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'A zone of peace, saving lives' Demand grows to take Cuba off list of terrorism sponsors

Bulletin: As we go to press, the New York City Council passed a resolution June 22 calling upon Congress and President Biden to end the U.S. blockade and remove Cuba from the list of "State Sponsors of Terrorism."

By Cheryl LaBash

Testimony by National Network on Cuba co-Chair Cheryl LaBash at the International People's Tribunal on U.S. Imperialism, Cuba country hearing, on June 10.

Thank you to the organizers of this timely International People's Tribunal on U.S. Imperialism focusing on targeted sanctions and blockades that inflict such pain on millions of innocent people.

Greetings and solidarity, too, to our colleagues from Cuba who represent the resistance and resilience of the Cuban people.

We recognize that the unilateral U.S. coercive economic measures – the blockade – hurt the Cuban people and their aspirations for a better world, first and foremost. We know and recognize that the blockade is extraterritorial; it attacks foreign banks and businesses, Europeans who enjoy vacations in Cuba, Cubans living in other countries, and many others in numerous ways.

However, today I want to recognize that the policies of the U.S. government also hurt the people of the United States – ordinary working class and poor people, migrants, and farmers and growers who want to conduct business with Cuba – in short, the majority.

I want to speak about the pandemic, about travel, and show that the U.S. government is out of step with the people of the United States who, when they travel to Cuba or learn about the blockade, do not support these measures.

This is the reason the U.S. government hides its intentional plan to create hardship and desperation among the Cuban people, making its actions unseen, "as adroit and inconspicuous as possible." The State Department's Mallory-Rubottom memo, written on April 6, 1960, says it just that way.

The U.S. tries dangerous smoke-screens like the Wall Street Journal fabrication of a China-Cuba spy

center. In his quick rebuttal, Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Fernández de Cossío pointed out previous false accusations used to intensify the economic war: alleged acoustic attacks against U.S. diplomats, the falsehood of Cuban military troops in Venezuela, and the lie about imaginary Cuban biological weapons plants.

The only foreign military installation in Cuba is the illegal U.S. occupation of Cuban territory in Guantanamo. Why won't the Wall Street Journal write about the Zone of Peace initiated by Cuba and Venezuela through the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States in 2014?

Drawn to Cuba's example

A Zone of Peace. Saving Lives. That is what Cuba stands for. Is it any surprise people – especially youth – are drawn to Cuba's example? We have found the generation born in this century quickly sees through the lies.

Imagine you are 20 years old. What does the future hold? Disastrous climate catastrophes; unaffordable education, health care, and rent; holding down multiple gig jobs just to exist; frequent mass shootings and police repression, combined with racist, homophobic and transphobic state government initiatives.

On May 3 and again on May 7, a total of 19 travelers returning from

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Build National March for Trans Youth!

At the Los Angeles Pride Parade on June 11, the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice, Women in Struggle-Mujeres en Lucha, and Socialist Unity Party distributed thousands of leaflets and spoke to parade-goers

about the upcoming National March to Protect Trans Youth and Speakout for Trans Lives in Orlando, Florida, on Oct. 7. Many people stopped to take photos with the banner and find out how to get involved.



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- Teamsters fight back

Left, Amazon delivery drivers and dispatchers in Palmdale, California, joined Teamsters Local 396.

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- Galveston reenacts Juneteenth



Rightwing attacks follow meeting of Honduran, Chinese presidents

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