



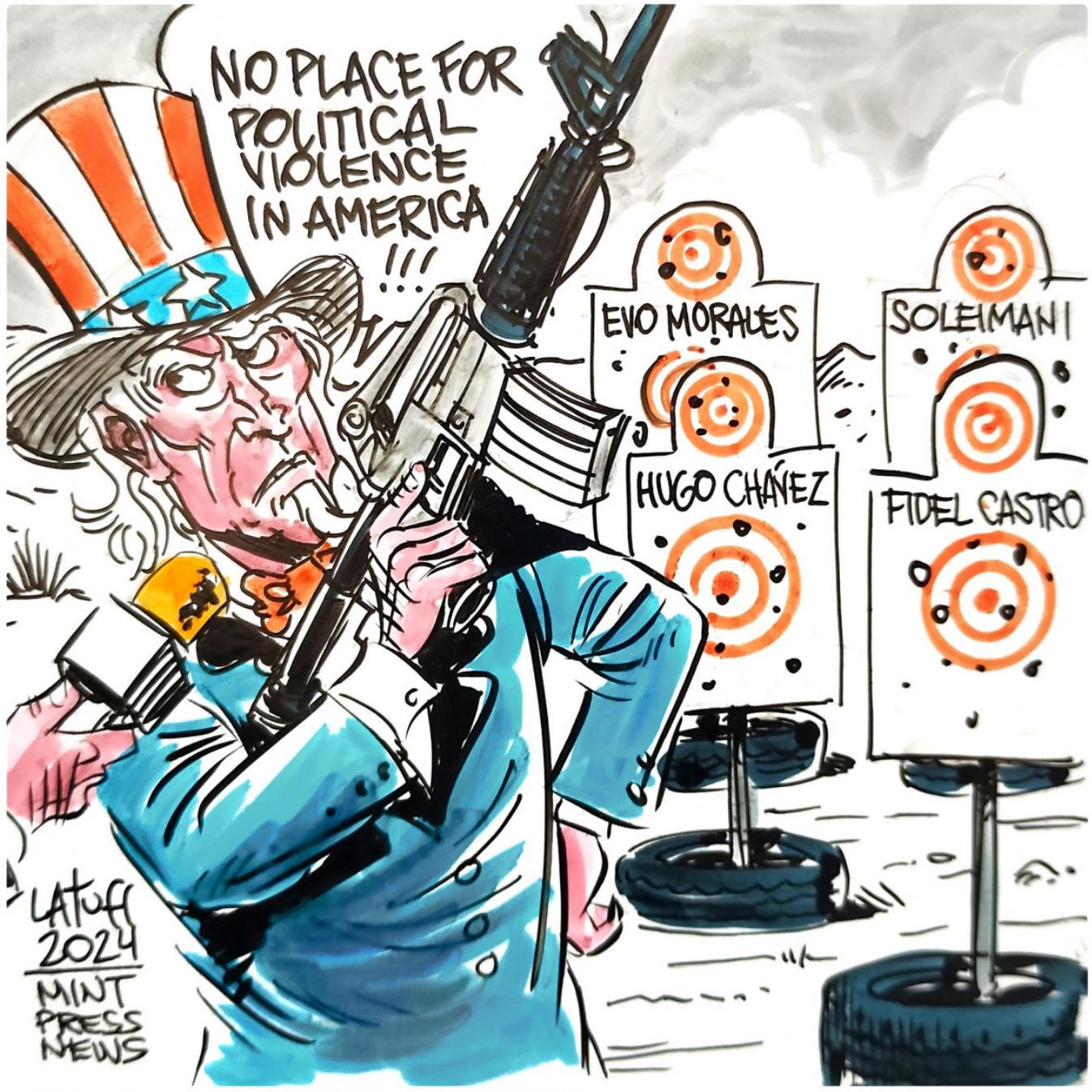
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No tears for Trump!

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Gaza is still being bombed! The struggle must go forward



The first question that must be asked about the shootings at the July 13 Trump rally is: who does it benefit? It's obviously Trump himself.

All it took was a bloody ear for the corporate media to place a phony crown of martyrdom on the billionaire's head. Florida Senator Marco Rubio declared, "God protected Donald Trump."

Nobody is protecting [1.8 million poor people](#) in Florida who have been kicked off Medicaid.

The spectacle at the Butler, Pennsylvania, fairgrounds was televised and conveniently occurred just days before Trump's coronation at the Republican National Convention.

However, Saturday's event doesn't pass the smell test for millions of poor and working people. The alleged shooter, 20-year-old Thomas Crooks, was killed at the scene. Dead people can be blamed but can't testify.

Once again, it's claimed that a wannabe assassin was a "lone nut." No motive has been ascribed to Crooks.

With dozens of police and Secret Service agents present, how was Crooks allegedly able to climb up on a roof overlooking Trump's rally without being stopped?

It should be recalled that former Vice President Mike Pence [feared being kidnapped](#) by pro-Trump Secret Service agents on Jan. 6, 2021, and taken to Andrews Air Force Base. He would then be prevented from presiding over the count of the electoral votes in the capitol.

President Biden lectured people on July 14, declaring, "We can't allow this violence to be normalized." What about the violence in Gaza, Mr. President? At least 40,000 Palestinians have been killed there with bombs and shells you've shipped to Netanyahu.

'As ye sow so shall ye reap'

Donald Trump has a long history of advocating and committing violence. His rallies are up-to-date Ku Klux Klan cross-burnings.

Syria was bombed and occupied throughout Trump's presidency. His imposition of economic sanctions against Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Zimbabwe, and other countries were acts of wanton violence that resulted in hunger and a lack of medical supplies.

Trump had Iranian Gen. Qasem Soleimani assassinated by a U.S. drone strike on Jan. 3, 2020. Soleimani was on a peace mission — mending relations between Saudi Arabia and Iraq — when he was murdered along with four Iraqi government officials at Baghdad International Airport. Among them was Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, commander of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Forces.

These murders were violations of international law and an act of war against both Iran and Iraq. Trump deserves Nuremberg justice for this bloody crime.

In 1989, Trump took out full-page ads calling for a return of the death penalty in response to the arrest of five Black and Latinx teenagers on rape and assault charges.

The Exonerated Five — Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana and Korey Wise — were framed and spent years in prison before authorities admitted they were not guilty. Yusef Salaam is now a member of the New York City Council.

The capitalist media is virtually conceding Trump's election. They are seeking to demoralize poor and working people, as well as all activists.

Whoever wins the November election — U.S. presidential elections are really selections by the wealthy and powerful — we have to struggle. Both Trump and Biden are war criminals.

We have to continue to organize and protest. One of the first steps is confronting war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu when he speaks to Congress on July 24.

The people united will never be defeated!

