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RANAWAY from the subscriber on Monday the 17th ult., three negroes, named as follows: HARRY, aged about 19 years, has on one side of his neck a wen, just under the ear, he is of a dark chestnut color, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high; BEN, aged about 25 years, is very quick to speak when spoken to, he is of a chestnut color, about six feet high; MINTY, aged about 27 years, is of a chestnut color, fine looking, and about 5 feet high. One hundred dollars reward will be given for each of the above named negroes, if taken out of the State, and \$50 each if taken in the State. They must be lodged in Baltimore, Easton or Cambridge Jail, in Maryland.

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Near Bucktown, Dorchester county, Md.
Oct. 3d, 1849.



used up, equivalent to coal, gas, timber etc. only used to gather wealth for the ruling capitalist class.

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The Key is the Bible, not western religion. The Bible challenges the very foundations of western civilization and commands mankind to abolish it!!!!



and their oppressive regime by way of the Civil War (***“blood, fire and pillars of smoke”***).

Harriet rejected the idealistic non-action of western so-called Christianity. The ideology that promised men liberty with the “pie in the sky” in the afterworld. This ideology prevails today among so-called western Christianity, but it’s convenient for the capitalist, the plunderers of the world and its' resources. They run off with the earth’s goods and teach the deprived masses, you’ll get yours when you leave the earth one day.

Harriet Tubman’s fight was more than a war against “chattel” slavery. It was a war against imperialism and capitalism, against a social system founded on the exploitation of human labor power.

Mother Tubman was a warrior, a general in a war that still rages today- the war against Capitalism, a war we must continue to fight until the people are liberated and victorious!

Harriet Ross Tubman’s legacy should also be remembered as a woman used by God as a battle axe to strike blows against the capitalist system and all imperial powers that oppresses human beings! These powers have stripped us of our humanity, dehumanizing us and reducing us to a mere product, a commodity, a “human resource” to be

In this booklet we will be analyzing the exploits of Harriet Ross Tubman, taking a look at the war she declared against the southern capitalist. Mother Harriet Tubman was indeed famous and known for the many wonderful deeds she performed for the service of the poor, oppressed and enslaved of the working class people. In fact Harriet was known by a quote attributed to her *“I had reasoned this out in my mind; there was one of two things I had a right to, liberty, or death...”* mother Harriet was very much determined to resist and fight against the powers of oppression. In this article we will looki at an angle of Harriet Tubman and her struggle that may be radically different from the traditional narratives of many historians.

I would like to bring to your attention that Harriet’s war wasn’t against “the white man” (after all even so-called negroes had negro slaves themselves, furthermore it was the capitalist class who invented “racism”), neither was her struggle against “slavery” per-say,. We must go a littler deeper into the matter, in essence Harriet Tubman actually fought against the capitalist class and the capitalist mode of production (understanding this simple truth will enable us to see and understand that the war mother Tubman was in, is still in fact raging unto this day).

“Chattel slavery” and “wage slavery” are born from the same parents-imperialism and capitalism, whether agricultural capitalist under the feudal system or industrial capitalist. The heart of the capitalist social system has this characteristic: the means of production, land and its resources, tools, cattle, timber, machinery, factories, offices buildings etc. are owned by a few and the remaining population are forced to sell their labor power for survival.

Harriet Tubman was public enemy (#1) number one as far as the southern capitalist was concerned. She threatened the very foundations of the ruling class or the capitalist class. Harriet “stole away” the pillars on which this country stands upon, “stolen exploited labor!!!!”

Human labor power, is the most valuable resource to the aristocrats (i.e. southern and northern capitalist class) to be exploited, the “human resource”. Harriet and others who formed the underground railroad threatened to take away the life support of the American capitalist class, which could also cause disruption in the global economy. This is true still to this day under the industrial, technological and corporate global capitalist. Take away the human resource or human labor power and this entire global oppressive system will collapse! To support this argument notice an excerpt from Karl Marx on slavery:

in the Hebrew Bible, the prophetic and apocalyptic language of Joel the prophet, which spoke of God’s daughters prophesying, having dreams and seeing visions, all this before the **“day of the Lord”**, a term used in apocalyptic imagery, signifying divine punishment and judgment from God on the ruling class and world powers.

Joel 2:28-31

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Harriet Tubman was known to have visions and dreams to inspire her to lead the oppressed to liberation. She led them from the southern capitalist, just before **“The Day of the Lord”** came upon the Southern capitalist aristocracy

urged on by men whose business depended upon slavery...” The Capitalist responded with violence and fury against any who tried to wrest away their “human resources” the source of wealth from whom they suck the life from daily.

An analysis on the life and struggle against the Southern aristocracy sheds light on the working class people’s (or modern day wage slaves) struggle today and reveal part of the solution for the liberation of the people who've been robbed and plundered by the capitalist class.

Harriet Tubman and other abolitionists threatened the very existence of global exploitation by freeing the workers (or cheap laborers) from their rich masters who plundered them for profit and wealth.

But the battle had just begun here in the western hemisphere, there was two fronts, one, the Southern agricultural capitalist, the other, Northern industrial capitalist, and the latter has continued to grow into an injurious force today against humanity.

Harriet Tubman, a woman of prophetic proportions was an example of biblical prophetic imagery. For example

“the slave-holding states in the United States of North America . . . are associated with a world market based on capitalist production.”(18. Karl Marx, Theories of Surplus Value, Part III, Moscow, Progress Publishers, 1971, page 243.)



“Direct slavery is just as much the pivot of bourgeois industry as machinery, credits, etc. Without slavery you have no cotton; without cotton you have no modern industry.

It is slavery that has given the colonies their value; it is the colonies that have created world trade, and it is world trade that is the pre-condition of large-scale industry. Thus slavery is an economic category of the greatest importance.

Without slavery North America, the roost progressive of countries, would be transformed into a patriarchal country.

Wipe out North America from the map of the world, and you will have anarchy – the complete decay of modern commerce and civilization.

Cause slavery to disappear and you will have wiped America off the map of nations... “

(1. Karl Marx, *The Poverty of Philosophy: A Reply to M. Proudhon's Philosophy of Poverty*, New York, International Publishers, n.d., pages 94-5.)



Notice how dangerous Harriet and the other abolitionist were: (there is some discrepancy with the actual numbers), on page 1401 of the *Encyclopedia of Activism* **“in ten years Harriet Tubman in eighteen trips helped almost 300 slaves escape, and as a spy for the union army, credited as the first woman to plan and participate in a military campaign in a raid in Colleton County, South Carolina resulted in the rescue of seven hundred and fifty-six**

slaves and also destroyed millions of dollars worth of enemy (i.e. southern capitalist) property”.

Why this would cause distress upon the southern capitalist?

On page 102, 105 of *Reconstruction 1863-1877* (by Eric Foner Harper and Row):

“...In no realm of Southern life did blacks' efforts to define the terms of their freedom have implications as explosive for the entire society as the economy.. .”

“...And didn't we clear the land, and raise the crops of corn, of cotton, of tobacco, of rice, of sugar, of everything. And then didn't them large cities in the North grow up on the cotton and the sugars and the rice that we made?... I say they has grown rich, and my people is poor...”

Another passage to consider is recorded in *The Eyewitness: The Negro in American History* (by William L Katz. Page 168) **“...The threat of losing millions of dollars invested in slave property brought a furious response from slave holders, by their Northern business associates, and their friends in the federal government...”**

“...In the North, abolitionists faced mobs of ruffians