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In over 1,000 U.S. cities

Workers mobilized for May Day

By Martha Grevatt

International Workers Day—May 1—commemorates the struggle for the eight-hour workday in Chicago in 1886. Eight leaders of the powerful demonstration that took place in the city’s Haymarket Square were framed up for the killing of a police officer. Four of them were executed, with a fifth found dead in his cell before his scheduled execution. May Day honors the Haymarket Martyrs, a majority of whom were immigrants.

were over 1,000 actions on or around May 1—a record number in the U.S., one of the few countries where International Workers Day has not been widely celebrated for many decades, with the exception of the massive strike of immigrant workers in 2006.

Many of these actions were called or supported by organized labor, but some of them echoed the limited politics of May Day Strong, downplaying solidarity with immigrants and omitting any mention of Palestine.

(maydaystrong.org)

It is imperative that all rallies and marches that celebrate International Workers Day center solidarity with Palestine. Internationalist solidarity with Palestine and the global working class broke through, whether or not it was part of the official program in a particular city.

And around the world, millions of workers turned out for militant expressions of the Leninist slogan, “Workers and oppressed people of the world, unite!”

Go to workers.org/2025/05/85451 for a round up of several U.S. May Day activities.



Boston, May 1, 2025. PHOTO: JESSICA TANG FACEBOOK PAGE

This year’s May Day comes as President Donald Trump’s administration escalates its fascist crack-down on working people—above all immigrants, documented and undocumented. It comes as the people of Palestine continue to be subjected to genocide and starvation by the U.S.-backed Zionist regime. May Day follows mass demonstrations in April that protested Trump’s policies but were tethered to the Democratic Party.

According to May Day Strong there



Philadelphia, May 1, 2025.

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New York City, May 1, 2025.

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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, edu-
cation or anything else—unless they can
pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and
youth are saddled with seemingly insur-
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The ruthless ruling class today seeks
to wipe out decades of gains and benefits
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Break the siege on humanitarian aid to Gaza!

In its ongoing genocidal campaign against the Palestinian people, Israel used drones May 2 to attack the unarmed Conscience (aka Al-Dameer), a Freedom Flotilla Coalition ship. The ship's crew and passengers were attempting to transport tons of humanitarian aid to Gaza when the ship was attacked in international waters near Malta, an island country located just south of Sicily.

The aid included food, water, fuel, medical supplies and other vital necessities denied to the people of Gaza for the past two months by the U.S.- backed Zionist regime's sudden end of the ceasefire agreement in early March and its continuous horrific blockade of aid to Gaza.

Israel has used starvation as a weapon to force the displacement of hundreds of thousands of Palestinian people from their stolen homeland. Incarcerated Palestinians have also been subjected to starvation as a form of torture and death.

In 2010, the Israelis bombed the Mavi Marmara Flotilla Coalition ship that left Türkiye with similar aid for occupied Palestine and murdered nine Turkish activists and wounded over two dozen. Fortunately, there were no casualties among the activists representing 21 countries on the Conscience even though the ship was disabled. Greta Thunberg, the well-known climate change activist, was one of 40 people waiting to board the ship in Malta before the attack.

Coalition activists issued the following



Famine in Rafah, in southern Gaza.

statement: "Israeli ambassadors must be summoned and answer to violations of international law, including the ongoing blockade and the bombing of our civilian vessel in international waters." (The Guardian, May 2)

A number of Palestinian resistance and faction groups condemned the attack as an act of terrorism and a blatant violation of international law. The Hamas-Islamic Resistance Movement stated that a full-blown famine has emerged in Gaza.

The fascistic Zionist regime has periodically blocked humanitarian aid to Gaza since the Al-Aqsa Flood on Oct. 7, 2023, claiming Hamas will divert the aid to its fighters. This is a bald-faced lie. The aim of the Benjamin Netanyahu regime is to rid Gaza and the West Bank of as many Palestinian civilians as possible, including children, annex the land and expand its illegal settlements into Lebanon and Syria. Israel continues to mercilessly bomb the Syrian capital of Damascus.

More anti-imperialist actions required

No matter how many countless war crimes this murderous Zionist regime and its main imperialist supporter, the United States, commit against the Palestinian people, Israel's days are numbered. Israel has become the number one global pariah. Even within occupied Tel

Aviv, Jewish, Palestinian and Christian peoples, numbering 10,000, held a rally recently carrying the photos of murdered Palestinian children and calling for the end of the genocide. Unlike in earlier demonstrations, not one Israeli flag was visible.

Young Israeli reservists are choosing to serve time in prison in ever-growing numbers rather than commit genocide in Gaza. The Israeli economy continues to tank, with the closing of businesses, international boycotts of its products and the sabotage of its shipping lanes in the Red and Mediterranean seas by Yemen's naval forces.

The global anti-imperialist movement, especially inside the U.S., must continue to heed the Palestinian Resistance's call for more direct actions to deepen its political solidarity with the liberation of Palestine.

Workers World wholeheartedly supports the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's call for large freedom convoys from various continents to break the siege of Gaza in response to the attack on the Al-Dameer humanitarian ship.

Stop all attacks on humanitarian aid to Gaza!

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free! □



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Damaged Conscience Freedom Flotilla Coalition ship.



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Defend Ibrahim Traoré and the Alliance of Sahel States!

By Arjae Red

Africa is rising, the days of colonialism are finished: This is the call being echoed around the world, from the masses of Burkina Faso and countries across Africa to Jamaica, Haiti and the whole Caribbean, to Paris, London and New York City. Millions of people have answered the call to defend Ibrahim Traoré, president of Burkina Faso, as well as the anti-imperialist governments of Mali and Niger — the three countries that make up the Alliance of Sahel States.

The mass mobilizations were reactions to Marine Gen. Michael Langley’s disparaging remarks. Langley, who commands the U.S. empire’s military wing operating in Africa — AFRICOM — slandered Traoré by accusing him of misusing Burkina Faso’s gold reserves by spending it on personal security instead of spending it to uplift the people of Burkina Faso.

This statement’s irony caught the attention of the African diaspora. Traoré’s popularity stems from Traoré’s perseverance to uplift not only the people of his country but also African people as a whole. As much as nearly any leader on the planet, Traoré has shown that it is U.S. and French imperialism that have kept Burkina Faso in poverty.

And these same forces demonize President Traoré for clearing a new path forward. It is also ironic to criticize Traoré’s need for personal security when U.S. and French imperialists have placed a target on his back. They have facilitated multiple coup and assassination attempts since he became president.

Recent gains in Burkina Faso

Traoré’s presidency in many ways follows in the footsteps of Thomas Sankara, the revolutionary Pan-Africanist and Marxist leader of Burkina Faso who was assassinated as part of a pro-imperialist coup in 1987. Like Sankara’s government, Traoré’s administration has made huge leaps of progress in health care, education, infrastructure and economic

restructuring. This progress has allowed the people of Burkina Faso to begin reaping the benefits of their own resources, rather than being an extraction point for U.S. and European corporations.

Under Traoré, Burkina Faso has moved to nationalize its gold mines, previously held by London-based companies. His government also expelled French troops from the country in 2023. He has criticized France for protecting and facilitating terrorist groups in order to destabilize African countries, as well as installing puppet regimes loyal to French colonialism.

In March of 2025, President Traoré announced a **five-year plan to construct at least 55 modern communal hospitals**. Just this year alone, the government will begin construction on 20 medical centers, two hemodialysis units, five resuscitation units and a heart institute. At the end of 2024, Traoré announced the opening of the country’s first locally funded factory, which is a tomato processing plant.

These advances are major steps towards Burkina Faso developing its own economic sovereignty and breaking the chains of colonial dependency on foreign investment.

Traoré, alongside Malian President Assimi Goïta and President of

Niger Abdourahamane Tchiani, heads the Alliance of Sahel States (AES), an anti-colonial alliance that has moved to reclaim the member nations from colonialism. AES opposes ECOWAS [Economic Community of West African States], a bloc of African countries whose governments are still subservient to U.S. and West European imperialist powers.

In 2023, ECOWAS, under the Nigerian government’s leadership, threatened a military invasion of Niger. The invasion’s goal was to remove Niger’s anti-imperialist leaders and replace them with another comprador state. French and U.S. imperialism requested Nigeria’s action.

African countries both within and outside of the Sahel lined up in support of the new



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Times Square protest, New York City, April 30, 2025.

government in Niger, while the people of Niger opposed the invasion. This thwarted the invasion plan.

National self-sufficiency

Traoré’s bold economic policies oriented around national self-sufficiency, combined with revolutionary condemnations of the worldwide imperialist capitalist system, have made him a hero to African people and oppressed people around the world. So has his organizing a regional bloc of countries to oppose colonialism. These acts have also made him the number one enemy of the imperialist ruling class.

Traoré walks in the footsteps of leaders of our class like Thomas Sankara, Kwame Nkrumah and Che Guevara. The people of Burkina Faso have declared: “We will never let you do to Ibrahim Traoré what you have done to Thomas Sankara! It will never ever happen again!”

It is up to anti-imperialists around the world to see that the people of Burkina Faso are not alone in defending the sovereignty of their country. For the Pan-African movement as well as the multinational working class, for all oppressed people fighting against colonialism, the front lines of the global class war have opened in Africa, in West Asia and in Palestine. We must answer the call for solidarity.

Hands off Ibrahim Traoré!
Hands off Africa!
Abolish AFRICOM! □



Map shows Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, members of the African States of the Sahel, and Nigeria.

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El imperialismo estadounidense sufrió su segunda derrota histórica el 30 de abril de 1975 a manos del pueblo vietnamita cuando las tropas estadounidenses huyeron en helicópteros desde las azoteas de los edificios de Saigón, ocupada por Estados Unidos. Un año después del derrocamiento del régimen títere estadounidense de Vietnam del Sur, Vietnam del Sur y del Norte se reunificaron. Saigón pasó a llamarse Ciudad Ho Chi Minh, en honor del gran presidente comunista de Vietnam del Norte, y Hanoi se convirtió en la capital del país unido.

Esta guerra estadounidense no declarada de 25 años fue iniciada por el presidente Harry Truman cuando autorizó un Grupo Asesor de Asistencia Militar para ayudar al ejército francés que invadió Vietnam por segunda vez a finales de 1946 y restableció el dominio colonial.

El ejército guerrillero vietnamita expulsó a los colonizadores franceses del norte en 1954 tras una batalla decisiva en Dien Bien Phu. Washington envió asesores al régimen títere del Sur y, de 1964 a 1968, el presidente Lyndon B. Johnson amplió la guerra, enviando más de medio millón de soldados en una ocasión.

De 1962 a 1975, unos tres millones de vietnamitas, de una población de más de 46 millones de personas, murieron en la guerra genocida, junto con más de 58.000 soldados estadounidenses. Washington amplió la guerra en parte para contrarrestar la creciente fuerza de la revolución china.

Junto con la tremenda pérdida de vidas de las tropas estadounidenses que llevaron a cabo masacres de civiles, así como de los combatientes vietnamitas, Vietnam también fue víctima de un ecocidio. Está bien documentado que las Fuerzas Aéreas estadounidenses arrojaron más de cuatro millones de toneladas de bombas sobre las zonas mayoritariamente rurales de Vietnam del Sur.

Muchas bombas sin explotar siguen amenazando hoy las vidas y las extremidades de la población. Además, se utilizaron 400.000 toneladas de napalm no sólo para mutilar a la población civil, sino también para envenenar el suelo, el agua y el aire.

Las fuerzas estadounidenses utilizaron el

Agente Naranja, un herbicida mortal, para destruir la vegetación y defoliar los bosques en un esfuerzo por desenmascarar a los combatientes vietnamitas de liberación. El herbicida contiene la sustancia química tóxica dioxina, relacionada con el cáncer y los defectos de nacimiento. Aún hoy, tres millones de vietnamitas, incluidos niños, padecen graves y debilitantes problemas



Un tanque norvietnamita derriba la puerta del palacio presidencial survietnamita el 30 de abril de 1975.

de salud atribuidos a este veneno mortal. El uso de estas armas inhumanas no sólo constituyó un crimen de guerra de Estados Unidos contra el pueblo vietnamita, sino que perjudicó a los soldados no preparados.

Una conmemoración agrí dulce

Mientras todo el país unificado de más de 100 millones de habitantes se prepara para el 50º aniversario de «La Liberación del Sur y el Día de la Reunificación Nacional» el 30 de abril en Ciudad Ho Chi Minh, la administración Trump ha disuadido enérgicamente a los diplomáticos estadounidenses -incluido Marc Knapper, embajador de Estados Unidos en Vietnam- de asistir a este acontecimiento histórico.

El hecho de que Vietnam se impusiera a la superpotencia estadounidense en esta guerra genocida y siga prosperando es un vergonzoso recordatorio de la derrota sufrida por el ejército más poderoso del mundo a manos de un ejército popular decidido y unido dirigido por el Frente de Liberación Nacional en el Vietnam del Sur ocupado y

el ejército norvietnamita.

Ninguna maniobra diplomática arrogante de Washington puede borrar la importancia histórica de esta victoria. Tampoco puede hacerlo la declaración de Trump de un enorme arancel de más del 40% sobre los bienes producidos en Vietnam. El mundo tampoco olvidará que tras firmar un tratado de paz que prometía reparaciones por los daños irreparables causados por el gobierno estadounidense y su ejército, Estados Unidos renegó.

No sólo sigue negando miles de millones de dólares en reparaciones, sino que tuvo el descaro sin paliativos de exigir que Vietnam pagara a Estados Unidos 140 millones de dólares en deudas de guerra contraídas por el régimen títere de Vietnam del Sur a cambio de normalizar las relaciones comerciales. Esto es similar a la audaz exigencia del gobierno francés en el siglo XIX de que Haití pagara reparaciones por la pérdida de beneficios de los esclavizadores franceses tras la victoria el 1 de enero de 1804 de la primera república negra independiente del hemisferio occidental.

La victoria de Vietnam en 1975 y sus avances desde entonces siguen inspirando a los trabajadores y a los pueblos oprimidos de todo el mundo, incluida la lucha de liberación en la Palestina ocupada.

Esto inspiró al gran revolucionario internacionalista y comunista Che Guevara a declarar: «Dos, tres o muchos Vietnams», al referirse a la revolución mundial.

Reparaciones estadounidenses a Vietnam ¡ya! □

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