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Detroit, New Orleans protests U.S.-armed Zionist attack on Rafah

Detroit, May 27

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UAW strike: Labor joins Gaza solidarity

By Scott Scheffer

May 24 – As the bloody Zionist/White House genocide against the people of Gaza continues, so do protests in solidarity with Palestine.

Since mid-April, university students, faculty, and staff across the U.S. and internationally have set up encampments, occupied buildings, and captured the attention of corporate media and social media alike.

Cops, private security companies, Zionist thugs, and other right-wing groups

have been unleashed at Columbia University, at UCLA, and at many other colleges to try to end the encampments and demonstrations. But protestors have repeatedly regrouped.

Over the weeks, faculty and other college staff, as well as community members, have come out in support. Now, one of the United Auto Workers locals that represents graduate students at University of California (UC) campuses has initiated a series of “stand-up strikes.”

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Trump was convicted. Gaza still bleeds

The billionaire scoundrel who incites racist violence and whose actions helped kill hundreds of thousands during the COVID pandemic should have been punished a long time ago.

Meanwhile, Gaza's children continue to be murdered. Despite the worldwide outrage at Netanyahu's bombing of a tent camp in Rafah, Genocide Joe Biden is sending more bombs to the Zionist apartheid regime occupying Palestine.

The same day Trump was convicted, U.S. and British planes killed at least 16 people in Yemen, one of the poorest countries on earth. More than 377,000 people have died in Yemen in a war instigated by Big Oil and Wall Street.

A string of U.S. presidents have blood on their hands because of these crimes against Yemen. Forty thousand Palestinians have been killed in Gaza. Both Donald Trump and Joe Biden are war criminals.

No justice for poor people

Why isn't Trump in jail right now? Every night, 448,000 people who haven't been convicted are kept incarcerated because they can't afford bail.

Prisons are concentration camps for the poor.

Kalief Browder was 16 years old when he was arrested. The Black teenager



Millions of people are rejoicing because Trump was convicted and could even be sent to jail. Why shouldn't he be locked up?

spent three years in New York City's notorious Rikers Island jail complex without ever being brought to trial.

Too poor to post bail, Browder was repeatedly beaten and spent 800 days in solitary confinement. The trauma caused Kalief Browder to take his life three years later.

Fox News is howling because of Trump's conviction. Where were they when five Black and Latinx teenagers — Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana, and Koney Wise — were railroaded to jail?

They were arrested in 1989 during a media frenzy after an assault in Manhattan's Central Park. In response, Donald Trump bought full-page ads in four New York City newspapers demanding a

return of the death penalty.

The "Exonerated Five" were finally freed because DNA evidence proved that someone else committed the crime. Over \$41 million was paid in compensation to these frame-up victims. Yusef Salaam is now a member of the New York City Council.

Only the people can stop all the Trumps

Trump's campaign has raised millions following the ex-president's conviction. Contributors include billionaire hedge fund operators who gamble on the stock market.

Every bankster, corporate CEO, greedy slumlord, and trigger-happy cop has some Trump in them. Many in the capitalist class, however, are supporting Biden instead.

Millions of people are justifiably worried about Donald Trump returning to the White House. Yet it's Joe Biden who's threatening war with Russia by giving the green light to attacks on Russian missile and radar facilities.

It's a lie that Trump is anti-war. Both the Biden and Trump administrations made plans for a war against the People's Republic of China. Both Biden and Trump helped kill Palestinians.

We need to continue to demonstrate for Palestine, fight evictions, defend protesters, and organize unions. All out to Washington, D.C., on Sat., June 8, to surround the White House to stop the genocide in Gaza!

Only the power of the people can stop all the Trumps! #

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Detroit protests U.S.-armed Zionist attack on Rafah

By Cheryl LaBash

Hundreds gathered in Grand Circus Park on May 27 to march through downtown Detroit, protesting the recent U.S.-armed Zionist attack that set refugee tents ablaze in Rafah, adding more bodies to the tens of thousands martyred in less than eight months. CNN confirmed that the munitions used in the deadly strike on Rafah were U.S.-made, provided by Genocide Joe Biden.

Passers-by and drivers stalled as the march passed through intersections and waved support for the marchers' drums, chants, large Palestinian flags, and the many "Abandon Biden" signs.

Two miles away, the Wayne State University encampment demanded that the university administration meet with Palestinian students to discuss divestment. In November, the WSU Student Senate passed a resolution asking the administration to develop investment criteria to ensure the university is not complicit in war profiteering or "investing in companies that knowingly contribute to or benefit from human rights violations in Palestine and around the world."

University President Kimberly Andrews Espy's Dec. 4 response boils down to hiding behind a "fiduciary responsibility" to enrich the independent WSU Foundation and support free speech and



SLL photo: Cheryl LaBash

exchange of ideas – as long as it doesn't disrupt the bombs falling on Palestine.

Students and their organizations' efforts to put divestment on the Board of Governors' agenda were locked out or thrown out of meetings by plainclothes police. Only then was the encampment established on May 23. The University administration has now ordered all spring/summer school classes to be held virtually until further notice, essentially closing the university.

Local press reports that Congressional Representative Rashida Tlaib, the only

Palestinian representative in Congress, spent the night at the WSU encampment and urged the university to reopen the school. Tlaib is a WSU alumnus. The African American Studies Department has lent its support to the encampment.

Despite this support, cops broke the encampment on May 30, arresting 12. On May 21, an early dawn police attack sprayed chemicals on students and violently broke up the University of Michigan encampment in nearby Ann Arbor. But still, they rise to free Palestine. #

Hybrid wars in Latin America

By Jorge Elbaum

Between June 13 and 15, the G7 Leaders Summit, the organization responsible for the neocolonial and financialist policies implemented at a global level, will be held in the Apulia region, in Italy. At this meeting, following the elections of the Euro-parliamentarians, the war defeat suffered by NATO in Ukraine, the productive weakness vis-à-vis China, and the strategy of alliances necessary to confront the BRICS+, which persistently and patiently continue with their gradual process of de-dollarization and sover-

eign autonomization, will be discussed.

These crossroads explain the State Department's insistence on guaranteeing strategic control of Latin America, which it continues to consider its backyard or "front yard," according to the redefinition provided by current President Joe Biden. The Southern Command and the various U.S. agencies are in charge of ensuring that the region remains under control. To guarantee this objective, they are dedicated to empowering political officials, businessmen, lobbyists or propagandists who will be in charge of becoming delegates and ambassadors

protecting their interests in the region. Their basic tasks — in the current stage of relative loss of hegemonic power of the neocolonial West — will have as a basic objective the demonization of political leaders who might think of insisting on sovereignty over transnationalized and financialized globalization. The latter will be labeled as autocratic and enemies of democracy.

The attempted assassination of Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico provides an example of how those who dare to ques-

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Mourn Iranian President Raeisi, demand end to U.S. sanctions

Struggle-La Lucha and the Socialist Unity Party send our deepest condolences to the Iranian government, the Iranian people, and their families and loved ones on the loss of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Ayatollah Sayed Ebrahim Raeisi, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Dr. Hossein Amirabdollahian, and their entire accompanying delegation.

We mourn with the Iranian people and stand in solidarity with Iran.

Our immediate duty as organizations functioning in the United States is to demand that U.S. imperialism respect the sovereign rights of Iran and cease any interference, overt or covert, in the affairs of Iran and its constitutional process.

Again, we amplify our call for an end to the sanctions in the United States.

While an investigation of the helicopter crash by Iranian officials has yet to



President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Ayatollah Sayed Ebrahim Raeisi

be completed, we take special note that the cruel sanctions imposed by the United States, which also block the sales of aviation parts to Iran, may have played a contributing role in this disaster.

This horrific tragedy took the lives not only of President Raeisi and Minister of Foreign Affairs Amirabdollahian

but also Malek Rahmati, Governor of East Azerbaijan, Ayatollah Mohammad Ali Ale-Hashem, the representative of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution to the East Azerbaijan province as well as five crew members, East Azerbaijan Province's Governor Malek Rahmati, and Mehdi Mousavi, the head of Raeisi's bodyguard team.

Echoing the sentiments of the Palestinian Resistance, we salute the contributions made by Iran's president in support of the Palestinian and anti-imperialist cause and join the world community in mourning.

U.S. hands off Iran! End the criminal sanctions now! #



In this photo provided by Fars News Agency, mourners gather around a truck carrying coffins of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his companions who were killed in their helicopter crash on Sunday in a mountainous region of the country's northwest, during a funeral ceremony at the city of Tabriz, Iran, Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

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tion NATO's warmongering policy, which encircled and threatened the Russian Federation until 2022, should be treated: the New York Times, in its May 16 edition – one day after the attack - reduced the event to a predictable phenomenon of the populist practice established by the victim himself: "Slovak politics was toxic

long before its prime minister was shot."

The hybrid warfare that characterizes the global confrontation between unilateral globalism and multilateral sovereignty has eight core dimensions: (a) access to natural resources, (b) war-strategic availability, (c) economic productivity, (d) control of financial circuits, (e) scientific-technological capabilities,

(f) propaganda, media and news influence, (g) control of logistical circuits, and (h) mastery of data, the basic raw material for the configuration of algorithms and deployment of Artificial Intelligence.

Several of these dimensions have been addressed by military officers who arrogate to themselves obscure diplomatic

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Palestinian youth lead Nakba Day actions



By Gregory E. Williams

Local organizers with the Palestinian Youth Movement led a Nakba Day week of actions in New Orleans, from the May 16 ceasefire rally outside City Hall to the May 18 “All Out for Nakba” rally, march, and die-in starting in Jackson Square. In this latter action, several hundred people marched.

The young Palestinian activists – including young women – demonstrated a remarkable ability to direct the crowd through the busy French Quarter without ever letting the energy dip. The New Orleans area has some 10,000 Palestinian community members; they have reason to be proud of these young leaders.

Popular chants included, “From Palestine to Mexico, all the walls have got to go!” and “There is only one solution, Intifada, revolution!”

Support for Israel is about profits

Various contingents were prominent during the march. One grouping wore Queers for Palestine t-shirts. Another carried a banner that read, “No to SRC21 – no support for Israel.”

SRC21 is a bill that passed the Louisiana Senate on April 22, calling for congressional support for genocidal Israel. The bill was sponsored by far-right Sen.

Valarie Hodges, who — together with her husband — operates a real estate company, Northstar Properties and Homes, and a missionary organization that oversees evangelical churches in Mexico and Nicaragua. (She’s also known for demanding that the Department of Health approve Ivermectin as a COVID-19 treatment.) This bill passed in the Senate only 11 days after the House struck down a measure to raise Louisiana’s \$7.25/hour minimum wage.

Louisiana’s corrupt politicians have many reasons for supporting Israel (just as they have reasons for denying workers fair pay), none of which have anything to do with protecting Jewish people. Just last year, the Port of New Orleans entrenched its relationship with Israel’s Port of Ashdod in Tel Aviv with the so-called “Innovation Embassy.” That’s just one example. Support for Israel is about profits.

‘Defense’ companies making a killing by killing

At the May 18 march, members of the Workers Voice Socialist Movement of New Orleans distributed a newsletter with some telling figures about the war industry (deceptively called the “defense” industry).

“Stocks of the biggest weapons manufacturers have increased by as much as

27% since Israel began bombing Gaza in October. Raytheon stock is up 18%, Lockheed Martin +12%, and General Dynamics +14%. RTX (Raytheon) alone reported \$74.3 billion in sales last year, with profits soaring after Israel began bombing Gaza. Most U.S. lawmakers are invested in these stocks.”

Louisiana & Israeli police train together

This same Workers Voice newsletter exposes connections between Louisiana’s police departments and Israel.

“Like many other police agencies across the U.S., Louisiana State troopers jointly train with terrorist Israeli forces such as the Israel National Police, the Ministry of Internal Security, and the Israel Security Agency. Louisiana State Police (LSP) has a long record of brutality, especially against Black people. The horrific video of the 2019 murder of Ronald Greene by state troopers displays the same techniques of violence inflicted on Palestinians by Israeli forces.

“Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry has ordered a special deployment of state troopers to New Orleans. LSP is immune from the federal oversight currently applied to NOPD, and LSP will coordinate with ICE to attack New Orleans’ immigrant communities.

“On Feb. 9, the arch-racist Landry announced half-jokingly that he would like to annex New Orleans into Gretna. Gretna is known as the ‘arrest capital’ of the U.S., where as many as 1 in 3 residents are arrested yearly. Landry plans to raise money from fines and fees while exempting corporations and the rich from paying taxes on their wealth or income. Landry wants Louisiana to be like fascist Israel, where the rich live in luxury while native Palestinians live behind barbed wire fences and checkpoints.”

We say no to Landry and no to Netanyahu!

From Palestine to New Orleans, stop the U.S. war machine! #



Photo caption/credit: See photos: Gregory E. Williams

Kanak people resist French colonial rule

By Sharon Black

French propaganda echoed in U.S. corporate media recalls Malcolm X's famous words:

'If you're not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed and loving the people who are doing the oppressing.'

In response to a popular uprising led by pro-independence Indigenous Kanak youth, France has deployed an additional thousand troops to its overseas territory of New Caledonia, joining the 1,700 police and military personnel already present. The French gendarmes have meant the death of seven and the arrests of hundreds following a declaration of a state of emergency and the imposition of a curfew.

Roadblocks have shut down key arteries to Nouméa, the capital city, and the airport. Australian and New Zealand tourists have hunkered down, and French settlers in wealthy areas in Nouméa have brandished weapons to protect businesses.

The rebellion has followed weeks of major demonstrations and growing frustrations fed by the French parliament's arrogant passage of a constitutional amendment that would further liquidate the voting power of the country's Indigenous population and stall independence.

While the French bourgeoisie may temporarily solve the immediate crisis by force — which remains to be seen — it is a pyrrhic victory.

Crushing the rebellion will not solve the root cause fueling anger: the deep economic divide between the wealthy

French population and the Kanak people and the unsolved and bitter question of sovereignty and independence for New Caledonia.

At the time of this writing, May 23, French President Emmanuel Macron and Armed Forces Minister Sébastien Lecornu have landed in New Caledonia, and some limited flights have taken out tourists. Macron said he would delay the implementation of the anti-Kanak constitutional amendment (a delay is only temporary) while snarling that French troops would remain "as long as necessary."

What's at stake is how long France's occupation forces remain in the archipelago.

Key factors behind recent events

The archipelago, roughly the size of New Jersey, produces almost six percent of the world's nickel and holds around 11% of the world's total nickel reserves. According to GlobalData, it produced 193,770 tons of nickel in 2023 out of 3,372,000 tons globally. Nickel is key to producing batteries for the electric car industry.

The local nickel industry is dominated by the French company Eramet, which has a 60% interest in its nickel mining subsidiary. Tesla has also been involved in worming its way into New Caledonia's nickel production. Who controls this industry and its environmental impact remains a top issue for the Kanak people.

What is just as important and strategic to Western capitalist interests is New Caledonia's location straddling the Indo-Pacific region; it's literally in Australia's backyard, patrolled by the U.S. military, and in the crosshairs of Western capitalist machinations against China's Belt and Road initiative.

The May 17 Reuters article spells it out: "French response in New Caledonia risks helping China, analysts say." French and pro-loyalist politicians have brazenly played the China card. A right-wing politician, Xavier Bertrand, said New Caledonia "either stays French or it will become Chinese." Macron has peddled the same message, though less overtly.

France has three military bases, including the Pointe Chalaix Naval Base, with air force and naval aviation at the Paul Klein Air Base. In 2022, France announced it would increase its military surveillance potential in the Pacific by building a new docking quay at the Chaleix naval base,

During World War II, U.S. imperialism, in its scramble against the Japanese, built a huge naval base. The U.S. was becoming the "top dog" in the imperialist world and barely bothered to get French consent. In addition, the U.S. used the archipelago as a camp for Japanese prisoners.

This statement from Prime Minister Pierre Messmer in 1972 clearly declares the colonial intent of France's ruling elite:

"The French presence in Caledonia can only be threatened, barring world war, by a nationalist demand of the indigenous populations, supported by a few possible allies in other communities ethnic people from the Pacific. In the short and medium term, the massive immigration of French citizens from mainland France or from overseas departments should make it possible to avoid this danger, by maintaining or improving the numerical ratio of communities. In the long term, indigenous nationalist demands will only be avoided if non-Pacific communities represent a majority population." (Note that this policy coincided with the nickel boom of the 1970s.)

The current events in New Caledonia follow France's debacle in Africa, where it was ousted from Central Africa and the Sahel.

When 'democracy' is anything but democratic

On May 15, France's National Assembly voted on a constitutional amendment to "unfreeze" the voter list for New Caledonia's pro-independence referendums and provincial elections, allowing

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Kanak people resist

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French nationals who emigrated in the last 10 years to vote.

If finalized at the end of June by France's full parliament, it would scrap the 1998 Noumea Accord, which was passed following the intense and bloody struggle of the 1980s that included the brutal assassination of 19 Kanak activists in Ouvéa by the French army (May 1988). The accord's stated aim was to pave the way to independence and was ratified by 72% of the population.

The Kanak and Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS) — one of the main independence parties — immediately decried the French parliament's vote. The proposed new constitutional amendment pushed down the throats of the Kanak people, would liquidate the Indigenous vote, which is approximately 44% of the population.

There are parallels with Puerto Rico. The Puerto Rican people are being driven off their homeland to make way for wealthy land grabbers and gentrifiers. In New Caledonia, the migration of French nationals has increasingly threatened to weaken the strength of the indigenous Kanak vote. France's recent action accelerates this process.

The rebellion has followed weeks of demonstrations fed by the French parliament's arrogant passage of a constitutional amendment that would further liquidate the voting power of the country's Indigenous population and stall independence.

France's unilaterally changing the rules is based on the real fear that the pro-independence forces could win a new referendum. There were three earlier referendums; the first two were tipping closer to pro-independence,

All the major Kanak independence groups boycotted the third referendum in 2021. Kanak leaders from all corners demanded a delay, but Macron refused. The coronavirus was devastating in Kanak communities, whose mourning customs prohibit political activity.

A new referendum could potentially spell defeat for settler French loyalists and the French government.

Name-calling, TikTok and Azerbaijan

French officials have stooped to name calling, referring to the Coordination Cell of Field Actions (CCAT), the umbrella group instrumental in organizing recent protests, as "mafia." They wasted no time while calling their disenfranchisement of Indigenous voters "democratic," shutting down TikTok for being Kanak-friendly and propagating threadbare accusations that Azerbaijan is playing a meddling role inside New Caledonia in the uprising.

Gerard Darmanin, the French interior minister, made these claims. His proof is that Kanak leaders attended a conference in Turkey organized by Azerbaijani forces titled "Decolonization: Awakening of the Renaissance."

French colonization and genocide

In 1853, with a stroke of the pen, Napoleon III annexed the South Seas archipelago of Kanaky, the Indigenous name for New Caledonia. (British Captain James Cook had renamed the islands after Caledonia, the traditional name of Scotland.)

Among the objectives, the French planned to use the territory to set up a penal colony similar to Australia. At that time, an estimated 40,000 to 60,000 Kanak people resided on the Kanaky islands.

What followed was a brutal enslavement of the Kanak people. Indigenous peoples were rounded up and forced onto reservations, their lands were stolen, and customs trampled. Kanak people were enslaved to perform slave labor in places such as Australia, California, Canada, and South Africa.

A vile practice called "blackbirding," first introduced by the Australian settlers and slave traders, rounded up local populations, through force and trickery, onto ships transporting their human car-

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Tribunal finds U.S., Philippine leaders guilty of war crimes

By Gary Wilson

Following a hearing on May 17-18, the International People's Tribunal on War Crimes in the Philippines found Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., former President Rodrigo Duterte, and U.S. President Joe Biden guilty of war crimes and violations of international humanitarian law against the Filipino people.

The tribunal, convened in Brussels by the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and Friends of the Filipino People in Struggle, included jurors such as Lennox Hinds, Emeritus Professor of Law at Rutgers University and former legal counsel for Nelson Mandela; Suzanne Adely, President of the National Lawyers Guild (U.S.); Severine

De Laveleye, member of the Chamber of Representatives of Belgium; Julen Arzuaga Gumuzio, member of the Basque Parliament; and Archbishop Joris Vercammen, former member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

They heard testimonies from 15 witnesses detailing extensive human rights abuses, including torture, extrajudicial killings, forced disappearances, and attacks on Indigenous communities defending their ancestral lands from corporate plunder.

The tribunal concluded that the defendants committed numerous war crimes, including willful killing, forced displacement, torture, and harassment. They emphasized the violent repression by the Philippine government, supported by the U.S., against the Filipino people.

Julie de Lima, chairperson of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) peace panel, highlighted the disciplined nature of the New People's Army (NPA) in its fight for Philippine national liberation and self-determination and its adherence to international humanitarian law, reports Marjorie Cohn in Truthout. The tribunal also found that the Philippine government's counterinsurgency operations led to numerous civilian deaths and other human rights violations.

Witnesses described several specific cases of atrocities committed by the Philippine military and police, including the killing of activists, Indigenous leaders, and a member of the NPA. The jurors determined that the Philippine armed forces carried out indiscriminate attacks and forced the displacement of over 500,000 people.

The tribunal found that the U.S. government is complicit in these human rights violations by providing substantial military aid, training, and support to the Philippine government, a "puppet government of the United States."

De Lima said that the U.S. is using the Philippines as a pawn in its strategy to maintain hegemony in the region, designating the Philippines a major non-NATO ally, a "partner" in its New Cold War aimed at "containing" China. #



Building Relations with Cuban Labor: 'Take Cuba off terrorism list!'

By Lallan Schoenstein and Gary Wilson

On the eve of May Day 2024, a group of union members, their union officers, and supporters, mainly from the West Coast of the U.S., participated in a trip aptly named Building Relations with Cuban Labor (BRCL). The visit was planned to provide support for Cuban workers and to experience the wide spectrum of developments they have accomplished.

As everyone in the group got to know each other, they discussed their goals, such as reporting back to their organizations about the horrific impact of the U.S. blockade of Cuba and the urgent need to demand that Cuba be taken off the Trump (then Biden) list of "State Sponsors of Terrorism."

On May 15, the Biden administration, facing upcoming elections, made news by announcing it was removing Cuba from a short list of countries that they allege are "not fully cooperating against terrorism." That was not the same as removing Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list, according to a U.S. State Department official. They did not remove Cuba from that list, which has served to tighten the 62-year-long U.S. blockade of Cuba, contributing to a severe economic crisis on the island and to shortages of food, fuel, and medicine.

U.S. union members learn about Cuba

The BRCL group was composed of union representatives and labor coalitions, community groups, women, lesbian, and socialist organizations, all of whose activities included support for Cuba. There were longshore workers from the ILWU Local 10 and Local 52, the A. Philip Randolph Institute, SEIU Local 73, and professors and teachers from the Federation of Teachers.

At a meeting in the offices of **Central de Trabajadores de Cuba** (CTC — the Cuban Workers Central union federation), Julio Morales Vereá, the CTC's secretary general, and Nancy Roman spoke before opening the floor for discussion.

Morales talked about the revolutionary **Cuban Labor Code**, which legally establishes the rights of all unions and workers, ensuring they hold power.

- Unions have the right to participate in company management, receive management information, and use facilities for representatives.



The BRCL group and others gather for photos after the Havana May Day rally.

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Collage made from photos by Jason Newman, LRCT

- Union agreement is required for layoffs, changes in working hours, and access to the annual safety report.
- Workers have the legal right to participate in workplace assemblies to debate and approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated by the union. The contract covers local pay systems and the implementation of employment production plans.
- The union's contract protects worker rights: Including a 40-44-hour week and 30 days paid annual leave in the state sector.
- Unions have the right to stop any work they consider dangerous as part of a comprehensive health and safety policy.
- Grievance and disciplinary complaints go before workplace boards called Organs of Labor Justice, the majority of whose members are elected by workers.

Some other highlights of the BRCL visit included:

ELAM, the Latin American School of Medicine, has trained tens of thousands of physicians from low-income communities in Africa, Asia, and the Americas, as well as the U.S. New doctors from over 100 ethnic groups, half of whom are women, make a commitment to return to work in underserved areas after receiving a scholarship.

They study in a school that recognizes every patient's right to care and care that centers learning in the community, where health promotion is as important as disease management.

Cuba's Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology conducts world-recognized research and development of biopharmaceuticals for the treatment

and prevention of diseases. One of their successes was finding a treatment that prevents amputations for diabetics.

Speakers emphasized the need to provide medicine where it is most needed without the constriction of profit-driven competition. A current goal of their research is finding a cure for dementia, a disorder women suffer more than men.

FANJ, the Foundation of Antonio Nunez Jimenez. Here, the BRCL delegation learned about Cuba's commitment to environmental sustainability under climate change. They are working on solutions to the rising ocean level and the threat of superstorms in the Caribbean basin.

There were many opportunities to visit local communities, see the restoration of Old Havana, and enjoy Cuba's vibrant culture at jazz clubs, dance concerts, and art centers.

Most thrilling was **May Day in Havana** where tens of thousands of Cuban workers greeted their guests representing labor unions from all around the world. Music and dances began as the sun rose over the Atlantic. Former Cuban President Raul Castro and President Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez spoke under a banner reading, "POR CUBA JUNTOS CREAMOS." (Together, we create for Cuba.)

On the following day, the BRCL delegation attended the Conference of Labor Solidarity with all the other international labor delegations at the Cuban Palacio de Convenciones.

Union leaders from many countries spoke. Before President Canales addressed the packed hall, a news video showing the horror of genocide in Gaza was broadcast. #

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go to sugar plantations in Australia and other islands to perform forced labor. In Kanaky, a massive number of children were kidnapped. In addition, settlers brought diseases. By 1920, the number of Indigenous people on the archipelago was reduced to approximately 20,000.

Among the groups transported to France's penal colony were 4,500 members of the Paris Commune. In 1871, the French military slaughtered over 25,000 communards; over 35,000 were arrested, and one-third were condemned by court-martial — others were exiled to New Caledonia. Their conditions were harsh, locked in cages for the four-month sea voyage; later they were isolated in the arid Docus peninsula.

In 1878, just five years after the communards were dumped in the French Penal Colony, allied Kanak peoples fought back, attacking colonial settlements. In two days, their surprise assault killed set-



tlers, slaughtered European-introduced livestock that destroyed the land, and burned crops. The French responded with escalation and months of retaliation.

In a bitter and painful irony, these same heroic communards who had fought against French tyranny and inequality, who considered themselves socialists, who were exploited workers and poor, took up arms in support of the monarchist-led French colonial authority.

They had fallen into the grips of a greater monster — the ideology of white

supremacist imperialism and bourgeois nationalism. The demonization of Indigenous people as savages and the French construction of a racialized dichotomy labeling Polynesians as “white” and Melanesians as “black,” ranking the Kanak as the lowest of colonized people, was the poisoned drink that fueled this unthinkable twist.

Louise Michel, an internationally revered communard, resisted. It's reported that she tore in half the red Commune scarf that she secretly pirated

away and gave it to the Kanak headed into battle against the French colonizers. Today's French workers who are having their pensions stripped away should learn from her example.

Joël Tjibaou, the son of Jean-Marie Tjibaou — the murdered leader of the Kanak and Socialist National Liberation Front — crystalized the issues, “When you see our country, you understand why we are fighting for independence,” he said. “The white people came here, stole our land, stole our customs, don't respect us.” #

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responsibilities: in her last tour of Latin America, the Southern Command General Laura Richardson stated that the region “does not benefit” from cooperation with the People's Republic of China. The journalists present were unable to ask her about the advantages of unilateral blockades and sanctions or the leverage granted to the most reactionary governments in the region. Regarding Beijing's investment in critical infrastructure — exemplified in the port of Chancay, Peru — speakers at the Security Conference

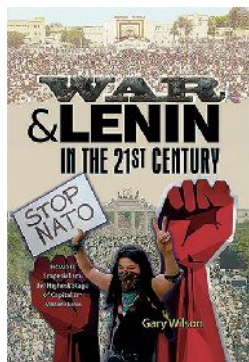
argued that it represents a dangerous Chinese presence, which could be used for military purposes in the future. Beijing usually responds insistently that the United States lacks the authority to comment on war preparations since it has “800 military bases abroad, with 173,000 uniformed personnel, stationed in 159 countries”.

While the event was taking place in Florida, the international agencies linked to energy information were spreading the news that the Russian shipping company RosGeo had detected a reserve of

511 billion barrels of oil in the Antarctic, which doubles the Saudi reserves. The discovery was taken up by the Environmental Audit Committee of the British House of Commons, which is interested in appropriating these resources.

Another aspect that worries the globalist logic is the communicational control increasingly associated with algorithms. This is the reason why Washington has approved a regulation to ban the social network Tik Tok, the only one of the ten most used globally whose headquarters are not based in its territory. It is well known that the platforms are playing an increasingly decisive role in the cognitive configuration of the world's population: “Who is going to count on all this data?” asked Richardson rhetorically, to answer without blushing: “we must promote democratic alternatives in cybersecurity that protect human rights and secure data”. Words from a civilized North, always attentive to the great values of humanity.

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WAR & LENIN in the 21st Century

Included in Gary Wilson's new book is VI Lenin's pamphlet: **'Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism'**

Vladimir Lenin, the revolutionary leader of the Soviet Union and a key contributor to Marxist theory, wrote **“Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism”** in 1916, more than a century ago. It remains an influential critique of imperialism. As in Lenin's time, the conclusion is that socialist revolution will end imperialist war, enabling workers to meet their own needs.

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NATO's escalation in Ukraine: Direct war on Russia?

By Gary Wilson

Ukraine is preparing for French military instructors' arrival, reported Bloomberg News on May 28.

This announcement resulted from a high-level phone call between Ukraine's Commander in Chief Oleksandr Syrskiy, Defense Minister Rustem Umerov, and French Defense Minister Sebastien Lecornu.

"I've already signed the documents that will allow the first French instructors to visit our training centers soon and familiarize themselves with their infrastructure and staff," Syrskiy said on Telegram.

Earlier this year, French President Emmanuel Macron stated that "nothing should be ruled out" when asked about sending NATO troops to Ukraine. Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda has repeatedly expressed readiness to send professional soldiers for training missions to Ukraine. In March, Czech President Petr Pavel said sending military trainers would be possible.

The New York Times reported earlier this month that NATO members are moving closer to sending instructors into Ukraine to train its troops.

Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr., the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that U.S./NATO military "trainers" will be sent to Ukraine, according to the Times. "We'll get there eventually, over time."

Mark Episkopos says in Responsible Statecraft: "Brown's comments tacitly concede two realities that Western officials have been loath to acknowledge: the Ukrainian war effort is slowly crumbling and cannot be sustained without a steady escalation of Western involvement.

"Yet there is a third factor that should be of serious concern to U.S. and European leaders: sending NATO personnel into Ukraine ... [will] embroil NATO states, including the U.S., in a shooting war with Russian forces."

First trainers, then combat troops

Yes, sending so-called military trainers is, in fact, an aggressive escalation. Imperialist military wars can start with "military trainers." During the First Indochina War (1946-1954), French military trainers in Vietnam began an escalation of the imperialist war on Vietnam,



Soldiers from U.S. Army Europe's Charlie Company demonstrate tactics to Ukrainian Marines and National Guard soldiers.

eventually leading to the deployment of French combat troops. This eventually led to U.S. involvement, first with trainers, then followed by tens of thousands of combat troops.

On May 14, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, in an unannounced visit to Kiev, vowed Washington would take "tangible steps" to ensure Ukraine's addition to the NATO military alliance, RFE/RL reported.

Of course, NATO is already deeply involved in Ukraine, supplying weapons and training to the Ukrainian military.

On May 20, a bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers sent a letter to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin urging him to authorize the use of U.S.-supplied long-range weapons to strike deep within Russian territory. The letter reflects Congress' growing move to escalate U.S. military operations in Ukraine, including expansion beyond Ukraine's borders into Russia.

The letter, authored by House Intelligence Committee Chairman Michael Turner and other members of Congress, requests authorization for the use of U.S. weapons against strategic targets inside Russia and calls on the Defense Department to provide training for more Ukrainian pilots on operating F-16 fighter jets.

2014 coup regime is no democracy

The Ukraine regime was imposed in February 2014 by a U.S.-backed coup that overthrew the elected government. The far-right regime represents Western imperialist interests, local oligarchs and

neo-Nazis. The residents of Ukraine's Donetsk and Lugansk regions did not recognize the new regime. In April 2014, in the Donbass mining region, the autonomous Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics (DPR and LPR) were declared, and the Minsk Accords laid out the process for their recognition.

The Kiev regime never implemented the Minsk Accords and began military operations against Donetsk and Luhansk. Bombing and air raids targeted the civilian population, killing at least 15,000. Kiev massed an occupation army in the region. In February 2022, the DPR and LPR asked Russia for aid. That's when Russia began its Special Military Operation, sending troops into DPR and LPR to secure their territorial integrity.

The Kiev regime declared martial law in 2022. All elections have been canceled. Elections for the Ukrainian parliament, where all opposition parties have been removed, were canceled. Presidential elections were scheduled for March 2024 but were canceled. Volodymyr Zelensky said, "Now is not the time for elections."

There is no popular support for Zelensky, the regime, or its war. The Ukrainian population is being wiped out. At the start of 2022, Ukraine's population was estimated to be around 42 million. By mid-2023, estimates suggest the population in Kiev-controlled areas has declined to as low as 28 million. Millions of Ukrainians have fled the country, and the birth rate has plummeted to a historic low in the last two years, reaching levels unseen in the past 300 years. #

White supremacy on the court: Angel Reese targeted

By Lev Koufax

Over a year ago, Struggle-La Lucha covered the media offensive against LSU women's basketball star Angel Reese.

Even before the events of 2023, Reese rose to prominence in the broader basketball world not only because of her prowess on the court. Reese is a strong and outspoken advocate for the rights of Black women.

Furthermore, she was one of the first big college stars to embrace the new "Name, Image, and Likeness" deals. College athletes finally could be paid for their labor after the Supreme Court found that the NCAA's restrictions on such deals violated the Sherman Antitrust Act. This SCOTUS decision forced the NCAA's hand, which soon after voted to allow "NIL" deals.

Reese and many others immediately and understandably took the opportunity to finally take a small share of the mega profits being raked in by the NCAA industrial complex. In reality, nobody should make money from the players' labor except the players.

Due to the general capitalist backlash against NIL money and the racist backlash against Reese personally for her Black pride, Reese has become somewhat of a controversial figure, meaning she is constantly disrespected in the big business media.

The LSU Tigers women's basketball team should have basked in the sunshine that was their program's first national championship in 2023. Instead, Reese and her predominantly Black teammates came under vicious racist attack after Reese directed John Cena's "you can't see me" gesture at Iowa Hawkeyes' Caitlin Clark in the waning moments of LSU's victory. Clark, who is white, used this gesture throughout the 2023 tournament but never faced criticism.

As soon as Reese responded in kind, the sports media establishment answered with a smear campaign that labeled Reese as a classless troublemaker. Professional windbag and former MSNBC host Keith Olberman even went as far as to tweet that Reese was a "fucking idiot."

The 2023 saga climaxed when Jill Biden invited Iowa's Clark to LSU's

championship White House visit. Black winners are dissed, and white losers are rewarded.

Much to her credit, Reese responded with strength and pride. Angel Reese has never run from who she is: a young Black woman from Baltimore committed to the highest excellence in her craft. The racists have never stopped hating her for it.

If only the saga ended there. Unfortunately, a year later, the collegiate sports landscape has only slid further into racism and reactionary backlash. Let's start with the continued stories of Reese and Clark.

'Great white hope' narrative escalates

Caitlin Clark continued to shine despite the Hawkeyes' loss to LSU. Her remarkable 2023-2024 season, averaging 28.1 points, 7.1 rebounds, and 8.2 assists per game, are incredible numbers. These outstanding stats earned her a second consecutive title as the most outstanding player in women's college basketball. To cap it off, Clark broke Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's all-time collegiate basketball scoring record.

Clark shattered collegiate records and led her Hawkeyes to back-to-back NCAA title games. There is no doubt that Caitlin Clark is a skilled player who was welcomed into the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) in April 2024. However, as women's basketball legend Diana Taurasi analyzed, it is highly unlikely that she will repeat her college dominance against WNBA talent.

Clark's basketball skills aside, the narrative surrounding her has only become more pernicious and widespread since her defeat in the national championship game last year. Disney, Fox, and Hearst executives smelled an opportunity.

Disney owns the ESPN sports media conglomerate. Fox has built its own sports media empire over the past decade. Hearst owns NBC, which has also built an extensive sports media network.

All of these channels, social media personalities, and talking heads were strangely united when it came to talking about Clark's greatness. In fact, that greatness was so great that it projected her into being the greatest women's basketball player of all time, the "GOAT."

The WNBA is filled with a history of talented players who have won championship titles in leagues on multiple continents.

Maya Moore, for example, is a four-time WNBA champion, a two-time Euroleague champion, and a three-time champion in the Women's Chinese Basketball Association. She has a WNBA scoring title and two Olympic gold medals.

There are dozens of players with accolades similar in stature to Moore. To name just a few: Lisa Leslie, Sue Bird, Candace Parker, Cheryl Miller, Tamika Catchings, and Diana Taurasi. Between these six names alone, there are countless national championships, Olympic medals, and individual awards.

Yet somehow, this 22-year-old from Iowa is unquestionably the "GOAT," though she has only now entered the WNBA as a player with the Indiana Fever and has yet to win championships or medals. Sports history is filled with college heroes who faded away in the professional leagues.

To be clear, this is not meant to be a hit piece against Caitlin Clark as a player. It is essential to separate Clark, the player, from Clark, the figure. Still, there is no doubt that Clark the figure's stature in the sports media landscape exposes a racist double standard in organized sports.

This disproportion between Clark's lack of professional achievement and her massive stature in the sports industrial complex exposes an agenda within the capitalist sports-media complex, an agenda to assert a "great white hope" narrative in response to continued Black excellence in college and professional basketball.

White supremacy is a system that has to be enforced at every turn and in every arena. Collegiate basketball is no different.

Reese: 'I haven't had peace'

That brings us back to Angel Reese. A year removed from LSU's triumph on the court against Clark's Iowa, Reese and her teammates still found themselves feeling under siege from the media and the broader college basketball industrial complex.

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Angel Reese

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On the evening of April 1, the LSU women faced “great white hope” Caitlin Clark and her Hawkeyes in the Elite Eight round of the NCAA tournament, commonly called “March Madness.” Iowa and Clark were victorious this time in a hard-fought 94-87 game.

Following her team’s loss to Iowa, Angel Reese spoke of the hell she and her teammates have faced as punishment for being great: “I’ve been through so much. I’ve seen so much. I’ve been attacked so many times ... Death threats. I’ve been sexualized. I’ve been threatened – so many things, and I’ve stood strong every single time.”

Reese continued, “I’m still a human. All this has happened since I won a national championship. I haven’t had peace since then.”

Describing this scene as heartbreaking does not even scratch the surface. All Angel Reese did was succeed and be unabashedly herself. White athletes are lionized for fierce competitiveness and dramatic gestures.

Black athletes face everything ranging from widespread scorn to outright death threats. Think about that. This young woman, age 22, has already faced a wave of racism reminiscent of the terrible attacks the Black community faced under the Jim Crow South.

Reese’s revelation regarding the horrors of the past year comes on the heels of the horrific racist attacks on the University of Utah women’s basketball team while in Idaho for the NCAA tournament. The threats were so severe that the team had to switch hotels.

The most unfortunate part of this saga is that it is now part of a long history of racist attacks on Black athletes for no other reason than to punish those athletes for being Black and successful. In 1947, when Jackie Robinson integrated baseball, he not only faced verbal abuse but physical assault from racist fellow players.

In 1974, as baseball legend and home run king Hank Aaron chased down Babe Ruth’s record of 714, Aaron faced hundreds if not thousands of death threats. If only it stopped there. As the 1974 season wore on, the FBI apprehended more than one Klan-aligned group of terrorists that had plans to assassinate Aaron. His only crime was being great.



Angel Reese is a professional basketball player for the Chicago Sky of the Women’s National Basketball Association.

Black athletes have been under siege in the United States for this long because the Black community has been under siege by racist capitalism since the first African people were brutally kidnapped from their homes in West Africa in the 15th century.

Anyone who considers themselves a progressive or an anti-racist has a responsibility to stand up in defense of Angel Reese and all Black athletes who have and will come under attack simply for being themselves.

Credit for women’s basketball growth

The racism in sports doesn’t stop with violent attacks on individual athletes. The entire sports media narrative around Clark is steeped in pernicious racist logic.

Again, there is no doubt that Caitlin Clark is an excellent basketball player and has reached a special level of individual achievement in college athletics. However, she is not particularly unique in being a great basketball player.

In a thoughtful article, Baltimore Black community writer and educator D. Watkins explored how the pioneers of organized women’s basketball and the WNBA, many of whom are Black, have been left behind in the current landscape.

Hundreds of Black women have dedicated themselves over decades to building the WNBA from a dream into a reality and as an international brand. Yet, one wouldn’t know that based on the rush of articles and news stories praising Caitlin Clark as the sole savior of the women’s game.

And even where the sports industrial machine wasn’t asserting Clark as the greatest of all time or “GOAT,” they still pushed her narrative to the front of the sport. Young legends like Angel Reese and Kamila Cardoso have been lost in the shuffle, two players who have actually won championships.

Ahead of the WNBA draft, ESPN asserted in an April 15 article that “Caitlin Clark has been a singular force who has grown the women’s game in ways no college player ever has before.”

This is an unbelievable, to the point of being sensationalist, statement. To say that Clark definitively played

a more significant role in growing the game of women’s basketball than fore-runners like Cheryl Miller and Sheryl Swoopes is as inaccurate as it is racist.

It is truly unbelievable the lengths the mainstream capitalist sports establishment will go to to defend their “great white hope.” Even after Clark’s second straight championship loss, the Indianapolis Star published an article asserting that championships are meaningless when assessing Clark’s greatness.

This would be shocking news for athletes such as Baltimore Ravens superstar quarterback Lamar Jackson, who is incessantly derided for not having a Super Bowl championship, regardless of two MVP wins and dozens of record-shattering statistics. Or one could point to Reggie Miller, an Indianapolis Pacers legend who is constantly analyzed in the context that he never won a championship despite being one of the best scorers in the history of the NBA.

As with everything else in racist U.S. society, the bar for Black people is much higher. Apparently, Caitlin Clark doesn’t need a championship for the country to recognize her utter greatness.

The sports media machine might not be done worshiping Clark and ignoring Black athletes, but all progressives must see through these various narratives around her and her competitors as what they are: racist propaganda aimed at reinforcing age-old double standards for Black athletes.

Stand with Angel Reese! Black Lives Matter! End racist attacks on Black athletes! #

UAW strike: Labor joins Gaza solidarity

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dents, teaching assistants, and researchers organized in UAW Local 4811 has strengthened the protest movement through rolling political strikes modeled after the historic victories against the big three automakers in 2023.

The series of actions is in response to the violence against the UC encampments. Two thousand striking UAW workers walked picket lines at UC Santa Cruz beginning on May 20, and the strike will expand to UCLA and UC Davis on May 28.

Local 4811's potent intervention in the student Gaza solidarity campaign now has UC administrators grasping at straws. The main issue for the strikers is workplace safety. No one could argue with credibility that standing by while fascists attacked union members didn't compromise the safety of these unionized workers.

Twenty-five students were sent to the emergency room while police stood by during the five-hour assault on April 30. Hoping to get an injunction, UC filed unfair labor practice charges with California's Public Employment Relations Board. But yesterday, May 23, the charges were rejected. There will be no injunction against the strike.

This foray into the fight against the Biden/Netanyahu genocide isn't the first by organized labor. The Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions called for support soon after the assault on Gaza began, and hundreds of union locals have responded.



Rank-and-file trade unionists in Australia campaigning for a free Palestine

UAW, United Electrical Workers (UE), American Postal Workers Union, American Federation of Teachers, and many others have released statements calling for a ceasefire or divestment. Smaller locals have organized teach-ins in support of Palestine, and rank-and-file efforts within some unions are pushing the leadership in those locals that haven't spoken up to do so.

Weapons to Israel blocked at Oakland dock

In the first actual workplace union action to defend Gaza, on January 14, hundreds of unionists from the International Longshore and Warehouse Union joined by activists from the Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC) set up a picket line when a ship was scheduled to pick up weapons bound for Israel. Throughout the day, 200 dock workers from ILWU local 10 refused to cross the picket line to load the weapons onto the ship. Labor publications around the world reported the action at the Port of Oakland.

The January port action, the varied calls for a ceasefire or divestment by union locals, and the current UAW strike add a great deal of strength to the movement against the genocide in Gaza.

College administrations and mayors of major cities continue to unleash police and fascist attacks but are failing to achieve their goal of crushing the movement. New encampments and street demonstrations, recent disruptions of Genocide Joe Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and heightened calls for divestment from anything that benefits the Zionist state are all testament to the determination of hundreds of thousands of students, community organizations and unionized workers.



"We ask you to speak out and take action in the face of injustice as trade unions have done historically. We make this call in the belief that the struggle for Palestinian justice and liberation is not only a regionally and globally determined struggle. It is a lever for the liberation of all dispossessed and exploited people of the world."

— the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions, Gaza, in their urgent call to action

<https://www.unionistsforpalestine.com.au/>

The unionized labor element is not only a burst of strength in the immediate sense but also hints at the potential of a broad anti-imperialist movement. Consciousness about the role of the White House and Congress is growing as the U.S. military-industrial complex – the death merchants of imperialism – continues to build all of the weapons that are adding to the death toll.

A report in the publication of the All India Central Council of Trade Unions about the role of U.S. unions against the genocide quoted Gerry Scoppettuolo of Pride at Work Eastern Massachusetts and Executive Board member of the Greater Boston Labor Council, who said, "Organized labor in the U.S. has not been as united in this way since the 1980s when a majority of labor opposed the Reagan/Kissinger support of death squads in Honduras, fascist national police in El Salvador, and the Contras in Nicaragua."

A January article posted to Prismreports.org quoted several unionists with Labor for Palestine, a network of activists across the spectrum of union locals in the U.S. Mary Jirmanus Saba of UAW Local 2865, which represents UC graduate workers said that activists in UAW are "looking for ways to support UAW workers in weapons plants and trying to disrupt those supply chains."

Zachary Valdez of UAW Local 2110 in New York seconded Saba's remarks when he said, "The labor movement has the power to disrupt supply chains. The UAW is uniquely placed within this system of oppression because ... UAW members are involved in the creation of weapons that are being sent to Israel and bombs that are being dropped on Gaza."

Every victory in this struggle against genocide serves to isolate and expose the Zionist settler project and the U.S. imperialist war machine. Even just the mention of the power that workers hold over the means of production – in particular, the production of weapons being used in the genocide is nipping at the Achilles Heel of capitalism.

All out solidarity with Palestine!
End the occupation! #

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artículo en Noticel por el reportero Oscar Serrano que lee: “Genera PR revela su plan para desviar renovables y venderle gas a la isla por años”. Y en el resumen, Serrano afirma que “Ejecutivos aseguraron al mercado financiero que el gobierno de la isla hace lo que ellos dicen y explican cómo han reforzado su negocio aprovechando la desesperación de Puerto Rico por alcanzar estabilidad en el suministro eléctrico”, sobre todo después del Huracán María.

Esta arrogancia imperialista de Genera está avalada por el gobierno achichinche de Pedro Pierluisi que está haciendo todo en su poder por terminar de

vender a PR al mejor postor extranjero.

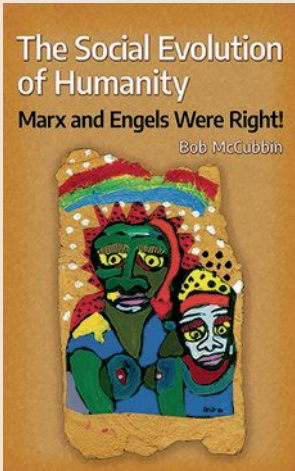
También hay que señalar la complicidad de las agencias federales estadounidenses que permitieron construir un puerto en San Juan para favorecer a New Fortress Energy, la empresa matriz de Genera en contra de las estipulaciones medioambientales.

New Fortress es también la compañía que ha operado en perjuicio de la ciudadanía en los Estados Unidos al utilizar el método de Fracking para extraer el

gas, envenenado así las fuentes de agua potable de residentes, sobre todo en el estado de Pensilvania. Debido a esta extracción venenosa, hay un excedente de gas natural en el imperio que intentan derramarlo aquí en la colonia.

Pero claro, ¡todo es permitido en una colonia! #

Desde Puerto Rico, para Radio Clarín de Colombia, les habló Berta Joubert-Ceci.



The Social Evolution of Humanity Marx and Engels were right! by Bob McCubbin

This study of the evolution of humanity focuses on human social/sexual relations and, in particular, the changing social status of women. It offers a selection of scientific evidence that updates and augments the viewpoint expressed in Frederick Engels' masterful work, *'Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State.'*

McCubbin is the author of *'Roots of Lesbian and Gay Oppression: A Marxist View.'* Published in 1976, during the first rise of the modern LGBTQ2S movement,

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Protect trans youth & trans lives

No bans on gender-affirming care, restroom access and sports

End police violence against our communities. Justice for Frank Tyson!

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Free, legal, accessible abortions

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End attacks on immigrants

Stop genocide in Gaza!

Israel is no friend to LGBTQIA+ people

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Primarias boricuas, cortesía de corporaciones gringas Una farsa corporativa para seguir robándole al pueblo

tendiente de su propio partido, es el PNP, el administrador actual de la colonia, que se lleva el premio en groserías y mentiras increíbles. Al ver sus anuncios por televisión, una se queda atónita de ver cómo ocultan y tergiversan la realidad. Según esos productores publicitarios, vivimos en un paraíso donde los servicios son de calidad para todo el pueblo. Donde las escuelas, hospitales, viviendas, servicio de energía, etc., es insuperable y la gente vive muy feliz y agradecida del gobernador que ganó con solo un tercio de votantes. Da un verdadero asco cuando miramos la realidad de nuestro pueblo con pobreza, con nuestra juventud sin poder educarse ni tener un futuro, sin servicios adecuados de salud.

Pero lo importante que queremos puntualizar es: ¿quiénes se benefician? ¿quiénes están detrás de esta publicidad?

No nos debe tomar por sorpresa que en una colonia, sean las corporaciones, bufetes de abogados, y millonarios grin-

gos quienes financien estas campañas para que se mantengan las injustas leyes que le otorgan preferencias a inversionistas extranjeros como la Ley 60 de exenciones contributivas que hacen de Puerto Rico un paraíso fiscal. Han venido a Puerto Rico para robarnos nuestros terrenos, construir edificios y viviendas de lujo para alquileres a corto plazo, desplazando a comunidades y elevando los precios de las viviendas, haciendo que una familia de ingresos medios ya no puede tener un residencia asequible.

Pero por más anuncios que paguen estos buitres, gane quien gane las primarias, es el pueblo en noviembre quien tendrá la oportunidad de sacarlos a todos y elegir a candidatas y candidatos honestos y patriotas que han formado una gran Alianza de País entre el Partido Independiente Puertorriqueño y el Movimiento Victoria Ciudadana que puedan derogar esas leyes preferenciales y reviertan las privatizaciones. #

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Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

Como en muchas partes de Nuestra América, en Puerto Rico también estamos en un proceso eleccionario este año. Aunque las elecciones generales son en noviembre, esta semana celebrarán primarias los dos partidos coloniales que hasta ahora se han alternado la administración del país, el Partido Popular Democrático o PPD que aboga por la permanencia de la colonia bajo el disfraz del Estado Libre Asociado y el Partido Nuevo Progresista que aboga por la incorporación de PR a los Estados Unidos.

Si bien ambos partidos basan sus promociones en acusaciones del otro con-

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Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

En Puerto Rico tenemos leyes muy buenas para todo. El problema es que ninguna se cumple. Y como colonia que somos, es el Congreso estadounidense quien impone o no el cumplimiento, según sean sus intereses y los de sus corporaciones en ese momento; no importa cuan apropiadas para el pueblo sean nuestras leyes. Ese es el motivo de los imperios para tener colonias.

Un ejemplo reciente es la cuestión energética. Siendo nuestro país uno tropical, abundan fuentes de energía renovable como el sol, el agua y el viento. De hecho, tenemos una buenísima ley sobre esto, la Ley 17 del año 2019 que obliga al estado a tener el 40% de energía renov-

able para el año 2025, o sea, ¡el año que viene!, y 100% para el 2050. De más está decir que con las privatizaciones tanto de Transmisión y Distribución por Luma Energy, y luego de generación por Genera PR, esta meta es imposible.

Y por más que el gobierno menta, los privatizadores, en su afán de seguir robando e invitar a otras compañías extranjeras para que participen del botín, han publicado esa exhortación de forma maquiavélica.

Nada más vean el titular de un reciente

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Cientos de personas protestan contra los aumentos de las tarifas eléctricas en San Juan, Puerto Rico, en 2023.

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