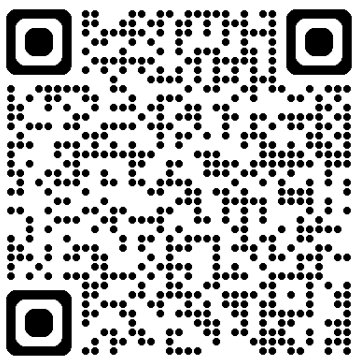




Stop U.S. attack on Venezuela!



A health care worker at the New York 'No Kings' march shows her solidarity with Venezuela. Labor contingent, Oct. 18, 2025.

October 19. During the past week Washington escalated its attacks on Venezuela. Trump publicly authorized the CIA to intervene inside Venezuela. Admiral Alvin Holsey, a 37-year Black U.S. Navy officer and commander of the eight warships Trump ordered to the Caribbean, resigned his command. It was after only one year of his three-year appointment, with no public explanation. The corporate media speculated that Adm. Holsey either disagreed with his orders or that the racist War Secretary worked around him. U.S. warships sank six small boats since August in the waters around Venezuela, murdering 27 crew members. After the sixth attack the U.S. sailors rescued and seized two survivors. Neither was Venezuelan; one was handed over to Ecuador and

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one to Colombia, with no U.S. charges filed. Besides the warships, the U.S. now has deployed 10,000 troops to the region, most based in Puerto Rico, a U.S. colonial possession since 1898. Two Democratic senators and one Republican demanded a vote in the Senate under the War Powers Act. While the Senate has rarely even delayed U.S. aggression, a vote would force all senators to take a position on authorizing a U.S. military action against Venezuela. This would make pro-war senators, Republican or Democrat, openly responsible for war crimes. These events bare U.S. preparation for military aggression against Venezuela. Let's be clear: Every word Trump or his lackeys Pete Hegseth and Marco Rubio utter to create a pretext for intervention is a lie. None

of the pro-imperialist corporate media and few Democratic Party leaders, even those who criticize Trump, expose these lies. Most regular Workers World readers understand this already. But a look at some discussions opened in the corporate media — for example, reactions to a New York Times article regarding the rescued Ecuadorean and Colombian crew members — demonstrate confusion. The overwhelming weight of pro-imperialist propaganda has an impact on people's beliefs. It demands a response. The working-class movement in the U.S., those who are anti-imperialist and anti-war must lead the way in clarifying the roots of Trump's war moves. We must reach out to everyone active in solidarity with Gaza, defending migrants and protesting the MAGA criminals,

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Millions turn out for anti-Trump 'No Kings' actions

By Martha Grevatt

Demonstrations around the theme of "No Kings" took place on Oct. 18, with over 2,500 actions across the U.S. and around the world. This was the biggest single day of protest against President Donald Trump since his inauguration, with activities in urban, suburban and rural communities. An estimated 8.1 million people

took part, with the largest actions, in New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles, drawing hundreds of thousands. A truly massive movement involving millions of people has emerged in opposition to cutbacks in human services; mass layoffs of federal workers; attacks on migrants, people of color, the LGBTQIA2S+ community and people with disabilities; union-busting; and a

whole program aimed at crushing the working class and oppressed people. It is impressive that so many millions of people are protesting a president less than a year into his administration. The challenge is to get the newly mobilized masses to understand that the Democratic Party

is not the answer, and that they need to do more than march. The organizations that have called these mass marches — including Indivisible, 50501 and MoveOn — are tied to the

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'No Kings' day, Philadelphia.

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The heroic Palestinian Resistance has defended its people against Israel’s occupation and genocide. The ceasefire which the Resistance has agreed to has resulted in the freeing of 2,000 prisoners from Israel’s dungeons and the return of many Gazans to the sites of their homes, unfortunately, only to find rubble.

And while the Resistance has adhered to the ceasefire’s terms, Israel has not, severely limiting humanitarian aid distributions, keeping the Rafah crossing closed and continuing to shell Gaza and more.

The strength of the Palestinians and the Resistance forces have inspired the world’s people who have held massive demonstrations and workers’ strikes in solidarity, even despite government repression. Maritime flotillas packed with aid have set sail from many countries. Palestine Action has been banned in Britain with 2,000 protesters arrested. But the organization is fighting back and challenging the ban in court. (workers.org/2025/08/87531) Global solidarity actions continue.

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Indigenous Peoples Day in Boston: ‘Land Back from Turtle Island to Palestine!’

By Will Hodgkinson
Boston

Around 200 demonstrators amidst tens of thousands of tourists rallied on Boston Common on Oct. 11 to demand Massachusetts officially recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day. Saturday’s action was organized by an Indigenous-led coalition — United American Indians of New England (UAINE), The North American Indian Center of Boston (NAICOB), the Commission for Reparations, Italians for Indigenous Peoples Day, New Democracy Coalition and Cultural Survival. It continues a decades-long campaign to demolish the racist mythology that glorifies Christopher Columbus, a mercenary from Genoa, Italy, whose true legacy is defined by mass murder, enslavement and rape.

Columbus: enslaver, mass murderer, thief

Sponsored by the absolutist Spanish monarchy and mercantile investors, Columbus began the genocidal colonization of the Caribbean in 1492. After he landed on “Hispaniola,” he and his men tortured, enslaved and massacred thousands of Indigenous people. These atrocities established a trans-Atlantic regime of enslavement and prepared the way for the genocidal settler colonization and capitalist extraction of resources that Indigenous peoples continue to resist worldwide.

Emphasizing the resilience of Indigenous peoples in the Americas, Rosalba Solis (Maya) opened the rally, declaring: “They have taken everything away from us, but they have not taken our continent. ... From the North Pole to the South Pole, this is who we are.”

As speakers at Saturday’s rally stressed, the global genocide of Indigenous peoples that Columbus began continues to intensify — as the ongoing Zionist genocide of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank and Trump’s campaign of fascist terror in the U.S. have made clear.

Since taking office, Trump has reveled in overt anti-Indigenous rhetoric and action. Last month, Secretary of War Peter Hegseth, who personally committed war crimes as an Army officer in Iraq and Afghanistan, refused to rescind Medals of Honor awarded to the 7th Cavalry soldiers who murdered hundreds of Lakota adults



Indigenous students from Tufts University slam settler colonialism and demand “Free Palestine!” on Boston Common, Oct. 11, 2025.

and children at the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre in South Dakota.

Shedding the mealy-mouthed pretense of the Biden Administration, which proclaimed both “Columbus and Indigenous Peoples Day” last year, Trump has openly embraced the Columbus death cult. In a proclamation issued October 9, Trump lauded Columbus as “the original American hero.” (npr.org, Oct. 11)

Land Back to defeat settler colonialism

“Our Indigenous peoples’ faces who you see amongst us today, that is what is being criminalized by this federal government,” said Jean-Luc Pierite (Tunica-Biloxi), President of the Board of Directors of NAICOB.

Vowing solidarity with the migrants whom ICE is terrorizing, Pierite said: “These are our people. These are our relations. ... We are Indigenous to this continent, regardless of the borders that are set up by these settler governments that continue to extract and take and leave us nothing!”

As Pierite and other organizers stressed, Trump and his henchmen are merely flaunting the systemic, anti-Indigenous repression that Biden and other liberal politicians tried to cover up. The defeat of the genocidal, settler logic the Trump administration has taken to its logical end-point can come only through Land Back for Indigenous peoples worldwide.

As Samantha Jonas (Mashpee Wampanoag), an Indigenous youth organizer, declared: “We demand the abolition of settler systems, police that occupy our communities, borders that divide our homeland, pipelines that poison our life

sources and settler curricula that erase our history. ... We fight for the liberation of all Indigenous peoples — from Turtle Island to Palestine to Sudan, Kashmir and Congo — because Indigenous liberation does not stop at colonial borders.

Jonas stressed: “Indigenous Peoples Day means global Indigenous solidarity. It means recognizing that our struggles are connected, and our liberation must be collective.”

Gloria Colon (Mi’kmaq) and Janelle Pocowatchit (Comanche and Mi’kmaq) called attention to the thousands of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, whose cases have been ignored by settler media. Colon shared the story of Nannette Oleson, a murdered Indigenous woman and mother. Signs and posters displayed the names of Oleson and other Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Massachusetts Indigenous Legislative Agenda

On the steps of the Massachusetts State House, protesters rallied to demand that legislators pass the Massachusetts Indigenous Legislative Agenda. The Agenda includes bills to incorporate Indigenous perspectives in public school curricula; expand educational opportunities for Native youth; ban racist Native American mascots; protect sacred Indigenous artifacts and funerary objects; and redesign the Commonwealth’s racist flag and seal. (mainindigenousagenda.org)

Years of intrepid Indigenous-led activism have forced concessions from the Commonwealth. Last year, the Massachusetts Senate appointed a Commission to approve a redesigned state flag and seal and announce the results this year. While the Commission deliberates, however, the anti-Indigenous symbols on the original state flag and seal remain in place. Massachusetts likewise still refuses to make Indigenous Peoples Day a statewide holiday.

Cops attack

As protesters began marching from the State House, Boston police handcuffed and detained Pierite in a brazen act of intimidation. Chanting “Let him go!” protesters surrounded the squad cars as they tried to speed away. After the standoff, the cops released Pierite, who returned to rally the demonstrators amid tumultuous applause and cheers.

As they resumed marching through the downtown streets, the protesters chanted: “City by city, town by town, we’re gonna bring Columbus Day down!” “Cops here, bombs there, U.S out of everywhere!” and “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!”

Demonstrators stopped in front of the Old State House to honor Crispus Attucks, a Black and Wampanoag sailor killed by British soldiers during the 1770 Boston Massacre. Marchers then proceeded to Faneuil Hall to demand the city of Boston change the building’s name.

‘Change the racist name!’

As tourists gawped, Rev. Kevin Peterson, representing the New Democracy Coalition and the Boston Reparations Commission, exposed the true legacy of Peter Faneuil, the hall’s namesake. A prominent Boston merchant, Faneuil acquired his fortune — and his reputation for “philanthropy” — by trafficking enslaved human beings. Peterson demanded reparations for generations of enslavement and racialized terror.

In defiance of racist reaction, Peterson urged belief in the power and possibility of liberation, saying: “As much as we’re protesting and as much as we’re angry and passionate — and we should be — we should also look towards hope, because there are still opportunities to win. ... Keep hope alive!”

The march ended at Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park, where protesters toppled a statue of Columbus on June 10, 2020. Although the city of Boston never restored the statue, it allowed reactionary Italians to maintain the inscribed pedestal in his honor. Pierite demanded the immediate removal of this monument, which exemplifies the fascism resurgent today.

To close the action, Chal’Inaru Dones (Taíno) read a statement of solidarity from the United Confederation of Taíno People. “We are living in a time when intolerance, racism and xenophobia are being normalized at the highest levels,” the statement declared. “While this is disheartening, we cannot give up our resistance to these forms of oppression. ...

“United we are stronger. I invite you all to keep supporting the rights of Indigenous peoples and speak out against all forms of oppression. We are the ones we have been waiting for!” □

Hyatt workers call for boycott of Buffalo hotel

By Casey Parker
Buffalo, New York

Since the summer of 2024 workers at the Hyatt Regency in Buffalo, New York, have been organizing to form a union. The hotel has responded with typical union-busting tactics. Hyatt Workers United has filed over 30 Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) charges against Ambridge, the company that manages the hotel, including surveilling, intimidating, and firing workers who supported the union.

While workers initially petitioned for an election in the fall of 2024, they withdrew their petition due to management’s scare tactics. However, because the union had majority support and the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) found that the ULP charges have merit, the NLRB could issue a Gissel order, forcing management to recognize the union and bargain with workers. Gissel orders apply when management’s Unfair Labor Practices make a

fair election unlikely.

The trial to prosecute the employer was initially set to start on Oct. 20. However, the trial was delayed to examine if Ambridge’s firing of a vocal worker leader this summer should be included in the ULP charges. With the ongoing federal government shutdown, it is unclear when the trial will begin.

With no clear timeline on when or if the NLRB will act in the workers’ favor, Hyatt Workers United is pressuring the hotel to capitulate and recognize the union voluntarily. There are several pressure points to pursue because the hotel is owned by Douglas Development, operated by Ambridge, and is a franchise of the Hyatt Hotels Corporation whose standards must be met to fly the Hyatt Regency flag.

In particular, Douglas Development, owned by billionaire Douglas Jamal, is already under fire in Buffalo because it was recently revealed that the company owes millions of dollars in liens to various con-

tractors for work on its development projects in the city. (tinyurl.com/eav6ehjp)

Douglas Development has also delayed the redevelopment of another Buffalo hotel, the Statler, claiming it needs more than the \$12.5 million it already received in state funding. While the management company continues to break labor law, Hyatt Workers United objects to Douglas Development receiving any more taxpayer money.

The workers have also attempted to reach out to the Hyatt Hotels Corporation but the company claims it has no control over Ambridge, despite it being the entity which allows hotels to fly its flag. Hyatt Workers United has spent the summer picketing the hotel to inform customers and other Buffalo locals about Ambridge’s union busting and the ongoing cruel treatment of workers that inspired the initial drive to organize a union.

They are now calling for a boycott of the hotel beginning Oct. 20. Picketers have



Union members picket the Hyatt Hotel, Buffalo, New York.

already seen results over the summer, with customers checking out after learning of the dispute and groups including the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, United Auto Workers, Southwest Airlines and the New York Energy Democracy Alliance voluntarily choosing not to do business with the hotel. □

Issues behind the WNBA contract talks

By Monica Moorehead

Now that the Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA) season is over, with the Las Vegas Aces winning the championship, all of the attention has moved towards negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA) for the league’s players. The current 2020 CBA expires on Oct 31. Like other CBA talks between the workers and the bosses, the workers usually fight for their “fair” share of the profits that they produce for the bosses with their labor – in the form of salaries and benefits. In Marxist terms, the share of workers’ labor that the capitalist keeps as profit is referred to as surplus value. Under capitalism, the working class is never fully compensated for the work it performs.

In the case of the WNBA, the players are the workers, represented by their union, the Women’s National Basketball Players Association and the bosses are the multimillionaire team owners represented by Commissioner Cathy Engelbert. The president of the WNBPA is Nneka Ogwumike, a player with the Seattle Storm.

What are the priority issues for the players with a new CBA? An increase in salaries is paramount, but the biggest issue is revenue-sharing and whether the percentage of this sharing for the players will be allowed to grow. For the men’s National Basketball Association, salary caps for teams are set based on a percentage of what the CBA describes as “basketball-related income.” By contrast, the WNBA’s current CBA defined the salary cap for each season ahead of time with modest 3% annual raises that are non-negotiable.

As Ogwumike stated in early August, “The players are still adamant that we get a percentage of revenue that grows with the business, which perhaps includes team revenue, and that’s just a part of the conversation.” (ESPN)

In 2024, the popularity of the WNBA exploded,



Napheesa Collier speaks at Sept. 30 press conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

reflected in packed arenas and more televised games. More expansion teams are being added. As a result of this growth, the WNBA signed an 11-year deal for 2026 with Disney, Amazon Prime Video and new rights holder NBCUniversal, valued at about \$2.2 billion.

Future agreements with additional partners could bring the league’s overall media deals closer to \$3 billion. The players are fighting to see that a share of this astronomical revenue be included in their salaries going forward.

Front Office Sports reports that the league is proposing a supermax salary estimated at \$850,000 with the veteran minimum around \$300,000. (Oct. 10) Supermax salaries are usually reserved for “elite” players either on a rookie extension or with at least five years of experience and also remain with their current team. Under the current CBA, the supermax salary is a little over \$249,000.

Many WNBA players, who are majority Black – a large number of them queer and several are mothers – have been forced to play in overseas leagues during their off-season to help supplement their regular salaries. These players are justified in demanding higher salaries to

reflect the growing revenue that their skills, talents and popularity have generated.

Lost trust in WNBA leadership

Complicating the CBA talks is the growing rift in relations between the players and the league. Right before the WNBA Finals, Minnesota Lynx star player, Napheesa Collier, who is also vice-president of the WNBPA, issued a four-minute statement at a Sept. 30 press conference. She accused the WNBA of having the “worst leadership in the world” and Engelbert of being “negligent” in her duties as a commissioner.

Collier went on to say: “The real threat to our league isn’t money, it isn’t ratings, or even missed calls, or even physical play. It’s the lack of accountability from the league office.” (The St. Louis American, Oct. 11)

Many of the most prominent WNBA players voiced solidarity with Collier’s assessment including, A’ja Wilson and Caitlin Clark.

These accusations center around questionable officiating, especially during the recent playoffs and also what is to be perceived by the players as Engelbert’s general lack of communication and coordination with them. This first started during the fall of 2020 when the predominantly Black NBA and WNBA took part in countrywide protests against police brutality sparked by the recorded lynching of George Floyd in May.

Engelbert’s feigned support for the WNBA’s participation in these protests proved to be off-putting to a number of the players at the time.

Many of the players stated that relations with Engelbert, who is white, are now beyond repair. How this rift impacts the outcome of the negotiations, no one knows. The players have not ruled out organizing a work stoppage if their demands for more income-sharing are not met by or after Oct. 31. □

Universities tell Trump ‘No compact!’

By Betsey Piette

Following President Donald Trump’s tactics of dangling the promise of giving or the threat of withholding federal grant monies in exchange for compliance with his reactionary policies, nine colleges and universities were sent a memo called the “Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education,” in early October. The colleges receiving it were Brown University, Dartmouth College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Arizona, University of Pennsylvania (Penn), University of Southern California, University of Texas at Austin, University of Virginia, and Vanderbilt University.

Conditions laid out in the 10-page document called for these colleges to agree to ban the use of race and sex in hiring, admissions, and financial support for students; to limit international undergraduate enrollment to 15%; and to require applicants to take the SAT or other standardized admissions tests. Colleges would have to commit to “defining and otherwise interpreting ‘male,’ ‘female,’ ‘woman,’ and ‘man’ according to reproductive function and biological processes.”

Additional conditions were that “colleges had to freeze tuition for American students for five years, prevent grade inflation, and make conservative students feel more welcome on campus.”

Colleges had until Oct. 20 to give feedback on the compact, and until Nov. 21 to sign it, or forgo priority federal funding. MIT, Brown, Dartmouth, U of A, USC and UVA have already rejected Trump’s offer. Under intense pressure from faculty, graduate student workers, post-doctoral researchers, the undergraduate assembly, and state and local politicians, on Oct. 16, Penn president J. Larry Jameson announced that the university was rejecting Trump’s ultimatum.

The pact had drawn criticism from Penn’s chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), which on Oct. 2 said: “When an invitation is accompanied by consequences for not accepting it, it is in fact a threat, not an invitation. Decisions about hiring, tuition, admissions, grades and discipline are made according to shared governance procedures that are essential to the independence of the university.” (AAUP-Penn.org)

The professors noted, “Whatever the

consequences of refusal, agreeing would threaten the very mission of the university.”

The national AAUP and American Federation of Teachers also urged the universities to reject what they called Trump’s “entirely corrupt” offer. (Inquirer.com, Oct. 2) As of Oct. 18, only the University of Texas has indicated it may accept the plan.

Setting up pattern of concessions

Bowing to political and financial pressure over Palestinian protests in 2024, Columbia University made major concessions after a series of threats from the Trump administration to revoke millions of dollars in grants in 2025. The university paid over \$220 million to resolve multiple federal investigations concerning civil rights and anti-discrimination laws. Columbia increased security and banned face coverings during demonstrations. The administration created a special force authorized to make arrests and prohibited protests inside and directly outside academic buildings.

The concessions didn’t stop there. In July, Columbia took disciplinary action against 70 students involved in protests. It placed its Middle Eastern, South Asian, and Africana Studies departments under special

administrative review. To restore \$400 million in canceled federal funding, the university agreed to adopt the controversial definition of antisemitism that erroneously conflates it with anti-Zionism.

Brown, Cornell University, Duke University, Harvard, Northwestern University, Princeton University and UCLA have all had funds frozen or suspended due to untrue allegations of antisemitism in connection with student protests against U.S.-funded Israeli genocide in Gaza.

Penn had started a similar pattern of bowing down to Trump’s demands in order to secure or protect the \$1 billion in federal grant funding it was set to receive. In July, in a deal to secure \$175 million in funds, the university agreed to adhere to a Trump executive order defining “male” and “female” in regard to athletics. Part of the concession involved taking away women’s swim team transgender athlete Lia Thomas’s medal and giving it to the swimmer with the next-best times.

The pressure on Penn isn’t just from Trump. The Daily Pennsylvanian reported on Oct. 6 that billionaire donor Marc Rowan, a pro-Zionist Wharton alumnus, helped draft Trump’s higher-education compact. Rowan was a vocal critic of the September 2023 Palestine Writes Festival held on Penn’s campus. (workers.org/2023/09/73535)

Coincidence or pattern?

The universities may not be alone in pushing back against pressure from the Trump administration. Whether just a timing coincidence or part of a growing pattern, on Oct. 15, over 30 news outlets, including the Associated Press, Bloomberg, CNN, Politico, Reuters, The Atlantic, The Guardian, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and others rejected War Secretary Pete Hegseth’s new guidelines sharply restricting their ability to report on the U.S. military.

Even conservative outlets like Fox News and Newsmax declined to sign the new rules. Dozens of members of the Pentagon press corps walked out of the Pentagon en masse after turning in their press credentials in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 15.

So, the question remains: If Trump’s program keeps being rejected by more and more forces, will he be forced to back down? □



Protesters at No Kings Day, Philadelphia, Oct. 18, 2025.

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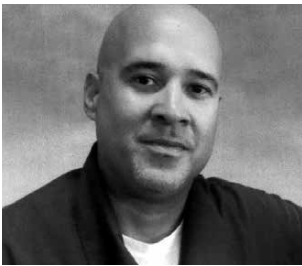
Prison hinders jailhouse lawyer's legal visits

By Betsey Piette

Bryant Arroyo has been recognized as one of the leading Latine voices for social and environmental justice reform in the prison-industrial complex in Pennsylvania. Currently at SCI (State Correctional Institution) Pine Grove, Arroyo previously organized inmates to get access to clean drinking water at SCI Frackville. While at SCI Mahanoy he organized hundreds of inmates to stop the construction of a toxic coal gasification plant from being built hundreds of feet from the prison yard.

Throughout his incarceration, Arroyo has challenged the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections for failing to accommodate individuals with disabilities. While at SCI Coal Township in 2022, he helped a terminally ill inmate with late stage cancer secure compassionate release.

The PA DOC has retaliated against Arroyo by frequently placing him in solitary confinement, denying his access to necessary medical treatment, and moving him from one facility to another multiple times. Details of the mistreatment and violations of his rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are included in



a federal complaint he will be filing soon against multiple prison employees.

To prepare for the federal complaint, Arroyo frequently needs legal virtual calls. Recently, the prison started shackling and restraining him during these visits, cuffing both hands to a restraining belt, leaving him unable to hold the phone, take notes, or present information to his legal counsel. The prison was also prohibiting him from using his prison-issued tablet during legal visits, and delayed bringing him to the visits on several occasions.

After Arroyo filed grievances over the issues, and amended his federal complaint to include SCI Pine Grove employees, on Oct. 8, he was finally allowed to consult with counsel without being restrained.

Bryant Arroyo's birthday is Oct. 20, so e-mails, cards, and donations to his prison account are welcome. Workers World would also like to thank him for the many new subscribers he has sent our way. We will continue to post updates on his federal case as it develops. Messages can be sent to Bryant Arroyo CU-112, SCI Pine Grove, PO Box 33028, St. Petersburg, FL 33733. □

Cleveland coalition: Investigate prisoner's death!

The Cuyahoga County Jail Coalition issued the following statement on Oct. 1.

The Cuyahoga County Jail Coalition expresses deep concern regarding the circumstances just reported by The Marshall Project surrounding the death of Tasha Grant — a 39-year-old Black woman and mother of an 11-year-old son — who passed away following physical restraint by law enforcement personnel at MetroHealth Medical Center. We extend our sincere condolences to her family, loved ones and community during this difficult time.

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner has classified Ms. Grant's death as a homicide, attributing it to respiratory compromise caused by restraint measures that led to her cardiac arrest. According to reported details, Ms. Grant — who had undergone amputation of both legs years prior — was transferred from the Cuyahoga County Jail to MetroHealth on May 2 after experiencing chest pains.

Three days later, she was subdued by

medical staff and law enforcement personnel, handcuffed to a hospital bed, administered a sedative and placed face down with pressure applied to her back. She was found unresponsive 14 minutes later.

No individual should lose their life while in the custody of those sworn to serve and protect them. The circumstances surrounding this incident necessitate a thorough review of current practices, emphasizing the importance of accountability and transparency, as well as reassessing the procedures employed by law enforcement and correctional personnel in medical and custodial settings.

These events highlight ongoing concerns about systemic issues related to the treatment of individuals in custody and in health care settings within Cuyahoga County. Ms. Grant's situation underscores the importance of prioritizing compassion and appropriate medical care over the use of potentially harmful restraint practices and deadly force. This tragic event highlights ongoing systemic issues in how our

community responds to individuals in crisis, particularly Black women and other marginalized groups who are disproportionately impacted by state violence.

We call for:

- A comprehensive and transparent investigation conducted by the prosecutor's office and the designated special prosecutor, with all findings made accessible to the public.
- Accountability for all parties involved in Ms. Grant's care and her subsequent death.
- An immediate prohibition on prone restraint and other similarly dangerous practices in both medical and custodial environments.
- Increased investment in community-based crisis response and health care systems that emphasize dignity, safety and comprehensive care rather than punitive measures.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF FAMILY

Tasha Grant — killed in jail

Ms. Grant's death reflects broader systemic challenges within our county's correctional and health care systems. Her life was valuable, and her passing should catalyze meaningful reform and systemic improvements.

The Cuyahoga County Jail Coalition remains committed to advocating for justice, accountability and the creation of a future in which no individual's life is endangered while in custody or under institutional care.

For more information or press inquiries, contact Cuyahoga County Jail Coalition at jailcoalition@gmail.com.

For Palestinian prisoners – 'Freedom is inevitably coming'

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine congratulates our people, the Prisoners' Movement and their families on the release of a group of prisoners from the occupation's jails.

- The Popular Front extends its warmest congratulations to the masses of our struggling Palestinian people, to the Prisoners' Movement and to the families of the heroic prisoners on the occasion of the release of a new group of freedom fighters from the occupation's jails, foremost among them several leaders of the Front and the Prisoners' Movement, headed by the member of the Front's Political Bureau, Comrade Leader Kamil Abu Hanish, and the Comrade Leaders Nader Sadaqa, Hashim Kaabi, Habes Bayoud, Hikmat

Abdul Jalil, Ahmad Al-Arda, Nabil Abu Khdeir, Al-Mahdi Ramadan, Ibrahim Alqam, Ibrahim Masaad and Bassem Al-Khandaqji.

- The Front also extends greetings and pride to the masses of our steadfast people in the Gaza Strip, who embraced with joy and pride hundreds of their sons, the prisoners released from the Nazi occupation's jails, after long months of suffering, abuse and torture.
- Although the joy remains incomplete as long as thousands of female and male prisoners remain behind bars, confidence in the resistance and its ability to achieve complete liberation remains great and unshaken.
- This great national achievement is the fruit of the steadfastness of our people and their valiant resistance and the sacrifices

of Gaza, which offered everything precious and valuable for the freedom of the heroic sons and daughters of our people.

- The Front affirms that the liberation of all prisoners is an irreversible covenant and that it, along with all resistance forces, will spare no effort or means until the last female and male prisoner achieves freedom, foremost among them the Secretary-General of the Front, Comrade Leader Ahmad Sa'adat, and his comrades, the leaders of the Prisoners' Movement and those serving long sentences.
- The Front stresses that the issue of the prisoners will remain at the forefront of national struggle priorities and will be on the resistance's agenda, as it is a political, national and humanitarian issue that touches the core of the conflict with the occupation.

It calls for its internationalization and for exposing the occupation's crimes against the prisoners before human rights and international institutions and for continuing popular and official pressure until they achieve complete freedom and international recognition of their rights.

- We renew our covenant that the struggle will continue at all combative, political, popular and field levels until complete freedom is achieved for our prisoners, comprehensive liberation for our land and the dignified return of our people to their homes.

Glory to the prisoners and glory to the resistance. ... Freedom is inevitably coming.

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine Central Information Department

Across the U.S.

Activists pay homage to George Floyd

Special to Workers World

In response to President Trump and his MAGA base calling for a “Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk” on Oct. 14, left groups in several cities called counter events honoring George Floyd, the 46-year-old Black man whose murder by asphyxiation by a white police officer was broadcast live on social media on May 25, 2020. Floyd’s birthday is also Oct. 14.

The Oct. 14 protests also paid homage to the mass movement that took to the streets to protest Floyd’s murder and the murder of all of those who have died at the hands of racist police and fascist violence.

This past Sept. 18, the Senate unanimously voted to declare Oct. 14 a “day of remembrance” for Kirk, who called George Floyd a “scumbag” and said that his murder should not have drawn such attention.

Oct. 14 was not really about honoring Charlie Kirk. The white supremacists who control the government with the support of the superrich want to prevent a reawakening of the movement catalyzed by Floyd’s murder. This is what’s behind the deployment of troops on the streets in cities and the racist war against immigrant workers.

These reactionary forces are co-opting Kirk’s birthdate to strengthen white supremacy, anti-LGBTQIA2S+ bigotry and war at home and abroad. They want the corporate media to focus on Kirk — instead of genocide in Gaza; war plans against Venezuela; ICE raids and deportations; deploying troops in Portland, Oregon, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Los Angeles; and preparing to declare martial law on a widespread basis.

They want people to forget about their war on workers and labor unions. They need a distraction from the reality of nearly 200,000 government workers being fired and hundreds of thousands more being robbed of their right to a union. They’d rather not focus on the fact that people are losing access to health care, food assistance and housing and can no longer afford basic necessities.

The Democratic Party politicians and supposedly anti-Trump forces have acquiesced to the Kirk pressure campaign. Courage, militancy and independent struggle are the only ways for the workers to respond to this crisis.

The following summaries describe some George Floyd actions that also included Atlanta and Seattle.

Activists gathered at the Billie Holiday statue in Upton, a neighborhood in **Baltimore**, to declare Oct. 14 “George Floyd Day,” marking his birthday.

Protesters carried signs reading “On George Floyd Day, Say No to Racism.” The action was part of a countrywide movement to honor George Floyd — not Charlie Kirk. The rally opened with a tribute to Assata Shakur. Colby Bryd of the Peoples Power Assembly urged the crowd to keep fighting racist violence. Watch Bryd on YouTube. (youtu.be/XKFTZVj2MbA)

Activists from Black Alliance for Peace, Workers World Party, Party for Socialism and Liberation and Power to the People NY assembled in downtown **Buffalo, New York**, on Oct. 14 alongside community members to protest outside the ICE facility, courthouse and offices for various government agencies complicit in violence against the working class. The core message of the Buffalo organizers stressed solidarity across the entire international working class.



At Harriet Tubman statue in Harlem, New York City, Oct. 14, 2025.

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In **Cleveland**, activists held a food distribution in a local park and had political discussions with passersby.

A moving birthday event for George Floyd was held by a multinational crowd of activists along with family and friends he grew up with in **Houston**. South African actor and dancer, Lindi Yeni, sang a South African freedom song, Nikki Luellen shared a poem followed by Floyd’s older brother, Travis Caine, saying, “It’s

given by Palestinians and other activists.

On George Floyd Day, activists from the Harriet Tubman Center in **Los Angeles** took the street. The Oct. 14 rally was held at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Figueroa, in USC’s shadow. It answered right-wing calls to honor the fascist Charlie Kirk. Speakers denounced racist police killings and named the dead. They tied the police war on Black and Brown youth to the White House offensive against the working



Travis Caine, George Floyd’s brother, speaks in front of the mural for his brother in the Third Ward in Houston.

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not just a Black problem but affects all people and, as a whole, Black, Mexican, white, we have to fight injustice together and hold those behind the badge accountable.” SisterMama Sonya, a member of the SHAPE Center’s Elders Council of Wisdom, read a poem. Messages were

class using federal troops.

On a rainy Oct. 14, dozens of community members gathered at the Hennepin County Government Plaza in **Minneapolis** to commemorate what would have been George Floyd’s 52nd birthday.

Twin Cities Coalition for Justice



Philadelphia, Oct. 14, 2025.

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organized this event to protest the designation of October 14 as a national day of remembrance for right-wing podcaster Charlie Kirk and to oppose the rising tide of white supremacist hate poisoning our country and our communities.

The aunt of George Floyd, Angela Harrelson, opened the program asking that all be united in fighting for justice and said she was grateful for folks who showed up to celebrate her nephew’s birthday. Myrka Zambrano, an organizer with Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee, noted that it took almost 32 years for Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday to become a national holiday and 150 years for Juneteenth to be recognized as a national holiday, but only nine days for Congress to recognize Kirk’s birthday as a national day of remembrance.

Dozens of activists gathered at the Harriet Tubman Memorial in **Harlem, New York City**, on Oct. 14 to honor the memory of George Floyd. Representatives from groups including December 12th Movement; Arm the Dollz; Mutual Aid & Scientific Socialism; Freedom Road Socialist Organization; Struggle La Lucha; Bronx Anti-War Coalition; United Antiwar Coalition; Jazz Against Genocide; Workers World Party; and Coalition Against the Bourgeois Media gave short greetings promoting unity and solidarity with all social struggles at home and abroad.

Omwale Clay from the December 12th Movement and Monica Moorehead, a Workers World managing editor, co-chaired the rally, which culminated with the Assata Shakur chant in salute to the heroic Black revolutionary who died on Sept. 25 in Havana, Cuba.

As the Trump regime continues its gestapo repression on the people not only of this country but of the world, over 50 **Philadelphia** activists from a dozen organizations including Workers World Party rallied at Philadelphia City Hall, then marched to the Federal Prison on 7th and Arch streets to honor George Floyd on his birthday, Oct. 14.

As a counter to Trump’s glorification of bigoted fascist Charlie Kirk, people took to the streets to celebrate the heroic resistance of the oppressed around the globe. Brother Tommy Joshua of the Philly Peace Park ended the demonstration with a spirited call for a united front capable of not only defending but advancing a people’s movement for liberation.

In **Portland, Oregon**, activists held a vigil and rally on Oct. 14 to make it a national day of remembrance for George Floyd. Rod Such, with Jewish Voice for Peace and Democratic Socialists of America, reminded the rally that the murder of George Floyd sparked over 100 days of protests in Portland. He is active in Portland’s Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel.

Mog, a coordinator for the Portland chapter of Resist U.S.-Led War Movement, spoke on the importance of resisting AFRICOM outposts for ongoing U.S. military occupation and control across Africa.

John Waller, a coordinator for the National Network on Cuba, stated, “There are no George Floyds in Cuba.” Unlike the U.S., Cuba has eliminated systemic racism that leads to police brutality.

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Denver No Kings

Protesters raise Palestine, cutbacks, ICE attacks

By Viviana Weinstein
Denver

Over 15,000 people gathered at the Colorado’s capitol building in Denver. Numerous marchers wore costumes as chickens, dinosaurs and other cartoon animals, holding signs saying “I am Antifa,” to poke fun at Trump’s obsession with the loosely organized anti-fascist “organization.” Other signs pointed to the fascist ICE agents who are running amok, attacking residents in U.S. cities including those where Trump is federalizing the National Guard to cause fear among people of color. Protesters voiced anger at Trump’s unconstitutional acts.

There is anger in Denver against the jailing of immigrants and immigrant activists, away from their families – and facing the continual threat of deportation. One, Jeanette Vizguerra, has been held in the for-profit detention center, run by Geo in Aurora, Colorado, for over six months with no end in sight. The ICE stormtroopers, attacking while masked and wearing no name badges, have been called “Gestapo” as the U.S. moves deeper into fascism.

Jewish Voice for Peace and the Palestine Coalition, including members of Doctors

Against Genocide, marched in support of Gaza and all Palestinians. The recent “ceasefire” in which the Israelis continue to kill Palestinian children in Gaza and allow only a handful of the 600 aid trucks per day agreed-upon shows that Israel, a country that commits genocide, cannot be trusted to honor agreements or tell the truth. For Palestinians, ceasefire often means, “We cease ... and they fire.”

A badly needed reprieve from massive bombing will be over soon if food, water and lifesaving needs are not met and the daily toll of Israeli Occupation Forces killings increases. Israel will always blame it on the Resistance which the Zionist state wants to disarm. The solidarity movement must stop the flow of U.S. arms and disarm Israel, not the Resistance, which is defending the Palestinian people.

In the last few days the Denver Post has written articles about local food banks in crisis due to increased demand and lack of federal funds. An announcement was made that there will be no food stamps on Nov. 1 due to the shutdown of the federal government. Thousands of people are losing their jobs and there are looming massive cuts to Medicaid and housing assistance. The government plans to



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Anger against ICE’s stormtroopers drives many Denver residents to protest. Oct. 18, 2025.

double and triple premiums for people insured under the Affordable Care Act.

The massive numbers of people in every state who have come out point to reasonable fear of the destabilizing economic situation workers face and anger at the attacks on workers’ and everyone’s democratic rights. □

Millions turn out for anti-Trump ‘No Kings’ actions

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Democratic Party, which seeks to limit, not broaden, the political outlook of these mass actions. There was even a call for marchers to wear or carry yellow items to show affinity with reactionary protests in Hong Kong and the right-wing government in Ukraine!

To push back Trump’s fascist agenda it will take a mass movement – but one that is independent from both capitalist parties and has a clear anti-imperialist orientation.

Actions bring out the masses

Here are some on-the-ground reports of a few of the actions Oct. 18.

In **New York City**, more than 100,000 people marched down Seventh Avenue from Times Square to 14th Street protesting Trump’s terror against immigrants, cutting of healthcare, firing of federal workers and sending troops to major U.S. cities. A labor contingent, organized by unions that are part of the New York City Central Labor Council, held a feeder march up Sixth Avenue that joined the main march. It included many members of 1199 Service Employees Union (SEIU), Communications Workers of America Local 1180, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees District Council 37, the New York State Nurses Association, the Laborers’ Union International of North America and the Professional Staff Congress/City

University of New York.

Teachers, doctors and other health care workers carried signs declaring “Fascists Fear Educators,” “Protect Our Healthcare,” “Hands off Medicare and Medicaid,” “Money For Education Not Oligarchs.” There were also signs in support of the Palestinian people and against U.S. arming of Israel. Many people stopped to take photos of Workers World Party (WWP) signs that read “U.S.A.: Hands off Venezuela!” and “ICE: U.S. Troops Out of Our Cities!”

A dozen people photographed a member wearing a “No War on Venezuela” apron, several remarking enthusiastically that this was the only one they had seen. And a young Palestinian woman thanked WWP members for showing solidarity with Palestine. The dense crowd was multinational and filled with young people, more so than in the previous “No Kings” march held in June, and with more homemade anti-fascist signs.

Organizers estimated that 90,000 people gathered at **Philadelphia’s** City Hall and marched to the Liberty Bell. There were too many participants carrying U.S. flags and not enough carrying Palestinian flags, and the crowd was older and whiter than Philly’s real population, but it was significant that people came out, held up signs and chanted against fascism, ICE and cuts in programs that poor and working people need.

Thousands of people marched in Niagara Square in **Buffalo, New York**.



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Buffalo, New York, WWP says ‘Globalize the Resistance.’

The WWP Buffalo branch raised the need for working-class people to have their own party, independent of both corporate parties. WWP also raised the slogans “Free Palestine!” and “U.S. hands off Venezuela!”

The rally and march in downtown **Cleveland** drew thousands of people with signs and banners expressing outrage over Trump’s attacks. While the rally was moderate and mainly featured Democratic Party politicians, the crowd maintained a militant spirit in the march that followed. Chants included, “Say it loud, say it clear, immigrants are welcome here” and “Free, free Palestine!”

Big crowds in small towns

There were between 16 and 20 No Kings rallies in small cities and towns across **West Virginia**. Members of WWP attended rallies in Huntington

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Labor contingent, New York City.



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Table to build support for targeted pro-Palestine students, Cleveland.

Despite Israel’s violations

Hamas prepares for second phase of negotiations

The following statement from Hamas' spokesperson in Gaza, Hazem Qassem, in an interview to Quds News Network, was posted by Resistance News Network on Oct. 18, 2025.

Hamas handed over the living captives in a single batch, while the available bodies were delivered directly. The movement continues to exert great and continuous efforts to ensure the full closure of the exchange process. We affirm that communication with mediators is ongoing to explain the details of the difficulties related to recovering the bodies, and there is an understanding from the mediators in this regard.

Regarding ceasefire violations

The occupation is manipulating the issue of handing over the bodies of Palestinian martyrs, as Palestinian bodies are delivered that do not match the requested names. This is in addition to the continuation of aerial sorties over the skies of the Gaza Strip in an attempt to terrorize citizens.

The continued presence of the occupation in the Gaza Strip is no different from its general behavior of seizing Arab lands in Gaza, the West Bank, Al-Quds [Jerusalem], Lebanon, and southern Syria. There is always a persistent desire by the occupation to expand its control over Arab land, and the issue of Gaza falls within this larger colonial context.

This "israeli" behavior gives the Palestinian people the full legitimate right to resist the occupation on the lands



Hazem Qassem, Hamas spokesperson

of the Gaza Strip. As long as the occupation seeks to expand on any Arab land, it must bear the consequences of any act of resistance that comes as a price for this presence.

The negotiations confirm that the "israeli" presence is temporary as stated in the agreement. We will continue to monitor this matter with the mediators and the guarantor states of the agreement, in parallel with upholding our legitimate right to resist the “israeli” presence on Palestinian land in the ways we deem appropriate.

The level of aid that has entered the Gaza Strip is less than what was agreed upon, and what has entered is not sufficient for a country suffering from all forms of famine. The occupation continues to use blackmail to restrict the entry of aid and what is required is a significant expansion of the aid corridor.

Regarding the start date for the initial reconstruction process

Relief operations should have begun ever since the end of the first phase of the agreement, which is supposed to be

complete. Hamas has handed over all its living captives and the bodies it was able to deliver. The reconstruction process was supposed to begin immediately after the successful completion of the first phase, but the delay so far has been deliberate on the part of the occupation.

The United States is one of the main parties in the mediation and is the key party to ensure the implementation of the agreement. There is continuous communication with the U.S. administration through mediators and diplomatic channels to ensure the application of what was agreed upon. Turkey has recently played a clear role in mediation and in guaranteeing the agreement, and we see it having an important future role in the sustainability of the peace process in Gaza.

Regarding executions by resistance security forces in Gaza

The executions are part of the legal procedures against those who committed the crime of high treason. These actions have received clear support from all Palestinian factions, which have issued statements of support. Community organizations have also shown their support for imposing law and order on these criminal terrorist gangs. All Palestinian clans have supported these measures and condemned the behavior of some of their members.

Leaders from the Fatah movement in Gaza have expressed their support for the security services' actions, given that the state of lawlessness and chaos affects everyone without exception. Lawlessness, chaos, and the presence of criminal gangs have not targeted the Hamas movement

alone, but the entire Palestinian people. The [Palestinian] Authority seems to desire the continuation of the state of lawlessness in Gaza, thinking it will achieve political gains. This is an opportunistic behavior outside the Palestinian consensus, as the Authority has not cared about the situation in Gaza for the past two years, has remained a spectator, and hoped to achieve political gains from the war. When it failed to do so, it criticized the governmental procedures in Gaza. We call on the Palestinian Authority to cease this behavior and join the national efforts to protect social peace in the Gaza Strip from disaster.

Hamas clearly affirms that it does not wish to participate in any administrative arrangements related to the governance of the Gaza Strip on the day after the cessation of aggression. It has agreed to the formation of a Community Support Committee to assume governance in Gaza.

We call for the speedy formation of the Community Support Committee until a Gaza administration committee is formed. We affirm that the governmental bodies in Gaza are continuing their duties because a vacuum is very dangerous, and this will continue until an administrative committee agreed upon by all Palestinian factions is established.

Discussions are underway with mediators to arrange the entry into the second phase of negotiations, which is considered a complex stage and requires a national consensus. We have begun steps to formulate a national position on these important issues. □

Bronx solidarity action honors Gaza’s martyrs

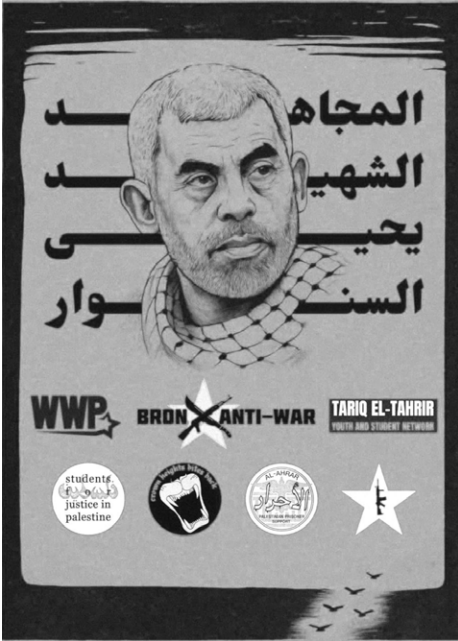
On Thursday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m., a “Vigil for the Martyr Yahya Sinwar (1962-2025) and All Martyrs Against Zionism and U.S.-led Imperialism” will be held at 149th Street. and Third Avenue in the Bronx, New York City.

This stage of Israel’s continuing genocidal war against Palestine has ended in failure for the Zionists. Despite billions of dollars in U.S. weapons, they failed to disarm or defeat resistance or to force a Palestinian surrender of their right to resist colonial occupation.

Global solidarity with Palestine is surging

Despite relentless bombardment, siege and starvation, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians are returning to ruined and bombed homes to rebuild and to honor their martyrs.

In honor of this historic achievement, anti-imperialist activists in the New York City area will gather at the busy intersection in the Bronx to join in saluting the sacrifice of tens of thousands of Palestinians and to salute the survival of the united Palestinian Resistance.



Yahya Sinwar — a leader of Al-Qassam Brigades, an architect of Al-Aqsa Flood and a key organizer of the unified armed resistance — will be honored, along with all the martyrs. An Israeli drone captured Sinwar’s final act of defiance in Rafah, his arm severed, hurling a stick at his killers.

Participants plan to bring candles, flowers, photos of martyrs of various liberation struggles and Sinwar’s words, “I fight for Gaza’s children, who dream of the world beyond the shore.” □

Spanish state

General strike backs solidarity with Palestine

By John Catalinotto

The people living in the Spanish state held a general strike Oct. 15 in solidarity with Palestine. Hundreds of thousands of people, including many secondary school students, filled the streets of more than 60 cities across the country.

The action was called and promoted by dozens of unions, social organizations and student groups under the slogan, “Stop everything to stop the genocide.” It denounced the role of the international community (meaning mainly the NATO countries, the European Union and especially the United States government) in the Israeli offensive against the Palestinian people of Gaza and demanded that the Spanish regime break diplomatic and commercial relations with Israel, in addition to suspending the shipment of weapons and military technology.

According to a report published Oct. 16 by the web sites lahaine.org and kaosenlared.net, “From early in the morning, picket lines and columns of workers blocked access to indus-

trial estates, universities, and logistics hubs.” The demonstrators cut off a major ring road in Barcelona, in the Catalonia region. In Valencia, protests centered around the Roig Arena, where a basketball game was scheduled against a Tel Aviv team.

Anti-people police in the Catalonia region used rubber-coated bullets and extendable batons against the protesters, injuring and arresting some in both cities.

In Madrid, thousands of people marched through the city center to Plaza de España, where rank-and-file unions and student platforms held a public assembly. A union spokesperson said to applause, “There can be no normality while genocide continues.”

In Bilbao, in the Basque Country, people rallied at the Puente del Arenal bridge and the City Hall, where a banner was unfurled with the slogan: “Basque Country with Palestine, permanent ceasefire.”

The political solidarity strikes partially stopped work throughout the country. The strike was all the more impressive as it occurred



‘From the river to the sea, Palestine will win.’ Barcelona, Oct. 15, 2025.

after the ceasefire in Gaza had been announced. According to the Oct. 16 report cited, “Although police repression and biased media coverage attempted to minimize its impact, the general strike for Palestine has set a historic precedent of internationalist solidarity in Spain.” □

China refuses to play Trump’s ‘art of the deal’ games

By Carlos Martinez

There is only one side responsible for sabotaging U.S.-China trade relations, and it’s not the Chinese. U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has accused China of trying to damage the U.S. economy after Beijing announced regulations on the export of rare earths and critical minerals. He claimed Beijing’s move “is a sign of how weak their economy is,” asserting that “they are in the middle of a recession and they are trying to export their way out of it.”

Mr. Bessent apparently lives on another planet, which indicates that at least the U.S.’s space program is going well. For one thing, China’s economy is growing at a rate of 5% per year, wages

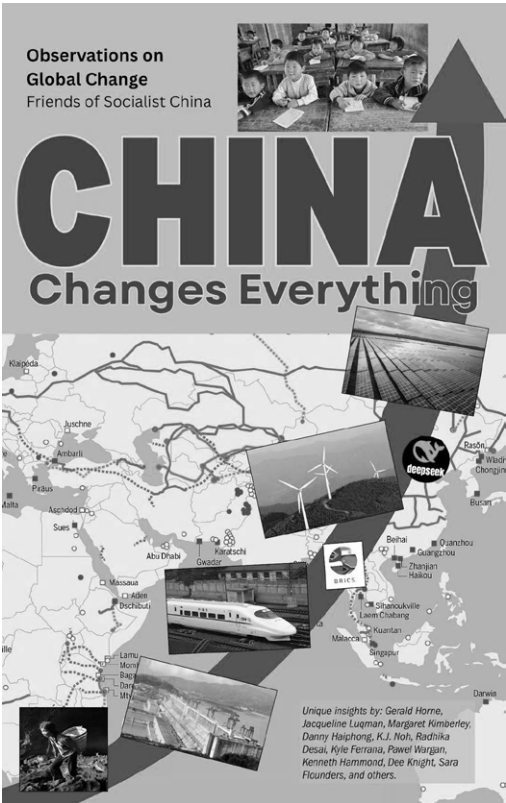
are rising rapidly, everyone is securely housed, living standards are continuously improving, and the infrastructure is light-years ahead of the U.S. (as I write this, I’m travelling at 300 km/h [186 mph] on a train between Shanghai and Nanjing).

Funny sort of recession. There’s a more credible explanation of China’s rare earth controls: In the last three weeks, the U.S. has rolled out 20 discriminatory trade measures in an attempt to undermine China’s negotiating position at the next round of trade talks. In late September, the U.S. added thousands of Chinese companies to its exports control entity list, and shortly after, implemented port fee investigation measures on Chinese-linked vessels,

while simultaneously threatening new 100% tariffs.

Trump and his team expect to punish China and suffer no consequences, but China is sufficiently strong, and sufficiently dignified, not to have to play these “art of the deal” games. Meanwhile, it should be reiterated that China’s export controls are not an export ban. They are aimed at upholding international nonproliferation obligations and defending peace. Bad news for the military-industrial complex but good news for everyone else.

There’s a very simple path forward, Mr. Trump and Mr. Bessent: Treat China as an equal, stop trying to bully your way towards a one-sided deal, and reach an agreement that helps both sides. □



Front cover for a new book. Details forthcoming. Carlos Martinez is a contributor.

Assata Shakur: A legacy of resistance

By Monica Moorehead

Workers World Party mourns the passing of the Black liberation fighter Assata Shakur, who died at the age of 78 on Sept. 25, 2025, in Havana, Cuba. To honor her memory, Workers World is reprinting excerpts of an article originally entitled “Assata Shakur is a modern-day Harriet Tubman” that first appeared March 31, 2022, on workers.org.

I had the distinct honor of meeting Assata Shakur in person at the 1997 World Youth Festival in Havana, Cuba. I was all the more surprised when she recognized me as the 1996 presidential candidate for Workers World Party.

So when the FBI posted a \$2 million bounty on May 2, 2013, for the return of Assata to the U.S., not only did it anger me and countless others, but it also reminded me of another bounty put on the head of another freedom fighter over 170 years ago — Harriet Tubman.

Both of these courageous women sacrificed much in their lives, including any kind of a normal family life, to join important movements to free humanity from oppression.

Assata’s political journey

Born in New York City in the late 1940s, Assata moved to Wilmington, North Carolina, to live with her grandmother when she was three years old until her teenage years. She eventually joined both the Black Panther Party



Assata Shakur and Monica Moorehead in Havana, Cuba, Aug. 1997.

and the Black Liberation Army.

COINTELPRO, or Counter-Intelligence Program, was created by the FBI, then led by the notorious J. Edgar Hoover, in the early 1950s. The aim of COINTELPRO was to use every dirty tactic, including demonization in the media, to discredit and eventually destroy national liberation movements like the Panthers and their leaders. Assata, for instance, was harassed, arrested and falsely accused of several bank robberies beginning in the late

1960s. She was acquitted each time of the bogus charges.

Then on May 2, 1973, Assata and two other Panther members, Sundiata Acoli and Zayd Malik Shakur [not related], were stopped by white state troopers on the New Jersey Turnpike. Shots were fired, which resulted in the death of Shakur and Assata being shot multiple times. One of the troopers died. Assata and Acoli were charged with murder and convicted by all-white juries.

Both were railroaded to prison based on their political beliefs and convictions. Assata spent more than six brutal years in men’s and women’s prisons before she was able to escape to Cuba, where she was welcomed with open arms. Acoli has been imprisoned for almost 50 years.

There were posters in post offices and even a huge billboard in New Jersey called for the arrest of Assata as a “terrorist.” The CIA has falsely accused Cuba of “exporting terrorism” since soon after its revolutionary leadership defeated the U.S.-backed invasion at the Bay of Pigs in 1961 and declared the country to be socialist. Today, Cuba solidarity activists demand that this revolutionary country be removed from the U.S. government’s State Sponsors Terrorism list.

Black activists pay homage to Assata at many movement events with her own words: “It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win. We must love and protect each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains.”

End the U.S. blockade of Cuba!
Assata Shakur ipresente! □

Britain

2,100 arrested for carrying Palestine Action signs

By G. Dunkel

The British legal system has decided that carrying a sign reading “I oppose genocide, I support Palestine Action” is an infraction carrying a maximum penalty of 14 years in jail.

According to the British police, nearly 2,100 people have been arrested on anti-terrorist charges rising from carrying such a sign at protests and demonstrations since July when this ban went into effect.

Palestine Action was founded in 2020 to disrupt the operations of British weapons manufacturers connected to the Israeli government. It is committed to “ending global participation in Israel’s genocidal and apartheid regime.”

The organization engaged in occupations, blockades, spray painting, slashing tires, disfiguring statues and assorted other disruptions, mainly directed at Zionist targets in Britain. But in June 2025, two members with crowbars and spray paint sneaked onto a big British

air force base and damaged two planes.

The Home Secretary Yvette Cooper used this attack to classify Palestine Action as a “terrorist group,” like Al Qaeda or ISIS, even though it was nonviolent. (CNN-UK, Sept. 6)

The court system doesn’t have the capacity to try 2,100 defendants expeditiously, so they are trying to force them into groups and limit the length of each trial to a few hours. (BBC, Oct. 11)

One notable feature of these arrests is that the average age of one batch of 500, the cops reported, was 54. Half of the arrested were over 60, a hundred or so over 70, and a handful were over 80. Generally the arrested protesters refused to walk to the police vans, forcing the cops to carry them.

The United Nations Human Rights Office and a number of amnesty groups have condemned the government’s campaign as a violation of the right to free speech and assembly. Dismissing the government’s efforts to stop a judicial review of the decision to ban the group,

on Oct. 18 the Court of Appeal agreed to hear from Huda Amorri, one of the founders of Palestine Action on the validity of Cooper’s decision that it is a “terrorist” organization. The hearing is set for Nov. 25.

According to the Cradle, a progressive British website, “Defend Our Juries, a

political group opposing the proscription, says authorities have weaponized counter-terror powers to silence opposition to Israel’s arms industry.” But given the ongoing campaign of carrying the “offensive” sign by thousands of people opposing Israel’s genocide in Gaza, the opposition has demonstrably not been silenced. □



London demonstrations support Palestine Action.

End the U.S. blockade of Cuba!

Since 1992 the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has voted annually on the criminal U.S. blockade of socialist Cuba, which began in 1962. Each year the vote has been overwhelming for ending this blockade as a weapon wielded by U.S. imperialism. It prevents businesses in the U.S. and other countries from trading vital goods and parts with this country of now 11 million people, who chose a socialist path of development following Cuba's historic Jan. 1, 1959, revolution.

Before the most recent actual vote took place on Oct. 30, 2024, Cuba's Foreign Minister, Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, spoke before the UNGA on the impact the blockade has had on the economy, causing tremendous hardships for the Cuban population, including recent electrical power outages due to a lack of parts to repair

Cuba's outdated electrical grid.

Rodríguez said that the Cuban economy had lost over \$1.6 trillion in international trade as well as tourism since the blockade began. Despite the devastating impact of the blockade, he said the Cuban government and its people would not be deterred from continuing to build and defend socialism as their right to self-determination. He concluded his remarks with "Let Cuba live!"

Rodríguez's comments were greeted with sustained applause by the majority of U.N. delegates, along with Cuba solidarity activists sitting in the General Assembly balcony. The symbolic vote was then taken — 187 countries voting yes to end the blockade; the U.S. and Israel voting no; and one country abstaining.

Following the Oct. 30 vote, the U.S.

delegate defended the blockade using false arguments to "support" the Cuban people. In response, Cuba's U.N. Ambassador Ernesto Soberón Guzmán presented a powerful rebuttal to the unfounded U.S. accusations.

U.S. holds UNGA hostage

On Oct. 28 and 29, 2025, U.N. representatives of many countries are expected to once again condemn the criminal blockade, calling it a violation of international law and unlawful punishment of the Cuban people. Various delegates from Caribbean, African and Latin American countries will testify to the ongoing humanitarian aid that Cuba provides for their respective developing countries, especially in the area of health care.

And once again, the U.S. will no doubt

use its unilateral leverage on the U.N. Security Council (UNSC) to veto the resolution to end the blockade, similar to vetoing all measures to stop its backing of Israel's genocide in Gaza for the past two years.

According to the Council on Foreign Affairs, the U.S. provides almost one-third of all U.N. funding. And it has not been unusual for the U.S. to withhold some of its funds if it does not agree with some of the resolutions passed by the UNGA.

The fact that the U.S. wields so much political influence within the UNSC to undermine the votes of other U.N. member countries, large and small, reflects once again the undemocratic, impotent role of the U.N.

Cuba, yes! Blockade, no! □

WW COMMENTARY

Palestinian Resistance scores historic victory

By Monica Moorehead

Workers World Party salutes the anti-imperialist tenacity, resolve and determination of the Palestinian Resistance, led by the Islamic Resistance Movement — Hamas that signed a ceasefire agreement with Israel on Oct. 9. How long it will last is anyone's guess, but for now, the fact that such a deal took place can only be described as unprecedented and awe-inspiring.

This signing is truly a groundbreaking, historic moment for the besieged Palestinian people within their more than 77-year struggle against violent displacement, occupation, massacres, mass incarceration, forced starvation at the hands of the fascist, settler-colonialist, Zionist regime of Israel. The Israeli apartheid state could not have lasted one single day if it wasn't for the billions of dollars it received, especially in military aid, from U.S. imperialism.

Palestinian resistance has existed even since before Israel was created by European colonial powers and sanctioned by the United Nations in 1948. But this resistance, as heroic as it was, was much maligned and demonized relentlessly, especially within the imperialist centers of the Global North.

One could be labeled a terrorist or antisemitic for daring to utter the word "Palestine," due to the united ruling elite's backing of Israel's efforts to ethnically cleanse Palestine's rich ancestral history and its people — while superexploiting the oil-rich region for superprofits.

A failure to achieve Zionist goals

But this scenario changed forever on Oct. 7, 2023, when the Al-Aqsa Flood, led by Hamas, destroyed the myth of Israel, the most militarized state in West Asia, being both invincible and untouchable. Without giving up one single weapon, Hamas was able to capture hundreds of Israeli hostages to trade for the release of thousands of Palestinian imprisoned hostages over the past two years.

Despite the horrific genocide, with tens of thousands of Gazans being martyred, assassinations of the Resistance leaders and the total devastation of Gaza's infrastructure, including homes, hospitals, schools and mosques, ultimately it was Hamas's deep ties to the people and self-sacrifice that forced Israel to the negotiating table last week. This is a development that Israel vowed would never happen.



Released Palestinian prisoners greeted by thousands in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip, Oct. 13, 2025.

What a humiliating defeat for Zionism, considering that this is a resistance with no tanks, fighter jets, precision bombs nor other sophisticated weaponry at its disposal. The Resistance relies on tunnels to conceal their hand-held weaponry and homemade bombs to repel their enemy amongst the ruins of Gaza.

The people of the world, including youth and workers, became so inspired by the Palestinians' unwavering will to resist by any means necessary that other forms of resistance — from student encampments to massive demonstrations around the world to shutting down ports transporting military equipment to Israel — are becoming more and more common. More than 1,000 activists

have joined flotillas challenging Israel's blockade of Gaza. "Free Palestine!" has become a clarion call in every corner of the globe, thanks in large part to the strong unity of all factions of the Palestinian Resistance. Never since World War II, with the exception of apartheid South Africa, has a country become the number one social pariah in the eyes of the world.

Imperialist allies were so terrified of Israel's growing economic and political isolation that President Donald Trump felt compelled to step in to broker a ceasefire deal with Hamas, overriding the wishes of war criminal Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. To be clear, Trump is no friend of the Palestinian people. In fact, speaking before the Knesset parliament in Tel Aviv on Oct. 13, Trump stated how proud he was that Israel used U.S. weaponry "well!"

Struggle far from over

For the Palestinian people, the first phase of the agreement — focused on the release of almost 2,000 Palestinian imprisoned hostages — is another important step forward in achieving their national liberation and their long overdue right to sovereignty. They are more aware than anyone that the Israeli regime has a sordid history of sabotaging any agreement. The Israelis, for instance, refused to release some Hamas leaders held in notorious Zionist prisons.

The Axis of Resistance — Iran, Yemen, Lebanon's Hezbollah and the Iraqi resistance — have pledged their ongoing solidarity with the Palestinian Resistance and people. The movements around the world, including in the Global North, must continue to be vigilant in maintaining and elevating their solidarity with the Palestinian Resistance, a beacon of hope and strength in weakening imperialism's stranglehold on the global working class and oppressed.

This worldwide solidarity will contribute to victory for Palestinian liberation and inspire millions more workers to throw off the shackles of class oppression. □

Honoring Che: Revolutionary hero, internationalist



Che Guevara and Fidel Castro.

By Kathy Durkin

The following article first appeared online at workers.org on June 24, 2020. Oct. 9, 2025, marked the 58th anniversary of Che's martyrdom.

"If you tremble with indignation at every injustice, then you are a comrade of mine." Those are the words of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, anti-imperialist, guerrilla fighter and a leader of the Cuban revolution. This working-class hero is revered by revolutionaries and oppressed peoples worldwide. Che was born on June 14, 1928. CIA-directed Bolivian soldiers executed him on Oct. 9, 1967, in La Higuera, Bolivia.

Cuban leader Fidel Castro told his grieving country on Oct. 18, 1967: "Che died defending no other interest, no other cause than the cause of the exploited and the oppressed of this continent. Che has left a great heritage

to the world. He left us his revolutionary thinking, his revolutionary virtues, his character, his will, his tenacity. He left us his example!

"Che carried to its highest expression revolutionary stoicism, the revolutionary spirit of sacrifice, revolutionary combativeness, the revolutionary spirit of work. Che brought the ideas of Marxism-Leninism to their freshest, purest, most revolutionary expression. No other person of our time has carried the spirit of proletarian internationalism to its highest possible level as Che did."

Fidel encouraged the Cuban people to continue onward with Che's revolutionary spirit and outlook: "We must face the future with firmness, determination and optimism. In Che's example, we will always look for inspiration — inspiration in struggle, inspiration in tenacity, inspiration in intransigence toward the enemy, inspiration in internationalist feeling!" (tinyurl.com/y7ku4jb5)

Millions turn out for anti-Trump ‘No Kings’ actions

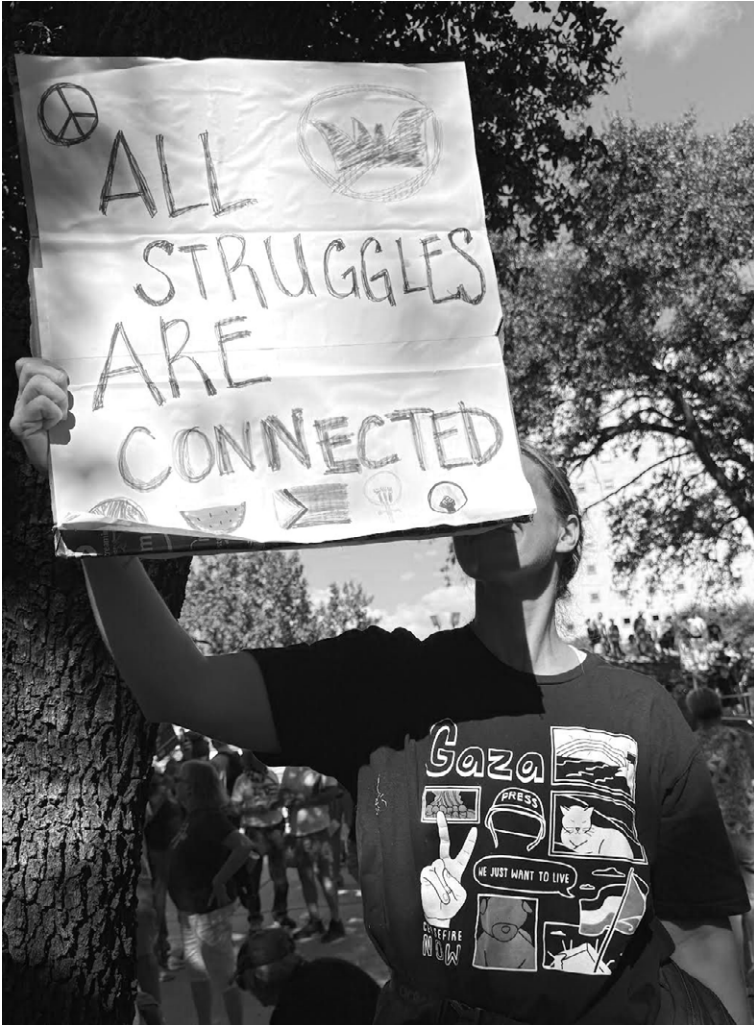
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and Charleston that brought out hundreds of people of different nationalities, generations and genders. There were several speakers and musical performers, while progressive organizations, such as the American Civil Liberties Union, Citizen Action Group and WVFree, an abortion rights advocacy group, had tables.

Several of the attendees had signs expressing concerns over the closing of rural hospitals, as a result of Medicaid cuts mandated in the “Big, Ugly” budget bill. Many people, through signs and shirts, shared sentiments against ICE and some sported keffiyehs and carried Palestinian flags. Protesters wore red bandanas around their necks to show solidarity with the historical mine wars, such as the “Battle of Blair Mountain.” Various costumes and street theatre were notable. Copies of Workers World newspaper and the “Push back against fascist repression” WW statement were distributed and well-received.

Kerrville, Texas, is a small, heavily Republican town recently devastated by a horrific flood this past summer. Hundreds of people came out to Kerrville City Hall to protest Trump and fascism. A participant stated: “The surprising turnout made me feel proud of my hometown. Not everyone from a small town background is a MAGA supporter and this proves it.”

The No Kings protest in **Kingwood, Texas**, was the



Houston

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biggest the town has yet seen, with over 1,000 participants. Although there were many U.S. flags and other expressions of patriotism, there were also many progressive slogans. In addition to slogans that promoted LGBTQIA2S+ rights and opposed ICE, there were a few pro-Palestinian signs, more than at any previous No Kings events in Kingwood.

One individual is reported to have been harassed by local

police, although the cops backed down in the end.

The event in **Dallas** demonstrated many things: the mass support for the growing movement against Trump, the unfortunate prevalence of the liberal element of that movement, and, most encouragingly, the openness among the youth for a more radical, revolutionary solution.

In a corner of Pacific Plaza, among the tables and groups from multiple revolutionary socialist parties as well as organizations focused on protecting the rights of immigrants directly affected by the current fascist ICE campaigns, a group gathered and listened to a recitation of the WWP flyer created for the event. The point in the statement on the absence of Palestine representation in official No Kings messaging particularly resonated with the group. Later, when the mile-long march began, young activists gladly substituted the liberal slogan “This is what democracy looks like” with “This is what resistance looks like!”

In addition to joining along in

a rendition of The Internationale as rain came pouring down upon demonstrators, fellow socialists and all attendees traveling through that area of the plaza were given this quote by Georgi Dimitrov, General Secretary of the Communist International from 1935-43: “Before the establishment of a fascist dictatorship, bourgeois governments usually pass through a number of preliminary stages and adopt a number of reactionary measures which directly facilitate the accession to power of fascism. Whoever does not fight the reactionary measures of the bourgeoisie and the growth of fascism at these preparatory stages is not in a position to prevent the victory of fascism, but, on the contrary, facilitates that victory.”

Houston’s City Hall, its Reflection Pool Park area and neighboring Tranquility Park were filled with protesters for No Kings Day. Between 15,000 and 20,000 activists with creative signs and costumes — as well as too many U.S. flags — rallied and marched. Besides some Democratic Party politicians, there were speakers from the Palestinian Youth Movement, Democratic Socialists of America and Food Not Bombs. Many people readily took WW newspapers and flyers. The Texas Death Penalty Abolition Movement distributed leaflets promoting their 26th Annual March to Abolish the Death Penalty at the Texas Capitol on Nov. 1 at 2 p.m.

In **Salt Lake City, Utah**, the “No Kings” protest had over 15,000 people attending, based

on estimates by local television station KUTV. Crowds filling the entire grounds of the Utah state capitol building. One participant carried a flag with the Utah beehive symbol surrounded by the pro-trans, anti-racism Pride flag motifs. Inspired by a tactic used in Portland anti-ICE protests, a contingent in the march wore inflatable costumes.

Representing a large number of people from the working class, 90,000 demonstrators marched in **Seattle**, according to march organizers and local media. The marchers protested the thousands of attacks by the Trump-led billionaire class and their imperialist corporations and opposed U.S. wars at home and abroad. At least seven feeder marches merged into the main rally at Seattle Center.

After rallying, the demonstrators marched a mile to downtown. Tariq Raouf, a Palestinian writer, activist and poet, spoke at the main rally. A militant Free Palestine contingent urged continued solidarity for the Palestinian revolution. Seattle Against War, Freedom Road Socialist Organization, Students for a Democratic Society and Workers World Party were some of the groups in the contingent.

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West Virginia

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Seattle: Palestinian poet showed solidarity with his people’s revolution at the main rally.

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Stop U.S. attack on Venezuela!

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to win them to oppose aggression on Venezuela.

The most important lesson is that the assault on Venezuela has nothing to do with protecting people in the U.S. from fentanyl or other dangerous drugs. The “war on drugs” is a pretext for war, not a reason. It is today’s equivalent of the lie about “weapons of mass destruction” that President George W. Bush used as a pretext for the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq.

Trump’s war threat is aimed solely at using the Pentagon’s potential for sowing terror to bully a nation of nearly 30

million people into submission. The goal is to replace President Nicolás Maduro’s government with a puppet regime — one led, for example, by ultrarightist María Corina Machado who has called for murderous U.S. military intervention against Venezuela’s people. The loot in this giant robbery is Venezuela’s energy reserves, the largest proven oil reserves in the world.

Remember, U.S. imperialism waged bombing raids on Iraq and Libya, two countries with enormous energy reserves, destroying both nations, killing hundreds of thousands of people including their leaders, and occupying Iraq for nearly a

decade. It is no accident that Venezuela is a sovereign state whose people possess the world’s largest oil proven reserves. That the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded Machado the Peace Prize makes this committee once again complicit with war crimes.

While the Venezuelan government has been open to negotiations with the U.S., it has also taken steps to defend itself. These have mainly been steps to mobilize five million volunteers into local popular militias, which can carry out a defensive people’s war if U.S. aggression makes this necessary.

The Landless Movement in Brazil, a

country with a long border with Venezuela to the south, has pledged to organize international brigades to support the right of the Venezuelans to defend their sovereignty.

Let the movement in the United States that has developed in the past two years protesting genocide in Gaza and protesting the MAGA police state join with this international movement to confront U.S. imperialism on every front of its aggressive wars, from the neighborhoods of U.S. cities to the Resistance movements in West Asia to South America.

Keep the U.S. out of Venezuela! □



Manifestantes ocupan las vías del tren para protestar contra el ataque a la flotilla, Milán, Italia, 1 de octubre de 2025.

El mundo está decidido: ¡Palestina libre!

Personas de todo el mundo protestan contra el ataque de Israel a la Flotilla Global Sumud. Más de 40 barcos intentaban llegar a Gaza para entregar ayuda material y romper el bloqueo. Según la página web de la flotilla, 161 de los tripulantes secuestrados habían sido liberados en la mañana del 6 de octubre, mientras que 301 seguían «cautivos» por Israel en condiciones que equivalían a tortura.

Todos los barcos habían sido apresados ilegalmente en aguas internacionales el 3 de octubre. Los tripulantes capturados denunciaron que les obligaron a beber agua del retrete, que pasaron días sin comer, que recibieron amenazas

violentas y que les trataron «como a monos» (Aljazeera.com, 5 de octubre).

Sin embargo, si los sionistas pensaban que podían frenar el movimiento mundial de solidaridad con Palestina, han aprendido lo contrario. Se calcula que dos millones de trabajadores en Italia, en unas 100 ciudades, participaron en una huelga el 3 de octubre para protestar por el ataque a la flotilla. Los organizadores estiman que participaron 300 000 personas en Roma, 100 000 en Milán, 50 000 en Nápoles y cientos de miles más en toda Italia, bloqueando carreteras y paralizando el transporte.

Se produjeron protestas masivas en toda Europa: en Ámsterdam, Atenas, Barcelona,

Berlín, Dublín, Ginebra, Londres, Madrid, París y muchas otras ciudades. Casi 1000 personas fueron detenidas voluntariamente en una manifestación en Gran Bretaña en apoyo a Palestine Action, que ha sido prohibida por el gobierno.

Se celebraron manifestaciones en Brasilia (Brasil); Buenos Aires; Estambul; Karachi y Peshawar (Pakistán); Calcuta (India); Ciudad de México; Túnez (Túnez), así como en múltiples ciudades de Estados Unidos.

Los organizadores de la flotilla dicen que sus planes son organizar otra flotilla, esta vez con 1000 barcos.

El ataque del régimen sionista a la flotilla fue ilegal. Israel ha sido acusado de genocidio en la Corte Internacional de

Justicia y en la Corte Penal Internacional, y el 16 de septiembre una comisión de investigación de las Naciones Unidas dijo que Israel ha cometido genocidio. Pero el proceso legal no pondrá fin a la matanza masiva en Gaza, la lucha sí lo hará.

La resistencia palestina no ha dado señales de rendirse. Es la **firmeza** del pueblo —**sumud** en árabe — combinada con la solidaridad mundial lo que ha obligado a Israel a volver a la mesa de negociaciones con Hamás. Independientemente del resultado de esta ronda de conversaciones —y depende del pueblo palestino decidir qué está dispuesto a aceptar—, la lucha decidida en Palestina ha provocado un cambio cualitativo y permanente en la lucha de clases en todo el mundo. □

El Comité Nobel otorga el premio Nobel de la Paz a una belicista

El Comité Noruego del Nobel tocó fondo el 10 de octubre al seleccionar a la política reaccionaria venezolana María Corina Machado para su Premio Nobel de la Paz. La elección es un insulto a todos los venezolanos que defienden la soberanía de su país. Peor aún, promueve activamente las provocaciones bélicas del régimen de MAGA contra el pueblo venezolano.

Este editorial expondrá la biografía política de Machado y enumerará algunos de sus crímenes más atroces.

Machado es una política ultraderechista venezolana que proviene y representa a la desacreditada oligarquía venezolana. Incluso cuenta con nobles feudales entre sus antepasados. Dedicó su premio Nobel de la Paz a Donald Trump.

Machado es despreciada por la gran mayoría de los venezolanos y adulada por los representantes de las potencias imperialistas de Estados Unidos y la Unión Europea. Ha promovido golpes violentos contra los gobiernos elegidos de Venezuela y el robo imperialista de los recursos y la riqueza de Venezuela.

Desde las elecciones de 1998, cuando Hugo Chávez ganó por primera vez la presidencia, Machado ha sido la portavoz del ala más reaccionaria y violenta de la oposición al proceso revolucionario bolivariano de Chávez. Ha defendido públicamente y conspirado en privado cada medida criminal que el imperialismo estadounidense y europeo ha tomado para robar al pueblo venezolano y hacerle sufrir. Estas medidas incluyen:

Abril de 2002. Machado apoyó el golpe contra Chávez. Una parte del ejército venezolano, en colaboración con reaccionarios de la oligarquía y con la

ayuda del régimen de George W. Bush en Estados Unidos, capturó a Chávez.

Machado fue una de las 400 personas que firmaron la Constitución del Gobierno de Transición Democrática y Unidad Nacional, más conocida como el «Decreto Carmona», una maniobra en el Parlamento destinada a derrocar a Chávez.

Un levantamiento popular exigió la liberación de Chávez y un grupo de oficiales patriotas lo rescató y revirtió el golpe. Los golpistas fueron expulsados del ejército.

Febrero de 2014. Semanas después de la muerte de Chávez a principios de 2013, Nicolás Maduro fue elegido como su sucesor. El 12 de febrero de 2014, Machado se unió al líder de Voluntad Popular, Leopoldo López, en un violento plan llamado La Salida. Este grupo organizó ataques que

provocaron el asesinato de 43 ciudadanos y miembros de las fuerzas de seguridad chavistas en todo el país.

Estos ataques, llamados guarimbas, fueron derrotados por el gobierno bolivariano de Maduro y por las movilizaciones populares. Esto a pesar de que el presidente Barack Obama calificara a Venezuela como una amenaza seria para la seguridad nacional de Estados Unidos en 2015. Tras el fracaso de las ofensivas guarimbas, Estados Unidos, bajo la primera administración Trump, probó una nueva táctica.

Enero de 2019. Trump respaldó a Juan Guaidó, un político venezolano de poca importancia, que se autoproclamó presidente de Venezuela a principios de 2019. Machado apoyó a Guaidó. A lo largo de 2019, las fuerzas más ricas y reaccionarias de Venezuela intentaron organizar

mitines con el objetivo de provocar un golpe de Estado. Los regímenes reaccionarios de los vecinos Colombia y Brasil respaldaron los intentos de golpe. Todos ellos fracasaron.

Durante ese año 2019, Machado se convirtió en «embajadora» del falso régimen de Guaidó y (1) presionó para que Estados Unidos aplicara medidas coercitivas unilaterales (también llamadas «sanciones») y (2) alentó el robo de las reservas de oro de Venezuela y de Citgo, una empresa petrolera que había sido propiedad de Venezuela. Esto le costó al pueblo venezolano cientos de miles de millones de dólares y acabó con cientos de miles de vidas.

Guaidó demostró ser un político incompetente, impopular y corrupto. Al final, su propio partido rechazó su liderazgo.

Machado también ha apoyado al actual régimen genocida israelí y ha prometido trasladar la embajada de Venezuela en Jerusalén (Al-Quds) desde Tel Aviv si su partido llega al poder.

Lo que hace que el premio Nobel de este año sea un crimen aún mayor es el momento en que se produce: con el pretexto de la «guerra contra las drogas», Trump ha enviado buques de guerra al sur del Caribe y aviones de combate a las bases estadounidenses en Puerto Rico. Las fuerzas estadounidenses han asesinado gratuitamente a venezolanos y colombianos en barcos. Amenazan con un ataque directo a Venezuela. Al otorgar un «premio de la paz» a la reaccionaria, proimperialista y criminal Machado, el Comité Nobel ha facilitado una guerra agresiva.

¡Denuncien la complicidad del Comité Nobel en crímenes de guerra! ¡Movilicémonos para detener los ataques de Estados Unidos contra Venezuela! □



Protesta del 6 de septiembre en Central Park, Nueva York, donde se exige que el ejército estadounidense se mantenga fuera de Venezuela.

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