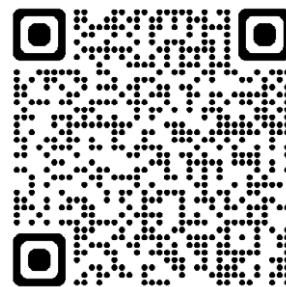


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No ICE! No War! No Billionaires!

By Martha Grevatt

May Day—International Workers Day—commemorates the struggle for the eight-hour day in Chicago in 1886. It honors the five labor leaders who were executed by the state of Illinois in 1887. Four were hanged and one was found dead in his cell the night before his scheduled execution.

For decades May Day has been a holiday in most parts of the world. This year millions of people took part in marches, rallies, strikes and civil disobedience. Huge actions took place all over Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and Latin America.

There has been a welcome resurgence in commemorations in the U.S., with May Day Strong estimating that 3,500 separate actions took

place. In some cities, organized labor played a big role in May Day. However, May Day Strong has significant ties to Democratic Party-oriented anti-Trump groups such as No Kings and 50501 and reported many smaller actions that were not union-led.

Nevertheless, it was not hard to spot antiwar banners, signs against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and expressions of solidarity with Palestine throughout the crowds. International Workers Day around the world reflected the need for global, working-class solidarity—as it should!

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Cubans gather in Havana on May Day to denounce the new, severe energy and economic sanctions imposed by the Trump administration and pledged to defend their homeland. They also protested outside the U.S. Embassy.

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Congress gives Trump a pass on War Powers Resolution

Enacted in 1973, the War Powers Resolution (WPR) directs a president to withdraw armed forces from a foreign conflict within 60 days unless Congress authorizes a war or extends the period. Passed at the peak of opposition at home to the U.S. war in Vietnam, the law has historically been challenged by multiple presidents including then President Richard Nixon whose veto of it was overridden.

On May 1, President Donald Trump's war on Iran, which began on Feb. 28, reached the last day of a two-month extension Congress gave to Trump regarding the war — which polls show seven out of 10 people in the U.S. oppose. While the law mandates that hostilities end if Congress doesn't authorize the war, the failure of Congress — including both Republicans and Democrats — to challenge Trump shows that both capitalist parties in principle support U.S. imperialism.

While several WPR votes to end the war had been submitted prior to May 1, they failed, because Republican lawmakers and some Democrats blocked them. Congress adjourned on April 30 without any attempt to enforce the law.

According to government figures, Trump's illegal war in West Asia has cost to date over



\$28 billion — money taken from domestic social programs like childcare and health insurance. At the same time, U.S. workers face soaring costs for fuel and other necessities. The low-cost Spirit Airlines, facing the high cost of fuel, declared bankruptcy and shut down on May 2, leaving passengers stranded and workers without jobs.

Meanwhile, Trump's billionaire supporters in the energy industry and weapons manufacturing are raking in record profits, and the politicians they control have no interest in stopping this.

The U.S. war, along with Israel's relentless aggression in West Asia, has killed thousands of people in Iran and Lebanon. Civilian infrastructures have been the primary targets. Coming on top of years of devastating

sanctions on Iran, the U.S. military blockade of Iranian ports continues to impose hardships on millions of Iranians. And a blockade is war.

Congress has never authorized this war nor seriously challenged Trump to certify, in writing in the next 30 days as the WPR stipulates, that the war was "an unavoidable military necessity." On May 1, in response to this mandate, Trump claimed, "It is not a war," since a ceasefire was in place. But in a typical Trump speech, a sentence later he called it a war.

The so-called ceasefire has not stopped U.S. warships surrounding Iran from firing at small ships in the Strait of Hormuz or from illegally seizing oil tankers trying to navigate the passage. The U.S. is also blocking Iranian vessels from leaving their ports.

On May 3, Trump announced his "Project Freedom" plan to escort ships from "neutral countries" stuck in the Strait of Hormuz starting May 4. Ebrahim Azizi, head of the Iranian Parliament's national security commission, warned that any U.S. intervention in the waterway would be considered a violation of the ceasefire. (Al Jazeera, May 3)

It's a **WAR**. The U.S. is the aggressor and must pull out its forces now! □

The king and the wannabe king

It would have been hard to script a more despicable display of decadence and imperial arrogance than the tête-à-tête between U.S. President and wannabe king Donald Trump and Britain's actual King Charles.

Congress reportedly gave the king a "warm and bipartisan reception" and Trump called Charles "the greatest king." CNN claimed, "The American people with whom Charles interacted were clearly charmed by the visiting monarch." But nothing that came out of this visit, which took place April 27-30, will benefit workers, U.S. or other. (May 1)

Both men are wealthy; the king's possessions are estimated at nearly \$1 billion. Trump's wealth has grown during his second term to roughly \$6.5 billion, thanks in part to gains in cryptocurrency investments and legal rulings that directly benefitted him. Both rulers grew rich by exploiting working-class and oppressed people around the world.

Beyond their personal wealth, the president and the king represent imperialist powers. Once upon a time Britain was the dominant world power, having colonized one-quarter of

the world's people. It was said that "the sun never sets on the British Empire," because somewhere in that vast area of colonial conquest the sun was always shining.

There are still 56 countries that belong to the "Commonwealth," and 15 of those recognize Charles as their king. But most of Britain's former colonies have been independent for decades, and Britain is considered the junior partner of the most powerful imperialist country since the end of World War II — the U.S.

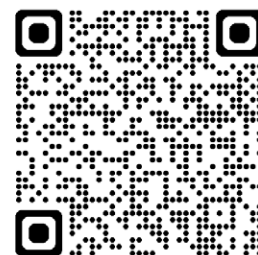
At the same time, U.S. imperialism is now in decline, eclipsed by the growing economic strength of socialist China while being defeated by Iran. Whatever happened or didn't happen during the visit of Charles and his spouse Camilla, it won't boost the fortunes of world imperialism.

While elements of the bourgeois media are praising the king for how he "handled" the U.S. president, pushing back against Trump's attempt to undermine NATO, one thing should be clear: Britain and the U.S. are two capitalist powers that want to destroy both the People's Republic of China and the Islamic

Republic of Iran.

No amount of tariff-free Scotch whiskey can drown the gloomy scenario facing the capitalist class. But it's up to working-class and oppressed people to overthrow that class and usher in a new, socialist society that puts human needs first — one that has no use for capitalists, monarchs or — presidents and dictators who would be king. □

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The May Day uprising of 2006

By Larry Holmes

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The U.S. capitalist class — and anyone else who has sought to keep the working class in North America shackled to the ideology and the political parties of the ruling class and prevent it from developing class consciousness, militancy and solidarity with workers around the planet — has suffered a stunning defeat of epic proportions. To almost everyone's surprise, millions of immigrant workers, from Los Angeles to New York to Chicago and more than 100 other cities, left their jobs and schools to take to the streets, bringing back May Day — International Workers' Day — in a big way to the country of its origin.

Not only did immigrants reclaim May Day, a day that U.S. imperialists thought they had forever wiped out in this country, but these workers also pulled off the first truly national general strike — and what's more, a strike against the government over political demands as opposed to a strike directed at this or that employer in a particular industry over economic issues.

May Day 2006 was a wake-up call for all who consider themselves progressive, socialist or pro-socialist, whether they be in the labor unions, the antiwar movement or wherever.

Those who did not participate in or support the May Day uprising especially need to reassess their inaction immediately.

May Day 2006 was a wake-up call for all those who once were, and perhaps still remain, a part of the good fight but had given up on the working class and the prospect of a qualitative and historic break coming from down below, in spite of the seemingly endless prevalence of bourgeois reactionary politics. It's time to reassess those doubts. Perhaps most importantly, May Day 2006 was a clarion call to legions of new soldiers who are ready to join the class struggle on the workers' side.

Potential for unifying the "Sleeping Giant," as some have called the millions of workers who took to the streets on May Day in the U.S., is not only distinguished by the fact that many of these workers are undocumented. They are also the face of the working class in this country right now and will be even more so in the future. In every industry and in every part of the country, the working class is more often than not made up of workers in low-wage jobs, many of whom are recent immigrants, people of color and women.

Many come from countries where May Day is a holiday and class consciousness is far ahead of what it is in the U.S. today. Imperialist globalization — the impetus behind the large migration of workers — has re-introduced class struggle and militancy into the working class worldwide. At the same time that imperialism is globalizing super-exploitation, it's also globalizing working-class

consciousness and militancy.

In many ways the composition of the New York City May 1 Coalition exemplifies the extraordinary potential for uniting the various nationalities who make up the working class in the United States. The coalition meetings were held at Local 808 of the Teamsters in Long Island City. This was made possible by Chris Silvera, who is the secretary treasurer of the local, regional co-director of the Million Worker March Movement and chair of the Teamsters National Black Caucus.

Usually present at the meetings were representatives of immigrant communities from Mexico, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Puerto Rico and other Central and South American countries, the Philippines, China, Pakistan, India, Senegal, countries of West Asia and, of special significance, Black trade unionists and activists.

Join them!

While the outpouring of immigrant workers was spontaneous in nature, it was not without organization. While the larger U.S. labor unions have not been able to or not tried to organize immigrants, workers from Central and South America, the Caribbean, Asia, Africa and West Asia have organized themselves into workers' associations.

This new network is active in every region of the country, doing everything from providing food and legal assistance to workers and their families to fighting for basic workers' rights in sweatshops of all sizes. The biggest lesson for the tens of millions of workers in the U.S. who are being ordered from on high to fear and fight immigrant workers is: "Don't fight and fear your immigrant sisters and brothers — join them and take a lesson from them!"

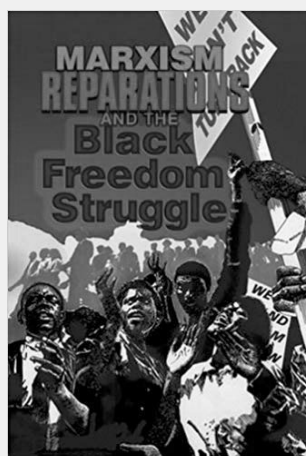
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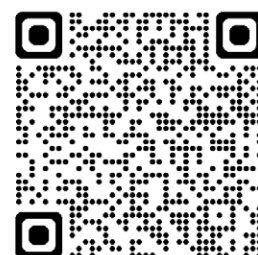
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La resistencia palestina comienza con los jóvenes

El próximo 7 de octubre se cumplirá el tercer aniversario de la histórica «Inundación de Al-Aqsa», iniciada por el Movimiento de Resistencia Islámica Hamás y sus organizaciones aliadas contra el régimen sionista de Israel, respaldado por Estados Unidos. Desde entonces, la población de Gaza ha vivido un auténtico infierno en la tierra a causa del genocidio perpetrado por las Fuerzas de Ocupación Israelíes (FOI). Las FOI han masacrado a decenas de miles de palestinos y son responsables de la destrucción de al menos el 80 % de las infraestructuras de Palestina, incluyendo viviendas, hospitales, escuelas y campos de cultivo.



Niños palestinos reclaman su derecho a la educación, 20 de abril, Cisjordania.

La población de Gaza sigue padeciendo hambre debido al bloqueo israelí de la ayuda humanitaria. Hamás informó el 21 de abril de que «más de 2,25 millones de habitantes de Gaza carecen de las necesidades más básicas para vivir» (Hamas Online English Mirror).

Cerca de 10.000 presos palestinos, incluidos jóvenes, están siendo maltratados y torturados. Muchos de ellos se ven ahora amenazados por el Estado israelí con un linchamiento «legal» mediante ahorcamiento sin cargos formales.

Los niños palestinos no son inmunes a este genocidio. De hecho, son un objetivo específico, ya que el objetivo de los sionistas es la eliminación de las futuras generaciones de combatientes de la resistencia que luchan por liberar su tierra robada. Esta aniquilación era el objetivo a

largo plazo de los terroristas sionistas años antes de que se estableciera oficialmente el Estado de Israel en mayo de 1948.

Los médicos que han viajado a Gaza han sido testigos de cómo muchos niños palestinos han sido asesinados de horribles disparos en la cabeza. Y estos asesinatos no fueron accidentales, sino más bien parte de una política deliberada del ejército israelí de carácter fascista.

Una tradición juvenil de resistencia

Bajo la ocupación israelí, los niños siempre han desempeñado un papel en la resistencia, un papel que permaneció oculto para la mayor parte del mundo hasta el 29 de octubre de 2000. Ese fue el día en que se fotografió a Faris Odeh, de 11 años, lanzando una sola piedra contra un gigantesco tanque israelí en Gaza. Este acto heroico contribuyó a revelar ante millones de personas en todo el mundo las terribles condiciones que existen bajo el apartheid y que el espíritu de resistencia no conoce límites de edad. Diez días después de que se tomara la fotografía, Odeh fue asesinado de un disparo en el cuello.

Desde entonces, innumerables niños han manifestado diversas formas de resistencia.

Avancemos hasta el 20 de abril de este año, cuando las FOI lanzaron gases lacrimógenos contra unos niños palestinos que intentaban recorrer un determinado camino para asistir a la escuela en la zona ocupada de Um il-Khair, en la Cisjordania ocupada. Ese mismo día, los soldados colocaron alambre de púas con la esperanza de ahuyentar a los niños. Pero este acto cobarde tuvo el efecto contrario en los niños, decididos a ir a la escuela a pesar de que su querida profesora, Awdan Hathaleen, fuera asesinada por un colono sionista el pasado mes de julio.

Los valientes niños llevaron carteles para colocarlos dentro de la alambrada, en los que se leían lemas como «Protejan a

nuestros niños», «Nos encanta la escuela» y «Protejan nuestro derecho a la educación». Los niños decidieron con valentía abrir su propia escuela improvisada justo junto a la valla de alambre de púas, frente a estos hombres armados y enmascarados matones. El nombre de la escuela es Um il-Khair Freedom School.

Los niños afirmaron que seguirán asistiendo a clase todos los días hasta que se retire la alambrada. Durante la primera Intifada [levantamiento] de 1987, las escuelas palestinas fueron clausuradas por orden de la ocupación.

Estos niños arriesgan sus vidas cada día para reclamar su derecho a la educación y, lo que es más importante, su derecho a existir como seres humanos. Y aunque el ejército israelí ofrece un espectáculo amenazador, en realidad se trata de una fachada para ocultar su temor ante la profundidad de la resistencia palestina —empezando por los niños.

Estos niños y muchos otros como ellos han encontrado su inspiración en la resiliencia y el heroísmo de la resistencia, pasada y presente, que arde como un fuego feroz en su interior.

Mundo Obrero rinde homenaje al mensaje de estos estudiantes, que afirman: «No nos iremos», reflejando el sentimiento de todo el pueblo palestino asediado, que ha dicho a los sionistas y al imperialismo estadounidense: No nos obligarán a abandonar nuestra patria. ¡Desde el río hasta el mar, Palestina será libre! □

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