Hamas on ICC charges

Palestinian resistance is NOT a crime

Workers World is in full solidarity with the May 20, 2024, statement below and demands the ICC drop the arrest warrants against Hamas leaders, which falsely equate the heinous crimes against humanity carried out by the U.S.-backed apartheid Israeli state for the past 76 years with armed self-defense of the Palestinian resistance against the settler colonial occupiers. The right to resist by any means necessary is not a crime!

The Public Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court issued arrest and detention warrants against a number of leaders of the Zionist occupation.

The Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) followed up on the arrest and detention warrants issued today by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court against only two war criminals of the Zionist entity. They are “Benjamin Netanyahu” and “Yoav Gallant,” who were proven to be involved in committing the crime of genocide, aggression and crimes against humanity against the Palestinian people.

The arrest and detention warrants against the aforementioned occupation leaders came seven months late, during which the “Israeli” occupation committed thousands of crimes against Palestinian civilians, including children, women, doctors, and journalists, and destroyed private and public property, mosques, churches, and hospitals.

The Public Prosecutor should have arrest and detention orders against all officials from the occupation leaders who gave orders, and soldiers who participated in committing crimes, in accordance with Articles 25, 27 and 28 of the Rome Statute, which emphasized the individual criminal responsibility of every official, commander, or any person who ordered, or instigated, committed, assisted or aided in the commission of crimes, or failed to take measures to prevent the commission of crimes.

The Hamas movement strongly denounces the attempts of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to equate the victim with the executioner by issuing arrest warrants against a number of Palestinian resistance leaders, without legal basis, in violation of the international conventions and resolutions that gave the Palestinian people and all the peoples of the world under occupation the right to resist the occupation in all forms, including armed resistance, especially as stipulated in Article 51 of the United Nations Charter.

Hamas demands the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to issue arrest and detention orders against all war criminals, including occupation leaders, officers and soldiers who participated in crimes against the Palestinian people. It also demands the cancellation of all arrest warrants issued against Palestinian resistance leaders, as these warrants violate international conventions and resolutions.

This statement was lightly edited.

Solidarity with Iran

Workers World extends its revolutionary condolences and heartfelt solidarity to the people of Iran with the tragic loss of President Ebrahim Raisi, Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian and others in a helicopter crash on May 19. Workers World extends its revolutionary condolences to the Palestinian resistance who lost these two important allies in the struggle against the Zionist Israeli regime and U.S. imperialism. WW will continue its uncompromising tradition of defending sovereign countries like Iran against the biggest enemy of the world’s workers and oppressed peoples — U.S. imperialism. Hands off Iran!!

No PRIDE in genocide!

There’s no mention of the genocide taking place in Palestine in Tourist Israel’s promotion of Tel Aviv’s Pride march. The site describes the city as “the Gay Capital of the Middle East, and perhaps even one of the Gay Capitals of the World.” Disgusting! The horrific genocide, which has claimed well over 35,000 lives—a figure that does not account for thousands of people buried under rubble and not recovered—includes untold numbers of LGBTQIA+ Palestinians.

Solidarity with Palestine is the most important message anyone can bring to Pride events in their community. In too many places, Pride marches have become corporatized, with big contingents representing a whole range of capitalist firms. Some of those with a presence at Pride— such as the notorious Starbucks — are on the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions list of companies doing business with Israel.

Workers World salutes the many queer people here and around the world who want nothing to do with the “pink washing” of Israeli apartheid. We join them in saying “No Pride in genocide.”

(For more see workers.org/2024/01/76525)
Hell No to bigotry! Workers World hails Pride month

For over half a century, Workers World newspaper has covered global struggles to end all forms of discrimination, persecution and violence, including against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and other marginalized people in non-violent and non-oppressive communities. In recent months, youth, including LGBTQIA+ youth, have demonstrated strong solidarity with the besieged Palestinian people in Gaza. Encampments have sprung up at U.S. universities and Jewish schools. As an immediate end to U.S.-armed Israel’s horrific bombing of Gaza, which has killed 35,000 people, a majority women and children.

This June, during Pride month, we particularly support our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Gaza, who are among those targeted by the Israeli state—killed, wounded, tortured and imprisoned—and in the occupied West Bank, currently under siege by Zionist settlers and Israel’s Occupation Forces. Workers World Party has been demonstrating solidarity with the Palestinian people and their resistance movements. Our stance is a direct commitment to everyone who has lost loved ones.

Turning to the U.S., our newspaper has extensively covered the hostile, bigoted anti-LGBTQIA++ legislative campaign sweeping the U.S., targeting, in particular, trans youth, aiming to deny them needed health care and participation in sports. Articles have also upheld the struggles for reproductive justice, voting and civil rights, teaching about historic people’s movements which have resisted racism and all oppressions—and opposed racist, homophobic book bans. WW has backed up our activist coverage and analysis with publication of "The Gay Question: A Marxist Appraisal," later reissued in "The Roots of Lesbian and Gay Oppression: A Marxist View." Our paper ran the "Lavender & Red" series by WW managing editor and renowned trans leader Leslie Feinberg; 25 articles are included in "Radical Solidarity in Defense of Cuba." Read both books at workers.org/books.

WW reporters on the ground—from Buffalo, New York, to Portland, Oregon,—write about the groundswell of organizer that has won union victories against corporate behemoths and sparked more organizing. This historic upsurge was fueled by the leadership of young, multi-racial, queer, gender-nonconforming workers. We cheer them on!

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Workers World Party is a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist party inside the belly of the imperialist beast. We are a multinational, multigenerational and multigendered organization that not only aims to abolish capitalism, but to build a socialist society because it’s the only way forward!

Capitalism and imperialism threaten the peoples of the world and the planet itself in the never-ending quest for ever-greater profits. Capitalism means war and austerity, racism and repression, attacks on immigrants, and LGBTQIA+ oppression and mistreatment of people with disabilities. It means joblessness, increasing homelessness and impoverishment and lack of hope for the future. No social problems can be solved under capitalism.

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. Wage and lower-than-wage workers 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 the working class defending the workers and oppressed here and worldwide. If you’re interested in Marxism, socialism and fighting for a socialist future, please contact a WW branch near you.

Join us in the fight for socialism!

Workers World Party hails Pride month
Leonard Peltier: ‘I hope I make it to June 10’

This excerpted article was published on May 7 in the Rapid City Journal, published in South Dakota.

By Amelia Schafer and Kevin Abourezk

At 80 years old, Leonard Peltier is approaching what may be his last attempt at freedom.

On June 10, the Anishinaabe elder will participate in the front lines of Peltier’s fight.

“Tilsen called on the Biden administration to take action. “This administration, the Biden Administration, has given up, and he doesn’t want any of us to give up.”

Jones, was able to arrange for a doctor outside the prison to meet with Peltier twice. The medical visit revealed Peltier was experiencing a range of symptoms that would need to see a specialist, but prison officials said it would take eight to 10 months to coordinate such a visit.

“An emerging double standard”

After a week of deliberation, the jury was hung on the vast majority of charges. Indeed, jurors cleared Lightfoot and White of the alleged assaults. However, the conspiracy charges on which they were convicted represent an escalation of the court’s attacks on the right to free assembly.

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“I think the door is wide open to now hold lawful protest as a violation of ‘conspiracy’ law,” said White’s attorney, Curtis Briggs.

In April, U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California Cormac J. Carney dismissed assault charges against Tyler Laube, who confessed to punching a reporter at a “Make America Great Again Rally” in 2017, Carney blasted prosecutors for ignoring crimes committed by left-wing activists. “It was Antifa, a far-left extremist group, that posed the insidious threat to democracy,” (Legal Affairs and Trials, May 4)

The judge had previously dismissed charges against white supremacists Robert Rundo and Robert Roman who, like Laube, are members of a white supremacist organization called Rise Above Movement. The group bills itself as “the premiere mixed martial arts club of the alt-right.” So unusual was Carney’s decision to summarily drop the charges against these avowed white nationalist militants that a Ninth Circuit judge got the ruling on hold and ordered the re-arrest of Rundo. (CNN, Feb 22)

Meanwhile, the rest of the San Diego 11 are expected to be sentenced this June. Many of them face years in prison. Former California federal prosecutor Patrick Cotter called the ruling “an insult to public intelligence” and said the decision to only prosecute left-wing activists constitutes “selective prosecution.” (USA Today, May 3, 2021)
Letters from our incarcerated readers

Re: “Stop First Amendment rights violations in Pennsylvania prisons!” Vol. 66, No. 8, February 22, 2022, by Joe Piette

Workers World.

I just getting around to responding to your article. Bryant Arroyo (“B”) is quite right. We worked together on litigation he filed against SCI-Frackville for the same type of retaliatory transfer to SCI-Coal Township for his involvement in First Amendment-protected activity.

Why did they place B in solitary confinement? For introducing him to Workers World’s paper; for explaining his struggles as they relate to disability rights; for filing multiple grievances over well-watered automobiles of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA); then for publishing that prisoner’s disability struggles and how the prison staff blatantly violated his rights.

All this is protected under both Article 1 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the First Amendment, as WW’s right to print, as is prisoner’s right.

B is a jailhouse lawyer and writer for WW who was retaliated against. He was placed in solitary confinement for “colluding with prisoner Rinick to get an article from a WW newspaper introduced into the facility.” That was the pretext to retaliate against B. The prisoner Rinick was trying to help also reached out to WW for “all and assistance, because prison staff at SCI Coal Township did not employ him on jobs he and other disabled prisoners are capable of doing. He was also placed in solitary confinement.

WW has been publishing articles about prisoners’ human rights being violated and prisoners being subjected to cruel and barbaric treatment for decades. Prisoners don’t have to collude with each other to have a WW article on prison mistreatment introduced into any prison! We tell one another, “If an establishment newspaper ignores your valid concerns, contact Workers World. WW will investigate it! B was then transferred to another prison hundreds of miles out of his region for encouraging prisoners to tell their horror stories to WW and informing prisoners, who are paid slave wages, to write to WW to get a free subscription. That’s how we keep abreast of what’s occurring politically, socially and judicially, along with what’s taking place relative to prisons and prisoners.

Free speech may in fact serve its highest purpose when it induces a condition of unrest or when it creates dissatisfaction with conditions as they are, even if what’s printed stirs people into anger and frustration.

Read Mumia’s book, “Jailhouse Layers,” which discussed my work in being a prisoner’s rights advocate and jailhouse lawyer who for decades has filed litigation against prison abuse, horror and cruelty.

George “Rahssan” Brooks
SCI Coal Township
Pennsylvania

Re: “Finally! DA admits hiding evidence in Melissa Lucio’s case,” Vol. 66, No. 17, April 25, 2024, by Gloria Rubac

I really enjoyed the Melissa Lucio piece you wrote in Workers World. Actually, your article was the best one I’ve read thus far. Normally, articles written in support of someone usually have something written also that undermines the reasons to support someone in the first place. Another thing about your article that I liked was its tone. What I mean by this is: Reading the article, I feel your support of Melissa, not just giving you a reason to support her, or a basic update of the good news that has come down about her. So take care. In Solidarity!

Tony Egbuna Ford
Texas Death Row

Abuse of Palestinian prisoners ‘a crime that surpasses all limits’

This statement was issued by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine’s Office of Prisoners, and Released, Prisoners, and Wounded on May 11, 2024.

The international community, especially the Red Cross, are completely complicit in these heinous crimes. What has been revealed about secret detention centers where brutal tactics are practiced against detainees from Gaza is a crime that surpasses all limits.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine confirmed that what was reported by the American network CNN about the brutal practices committed against Palestinian detainees from the Gaza Strip in secret detention facilities within the occupation entity is a crime that exceeds all limits, and a disgrace to humanity.

The Front added that the international network’s investigation revealed the conversion of military bases into secret detention centers in the Naqab Desert, where在一个极权形式的暴力和虐待是残酷地针对巴勒斯坦囚犯的，包括侵犯他们的基本人权和法律权力。这导致了对字母的对冲，就该恐怖主义分子而言，认为他们为战争，确保一个最低限度的人权，记录下所有犯罪行为针对囚犯，他们没有拘留，因为对马修的假预审被提出之前国际法院的司法。

Israel is a society of human shields

By Kevin “Rashid” Johnson

The Zionists kill Palestinian children claiming terrorists attack from behind civilians yet they created Israel, use it as a whole society of human shields a nation of settlers where Jewish identity is used with impunity to wield violence genocide ethnic cleansing occupation of a true Semitic people the Palestinian nation indigenous to the Levant under racist doctrines redefined by European implants Palestinians expelled so they can’t return giving citizenship to any who claims Jewish identity the open practice of racial supremacy claiming the right to stand take possession of Arab schools homes land and villages a settler society that continually pillages brown people driving entire communities once thriving into desert sands where they can barely survive and massaging those who dare to defend themselves and their families they who take a stand defying white supremacist Zionist plans to ultimately remove ALL Arabs take ALL land that we acquired by force a country where the killings of Palestinians innocent of which were committed by the people Palestine Zionist Ashkenazis from victims in Europe to villains in the Middle East genocide applied by settlers pretending to seek peace the whole world misinformed by propaganda to keep hidden a vision of modern day Nazism another version of white supremacist racism

The Front emphasized that the international community and international institutions, led by the International Red Cross, are completely complicit in these horrific crimes, as they have failed in their responsibilities and have not intervened urgently to save the lives of these prisoners who are languishing in secret prisons despite the exposure of ongoing violations and torture for several months.

The Front considered that the occupation entity’s enactment of the so-called “unlawful combatants” law, which expanded the army’s authority to arrest suspected militants as they describe them, surpasses even what occurred in Nazi and fascist prisons. This law gives the occupation legitimacy to execute prisoners and abuse them, which has been implemented on the ground with confirmed reports of several of those prisoners being martyred as a result of torture and systematic slow execution.

The Front concluded its statement by emphasizing the urgent need to dispatch an international mission to inspect these secret detention facilities and determine the fate of these prisoners, consider them as prisoners of war, ensure a minimum of their human rights, document all the crimes committed against them, and place them among the genocide files presented before the International Court of Justice. (I)
African Liberation Day
Smash settler colonialism in occupied Palestine, Africa, the Americas and Oceania
By Monica Moorehead

The origin of African Liberation Day is rooted in 1958, when the first elected prime minister of Ghana, the great Pan-Africanist Kwame Nkrumah, convened the First Conference of Independent States held in Accra, Ghana. That conference was attended by eight independent African states.

Out of this gathering, April 15 was declared "Africa Freedom Day" to mark the annual progress of the national liberation movements to emancipate themselves from centuries-long foreign domination and superexploitation that began with the slave trade. Two years later, 17 African countries won their independence, and 1960 was proclaimed the Year of Africa.

In his 1966 speech, "I Speak of Freedom," Nkrumah said: "For centuries, Europeans dominated the African continent. The white man arrogated to himself the right to rule and to be obeyed by the non-white; his mission, he claimed, was to "civilize" Africa. Under the false pretext, the Europeans robbed the continent of vast riches and inflicted unimaginable suffering on the African people. It is clear that we must find an African solution to our problems, and that this can only be found in African unity. Divided we are weak; united, Africa could become one of the greatest forces for good in the world." (marxists.org)

On May 25, 1960, over 30 African leaders held a historic summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to create the Organization of African Unity (OAU). The OAU represented the independent struggles on the African continent against colonialism, neocolonialism and imperialism and for a united Africa, both in the past and in the present. The OAU then declared May 25 "African Freedom Day" to be "African Liberation Day (ALD)." These demonstrations have historically been held on the same day each year.

The first ALD was held in the U.S. on Saturday, May 27, 1972, in Washington, D.C., where tens of thousands of mainly people of African descent rallied on the National Mall to connect with the struggles throughout the African diaspora. This May 25, on the 61st anniversary of the founding of UNICEF, the major theme of ALD will be "Same Struggle: Smash Settler Colonialism in Occupied Palestine, Africa, the Americas, and Oceania." Protests will take place in Africa, Washington, D.C., and elsewhere worldwide.

This year’s ALD will take on a special meaning, not only because of the unprecedented global solidarity with the Palestinian resistance against the U.S.-backed Israeli genocide in Gaza and the West Bank, but also because of the ouster of French colonial troops in Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso in 2023. The Nigerian government officially demanded that U.S. troops be expelled from their soil on March 16, 2024.

Despite the decades-long struggle against imperialism, including the debt crisis imposed by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, the African masses continue to fight back for their sovereignty and right to self-determination.

Today, at least 54 African countries will commemorate African Liberation Day to say that African people are one united people despite any artificial borders established by their colonial oppressors.


Union-busting tactics behind loss at Mercedes
By Martha Grevatt

After polls closed on the morning of May 17, United Auto Workers supporters learned they had lost the representation election at the Mercedes plant in Vance, Alabama. About 96% of workers eligible to vote took part in the election, with 56% of them voting against the union.

After the tremendous win for the United Auto Workers at the Volkswagen plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee — a 72% vote for UAW representation announced April 19 — Mercedes bosses determined not to see a repeat at their U.S. plant. The vote against the union, even after a majority of Mercedes workers had signed cards in favor of UAW representation, was impacted by the company’s “carrot-and-stick” tactics designed to sway workers’ minds. The “carrot” tactic was employed in the form of a sudden pay increase for all workers and the elimination of pay tiers, which separate workers doing the same work into higher-paid and lower-paid employees. In addition, Mercedes fired its CEO of U.S. operations. The new CEO, Federico Kochlowski, roamed the plant in the weeks leading up to the election, shaking hands and appealing to workers to support the company’s collective bargaining process.

The “stick” involved firing union supporters, along with mailings, signs and banners, daily in-plant videos, and mandatory captive audience meetings with intimidating messages. Mercedes contracted with the professional union-busting consultant firm RWP.

Alabama politicians, including Gov. Ivey, echoed the company’s propaganda claims that workers would somehow be better off without a union. A local minister joined in the chorus of lies. “Alabama is not Michigan, and we are not the Sweet Home to the UAW,” Ivey wrote after the election results became known.

The struggle continues
The UAW has filed Unfair Labor Practices charges with the U.S. National Labor Relations Board, and the German government is investigating the Stuttgart-based company for violations of German labor laws. Because of Mercedes’ illegal union-busting, it’s possible that the NLRB will order a rerun of the May 13-17 election. If not, the UAW can file for a new election in May 2025.

The issues that led about 70% of Mercedes workers to sign union cards — including overloaded jobs and mandatory 10-12 hour shifts — are not going to vanish. In any case, the 2,145 union supporters who voted “yes” are not about to throw in the towel. “We’ll try to figure out how to shore up for the next time. Because there will be another time. We’re not just going to shrug and walk away,” said battery worker Robert Latt. (Labor Notes, May 17)

In a statement posted on the UAW website, International President Shawn Fain said: “The UAW will continue to lead the fight against corporate greed and runaway inequality. And through that fight we’ll change the nation and the world for the better.” (uaw.org)

Only 7.5% of workers in Alabama belong to a union, compared to 23% in Washington state and 20% in New York, the states with the highest union density. A union win at Mercedes, like that at VW, will go a long way in the difficult but necessary struggle to unionize the U.S. South.

Martha Grevatt has been a UAW member since 1987.

6,000 academic workers hold one-day strike, win
By Jim McMahan

United Automobile Workers Local 4121, representing academic workers at the University of Washington, won a breakthrough victory for increased living wages on May 6, 2024.

The academic workers are teaching assistants, research assistants, readers/graders, tutors and in other positions. They are not about to throw in the towel. “We’ll try to figure out how to shore up for the next time. Because there will be another time. We’re not just going to shrug and walk away,” said battery worker Robert Latt. (Labor Notes, May 17)

Pro-union Mercedes workers rally before the union representation election.

By Jim McMahan

Seattle

Under the tentative agreement, which union members will vote on, but whose acceptance has been recommended by the student-workers’ negotiating committee, the union made the following gains: They won an unprecedented 36% increase in their base pay over the life of the contract. They also gained a $1,960 per quarter childcare subsidy, along with other improvements. The many immigrant workers in the union won paid-leave time for immigration appointments and hearings.

Before the strike, the academic workers held two sit-ins on campus to pressure the administration with their demands. The workers also held a joint action with Resist U.S-Led War, which organized the Palestine Solidarity Encampment at U of W.

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The academic workers are teaching assistants, research assistants, readers/graders, tutors and in other positions. They do most of the teaching at the 49,000-student university. Their slogan is “U of W works because we do.” The workers’ wages are low when they’re employed, and there is often no work in the summer months.

“The wages are not livable in high-priced Seattle,” the striking workers said again and again.

For decades, the U of W received more research funds from the federal government than any other public university. It has no shortage of operating funds.
Nakba Day: The struggle continues for a free Palestine

By Brenda Ryan
Brooklyn, New York

People all over the world demonstrated during the week of May 12-19 to commemorate the 76th anniversary of Nakba (“the Catastrophe”), the day on May 15, 1948, when the new Zionist state of Israel culminated its brutal removal of thousands of Palestinians from their lands. Thousands of people rallied on May 18 in the Bay Ridge neighborhood of Brooklyn. A massive force of cops lined up in front of demonstrators on each side of the street wearing helmets and carrying plastic wrist ties.

Nerdeen Kiwami, one of the organizers of the event from Within Our Lifetime, led a chant: “Why are you in riot gear? There is no riot here.” She noted that a student demonstration has been held in the heart of the Palestinian community in Bay Ridge for the last 10 years and this was the first time the cops stopped people from gathering on the street.

The march started marching down Fifth Avenue and side streets. Then cops suddenly brutally attacked individuals, throwing them to the ground with three or more cops slamming them to the ground and cutting off their feet. Blood streamed down the face of one of the interrogators. Cops have repeatedly brutalized those protesting the genocide in Gaza at university encampments and on marches through city streets.

Kiwan wrote on X (formerly Twitter): “It is agonizing to repeatedly witness NYPD brutalize my friends and the most kind-hearted people dedicating their life to fighting against the genocide of my people. Waiting hours and days to know if they are okay. Illegal arrests for cases that get dismissed. They just enjoy beating us.”

Despite a steady drizzle throughout the action, several hundred demonstrators gathered at Philadelphia’s City Hall in the late afternoon on May 18 for a commemoration of the 76th anniversary of the Nakba. Colorful banners—depicting the economic contributions of several Palestinian cities taken over by the Israelis in 1948—were visible throughout the crowd.

The rally, organized by the Philadelphia Palestine Coalition, included contingents from Philadelphia Anaklikay, Koreea Peace Now, and workers marshalling a banner that read: “Workers United for Palestine.”

The march that followed detoured from its original planned route along the Ben Franklin Parkway to the Philadelphia Art Museum. Palestinian students at West Philadelphia to within a block of Drexel University. Following a short rally, demonstrators surged past police cars and bicycles, and marched to join the Palestinian School for Palestine being created at the Gaza solidarity encampment at Drexel. Despite a heavy police presence in the area, the march has survived two nights.

In Cleveland, a case Western Reserve University students are facing academic discipline, including withholding diplomas for graduating seniors, for participating in the Palestinian Solidarity Encampment on campus. Not intimidated, students and pro-Palestinian community activists organized a “Peoples Commemoration” on May 19 at the former site of the encampment.

Supporters of Palestinian liberation also held a rally and march on May 15—Nakba Day.

On May 18, the Portland, Oregon, branch of Workers World joined hundreds of Palestinians, workers, students, activists, and other members of the community to commemorate Nakba Day, a solemn day of remembrance for all the victims of the fascist apartheid state. Organizers gave speeches, sang songs, and took to the streets to march in support of Palestinian liberation. The coalition that organized the protest included groups as diverse as other Marxist-Leninists, student groups from the following: Multnomah County healthcare workers, union organizers, teachers and more.

Martha Greavett, Betsy Piette and Evan Raf contributed to this article.

California grad

By Martha Greavett

Faced with brutal police and vigilante attacks on students at University of California system campuses, the union representing 48,000 UC graduate students has authorized a strike. United Auto Workers Local 4181 has pointed out that the cop brutality, which university administrations are complicit in, is a worker safety issue.

The strike vote concluded on May 15, with an overwhelming majority favoring the strike.

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Martha Greavett, Betsy Piette and Evan Raf contributed to this article.

Cambridge remembers Nakba Day

By Will Hodgkinson
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Around 200 demonstrators gathered on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology campus in Cambridge on May 15 to demand an end to the Zionist genocide in Gaza and the liberation of Palestine. Members of the Boston Palestine Solidarity Network, including the Palestine Youth Movement, the Socialist Party and Popular Socialist, and students and faculty at MIT, organized the action to commemorate the 76th anniversary of the Nakba—the 1948 genocidal colonization of Palestine.

During the Nakba, Zionist militias demolished 400 towns and villages, killed at least 15,000 Palestinians, and drove over 750,000 people off their ancestral lands. The land stolen by Zionist settlers of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from their lands. The land stolen by Zionist settlers of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from their lands. The land stolen by Zionist settlers of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from their lands.

When Zionist propagandists celebrate “Israeli Independence Day” in May, they are, in fact, admitting that the establishment of the Israeli state required land theft and ethnic cleansing on a massive scale.

The rally was held at the MIT Palestine solidarity encampment, which was established at the beginning of the term and its extensive ties to weapons and technology industries and divest from the Zionist state. Another 100 liberators zone activists have established on university campuses worldwide.

As speakers at the rally stressed, the Zionist genocide began by the 1948 Nakba has escalated to an unprecedented degree. Since October 7, Zionist forces have murdered over 36,000 Palestinian men, women, and children. Thousands more people remain buried under rubble, and that death toll, as unthinkable as it already is, will continue to rise.

In May, occupation forces began their murderous assault on the city of Rafah on the southern border of the Gaza Strip, where almost 1.5 million Palestinians are sheltering. Many of them were displaced by prior Zionist ethnic cleansing operations starting in October. In the past week, almost 800,000 people have fled Rafah, but have nowhere left to go. Zionist forces have routinely bombed areas designated as “safe zones.”

This ongoing genocide in Gaza has also worsened the weakness of the Zionist settler state and the U.S. empire that supports it. For all their brutality, the occupation forces in Gaza have utterly failed to defeat the Palestinian resistance.

Worldwide, the movement for Palestinian solidarity continues to grow despite repression. Across the U.S., police have raided student encampments, detaining and brutalizing hundreds of activists. Last week, Cambridge cops attacked the MIT encampment, arresting 19 students.

Opening the rally, Fawaz Abusharkh, a leader of Palestine House of New England, said, “We know history is on our side.” Addressing the Zionist counterprotesters standing across the street, protected by a police cordon and swaddled in Israeli and American flags, Abusharkh declared that the ruling class failure to suppress the movement for Palestinian liberation is why they’re going wild and they’re going fascist. Because they know this is the end, and that is what empires do before they fall down.

Cheers and chants of “globalize the Intifada!” drowned out the jeering Zionists.

An organizer of the Harvard University encampment said: “So long as Palestinians suffer by the actions of the empire we find ourselves in, we will continue to dissent. So long as the Nakba intensifies we will continue to agitate. Our eyes are all on Gaza, and we situate our struggle for liberation not only in the gates of Harvard Yard or MIT but against all walls of oppression we see in our community.”

“The student intifada learns from its comrades in Palestine who continue to shake off their oppressors, and the student intifada is here to stay until all shackles are removed!” He pledged that the campaign of repression student activists have experienced will not damage their commitment to the struggle against the Zionist genocide.

In recent weeks, hundreds of high school students across the U.S., including in Somerville, Massachusetts, have staged mass walkouts in support of Palestine.

“Reteating student and youth support for Palestinian liberation, a Somerville High School student said: “Something needs to change and we all have to speak about this. Throughout history we have seen the strength and effectiveness of student uprisings, and we are here to be part of that change. We have strength in numbers and we will not stop fighting until we see a free Palestine in our lifetime.”

Ahmad Kawash, another leader of Palestine House of New England, emphasized the gains made in the worldwide struggle for the liberation of Palestine: “From Gaza and Palestine and from the land of Rafah, the resistance is writing the epic of return.” Praising the resurgence of global solidarity, which has confounded Israeli hasbara [propaganda] campaigns, Kawash declared: “The biased media and Zionist propaganda were unable to falsify the facts. All of this made the people see the truth.”

“We’ve got students, workers, and revolutionaries marching side by side, and we have won the battle of ideas,” a PSL organizer said. “The whole world is on our side and a free Palestine is inevitable!”

Workers World photo: LYN NEELEY

Portland, Oregon, Nakba commemoration, May 18, 2024.

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A. Beanblossom, a member of the Marxist Youth League Propaganda Committee, gave this talk on May 15 to a meeting of the Buffalo Workers World Party branch.

A movement that began on April 17 with the Gaza Solidarity Encampment at Columbia University in New York City has since spread to universities all over the world. From Alberta, Canada to Buenos Aires, Argentina, from Edinburgh, Scotland, to Cape Town, South Africa, in Kyoto, Japan, and throughout the Independent Moor college system of New Zealand, students and community members have shown solidarity with the Palestinian people by occupying space on their public and private universities.

The student encampment movement of 2024, what some have called the “Student Intifada,” has gone truly worldwide! It is not a matter of mere happenstance that the encampment movement began and spread like wildfire in the sixth and seventh months of the ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people by the illegal Zionist occupation.

As Monica Moorehead pointed out in a Workers World article published on May 6, working-class and oppressed youth have taken to the streets and on our phones and televisions for months as the occupation has used bombs, tanks, white phosphorus and the depriving of international humanitarian aid against a population on the brink of starvation. This is all to advance an ethnic cleansing campaign that threatens an Indigenous people under the guise of “self-defense.”

The occupation forces have killed over 35,000 civilians and injured over 78,000. Some 2 million people have been displaced inside of the Gaza Strip and pushed into overcrowded and overpopulating refugee camps, and this is all without mentioning the thousands still trapped beneath the rubble and buried beneath the earth, yet uncounted.

For young people living in the U.S. (and I’m sure this goes for other youth in other imperialist countries), we have been organizing, demonstrating and demanding that the U.S. government cease providing the occupation with billions of dollars in weapons and munitions for months. About 400,000 people gathered in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 13 to demand an immediate and permanent ceasefire after three months of demonstrations in cities, towns and universities all over the U.S.

**2024 campus encampment movement: Rebellion is justified!**

The representatives of the imperialist ruling class responded by sending more aid to the occupation. Around this time, it became clear to us all, if it wasn’t before, that a significant escalation of tactics was necessary in order to apply more domestic and international pressure to the Palestinian people.

The students have not just called for divestment, but for a permanent end to the ethnic cleansing of Palestine. In response to these demonstrations of solidarity, university administrators have called in police departments to quash the movement right here in the center of the empire, have worked to reestablish and rejuvenate the global struggle. Many of us will go further. We will not stop until Israeli apartheid falls, because we see in the illegal Zionist occupation the same kind of militaristic, white supremacist society that the U.S. empire is. We see that Israeli apartheid is just the most visible tentacle, a testing ground for new drones, new bombs and new crowd control devices to be used on working-class and oppressed peoples all over the globe.

We know that the International Occupation Forces train with the pigs right here in the U.S. and that they are on call to travel and participate in any event that we talk about the police as a tool of white supremacy, used to control, criminalize and intern working-class and oppressed people in support of the interests of our capitalist rulers. We have to imagine that the IFO are another powerful appendage of that same system.

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On May 20, 1,500 student workers at UC Santa Cruz took to the picket lines. Whether or not the strike spreads, the vote is significant, as it builds unity between the courage of the student encampment movement and campus workers. Making police violence a union issue expands the scope of labor demands beyond traditional bargaining subjects such as wages and benefits. The strike brings the union deeper into the movement for divestment from the Israeli genocidal apartheid state.

Some union members are calling on Local 4811, formerly Local 2865, to organize the community members that have joined student and community members taking arrests in many cases. But the state has made a crucial mistake: The cops do not understand that when they crush one mushroom under their boots, it spreads the spores — so that with each arrest they tear down, with each person they injure or arrest, 10 more of us come to take their place.

**Encampments raise the level of struggle**

Whether each individual encampment lasts a few hours or a few days or is smashed immediately is not the point, because it is important that the level of the struggle as a whole, by inspiring others to take organized action of a similar sort and by teaching the movement new lessons. Each attempt shows the administrators, the policemen and the pigs that we will not be cowed; that we cannot be misled back in our fight against the war machine if the seemingly endless money-fuace to Israel runs dry, until the bombs stop dropping and the pigs put an end to the genocide. Look at a map of the encampments now that have been put up in countries all over the world. Look at London. Look at Paris and Mexico City. Look at the mass solidarity demonstration last month in the U.S.; many have been suspended, expelled and evicted from campus housing for their participation in the movement. Example after example of police violence and discrimination has occurred at Emory University, University of California, Los Angeles, University of California at Austin, California State Polytechnic, New York University, Columbia and even right here at the University at Buffalo.

**Cops rush to quash Buffalo encampment**

When we tried alongside other organizations and community members to set up a Gaza Solidarity Encampment at the University of Buffalo with some 80 or so people, we were smashed by the police. Dozens of pigs from at least five local police departments were called in to break up the peaceful demonstration. They waited until just before nightfall, around when Muslim students participates parading in the demonstration had evening prayers, and then demanded that demonstrators disperse.

Those still defending the encampment formed a wall in front of Muslim students as the police advanced in droves, holding the pigs off as fellow students finished their prayers. At this point, though, the number of students had diminished significantly and the distribution of forces heavily favored the police.

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Why have student encampments for Palestine ignored such an uproar of brutal repression, vicious police attacks, mass arrests, overwhelming con- demnation and mass protests across the globe, and a new level of reactionary leg- islation in Congress?

The demand to divest, raised at almost every encamp- ment, is in step with billions of dollars of the military-indus- trial complex into the heart of almost all higher education institutions in the U.S. today.

This demand to “divest” has revolutionary impli- cations. Divestment is not just a threat to university boards, administrators and their alumni funders. It is a threat to the established capitalist order. It is a demand to break with the corporations engaged in looting the world. Hundreds of billions of dollars — perhaps trillions — are at stake. The demand to divest is finally embraced by Palestine supporters, espe- cially in U.S. campus actions. It flows nat- urally from months of horror, watching mass levels of destruction on démocratically populated civilian centers in Palestine and learning that institutions — where stu- dent, staff, community and union funds are directly involved — are funding these massive war crimes.

Groups of students gathered around small camping tents on campus lawns and school plazas hardly appear threatening. If the gatherings were for music or sports, they would go largely unnoticed. However, the Gaza Solidarity Encampments have raised the level of confrontation a step beyond mass demonstrations. The demands to divest and disclose the invest- ment and the research grants for weapons, surveil- lance and data mining, and to cut off collaboration with Zionism and with the Israeli war machine, are directly involved — are funding these massive war crimes.

Students are being summarily suspended, expelled and their scholarships canceled. In desperate efforts to shut down debate and silence the demands, universities are moving classes entirely online and even canceling graduation cer- monies. The irony is that many graduating in 2024 had limited in-person education when they left high schools because of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Social media, streaming video and TV news are recording and showing the brutality of the mass arrests. The sheer number of arrests in the U.S. has sent out shock waves throughout the international community. The gloves are off.

During months of demonstrations and rallies oppos- ing U.S. support for Israel’s brutal invasion of Gaza, there have been thousands of arrests. But more than 2,900 arrested or detained at 37 campuses in two weeks’ time campus protests raise that Israel’s bombs have destroyed all of the universities.

The demand to pull out of U.S. corporations supplying equipment and materials used in perpetrating a geno- cide in Gaza highlights the vast web of corporate entan- glement. The endowments at U.S. institutions of higher education reach approximately $840 billion, received through tax-exempt donations from ruling-class figures and a future of justice and liberation.

The students, faculty and their supporters are courageously raising a revolutionary demand that chal- lenges the whole underpinning of education in the U.S. today. What is at stake?

The billionaire Alex Kerr, CEO of Palantir, a CIA- backed surveillance and data mining-tech company tied to U.S. intelligence cartels and to Israel, summed up the debate from the viewpoint of the U.S. ruling class: “We think these things that are happening across college cam- puses are a sideshow, that we can only see the intellectual debate, you will not be able to deploy any army in the West, ever.” (Palantir on X, May 8)

Divest! Divest! We will not stop! We will not rest!

WW commentary

Endowments aid Israel’s war machine

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Malcolm X, Ho Chi Minh, ¡presente!

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May 19 is also the birthday of long- time revolutionary Yuri Kochiyama, a Japanese survivor of the U.S. concentra- tion camps created during World War II and one of the people with Malcolm X when he was assassinated. In addi- tion, May 19 is the birthday of the award-winning, radical playwright and activist Lorraine Hansberry, whose works include “A Raisin in the Sun” and “To be Young, Gifted and Black.”

We celebrate on May 19 the birthdays of two world-bending revolutionaries: Ho Chi Minh and Malcolm X.

Born in 1890 in central Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh was the Marxist-Leninist com- munist who forged and led a people’s movement and army that defeated the invading imperialist might, first of France and then the U.S. and ultimately liberated Vietnam from colonialism. Born in 1925 in the U.S., Malcolm X was the African American leader who raised to global attention the concepts of Black nationalism, Black self-defense and the right of self-determination of Black peoples. Malcolm X also made a major contribution to the global movement for Pan-Africanism. Neither met the other, yet their deeds and words intertwine; and together they continue to inspire us toward revolution.

At this moment, as the U.S. ruling class faces the deadly fires of racist hatred, Malcolm X and Ho Chi Minh unite to give a profound lesson in building interna- tional solidarity with oppressed peoples and nations.

In 1942, a year before Malcolm X was born, Ho Chi Minh made a presentation at the Fifth Congress of the Communist International in Moscow during a session on the “National and colonial question.” He emphasized the importance of support for the Black liberation struggle in the U.S.

Ho Chi Minh stated: “It is well-known that the Black race is the most oppressed and the most exploited of the human family. It is well-known that the spread of capitalism and the discovery of the ‘New World’ had, as an immediate result, the rebirth of slavery. ... What everyone does not perhaps know is that after 65 years of so-called eman- cipation, [Black people in the U.S.] still endure atrocious moral and material suf- ferings.” (workers.org/2015/05/19953)

Malcolm X, El-Hajji Malik El-Shabazz, put the Black liberation struggle in a worldwide context 40 years later, in 1964. He said: “It is incorrect to classify the revolt of [Black people] as simply a racial conflict of Black against white or as a purely American [U.S.] problem. Rather, we are today seeing a global rebel- lion of the oppressed against the oppres- sor, the exploited against the exploitor.” (Malcolm X Speaks)

Malcolm X acknowledged the cen- trality of the national liberation war led by Ho Chi Minh to that global rebellion, when he noted, “Viet Nam is the struggle of all third World nations — the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and neo- colonialism.” (1992 interview with Yuri Kochiyama)

The voices of both these revo- lutionaries ring out with the clar- ion call of solidarity as the path to a future of justice and liberation. They remind us that we of the marginalized, of the global working class, have a com- mon oppressor in imperialist capitalism.

We can resist its racism, its anti- woman and anti-LGBTQ2S+ bigotry, its anti-immigrant hatred.

We can — we must — rise up in resistance.
Part 1 discussed “Digital labor and material.” (Available at workers.org/2022/04/783192) Part 2 takes the capitalist’s use of Artificial Intelligence to push workers to the limit, of some of which I experienced while working at the Tesla Gigafactory.

Part 2: Labor under surveillance

My work at Tesla provided one example of “surveillance capitalism” (Zuboff) and “surveillance economy” (Sadowski), both of which are concepts mentioned by a Harvard professor who studies and writes about the sociology of technology. An October 2019 article in The Guardian reporting on Zuboff’s tour discussing her book on surveillance capitalism reports on the situation we workers face and the term Zuboff coined: “It’s a movement founded on predictive algorithms and behavioral calculations of human behavior.” Surveillance capitalists “sell certainty to business customers who would like to know with certainty what we do. Targeted adverts, yes, but also businesses want to know whether to sell us a mortgage, insurance, what to charge us, do we drive safely? They want to know the maximum they can extract from us in an exchange. They want to know how we will behave in order to know how best to intervene in our behavior.”

The best way to make your predictions desirable to customers is to ensure they come true: “to tune and herd and shape and push us in the direction that creates the highest probability of their business success.” There’s no way “to dress this up as anything but behavioral modification.” In 2012 and 2013, Facebook conducted “mass-scale anticipate experiments” to see if they could “affect real-world emotions and behaviors, in ways that bypassed user awareness.”

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While the term “surveillance capital” is colloquially useful, it is my belief that relying on this term too heavily encroaches on rest areas, common spaces, even public and domestic spaces. Our cellphones were also jammed except for emergency 911 calls. This made communication with each other or with the outside world extremely hard without encrypted communications, specifically chat applications or with the outside world extremely hard without encrypted communications, specifically chat applications. This prison-like status goes beyond the work zones. Capital, that is, the boss, using digital technology, encroaches on rest areas, common spaces, even public and domestic spaces.

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Tech industry management gains if it tricks us into believing that we can be pro-establishment techies who sell their lives to some firm and in exchange can own our personal mini-tech businesses or be an “influencer.” This is a fantasy which is described in more detail in an article by Jathan Sadowski.

Google workers protest using AI for genocide, Sunnyvale, California, April 16, 2024.

Our office was extremely dark, while the keyboard monitors were too bright, which hurt my eyes to look at—especially for hours on end. The tracking forced team members to compete with each other through the quality check system. The feedback did not improve the self-confidence of AI we were working on—but instead was used to determine who would receive a raise at the end of the half-year term of an amount ranging from one to ten cents.

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Since I was a union organizer, I found that management increased their monitoring of me to include constantly surveilling me on my breaks; and at several points I remember my fellow union committee members and I needing to go for walks outside the facility, because management was recording our conversations with other workers to use against us.

Surveillance to disrupt organizing

Our cellphones were also jammed except for emergency 911 calls. This made communication with each other or with the outside world extremely hard without encrypted communications, specifically chat applications that ran on the WiFi. If we used the company’s internal digital forum, conversations were one “private” area of a digital space or in a “private” email thread would suddenly become open topics of conversation between a supervisor and an apartment. Thus the need for real-time and truly private communication was born.

Tesla workers were one in being subject to algorithmic management. Workers of all types—ranging from restaurant service staff to delivery drivers, medical staff, engineers, designers, and insurance adjusters—are subjected to it in some capacity or another.

This increasing growth of “digital managers” shows us that even those who are not direct employees, but might consider themselves small business people, have interests threatened by the corporation’s digital technology. The sooner we all recognize who our enemies are—the big capitalists who exploit all of us—the more likely we can make our working-class interests prevail.

Part 3 to come: The media of digital capital.
Palestinian resistance denounces U.S. floating pier in Gaza

By Sara Flounders

An ominous U.S. escalation of 1,000 U.S. troops to Gaza is cloaked in the phony guise of a humanitarian mission: The statements from the Palestinian Resistance, published below this introduction, explain the political danger.

Here is some background: The militarized floating dock pier off the coast of Gaza that the U.S. is using is a source of concern and warns of the introduction of patchwork and partial solutions, as well as the destruction and capture of military equipment. Gaza’s entire infrastructure, including housing, schools, hospitals, roads, mosques and more, have either been totally destroyed or severely damaged.

The Council on Foreign Affairs stated on its website that the U.S. has made over 100 military aid transfers to Israel since Oct. 7. These transfers have resulted in the mass slaughter of over 35,000 Palestinian civilians — including over 15,000 children — and the wounding and disappearances of over 50,000 others due to unrelenting Israeli air strikes. Gaza’s entire infrastructure, including housing, schools, hospitals, roads, mosques and electricity and more, have either been totally destroyed or severely damaged.

Humanitarian aid for more than 1 million starving Gazans has been obstructed by the ongoing genocide, including the sabotage of food and other life-saving measures by armed fascist, Zionist settlers, who live on stolen Palestinian lands.

And despite all of the military firepower the terrorist Israeli repressive state has at its disposal, its occupation forces continue to suffer loss of life and other calamities, as well as the destruction and capture of military equipment, at the hands of a united Palestinian resistance of many factions, mainly using small arm weaponry.

The Israeli regime has reported that thousands of Israeli soldiers are in need of psychological therapy for post traumatic stress syndrome from battle fatigue, and a growing number of them are committing suicide.

And the Spanish government recently announced that it will not send any more weaponry to Israel. Hezbollah continues to assure Israeli settlers and the Israeli military bases from southern Lebanon. The Yemeni Naval Forces continue to patrol and stop any Israel-bound ships and U.S. military carriers in the Red and Mediterranean Seas.

A doomed regime

That the Israeli Occupation Forces have been unable to conquer Gaza has caused an ever growing schism within the Israeli war cabinet and the Israeli regime. Some cabinet members have threatened to resign unless the Israeli government negotiates with the resistance to bring about a permanent ceasefire to guarantee the release of the October 7 hostages, alive or dead.

There are mounting protests in the streets demanding the resignation of Netanyahu for not prioritizing bringing the hostages home through a negotiated agreement. Stones were thrown at a U.S. flag on May 18 by Israeli settlers, which prompted him to draw his gun.

On the political front, the worldwide student Intifada continues to take shape as a test of the political will and pressure on universities to divest parts of their endowments from companies, especially military industries, that do business with Israel. There are growing demands to ban Israeli sporting teams from international competitions, such as the upcoming FIFA soccer tournament and even the Paris Summer Olympics Games.

The pro-Palestinian masses of Egypt and Turkey, whose revolutionary regimes have a solid record of complicity with Israel, have pressured those regimes to distance themselves from the Zionist state. That’s why Egypt and Turkey joined the case South Africa brought before the International Court of Justice in late 2023 that charged Israel with committing genocide in Gaza.

All of these developments and more show that the days of the illegal Israeli state, built on the backs of the massacre, mass displacement and racist settler colonialism for the past 76 years, are numbered. And there is nothing that the “Israelis” or the Palestinian regime can do to reverse this escalating trend of isolation and resistance on all fronts.

The following statements were issued on May 18, 2024, on the Resistance News Network Telegram thread.

Gaza Government Media Office

The floating water dock off the coast of Gaza does not meet the needs of our Palestinian people for food. We demand the opening of land crossings and the immediate release of the October 7 hostages, alive or dead.

The U.S. administration is trying to beautify its ugly face and appear civilized by establishing a floating water dock off the coast of Gaza City, claiming its purpose is to deliver humanitarian aid and food to our Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, who are subjected to policies of starvation, forced displacement, and genocide carried out by the “Israelis” occupation army with active participation of all Israeli occupation forces and the U.S. administration.

Since the start of this genocidal war, the U.S. has continued to supply the occupation with over 200,000 rockets and bombs, some carrying 2,000 pounds of explosives, used by the occupation to annihilate entire residential neighborhoods. This has resulted in over 35,000 martyrs, more than 79,000 wounded, and 10,000 missing.

We question the intentions of the U.S. administration, which is managing and perpetuating the genocidal war, формing a protective wall for the “Israelis” occupation, and continuing its absolute support for war against civilians, anywhere.

The U.S. administration has opposed the cessation of this war against civilians, children, and women, against the housing sector, infrastructure, and humanitarian services sectors in the [United Nations] Security Council multiple times. Additionally, it has not exerted real pressure on the occupiers, including in terms of pressure on the aid to enter, but has instead been an obstacle to any solutions for the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip. The floating water dock does not meet the food needs of our people.

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Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Central Media Department

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine reaffirms: The Floating Port is a source of concern and warns of the introduction of patchwork and partial solutions, as well as the destruction and capture of military equipment. Annexing the occupied Palestinian territories is a source of concern and warns of the introduction of patchwork and partial solutions. It is a source of concern and warns of the introduction of patchwork and partial solutions.

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Texas governor pardons murderer of BLM protester

By Gloria Rubac

Houston

On May 16, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott pardoned Daniel Perry, who was sentenced to 25 years in prison for murdering a man protesting with Black Lives Matter in July 2020 in downtown Austin, Texas. Perry, a 30-year-old white man who had posted numerous racist statements on social media, drove his car into the crowd and killed Garrett Foster, one of the protesters. Foster, who was also white, was pushing his life partner in her wheelchair when he was gunned down.

In July 2021, nearly a year after the killing, Perry was indicted by a Travis County (Austin) grand jury on charges of murder and aggravated assault. He was tried and convicted by a trial jury in April 2023, and sentenced to 25 years in prison for murdering Foster with a minor drug conviction while living in Houston. Abbott took no action in Perry’s case, denying him a pardon.

Abbott’s bid for Trump VP

According to a May 17 article in the Texas Monthly, the news of the pardon came “soon after Abbott deployed state police, heavily armed, to crack down on another peaceful protest movement that is unpopular among his supporters: the rally at the University of Texas Austin against Israel’s conduct during its war against Hamas in Gaza.”

Abbott’s outrageous actions are part of his agenda to appeal to Trump for a key state in proving the Republican ballot. His racist disregard for migrants, for pushing charter schools instead of funding public education, for allowing prisoners to die from the Texas summer heat — these actions put Abbott on the other side of the barricade from the majority of Texans in his class war on working people and oppressed peoples across this vast state.
¿Agitación exterior?

6 de mayo de 2024

Dejemos claro desde el principio que es perfectamente legal, moral y éticamente correcto ofrecer solidaridad, ánimo, apoyo material y, si se pide, asesoramiento y formación a los estudiantes que se oponen al genocidio. Incluso es deber de los organizadores experimentados ofrecer tales actos de solidaridad.

Cuando los medios de comunicación corporativos, como hicieron el 1 de mayo y en torno a esa fecha, escriben sobre “agitadores externos” que participan en los campamentos, rozan el ridículo. Si políticos como el alcalde de Nueva York, Eric Adams, y la gobernadora de Nueva York, Kathy Hochul, atacan los campamentos como un hervidero de agitadores externos, sabemos que se están agarrando a un clavo ardiendo. Y que mienten, mienten, mienten.

Con estas fanfarronas mentirosas, los políticos y los medios de comunicación están escribendo el papel de los verdaderos agentes externos que han intervenido en las universidades. Estos actores son traidores para perturbar las protestas y perjudicar a los estudiantes. En algunos casos -en lo que respecta a la derecha MAGA- su objetivo es destruir las organizaciones educativas que consideran insuficientemente racistas, xenófobas y sexistas.

Los agitadores externos más obvios son la policía estatal y local. Se trata de profesionales, mercenarios, sin vínculos esenciales con la educación, a los que las administraciones escolares llaman desde el exterior para invadir los campus y detener y golpear a los estudiantes.

Está el Congreso de Estados Unidos, cuyas comisiones citaron a rectores y presidentes de universidades para que respondieran a preguntas deseadamente viciosas y ridículas bajo amenaza de descasco. Incluso no y los expulsan también. Estos ricos donantes pueden ser antiguos alumnos, pero no son ni estudiantes ni profesores y desde luego no son trabajadores de la universidad. Son agentes externos, agentes externos con dinero, y en los Estados Unidos capitalistas, el dinero habla. Agentes externos menos obvios son los elementos fascistas que se hacen pasar por estudiantes locales que atacan los campamentos, a menudo empleando la violencia (UCLA). A veces incluso gritan consignas anti-judías que, según los medios de comunicación, proceden del campamento y excelente observador de Boston).

Luego están los medios de comunicación corporativos, que en algunos casos realizan ataques descarnados y en otros sufras. La prensa pseudosocialista y los telearbitrios se limitan a calumniar a los estudiantes tachándolos de violentos y antisemitas, aunque saben que estas afirmaciones son falsas. Los escritores de opinión proimperialistas y proisraelíes más sofisticados sermonan a los estudiantes sobre supuestos errores en sus tácticas. Su objetivo común es desmoralizar a los activistas.

La verdad es que miles de estudiantes han sorprendido a todos -incluidos los que gobiernan Estados Unidos- y han dinamizado y animado a los pobres y oprimidos de todo el mundo. Cuando han sido atacados por la policía, han atraído aún más apoyo de compañeros estudiantes, profesores y trabajadores, dentro y fuera de sus campus, que también se han llenado de energía.

Durante seis meses, quienes participaron en los campamentos vieron cómo Israel cometía un genocidio en tiempo real, captado en las redes sociales. Vieron cómo el gobierno estadounidense armaba a Israel y proporcionaba apoyo político, diplomático y logístico, es decir, cómo era cómico el genocidio. Y ahora, como el niño que no tuvo miedo de señalar la presencia del espíritu del genocidio en tiempo real. Los estudiantes no necesitan ningún más agitación “externa”. Ya están haciendo lo correcto.

Como cualquiera que luche contra un monstruo, a estos estudiantes les viene bien la solidaridad. Y cualquiera que se oponga al genocidio debería mostrarles esa solidaridad.