

Struggle against National Guard wins in Portland court

By Lyn Neeley
Portland, Oregon

President Donald Trump was permanently barred from sending the National Guard to Portland, Oregon, on Nov. 7 by Judge Karin Immergut. A Trump appointee, she has served on the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon since 2019. Trump falsely claimed that the protests against Portland's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facility were violent and required the deployment of federal troops.

But Immergut found the anti-ICE protests to be "predominately peaceful, with only isolated and sporadic instances of relatively low-level violence" and did not justify federal

intervention. (The Guardian, Nov. 7)

Trump declared Portland a site of violent riots and lawlessness. However, the ongoing protests against ICE, which began in June, have been moderately sized and described as mainly peaceful. Portland and the state of Oregon sued the Trump administration in September after the president told the Defense Department to federalize and deploy the Oregon National Guard.

"A huge victory," declared Oregon's Attorney General Dan Rayfield. He said: "From the beginning, this case has been about making sure that facts, not political whims, guide how the law is applied. Today's decision protects that principle." □



Holly Brown from Freedom Road Socialist Organization was arrested in Portland, Oregon, by ICE agents and charged with trespassing on federal property, October 4, 2025.

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Front of the Peoplehood parade, a cultural celebration that unites the struggles of the working class. Philadelphia, Nov. 8, 2025. [Read online.](#)

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Somerville for Palestine rally launching final canvassing weekend, Nov. 1, 2025. [Read online.](#)

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

are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

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

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Supreme Court ruling extends hunger

November 10 — The government shutdown, which began on Oct. 1, is approaching its sixth week, making it the longest in U.S. history. Hundreds of thousands of government workers have gone without paychecks, forcing them to find second and even third jobs to help make ends meet. The Federal Aviation Administration announced that air travel would be reduced by 10% at 40 of the largest U.S. airports, because air traffic controllers aren't being paid. This results in fatigue, stress and missed work days.

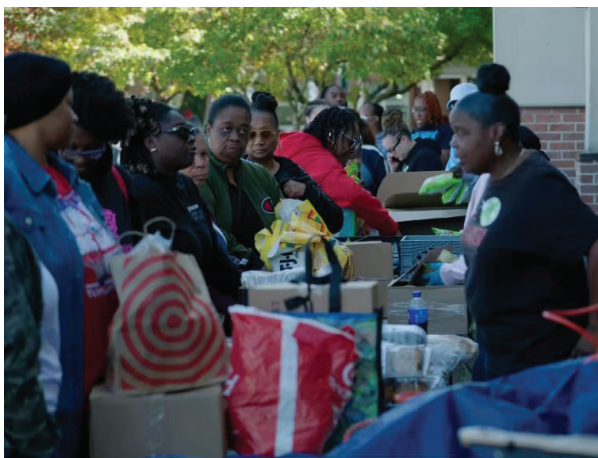
To make it worse, 42 million people had their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits — aka food stamps — cut off at the end of October. That an eighth of the U.S. population relies on the government to put needed food on the table, while the Pentagon was handed \$900 billion, exposes the bankruptcy of the capitalist system.

A federal judge in Rhode Island ordered that food stamps must be paid in full by Nov. 7. The anti-poor Trump administration had threatened to pay only partial SNAP benefits before the Nov. 7 ruling.

Flouting this order, the U.S. Justice Department appealed it to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, arguing that there was no "lawful basis" to force the president to fund SNAP in full.

Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, in charge of handling emergency appeals in that part of the country, granted a temporary pause, known as an administrative stay, on the Nov. 7 ruling. This means that the panel of appeals court judges will determine whether to halt or preserve the original order requiring the White House to fund SNAP benefits in full this month.

Some states had already begun the process of dispensing food stamps in anticipation of the Nov. 7 ruling being carried out. It is expected that these judges will rule "quickly," but any delay results in



Laid off federal workers at a Washington, D.C., food bank on Oct. 21, 2025.

agony for a hungry population. Adding to the chaos, on Nov. 9, the Trump administration cruelly ordered states not to supply full SNAP benefits.

What is the Supreme Court?

The fact that one Supreme Court judge can put a halt to a ruling that impacts 42 million lives is both cruel and criminal. Nine judges, appointed for life by presidents, with the approval of the Senate, make rulings affecting an entire population that has no recourse. This exposes the undemocratic nature of the entire capitalist system.

The Supreme Court, the U.S. presidency and Congress were established by the Judiciary Act of 1789 within the framework of the U.S. Constitution. This document was written by the white "founding fathers" — rich property owners, enslavers and proponents of genocide of Indigenous nations. These bourgeois entities developed into the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the capitalist federal government.

All three branches were to share the power of upholding class rule — to protect, at that time, the private property of big landowners, enslavers and bosses — today the billionaire ruling class.

Out of the nine original justices, seven were appointed by pro-slavery presidents; and of these, five were from slaveholding families. One later justice, Hugo

Black, appointed by the so-called liberal President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, had joined the terrorist Ku Klux Klan in 1923.

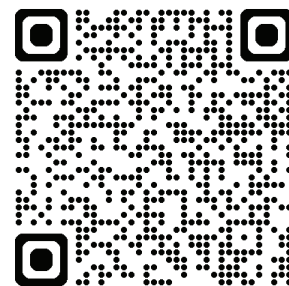
The late chairperson of Workers World Party, Sam Marcy, wrote in 1989: "Alongside this bourgeois democratization of the political process [expansion of the right to vote], there has been a simultaneous social and economic process which is superior in strength. That is the process of the concentration of power in undemocratic bodies. It comes from the concentration of the means of production in the hands of a ruling class which holds the power and distributes it in areas most conducive to them. So it's not an accident that power should ultimately be exercised by the Supreme Court. That's most reliable to them, most conservative, responsive only to those who have appointed them."

"So much talk goes on about democracy, about the rights of the people to vote and to elect, but when it gets down to the really critical issues, political power is concentrated in undemocratic bodies that are removed from the control of the masses." (workers.org/2022/03/62823/)

This analysis remains true — no bourgeois institution can be depended upon to defend the rights of the working class, especially the most oppressed workers. Only an independent struggle can overturn class relations to lay the basis for a socialist society with a workers' democracy where no one will have to go hungry, homeless or jobless.

End the government shutdown! Release and increase SNAP benefits NOW! □

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Boycott Teva campaign

By Marie Kelly
Philadelphia

Earlier this year, Health Care Workers for Palestine (HCW4P) launched a world-wide campaign to boycott the Israel-based Teva Pharmaceuticals, a major distributor of generic medications here in the U.S. and throughout the Western hemisphere. The campaign in the U.S. was adopted by local chapters of HCW4P in major areas, including the San Francisco Bay Area, New York and Philadelphia.

Since the campaign launch, the “No Teva” boycott has been endorsed by and included in the targets of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement.

The initial thrust of the campaign centered on getting individuals to speak to their pharmacist about the boycott. HCW4P members held actions outside pharmacies, approaching individuals and engaging in conversation while handing out flyers.

The three-fold pamphlet was designed by HCW4P members of the “No Teva” boycott campaign. In bold graphics, it lists examples of how Teva Pharmaceuticals was complicit in genocide through their support and funding of the Israel Occupation Forces.

The pamphlet also bullet-points other shady dealings by Teva, including their role in the opioid epidemic. The company has had to shell out millions of dollars to compensate victims of Teva Pharmaceuticals’ profit-driven marketing of highly addictive medications to individuals suffering from painful injuries and diseases.

Recently, some Teva medications have been recalled due to contamination with carcinogens. Included in the pamphlet is an easy to follow script

that individuals can use when talking to their pharmacists. The suggested “ask” is to switch any prescribed medications to a non-Teva supplier, if available and not cost prohibitive.

Second, ask the pharmacist to note on the individual’s account that non-Teva drugs are preferred. HCW4P emphasizes that no one should discontinue any medication if Teva is the only option.

This author’s experience is worth mentioning, because of how easy it was. At the local CVS, her pharmacist looked up each of her medication’s suppliers and was able to recommend a suitable substitute for one of them. It was altogether a positive experience, including that her pharmacist understood that she was boycotting Teva because of their role in the Gaza genocide.

Distributing flyers by the Philadelphia chapter of HCW4P continues several times each month at local pharmacies. The response from the public has

been enthusiastic. People were unfamiliar with Teva Pharmaceuticals and their connection to the IOF. After some conversation, people welcome the ability to do something constructive to cut a source of funding to the Zionist regime.

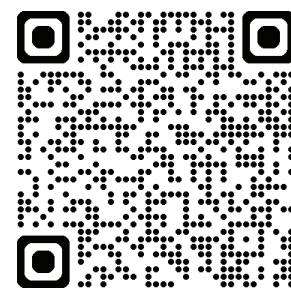
Next steps for the boycott are to broaden the scope. The campaign will target independent pharmacies next. HCW4P will visit independent pharmacies to educate them about the boycott and encourage them to seek out non-Teva suppliers. The logic is that the independent pharmacist has more control over suppliers than pharmacists working at some of the major pharmacy chains like CVS and Walgreen’s.

As momentum for the boycott grows, the push will be for prescribing doctors and nurses to ask for non-Teva alternative medications for

their patients.

The HCW4P has called for days of an outreach campaign to pharmacies from Nov. 17 to Nov. 23. For more information on the HCW4P and the “Boycott Teva” campaign: healthworkers4palestine.com and BoycottTeva.org. □

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Tenants, allies protest destruction of public housing

By John Catalinotto

Residents of Fulton and Chelsea-Elliott public housing in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan in New York and their neighbors marched and rallied on Nov. 8 to demand there be no demolition of their homes and no evictions.

The powerful real estate developers who dominate the city and the New York City Housing Authority have been pressuring the thousands of the diverse and multinational tenants to sign new Section 8 leases and move to other warehoused NYCHA apartments to wait out the demolition and construction process — which will take years — and then be moved again.

In an attempt to coerce tenants to leave before holding a mass eviction, the NYCHA has been cutting back on maintenance and otherwise making life miserable for the remaining tenants, whose number may be fewer now as people move.

Protest organizer Johnnie Stevens told Workers World: “Our next direct action campaign is to set up informational picketing around the two trailers that the contractor has put up on NYCHA property. The contractor, Related Companies, is pressuring tenants to sign away from Section 9, which protects rights of tenants in public housing and their families. Section 8 allows private companies to be the landlord.” For more details on the picket line, see DefendHome.

According to speakers at the open mic at 26th Street near 10th Avenue, the goal of the landlord class is to demolish this public housing and replace it with high-rise apartments where they can squeeze more profits out of new tenants.

This struggle over saving public housing takes place as the election for New York City mayor showed that millions



WW PHOTO: JOHN CATALINOTTO

Public housing residents and supporters protest plans to demolish their apartment complexes and build high-rent housing. Chelsea, New York City, Nov. 8, 2025.

of people support freezing or lowering rents to make living in the city affordable. Virtually all New Yorkers except those with millionaire incomes are hurt by the high cost of housing.

The nearly 600,000 tenants in all the NYCHA housing in the city include people of all nationalities, about a third of whom are immigrants.

Tenant organizations presented a petition “to stop NYCHA’s unauthorized proposal to demolish four public housing developments in Manhattan — the Fulton, Chelsea-Elliott, Chelsea and Chelsea Addition Houses (a senior development) — and replace them with six privately-operated Project-Based Section 8 buildings for the current public housing residents (approximately 2,000 units), and nine additional private market rate buildings (approximately 2,400 market rate units and 1,000 additional “affordable” rental units that will be income targeted to income ranges that have not been set).

The petition went on to say: “NYCHA’s proposal essentially gives away two-thirds of the land under these four existing public housing developments to build thousands of new luxury apartments on prime Manhattan real estate.”

Besides petitions, the tenants have

been organizing rallies, events to educate people on their rights and bringing the case to court. So far they have convinced the local community board to come out against the demolition and re-construction plan, which is still in environmental review.

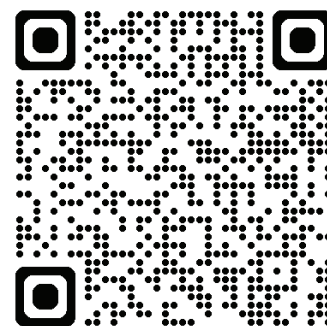
In September, one architecture firm pulled out and said it was due to “lack of resident support.”

Feeder marches from the four developments listed above met near Hudson Yards, a large area of high-rise luxury apartments

and commercial buildings. Related Companies — the corporation behind the demolition plan — is located there.

Organizing groups include the Chelsea Public Housing Coalition; Coalition to Protect Chinatown and Lower East Side; East River Park Action; Fight NYCHA; Int’l Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 808; Louis A Bertot — Retired ILGWU, ACTWU; and Parents to Improve School Transportation. □

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Melissa y el bloqueo:

Dos huracanes pasan por Cuba

Por Invitada

Escrito por Rosa Miriam Elizalde, publicado en cubadebate.cu el 6 de noviembre.

Elocuente paradoja. El 29 de octubre pasado dos personas murieron en Nueva York, atrapadas en un sótano, por las lluvias de otoño; ese mismo día atravesó el oriente de Cuba el peor huracán que se recuerde en décadas, sin un solo fallecido.

La diferencia no es accesorio. Se explica por la capacidad de organización de un país entrenado para enfrentar anualmente la temporada ciclónica, cada vez más feroz bajo el impacto del cambio climático. En el Caribe, una región castigada en exceso por los fenómenos naturales, siete de cada 10 personas viven cerca de la costa y casi todas sus ciudades importantes están a menos de 1,5 kilómetros del mar.

“La maldita circunstancia del agua por todas partes”, a la que se refería el poeta Virgilio Piñera al evocar a Cuba, se hizo dolorosamente cierta.

Una semana después del paso de Melissa, el saldo material es demoledor. El este de la isla, donde están las provincias de Santiago de Cuba, Guantánamo, Holguín, Granma y Las Tunas, concentra las redes fluviales más densas del país —como las cuencas del río Cauto y del Toa— en áreas montañosas donde confluyen decenas de corrientes menores que, en estos días, tienen crecidas históricas.

En apenas 24 horas, los embalses de esa zona recibieron más de 100 millones de metros cúbicos de agua. El Cauto salió de su cauce y subió hasta los techos de las viviendas. Más de 240 comunidades quedaron incomunicadas por las inundaciones, los deslizamientos y los cortes de las redes de telecomunicaciones.

Con vientos máximos sostenidos de alrededor de 195 kilómetros por hora, miles de casas perdieron sus cubiertas y estructuras, mientras carreteras destruidas en la costa sur de Santiago —incluido el puente de Uvero, arrastrado por el mar— dejaron caseríos aislados durante días.

Muchos coinciden en que Melissa es el huracán más devastador desde Flora (1963), cuando mil 800 personas murieron bajo las lluvias torrenciales. Hoy, gracias al sistema nacional de Defensa Civil, reconocido por



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La teniente Daianis Ramírez Reyes, médico militar, durante el rescate de un recién nacido en la provincia Granma.

la ONU como uno de los más eficientes del mundo, Cuba ha logrado reducir las víctimas mortales a cero.

En sólo 48 horas, más de 700 mil personas fueron evacuadas de manera ordenada, mientras escuelas, centros laborales y viviendas particulares se transformaban en refugios, y las comunicaciones de emergencia y los simulacros previos permitían anticipar los escenarios.

A pesar de esa eficacia, la catástrofe es visible. El coordinador residente de la ONU para Cuba, Francisco Pichón, informó que alrededor de 2 millones de personas enfrentan grandes necesidades: refugio, alimentos, agua potable y atención médica. “Cuba necesita un amplio apoyo internacional —dijo—, pero ha sido excluida de las instituciones financieras internacionales debido al bloqueo y a las sanciones estadounidenses. Esto dificulta enormemente el financiamiento de la respuesta ante el desastre”. Sus palabras reflejan que sobre la nación caribeña no ha pasado un solo huracán, sino dos —Melissa y el bloqueo—, uno natural y otro político y económico, ambos devastadores.

Sin embargo, frente al aislamiento que pretende Washington, la solidaridad se mueve. Numerosos países y organizaciones internacionales, además de los gobiernos locales, los familiares dentro y fuera de la isla y la ciudadanía en general se han movido para hacer llegar ayuda a los damnificados. En muchos barrios del occidente y el centro de Cuba aún están activos los puntos de recogida de ropa, medicinas y alimentos, y la vecinería comparte con sus hermanos del oriente lo poquito que tiene.

Mientras tanto, del otro lado del estrecho de la Florida, el discurso ha sido tan predecible como cínico. Marco Rubio, secretario de Estado de EE.UU., publicó inicialmente un mensaje sobre los estragos de Melissa en Jamaica, Haití y República Dominicana. No mencionó a Cuba. Al día siguiente, ante la evidencia de la devastación y la presión mediática, el Departamento de Estado anunció una “declaración de asistencia humanitaria para Cuba”, aunque sin precisar cómo se haría efectiva.

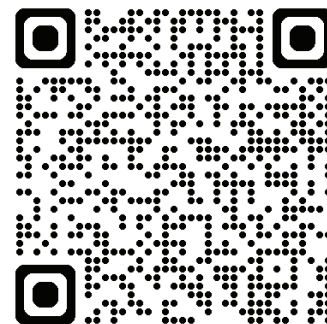
Demoró varios días en aclarar que canalizarían la ayuda únicamente a través de la Iglesia católica cubana y Cáritas, con lo cual negó toda cooperación con las autoridades cubanas

bajo el pretexto venenoso de “tender una mano al pueblo, no al régimen”. Una ayuda tardía y condicionada, que ha recordado a los cubanos que hasta el más elemental gesto de humanidad puede tropezar con el sinsentido del bloqueo.

Cuando Melissa iba ya en retirada, un reportaje de la Televisión Nacional mostró a varios vecinos de Santiago de Cuba, que habían sido albergados preventivamente, ante los escombros de lo que fueron sus casas. Unos a otros se consolaban con un “¡Estamos vivos!”. Y en una isla golpeada por un huracán de paso y otro estacionario, esas dos palabras son una formidable victoria. □

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