class dreads the prospect of the new class becoming conscious of its common situation and acting to change it. As much as it tries to maintain a system that keeps the basic needs of life inaccessible to people who cannot pay for them, the antagonism created by the introduction of labor-replacing technology makes their efforts untenable. The more the workers come to realize that their fates are linked by a system that keeps them separated socially and fighting each other, the more they can start to see their common interests as a class. They come to understand that as individuals they have little power to make the changes they want to see.

Many have already concluded that there is only one direction that their situation can go under capitalism. It will not get better. They are debating big questions – what is the way forward? What does a society that can meet the needs of the people look like, and how do we get there?

jective motion of society and analyze the time they are in. They alter their tactics to carry out their strategies in order to find the people they seek, in every arena they can. They realize that familiar political venues such as demonstrations, conventions, and the electoral process represent spaces in which new ideas can be advanced.

Systemic ruptures in the economy give rise to new movements and provide an opportunity for people to make a leap in their understanding of the world in which they live. The rising movement for the basic necessities of life is providing the room in which a propagandist works in advancing understanding of the class.

The purpose of an organization of revolutionary propagandists is to provide people with ideas for a new society that can only come about through ending the system of private property, making it public ownership of the means of producing what we need to live. A profit-driven system of distribution, where the means of production are pri-

vately owned is incompatible with the social good. The means of meeting the basic needs of everyone through a cooperative, communist society must be at the core of a revolutionary vision.

A revolutionary propagandist's analysis informs their actions, and with a vision of what a cooperative communist society can be, they can orient their work. New ideas and vision are integral to the struggle for political power to create a society that provides for everyone. Stages in the process of achieving this political power cannot be skipped. Political power to achieve the vision is the goal, but this cannot be done without the understanding of the root of the problem, a vision of what is possible, and a strategy to get there.

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# A Higher Purpose, a Transformative Vision

## **Inside Rally, Comrades!**

Tens of thousands of teachers in anti-union "right-to-work" states are walking out on strike, demanding living wages and affordable healthcare from state governments. Millions are rising up in protest against the growing culture of violence across the country, whether it be against police murder of people in the streets, the deportation of undocumented immigrants, or the murder of students in classrooms. An increasing mass of people are fighting for a humane society, putting forward a program for social change to protect the quality of life and the general welfare of humanity. The tens of millions who are struggling every day, those making demands for the basic necessities of life, are a central part of this rising moral force in America today.

"Youth Take the Lead against Violence in America" explains how young people, who are full of energy, idealism, and a strong sense of purpose, have always been at the heart of making social change. Today young people are fighting to secure a peaceful future for themselves and society as a whole. They are increasingly open to new ideas based on the peaceful ideals and morality of socialism and communism. They are developing a deeper awareness about who is denying them the future they seek. In doing so, our young people are stepping up and providing leadership inside of the revolutionary process that is unfolding throughout society today.

"From the Editors: Peace is a Necessity of Life" states that the world is rife with polar-

ization, conflict, and war. Efforts by a ruling class to maintain its hold on private property, both at home and globally, are accelerating. The growing attack against the workers as they struggle for the basic necessities of life is an integral part of the path that leads inexorably to global war and the danger of nuclear annihilation.

"The Reality of Fascism in America Today" shows that developments in America are part of an overall global process of transformation. The bitter battles taking place in Congress are but the forms in which the fundamental question of a new world order is being fought out. They are all about the transformation to a fascist world-view and a fascist world order.

The daily fights for food, clean water, housing, health care, education, and for peace are the fight to oppose the transformation to a fascist world order. It is a fight to build a new world compatible with the new technology, a cooperative world, in which the abundance that the new technology creates is distributed to all in need.

"Revolution and the Tasks of Revolutionaries" shows how revolution – the struggle to overturn one social and economic order and replace it with another – comes about. The resolution of this struggle is never pre-determined. The objective conditions created by the qualitatively new means of production make certain things possible. But a new society must be envisioned and built, and it must be done by the will and intellect of human beings. As society struggles to reorganize itself, it is the task of revolutionaries to unite the thinking of the workers with the vision that the qualitatively new means of production makes possible.

The emerging revolutionaries, once

armed with a class understanding of the content of the times and the root of the problem they face, will find common cause for building the class unity necessary for advancing the revolutionary process. The urgent task before us is to gather these revolutionaries into an organization of revolutionary propagandists that can go outward with the new ideas and vision of the new cooperative society that the content of the times demands.

The cover article, "How Can We Make a Difference?", states that new ideas and vision are integral to the foundation on which political power can be built. Stages in the process of achieving political power cannot be skipped. Political power to achieve the vision is the goal, but this cannot be done without understanding the root of the problems, the vision of what is possible, and a strategy to get there.

"The LRNA: Giving Voice to the Vision of a New World" calls on all revolutionaries to participate in this historic task. The League of Revolutionaries for a New America is an organization of revolutionaries. Our goal is a peaceful cooperative world and a happy humanity. For the first time, this age-old vision is realizable. A new social force, a new class, is being created by qualitatively new means of production. It needs and is fighting for the basic necessities of life without money to pay. Conscious that it is already fighting to transfer capitalist property to itself in order to survive, it can play its historic role of leading society to a new world. Educating and uniting the new class and society around this vision is the overriding task of revolutionaries and the foundation of our organization. The future of humanity depends on it.

## **EDITORIAL POLICY**

**Rally:** to bring back together and put in a state of order, as retreating troops [to return to attack]

**Comrade:** a person with whom one is allied in a struggle or cause

*Rally, Comrades!* is the political paper of the League of Revolutionaries for a New America. In this period of growing motion and developing polarization, *Rally, Comrades!* provides a strategic outlook for the revolutionaries by indicating and illuminating the line of march of the revolutionary process. It presents a pole of scientific clarity, examines and analyzes the real problems of the revolutionary movement, and draws political conclusions for the tasks of revolutionaries at each stage of development in order to prepare for future stages. It is a vehicle to reach out and communicate with revolutionaries both within the League and outside of the League, to engage them in debate and discussion, and to provide a forum for these discussions. Articles represent the position and policies of the League of Revolutionaries for a New America.

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## **League of Revolutionaries for a New America**

Tens of thousands of socially conscious people declare themselves revolutionaries in opposition to the degenerating social and economic conditions. The League's mission is to unite these scattered revolutionaries on the basis of the demands of the new class, to educate and win them over to the cooperative, communist resolution of the problem.

The demands of this new impoverished class for food, housing, education, health care and an opportunity to contribute to society are summed up as the demand for a cooperative society. Such a society must be based on the public ownership of the socially necessary means of production and the distribution of the social product according to need.

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# Youth Take the Lead Against Violence in America

The massacre that occurred February 14 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida has unleashed a youth-led national movement against violence across America. On March 14, the one-month anniversary of the Parkland shootings, more than a million students walked out of schools across the country under the banner, *Enough!* Ten days later students led more than 800,000 people in the March for Our Lives! at the nation's capitol in Washington, D.C., to protest against the Trump administration and the U.S. congress for their inaction on the issue of gun control and against the growing culture of violence in America. Hundreds of thousands of others joined student-led protests in more than 700 cities and towns across the U.S., and at 100 additional locations in 37 other countries around the world. The student-led National School Walkout Day April 20 commemorated the anniversary date of the Columbine High School massacre in 1999 with over 2700 protests around the country.

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The mass shooting on February 14 in Parkland killed 17 and injured 15 others. Of those killed, 14 were high school students ranging in age from 14 to 18 years, a teacher, the school's athletic director, and a football coach. In the past 19 years since Columbine, there have been nearly 200 shootings at primary and secondary schools in 36 states across the nation, leaving 129 dead and another 255 injured. These school shootings represent one example of the many forms of violence that are spreading across America.

Since 2015 more than 3000 civilians in the United States have been killed by the police and other law enforcement agency personnel. The mass detentions and deportations of millions of undocumented immigrants is another form of violence. The millions of homeless left destitute on the streets of America is violent. The lead poisoning of water systems across America is violent. The denial of healthcare to millions in need is violent. The destruction of the environment is violent. U.S. military personnel stationed in 800 bases around the

world is violent. The U.S. military engaged in never-ending wars around the globe is violent. In short, the ruling class of America is violent. The U.S. ruling class has developed a culture of violence in America. And as the economy worsens, if the rulers get their way, they will to get more violent at home and abroad.

The Trump administration has proposed the arming of teachers and other school personnel as a solution to prevent school shootings. This means more guns in schools. In March, Florida Governor Rick Scott signed into law such a provision, which is part of legislation that also raises the age to 21 years old from 18 years old to purchase guns, a ban of bump stocks that enable semi-automatic weapons to fire faster, and other provisions that include mental health regulations. Parkland students' top demand is to ban all assault weapons, which is not included in the new Florida law.

In the wake of the Parkland shootings, some members of Congress and some state legislators across the country have paid lip service to the issue of gun violence, while others have turned a deaf ear. Their refusal to act against the growing culture of violence comes as no surprise, given that these lawmakers are the frontline, corporate legislative protectors of ruling class private property interests. These corporate lawmakers are opposed by an increasing mass of people who are fighting for a humane society, those putting forward a program for social change to protect the quality of life and the general welfare of humanity. The tens of millions who are struggling every day to simply survive are a central part of this rising moral force in America today.

Across the country millions of young people are building a movement to teach about the immorality of the gun violence they see around them. They are demanding it be declared a public health crisis. They are meeting with each other and are beginning to connect the immorality of indiscriminate police murder of people in the streets with indiscriminate murder of students in classrooms. However, they are unifying not only against the culture of gun violence. They are also uniting across color and cultural lines to protect human life, and for the morality and the future of humanity. They are making their voices heard with independent political demands. And with this message they are influencing the American people as whole.

Young people, full of energy, idealism and a strong sense of purpose, have always been at the heart of making social change. Today, young people are fighting to secure a peaceful future for themselves and society as a whole. They are becoming increasingly open to new ideas based on the peaceful ideals and morality of socialism and communism. Guided by strong moral convictions, they are engaging the ruling class in a political struggle to end America's culture of violence. They are developing a deeper understanding and awareness about who is denying them the future they seek. In doing so, our young people are stepping up and providing leadership inside of the objective revolutionary process that is unfolding throughout society today.

## *Peace is a Necessity of Life*

### ***From the Editors***

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The world is rife with polarization, conflict, and war. Efforts by a ruling class to maintain its hold on private property, both at home and globally, are accelerating. Around the globe, deepening economic and political polarization defines our time.

In America, a State merged with the corporations is waging war on the working class. A new class of workers created by the advance of automated production are found to be of little value to the new laborless production. Even as these new workers are forced to fight for their daily bread, the ruling class accelerates its attack, cutting access to the necessities of life, confronting the class instead with a militarized police force, and now the intervention of the military.

An ICE raid on a meat-processing plant in rural Tennessee resulted in the detention of 97 immigrants, now slated for deportation. The military is deployed on the southern border with Mexico. A portion of the huge \$670 billion military budget, which accounts for two-thirds of the trillion dollar federal deficit, is now being proposed to build the border wall.

The growing attack against the workers as they struggle for the basic necessities of life is an integral part of the path that leads inexorably to global war and the danger of nuclear annihilation. The world order that the U.S. has dominated both economically and militarily for the past seventy years is being challenged. We see the rise of powers, in particular China and Russia, contending with U.S. hegemony. In response, as the U.S. loses its economic dominance, it increases its war footing.

The U.S. is currently engaged in 7 wars and has special forces in 137 countries. It has 800 military bases around the world. The U.S. is ripping up trade and other international agreements, unilaterally provoking trade wars and exacerbating tensions. With the addition of war-hawks like Bolton and Pompeo to the inner circle of the Trump administration, we are seeing the formation of a war cabinet on a war footing. Any “deals” will be negotiated with the big stick of the threat of war. Whether it is against North Korea, China, Iran or Russia, only total capitulation is acceptable to a U.S. ruling class bent on maintaining its global dominance at all costs.

The American people have no interest in war. Just as food, water, housing, health care and education are necessary for life, and must be distributed according to need, peace is itself a necessity of life. The prospect of world war is a life and death question. Peace is a necessary condition for the workers of the world to unite to transform the global order into one in which the interests of the workers are foremost.

Impose peace on the war-makers.

## Coming in Future Issues:

**How the Immigrant and Refugee Crisis is Shaping Politics Today**

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**The Teachers' Struggle and the Future of Society**

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**The November Elections and the Tasks of Revolutionaries**

# Revolution and the Tasks of Revolutionaries

What is revolution? There are various conceptions of how revolution comes about. One is that revolution comes about because people believe in or want a revolution. If we just try hard enough or are ideologically firm enough we can bring about a revolution. Another conception is that when conditions get bad enough people will rebel and make a revolution. And another is that revolution is a single event, such as the moment when a government is overthrown.

The science of change can help us sort out this question. From its correct answer flows the intellectual perspective and the strategy and tactics that can guide the struggle to achieve the vision of a society, where cooperation and fulfilling the needs of humanity are the guiding principles. Whether in nature or in society, qualitative change occurs with the introduction of something new into an existing quality. Thus begins a leap, whereby changes take place in stages, as the old quality is destroyed and replaced by the new quality. There is no turning back once this process of qualitative change has begun.

Revolution in society begins with the introduction of qualitatively new means of production into the economy, which are antagonistic to the way that society is organized. It is a process of the disruption and destruction of the entire society, and the struggle to overturn the existing social and economic order and replace it with another that facilitates the development of the qualitatively new means of production. The resolution of this struggle is never pre-determined. The objective conditions created by the qualitatively new means of production make certain things possible. But a new society must be envisioned and built, and it must be done by the will and intellect of human beings.

As society struggles to reorganize itself, it is the task of revolutionaries to unite the thinking of the workers with the vision that the qualitatively new means of production makes possible.

## THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS BEGINS

The political revolutions that swept the world from the 1700s to the mid-twentieth century all had as their foundation the leap from agriculture to industry. In different forms across the world, these revolutions aligned the social and political superstructure with the new means of production. New classes formed – the working class and the capitalist class. New ideas were introduced that challenged the old order and provided a vision for a new one. One after another, monarchs were toppled, new political institutions were created, ideologies developed, and new ideas and values took root, that facilitated and stabilized the new economic and social order based on industry. These vast changes began with the introduction of a qualitatively new means of production, but would not have been possible without the struggle of human beings, forced into motion by the changes and shaped by the possibilities of the time.

Capitalism came to dominance during this leap from agriculture to industry as a

stage in the development of private property. Now, like all the other stages before it, capitalism is facing its own demise. The capitalist system first developed upon, and in compatibility with, the new industrial means of production. With the introduction of the qualitatively new means of production – the new laborless technology – into the industrial system, a new leap has begun.

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The intricate network of all the various means of buying and selling is being disrupted as wage-labor, the source of all wealth, falls in value and price. Beginning first with simple robotics, and now with more sophisticated advanced technology, each invading quantity of the qualitatively new technology is destroying the capitalist system, and even the foundation for the system of private property. Neither the capitalist class nor the working class can live with the destruction of the capitalist system, and are already fighting to create a new society that reflects their interests. This time there are only two paths – towards a peaceful and cooperative society based on the new means of production, or the imposition of a fascist State to preserve and sustain the system of private property.

The rising social movement has the historical advantage. The qualitatively new technology is compatible only with a society that is based on the distribution of the wherewithal of life on the basis of need. In this regard the movement is objectively communist. Its goals are for the distribution of the material and cultural wealth of society according to need. Today, reorganizing society to be compatible with the new means of production can only mean constructing a communist society.

Revolutionaries seek out the social force that, due to its position in society, can overturn the existing relations, and organize a new society that is capable of using the new means of production, to carry human progress forward. Today, a new class of workers is being created by the new electronic means of production. This new class is emerging as that force. Their demands for the basic necessities of life are at the center of the rising social struggle of the millions affected by these changes. The destructive consequences of the ongoing introduction of the qualitatively new means of production makes it more and more clear that the demands of the new class also

represent the interests of society as a whole.

The process of the new class forming itself into a class, conscious of its interests and purpose, takes place in stages. In their struggles, now and then the workers are victorious, but only for a time. The real significance of their battles is their ever-expanding connections and experience of their common interests, and the introduction of new ideas that

class is to overturn the existing property relations, and to create the cooperative, communist society, that the qualitatively new technology makes possible. To accomplish this requires a broad acceptance of communism as the practical means of reconstructing society; a broad core of conscious communists firmly embedded within the movement, who can influence the developing movement; and a communist political party that reflects the interests of the objectively communist class. Such a party would not be an ideological party, but a party that would lead the conscious and uncompromising fight of the class for the attainment of political power.

Recognition of stages of development help determine what must be accomplished in the current stage in order to help move the process to the next stage. The first step is that the class must become conscious of itself as a class; it must achieve some level of political unity and political independence from ruling class ideas and its political system. The idea that the private property system can be brought to an end, and a vision of a world where fulfilling the needs of humanity are the guiding principles, must take root in the thinking of the workers. The workers will learn some elements of this from their own experiences, but to break out of the old way of thinking takes the introduction of a new quality of thought – new ideas – at each stage of the struggle, to guarantee the subjective response is aligned to each stage of objective motion.

The propaganda activity of every revolutionary today is to facilitate this process, to offer an analysis of the problem, a vision of the solution, and a strategy and the tactics to get there. The League of Revolutionaries for a New America is attempting to rally these emerging revolutionary leaders from within the movement, to form a broad core of conscious communists, who can influence the movement, as it strives toward the forms that politically express its class interests at each stage of development.

## THE FIGHT FOR A NEW SOCIETY

The movement is going toward communism. Its demands are coming into conflict with the State, which is standing in the way of the workers securing the basic necessities. This movement is in fact, if not in understanding, already struggling to transfer capitalist property to itself, in order to feed, clothe, house and care for itself. It is in the process of the movement's realization that the State will not redress its grievances, that the demands for new solutions are already arising.

Revolutionaries do not have to direct the movement, or pull it in a certain direction. Revolutionaries proceed from the recognition that the movement has an objective goal. We take the actual struggle of the revolutionary section of the class as the basis for our program, and push from within the movement for its accomplishment at each stage of development. In every struggle of the class, revolutionaries show the class a vision of the cooperative society that is possible, and a strategy to get there.

illuminate their fight. This organization of a class (and ultimately a political party that expresses its interests) is continually being upset again and again by the competition and division cultivated by the ruling class. But resting on the objective changes taking place in society, this movement continues to rise up again, stronger and mightier. Revolutionaries participate in every stage of the struggle to introduce the new quality – the new ideas of consciousness of class, a vision of a cooperative society, and a strategy to achieve that vision.

## UNITING THE SUBJECTIVE AND OBJECTIVE

We see that the objective factors are in place. There is an economic foundation for a communist society. An objective communist class that can only live by using that foundation to create a communist society is arising. The other side of the dialectic – the subjective – must be united with this objective reality. The task of today's revolutionaries is to connect the thinking of the workers with a vision that the new technology and the emergence of a new communist class makes possible, and a strategy to achieve that vision.

Changes in the economy make changes in the political thinking of the workers inevitable. Such changes in thinking take place as stages of a leap, just as they do in the objective sphere. The leap in thinking is the destruction of the old mode of thought and the creation of the new. The new ideas must be brought into the struggle as a new quality of thought. In the process of qualitative change, thinking and activity must be adjusted with each stage of development. Revolutionaries are part of the struggle for this new society, and work from inside the movement to guarantee that an intellectual leap takes place, as a reflection of each stage of the leap in the actual, objective sphere.

Ultimately, the historic task of the new

# Teachers' Uprising – A Fight for Everyone's Future

The teachers' uprising sweeping the country is a fight for the future, not only for our children, but for the well being of all of society. Mobilizing the human mind, the greatest productive power that exists, is essential to solve the catastrophic challenges that threaten humanity today. Education at all levels is profoundly a relationship between human beings. Sharing and transferring experience, history, and knowledge requires a fundamental human connection. But private property reduces and limits this birthright of humanity to a miserable level. Real education that encourages critical thinking, and a deep understanding of the challenges that humanity now faces, could be provided free for everyone.

The old system of public education on all levels is in the process of being destroyed, as the destruction of wage-labor and capital reverberates throughout society. Whether public or private, education has always played the role of socializing the workforce for the needs of capitalism. Public education has not yet disappeared, and the ruling class uses the schools to socialize and control the rising generation of the new class. The State is intervening directly in the "education" of our youth, and the schools themselves are being transformed into virtual prisons occupied by the police. In the U.S. today, both the public and the privatized schools-to-prison pipeline is alive and well. Society could easily guar-

antee everything that humans need to thrive, including a quality education for everyone. But that will happen only when the technology of society is owned and used for the benefit of society as a whole.

Capitalism and its corporate attack dogs are fighting forward to a new system of private property that owns everything. In the fight for our new generation, there is no choice but to match them by fighting for a new society that supports everyone cooperatively.

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## The LRNA: Giving Voice to the Vision of a New World

The process of change is difficult and complex. In a world whose history is of revolutions, today's revolution is unique and qualitative. It is not flames of social discontent. It is a qualitative leap to a new world.

Robotic and electronic production are overthrowing the industrial economy, just as the double acting steam engine did away with economies based on agriculture. Electronic production is doing away with human labor in every sector of the economy, while the capacity for untold abundance grows daily.

A new kind of society is possible. Are we to settle for extreme wealth alongside of extreme destitution? The new epoch of social revolution demands new thinking and a new way forward.

The League of Revolutionaries for a New America is an organization of revolutionaries. Our goal is a peaceful cooperative world and a happy humanity. For the first time, this age-old vision is realizable. A new social force, a new class, is being created by new means of production that need little or no human labor. This new class needs and is fighting for housing, healthcare, education, and other necessities of life without money to pay. Once this class becomes conscious that it is actually struggling to transfer capitalist property to itself in order to survive, it can play its historic role of leading society to a new world. Educating and uniting the new class and society around this vision is the overriding task of revolutionaries and the foundation of our organization. The future of humanity depends on it.

Society is reaching a nodal point. All revolutionaries feel it. The League has developed an understanding of the qualitative changes in the economy and society, the strengths and weakness of our class and our enemy, and we have put forward a program to resolve the crisis in which humanity now finds itself. We have put forward a general strategy to achieve this resolution, general tactics of where to concentrate and how to do so, and a mission that guides the League and everyone in the organization.

The strategy of the League is to stand on the economic demands of the new class, to introduce class consciousness and arouse the people to fight the class enemy. Our task is to be part of the historic effort to transform the disorganized, disoriented American mass into a conscious political force. Our tactic is to participate in their crossing over from the defensive to the offensive. Our goal is to utilize this spontaneous process to prepare the people to reclaim their country, by assuming state power and transforming the property relations from

private to public.

History shows that dying economic systems fight to stay alive. The revolutionary vision – based on the capacity of the new means of production – must be fought for. Special organizations must be created to carry out this fight. Until there is a new vision, even the most revolutionary fighters end up looking backward, fighting to recover what was lost.

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The League's program is victory to the new class in their fight for the basic necessities of life. We do not have a separate program from that of the class. Long ago, we recognized that what we are dealing with is an objective communist movement. The tasks of the revolutionaries is to adopt the program of the new communist class and fight for its achievement. That program is the creation of a cooperative, communist society as the only resolution to the problems faced by our class.

Examination shows that this new class, as it achieves political independence, can go in only one direction – to revolution and a communal society. We need no longer be so concerned with the form of the struggle. Various organizations exist to deal with different aspects of the struggle of this new class. We must strive to meet, to know, and to unite them where they can be united.

In every social struggle today there are growing flashes of awareness, impulses toward an understanding that society is composed of a ruling class and a subordinate class. Our approach is to seize every opportunity – to “strike where the iron is hot” – to be an integral part of the social struggle. In doing so, we disseminate our propaganda, connect with and educate the revolutionaries, and build the League.

League members participate in organizations that are fighting for the interests of the new class. The League members are not out-

side of the movement, but are part of it, bringing the League's estimate of the situation and propaganda to the emerging revolutionaries in the process of the fight.

The League's tactic is to carry out the struggle for political unity where equality of poverty exists. We must never forget the fundamental law of politics: No one for long can cling to a political morality that contradicts their eco-

nomical wellbeing.

We point out to those within the growing equality of poverty the common interests of the workers, regardless of color or nationality, by exposing the common enemy and raising the question of capitalist private property. We point out the necessity of overthrowing private property and transferring the gigantic socially neces-

sary means of production into public property. We present a vision of the kind of society we can have, and the strategy to get there.

League propaganda and the press are at the center of our work. Our propaganda and press answer the questions of the day and connect the League to the revolutionaries. We identify and unite with these emerging revolutionaries around the struggle of the new class for the necessities of life. This is essentially and practically the fight for a cooperative society. Developing and conducting widespread propaganda along the lines of that vision is central to reaching the revolutionaries.

In the many struggles in which the League members are involved, our measure of victory is the unity of the key section of the class. For the revolution to advance, it needs a broad core of revolutionaries capable of disseminating an understanding of the problem and a vision of the solution, and that is able to connect that vision to the building of an organization of revolutionaries clear on the strategic and tactical steps of achieving it. The new revolutionaries are already disseminating the problem and solution far wider than our organization is able to do today, and will expand the reach and influence of the message, vision and strategy that the League brings to the struggle for the new society.

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### Join the League of Revolutionaries for a New America

The goal of all revolutionaries' work today is to give the American people a vision of what is possible. It is a vision of a world where no one has to fight another for the daily bread of existence. It is a vision where cooperation and fulfilling the needs of humanity are the guiding principles. It is a vision that satisfies the deepest yearnings of the people for peace.

Society can now create the abundance the new technology promises, and so a new world: a cooperative society, with this abundance distributed according to need. In spite of worsening economic conditions, nothing can be accomplished until the American people hold a vision of where they want to go and what they want to be. Creating and imbuing them with such vision is the overriding task of revolutionaries and the foundation of our organization. Join us!

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# The Reality of Fascism in America Today

Huge processes of fundamental change are underway in America and the world today. The American people are caught up in the wrenching that encompasses the economy, politics and society. When qualitatively new technology was introduced into economic production that made human labor superfluous, it spelled the death-knell of a capitalist economy based upon wage-labor. This is the underlying cause of the massive transformation underway today.

An expression of the destruction of capital today is polarization. We experience this polarization first as growing extremes of poverty and wealth. Millions are being thrown out of production, losing everything. They are all headed to destitution and want, and must fight to obtain even the most basic of human necessities in order to live. The bottom 50 percent of the American population possesses only 1.1 percent of the wealth, the top 1 percent control 38.6 percent. (U.S. Wealth Distribution 2017, *Statista*, 2018.)

While wealth and poverty may be one expression of polarization, the polarization that has earth-shaking implications is the polarization of opposing classes. One class, the ruling class, is interested in only one thing – how to preserve private property in a new world in which the capitalist form of property is being discarded.

Rising to oppose that force is a new class of workers created by laborless production itself. They cannot go back either. They must fight for a new world in which private property is abolished, where the abundance that the new technology produces is distributed to all according to need. In truth, the horrors we are experiencing today are but the pains of a new world in birth. The question is, whose world will it be, theirs or ours?

Across America, a broad and growing social motion is developing. The inability of workers to obtain the basic necessities of life is driving this motion. A declining standard of living, dispossession, foreclosures, growing homelessness and hunger are manifestations of this epochal crisis that is ripping the country apart. Add to this situation, the inability of government to address the needs of the people or to resolve practically anything, coupled with a culture of violence, including a militarized police force, we see current features of the situation we find ourselves in now.

## FASCISM TODAY

It is in this predicament that we find a growing effort to name the problem, to define just exactly what is at the bottom of what is going on. It is in this context that the question of fascism is being raised. We only have our recollection of the fascism of the past century, of Hitler and Nazism, but we wonder if that old form of fascism is really what is resurfacing, or is there is a new fascism that we see? Some point to the KKK and Neo-nazi gangs as examples. Others look to a bullying authoritarian, governing unilaterally and arbitrarily. Donald Trump is certainly a participant in the process, but we would be missing the

target, even if we were to attempt to relegate one political party or another as the epitome of fascism today.

The objective foundations of fascism are already in place. The corporations have completely merged with the government and are directing the economy in their own interests. This is graphically demonstrated in the passing of the 2018 Tax Cut and Reform Act, as well as in the projected 2019 budget. These measures reflect a corporate ruling class on the attack, directly assaulting the new class economically by cutting public resources of the needs vital to life. They also indicate that the ruling class is prepared to use direct force to block, control, and defeat the new class that is rising to resist and fight for its own interests.

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The massive transfer of wealth, by cutting taxes on the rich and the corporations, will add \$7 trillion to the federal deficit, even after making \$3 trillion in spending cuts, amounting to a 40 per cent overall cut in spending for social programs. Food stamps are being cut by \$213 billion. A five per cent cut to public education will eliminate 39 programs, while at the same time increase spending for scholarships for private schools, “school choice” programs, and an expansion of charter schools. Cuts to Medicare will amount to \$490 billion. Social Security is also a target for cuts. And the Environmental Protection Agency faces cuts of 34 percent.

The ruling class understands that these draconian attacks will necessarily give rise to a response. The new class must fight for its very existence. It cannot survive while being cut off from access to the very necessities of life. The ruling class is countering that response with direct force – with the erection of a fascist State.

The budget reflects the process of accelerating the development of a militarized security State. The Homeland Security budget is being increased by \$3.4 billion. 2000 additional ICE agents are being hired, 750 more Border Patrol agents, 450 more Secret Service agents. An additional \$1 billion is being added for cybersecurity. In the guise of fighting a war against terror, we see a vast surveillance

State, with black sites, torture and targeted assassinations.

Step by step the ruling class is putting into place a political and legal structure of open and direct State power. Some of this is taking place by legal means, while populist rhetoric is utilized to cultivate a social base that will accept fascist solutions. Measures taken by the institution of an emergency manager dictatorship in Michigan is an illustration of the State intervening in place of democratic institutions.

The impossibility of maintaining the existing economic system also means the impossibility of maintaining the existing bourgeois democratic State forms. The entire world is moving toward a revolutionary transformation. The ruling class is fighting for this trans-

formation to be in its own interests.

It means the transformation of the State, the substitution of one State form for another. It will mean the end of bourgeois democracy. The protracted battles taking place in national politics is basically a debate about how the ruling class will carry out their program. It is part of the struggle to coalesce a fascist movement under the new conditions. The struggle taking place in the ruling class today is about when and how the American people are to be prepared to give up democracy and accept fascist solutions.

## A FASCIST WORLD ORDER

Developments in America are part of an overall global process of transformation. A struggle is underway that is grappling with the fundamental changes in the world economy, which in turn gives rise to struggles in geopolitics. It is all about the transformation to a fascist world-view and a fascist world order.

The bitter battles taking place in the Congress over the question of colluding with Russia are not really just about Trump vs. Clinton, or Democrat vs. Republican. These are but the forms in which the fundamental question of a new world order is being fought out. In the view of the ruling class, the current world order, established post-WW2, was a “liberal” rules-based order of market-

based democracies freely trading with one another, in which the U.S. was hegemonic. In reality, it was a time in which the U.S. empire came to dominate an emerging neocolonial global economy and political order. The IMF, the World Bank and the WTO were primary institutions of a capitalist geopolitical order. NATO was a military counterpart. Multilateral trade and military arrangements prevailed.

Today that world order is being challenged. Rather than an order in which the U.S. rules both economically and politically, we see the rise of contending powers, particularly Russia and China. The share of the world economy made up by the U.S. economy has shrunk from 50 percent to 25 percent. This reality underlies the “pivot” by the U.S. to the East. The encirclement and confrontation with China and Russia are the primary focus of U.S. strategy.

In this context we see fundamental challenges being made to the existing world order. Emanating from the U.S. – multilateral arrangements and international institutions are under attack. Trade agreements and treaties are being abandoned. Unilateral and bilateral negotiations are replacing the old multilateral arrangements between countries. The promoting of democracy as a foreign policy goal is being jettisoned. Protectionist walls are being erected.

Barry Posen describes the abandonment of what he sees as the pillars of a liberal world order as the rise of an “illiberal hegemony.” (*Foreign Affairs*, March, 2018) An illiberal hegemony is only another name for a fascist world order, in a world in which the U.S. can maintain its global domination by military means alone.

## WHOSE WORLD – OURS OR THEIRS?

The process underway is about the transformation to a fascist State and world order. We see its manifestation in the U.S. economy, politics, and society. There is also a mighty opposing force arising to contend for the future of humanity. A new class created out of the antagonism at the base of society – the introduction of laborless technology – puts this new section of the working class on a revolutionary path. It is objectively antifascist. The daily fights for food, clean water, housing, health care, education, and for peace – are the fight to oppose the transformation to a fascist world order. It is a fight to build a new world compatible with the new technology, a cooperative world in which the abundance that the new technology creates is distributed to all in need. Its vision is a communist world-view. Its revolutionary task is the transformation to a communist world order.

Freedom from want, from exploitation and oppression, freedom from endless war, the freedom to be able to develop the full potential of a new humanity – now that is something worth fighting for. So whose world will it be – ours or theirs?