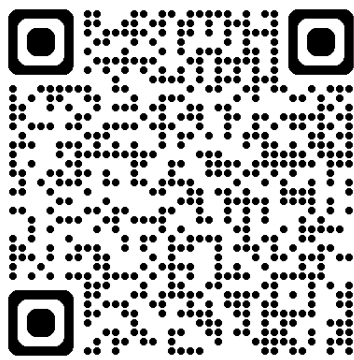




WW STATEMENT

Venezuela

Resist U.S. war moves!

The latest massive escalation of U.S. warships in the Caribbean threatens a war of aggression against the people of Venezuela and other peoples of the Caribbean region. Venezuelans have reacted by rallying behind their government, which has in turn mobilized the regular armed forces and coordinated training with the popular militia, 8.2 million strong.

Other peoples around the region have pledged solidarity with Venezuela and demanded the U.S. stop its attacks. People from other continents, including North America, have called coordinated protests of U.S. aggression in solidarity with the Venezuelan people and their government for Nov. 15 – 23.

On Nov. 16, the Pentagon announced that its newest and most technologically advanced aircraft carrier, the USS Gerald R. Ford, and its strike group had reached the rest of the U.S. Southern Command in the Caribbean. This adds at least 75 fighter jets and 4,000 troops to the 10,000 troops and fleet of dozens of warships that have threatened Venezuela since August.

This is now the biggest U.S. naval deployment since the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

U.S. warships and planes have already demolished 21 small boats and killed over 80 civilians. Trump has lied, claiming without evidence that these boats were

bringing fentanyl to the United States. On Nov. 16, without evidence, Trump accused Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro with heading a “terrorist gang of drug dealers.”



Week of actions begins. Philadelphia, Nov. 15, 2025. More on page 7.

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This is a Big Lie, a pretext for Trump’s targeting Venezuela. Even in the U.S. corporate media, few analysts defend Trump’s pretext for war. They admit the real target is seizing Venezuela’s vast oil resources and wrecking its progressive government.

On Nov. 13, top Pentagon ‘pushup fanatic’ and spokesperson Pete Hegseth

called the Caribbean deployment “Operation Southern Spear.”

Trump announced later in the week that he had decided whether or not to strike Venezuela but refused to make that

decision public.

Hegseth has been purging the Pentagon’s top officers of anyone who might disagree with Trump. Admiral Alvin Holsey, who was heading the Southern Command, resigned rather than continue to follow illegal orders to blow up civilian boats.

Also pushing the U.S. toward war is the material interest of profit-making

war industries that build ships, planes, drones, rockets and bombs that the Pentagon must buy as they are used.

Facing this danger of U.S. aggression, the antiwar movement in the U.S. and worldwide has no choice but to prepare to resist. Venezuela is already resisting.

Venezuela has more than double Iraq’s area, and its population of 28 million equals Iraq’s 2003 population when the U.S. invaded. Maduro’s government has been preparing his country’s defense. Venezuela has received military assistance from China, Russia and Iran and has asked for more.

Venezuela’s regular armed forces of 200,000 troops have held constant military exercises, including two days of training coordinated with the Bolivarian Militia. This voluntary corps includes militias of peasants, fishers, students and Indigenous populations.

The landless movement in Brazil and people in other countries have mobilized to send fighters to Venezuela, should it be invaded. Colombia’s President Gustavo Petro has accused the U.S. of murdering his country’s citizens, despite threats and insults from Trump.

An aggressive Washington could awaken a continent-wide resistance.

Let’s expand that resistance to North America. □

Reject Trump’s phony ‘peace plan’!



November 18—The United Nations Security Council approved Nov. 17 what the New York Times called “President Trump’s peace plan for Gaza, a breakthrough that provides a legal U.N. mandate for the administration’s vision of how to move past the ceasefire and rebuild the war-ravaged Gaza Strip after two years of war.” (Nov. 17)

This so-called “breakthrough” is nothing but an imperialist scheme to impose an artificial “International Stabilization Force” to govern Gaza, while disarming

Hamas and the Palestinian Resistance. It leaves the Zionist state armed to the teeth. Trump has praised the UNSC; that alone speaks volumes as to the real character of the plan.

editorial

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu initially opposed even this rotten mandate, because it makes vague allusions to “Palestinian statehood.” But on Nov. 18 he stated that he “welcomes” the Security Council’s resolution.

Russia and China abstained in the vote.

As “permanent members” of the Security Council, either country or both could have vetoed the plan. Workers World believes that they should have used their power to block this attempted imperialist takeover of Gaza. Of course, it is still the duty of the antiwar movement to defend these countries against imperialism, which poses a constant threat to Russia’s sovereignty and China’s socialism.

With the vote in the UNSC, the plan is now legally binding under international law, although the United Nations does not have the means to enforce it.

Resistance News Network reported that: “Hamas rejected the U.S. resolution, stating that the measure imposes international guardianship, fails to meet Palestinian rights and seeks to disarm the resistance. The movement affirmed that resistance is a legitimate right and warned that any international force assigned disarmament duties will be considered a party working for the occupation.” (Nov. 17)

Workers World agrees with Hamas 100%. Dismantle the occupation! Hands off the Palestinian Resistance! Free Palestine from the river to the sea! □

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WW hails the Int’l Day of Solidarity with Palestine

Workers World wholeheartedly joins in the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people, commemorated on Nov. 29. The United Nations General Assembly mandated this day in 1977 to call global attention to the oppression of Palestinians and the denial of their basic rights to freedom and self-determination. We strongly applaud the solidarity actions and demonstrations engaged in by millions of people around the globe and in the U.S.

The world’s people have watched in horror for the last two years as Israel has dropped U.S.-supplied megabombs on Gaza, and its military has participated in the carnage. Over 69,000 Palestinians have been killed, half of them women and children, with thousands more buried under rubble. The death toll includes medical and humanitarian aid workers and journalists. Israel’s restrictions — and outright blocking — of food aid has led to starvation and famine.

The “ceasefire” has been violated by Israel over and over again. At the same time, racist, Zionist settlers and Israeli soldiers have attacked and killed Palestinians in the occupied West Bank — where there were 260 settler attacks in October, says the U.N.

WW newspaper writes the real news — and refutes the corporate media’s lies, distortions and bigotry. Our editorials rail against the Zionist state’s siege of Gaza, aggression in the West Bank and bombings elsewhere in West Asia. Our articles expose and condemn the U.S. government’s complicity in staunchly backing, funding and arming the Israeli state, no matter whether a Democratic or Republican administration is in Washington.

WW is strongly partisan, siding with the besieged Palestinian people — those struggling to survive in the midst of this devastation, the imprisoned and those facing continual soldier and settler violence. We support the Palestinian Resistance

in their fight for their people’s rights and their stolen land and an end to occupation and repression.

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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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Remember the dead – Fight for the living!

By Gloria Rubac
Austin, Texas

El Día de los Muertos, Nov. 1, was a day filled with exhilarating joy and deep sorrow, with bountiful hope and realistic despair, with love and hate. It was the day of the 26th Annual March and Rally to Abolish the Death Penalty, held in Texas every year since 2000 when George W. Bush was governor.

Following a brunch for organizers and death row families hosted by the Austin Quaker community at the Friends Meeting House in Austin, Texas, forces gathered at the steps of the Capitol. They set up an altar for the Day of the Dead to remember those lost to executions and neglect by the state of Texas. The names of all 596 people executed by Texas since 1982 were read aloud.

After this sobering start for the afternoon, the mood was lifted by speakers working for their loved ones who are still alive and fighting to stay that way. Yancy Balderas spoke of her spouse, Juan Balderas, who is innocent and fighting to gain justice in the courts: “We are taught that a person is innocent until proven guilty, but that isn’t how it really works. Juan was arrested at age 19 and then spent 8 1/2 years in solitary confinement at the county jail waiting for a trial!”

Marilyn Grant talked about her son Paul Story whose appeal was recently turned down by the U.S. Supreme Court even though the district attorney lied to the jury, claiming the victim’s family wanted Paul to be executed when they actually did not want him to receive the death penalty.

There have been 201 people exonerated off death row in the U.S. after they



Family of Melissa Lucio at 26th Annual March and Rally to Abolish the Death Penalty, Austin, Texas, Nov. 1, 2025.

were found to be innocent. Two of them traveled to Texas to speak of their victories. Gary Drinkard spent almost six years on Alabama’s death row and was finally exonerated after writing to Bryan Stevenson, who is with the Equal Justice Initiative. Drinkard spoke about hydrogen hypoxia — the torture that Alabama is now using to execute people.

Drinkard explained that Alabama’s last execution was of an innocent man, Anthony Boyd, who “would be with us here today if he had gotten help from the Equal Justice Initiative like I did.” Media witnesses said Boyd’s execution was the longest nitrogen gas execution so far, taking nearly 40 minutes for the time of death to be announced.

Juan Melendez, like Drinkard, is an activist with Witness To Innocence, an organization led by death row exonerees focused on ending this horrific punishment. He spent seven years, eight months and one day on Florida’s death row before exoneration. In a dramatic speech, he told the crowd: “Those of you who have your loved ones on death row, tell them to keep fighting. To never lose their hope.

Abolition is coming! It may take a little while longer, but it’s coming. We are on the right side of history!”

Unfair Law of Parties

More encouraging news was shared by Sonya Valencia Alvarez, the sister of Melissa Lucio, who came with other family members from Harlingen, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley. She said, “We know that the court is taking too long, but they have been told by the judge, the DA and Melissa’s attorney that she didn’t kill her little daughter, and she should come home!”

Other speakers included Nick and Gavin Been, founders of Kids Against the Death Penalty, who have fought for their uncle, Jeff Wood. He did not kill anyone but was sent to death row under Texas’ unfair Law of Parties that holds individuals criminally responsible for the conduct of anyone they allegedly assist, encourage or try to aid in committing a crime.

Wood’s sister, Terri Been, was overcome with emotion as she tearfully spoke about the injustice of her brother sitting on death row even though he was not a killer. Been has worked tirelessly to lobby legislators to end a sentence of death under the Law of Parties in Texas.

Delia Perez-Meyer spoke about her brother, Louis Castro Perez, who died on death row last year after not being immediately treated when he suffered a likely heart attack. He was left lying on the floor of his cell for two days before being sent to a hospital and never left the prison infirmary after he was returned from the hospital.

Kenneth Foster was only 19 years old when he was sent to death row under the Law of Parties. A massive political campaign by activists resulted in a victory when just six hours before he was to be executed in 2007, the governor issued a rare commutation. His spouse, Celandria Foster, spoke for him and thanked everyone for their continued support even though Foster was no

longer on death row.

A year and one month after her brother, Garcia Glen White, was executed, Monica Garrett spoke about this great loss to her family. White’s funeral was packed with members of his large family, dozens of friends who attended school with him, anti-death penalty activists and even some prison employees.

White was affectionately called “Big White” by his many friends on the row as well as many guards. On the first anniversary of his death, family and friends gathered for a balloon release next to a huge sign as wide as the front yard that read “Forever in Our Hearts – Big White.” Garrett thanked everyone who came out for their determination to fight to end executions.

‘Death penalty is dying’

While there have been a number of executions around the country in 2025, the facts confirm Melendez’s words. The death penalty is coming to an end. The number of executions is much lower than it was in the last decade, public support for executions is down, and the number of people being sentenced to death has declined.

This reporter was the last speaker at the Capitol and told the crowd: “The death penalty is dying. There are two executions set for next year in Texas. Our job is to keep organizing, keep educating the public about the errors in this rotten, racist system so we can end the damn death penalty for good!”

Many people passing by the Capitol stopped to listen, to pick up literature and to sign petitions. Many noticed the altar set up for the Day of the Dead with photos and flowers. A couple visiting from Abilene, Texas, stayed for almost an hour, talking with activists and learning about the injustices that regularly take place in courts.

Rain caused the march to be halted and chanting ended the day: “The Death Penalty? Shut it down! Executions? Shut ‘em down! Death row? Shut it down! The whole damn system? Shut it down!” □

Long March for Mumia!

The following is based on a lightly edited post from Zayid Muhammad in support of the Nov. 28-Dec. 9, 2025 March for Mumia:

“Our struggle for freedom, justice and equality has always been a long, hard walk, to put it mildly,” says veteran voice for social justice Zayid Muhammad, chair of the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee.

Muhammad will be among the marchers on Nov. 28 when supporters for [Pennsylvania] political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal will begin an incredible 108-mile walk to protest medical neglect he faces and the medical neglect characteristically facing aging prisoners!

The walk is being simply called ‘March For Mumia!’

Muhammad continued: “It also comes with powerful examples of protest walks in the modern era, such as James Meredith’s courageous March Against Fear, where he survived getting shot trying to march alone through the entire state of Mississippi; and my dear friend from Harlem, Sharonne Salaam, mother of Central Park Five survivor and exoneree Yusef Salaam and now Harlem’s council member, who marched from Harlem to Albany, New York while simultaneously fighting cancer to dramatize their injustice.

“The incredible Opal Lee who marched from Texas to Washington at 89 years old several years ago to demand the honoring of Juneteenth; locally our own Lawrence Hamm’s March Against Police Brutality from Newark to Trenton, New Jersey, and most recently the American Indian Movement’s Grand Governing Council and their

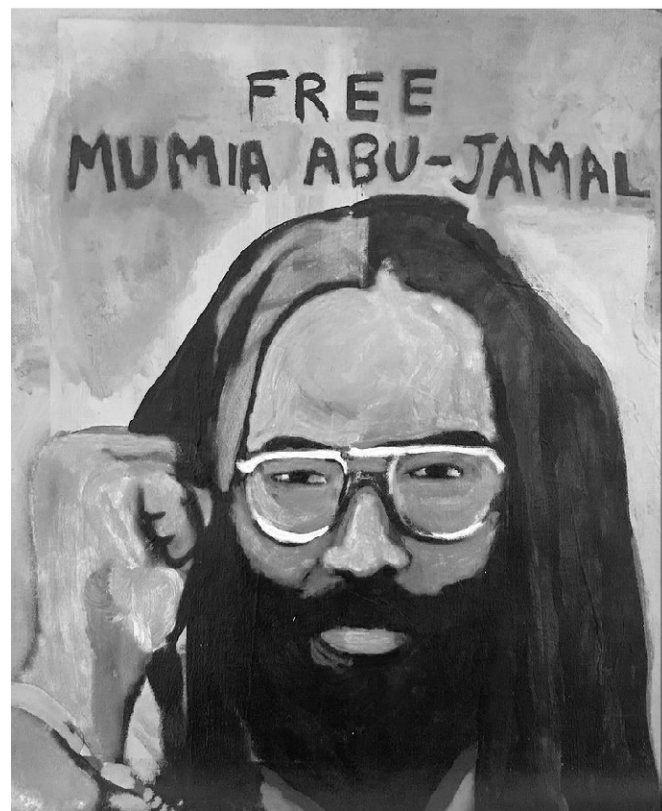
‘Walk To Justice’ for Leonard Peltier’s freedom after 49 years from Minnesota to Washington, D.C.

“Almost all of them, except the dogged and intractable issue of police brutality, incredibly helped yield some real results and victories. And have we forgotten those Harriet [Tubman] hard North Star walks from those genocidal plantations of our Ancestors. They did that; We’re going to do this!”

This epic action will begin on Nov. 28 at 9:00 a.m. in front of Philadelphia’s popular Uncle Bobbie’s Cafe and Book Shop located at 5445 Germantown Avenue. After a period of 12 days, marchers will end at the Mahanoy State Correctional Facility in Frackville, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 9, the anniversary of the ordeal that landed Mumia in prison.

Muhammad noted: “The ‘sickening of Mumia,’ using the language of radical scholar Johanna Fernandez, who produced the amazing documentary ‘Justice on Trial’ on this case, is the dangerous trigger that inspires the march. The elder revolutionary journalist, now in prison for almost 44 years, has endured the deterioration of his sight from diabetic retinopathy, a diagnosis he received nearly 10 months ago which required immediate surgical treatment.

“After making the diagnosis, prison officials denied that surgery for nine months, and only relented to the first surgical treatment after an international outcry and rallies at the facility. The successive treatments are still at issue. Organizers say that this medical neglect is not just particular to Mumia, but rather that is characteristic of



how aging prisoners face medical neglect as they endure age-related illnesses,” Muhammad concluded.

Organizers are outreaching for both marchers, volunteers and the donation of resources to aid the marchers. To participate, contribute, volunteer and follow, go to the website **MarchforMumia.org** or call 862 240 6589. □

Starbucks workers launch countrywide strike

By Martha Grevatt

Red Cup Day, Starbucks’ busiest day of the year, was the day Starbucks Workers United (SBWU) launched an Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) strike, hitting 65 stores in 45 cities. The strike began with 1,000 union workers walking out, but more of the 12,000 SBWU members at around 650 unionized stores will be walking out in the days to come. A vote to authorize a strike began in late October, with 92% of union members voting in favor of striking.

Hundreds of Starbucks union baristas and their supporters held a picket line and rally outside a Starbucks store at Lafayette and Grand avenues in Brooklyn, New York, on Nov. 13. Accompanied by tambourines and whistles, they chanted “No Contract, No Coffee,” the primary strike slogan. Baristas spoke about the terrible working conditions at Starbucks and the company’s refusal to negotiate a contract.

Rami Saeed, who has been a barista at the Lafayette store for two years, said the union has been clear in contract negotiations that it wants better take-home pay, more regular hours and a resolution of the hundreds of ULPs that are endemic to Starbucks, the three main contract demands. She noted that Starbucks CEO Brian Niccol was paid \$96 million in just four months in 2024.



PHOTO: ALESSANDRO MARAZI SASSON, CENTER FOR CIVIC INNOVATION

Danielle Stolton, a striking Starbucks worker at the Alpharetta, Georgia, store addresses other union members and supporters on Red Cup Day, Nov. 13, 2025.

Saeed pointed out that: “Working full time, it would take me 2,941 years to earn the same amount. Brian Niccol thinks that he can shut us up, that if he shuts down enough union stores, that if he fires enough unionized partners, if he gets managers to work at my store and

allows the harassment of our union partners, that we will just fold over, that we will just back down.

“We are going to fight. We are going to show those parasites and those leeches in the boardroom who make their profits. We are going to shut down stores across

the country until they come to the table prepared to treat us fairly, to treat us with dignity and meet our demands.”

Another barista who recently transferred to New York City from a Starbucks store in Durham, North Carolina, noted that every day, workers around the world go on strike to defend themselves against the worsening conditions that bosses force on them. “Every action, whether it’s a union vote, a walk out, a strike, is an act of rebellion against an unjust and exploitative system,” she said. “These acts of rebellion are battles in a broader war. So, it’s time we tap into our collective power and win not just at Starbucks but everywhere. Workers of the World Unite!”

Starbucks workers at the Alpharetta, Georgia, store held an afternoon rally outside the location. Dozens of community and other union members gathered to celebrate the successful shutdown of the usually busy store. A second Metro Atlanta Starbucks in Roswell was also successfully closed. Both are located in shopping centers that experience high volume sales.

These examples are being replicated from coast to coast in what is turning into a very successful strike.

Dianne Mathiowetz and Brenda Ryan contributed to this article.

Disability rights are workers’ rights!

By Disability Justice and Rights Caucus of Workers World Party

For the last few years, the monthly Second Sunday Dialogue public meetings of the Disability Justice and Rights Caucus of Workers World Party (DJRC) have been discussing the idea of a transitional demand: a “Disability Justice, Full Employment, Health Care and Education Second Bill of Rights” amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

San Francisco Bay Area disabled activist Michael Karsh is the main architect of this proposal, which is an idea whose time has come. Karsh has written the following justification for such an amendment at this time:

“The Disability Justice, Full Employment, Health Care & Education Second Bill of Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution would transform the U.S. Constitution into a human rights document. Because Donald Trump’s big ugly bill violates human rights by taking away funding from social safety net programs we rely on, this amendment would make Donald Trump’s big ugly bill unconstitutional. This amendment would also ensure that the promise that with an education you will succeed is kept.

“I heard that the way to succeed in life is to stay in school, so I did as long as I could. I got a Ph.D., but I still cannot get a job in my area of expertise. This amendment would make your right to a job in your area of expertise inalienable, thereby ensuring that if you stay in school, you will succeed.”

The first sit-in

This proposal was first publicly announced at New York’s 2024 Disability Pride Parade and was first published at workers.org on Nov. 16, 2024. Also announced at that parade and quoted below is the commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the first sit-in for disability rights and jobs in U.S. history:

“In 1935, six young disabled New Yorkers who were fed up with the Roosevelt administration’s public works jobs program, the Works Progress Administration or WPA’s policy of not hiring people with disabilities, decided to take their grievances directly to the city’s Emergency Relief Bureau and started raising hell and staging a sit-in drawing widespread attention and support for their cause with the slogan, ‘We don’t want charity. We want jobs!’

“After nine days, the occupiers were dragged away and arrested. After the trial, the group formed a new disabled peoples organization and continued to hold

demonstrations, picket lines and recruit more members. After three weeks of protests, the WPA was forced to offer jobs to 40 disabled workers.”

For more information and photographs about this historic protest you can access: *Disability history* (tinyurl.com/lph-dhnyce) and *League* (tinyurl.com/LeaguePH). Note that some of the language used for people with disabilities in 1935 in these articles is no longer acceptable.



The DJRC drafted the following, revised on Sept. 8, 2024:

Proposed Disability Justice, Full Employment, Health Care and Education Second Bill of Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

1. Everyone shall have a right to be educated to the best of their ability at no cost to themselves regardless of their income or the cost of their education. All student loan debts shall be abolished and do not have to be paid back. Education shall be a right, not a privilege.

2. Everyone shall have the right to a job that their education and/or experience enables them to do. The federal, state and local governments shall provide such jobs and all necessary training to anyone who shall have the education and/or the ability and/or the desire to do that job, should other entities have failed to provide such jobs.

All workers’ rights shall be extended to every worker in the country, including precarious workers, such as incarcerated people, immigrant and migrant workers, domestic workers, gig workers, temporary workers, disabled

workers, sex workers and other workers. These rights include the right to a minimum wage, the right to strike, the right to a retirement eligibility age to receive Social Security benefits, the right to a retirement pension and the right to representation by a union or other worker advocacy organization.

3. This job shall provide enough income for adequate food, housing and recreation.

4. The federal, state and local governments shall pay all medical bills, giving everyone a right to free and sufficient health care for themselves and their families. This includes free reproductive and gender-affirming health care, including the right to choose to have an abortion or have a child and be able to raise them in a safe and healthy environment.

5. People who want to start their own businesses shall be free of any type of unfair competition, and the right of community members and family members to create and own small businesses shall not be obstructed by much larger corporations and Fortune 500 companies.

6. Anyone who cannot work shall have a right to enough income to afford adequate food, housing and recreation. Anyone collecting Social Security or other benefits shall have the right to seek and obtain employment without any risk of losing their benefits.

7. Everyone shall have full and free access to universal broadband and high-speed internet and all other modes of communication.

8. Everyone shall have the right to live independently in their own home and not be involuntarily institutionalized in a prison, hospital, home, etc., because of their disabilities, age, illness, etc., or in retaliation for fighting for their rights. Solitary confinement, aversive conditioning and the death penalty shall be abolished.

9. All accommodations shall be made to every disability and be either funded by or their funding guaranteed by state, city and local governments.

The federal government shall be responsible for abolishing poverty and paying appropriate reparations to all oppressed peoples, including but not limited to people of color, all Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, women, LGBTQIA2S+ people, etc.

The Disability Justice and Rights Caucus of Workers World Party can be contacted at djrcwwp@workers.org, including about this proposal.

Iran and pinkwashing

Anti-imperialist organizations host political forum

Bronx Anti-War wrote the following statement, edited by Arm the Dollz and Crown Heights Bites Back.

An anti-imperialist political education event held this week at Another World in Crown Heights brought together local organizers for a detailed discussion on Iran, U.S. imperialism and the weaponization of feminist and LGBTQIA2S+ narratives to justify foreign aggression. The event was organized by Arm the Dollz, a collective of Marxist-Leninist trans women, with participation from Crown Heights Bites Back and Bronx Anti-War.

Speakers opened with organizational introductions before turning to the central themes: understanding Iran and its history beyond Western corporate media narratives, examining how pinkwashing serves as an imperialist tool utilized by the West and analyzing how women’s and queer rights are utilized to rationalize economic warfare, covert destabilization, sanctions and direct military attacks on Iran.

A major segment of the program provided historical context on Iran’s 1979 revolution and the substantial social transformations that followed. Presenters explained that despite decades of U.S. and Israeli military pressure — including sanctions, assassinations, cyberwarfare and recent bombings of Iranian nuclear sites — Iran has made significant social gains which include women and queer people.

Women now constitute roughly 70% of Iran’s science and engineering university students; public universities

remain tuition-free; universal health care has expanded dramatically; and Iran implemented one of the world’s earliest universal basic income systems. These developments, speakers argued, contradict Western portrayals of Iranian women as uniformly oppressed while ignoring the material devastation caused by U.S. economic siege. (workers.org/2025/06/86431)

The event also highlighted Iran’s internationally recognized achievements in trans health care. Iran provides state-subsidized, gender-affirming surgeries and hormone therapy, performs some of the highest numbers of such procedures globally and recognized legal gender transition earlier than many Western nations, including the U.S., Britain and other hegemonic nations.

Iran has also developed extensive HIV care and harm-reduction programs — progress that continues despite sanctions restricting access to essential medications. Organizers argued that the greatest threat to queer and women’s health in Iran is not the Iranian state but Western sanctions, which block medical imports and destabilize daily life.

Contrast with U.S. transphobia, homophobia

Speakers contrasted these advancements with the precarious state of women’s and LGBTQIA2S+ rights in the United States, where trans people face rising criminalization, restricted health care access and systemic violence — especially against Black trans women.

They emphasized that queer and women’s rights in the

U.S. were never granted by the state but won through decades of grassroots struggle. At the same time, U.S. officials frequently invoke the rhetoric of “saving women” or “protecting LGBTQIA2S+ people” to manufacture consent for bombings, sanctions and regime-change campaigns abroad.

A central distinction drawn throughout the event was the different role of anti-imperialists in the West versus those living under U.S. sanctions and war threats. Iranians confront questions of social development under conditions of siege, while those in the United States — the heart of Western imperial power — carry the responsibility to oppose their own government’s interventions. Speakers stressed that when they refer to foreign aggression, they specifically mean U.S. imperialism, which they described as the single greatest destabilizing force shaping conditions in Iran and across the Global South.

The event concluded with a call for principled, internationalist solidarity rooted in material analysis rather than liberal moral narratives that frame U.S. warfare as humanitarian intervention — claims that the U.S. bombs or sanctions nations to “save women,” “defend gay rights” or “promote democracy.”

Organizers emphasized that these narratives function to obscure geopolitical interests and justify U.S. imperialist violence. They affirmed that U.S. imperialism is the common enemy of all humanity and that genuine liberation must arise from within societies resisting imperial domination, not through external coercion or military force. □

Miss Major, ¡Presente!

By Renée Andrea Imperato

Our beloved Miss Major Griffin-Gracy passed away Oct. 13 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Her enduring legacy is a testament to her



Miss Major, left, and Renée Andrea Imperato attend Black Trans Liberation dinner at Judson Memorial Church, New York City, July 10, 2023.

resilience, activism and dedication to creating safe spaces for Black trans communities and older trans people. We are eternally grateful for Miss Major’s life, her sacrifices and her contributions and how deeply she cared for those she loved.

Miss Major is survived by her longtime partner Beck Witt, her three sons and many daughters and a host of family and friends. While her physical presence has shifted, we have gained an immensely powerful ancestor. She will always be guiding, protecting and reminding us, with whose great sacrifice she is “still f – king here!”

From her leadership in the Stonewall Rebellion to her HIV activism, her legacy is powerful and lasting. We extend our deepest love and sympathies.

The House of gg (Griffin-Gracy), founded by Miss Major, focuses on supporting and nurturing the leadership of transgender women and men of color living in the U.S. South today.

It serves to empower, heal and be a safe haven for Black trans people and movement

leaders in the Southern U.S. — a space for our community to take a break, swim, enjoy good food, laugh, listen to music, watch movies and recharge all of us for the ongoing fight for transgender people.

Miss Major showed up to court hearings and stood in solidarity with young trans people when Arkansas became the first state to ban gender-affirming medical care for trans youth in 2021.

A pillar in our community, Miss Major’s lifetime of challenging work fundamentally changed and improved the lives of many Black, transgender and gender non-conforming folks in the South.

This tribute is written in concert with and inspired by and because of the priceless work of the House of gg.

A lifetime of fighting

Miss Major fought tirelessly for her people; her love was as vast and enduring as the universe she knew herself to be part of. She was a world-builder, a visionary and unwavering in her devotion to make freedom

possible for Black, trans, formerly and currently incarcerated people, as well as the larger trans and LGBTQIA2S+ community.

Because of her, there are countless possibilities for all of us to thrive today and for generations to come. She affirmed that our lives hold meaning and that we stand on the shoulders of giants like her, whose courageous love and relentless fight assured our right to live with dignity. We will forever honor her memory, her steadfast presence and her enduring commitment to our collective liberation.

“There will never be enough words to fully describe the impact Miss Major had on the LGBTQ+ people, on leaders across the movement, on those she loved and were touched by her work and her words,” National LGBTQ+ Task Force President Kierra Johnson said in a statement. “She was a revolutionary, a visionary, a legend, a foundational mother of our movement and our inspiration to Jesus, all those fighting for liberation. She was a sharp and unyielding truth teller.” (thetaskforce.org, Oct. 14)

According to Chase Strangio, co-director of the American Civil Liberties Union’s LGBTQ+ and HIV Project: “We will forever honor her memory, her steadfast presence and her enduring commitment to our collective liberation. There will never be enough words to fully describe the impact Miss Major had on LGBTQ+ people. And on leaders across the movement, on those she loved and were touched by her work and her words.”

Strangio added: “Miss Major ensured that we never lost touch with our history and that we believed in our power, regardless of the outcome of any election, any legislative debate or any court case. In her honor we will continue to fight for trans justice, not just in the legal battles we fight but through the love and care we bring to our communities and to the work she inspired.” (aclu.org, Oct. 14)

We urge all those who can — transgender, gay, lesbian and cisgender straight people — to attend the memorial for Miss Major on Nov. 22 at the Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive in New York City. The memorial is being sponsored by House of gg, Trans Liberation, Black Liberation Kitchen, G.L.I.T.S. Inc. (Gays and Lesbians Living in a Transgender Society) and others.

Miss Major, ¡Presente! □

Remembering Leslie Feinberg

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

Edited excerpts from an article first posted at workers.org/?p=81973

Leslie Feinberg, who identified as an anti-racist white, working-class, secular Jewish, transgender, lesbian, female, revolutionary communist, died on Nov. 15, 2014, at the age of 65.

As a leader of Workers



World Party, Feinberg was the first theorist to advance a Marxist concept of “transgender liberation,” and her work impacted popular culture, academic research and political organizing.

Her historical and theoretical writing has been widely anthologized and taught in U.S. and international academic circles. Her impact on mass culture was primarily through her 1993 novel, “Stone Butch Blues,” widely considered inside and outside the U.S. as a groundbreaking work about the complexities of gender.

Sold by the hundreds of thousands and also passed from hand-to-hand inside prisons, the novel has been translated into Chinese, Dutch, German, Hebrew, Italian, Slovenian and Turkish. Her earnings from

the Hebrew edition are donated to ASWAT, the feminist queer movement for sexual and gender freedoms in Palestine. Some of her other writings include those listed below.

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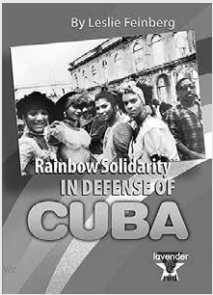
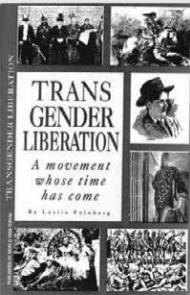
Leslie Feinberg’s 1992 “Transgender Liberation: A movement whose time has come.” The first paragraph says: “This pamphlet is an attempt to trace the historic rise

of an oppression ...”

“Rainbow Solidarity in Defense of Cuba” is a “compilation of 25 articles about same-sex love and sex/gender variance in Cuba’s pre- and post-revolutionary history.”

Leslie Feinberg’s series on LGBTQ history, “Lavender & Red,” appeared in Workers World newspaper from 2004-2008.

All three are available at workers.org/books. □



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 pay-checks, 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 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



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

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, houseless or jobless.

Release and increase SNAP benefits NOW! □

Democratic Party leaders capitulate on gov't shutdown

By John Catalinotto

The Democratic Party, as represented by its top national leaders, went out of its way in mid-November to demonstrate its inability to defend working-class interests. To end the 44-day-long government shutdown, the party conceded the Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies to the MAGA Republicans.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties back imperialist military aggression and both support capitalism 100%.

Trump's MAGA Republicans directly represent the superrich. They also have carried out the most openly reactionary racist, sexist, anti-immigrant, anti-disability rights and anti-LGBTQIA2S+ policies of any administration since at least 1933.

Regarding domestic policy, the Democrats usually avoid frontal attacks on U.S. workers. The MAGA Republicans have assaulted all of the government programs that provide social benefits to the working class and especially to any sectors of society that suffer discrimination and poverty.

Thus it was no surprise that the Republicans, who have a majority in both houses of Congress, passed Trump's anti-poor "Big Beautiful Bill" earlier this year.

The bill cuts health care subsidies in the ACA (also known as Obamacare). That will result in adding an average of \$1016 annually in 2026 in health-care premiums for 22 million people. (KFF.org, Sept. 25)

In protest, the Democrats voted no on the appropriations bill on Oct. 1. This shutdown most government services (outside of the state apparatus, which consists of the military, border police, FBI, federal prisons, etc.).

Trump used the shutdown as a pretext to fire workers, to furlough workers without pay, to force thousands more to work but without pay, to disrupt air traffic and to cut food benefits (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP) for 42 million people, blaming it all on the Democrats. Democratic leaders repeatedly asserted they would fight to the finish to save the ACA subsidies, but did little to fight Trump's cuts. Polls found that more people blamed Trump for the shutdown than blamed the Democrats.

Along with the military occupation of cities, inflation partly due to increased tariffs, the identification of Trump with Israeli war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu and Trump's unbelievable war provocations in the Caribbean Sea, Trump's

role in the shutdown cost him support. His approval rating dropped below 40%. (Economist, Nov. 17) He also faced losing part of his base from the exposures of his relationship with pedophile sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein.

In the few places where local and statewide off-year elections reflected national issues, the Republicans lost gubernatorial elections in New Jersey and Virginia by more than 10%, an important referendum in California by 2-to-1. A declared socialist Muslim candidate, Zohran Mamdani, won New York City's mayoral race, where Trump attacked him. Another progressive — Katie Wilson, who identifies as a socialist — was elected mayor of Seattle.

Democrats afraid to win

For the Democratic Party, confronted with this obvious backlash to MAGA rule and boost for the center-left, an ordinary battle strategy would be to accelerate an anti-Trump offensive. Instead, the leadership capitulated.

The Senate minority leader, Chuck Schumer from New York, allowed seven Democratic senators to vote yes (and one "Independent" did), which ended the shutdown. Since none of the seven face

an election in 2026, this was an obvious maneuver to capitulate with minimal electoral cost. The Republicans made a meaningless promise to discuss the ACA question in a few months.

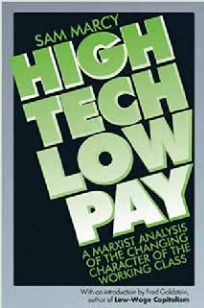
The Democratic Party's concession was seen broadly as a gift to Trump. The late-night comic host of The Daily Show — Jon Stewart — said of it a half-dozen times in his monologue, "I can't f—king believe it!" His studio audience agreed, yelling and moaning.

The events proved once again the bankruptcy of the Democratic Party. It wouldn't even carry out a battle against Trump that the Democrats seemed favored to win. Did they fear winning this battle more than they feared conceding the shutdown's goals?

To win would require mobilizing their base, which means running on the kinds of issues that mobilized 100,000 volunteers in the New York City mayoral election. It means taking to the streets against the migrant roundups, as people in Chicago and Los Angeles have done. It means protesting the obviously criminal attacks in the Caribbean. It means stopping support for the genocide in Palestine.

That means it's something the Democratic Party leaders will reject. They would rather lose to Trump. The multinational working class in the United States must avoid losing with them.

The workers, the people, must take the Democratic Party's capitulation as another reason to break with the Republican and the Democratic leaders, to create new independent organizations that can struggle and win. □



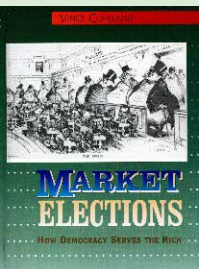
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Actions demand: Stop U.S. war on Venezuela!

By **Betsey Piette and Gloria Rubac**
Philadelphia and Houston

In response to a significant U.S. military buildup near Venezuela, Philadelphia peace and justice organizations held a rally and march on Nov. 15, starting at City Hall and ending outside a military recruiting center. The demonstrators called for the withdrawal of U.S. military forces from the region and for the establishment of a genuine Zone of Peace in the Americas.

The action was part of an international week of emergency protests called for Nov. 15-23 under the theme “No war on Venezuela! No troops on our streets!” Over 20 protests were held on Nov. 15.



Philadelphia, Nov. 15, 2025. WW PHOTO: JOE PIETTE

The Philadelphia demonstration against U.S. imperialist aggression was organized and endorsed by Anakbayan, Black Alliance for Peace, Code Pink, Democratic Socialists of America, Free Congo, Freedom Road Socialist Organization, International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, Juntos, Koreans for Decolonization Penn, Korea Peace Committee, Mobilization4Mumia, Philadelphia Palestine Coalition, Philly Bund and Workers World Party.

Speakers included Geo Maher, who lived in Venezuela in 2006 and worked as a teacher with the Bolivarian Revolution under Hugo Chávez and is now a director

of the Abolition School in Philadelphia. Maher condemned U.S. economic sanctions on Venezuela: “I am here to make it clear that I oppose any U.S. intervention in Venezuela. The U.S. has made it almost impossible for Venezuela to take care of its people.”

Other speakers at City Hall included a Puerto Rican activist with Philly Boricuas and Democratic Socialists of America and a member of Black Agenda for Peace.

Fernando, whose family still lives in Venezuela, in an interview with the Philadelphia Inquirer blamed the U.S. for Venezuela’s economic problems.

“My family has a bakery; they don’t have enough flour; they don’t have enough food because of the U.S. economic sanctions placed on the Venezuelan government,” said the 22-year-old who came to the protest in order to try to help his family. He told the Inquirer that people in Venezuela “don’t want the U.S., because they don’t want their military force bombing their houses, their schools, their hospitals.”

Speakers at the conclusion of the march which went up North Broad Street included a Venezuelan activist with Latino Anti Fascista Coalition, members of Freedom Road Socialist Organization and Workers World Party.

Protesters vowed to return, if necessary. “If they start a war abroad, we will start a war on Broad [Street],” said one protester, to applause from the crowd.

Houstonians oppose war on Venezuela

Houston anti-war activists were pleasantly surprised by the incredibly positive response to their demonstration held on Nov. 15 at a busy traffic circle. About half of the signs demanded the U.S. keep its hands off of Venezuela, the other half reading “Honk if you agree!”

For about an hour there was a constant cacophony of horns honking, raised fists out of car windows and people yelling “Yes!” to the demonstrators. Kay Bonnin, one of the organizers, said, “It was exciting that in a city that doesn’t have a big radical or progressive reputation, our demands were so well received.”

The demonstration was organized in response to the call for a week of emergency protests.



Houston activists in front of Simón Bolívar statue, Nov. 15, 2025. PHOTO: PATTY HARLAN

After the demonstration, there was a march to a bust of the great liberator from Spanish colonialism, Simón Bolívar, in a nearby park. Carrying signs and using a loudspeaker, again demonstrators received positive responses along the march. At the sculpture, a rally was held with speakers from the Houston Peace and Justice Center, the Communist Party USA, Workers World Party and independent activists.

Bernard Sampson, representing CPUSA, gave an educational talk about the horrifying interventions and bombings carried out by U.S. imperialism over the decades. All speakers were adamantly anti-imperialist and proud to be part of this week of actions.

This writer from Houston spoke for Workers World Party and connected the crimes of the U.S., from the genocide in Palestine to the murders of small boaters in the Caribbean who Trump fraudulently claims were narco-traffickers. She issued a call for continuing unity in this time of fascist actions by a government that doesn’t see the need for food and health care for the majority of people in the U.S. but spends billions of dollars on war and genocide. That the government should not be funding war, including the war on immigrants, was cheered by all. □

Venezuela sends aid to Jamaica and Cuba

By **Monica Moorehead**

Nov. 6 - Workers World Party salutes the humanitarian aid that the Venezuelan government has sent to both Jamaica and Cuba in the aftermath of the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa to both islands. According to Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness, this hurricane is the strongest ever to hit the island, creating damage to homes and infrastructure equivalent to between 28% to 32% of last year’s gross domestic product. (The Guardian, Nov. 5) Over 30 people in Jamaica are confirmed to have lost their lives.

Even though Haiti was not directly hit by Hurricane Melissa, over 40 people died from the many days of rain which caused mass flooding exacerbated by the country’s decades-long poor infrastructure.

Cuban officials reported collapsed houses, blocked mountain roads and roofs blown off buildings on Oct. 29, with the heaviest destruction concentrated in the southeast and northwest, especially Santiago de Cuba. An estimated 735,000 people are in shelters. Despite the over 60-year U.S. blockade, the Cubans continue to make the needs of their population a priority when it comes to preparedness for natural disasters like hurricanes. No deaths were reported on the island.

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Yván Eduardo Gil Pinto announced on Oct. 30 that 26 tons of medical, food and infrastructure supplies were flown to Cuba aboard a Conviasa airline flight from Simón Bolívar International Airport in La Guaira state, while another 20 tons were delivered to Jamaica.

“We are sending medical supplies, food and infrastructure to address the emergency,” said the foreign minister, who highlighted that, in the case of Cuba, a ship is being prepared to send another 3,000 tons of aid, which will depart in coming days.

Cuba and Venezuela signed the comprehensive cooperation agreement between both countries, and the largest of the Antilles (islands that include Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, etc.) provided important support to the Venezuelan people to address the various needs in the social area. Response to the destruction caused by Hurricane Melissa demonstrates the anti-imperialist solidarity that characterizes the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean.

On the other side of the class camp, the U.S. government has not offered any amount of aid to either Jamaica or Cuba.

What makes Venezuela’s generous act of material solidarity that much more extraordinary is that the country is on full alert for a military attack by the Pentagon at the behest of the jingoistic Donald Trump regime. U.S. warships are currently on the Caribbean Sea threatening both Venezuela and Colombia with regime change.

Over 80 people in boats have been randomly killed by the Pentagon, with the false pretext of their belonging to drug cartels. Between 8 million and 9 million Venezuelans are being armed and organized into militias to defend their sovereignty against any impending U.S. invasion. □

Vets For Peace: ‘No war on Venezuela!’

By **Veterans For Peace**

Veterans For Peace is appalled by the U.S. military’s extrajudicial killing of fishers from Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Trinidad and Tobago — whom the Trump administration labeled as drug traffickers without evidence, due process or accountability to Congress.

We condemn President Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio for their open threats to attack and overthrow Venezuela’s lawfully elected, sovereign government.

We call for the immediate

withdrawal of U.S. warships, fighter jets and thousands of troops now menacing the coast of Venezuela. Reports of a massive naval buildup — including aircraft carriers, destroyers and cruise missiles — raise serious concerns that the administration is preparing for yet another war of aggression in Latin America.

As veterans of U.S. wars in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan — wars based on lies that killed millions — we see through the familiar justifications for this latest escalation. Just as the “weapons of mass destruction” narrative led to the invasion

of Iraq, today’s “narco-terrorist” accusations ring hollow.

The Drug Enforcement Administration itself has confirmed that few illicit drugs come from Venezuela, while fentanyl enters primarily from Mexico. Colombia remains a major source of cocaine, yet its current president, Gustavo Petro, has taken serious steps to curb production and trafficking.

What Venezuela does possess are the world’s largest known reserves of oil and gas. Its government has pledged to use those resources to lift its people out of poverty.

For over 20 years, the U.S. has waged a covert campaign to destabilize Venezuela through attempted coups and devastating economic sanctions that have killed more than 100,000 people. Now Washington appears to be returning to old-fashioned gunboat imperialism — while simultaneously funding genocide in Palestine, prolonging the war in Ukraine and deploying militarized forces in U.S. cities.

Veterans For Peace stands firmly against war, genocide and creeping fascism. We support all service members who refuse to participate in illegal



wars at home or abroad. We join together with our allies in the peace movement for a Week of Coordinated Protests, November 15-23. We will continue to organize until the U.S. government ends its war on Venezuela and stops intervening in the internal affairs of other nations.

No war on Venezuela!

No troops in our streets!

No more genocide in our name! □

Pro baseball players face decades in prison over alleged gambling misconduct

By Martha Grevatt
Cleveland

On November 13, Cleveland Guardians closing pitcher Emmanuel Clase pleaded not guilty to charges that he took bribes to help gamblers win bets on his pitches. Guardians starting pitcher Luis Ortiz entered a not guilty plea to the same charges the day before. The two professional athletes, both from the Dominican Republic, were released after posting bond.

Clase and Ortiz are charged with wire fraud conspiracy, honest services wire fraud conspiracy, money laundering conspiracy and conspiracy to influence sporting contests by bribery. The charges carry a combined maximum sentence of 65 years.

ESPN reported, “According to prosecutors, the two accepted thousands of dollars in bribes to help two unnamed gamblers in their native Dominican Republic win at least \$460,000 on bets placed on the speed and outcome of their pitches.” (Nov. 13)

The charges involve games that Clase had pitched since 2023 and just two games that Ortiz pitched in June. Reportedly they gave advance information to professional bettors in the Dominican Republic. Prosecutors allege the bettors made over \$400,000 while the pitchers made less than \$10,000 each.

Both pitchers had been on

nondisciplinary paid leave from playing since July, when Major League Baseball began investigating allegedly higher than average betting activity when the two were pitching. Their attorneys have maintained their innocence.

Joseph Nocella, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, has tried to appeal to the sports-loving public. He stated: “Integrity, honesty and fair play are part of the DNA of professional sports. When corruption infiltrates the sport, it brings disgrace not only to the participants but damages the public trust in an institution that is vital and dear to all of us.” (justice.gov, Nov. 9)

This is all garbage intended to justify the outlandishly heavy charges against Clase and Ortiz.

Part of a racist pattern

In October, 30 people were arrested on charges of leaking information to bettors about National Basketball Association games and rigging poker games. Those individuals included Portland Trail Blazers head coach Chauncey Billups and Miami Heat player Terry Rozier. Like Clase and Ortiz, they were charged by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. That same court has now brought more charges alleging additional gambling misconduct in the NBA.

Billups and Rozier are African American in a league where about 70% of the players are Black. Clase and Ortiz are Black Dominicans; 30% of MLB players are Latine and 10% are Dominican. So far, Black and Brown professional athletes are disproportionately being targeted in these gambling investigations.

The charges around extralegal sports gambling involved small amounts of money when contrasted with the multi-billion dollar legal sports “gaming” industry that has exploded since 2018, when the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) struck down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act. This ruling made sports gambling legal. Now ads from companies such as Draft Kings and Fanduel are repeatedly broadcast to sports fans on television.

Harvard Law School student Zachari J. Curtis explained: “By all estimates, we are in the early stages of a sports gambling addiction epidemic. If allowed to flourish, this tech-fueled phenomenon will visit economic ruin, family violence and death on a lot of people and their communities.” He further elaborated on the particular threat the sports gambling — euphemistically referred to in ads as “gaming” — poses to Black families.



Emmanuel Clase, left, and Luis Ortiz.

Curtis quotes from attorney, filmmaker and reparations activist Antonio Moore: “I think for so many of us, because of the aspiration, because of the lack of wealth, because of the idea that ‘I’m an expert,’ this presents a perfect environment to take middle class families, particularly middle class aspiring African American families and take what little wealth they have.” (theflaw.org, Oct. 6)

Since the 2018 SCOTUS ruling, states have rushed to legalize sports gambling under the false premise that tax revenues will be a bonanza for state budgets. This was the same argument casino owners made years earlier to cities and states across the country.

Now, millions of people with gambling addictions have squandered income and savings in the hope of “making it big” while the real criminals — not nationally oppressed athletes, but the capitalist ruling class, which includes the predatory gambling industry — go free. □

Sports gambling and capitalism: Is there a connection?

By Monica Moorehead

The opening of the 2025 – 26 National Basketball Association season was unexpectedly overshadowed when the FBI announced the arrests of two NBA sports figures Oct. 23 at a New York City news conference. Those arrested were Portland Trailblazers coach and former star player Chauncey Billups, who was inducted into the James Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame as a player in August, and Miami Heat player Terry Rozier, in two separate incidents of illegal sports gambling.

This investigation had been underway for more than two years. According to FBI director Kash Patel, it is expected to bring about an estimated 30 more arrests in the near future.

According to the indictment, Billups and Rozier had access to private information known by NBA players or NBA coaches that would likely affect the outcome of games or players' performances and provided that information to other co-conspirators in exchange for either a

flat fee or a share of betting profits.

Patel stated, "This is the insider trading saga for the NBA, that's what this is." (ESPN, Oct. 23)

Both Billups and Rozier are out on bail and have been put on indefinite leave from the NBA. Their court dates are set for late November and early December, respectively.

Not isolated occurrences

On the surface, one could easily misconstrue the arrests of Billups and Rozier as being two separate, random incidents. But that view would be missing the forest for the trees. U.S. sports, whether amateur or professional, is a multibillion dollar for-profit industry under capitalism. And gambling, the majority of it deemed illegal for many decades, excluding casinos, has been an integral part of getting a larger cut of the profits for individual players or teams for over a century.

For instance, there was the infamous “Black Sox Scandal” involving game-fixing in Major League Baseball where, in exchange for payment from a gambling syndicate, eight members of the Chicago White Sox were accused of intentionally losing the 1919 World Series against the Cincinnati Reds.

The late, great baseball player Pete Rose to this day has been denied induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame. When he was an active player Rose was banned forever from playing baseball for betting on his own team, the Cincinnati Reds.

These two NBA arrests are just the tip of the iceberg. Some are asking why a coach such as Billups, who had just signed a contract extension, or a player like Rozier, making millions of dollars, would allegedly become involved in illegal ways to gamble. The question is not why, but why not, when there is the potential and temptation of making even more money.

The Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992 signed by President George H.W. Bush made the business of gambling illegal in all but a handful of states, most notably Nevada.

But since this law could only curtail and not stop illegal gambling, the Supreme Court of the United States overturned the 1992 law on

May 14, 2018, allowing states to legally bring in more profits from betting.

The 2018 ruling led the way to establishing online sports betting, where people wanting to bet no longer had to discreetly place wagers for sports events but have the luxury of using smart phones and computers to make those bets from anywhere in the world.

According to the American Gaming Association's annual report issued this past February, the U.S. sports betting industry posted a record \$13.71 billion revenue in 2024, up from the 2023 record of \$11.04 billion.

The AGA said legal sportsbooks took in nearly \$150 billion worth of bets, a 22.2% increase from 2023. (ESPN, Feb. 19, 2025) A legal sportsbook is a company that is licensed and regulated by a state or jurisdiction to accept wagers on sporting events.

Sports betting ties to capitalism

The FBI has accused Billups specifically of having alleged ties to organized crime families with poker betting schemes. But in reality, isn't Wall Street the biggest legalized crime operation on a global scale? Patel accused the NBA of “inside trading,” but don't Wall Street investors conduct inside trading daily behind closed doors with the buying and selling of trillions of dollars worth of stocks and bonds in the U.S. Stock Exchange? Doesn't virtually every institution under capitalism base its existence on making a profit?

It doesn't matter how rich an individual billionaire may be due to the inherent drive for banks and corporations to expand their global markets to make more profits. This drive for profits has a trickle down effect on various industries, including sports.

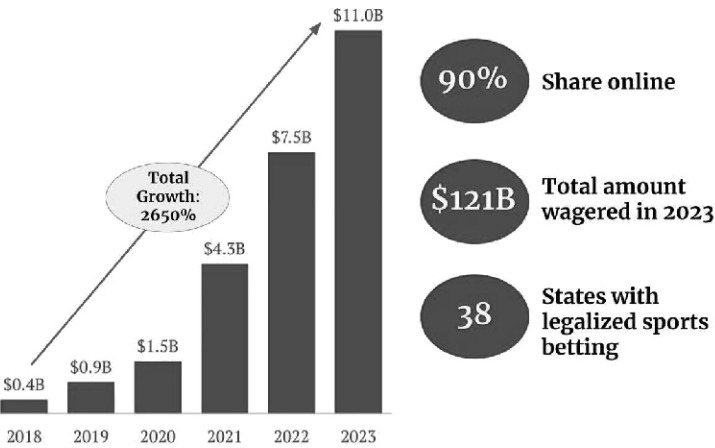
Figures like Billups, Rozier and Rose, whether guilty or not of charges waged against them, along with others, have become scapegoats within the real scandal, which is the addictive gambling industry itself.

The state intervention from the FBI exists not to mete out any real justice but to single out any perceived threat to the profits of the administrators of the capitalist system; that is the billionaire class.

And in the case of this white supremacist administration led by Donald Trump, racism is an underlying factor for the FBI targeting a predominantly Black, immensely popular league like the NBA. □

Sports Betting Industry has grown rapidly since legalization in 2018

US Sports Betting Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR)
GGR is total amount wagered minus winnings



Source: American Gaming Association, Goldman Sachs

Sports betting industry revenue has grown 2,650% in five years.

COP30: Fossil fuel profits vs. Indigenous people

By Betsey Piette

The United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) opened in Belém, Brazil, on Nov. 10 to a storm of controversy and little hope that this annual gathering will be any different from those in past years. Over 50,000 delegates from 193 countries and the European Union registered to participate in what climate columnist Claire Brown described as the World Cup of negotiations over global warming. (New York Times, Nov. 5)

While President Donald Trump skipped COP30, his oil and gas industry allies did not. The largest single delegation at the summit included 1,600 fossil fuel lobbyists, with 13 executives from ExxonMobil and Chevron, using trade group status to gain access.

Exxon and Chevron are among the 57 polluters which have been directly linked to 80% of global fossil fuel CO2 emissions since the 2015 Paris Accords. (Guardian, Apr. 3, 2024) Despite previous COP summits’ calls for transition away from fossil fuels in order to meet climate targets, polluting fuel emissions are expected to hit a record high in 2025.

Methane gas (CH4) emissions released in the extraction of natural gas and oil through hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in the U.S. have increased 18% since 2015. With Trump’s promotion of greenhouse gas producers, this will only worsen.

Although electricity from wind and solar power is cheaper than electricity produced from burning coal, oil and natural gas, Trump pushed back against production of green energy, even ending federal funding for these projects — which were already under construction!

Just weeks before the COP30 summit, Petrobras, Brazil’s majority state-owned oil company, succeeded in passing a bill that dismantled Brazil’s restrictions on oil exploration and road development in the Amazon. This allowed the company to secure a license to drill for oil roughly 200 miles from Belém. This license was previously denied over concerns of widespread biodiversity loss in the fragile Amazon ecosystem in the event of a fuel spill.

The expansion of the fossil fuel industry’s participation is not the only controversy surrounding the COP30’s location in Belém. Despite protests by Indigenous people



Indigenous activists confront U.N. security at COP30 summit, in Belém, Brazil, Nov. 11, 2025.

and environmental groups, the construction of facilities to host the 50,000 COP30 summit delegates and access highways to get them there, involved destroying over 100,000 trees across thousands of acres of Amazon rainforest. (Resilience.org, Nov. 10)

The contentious project involved building an 8-mile long four-lane highway, cutting through the rainforest, disrupting wildlife, and negatively impacting local communities by cutting off access to people on opposite sides of the road. The summit also involved 30 large-scale construction projects, the redevelopment of a port for cruise ships, and spending \$81 million to double the capacity of the Belém International Airport.

People’s Summit and Indigenous resistance

The COP30 summit takes place amidst growing dangers of increasing climate catastrophes. In addition to rising global temperature levels despite pledges to lower them since the Paris Accords, mega hurricanes like Melissa in the Caribbean in November continue to bring about massive infrastructure destruction and multiple deaths.

Heatwaves and droughts threaten agriculture in several areas of the world. Wildfires and torrential rains are happening in areas never impacted by them before. Glaciers continue to melt at record rates and sea levels have risen 1.6 inches since 2015, impacting populations in areas at sea level.

Working to forge resistance and an alternative to the official U.N. discussions, the People’s Summit opened

on Nov. 12 in Belém, with its 5,000 delegates arriving aboard 200 boats, sailing over 1,864 miles along the Amazon River basin. The Summit, involving Indigenous people, peasants, and environmental activists, is challenging the growing environmental damage. It is meeting alongside the official U.N. sponsored COP30 providing an organizing space for people and movements not included in the official climate meetings.

The Summit calls for investment in low-impact, resilient farming as practiced by Indigenous groups to preserve nature. The mobilization includes popular movements from 62 countries. Organized by over 1,100 groups, the Summit aims to bring over 30,000 people for discussion about how to challenge environmental destruction.

As a result of coordination with the Brazilian government, around 400 Indigenous leaders gained access to the official spaces at COP30. An Indigenous “village” AldeiaCOP was also established within COP30 for meeting space for 3,000 members of Indigenous delegations from Latin America, Africa, and Asia, constituting the largest presence of Indigenous people in the history of climate conferences. (resumen-english.org, Nov.15)

AldeiaCOP organizers stressed that there can be no solution to the pending climate catastrophe without the Indigenous presence, and a commitment to the demarcation and protection of Indigenous territories.

Two protests during COP30, centered on Indigenous rights, disrupted the entrance to the conference. On Nov. 11, youth activists and Indigenous protesters forced their way into the venue, confronting U.N. security police. A second action on Nov. 14 involved 90 Indigenous people blocking the main entrance for several hours.

An estimated 20,000 Indigenous people and environmental activists marched through Belém on Nov. 15, halting traffic outside COP30 and demanding that governments step up to combat climate change.

Indigenous activist Takak Xikrin said, “For the first time, at a COP event, we, the Indigenous peoples, are occupying this space and speaking for ourselves.” He was part of an Indigenous delegation carrying banners against water contamination in their territory and protesting logging and oil drilling in the Amazon. (Politico, Nov. 15) □

Behind the catastrophe in Sudan

By G. Dunkel

At the end of October, the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), backed by the United Arab Emirates (UAE), overran the western Sudan city of el-Fasher. This city had been a refugee center controlled by RSF’s opponent, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF). The blood spilled on the ground by the massacres carried out was so thick it was visible in satellite photos.

If they were lucky, thousands of refugees fled on foot to the town of Tawila, most with nothing more than the clothes on their backs and their children in their arms according to an Instagram post from SuRF (the Sudanese Resistance Front), a support group in the diaspora. (Instagram) (tinyurl.com/9buc265t)

Most of the refugees were women and girls, who were

subjected to sexual assault and rape. The RSF killed the boys and men.

Tawila is 30 miles from el-Fasher and was already the site of a major refugee center. Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders), the United Nations and several other humanitarian groups are all operating there.

While precise figures are hard to come by, the U.N. estimates that between 12% and 15% of Sudan’s 51 million people are internally displaced; 375,000 are on the verge of starving, because they have not eaten enough food; and 12 million face grave food insecurity.

What led to this crisis?

Previously, the decades-long regime of Omar El-Bashir crumbled in 2019 under popular pressure coming from a coalition that included the Sudanese Communist Party, the National Consensus Forces, the Sudanese

Professionals Association, the Sudan Revolutionary Front, the Women of Sudanese Civic and Political Groups and many local resistance and neighborhood committees.

The RSF and SAF “persuaded” El-Bashir to step down and set up the Transitional Sovereignty Council (TSC), consisting of six civilians and five military, with the head of the SAF as its chair and the head of the RSF his deputy.

The TSCs’ economic policies made gold smuggling more profitable, strengthening the RSF, which controlled gold mining in Sudan.

The RSF and the SAF, although part of the leadership of the TSC, kept attempting coups until they succeeded in 2021, when they pushed aside civilian leadership. The two groups then turned on each other to settle their profound differences over control of Sudan’s resources. The vicious and dangerous conflict between the RSF and the SAF began April 15, 2023.

The popular agitation and rejection of military control, so evident in the struggle against El-Bashir, means that neither armed group has support from a civilian-based political party. Without political support, they have relied on terror.

Imperialists’ role

The imperialist and regional powers — including the U.S., Britain, the European Union, Israel, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the African Union — have played a decisive role in shaping the tragedy unfolding in Sudan. In particular, Israel has helped the UAE to set up military bases throughout the region, and the U.S. has a contingent of 4,000 troops based in the UAE.

As a major gold trading hub, the UAE has also been the recipient of much of the gold smuggled out of Sudan. Yet, all these countries share a common objective: to prevent the success of the Sudanese revolution of 2019.

Besides making the situation in Sudan known to the widest audience, progressives should push for a ceasefire and expose the poisonous role played by the U.S. and its allies. □

Solidarity with Indigenous struggles National Day of Mourning

The United American Indians of New England posted the following statement on their website at uaine.org.

**Thursday, November 27, 2025, 12 noon
Cole's Hill (above Plymouth Rock)
Plymouth, Massachusetts**

Since 1970, Indigenous people and their allies have gathered at noon on Cole's Hill in Plymouth, Massachusetts, to commemorate a National Day of Mourning on the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday. Many Native people do not celebrate the arrival of the Pilgrims and other European settlers. Thanksgiving Day is a reminder of the genocide of millions of Native people, the theft of Native lands and the erasure of Native cultures.

Participants in National Day of Mourning honor Indigenous ancestors and Native resilience. It is a day of remembrance and spiritual connection, as well as a protest against the racism and oppression that Indigenous

people continue to experience worldwide.

Join us as we continue to create a true awareness of Native peoples and history. Help shatter the untrue image of the Pilgrims and the unjust system based on white supremacy, settler colonialism, sexism, homophobia and the profit-driven destruction of the Earth that they and other European settlers introduced to these shores.

Solidarity with Indigenous struggles throughout the world!

From Turtle Island to Palestine, colonialism is a crime!

While many supporters will attend in person, we will also Livestream (youtube.com/live/6u-jF6pHDBg) the event from Plymouth.

Facebook event with bus and more information: facebook.com/events/1918990738650146

United American Indians of New England (decolonizing since 1970) □

Migrants, yes! ICE, no!

Ever since Trump unleashed his fascistic Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) thugs earlier this year, especially in large urban areas, migrant workers, both documented and undocumented — along with their families — have been living in terror of being physically assaulted, detained and eventually deported.

Trump ordered the invasion of what amounts to the reincarnation of Nazi storm troopers, many of them masked, using slanderous charges that migrant workers are “drug dealers, rapists and criminals” as a pretext to arrest and deport them. The real not-so-underlying reason is to weaponize racism and xenophobia to divide and weaken the multinational working class’s ability to unite to resist the impact of the irreversible capitalist economic crisis on a global scale.

Social media has exploded with videos showing ICE agents carrying out surprise raids in shopping areas, restaurants, construction sites, farms, schools and even day care centers, randomly kidnapping migrants without any warrants or any due process.

Children are traumatized witnessing their parents and teachers dragged away by bands of armed thugs to places unknown. In some instances, migrant storeowners are forced to close their small businesses indefinitely to protect their customers and workers from ICE attacks.

As in any class struggle, repression breeds resistance. And the militant resistance that first began in Los Angeles



Chicago protest, June 12, 2025.

County months ago has spread to other parts of the country, especially to Chicago, Portland, Oregon, New York City and most recently in Charlotte, North Carolina. As a result, migrant communities have felt support in this fight whenever and wherever ICE raises its ugly head.

Non-migrant communities have organized grassroots

efforts using an array of tactics to show political solidarity with their migrant siblings. These include whistle-blowing campaigns to warn migrants when ICE is spotted in any neighborhoods, physically blocking ICE vehicles, forcing them to retreat and collecting funds for migrant vendors to pay for their goods and services so they are not visibly exposed on the streets by ICE agents.

The raids have caused such a crisis in Chicago that the city’s Black mayor, Brandon Johnson, a former teacher and teachers’ union organizer, has called for a general strike against ICE there, drawing the wrath of Trump.

Trump has made it crystal clear that his main objective is to use ICE to force out as many non-English speaking people, especially people of color, to stop the U.S. from becoming more Black, Brown and working class.

Workers World Party encourages our readers to organize even stronger political and practical solidarity with the workers ICE has targeted, whether those forced to leave their home countries located in the Global South or those born in the U.S. No person is illegal.

Just as capitalist exploitation knows no borders, the struggle for unity and solidarity within the working class on a global scale should know no borders. Our class enemy is the same — the profit-hungry, billionaire ruling class and its armed goons, including ICE and the police. □

Workers World salutes historic anniversary for Palestinian Resistance

Workers World salutes the heroic resilience of the Palestinian Resistance, which wasn’t born on Oct. 7, 2023. It began over 77 years ago when Zionist paramilitaries and then the western imperialist-backed Zionist state of Israel brutally uprooted the Palestinian people, leading to the white-settler colonial occupation of their land. October 23 marked another historic phase of the Intifada (uprising) that began in the 1980s.

Despite the billions of dollars in sophisticated weaponry that U.S. imperialism has provided to its garrison military state, the will and determination of the Palestinian people has not wavered one iota. And despite the ongoing genocide — resulting in the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians that began in Gaza over two years ago and has now been extended to the West Bank — the Palestinian people have won the hearts and minds of billions of people globally, leading to an unprecedented isolation and the inevitable collapse of the Nazi-like Israeli regime.

The following statement, saluting the first rocket attacks carried out by the Hamas resistance forces on military targets in “Tel Aviv,” was posted by Resistance News Network on Nov. 14, 2025. Despite constant pressure from Israel and the U.S., the Palestinian Resistance refuses to be disarmed while the occupation exists.

Today is the anniversary of a historic moment, unfolded in the history of Palestinian resistance. For the first time on Nov. 14, 2012, Palestinian-made rockets bombarded the settlement of “Tel Aviv” and occupied Al-Quds [Jerusalem] from besieged Gaza.

This historic feat was prompted by the assassination of the chief of the resistance, martyr Sheikh Ahmed Al-Jabari, Abu Mohammed. Today, Nov. 14, we commemorate the martyrdom of this commanding leader, a pioneering engineer of Al-Qassam Brigades, a strategic mind who commanded operations such as Operation Dissipated Illusion and an architect of the “Faithful to the Free” prisoner exchange deal that followed.

In response to his assassination, 1,456 rockets were fired in a historic week-long war, named “Stones of Baked Clay,” where 19 zionists were killed and several were wounded, forcing the zionist entity to develop its so-called “Iron Dome.”

On this historic day, the M-75 rocket struck “Tel Aviv.” The J-80 and J-90, named after martyr Al-Jabari, soon followed.

Today, as the liberating rockets of the Palestinian resistance continue to soar through the skies of our occupied lands, striking “Tel Aviv” once more, we are reminded that with every barrage, liberation draws ever nearer. We



Hamas fighters in Gaza, November 2025.

remember one of Palestine’s celebrated martyrs.

The centrality of the prisoners’ cause was as important then as it is now. Jabari, with martyr Jamal Abu Samhadana, oversaw the capture of Gilad Shalit, who was personally escorted by Jabari in October 2011 following his exchange for 1,027 prisoners held in zionist jails.

A political leader, military strategist, and a fighter, Al-Jabari embodied the essence of our struggle. In his words: “The gun that has neither science nor culture behind it kills but does not liberate.”

Despite the years since his martyrdom, his presence endures, guiding the resistance and our people in yet another epic in our long history of struggle, ever-focused on freedom: freedom for our prisoners, freedom for our people and freedom for our land. Glory to our martyrs. □

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Mamdani wins: a step toward fight back

That Zohran Kwame Mamdani won an election in New York City with more than 50% of the vote was a smackdown to the vicious campaign of Islamophobia, hatred of migrants and communist-baiting that infested the anti-Mamdani ads, such as those shown nonstop during the World Series. That Mamdani won against a camarilla of billionaires, Zionists and real estate moguls who wasted \$50 million of their ill-gotten profits on ads to defeat him is more than encouraging.

The New York City mayoral election had become a referendum on those issues.

Trump called Mamdani a communist, then endorsed Cuomo. Cuomo baited Mamdani about 9/11 and ran AI-generated anti-Muslim ads too disgusting to describe.

That New York’s voters flipped a finger at the vicious attacks on Muslims and the vicious anti-communism is a step forward

for the working class.

After the election victory, The New York Post published a caricature of Mamdani holding a hammer and sickle flag and calling New York the Red Apple.

Mamdani is no communist, nor does he claim to be a revolutionary. He declares himself to be a democratic socialist, that is, he supports reforms. His overall strategy is to move the Democratic Party, which is a pro-imperialist party, in a more progressive direction to win more workers and poor and oppressed people to active support.

Mamdani’s mayoral election campaign has made a few very appealing, limited demands. Free and fast buses. Affordable housing. Universal child care. As limited as these demands are, the Wall Street and real estate billionaires who own New York City consider them an existential threat.

There is no way that the demands will be

won merely through legislative maneuvering or the words of an individual, no matter how eloquent or charismatic. It always takes struggle. And whether they call themselves reformists or revolutionaries, no one’s aptitude for struggle is known until the struggle breaks out.

But class struggle is possible, and the election victory can create a momentum that makes it more likely. Mamdani said his campaign attracted 100,000 active volunteers, mostly youths. Their activity and their enthusiasm won his election.

In his victory speech, Mamdani, talking about migrants, also said the following: “So hear me, President Trump, when I say this: to get to any of us, you will have to get through all of us.”

This comment sets the stage for a serious struggle. There’s little doubt Trump plans to send his Immigration and Customs Enforcement thugs to go after migrants in

New York City as they have in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Chicago and elsewhere. An early test of the new administration might be how it helps mobilize to stop Trump from “getting to any of us.”

The only way to defend migrant workers will be by keeping the election volunteers mobilized and recruiting others to join the resistance to ICE assaults on migrants as has already begun with smaller forces. If this is done, those with a more revolutionary and anti-imperialist outlook should join the resistance struggle and, as the opportunity arises, demonstrate how a revolutionary approach makes victory possible.

It’s not by disappointment or disillusionment with reformism that people turn to the necessary revolutionary solution. It’s by revolutionaries showing how to win. □

Dockworkers’ power – from Italy to the Bay Area

By Susan Sherrell and Dave Welsh
San Francisco

A labor forum was held on Nov. 8 at the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 10 hall in San Francisco. The topic was, “Longshore Power, from Italy to the Bay Area.”

Jack Heyman, an ILWU Local 10 retiree, spoke about his recent visit to a dockworkers’ conference in Genoa, Italy, in late September: He said, “It was one of the most exciting experiences of my life.”

On the second day of the conference, dockworkers closed down the port in Genoa. Other ports in Spain, Greece, France, Sweden and Cyprus were also shut down due to the port workers’ refusal to load military cargo going to Israel, protesting the ongoing genocide

against the Palestinian people. During the conference, an Israeli Zim Lines ship approached Genoa, then turned around when met by throngs of demonstrators.

Heyman discussed the history of ILWU Local 10 as the “Red and Black union,” so-called because of its many Black members, as well as its left-wing members. He emphasized the importance of “class struggle unionism,” citing examples from the history of longshore workers in the U.S. over the last half century — from the anti-apartheid movement when San Francisco dockworkers refused to unload cargo from South Africa in 1984 to the Liverpool dockers’ struggle of 1996-1998.

Longshore workers fought to defeat anti-union forces in Charleston, South Carolina. The West Coast port shut-down in 1999 was in support of political

prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal. The ILWU closed down West Coast ports to protest the U.S. imperialist wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In Heyman’s speech to European dockworkers, he quoted Nelson Mandela on a world tour after his release from prison. Visiting Oakland, California, Mandela’s first words were: “I commend the longshore union for striking against the ship from South Africa. Your action sparked the anti-apartheid movement in California.”

David Newton, a Local 10 executive board member and nephew of Black Panther Party co-founder Huey P. Newton, spoke about the importance of direct action. He cited the Israeli genocide in Gaza that requires an international response, like that of the dockworkers in Genoa.

Newton told the audience, “The time of

the armchair revolutionary is over.” He highlighted the people in Chicago who are surrounding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents and preventing them from disappearing and deporting innocent immigrant people.

He explained: “When ICE agents try to drag people from their cars and 10 people show up to stop them — some of those 10 will get hurt. But when 100 people show up to stop them, the 100 will most likely prevail.”

Various members of the audience voiced their concerns about the ICE raids. One person from a transportation union in Los Angeles discussed the plight of the bus drivers who were fired for refusing to open their doors to ICE agents. □

Maduro calls on the people to resist

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On Nov. 14, Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro urged the peoples [of the Americas] to rebel “against imperialism” [the U.S. imposed rule] and “its attempt to bring war” to the Latin American and Caribbean region.

“We must cultivate the consciousness and permanent rebellion of the peoples. And of everyone. If we all rebel against the empire of evil and the Nazis, who can stand against us? [...]

“As a revolutionary, I say: If all the conscious peoples of our America rebel against imperialism and its attempt to bring war, who can stand against us? No one. ‘Never, never, never,’” the president said during his participation in a meeting of legal experts in international law held in the Venezuelan capital, Caracas.

Lessons from history

In the context of a historical reflection on the emergence of international law and the need to scrupulously respect it, at the risk of otherwise causing serious damage, the Venezuelan leader recalled that Nazi Germany systematically attacked the international order that emerged after World War I, in order to impose its supremacy on other nations.

“The first thing Nazism did when it emerged in Europe, the first thing [Adolf] Hitler did, was to begin to flout the founding pacts of international law and to begin to believe in and postulate the preeminence of his power above international law,” he said, invoking a supposed “international legal exceptionalism.”

Thus, he said, “The first thing Nazism and Fascism did was to disregard the borders of countries, the right of peoples to peace [...], prepare their powerful weapons to bomb the cities of Spain, support the coup d’état by [Francisco] Franco — another criminal fascist — to [...] demonstrate, as has happened in Gaza, that a country could be destroyed and that all others had to retreat in the face of the intimidating military power of Nazism and Fascism.”

In the same vein, he recounted that, after the crushing of Republican Spain, “the weakness of the powerful capitals of Europe at the time, London and Paris,” which chose to back down in the face of Nazi-fascism, contributed decisively to the horror of World War II. □



Nicolás Maduro.

Maduro llama a los pueblos a rebelarse

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El presidente de Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, exhortó este viernes, el 14 de noviembre, a los pueblos a rebelarse «contra el imperialismo» [la

gobernanza impuesta por EE.UU.] y «su intento de traer una guerra» a la región latinoamericana y caribeña.

«Hay que cultivar la conciencia y la rebeldía permanente de los pueblos. Y de todos. Si todos nos rebelamos contra el imperio del mal y los nazis, ¿quién puede contra nosotros? [...]. Yo, como revolucionario, digo: si todos los pueblos conscientes de esta América nos rebelamos contra el imperialismo y su intento de traer una guerra, ¿quién podrá contra nosotros? Nadie. ‘Never, never, never’», aseguró el mandatario durante su participación en un encuentro de juristas expertos en derecho internacional que se celebra en la capital venezolana.

Lecciones de la historia

En el marco de una reflexión histórica sobre el surgimiento del derecho internacional y la necesidad de respetarlo

escrupulosamente, so pena de generar graves daños, el líder venezolano llamó a recordar que la Alemania nazi atentó sistemáticamente contra el orden internacional surgido tras la I Guerra Mundial, en interés de imponer su supremacía al resto de naciones.

«Lo primero que hizo el nazifascismo cuando surgió en Europa, lo primero que hizo [Adolf] Hitler, fue comenzar a burlar los pactos iniciadores del derecho internacional y comenzar a creerse y a postular la preeminencia de su poder, por encima del derecho internacional» y sobre base de la invocación de una pretendida «excepcionalidad jurídica internacional», apuntó.

Así, refirió, «lo primero que hizo el nazifascismo fue desconocer las fronteras de los países, el derecho que tienen los pueblos a la paz [...], preparar sus poderosas armas para bombardear las ciudades de España, apoyar el golpe de Estado de [Francisco] Franco —otro fascista criminal— para [...] demostrar, como ha sucedido en Gaza, que se podía destruir un país y que todos los demás tenían que replegarse frente al poder militar intimidante del nazifascismo».

En la misma tónica relató que, tras el aplastamiento de la España republicana, «con la debilidad de las capitales poderosas de Europa de entonces, Londres y París», que optaron por retroceder ante el nazifascismo, contribuyeron decisivamente al horror de la II Guerra Mundial. □





Trabajadores federales despedidos en un banco de alimentos de Washington D.C. el 21 de octubre de 2025.

La sentencia del Tribunal Supremo prolonga el hambre

Boletín: El cierre del Gobierno terminó el 12 de noviembre después de 43 días.

10 de noviembre: el cierre del Gobierno, que comenzó el 1 de octubre, se acerca a su sexta semana, lo que lo convierte en el más largo de la historia de Estados Unidos. Cientos de miles de trabajadores del gobierno se han quedado sin sueldo, lo que les ha obligado a buscar un segundo e incluso un tercer empleo para poder llegar a fin de mes. La Administración Federal de Aviación anunció que se reducirían los vuelos en un 10 % en 40 de los aeropuertos más grandes de Estados Unidos, debido a que los controladores aéreos no están cobrando. Esto provoca fatiga, estrés y días de trabajo perdidos.

Para empeorar las cosas, a 42 millones de personas se les suspendieron a finales de octubre las prestaciones del Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (SNAP), también conocido como cupones de alimentos. El hecho de que una octava parte de la población estadounidense dependa del gobierno para poner los alimentos necesarios en la mesa, mientras que al Pentágono se le han entregado 900 000 millones de dólares, pone de manifiesto la bancarrota del sistema capitalista.

Un juez federal de Rhode Island ordenó que los cupones de alimentos se pagaran íntegramente antes del 7 de noviembre. La administración Trump, contraria a los pobres, había amenazado con pagar solo una parte de las prestaciones del SNAP antes de la sentencia del 7 de noviembre.

Desafiando esta orden, el Departamento de Justicia de Estados Unidos la apeló ante el Tribunal de Apelación del Primer Circuito, argumentando que no había «base legal» para obligar al presidente a financiar íntegramente el SNAP.

La jueza del Tribunal Supremo Ketanji Brown Jackson,

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encargada de tramitar las apelaciones de emergencia en esa parte del país, concedió una pausa temporal, conocida como suspensión administrativa, a la sentencia del 7 de noviembre. Esto significa que el panel de jueces del tribunal de apelación determinará si se suspende o se mantiene la orden original que exige a la Casa Blanca financiar íntegramente las prestaciones del SNAP este mes.

Algunos estados ya habían iniciado el proceso de distribución de cupones de alimentos en previsión de que se aplicara la sentencia del 7 de noviembre. Se espera que estos jueces se pronuncien «rápidamente», pero cualquier retraso supone una agonía para una población hambrienta. Para añadir más caos, el 9 de noviembre, la administración Trump ordenó cruelmente a los estados que no proporcionaran las prestaciones del SNAP en su totalidad.

¿Qué es el Tribunal Supremo?

El hecho de que un juez del Tribunal Supremo pueda detener una sentencia que afecta a 42 millones de vidas es cruel y criminal. Nueve jueces, nombrados de por vida por los presidentes, con la aprobación del Senado, dictan sentencias que afectan a toda una población que no tiene recurso alguno; esto pone de manifiesto la naturaleza antidemocrática de todo el sistema capitalista.

La Corte Suprema, la presidencia de los Estados Unidos y el Congreso fueron establecidos por la Ley Judicial de 1789 en el marco de la Constitución de los Estados Unidos. Este documento fue redactado por los «padres fundadores» blancos, ricos propietarios, esclavistas y defensores del genocidio de las naciones indígenas. Estas entidades burguesas se convirtieron en los poderes ejecutivo, legislativo y judicial del gobierno federal capitalista.

Los tres poderes debían compartir el poder de mantener el dominio de clase, para proteger, en aquel

momento, la propiedad privada de los grandes terratenientes, esclavistas y patrones, y hoy en día, la clase dominante multimillonaria.

De los nueve jueces originales, siete fueron nombrados por presidentes favorables a la esclavitud y, de ellos, cinco procedían de familias esclavistas. Otro juez posterior, Hugo Black, nombrado por el llamado presidente liberal Franklin Delano Roosevelt, se había unido al grupo terrorista Ku Klux Klan en 1923.

El difunto presidente del Partido Mundo Obrero, Sam Marcy, escribió en 1989: «Junto a esta democratización burguesa del proceso político [la ampliación del derecho al voto], se ha producido un proceso social y económico simultáneo que es superior en fuerza. Se trata del proceso de concentración del poder en organismos antidemocráticos. Proviene de la concentración de los medios de producción en manos de una clase dominante que ostenta el poder y lo distribuye en las áreas que más le convienen. Por lo tanto, no es casualidad que el poder lo ejerza en última instancia el Tribunal Supremo. Es el más fiable para ustedes, el más conservador, el que solo responde ante quienes lo han nombrado.

«Se habla mucho de democracia, de los derechos del pueblo a votar y a elegir, pero cuando se trata de cuestiones realmente críticas, el poder político se concentra en organismos antidemocráticos que están alejados del control de las masas» (workers.org, 20 de julio de 1989).

Este análisis sigue siendo válido: no se puede confiar en ninguna institución burguesa para defender los derechos de la clase trabajadora, especialmente los de los trabajadores más oprimidos. Solo una lucha independiente puede cambiar las relaciones de clase y sentar las bases para una sociedad socialista con una democracia obrera en la que nadie pase hambre, se quede sin hogar o sin trabajo.

¡Acaben con el cierre del gobierno! ¡Liberen y aumenten las ayudas del SNAP YA! □

Mamdani gana: un paso hacia la contraofensiva

Que Zohran Kwame Mamdani ganara las elecciones en la ciudad de Nueva York con más del 50 % de los votos fue un golpe duro para la cruel campaña de islamofobia, odio hacia los inmigrantes y acoso a los comunistas que infestaba los anuncios contra Mamdani, como los que se emitían sin descanso durante la Serie Mundial. Que una camarilla de multimillonarios, sionistas y magnates inmobiliarios desperdiciara 50 millones de dólares de sus ganancias ilícitas en esos anuncios fue más que alentador.

Las elecciones a la alcaldía de la ciudad de Nueva York se habían convertido en un referéndum sobre esas cuestiones.

Trump llamó comunista a Mamdani y luego respaldó a Cuomo. Cuomo provocó a Mamdani con el 11-S y publicó anuncios antimusulmanes generados por inteligencia artificial demasiado repugnantes como para describirlos.

Que los votantes de Nueva York hicieran un gesto obsceno ante los feroces ataques contra los musulmanes y el feroz anticomunismo es un paso adelante para la clase trabajadora.

Tras la victoria electoral, el New York Post publicó una caricatura de Mamdani sosteniendo una bandera con la hoz y el martillo y llamando a Nueva York la Manzana Roja.

Mamdani no es comunista, ni pretende ser revolucionario. Se declara socialista democrático, es decir, apoya las reformas. Su estrategia general consiste en hacer que el Partido Demócrata, que es un partido proimperialista, avance en una dirección más progresista para ganarse el apoyo activo de más trabajadores y personas pobres y oprimidas.

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La campaña electoral de Mamdani para la alcaldía ha planteado algunas reivindicaciones muy atractivas, aunque limitadas. Autobuses gratuitos y rápidos. Viviendas asequibles. Guarderías universales. Por limitadas que sean estas reivindicaciones, los multimillonarios de Wall Street y del sector inmobiliario que son dueños de la ciudad de Nueva York las consideran una amenaza existencial.

No hay forma de que las demandas se consigan simplemente mediante maniobras legislativas o las palabras de un individuo, por muy elocuente o carismático que sea. Siempre se necesita lucha. Y tanto si se autodenominan reformistas como revolucionarios, la aptitud de nadie para la lucha se conoce hasta que esta estalla.

Pero la lucha de clases es posible, y la victoria



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Los seguidores de Zohran Mamdani celebran su victoria en las elecciones a la alcaldía de Brooklyn, Nueva York, el 4 de noviembre de 2025.

electoral puede crear un impulso que la haga más probable. Mamdani dijo que su campaña atrajo a 100 000 voluntarios activos, en su mayoría jóvenes. Su actividad y su entusiasmo le hicieron ganar las elecciones.

En su discurso de victoria, Mamdani, hablando de los migrantes, también dijo lo siguiente: «Así que escúcheme, presidente Trump, cuando le digo esto: para llegar a cualquiera de nosotros, tendrá que pasar por encima de todos nosotros».

Este comentario prepara el escenario para una lucha seria. No hay duda de que Trump planea enviar a sus matones de Inmigración y Aduanas a perseguir a los migrantes en la ciudad de Nueva York, como lo han hecho en Los Ángeles, Washington D. C., Chicago y otros lugares. Una primera prueba para la nueva administración podría ser cómo ayuda a movilizar a la gente para impedir que Trump «llegue a cualquiera de nosotros».

La única forma de defender a los trabajadores migrantes será manteniendo movilizados a los voluntarios electorales y reclutando a otros para que se unan a la resistencia contra los ataques de ICE a los migrantes, como ya ha comenzado a hacerse con fuerzas más reducidas. Si se hace esto, aquellos con una perspectiva más revolucionaria y antiimperialista deberían unirse a la lucha de resistencia y, cuando surja la oportunidad, demostrar cómo un enfoque revolucionario hace posible la victoria.

No es por decepción o desilusión con el reformismo que la gente recurre a la necesaria solución revolucionaria. Es porque los revolucionarios muestran cómo ganar. □