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Jewish Voice for Peace tells Wall Street Stop complicity with Israel's genocide

Five hundred members of Jewish Voice for Peace held a dramatic sit-in outside the New York Stock Exchange on Wall Street on Oct. 14, the official holiday recognizing Indigenous People's Day. They demanded an end to Israel's genocide in Gaza and an end to the complicit role that Raytheon, Lockheed and other war-profiteering corporations play in supporting the mass murders.

Some JVP activists chained themselves to the outside doors of the Exchange before police arrested more than 200 of the participants, including elders and descendants of Holocaust survivors. One of the main chants at the sit-in was "Gaza bombed, Wall Street booms. Fund health care, housing, FEMA, not genocide!"

— **Monica Moorehead**



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Seattle protest against the closing of public schools. Here Indigenous students speak out at School Board hearing, Oct. 9, 2024.
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Monument to the Oct. 11, 1945 founding of the Worker's Party of Korea.
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world, yet no one has a guaranteed right
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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
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EDITORIAL

Support the students backing Palestine!

At about eight weeks into the new semester on U.S. campuses, the following has become clear:

Students who started political activity and struggle last year opposing the U.S.-funded and armed genocide against the people of Gaza had an enormous political impact. Their actions sparked similar struggles in the European Union countries and around the world. The encampments in particular gave hope to the embattled population of West Asia, which had joined in common resistance against the U.S.-EU-Israeli onslaught.

The first response from the imperialist ruling class last year was irregular. Some administrations immediately called in the police, who made arrests in their usual brutal manner. Some negotiated with students. A few even promised concessions.

Right-wing forces in Congress and pro-Zionist organizations managed to browbeat some top administrators — who were themselves not at all pro-Palestinian — into resigning from some of the most prestigious universities such as Columbia, Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania. Thousands of students were arrested, many were suspended from school. Despite the repression, the students fought on.

The summer break gave the university administrations time to prepare. U.S. politicians clarified that they wanted the struggle squelched. University bosses dependent on government and especially on Pentagon funding felt the pressure, with all corporate funding at risk. Administrations met to coordinate repression of the students. The media played their usual role defending U.S. imperialism and Israel against the student struggle and Palestine.

The universities that had made some concessions to students in the spring, including Brown and Fashion Institute of Technology, have reneged and are now stonewalling the movement. When the

ruling class has time to mobilize, it will close ranks and increase repression.

During the summer the two big national conventions made clear that both Republican and Democratic candidates support Israel's genocidal actions. This joint position indicates that the terrorist massacres are no spasm of a rogue state but part of the imperialists' overall strategy. Meanwhile, Israel's genocide in Gaza continued and now has expanded to Lebanon.

There is every reason for the activist students on all campuses to strengthen their activity. In the U.S., signs are that the struggle is continuing, with students varying their tactics. The strong reaction on the one-year anniversary of the October 7 uprising gave evidence of this.

Some corporate media have argued that the movement in the United States is growing more militant, more pro-resistance, which they present as a danger. They make the false argument that this is growing "antisemitism." This lie has always been part of the phony defense of Israel's most criminal actions, and it is a credit to the campus movement — whether it be Students for Justice in Palestine, Within Our Lifetime, Jewish Voice for Peace or Not in Our Name — that it has rejected this lie.

Of those spokespeople grilled by media now, with demands made on them to con-

demn Hamas or Al-Aqsa Flood — or be called "pro-terrorist" — many are giving an answer something like this: "All our demands, all along, to stop genocide, to stop the massacre of children and the starvation of a people, you called pro-terrorist. So it doesn't make a difference what we say or how reasonable we act. If we are on the side of the oppressed, you will call us terrorists. And we are on the side of the oppressed."

Workers World supports now and will support the demands and actions of the anti-imperialists and pro-Palestinian students on the campuses and on the streets. □



Campus struggles resume, raising slogans from stopping genocide to liberating Palestine. Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City, Oct. 10, 2024.

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Boeing and Pentagon attack Palestinians, striking union members

By Jim McMahan
Seattle

October 13 — After one month on the picket line, 33,000 members of the International Association of Machinists District Lodge 751 remain strong. On strike against giant weapons and aircraft producer Boeing, they are fighting back against two decades of anti-labor attacks on workers and their living standards. District Lodge 751 represents Machinists in Seattle; Portland, Oregon, and a few smaller locations.

Boeing is up to its neck in problems, facing three things: a powerful strike, a mounting pile of production and financial troubles and anger over Boeing's role as a producer of weapons used against Palestine and the Arab World. There is a growing outcry against the company for its anti-labor attacks and its genocidal role in the war on the people of Palestine. People are protesting Boeing worldwide.

District 751 Local I President Bruce McFarland said: "What do the Boeing Machinists want? It's simple. We want what was taken from us 10 years ago when we were pressured into a contract that took away our pension, forced us into a stagnating wage package and raised our medical bills." (Seattle Times, Oct. 11)

The previous contract, when the union made concessions, has meant that entry level workers are barely making \$21 an hour. McFarland described an avalanche of Boeing and state government maneuvers and threats which essentially forced a regressive contract down the workers' throats. This included a wholesale moving of much of Boeing airplane production from Seattle to a non-union plant in South Carolina.

This was a stinging defeat for the Machinists, but now they are back on their feet to fight again — like so many other workers.

With negotiations at an impasse, Boeing has announced job cuts affecting 10% of its workforce. These cuts are company-wide and involve supervisory as well as hourly workers.

Boeing supplies genocidal Zionist state

While the war against the Boeing Machinists is going on, a much larger war against the workers and all people of Palestine has, in this latest phase, been raging for the past year. Israel is being led by the U.S. and the Pentagon in their quest to hold on to imperialism's global empire. One of the largest Pentagon contractors is Boeing.



Outside a Boeing factory in Auburn, Washington, Sept. 19, 2024.

The number one supplier of the billions of dollars worth of military assistance sent to Israel in the past year, Boeing makes the F-15 fighter jet, one of the main bomber planes used by the Zionist state. The Pentagon also supplies Israel with thousands of Boeing-made "smart" bombs, Osprey tiltrotor aircraft, Chinook helicopters, Pegasus mid-air refueling aircraft and much more. Boeing just moved its main headquarters from Chicago to Arlington, Virginia, to be closer to the Pentagon.

It's clear that Boeing and the Pentagon are waging a war on two fronts — against the Machinists union in Seattle and Portland and a cataclysmic war of genocide on Arab nations.

The Palestinian struggle has the support of oppressed, working-class humanity the world over. Now that 33,000 workers at

the Pentagon-backed Boeing are involved in a major strike, and the Palestinians are testing their mettle against the U.S.-Israeli war machine, this could be a time to show that there are common interests between workers of an oppressed nation, Palestine, and striking workers in the imperialist U.S.

The IAM members are aware that, while they build mostly civilian planes, about one-quarter of Boeing's production is military. But Boeing workers didn't ask to produce weapons of mass destruction any more than they asked to give up their own pensions.

Striking Machinists might call for, instead of building weapons, using Boeing's advanced technology for building mass transportation vehicles and other peaceful production. That would demonstrate that they are for the constructive use of technological production for advancing humanity — not for destruction and genocide.

Solidarity with Palestine against the Pentagon and Boeing could take many forms, and it would build immense unity in the class struggle against the U.S.-backed war. □

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