



Google workers unionize to fight genocide

By Marta Guttenberg

In April, 2026, Deep Mind UK workers voted to unionize. Deep Mind UK is Google's research laboratory where artificial intelligence products are developed. The lab's UK-based staff requested joint representation by the Communication Workers Union and Unite the Union.

The vote to unionize was motivated at least in part by workers' concerns over a recent deal announced between the company and the U.S. military.

On May 6 it was announced that the

unions will support the workers as they challenge Google over the use of their work product, Google AI technology, by the U.S. and Israeli militaries. More than 600 Google employees had already signed a letter opposing the use of the company's AI systems for classified work.

Google workers have long demanded an end to the use of Google AI tools in military operations. But Google abandoned its 2018

pledge not to build AI weapons or surveillance tools and allow employees to refuse projects on moral grounds.

Unionizers believe that union recognition will force Google to live up to its 2018 pledge. Without workers there is no work product! □



Boston Nakba day march, May 15, 2025. More on page 4. WW PHOTO: STEVAN KIRSCHBAUM



Tennessee House Minority Leader Karen Camper speaks at a protest against racist redistricting outside the State Capitol in Nashville, May 9, 2026. Read more at workers.org/2026/05/92612

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

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

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

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First round, Iran. What next?

During the tenuous ceasefire still holding May 12 in the U.S.-Israeli war against Iran, analysts from the imperialist-based media and from anti-imperialist sources have been asking the question: Which side is winning?

Both have been reaching a similar response: The U.S. and Israel are losing. Or, to be precise, the alliance between the imperialist superpower and its local pit bull has lost at least the first round of the war these two aggressive states launched Feb. 28.

The New York Times ran this headline for an April 30 editorial: “The U.S. Military Was Losing Its Edge. After Iran, Everyone Knows It.” Their conclusion was that the Pentagon was considered the high-tech, high-cost ultimate destruction machine, but that Iran’s “asymmetrical warfare” has exposed its weaknesses.

While the Islamic Republic of Iran couldn’t stop the U.S. and Israel from hitting industrial, educational, health care and other civilian targets (all war crimes), Iran could hit back against the U.S. Gulf client states and do it with much less expensive weapons. It could also control the Strait of Hormuz, obstructing the world economy. It could hit U.S. bases and equipment.

The Times was not the only imperialist observer to notice and express this opinion. The Washington Post (“Trump is losing the war in Iran,” March 30), retired military officials, military analysts, elected leaders of NATO members in Europe who refuse to join the U.S. war, and unelected monarchs of U.S. client emirates in the Persian Gulf who deny Washington use of their airspace to attack Iran have all rebuffed the U.S. leaders.

Regarding which side’s narrative is closest to reality, The Times ran an article titled “Iranian Propaganda vs. U.S. Talking Points: How We Determined the Real Damage to U.S. Military Bases.” Six reporters/analysts looked at conflicting reports from the Iranian military and from the Pentagon regarding hundreds of targets hit at the dozens of U.S. military bases in the Persian Gulf by Iranian drone and missile responses to U.S./Israeli aggression.

The Pentagon report minimized U.S. losses. The Iranian report focused on the damage to U.S. interests. The article concluded that the Pentagon had hidden and/or failed to report most of the damage, which occurred on every base.

On the other hand, the Iranian reports were much closer to what The Times’ analysts found. Every U.S. base in the area was hit. Extremely expensive radar equipment was destroyed along with some planes. The Iranians’ only error (per The Times) was their report that Iranian rockets hit a barracks instead of a warehouse on one base.



The airplane logos denote U.S. air bases in the Persian Gulf region. This extension of U.S. air power meant also putting U.S. equipment and troops within easy reach of Iranian drones and rockets.

Much of the U.S. and other imperialist-based criticisms have focused on the MAGA administration’s underestimation of Iran’s potential and its leadership’s willingness to fight. They considered the damage to the U.S. reputation and ability to wage war to be a negative event and mostly blamed the MAGA grouping, especially the president.

Imperialism’s loss is a gain for workers and oppressed

Workers World congratulates the Iranian people and its government for the courage, planning and determination

and solidarity needed to resist the imperialist attempt to crush them. WW considers this setback for U.S. imperialism a positive development for the future of humanity.

WW also considers the U.S. setback a gain for the working class within the United States. It especially presents an obstacle to any U.S. ruling class plan to expand the war to an attack against People’s China and Russia.

To WW, not only is the racist, inept, belligerent and corrupt MAGA tendency responsible for the aggression, but also the establishment Republicans and the bulk of the Democratic Party leadership. These groups, representing the U.S. billionaire ruling class, share the strategic goals (if not the tactics) of the MAGA group.

WW does want to include one warning and appeal: U.S. imperialism is no less dangerous and vengeful, especially towards civilians in Palestine, Lebanon and Iran, for losing this important first round. More important than believing the U.S. is losing is to continue to mobilize the 70% of the population who now only passively oppose the war and build an effective and active movement to prevent new aggression and new wars, using any means that can work.

It is time to be back in the streets opposing this war! ☐

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Nakba Day commemorates 78 years of Palestinian Resistance

By Betsey Piette

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On May 15, 1948, British imperialists withdrew from Palestine. They had assumed a mandate over the territories after defeating the Ottomans in World War I. The evening before, David Ben-Gurion, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, declared Israel's statehood and independence.

The new Zionist State of Israel then began its brutal removal of hundreds of thousands of Palestinian people from their rightful

lands. Seventy-eight years later, the ongoing Nakba (the Catastrophe) has resulted in an estimated 4 million Palestinians being relegated to refugee status. At least 78% of their lands have been confiscated by a racist, settler-colonial occupation reminiscent of apartheid South Africa and the wholesale theft of the Indigenous Americas. This ongoing displacement, including the genocide in Gaza, continues today with beatings, massacres, starvation and jailings of Palestinians — with U.S. backing in the billions of dollars.

The Palestinian people continue to carry out a heroic resistance with strikes, protests, boycotts and an armed struggle inside Israel and



Nakba, a day of catastrophe for Palestinians, May, 1948.

in the Occupied Territories, especially Gaza and the West Bank. The Nakba was not just a singular event. Today they are still living with the effects of the Nakba. □

Malcolm X, Ho Chi Minh ¡presente!

The editorial first appeared May 18, 2017, on workers.org.

We celebrate on May 19 the birthdays of two world-bending revolutionaries: Ho Chi Minh and Malcolm X.

Born in 1890 in central Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh was the Marxist-Leninist communist who forged and led a people's movement and army that defeated the invading imperialist might of both France and the United States and ultimately liberated Vietnam from colonialism.

Born in 1925 in the U.S., Malcolm X was the African-American leader who raised to global attention the concepts of Black nationalism, Black self-defense and the right of self-determination of Black peoples. Malcolm X also made a major contribution to the global movement for Pan-Africanism.

Neither met the other, yet their deeds and words intertwine, and together they continue to inspire us toward revolution.

At this moment, as the U.S. ruling class fans the deadly fires of racist hatred, Malcolm X and Ho Chi Minh unite to give a profound lesson in building international solidarity with oppressed people and nations.

In 1924 — the year before Malcolm X was born — at the Fifth Congress of the Communist International in Moscow, Ho Chi Minh made a presentation during a session on the "National and colonial question." He emphasized the importance of support for the



Black liberation struggle in the U.S., saying in part: "It is well-known that the Black race is the most oppressed and the most exploited of the human family. It is well-known that the spread of capitalism and the discovery of the New World had as an immediate result the rebirth of slavery. ... What everyone does not perhaps know is that after sixty-five years of so-called emancipation, [Black people in the U.S.] still endure atrocious moral and material sufferings." (Ho Chi Minh on Revolution, selected writings 1920-66)

Forty years later, in 1964, Malcolm X, El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, put the Black liberation struggle in a worldwide context, saying: "It is incorrect to classify the revolt of [Black people] as simply a racial conflict of Black against white, or as a purely [U.S.] American problem. Rather, we are today seeing a global rebellion of the oppressed

against the oppressor, the exploited against the exploiter." (Malcolm X Speaks)

And he acknowledged the centrality of the national liberation war led by Ho Chi Minh to that global rebellion, saying: "Viet Nam is the struggle of all third-world nations — the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism." (1972 interview with Yuri Kochiyama)

The voices of these revolutionaries ring out with the clarion call of SOLIDARITY as the path to a future of justice and liberation.

They remind us that we of the multinational, multigendered, global working class have a common oppressor in imperialist capitalism.

We can resist its racism, its anti-woman and anti-LGBTQIA2S+ bigotry, its anti-immigrant hatred.

We can — and must — rise up in resistance. □

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El Congreso da luz verde a Trump en relación con la Resolución sobre los Poderes Bélicos

Promulgada en 1973, la Resolución sobre los Poderes Bélicos (WPR) obliga al presidente a retirar las fuerzas armadas de un conflicto extranjero en un plazo de 60 días, a menos que el Congreso autorice la guerra o amplíe dicho plazo. Aprobada en el momento álgido de la oposición interna a la guerra de Estados Unidos en Vietnam, la ley ha sido cuestionada a lo largo de la historia por varios presidentes, entre ellos el entonces presidente Richard Nixon, cuyo veto fue anulado.

El 1 de mayo, la guerra del presidente Donald Trump contra Irán, que comenzó el 28 de febrero, llegó al último día de la prórroga de dos meses que el Congreso concedió a Trump en relación con la guerra —a la que, según las encuestas, se oponen siete de cada diez personas en Estados Unidos—. Si bien la ley exige que cesen las hostilidades si el Congreso no autoriza la guerra, el hecho de que el Congreso —incluidos tanto republicanos como demócratas— no haya desafiado a Trump demuestra que ambos partidos capitalistas apoyan en principio el imperialismo estadounidense.

Aunque antes del 1 de mayo se presentaron varias mociones del WPR para poner fin a la guerra, estas fracasaron porque los legisladores republicanos y algunos demócratas las bloquearon. El Congreso suspendió sus sesiones el 30 de abril sin intentar hacer cumplir la ley.

Según cifras del Gobierno, la guerra ilegal de Trump en Asia Occidental ha costado hasta la fecha [el 4 de mayo] más de 28.000 millones de dólares, dinero sustraído de programas sociales nacionales como el cuidado infantil y el seguro médico. Al mismo tiempo, los trabajadores estadounidenses se enfrentan a un aumento vertiginoso de los precios del combustible y otros productos de primera necesidad. La aerolínea de bajo



Mapa en el que se muestra el Golfo Pérsico en el centro, con el estrecho de Ormuz.

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coste Spirit Airlines, ante el elevado coste del combustible, se declaró en quiebra y cerró sus puertas el 2 de mayo, dejando a los pasajeros varados y a los trabajadores sin empleo.

Mientras tanto, los multimillonarios partidarios de Trump en el sector energético y de la fabricación de armas están obteniendo beneficios récord, y los políticos que controlan no tienen ningún interés en poner fin a esta situación.

La guerra de EE. UU., junto con la implacable agresión de Israel en Asia Occidental, ha causado la muerte de miles de personas en Irán y el Líbano. Las infraestructuras civiles han sido los objetivos principales. Sumándose a años de sanciones devastadoras contra Irán, el bloqueo militar estadounidense de los puertos iraníes sigue imponiendo penurias a millones de iraníes. Y un bloqueo es una guerra.

El Congreso nunca ha autorizado esta guerra ni ha exigido seriamente a Trump que certifique, por escrito en los próximos 30 días tal y como estipula la WPR, que la guerra era «una necesidad militar inevitable». El 1 de mayo, en respuesta a este

mandato, Trump afirmó: «No es una guerra», ya que estaba en vigor un alto el fuego. Pero, en un discurso típico de Trump, una frase más tarde lo calificó de guerra.

El llamado alto el fuego no ha impedido que los buques de guerra estadounidenses que rodean Irán disparen contra pequeñas embarcaciones en el estrecho de Ormuz ni que capturen ilegalmente petroleros que intentan atravesar el paso. Estados Unidos también está impidiendo que los buques iraníes salgan de sus puertos.

El 3 de mayo, Trump anunció su plan «Proyecto Libertad» para escoltar a partir del 4 de mayo a los buques de «países neutrales» bloquea-

dos en el estrecho de Ormuz. Ebrahim Azizi, presidente de la comisión de seguridad nacional del Parlamento iraní, advirtió de que cualquier intervención estadounidense en esa vía navegable se consideraría una violación del alto el fuego. (Al Jazeera, 3 de mayo)

Esto es una GUERRA. ¡Estados Unidos es el agresor y debe retirar sus fuerzas ahora mismo! □

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