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Big Three 'pony up'

Auto strike delivers big win

By Martha Grevatt

The historic strike at Ford, General Motors and Stellantis (parent company of Jeep, Ram and Chrysler brands), which commenced Sept. 15, has ended at all three companies. The United Auto Workers union announced Oct. 25 that it had a tentative agreement with Ford. "We told Ford to pony up, and they did," said UAW President Shawn Fain in a video message to union members. (uaw.org)

On Oct. 28 the union reached a similar agreement with Stellantis, followed by GM on Oct. 30. To apply greater pressure on the last company, the same night the Stellantis deal was announced, the UAW expanded its targeted strike to GM's plant in Spring Hill, Tennessee.

The actual Ford contract language was posted online Oct. 29.

There are big wins in this contract, which is far better than what the union could have won without a strike. All Ford workers will receive at least a 25% raise,



UAW strikers in Streetsboro, Ohio, Oct. 5, 2023.

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plus the cost-of-living allowance formula, "suspended" during the 2009 GM and Chrysler bankruptcies, has been restored. Workers at certain Ford facilities, who currently make less than those at other plants, will now be paid the same hourly rate as their counterparts.

The time it takes to reach the top of the

pay scale has been dropped from eight years to three and workers now classified as "temporary" or "supplemental" will be made permanent. Some lower-paid workers will see a pay increase of as much as 150%.

Other gains include pension improvements, Juneteenth as a paid holiday,

two weeks paid parental leave, the right to strike over plant closings, the right to refuse to cross picket lines and the reopening of the closed Stellantis assembly plant in Belvidere, Illinois. There are no contract concessions, which were often agreed to by the previous, class-collaborationist leadership of the UAW.

Fight against tiers not over

One of the most destructive contract concessions was the two-tier pay structure, agreed to in the 2007 contract and expanded under the contract modifications during the 2009 bankruptcies. Workers hired after October 2007 were paid substantially less and had fewer benefits than those hired before them. They did not get a pension or health insurance when they retired.

Two-tier was first peddled by then-President Ron Gettelfinger and continued under subsequent leaders on the International Executive Board, all

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Palestinian joint statement

'Escalate all forms of resistance'

This slightly edited statement was issued Oct. 28, 2023 by Palestinian forces: Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Hamas (Islamic Resistance Movement), Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command.

In their statement, the five powers saluted the martyrs of our Palestinian people and our steadfast and proud people in the Gaza Strip who are facing an organized campaign of extermination, stressing that they are the people of pride, dignity and steadfastness and that they are the people of victory who are loyal to their cause and their homeland, and [the Palestinian forces] pledged to them to continue on the path of resistance until victory is achieved over the Zionist enemy.

The attendees affirmed the following:

- This heroic epic is the battle of the entire Palestinian people, which they are waging in defense of their land, their sanctities, their existence, and their right to freedom against a barbaric enemy that does not spare any of our people from its crimes. It targets hospitals, mosques, churches, universities, and ambulances, and cuts off electricity, water, fuel, the Internet and cellular communications for our besieged people.



Soccer fans unfurl banners, Glasgow, Scotland, Oct. 9, 2023.

- Adhering to national unity is a main pillar in confronting the Zionist war of genocide against our people, as well as rejecting the enemy's attempts to divide our people or monopolize any part of it. We stress unifying efforts and closing ranks in this fateful battle.
- We call on the masses of our Arab and Islamic nation and the free people of the world to continue their movements to stop the American-Zionist aggression, open the border crossings, bring in humanitarian aid and fuel, and remove the wounded from the Gaza Strip.
- We salute the resistance forces in our nation, especially in Lebanon, Syria,

- Iraq, Yemen and Iran, and we affirm that our Palestinian people are not alone in this battle.
- We hold the United States of America fully responsible for the war of genocide against our people as it chose to support, escalate, and participate in the war of genocide against our people, which requires a strong response from the Arab and Islamic countries, as well as countries friendly to our people to stop this ongoing massacre of our Palestinian people.
- We demand the opening of the Rafah crossing and the entry of aid, humanitarian needs, fuel, and medical and

relief teams to our people without delay, allowing the wounded to be transported to Egypt and the Arab and Islamic countries, without interference from the occupation or any of the aggression countries.

- We call on the masses of our people throughout occupied Palestine to escalate all forms of resistance and struggle against the Zionist enemy, targeting its soldiers and settlers, and strengthening popular initiatives of struggle in the face of settler attacks and the encroachment of enemy forces.
- The enemy's cutting of all access to Gaza, besieging it, and cutting off communications and the Internet completely is a cover for a major crime of genocide that the enemy does not want witnesses to, and we stress breaking this siege with an "official and popular" Arab position.
- We adhere to the right of our people to resist, and its confidence in the victory of our people in this battle as we fight this battle in defense of our land, our people, and our sanctities, and for the sake of liberation, return, self-determination, and the establishment of the Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

Glory to the martyrs.

Healing for the wounded.

Freedom for the prisoners.

Victory to our people and their valiant resistance.

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And the speaker is...

By Betsey Piette

After three chaotic weeks following the dumping of Rep. Kevin McCarthy as speaker of the House, it appears the revolving door of GOP candidates jockeying for the position may have come to an end. On Oct. 24, Republican Rep. Mike Johnson (Louisiana) was elected as the new Speaker by a 220-209 vote against Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, Democrat from New York.

Johnson's election follows the unsuccessful efforts by Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-Louisiana), Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) and Majority Whip Tom Emmer (R-Minnesota) — each trying to prove how far politically right they are in order to secure the 217 votes needed. Despite having Donald Trump's stamp of approval, Jordan's bids failed after three rounds of voting.

McCarthy became the first speaker of the House to be voted out of office Oct. 3, when Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Florida) forced the vote on a "motion to vacate" after McCarthy compromised with House Democrats to pass a temporary extension of the federal budget until Nov. 17, 2023.

It does not appear that Johnson is likely to repeat McCarthy's political faux pas.

Who is Mike Johnson, and what does he stand for or against?

After taking the gavel and declaring, "The people's House is back in business," the new speaker passed legislation that would cut energy efficiency programs. Food & Water Action noted that Johnson "is a climate change denialist" who "has received more money from oil and gas than any other industry." (Oct. 27)

Johnson is also a close Trump ally who voted against certifying the 2020 election. He is anti-abortion and celebrated the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v.

Wade. Johnson has publicly stated that his worldview is based on the Bible, in clear violation of church and state separation.

In 2022, Johnson introduced legislation modeled after Florida's "don't say gay" bill, which would have prohibited discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity at any institution receiving federal funds. He also opposed gender-affirming care for minors.

Multimillionaire Johnson, as chair of the Republican Study Committee between 2019 and 2021, helped draft budget resolutions calling for \$2 trillion in Medicare cuts, \$3 trillion in Medicaid and Affordable Care Act cuts and \$750 billion in Social Security cuts. With the federal government risking a shutdown if Congress fails to pass funding legislation by Nov. 17, it appears highly unlikely that Johnson will repeat McCarthy's negotiations.

Of growing interest is whether Johnson will continue his opposition to approving President Joe Biden's repeated requests for more funding for Ukraine's military. Johnson, who serves on the House Armed Services Committee, joined 56 other GOP lawmakers in voting against a \$39.8 billion aid package for Ukraine in May. Biden's request for \$65 billion more for Ukraine did not make the cut in the compromise budget passed by the House at the end of September 2023.

Now Biden wants Congress to provide \$105 billion in additional military support for Israel and Ukraine, to further militarize the U.S. border with Mexico and for U.S. naval expansion around Taiwan aimed at China. One of Johnson's reasons for opposing the aid package to Ukraine in May was that he said more money should be going to "shore up" the U.S. border with Mexico. What position he will take on Biden's latest aid request and how long Johnson can retain his position remain in question. □

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The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people's movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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Boston

Indigenous solidarity for Palestinian resistance

By Will Hodgkinson
Boston

Thousands of demonstrators — by some media accounts over 10,000 — shut down the streets around Boston's Copley Square Oct. 22 to support Palestinian resistance to the genocidal U.S./Zionist bombing and occupation of Gaza.

Organized in four days by the newly formed Boston Coalition for Palestine, the rally was part of a Palestinian-led movement that has mobilized millions in actions worldwide.

Ahmad Kawash, President of the Palestinian House of New England, emphasized the significance of today's action: "This is the largest outpouring of support for Palestine in Boston's history. Today, as Israeli bombs — paid for and delivered by the U.S. — destroy the homes and lives of thousands of Palestinian families by the hour, over 30 Boston-area organizations have come out in one voice to say, 'Stop the genocide and siege of Gaza!'"

"As Palestinian students, workers and their supporters at Harvard, Tufts, Brandeis, MIT, Northeastern and universities across the region are under attack by administrators, government officials and big-money donors, today we are here to show the world that we are not afraid to show our solidarity with the Palestinian resistance, which has been fighting the illegal and brutal occupation of our homeland for over 70 years. We — who demand an immediate end to all U.S. aid to Israel — are by far the majority of justice-loving people here and around the world."

The Palestinian House of New England, a decades-long, Boston-based group of Palestinian activists, initiated the emergency coalition of now over 30 organizations, including: United American Indians of New England (UAINE); the North American Indian Center of Boston (NAICOB); Palestinian Youth Movement; Tufts, Brandeis and Boston University chapters of Students for Justice in Palestine; Mosque for Praising Allah and Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP).

Also included are the American Muslim Medical Student Association-Boston chapter; Shut Elbit Down; Boston South Asian Coalition; MIT Coalition Against Apartheid; Workers World Party; Muslim Justice League; Stonewall Liberation Organization; Workers Party of Mass.; Party for Socialism and Liberation; Democratic Socialists of America; Pan-African Liberation Program; Northeastern Huskies for a Free Palestine; Pride at Work Eastern Mass.; IfNotNow; Diocese of Saint Francis of Assisi; Jericho Boston; and Mass Peace Action.

As rally speakers emphasized, the current Zionist assault escalates the genocide of the Palestinian people that began with the 1948 Nakba. In the past two weeks, Zionist terror-bombing has killed at least 8,000



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Palestinian House of New England sound car leading the street occupation outside the Israeli consulate. Boston, Oct. 22, 2023.

Palestinians imprisoned in Gaza and displaced over 1.4 million.

International organizations estimate that the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) had destroyed at least 42% of Gaza's already grossly inadequate housing, while the siege has cut off food, electricity, water and communications. As Israeli forces intensify their bombing and begin land assaults, these figures, as unthinkable as they already are, will almost certainly rise. (Al Jazeera, Oct. 23.)

In the West Bank, settler militias and IDF troops have murdered over 100 Palestinians and rounded up hundreds more for "indefinite detention." (France 24, Oct. 25.)

Indigenous struggle vs. settler-colonial genocide

As Mahtowin Munro, co-leader of UAINE, stressed in her opening remarks at the rally: "Palestinian resistance to the Zionist state's genocidal assault is part of the worldwide Indigenous struggle against settler-colonial genocide and for complete national self-determination. It's no coincidence that support for the Zionist project comes from the other genocidal settler colonies — the so-called U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand."

Jean-Luc Pierite, president of NAICOB, also expressed solidarity with the Palestinian resistance, highlighting the parallels between the U.S.'s ongoing genocide of Indigenous nations and the Zionist settler project.

Pierite denounced President Joe Biden's recent visit to occupied Palestine, where he hugged his longtime crony, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Pierite asked: "Where are the open arms for the dying children, the dead babies? Where are the open arms of the United States at this moment? Wrapped around a war criminal."

"I look out at this beautiful sea of liberation," declared Steve Kirschbaum, speaking for Labor for Palestine as a 50-year elected officer of Steelworkers Local 8751. "This is our present and our future. This is how Palestine will be free!"

Eli Gerzon described JVP's Oct. 18 takeover of the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. Renouncing the racist ideology of Zionism, Gerzon said, "As Jews we have experienced genocide. We have been forced to flee our homes. Therefore, we are against genocide."

Other speakers, including Palestinians whose families have been killed and displaced in Gaza, called attention to the destruction of hospitals and the horrific health crisis in Gaza; detailed the pervasive racism, censorship and persecution experienced by supporters of Palestinian liberation; and demanded the U.S. end the tens of billions of dollars in aid and weaponry it gives Israel, its imperialist bridgehead in the Middle East.

Following the rally in Copley Square, the demonstrators, many waving Palestinian flags, took over the streets of Back Bay, determined to march to Boston's Israeli consulate, housed in the Park Plaza Hotel. Led by Palestine Youth Movement leaders blasting from atop Labor for Palestine's truck, protesters chanted: "From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free!"; "Biden, Biden, you can't hide. We charge you with genocide!"; and "We don't want no two-state. We want '48."

Arabic chants also filled blocks of Commonwealth Avenue and Newbury Street. For over two hours, Boston's downtown heard loud and clear, "min el-maiyeh lel mayieh, Falastin Arabiyye." (From the water to the water, Palestine is Arab.) Aerial footage showed the march stretching back 10 city blocks through Boston's wealthiest residences and priciest shops and cafes.

In front of the consulate, demonstrators sat down, occupied Park Plaza, and rallied in support of Palestinian liberation and the return of their stolen lands. □



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Boston marchers target U.S. funding of genocide and settler-colonial occupation of Palestine. Oct. 22, 2023.

Historic win for autoworkers

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members of the self-titled Administration Caucus. After Chrysler workers voted down a proposed contract in 2015, rejecting tiers, they approved a second contract that gave second-tier workers the same pay as first-tier workers — but it took eight years or more to get to the top! Now the time is down to three years for current and future workers, what it was before October 2007.

The contract makes progress in addressing the potential of "EV tiers" if the new electric vehicle battery plants are not brought under the master UAW contract. Before the strike all three companies were saying these plants were part of separate companies, joint ventures between one of the Detroit auto companies and a third party such as LG or Panasonic.

During the strike GM agreed to bring its Ultium battery plant into the master contract. Ford has agreed to bring its battery plants under construction into the master contract if the workers approve UAW representation via a card check.

Fain and six other members of the Members United slate ran against Administrative Caucus candidates, winning every spot they ran for on the International Executive Board. One of the primary campaign planks, which was later a strike slogan, was "end tiers."

Unfortunately, while the new tentative agreement makes great strides against "wage tiers" it has not eliminated "retirement tiers." Many workers with fewer than 16 years seniority cannot afford to retire because they would lose their health insurance.

The fight must continue until all tiers in the auto contracts are eradicated completely.

Time for a shorter work week!

Another concession from 2009 was the loss of overtime pay after eight hours in a day. Ford can still work people over eight hours at straight time pay under grueling "alternate work schedules."

A key contract demand that the union did not win this time around was a shorter work week — 40 hours pay for 32 hours work, or one paid day off per week. The UAW had not brought this up since the 1970s, when it won one paid day off per month, a move that created thousands of jobs. The last union to call for a 32-hour work week may have been the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, a union crushed by then-President Ronald Reagan.

Through automation, workers' productivity has risen exponentially over the past few decades, with each new wave of corporate restructuring slashing thousands of autoworker jobs. Now the transition to electric vehicles

(EVs) which require fewer components and thus fewer hours of labor, could eliminate 30% more jobs in the Big Three. A shorter work week is needed to offset potential job losses.

Even if the 32-hour week is not in these contracts, restarting the conversation after decades of neglecting the demand was a major contribution by the new UAW leadership.

Over the next few weeks, rank-and-file UAW members will attend informational meetings, after which they will decide whether to accept these contracts or go back on strike and fight for more.

The contracts are set to expire on May 1, 2028. Fain let the members know that the next auto strike, if one is called, would be on International Workers Day — May Day.

Seeing the UAW return to internationalism and class struggle unionism after decades of concession bargaining is a breath of fresh air. Now it's time for the new breed of militant labor leaders like Fain, Sara Nelson (Association of Flight Attendants) and Sean O'Brien (Teamsters) to proclaim solidarity with the people and unions of Palestine.

Martha Grevatt is a retired UAW Stellantis worker.

Nunca tendrán las calles

Por Susan Abulhawa

A continuación se transcribe la intervención de Susan Abulhawa, directora ejecutiva del Festival Palestine Writes, en una concentración de 10.000 personas a favor de Palestina en la escalinata del Museo de Arte de Filadelfia, el 21 de octubre. Abulhawa es miembro de la rama de Filadelfia del Partido Mundo Obrero.

¿Nos ha subido bien la adrenalina? Voy a pedir a todo el mundo que guarde silencio durante un minuto. Quiero que todos pensemos realmente en los 5.000 palestinos que han sido asesinados, la mayoría de ellos niños que apenas tuvieron la oportunidad de vivir. Hay aproximadamente 20.000 palestinos desaparecidos; se supone que la mayoría de ellos están enterrados bajo los escombros y probablemente morirán allí si no lo han hecho ya. Quiero que dediquemos un momento a reflexionar.

Esto sucedió en el lapso de una semana.

¡Sucedió en el lapso de una semana! El número de muertos se elevará a decenas de miles. Lo sabemos porque esas personas no están desaparecidas en algún lugar. Sabemos dónde están. Quiero que todos sientan a nuestros antepasados a través de nosotros. Y que también sientan esta pérdida y los honren.

Todos estamos aquí. Somos negros, blancos y morenos. Somos musulmanes, cristianos y judíos. Venimos de todas partes. No se ve este tipo de participación para ellos. ¿Por qué? Porque los únicos que les apoyan son nuestros líderes corruptos. Los únicos que les apoyan son los que responden ante el dinero, los que responden ante la corrupción.

Nadie les apoya así en ninguna parte del mundo. Porque ellos son los opresores, no porque sean judíos. Quieren que pienses que es porque son judíos. Quieren que pienses que somos antisemitas. Quieren que pienses que los odiamos porque son judíos. ¡No! Nuestros antepasados eran

judíos. Nuestros antepasados eran cristianos. Eran musulmanes. Se convirtieron entre religiones. Somos la gente de la tierra que ha estado allí durante milenios de forma ininterrumpida.

Quieren que el mundo crea que ellos son las víctimas. Pero déjenme decirles que las personas que pueden cerrar los grifos de agua para millones de seres humanos no son las víctimas. Quienes pueden impedir que millones de personas reciban alimentos y medicinas no son víctimas. Las personas que pueden hacer que los medios de comunicación de todo el hemisferio occidental repitan mentiras sobre bebés decapitados sin ninguna verificación, no son las víctimas. Son las personas con todas las armas, con el dinero, con las coberturas políticas, pero sabes lo que no tienen y nunca tendrán. Nunca tendrán esto. Nunca tendrán las calles.

Somos mucho más poderosos de lo que se imaginan. Quieren hacernos creer que



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Susan Abulhawa se dirige a 10.000 personas en una concentración por Palestina en la escalinata del Museo de Arte de Filadelfia, 21 de octubre de 2023.

no lo somos. Por eso nos atacan desde todas las direcciones. Por eso, mientras bombardean a nuestra gente, nos encierran aquí. Intentan silenciarnos. Están intentando que este Ayuntamiento corrupto apruebe resoluciones. Están consiguiendo que estos gobiernos corruptos pongan sus banderas en sus edificios. Porque eso es todo lo que tienen.

Quiero que sientas tu poder. ¿Sientes tu poder? ¿Sientes el poder de nuestros antepasados, el poder del amor que nos tenemos los unos a los otros, el amor que tenemos por nuestros hijos? Cuando vuelvan a casa, hagan planes para volver a salir cuando los llamemos. ¡Palestina libre, libre! □

Marxist Youth League firmly sides with the Palestinian people

By the Marxist Youth League (MYL)
Buffalo, New York

The following statement was issued on Oct. 24, 2023.

Hundreds of students and community members came out in force on Oct. 19 to join a campus demonstration organized by the University of Buffalo (UB) chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP). This massive show of organized opposition to the ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people by the illegal Israeli occupation came on the heels of two other demonstrations held in Buffalo on Oct. 13 in two different parts of the city, and just before another several-hundred-large demonstration on Oct. 20 at Niagara Square.

The people of Buffalo are beginning to link together and say "Hell no!" to Israeli apartheid and the U.S.-funded bombing campaigns, as are people in towns, cities, and universities across the country.

While the U.S. corporate media spends its time beating the drums of war and dehumanizing the Palestinian people for



University of Buffalo protest, Oct. 19, 2023.

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their existence and resistance, tens of thousands within the U.S. have decided that enough is enough. They have decided that they are not willing to stand idly by as bombs and tanks, hunger and thirst, are used to advance an ethnic cleansing campaign against the Palestinian people on their own land.

At UB, where most of our efforts have been focused as of late, various community and student groups either attended

the rally or gave statements of solidarity with the Palestinian people. This includes the UB chapters of the SJP, Organization of Arab Students, Bangladeshi Student Union, and Young Democratic Socialists of America, along with groups like Workers World Party, Starbucks Workers United, and the Marxist Youth League (MYL). We reiterate our first call to solidarity with the Palestinian people and affirm their right to resist occupation and apartheid by any means necessary.

The MYL wholeheartedly condemns the illegal Zionist occupation for its 75-year-long genocide of the Palestinian people; we condemn the imperialist United States and other Western powers for funding, arming, and running propaganda pieces for the illegal settler-colony, and we condemn Dr. Satish Tripathi, president of UB, and other Western New York university officials for trying to cry crocodile tears to stir up sympathies for the Israeli state while hypocritically refusing to take action against hate speech and the needs of oppressed students here!

We cannot forget President Joe Biden, warmonger-in-chief, throwing his full support behind the occupation forces, fueling the fire of genocide while pretending to sympathize with the Palestinian people for votes. We condemn him too, of course. But condemnations are mere words.

As communists, we understand that

we must go beyond condemnations into the realm of organized action if we really intend to pose a threat to our own vicious ruling class for its perpetuation of imperialist, white supremacist violence at home and abroad. The Israeli Defense Forces train with the pigs, aka police, here in the U.S.

They receive arms and ammunition directly from the U.S. military just like the pigs do. All over the world, bodies of armed men and women have been stationed in Black and Brown communities for the express purpose of taking legal control over these communities and imposing both direct and systematic violence.

The Marxist Youth League firmly sides with the Palestinian people and with all progressive forces in occupied Palestine in their fight against Israeli settler colonialism. We affirm their right to national self-determination and we affirm their right to revolution against their colonial occupier as an oppressed nation.

Furthermore, we firmly side with the Palestinian community here in Buffalo in its fight to force the U.S. Empire and its leadership into supporting a ceasefire and withdrawing military and diplomatic aid to the illegal Zionist occupation.

As they organize in this city, we, as working class and oppressed youth, will support and show solidarity with them. We will provide a platform for Palestinian organizers and try to expand the reach of their voices within our communities. We believe the U.S. Empire must fail for the total liberation of the working class and oppressed people to be achieved here and abroad.

Furthermore, we consider the illegal Zionist occupation to be one of the most prominent and vulnerable tentacles of this vicious imperialist octopus. If the Empire and its ruling class are so hungry for an imperialist war, if they are so resolute in their support for the occupation, then we must be doubly resolute in our opposition to it! We must make use of every available and effective tactic to help end this genocide now! □



Portland Cuba solidarity rally

Portland [Oregon] End the Blockade of Cuba Coalition held a rally on Oct. 28. Maddi from Workers World Party spoke to the crowd stressing that Cuba and Gaza

are both under siege and that only the people of the U.S. can force this government to stop the genocide.

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