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The truth about Palestine's freedom struggle

By Stephen Millies

The world is horrified at Palestinians being massacred in Gaza by Israel using U.S. bombs and shells. Entire families have been exterminated, with 5,000 children murdered. Another 80 Palestinians were killed on Nov. 18 when Israel bombed Gaza's Jabalia refugee camp.

These war crimes included Israeli tanks attacking Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza's largest medical facility. Israeli soldiers fired upon doctors.

The World Health Organization described the carnage as a "death zone." Thirty-two babies remained there in extremely critical condition.

The total death toll in Gaza by Nov. 17 is over 12,000. Meanwhile, Israeli settlers and soldiers are on a shooting spree on the West Bank, with at least 205 Palestinians killed there.

Within the United States — the center of world capitalism and political reaction — a movement in defense of Palestine has swept the country. Three hundred thousand people demonstrated in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 4 while multiple protests are happening daily, often in smaller communities. Many Jewish people have joined these anti-racist actions.

President Biden and both the Democratic and Republican parties continue



Global Conscience Convoy in Egypt



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to oppose a ceasefire. They insist that the killing of Palestinians continue.

The response of the capitalist media and politicians to the growing anti-war movement is always the same. They demandingly ask:

What about Hamas? What about the Oct. 7 attacks and killings of Israeli "civilians"? What about the hostages?

All these questions are misdirections meant to justify the bloody war on Gaza. Here are the facts.

Resistance is justified

1. Oppressed people have a right to fight for their freedom. They pick their own leaders and organizations. The Islamic Resistance Movement, also known as Hamas, is the elected government of Gaza.

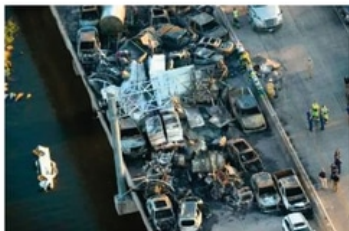
The attacks on Hamas as being "Islamist" are **bigotry**. Two billion human beings are Muslims. The attacks on Hamas are similar to the attacks on Malcolm X and the Nation of Islam.

2. For 75 years, the Palestinian people have been driven from their homeland. The majority of Gaza's population are refugees or descendants of refugees from the rest of Palestine.

The Great March of Return

3. The corporate media has been silent about the 2018-19 Great March of Return. Thousands of unarmed Palestinians marched up to the fences that surround Gaza and prevented them from returning to their homes.

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Palestine solidarity in Oakland, California

Port protest stalls U.S. military supplies for Israel

By Lallan Schoenstein

As the sun rose on Nov. 3, protesters began to pour into a site near Berth 20 in the Port of Oakland in California, where the U.S. military vessel MV Cape Orlando was preparing for departure. It is a roll-on/roll-off ship, part of the U.S. fleet that is replenishing military stockpiles in Israel.

After leaving Oakland, the ship's next destination was the Port of Tacoma, in Washington state, where there is a power projection platform* located close to the McChord Air Force Base. The Cape Orlando will be prepared to deliver tanks, armored personnel, carriers, and mobile rocket launchers, as well as troop trucks, cargo trucks, and Humvees.

Swelling ranks of protesters occupied Berth 20 and shut it down. The departure of the ship was delayed for more than nine hours.

A group of young Palestinians, their energy fueled by the loss of family and community, breached the Homeland Security Department's MARSEC security perimeter. While they scaled the fence, they must have thought of their siblings shot dead by Israeli forces when they approached the walls bounding Gaza.

Protesters lashed the boat back to its mooring lines on the bollards. Three locked themselves to the ladder leading onto the ship, adding significant delay. They are currently being held in custody by the police.



Photo: Arab Resource and Organizing Center

Hands off Rashida Tlaib!

► **New Orleans port protest**

► **Port of Tacoma shut down**

Protesters at the Port of Oakland blocked Berth 20, where a U.S. military ship was scheduled to leave for Israel. Others breached a barrier and locked themselves to the ship.

The protest was called by the Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC) less than 24 hours after the U.S. House of Representatives passed a \$14.3-billion aid package to Israel. Merchant marine workers told AROC about the ship.

"We know that the ship is destined as a military ship to Israel because of the courage of workers," says Lara Kiswani, AROC executive director.

"We're hoping that when it reaches Tacoma, the workers will not load that military cargo, that people of Tacoma will show up to protest this genocide, and that workers around the world will continue to stop ships like this anywhere they may be found," she said.

"We are simply trying to call for an immediate ceasefire and stop the aiding of the genocide of my people."

The protest grew quickly even though there had been little time to organize the action. Speakers denounced President Biden's cruel hypocrisy of talking about a "humanitarian pause" to the epic massacre of Palestinians in Gaza.

Kiswani said: "Today we showed the world: No business as usual while Israel commits genocide against the Palestinian people. This genocide is being funded by our government and they're sending weapons starting from our city."

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Worldwide outcry in solidarity with Gaza: **STOP THE MASSACRE**



Hundreds of thousands of people around the world have taken part in protests against the war crimes of the U.S.-Israeli war machine. Above: South Africa and Yemen. See pages 11-13

Historic march for trans youth sweeps Florida city



Photos: Lexi Webster / CCR

'Rallies like this are important to us,' declared Miss Major, a veteran of the Stonewall Rebellion. 'We need each other.' See pages 3-10



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Stop the genocide in Gaza! Palestinian lives matter!

By Stephen Millies

An immense war crime is being carried out by the Israeli apartheid regime that occupies Palestine. Over a million people in northern Gaza have been ordered to evacuate within 24 hours or face being exterminated by a military invasion.

This isn't a Hollywood movie with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu telling the inhabitants to "get out of Dodge." Netanyahu wants to carry out another chapter of the 1948 Nakba — meaning catastrophe in Arabic — during which 15,000 Palestinians were murdered, and 531 Palestinian villages were destroyed by Zionists.

In the village of Deir Yassin, the Irgun and Stern Gang Zionist militias killed at least 107 Palestinians on April 9, 1948. Children and the elderly were murdered.

Some victims were burned to death, others were stood up against a wall and killed by machine guns. Many bodies were thrown down a well.

This was no different than Nazi atrocities like those that wiped out the village of Lidice in the Czech lands or Oradour-sur-Glane in France.

Zionist leaders want to do the same to Gaza, which is the biggest ghetto on earth with 2.2 million inhabitants. Half of them are children under 18.

Half of the Gazans in this immensely crowded prison have now been ordered to flee to the southern



Thousands flooded into Times Square, NY on Oct. 13

portion of the ghetto within 24 hours.

Already a third of a million people have been made homeless, and over 2,000 people have been killed by Zionist bombs. Entire families have been buried in rubble. The Jabalia refugee camp, home to 116,000 people, was destroyed.

These war crimes are in revenge for the Al-Aqsa Flood uprising that showed that the apartheid regime is not invincible. The Zionist state is carrying out collective punishment, which is banned by international law.

Hospitals turned into morgues

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant called Palestinians "human animals." That's the language of genocide.

Gallant announced on Oct. 9 a "complete siege" of Gaza, which has a population of over 2 million. He de-

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Striking auto workers battle billionaire CEOs

By Sharon Black

Update Sept. 22 — At 10 a.m., the United Auto Workers announced a major expansion of the current stand-up strike to 38 parts and distribution sites across 20 states at General Motors and Stellantis. Both companies have remained recalcitrant.

UAW President Shawn Fain announced that the union made some progress with Ford, including eliminating wage tiers, reinstating cost-of-living adjustments, improved profit-sharing, conversion of temporary workers, and the right to strike in the advent of plant closures. There are still significant gaps on key issues with Ford, and in the end, all of the issues are interconnected. Strikes at Wayne, Michigan (Ford), Wentzville, Missouri (GM), and Toledo, Ohio (Stellantis) will continue.

In the morning livestream, UAW President Shawn Fain called on everyone to join the picket line, including all UAW members and family members, the community, and workers at large. Fain also urged President Biden to join the line. International support has been pouring in from Mexico, South Africa, Malaysia, and Italy, where Stellantis workers are on strike.

This will add 5,600 workers to the 13,000 who are already striking.

The staff at Struggle-La Lucha and the Socialist Unity Party urges our readers, members, and friends to join the picket lines in their areas.

Sept. 15 — At midnight, United Auto Workers struck the Big Three companies — Ford, GM, and Stellantis — in what is being called a "Stand Up Strike." Striking at all three companies simultaneously is a historic first for the auto workers union.

In a letter to union members and supporters, UAW President Shawn Fain announced,

"A few minutes ago, thousands of UAW members at Ford, GM, and Stellantis walked out, marking the beginning of the Stand Up Strike. UAW members at GM Wentzville Assembly, Local 2250 in Region 4, are ON STRIKE.

UAW members at Stellantis Toledo Assembly Complex, Local 12 in Region 2B are ON STRIKE.

UAW members at Ford Michigan Assembly Plant — Final Assembly and Paint, Local 900 in Region 1A are ON STRIKE.

"This fight is our generation's defining moment. Not just at the Big Three, but across the entire working class."

UAW President Fain immediately left the bargaining table to join the 3,000-plus workers at the Michigan Ford Assembly Plant. Altogether, 13,000 workers are on strike: 3,300 at Ford in Michigan; 3,600 at GM at Wentzville, Missouri; and 5,800 at Stellantis at the Toledo Jeep complex in Ohio.

The "stand up strikes" are targeted strikes which auto industry expert Jeff Schuster from GlobalData described, "One engine or transmission location

per company might be enough to shut down nearly three-quarters of the U.S. assembly plants. Two plants per company, you can pretty much idle North America."

The advantage for the union is it saves on the strike funds, giving the workers an edge in holding on longer and keeping the companies questioning where the next strike will occur.

The CEOs are ratcheting up their anti-union rhetoric, which seems to be failing — a recent CNN poll proclaims that 75% of the public side with the workers.

In a recent interview with CNN's Jake Tapper, UAW President Shawn Fain responded to the company's claims that a workers' strike would drive up car prices: "In the last four years, the price of cars went up 30%. [Automakers] CEO pay went up 40%. No one said a word. No one had any complaints about that but God forbid the workers ask for their fair share."

Fain proclaimed, "It's not [that] we'll wreck the economy. We'll wreck their economy, the economy that only works for the billionaire class and not the working class."

The question on everyone's minds is, will this strike and the "summer of strikes" be a historic turning point for workers, ending the long period of givebacks and retreats?

Tonight, auto workers and their supporters will converge in downtown Detroit.

For details on demands, see Class struggle is back! 150,000 auto workers poised to strike



Striking auto workers speaking with UAW President Shawn Fain outside the Ford Michigan Assembly Plant on Sept. 15 at the first walk out. (UAW photo Cheryl Luchak)

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Defeat bosses' campaign of division

All out to defend trans lives & fight racism

Orlando ► Florida ► Oct 7

By Struggle-La Lucha Orlando, Fla., bureau

With under a month to go, the National March to Protect Trans Youth & Speakout for Trans Lives is catching fire. A growing number of endorsers in Florida and nationally have signed on.

The march will gather at 12 noon on Saturday, Oct. 7, at Orange and Anderson streets, near City Hall in Orlando, Florida. Following the march, protesters will return to the City Hall site for a speakout featuring local trans youth, groups from around the country, and musical performances.

The protest will call for reversing the vicious measures enacted by Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Florida legislature as well as their counterparts in other states, banning gender-affirming health care for trans children

and adults, prohibiting queer students and teachers from being out at school, banning trans people from using public restrooms that match their gender, and other genocidal policies.

Organizers aren't just focused on attacks on the LGBTQ+ community. They say they hope to unite all those under attack by the far right in Florida and nationwide.

The demand "Stop racist attacks on our communities" is prominently featured on the leaflet and poster, which also draws attention to the suppression of voting rights and repression of Black history in schools.

The protest will also demand free, accessible abortion on demand, an end to threats against Pride celebrations, and dropping the charges against the Tampa 5 protesters.

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Stop Cop City: Free the activists!

The Socialist Unity Party and Struggle-La Lucha newspaper condemn the indictment of 61 Atlanta-area activists on "anti-racketeering" charges related to the Stop Cop City movement.

This is the latest in a string of repressive and violent moves by the state of Georgia and the city of Atlanta against a powerful and growing people's movement to stop the intensification of racist police terror and environmental destruction.

Among the "crimes" allegedly committed by the indicted activists are things like handing out flyers, attending benefit concerts, organizing jail support, and providing mutual aid – the kinds of activities carried out every day by progressive and community-based movements all over the country.

In January, Manuel "Tortuguita" Terán – a nonbinary activist defending the forest where Cop City is set to be built – was murdered in a hail of 57

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U.S. funds war, takes over Ukraine assets

By Gary Wilson

The U.S. is funding a proxy war against Russia — Congress has approved \$13 billion for Ukraine — seizing Ukraine's assets in the process.

The U.S. is spending \$2.5 billion per month just on weaponry in Ukraine, which is seven times what was spent on weaponry in Afghanistan at its height, according to Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction John Sopko speaking on NPR — August 17.

The Obama administration helped overthrow Ukraine's elected president in February 2014, and installed a far-right regime loyal to Washington. At the time, Joe Biden was the Obama administration's point man on Ukraine. He visited the country more than half a dozen times from 2014 to 2016.

Beginning in 2014, Joe Biden's son Hunter served on the board of a Ukrainian energy company, Burisma. Hunter was paid "as much as \$50,000 per month," according to the New York Times. Burisma was under investigation by a Ukrainian prosecutor, Viktor Shokin, for corruption. NPR reported in 2018:

"At an event at the Council on Foreign Relations in 2018, Biden said that on one of his many trips to Ukraine, he told the country's leaders that they had to get rid of the prosecutor if they wanted \$1 billion in U.S. aid."

On Aug. 11, 2023, Attorney General Merrick Garland appointed U.S. Attorney David Weiss as special counsel to lead an investigation into Hunter Biden.

Donald Trump says this shows Joe Biden committed corruption in Ukraine. Trump wants to dig up dirt on Biden for political purposes, but he is not and has never been against corruption. Corruption is Trump's mode of operating.

Trump used his position as president to enrich himself and his family personally. For example, he stayed at his own hotels while on official business, which cost millions (much more than \$50,000 a month). He also used his office to promote his own businesses, such as his Trump Organization.

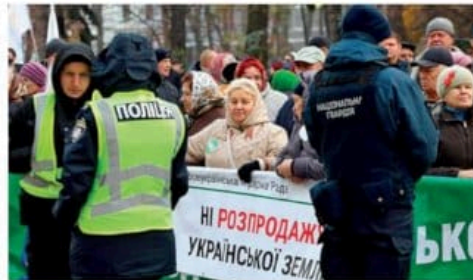
In addition, Trump engaged in a more general, broader pattern of corruption. For example, he has been accused of making deals with foreign governments that benefited him personally, and he used his power as president to silence any complaints.

U.S. finance capital takes over

Meanwhile, U.S.-based finance capital really has taken Ukraine's assets. "Your money is not charity, it's an investment." That's what Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in his address to the U.S. Congress while visiting Washington on Dec. 21, 2022.

John Parker reported in Struggle-La Lucha: The trajectory of the latest vampiric deals of the foreign investors.

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A 2019 rally to protest against government plans to lift the moratorium on agricultural land sales, a step eagerly awaited by Wall Street's BlackRock hedge fund but opposed by the Ukrainians fearing a foreign land grab. The sign reads, "No to sales of Ukrainian land."



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Jail Trump for racism & war crimes

By Stephen Millies

The whole world witnessed the insurrection in the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, that sought to overturn the 2020 presidential election. So why did it take two and a half years to finally indict Trump on Aug. 1 for trying to steal the votes?

Federal prosecutor Jack Smith never lacked evidence. Trump's fingers were all over the attempt to reverse the election.

Secret Service agents close to Trump tried to take Vice President Mike Pence to Andrews Air Force Base to stop the counting of electoral votes. Gen. Charles Flynn, the brother of Trump's first national security advisor Michael Flynn, delayed sending troops to the capitol for 187 minutes.

Trump made calls to state officials demanding changes in the vote totals.

Key to Trump's conspiracy was attempting to steal Black votes in Atlanta, Detroit, Milwaukee, and Philadelphia. Election workers were threatened and harassed by pro-Trump mobs.

Accompanying all of the Trump indictments is the burning hatred of tens of millions in the working class who know the danger that Trump represents. This is particularly so in Asian, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx communities.

For many, it was as if the segregationist former Alabama governor and presidential candidate George Wallace had made it to the White House.

Trump isn't being indicted for his bigotry and encouragement of racist violence. He's not being prosecuted for keeping immigrant children in cages and denying them health care.

No mention is made of Trump's continuing occupation and bombing of Syria. Or his other war crimes, like the assassination of Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani, who was on a dip-



Rally in Niamey, Niger on July 30. See pages 10 and 11.

lomatic peace-making mission when he was murdered in Baghdad by a U.S. drone.

Both Iran and Iraq have asked for Trump's extradition for the murders of General Soleimani, Commander Muhandis, and five others.

The wealthy scorn democracy

Nobody should think that Trump's behavior is out of the ordinary for the super-rich. Many big capitalists support Trump, including hedge fund operators as well as oil and gas frackers.

That's how he got to the White House in the first place. Many of the 756 U.S. billionaires are just as greedy, crude, and bigoted as Trump.

The "old money" in Philadelphia made the fascist Frank Rizzo Philly's mayor. Their police bombed the MOVE house on May 13, 1985, killing 13 Black

people, including six children.

None of the U.S. billionaires refused Trump's tax cuts. That includes former New York mayor and current Trump critic Michael Bloomberg, whose \$94 billion stash is almost 40 times larger than Trump's.

Bloomberg spent \$250 million to buy three elections as the Big Apple's mayor. That's as corrupt as anything Trump did.

The New York Times attacks Trump. Yet the newspaper endorsed Rudolph Giuliani (the "No. 1 unindicted co-conspirator" in the latest Trump indictment) for reelection as New York City mayor in 1997.

Giuliani should have been jailed decades ago for presiding over a trigger-happy police force whose cops fired 41 bullets at Amadou Diallo, killing the African immigrant.

As Trump's top accomplice, Giuliani bragged that he kicked 640,000 New Yorkers off public assistance.

The wealthy and powerful scorn democracy. They find it repulsive that the vote of a homeless person — or any poor and working people — should count as much as theirs.

Oil billionaire H.L. Hunt wanted a social order in which the wealthiest individuals could cast the most votes. Hunt even wrote a novel entitled "Alpaca" describing this monstrosity.

Utah Senator Mike Lee says the United States isn't and shouldn't be a democracy. Reactionary columnist David Harsanyi wants to "weed out ignorant Americans from the electorate."

Wall Street Journal editorial page editor Robert Bartley justified George W. Bush going to the White House de-

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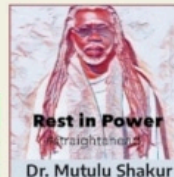


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Deadly hazards of capitalist profit system

Global heat soars, wildfires spread toxic smoke

By Gary Wilson

The beginning of July saw the hottest days on record globally. Daily heat records were sent on July 3, 4 and 5.

"This record is the visible part of a huge amount of silent and often unnoticed suffering and dying of people and ecosystems," says Friederike Otto, a climate scientist at Imperial College London. "We live in a dramatically different world to just a few years ago."

At the same time, many parts of the U.S. are being blanketed with some of the worst air quality recorded, caused by particularly severe wildfire activity in Canada. It is likely that smoke will continue its penetrations, as Canada's fire season is expected to run until at least October.

Canada is currently experiencing its worst wildfire season on record. As of June 29, 2023, over 3,000 wildfires in Canada have burned over 19 million acres of land. This is more than ten times the average number of fires and acreage burned during this time of year.

The fires have been particularly destructive in Quebec, where over 2 million acres have burned. The smoke from the fires has made air in parts of Canada and the U.S. among the most polluted in the world.

On June 29, Chicago and Washington, D.C., had the worst air quality in the world, while Detroit and Minneapolis were in the top 10, according to IQAir.com.

The smoke from the Canadian wildfires has laid a thick blanket over parts of the Midwestern and Eastern U.S. Over 120 million people, or more than a third of the U.S. population, were under air quality alerts. It's a major health hazard. The unhealthy air quality conditions, while rising or falling on a daily basis, are expected to last for several months, if not longer.

Because the shroud of smoke, solar power generation in parts of the Eastern U.S. plummeted by more than 50%. According to the region's grid operator, solar farms powering New England were producing 56% less energy at times of peak demand compared with the week before.

Reports in the big business media generally mention weather conditions and climate change as factors, including:

- **Drought:** Much of Canada is experiencing a severe drought, which has dried out vegetation and made it more susceptible to fire.
- **Warm temperatures:** The average temperature in Canada has been above normal this year, contributing to the severity of the fires.
- **Wind:** Strong winds have helped to spread the fires and make them more difficult to control.

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Chicago, June 27. Air Quality Index 228, or 'very unhealthy' zone.

Alberta is the province with the most wildfires this year, including this blaze west of Fox Creek.

CUBA It's a target not a terrorist
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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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Left, Amazon delivery drivers and dispatchers in Palmdale, California, joined Teamsters Local 396.

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