

# Bolivia votes for socialism

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*Bolivia's Movement toward Socialism (MAS) victory in the Oct. 18 election overturned a U.S.-backed coup. Eleven months ago, false charges of electoral irregularities and subsequent death threats drove MAS leader and Indigenous Bolivian President Evo Morales into exile. In his place, Jeanine Áñez Chávez unleashed violent repression against the Indigenous people protesting the takeover of their country by the international extractivism imperialists. The Organization of American States — with the U.S. and its junior imperialist partner, Canada —*

*spearheaded the political attack on Bolivia, unleashing right-wing street attacks. A religious fundamentalist Christian, Áñez raised again the historical specter of Spanish conquistadors with a bible in one hand and terror in the other.*

*The Iranian news agency FARS asked Cheryl LaBash, a writer for Struggle-La Lucha, for her reaction to the MAS victory. Below are her brief answers to their questions.*

**Q:** People could choose a U.S.-backed ruler in the recent election. Critics argue that with the U.S. support, they could expect more prosperity. What did make Bolivians elect Socialists back to power?

**Cheryl LaBash:** Capitalism cannot deliver prosperity to the majority of the people of Bolivia, only for a few working to enrich global corporate and financial interests, particularly mineral extraction. The Bolivian people rejected the U.S.-backed coup in the streets under heavy repression and now once again at the ballot box.

Indigenous leader Evo Morales led a fundamental transformation in the lives of poor workers and subsistence farmers. Not insignificantly, UNESCO declared Bolivia free of illiteracy in 2008, including in the many Indigenous languages, using the Yo Sí Puedo [Yes I Can] method developed by Cuba.

Bolivia joined Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Ecuador and others in the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America-Peoples Trade Treaty. This formation, known as ALBA-TCP, and PetroCaribe demonstrated that cooperative, respectful and fair international trade could uplift the social, political and economic lives of the people who suffered from imperialist neoliberal schemes forced on them. The racist anti-Indigenous coup leader Áñez is an echo of the right-wing movement in the U.S. that uses religion, racism and xenophobia to insure that the imperialists prosper at the expense of the masses of people.

**Q:** What do we learn about the conflicting interests of the U.S. and people in the Latin American countries from the recent election?

**CL:** Like the oil-rich countries of West Asia, the people of Latin America and the Caribbean have suffered greatly from the impact of imperialism, headed by the U.S., coveting the natural resources that can be transformed into wealth for a few. It has meant coups, military dictatorships, repression and poverty when imperialism succeeded, and economic warfare and sanctions for countries that insist on independence and sovereignty. It is the U.S. rulers that declared in the Monroe Doctrine of 1823 that Latin America was its “backyard.” Bolivia once again joins Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua in this vote for independence and sovereignty. Working people of the United States do not benefit from U.S. military and economic world domination but are also exploited and repressed.

**Q:** The Organization of American States was the only entity which declared election fraud against Morales last year. How do you see the hand of the U.S. behind the international organizations (like OAS) to interfere in the domestic affairs of Latin America?

**CL:** In 1890, the first International Conference of American States concluded in Washington, D.C. The OAS headquarters is still in Washington, D.C., just blocks from the White House, and receives most of its funding from the U.S. After Cuba gained its sovereignty in the 1959 Revolution, the U.S. pushed the OAS to exclude Cuba in 1962 and then required member states to break relations. Only Mexico resisted this isolation order. The OAS is a regional tool to impose U.S. foreign policy expressed in the Monroe Doctrine.

In the Bolivian election in 2019, the OAS issued statements and reports questioning the election, legitimizing the right-wing campaign against then-President Evo Morales. In 2010, 33 countries, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), formed an intergovernmental region bloc independent of the U.S.

and Canada, which are not included. In Bolivia and Venezuela, the OAS continues to promote the U.S. agenda to overthrow progressive, people-oriented governments.

With the U.S. election less than a week away and with much effort at voter suppression evident and the possibility of a stolen election like the one in 2000, there are no OAS election observers in the U.S. The U.S. is a member state. Why is the OAS not questioning this presidential election?



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## Dog bites and racism in Indianapolis

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Every five days, a police dog bites someone in Indianapolis. Just as Black people are twice as likely to be unemployed, 55 percent of those bitten in Indianapolis are African American. That's double their percentage of the city's population.

These and other facts were revealed in [a remarkable investigation by the Marshall Project](#), named for the human rights attorney and first Black U.S. Supreme Court

justice, Thurgood Marshall.

Indianapolis K-9 Officer Molly Groce told tens of thousands of followers on Instagram that for her dog, “The bite itself is the reward.” In 2018, Groce’s dog bit Gordon Mitchum Sr. so severely that the Black retired postal worker’s foot had to be in a cast for two months.

Mr. Mitchum spent 43 years helping people get their prescription medicines and other mail. He was resting on his porch when Groce and her dog entered the yard without a warrant through a side gate.

Police claimed they were looking for a carjacking suspect. They viciously attacked a man in his seventies.

Their K-9 dog first attacked Mitchum’s left leg, then dragged him from the porch before biting his right foot. His daughter had to use bleach and water to hose the blood away from the family’s patio and flowers.

Between 2017 and 2019, some 243 people were bitten by the K-9s of the Indianapolis Metro Police Department. Of the 11 people younger than 16 years old who were bit, nine were Black.

In 2015, an IMPD police dog veered away from a chase and suddenly attacked a woman who was seven months pregnant. She had to have several surgeries and went into labor early.

### **A remnant of slavery and fascism**

Thousands of people have been bitten by police dogs across the United States. Bloodhounds were used to hunt enslaved Africans who had escaped from plantations. The liberator Nat Turner’s hiding place was discovered by a dog.

The most famous scene in the novel “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” was Eliza escaping across a river from bloodhounds. During the Haitian Revolution, French slave owners had their dogs kill Black people.

In Montgomery, Ala. — the first capital of the slave owners’ confederacy — 51-year-old Joseph Lee Pettaway was mauled to death by a police dog in July 2018. Police Officer Nicholas Barber stood by and let the Black man bleed to death.

Pettaway was taking care of his 87-year-old mother in her house when he was killed. Montgomery authorities [refused for two years](#) to release any of the video evidence.

Nazis used dogs to patrol their concentration camps and kill inmates.

Dogs have to be specially trained to attack human beings. It isn’t natural for them.

It takes 12 weeks for Indianapolis police dogs to learn how. “We want the dog to first and foremost be able to hunt,” said IMPD Sgt. Craig Patton.

Of the biggest cities in the U.S., Indianapolis has the highest number of police dog bites per 100,000 people. Behind it are police forces in Jacksonville, Fla.; Houston; Denver; Phoenix; San Jose, Calif.; and San Diego.

In the same 2017 to 2019 period, more than 200 people were bitten by police dogs in Los Angeles.

Police in Chicago, New York City, Philadelphia and San Francisco are just as vicious yet very few people are bitten there, which is more proof that all police K-9 units should be disbanded.

### **Why Indianapolis never had a Black mayor**

Nearly three out of ten people in Indianapolis are African American. So why has Indiana’s state capital never had a Black mayor?

For the same reasons that Indianapolis is the country's dog bite capital. Indiana may be the most reactionary state in the North.

Trump's lap dog, Vice President Mike Pence, is a former governor. The Ku Klux Klan controlled the state's Democratic and Republican parties throughout the 1920's.

At least ten African Americans were lynched in Indiana between 1890 and 1930. (African American Web Ring) Sixteen-year-old James Cameron was saved at the last minute from being hanged in Marion, Ind., on Aug. 7, 1930. His two companions had already been murdered by the mob.

After nearly being killed, Cameron still had to serve four years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. The only known survivor of a lynching, he later founded the Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee.

In 1993, Indiana Gov. Birch Bayh Jr. finally gave a pardon to James Cameron. Even in this case, there were no reparations. Cameron died in 2006.

Smothering the state was the Pulliam newspaper chain, which has since been sold off. The editorial pages of the family's Indianapolis Star and News were favorites of John Birch Society members. The Birch Society was founded in the Hoosier capital in 1958.

Billionaire patriarch Eugene Pulliam had enough clout in Indiana to make his doltish grandson, Dan Quayle, a U.S. senator. It was Quayle's open stupidity that made him so attractive to George Herbert Walker Bush as a running mate.

More than anything else in 1988, the first Bush needed impeachment insurance. Bush feared exposure as the ringleader of "contragate," whose centerpiece was the flooding by the CIA of Black communities with crack.

## **Another Indiana**

It wasn't until 1965 that Indianapolis took part in the federal school lunch program. It was the last major city to do so. The Pulliam newspapers were furious.

The resistance of the Indianapolis capitalists to this minor concession was not just a matter of their reactionary and rotten character. It was also a sign of how their rule had been unchallenged for decades and how suppressed Indiana's working class had become.

Richard Hatcher's election on Nov. 7, 1967, as the first Black mayor of Gary, Ind., helped melt this deep freeze. The African American population in Indianapolis was growing rapidly. Would Indianapolis follow Gary's lead?

The response of the local ruling class was to set up a metropolitan government in 1970 called Unigov that would include all of Marion County. This deliberate diluting of the Black vote was an obvious violation of the Voting Rights Act. But Richard Nixon's attorney general and former law partner, John "Watergate" Mitchell, wasn't going to interfere.

Yet there's another Indiana. Terre Haute, Ind., was home to the socialist leader Eugene Debs. Until 1897, Indianapolis was the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor.

In 1916, Debs ran for Congress on the Socialist Party ticket. Revolutionaries flocked to Indiana to work on this anti-war campaign.

They included a leading Bolshevik, Alexandra Kollontai. She became the first woman to hold the diplomatic rank of minister when appointed Soviet envoy to Norway in 1923. (Kollontai became the USSR's ambassador to Mexico in 1926.)

A million-and-a-half leaflets were passed out in the district. The last socialist parade of the campaign stretched 15 blocks through Terre Haute. It was festooned with red flags from beginning to end.

Although Debs was beaten by the Republican candidate, he got more votes than the incumbent Democratic congressman. ("The Bending Cross, A Biography of Eugene Victor Debs" by Ray Ginger)

This socialist movement was smashed. Indiana was probably more affected than any other big manufacturing state by World War I and the redbaiting campaign which followed. Indianapolis became the national office of the American Legion, which was organized in 1919 to "fight Bolshevism" and break strikes.

The Black Lives Matter movement is breaking through this reaction. Poor and working people in Indiana will be heard.



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## **New York: Day after election, demand the people's mandate!**

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Hosted by BAYAN USA Northeast, Struggle - La Lucha for Socialism and New York Community Action Project

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 12:00 PM EST

Trump Tower New York  
725 5th Avenue, New York

Stop Police Crimes!  
We Want Community Control of Police!

Extend and expand economic relief for the unemployed!  
Stop the evictions and utility shut-offs!

Protect the health care that we have, we want health care for all!  
Fight the pandemic!

Stop the racist attacks on immigrants and harassment of Asian Americans!

Regardless of who wins, the organizations in the New York Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression are joining the call to Demand the People's Mandate!

If you're interested in organizing for November 4th, please let us by email [nyaarpr@gmail.com](mailto:nyaarpr@gmail.com).



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## **Protests in Indonesia fight to stop further exploitation of workers**

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In the second week of October, the Indonesian Parliament approved the Job Creation Law. This law amended 79 previous laws and is nominally intended to help President Joko Widodo's efforts to attract more foreign investment into Indonesia. The law is clearly intended to pave the way for foreign corporations and monopolies to open operations in Indonesia at the cost of the Indonesian workers. It increases limits on overtime, cuts severance pay amounts and removes key worker protections like

mandatory paid leave for childbirth.

Led by the Confederation of Indonesian Workers Unions, workers, students and what the bourgeois media are claiming are “conservative Muslims” in the thousands have taken to the streets of not only the capital city Jakarta, but also in over 35 districts and cities total.

ABC News quoted Shobri Lubis, a protest organizer, from a speech he gave to a large crowd: “It’s undeniable that the Job Creation Law is more intended for foreign economic domination in Indonesia and not to side with local workers.” One of the chants at the protest was “We stand with workers!”

The International League of People’s Struggle Indonesia released a statement analyzing the situation. In part, it reads: “Taking advantages from the people’s fear to COVID-19, ‘self-isolation’ in homes, hoping that they will not face a significant resistance, President Jokowi discusses the Jobs Creation Law, which explicitly deprives basic economic rights such as wages, elimination of the compensation of employment termination (layoffs), shortening time to obtain permits for imperialists and their accomplice[s] to do business in Indonesia, accelerating land grabbing in the name of infrastructure development and development projects, and facilitating the free acceptance of foreign workers to work in Indonesia.”

Further, ILPS Indonesia released five demands:

- Stop all forms of violence, intimidation, arrest and criminalization of the people. Free all the arrested people unconditionally!
- Provide compensation and guarantee the safety of the people due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic with free and quality health and education services and access!
- Abolish rural usury! Fix commodity prices and the living necessities of the Indonesian peasants and people!

- Fair profit sharing for tenant farmers and better wages for agricultural workers in large plantations of timber, oil palm, rubber, sugar and other export commodities belonging to the Imperialists and the big landlords at the national level!
- Implement a genuine land reform and build an independent national industry as an economic solution for the Indonesian people!

Despite the Indonesian government's pretend concern that the protests will spread COVID-19, the Indonesian police have brutally repressed the protests with tear gas.



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## **Oakland, California, city council passes resolution regarding Cuba and the United States**

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Yesterday a resolution supporting medical and scientific collaboration between the City of Oakland California and the Country of Cuba to address the COVID-19 health crisis was passed unanimously. The resolution also urged the U.S. Congress to remove restrictions on collaboration by suspending economic and travel sanctions against Cuba.

City council member Dan Kalb from District 1, who introduced the resolution, acknowledged during the council meeting that the city had pressing and important issues like homelessness to be focusing on but that the resolution opening up the possibility of mutually beneficial collaboration with Cuba was important considering the work that the island nation has been doing towards world health.

Oakland resident Alicia Jrapko who is a co-chair of the National Network on Cuba and currently part of the Saving Lives Campaign said, "We could learn a lot from the accomplishments of Cuba's approach to the Covid 19 virus both in their country and around the world. Cuba has a lower infection rate than most countries in the northern hemisphere and Cubans are 42 times less likely to contract the virus than people in the U.S. In collaborating with Cuba we will show people in this country the humanistic approach Cuba has to fight the pandemic."

Helene Maxwell, another Oakland resident who commented in favor of the resolution, referred to the importance of the resolution, "Especially in this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is unconscionable, that because of the U.S. blockade of Cuba, patients in the U.S. are denied access to medicines that are available in every other country. Oakland's approval of this resolution for medical and scientific collaboration between the City of Oakland and Cuba is a first step in ending this madness"

Oakland now joins a growing number of cities and organizations around the country including in the San Francisco Bay Area where the cities of Richmond, Berkeley, San Francisco, and the Sacramento Central Labor Council AFL-CIO who advocate for the

concept of friendship and solidarity with the island have passed similar resolutions.

Source: [Resumen](#)



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# **El Consejo de la Ciudad de Oakland-California aprueba Resolución sobre la Colaboración Médica entre Cuba y los Estados Unidos**

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*21 de Octubre, 2020*

Este 20 de octubre, se aprobó por unanimidad una Resolución que apoya la colaboración médica y científica entre la ciudad de Oakland-California y Cuba, para enfrentar la crisis de salud ocasionada por la COVID-19.

La Resolución insta al Congreso de los EE.UU. a eliminar las restricciones para hacer posible la colaboración médica, mediante la suspensión de las sanciones económicas y los viajes a Cuba.

El miembro del consejo municipal Dan Kalb del Distrito 1, quien presentó la Resolución, reconoció durante la reunión del consejo que la ciudad enfrenta cuestiones urgentes e importantes en las cuales enfocarse como la falta de viviendas, pero que la Resolución presentada abre la posibilidad de una colaboración mutuamente beneficiosa e importante con Cuba, teniendo en cuenta la labor que la nación insular ha estado realizando en pro de la salud mundial.

Alicia Jrapko, residente de Oakland, copresidenta de la Red Nacional de Solidaridad con Cuba y actualmente forma parte de la Campaña “Salvar Vidas”, dijo: “Podríamos aprender mucho de los logros de Cuba sobre la Covid-19 tanto en ese país como en el mundo. Cuba tiene la tasa de infección más baja que la mayoría de los países del hemisferio norte y los cubanos son 42 veces menos propensos a contraer el virus que la gente de los EE.UU. Al colaborar con Cuba mostraremos a la gente de este país el enfoque humanístico que tiene Cuba para luchar contra la pandemia”.

Helene Maxwell, otra residente de Oakland comentó a favor de la Resolución, se refirió a la importancia de la misma, “Especialmente en esta época de la pandemia de Covid-19, es desmesurado que debido al bloqueo de los Estados Unidos a Cuba, a los pacientes en los Estados Unidos se les niegue el acceso a las medicinas que están disponibles en todos los demás países. La aprobación de esta Resolución por parte de Oakland para la colaboración médica y científica entre la ciudad de Oakland y Cuba es un primer paso para poner fin a esta locura”

Oakland se une ahora a un creciente número de ciudades y organizaciones de todo el país, incluyendo el área de la bahía de San Francisco, donde las ciudades de Richmond, Berkeley, San Francisco y el Consejo Central Laboral de Sacramento AFL-CIO, abogan por la amistad y solidaridad con la isla. Ciudades en las que se han

aprobado Resoluciones similares.

Más de 2 millones de habitantes de estas ciudades se verían beneficiados con la colaboración médica y científica con Cuba. (\*)

La posibilidad de mejorar la salud de los estadounidenses y salvar vidas, en medio de la pandemia del SARS-CoV-2 no puede ser bloqueada.

Nota:

(\*) Habitantes de las ciudades mencionadas de acuerdo al censo del 2018: Oakland 429.082, Richmond 227.032, Berkeley 121.643, San Francisco 883.305, Sacramento 508.529, las que suman 2.169.581 habitantes.

Fuente: [Resumen](#)



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**Indigenous Peoples Day**

# demonstration at Malcolm X Park in Washington

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On Oct. 17, a coalition of Indigenous peoples and their allies held an Indigenous Peoples Day demonstration at Malcolm X Park in Washington, D.C.

The host organizations and activists included Chief Billy Tyac of the Piscataway Indian Nation and Tyac Territory, the American Indian Movement (Mid-Atlantic Region), the American Indian Support Project, the National Council of Arab Americans, the Hiroshima Nagasaki Peace Committee of the National Capital Region, the All-African People's Revolutionary Party and Pan African Roots.

Approximately a hundred people attended the celebration, which included a series of cultural performances and speeches. The program opened with Chief Billy Tyac of the Piscataway Indian Nation. Chief Tyac discussed the fact that all land in the United States and Canada is, in fact, land stolen from Indigenous people. Further, the chief denounced the myth that "Columbus discovered America." This was a position emphasized throughout the day.

Columbus is often touted as an important and positive figure in American history. One of the core missions of Indigenous Peoples Day is to shed light on the truth about Columbus: he was a violent genocidal colonizer. Multiple speakers discussed the atrocities perpetrated by Columbus and his crew. These speakers called for the end of "Columbus Day" as a holiday and the removal of all statues honoring him.

Another core issue at the celebration was the importance of recognizing the current crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women. A panel of three Native women at

the celebration discussed their personal experiences with the epidemic of violence towards Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people.

Toward the end of the program, Peoples Power Assembly activist Andre Powell read a solidarity statement. Powell denounced the past and present state violence Indigenous peoples have faced in the United States and Canada. In both countries, Indigenous peoples have protested against proposed pipelines that would go through sacred land. In both countries, the government responded with violence and terror.

The message of the day was clear: all working class and oppressed people must stand with the Indigenous struggles across the globe. The Indigenous community will not rest in their struggle to regain their stolen ancestral lands and preserve their way of life. Solidarity with Indigenous peoples! Reparations for Native peoples now!

*SLL photos: Lev Koufax*



# The Michigan conspiracy isn't a joke

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Thirteen fascists were [arrested on Oct. 8](#) for plotting to kidnap and kill Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. There were [also plans to assassinate](#) Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam. Both governors are Democrats.

Most of the initial media coverage of those arrested has portrayed them as bumbling losers. That's despite their use of encrypted communications and plans to use an 800,000 volt taser. Poor and working people should consider the Michigan plot as extremely dangerous.

These fascists are precisely the social material that's used by the wealthy and powerful to terrorize people. Seven of them belong to the Wolverine Watchmen, an armed vigilante group.

Michigan's Barry County [Sheriff Dar Leaf](#) claimed these fascists were merely planning to make a "felony arrest" of Gov. Whitmer. Leaf appeared with some of them at a Grand Rapids rally protesting the public health measures needed to combat the coronavirus. He knows two of the indicted conspirators, Michael and William Null.

Cops and fascists work hand in hand. On Oct. 15, [Newport News, Va., police](#) provided armed members of the ultraright Boogaloo movement with a sound system and chocolate milk.

After a Black father, Jacob Blake, was shot seven times in front of some of his children by Kenosha, Wis., Officer Rusten Sheskey, racist armed vigilantes came to

town. They were welcomed by police and the county sheriff to threaten Black Lives Matter demonstrators. Kyle Rittenhouse killed two anti-racists, seriously wounded another and was allowed to escape Kenosha.

Trump helped incite vigilante violence by tweeting “Liberate Michigan!” on April 17, two days after armed right-wingers converged on Michigan’s state Capitol in Lansing. They wanted the COVID-19 safety shutdown stopped immediately no matter how many Black and Brown people would die in Detroit.

Trump also tweeted “Liberate Virginia!” and “Liberate Wisconsin!” The Wolverine Watchmen planned to take Gov. Whitmer to Wisconsin to be killed.

The Trump supporters were just foot soldiers for the billionaire class who considered the public health measures to be profit-killers. Unlike Black Lives Matter protesters, none of those who were carrying long guns in Lansing were fired upon by the police with rubber bullets or tear gas.

Lifting these restrictions led to [a massive increase](#) in COVID-19 infections in the Upper Midwest. In Wisconsin’s Menominee County, home to the Menominee Nation, one out of every 22 people has caught the coronavirus, twice the U.S. rate.

### **Shock troops for the ruling class**

To paraphrase the political prisoner Jamil Al-Amin, once known as H. Rap Brown, using thugs to attack a people’s movement is as American as apple pie.

Thousands of Black people were murdered by the Ku Klux Klan during the overthrow of Reconstruction state governments in the 1870s.

Hundreds of Black people were murdered by mobs in East St. Louis, Ill., in 1917 and Tulsa, Okla., in 1921. During 1919, white racist mobs in Chicago and other cities were allowed to kill Black people. Police only intervened after Black people fought

back.

In 1961, Anniston, Ala. police gave Ku Klux Klan members 15 minutes to try to kill Freedom Riders who were traveling together in defiance of segregation laws. Their Greyhound bus was set on fire.

Klansman Byron De La Beckwith assassinated Mississippi NAACP Field Secretary Medgar Evers in 1963. [Beckwith was acquitted](#) after Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett came to court to shake hands with him in front of the all-white jury. It was only in 1994 that Beckwith was convicted on federal charges for killing Medgar Evers.

The labor movement has also been a victim of mob violence.

Industrial Workers of the World organizer Frank Little was lynched by vigilantes in 1917 for leading a strike of copper miners in Butte, Mont. IWW member Wesley Everett was murdered by a mob in Centralia, Wash., in 1919.

The Black Legion, which despite its name was a split-off from the Ku Klux Klan, [killed union organizers in Michigan](#). It's widely thought that Rev. Earl Little, the father of Malcolm X, was murdered by these terrorists.

United Auto Workers president Walter Reuther led a drive against communists in the union and later fought the League Of Revolutionary Black Workers. That didn't prevent him from being [nearly killed at his Detroit home](#) in a 1948 assassination attempt. Local police and the FBI didn't want to find who did it.

In 1937, Reuther and other UAW organizers were viciously beaten by Henry Ford's private police outside the Rouge complex in Dearborn, Mich. No one was ever prosecuted for the assaults.

Ford used thousands of his cops to terrorize workers. Only the UAW's victory at Ford in 1941 stopped these goons from attacking employees.

We can't depend on the capitalist government to even count our votes. It's foolish to think the police will protect us from their fascist buddies, like the Wolverine Watchmen.

Greensboro, N.C., police and agents from the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms allowed Klansmen and Nazis to murder five anti-racist protesters on Nov. 4, 1979. Four of the martyrs were members of the Communist Workers Party.

In the 1960s, the Deacons for Defense and Justice defended civil rights organizers against Klan violence. Today's people's movement needs to defend itself as well.



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## **New York: Emergency protest to free Maher al-Akhras, Oct. 23**

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Friday, October 23, 2020 at 4:00 PM EDT

Israel in New York  
800 2nd Ave, New York, NY 10017

As Palestinian political prisoner and “administrative detainee” Maher al-Akhras begins his 90th day of an open hunger strike for freedom from military internment without charge or trial, join supporters of the Palestinian prisoners’ movement to demand the Israeli state release him immediately, and that the International Committee of the Red Cross fulfill its responsibilities to Palestinian prisoners under Israeli occupation.



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# **Brooklyn: Black Solidarity Day (update), Nov. 2**

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# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

**Unity March**  
**3pm**  
**Assemble:**  
In front of  
**Bed-Stuy**  
Restoration Plaza  
@ Fulton & Marcy

**Virtual Rally**  
**7pm**  
Register @ Zoom  
<https://bit.ly/2GYnrt7>  
or view on  
Facebook December 12th Movement



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**BLACK SOLIDARITY DAY**

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**NO WORK, NO SCHOOL, NO SHOPPING**

New York Black Solidarity Day Committee

Info (718) 398-1766 / #BLACKSOLIDARITYDAY2020

**Monday, November 2, 2020**

**No Work, No School, No Shopping**

***Unity March - 3 pm***

**Assemble:** Bed-Stuy Restoration Plaza, Fulton and Marcy, Brooklyn, NY ([see map](#))

**Virtual Rally - 7 pm**

