Afghan resistance ends U.S. occupation

By Scott Scheffer

The long and brutal U.S. imperialist war in Afghanistan is coming to an ignominious end. For 20 years, the people of Afghanistan resisted the U.S. occupation and today the puppet government and its phony army has completely collapsed and practically disappeared.

The Taliban, which claimed the victory, has announced that it will allow safe passage for those departing the country until Aug. 31. U.S. aircraft have begun ferrying people out. U.S. journalists are fretting that the U.S. has 6,000 officials and expats, and up to 2,500 to 3,500 U.S. troops would be withdrawn (no mention at the time of brutality).

Six weeks have gone by since the withdrawal began, Biden kept sending more troops — 6,000 as of Aug. 19 — to the airport. Presidents Obama and Trump had each announced a withdrawal. They both delayed and went along with an over-optimistic Pentagon fabrication of the prospects for an imperial victory.

LAPD explosion in South Central: Community demands justice

By John Parker

On June 30, residents of South Central Los Angeles were shaken by a thunderous boom like an aerial bombardment. Area residents are used to the sound of helicopters and police sirens, simulating a war zone. But this was even more intense. It was an explosion set off by the LAPD Bomb Squad.

Ignoring all safety protocols, the Bomb Squad decided to explode 42 pounds of fireworks confiscated from a home in a residential neighborhood. They did this during the day while people were in their homes and out walking. The explosion destroyed some homes on 27th Street and injured residents.

According to Comités de Resistencia, a Union del Barrio-initiated organization dedicated to community self-defense and empowerment in South Central LA: “The explosion is linked to two deaths, dozens of injuries, psychological trauma and millions of dollars worth of damage to homes, cars and local businesses. Many residents have lost days of work and many were even fired due to missing days because of the explosion. Over 20 families had to be relocated because their homes were badly damaged. They are currently being housed by the city in a hotel in Downtown LA but they are being denied access to the swimming pool, gym and other facilities at the hotel.”

Six weeks have gone by since the bombing and the city has yet to fix the residents’ homes. Despite the families’ demand, the city has also not released the names of the cops who made the decision to detonate the explosives.

Needless to say, this would not have occurred in an affluent or predominantly white neighborhood. It occurred in a predominantly Latinx neighborhood.

These attacks on working people—especially Black and Brown working people—occur on a daily basis. There is a daily diet of police murder and terror in our communities; a daily diet of intimidation and lack of essential health care, especially now, during the COVID-19 crisis.

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Growing poverty of the U.S. working class

By Stephen Millies

Millions of working-class families in the United States are so poor they can’t afford to shop at grocery stores any more. They’re buying food at 99 cent stores instead.

Ohio resident Kyle Dishman told the Washington Post that he knows that “any food you can buy for only $1 is not the greatest for you.” But he has only $20 a week to spend on groceries for his two-person family.

Like millions of workers, Dishman had his week hours cut since the COVID-19 pandemic started. Despite the stock market being at an all-time high, there are 5.7 million less workers employed as compared to February 2020.

Dollar General, the largest dollar store chain, has 32% more customers in the last 12 months. Some 1,650 new 99 cent outlets are expected to open this year.

New York City, with 4,000 dollar stores are located in “food deserts,” neighborhoods where the nearest grocery store is at least a mile away. That makes it harder for residents to purchase fruits, vegetables and other fresh food.

These conditions help steal years from peoples’ lives. Residents in the well-to-do Battery Park development in lower Manhattan live on average to be nearly 86 years old. A subway ride away in the overwhelmingly Black and Latinx Brownsville community of Brooklyn, life expectancy is 115 years less.

There’s nothing new about working-class families being forced to buy lousy food. Frederick Engels — Karl Marx’s co-thinker — described what was available to workers in Manchester, England, in the 1840s.

“The potatoes which the workers buy are usually poor, the vegetables wilted, the cheese old and of poor quality, the bacon rancid, the meat lean, tough, taken from old, often diseased, cattle, or such as have died a natural death, and not fresh even on evictions lapse. It was only because of mass out rage — and a 5-day sit-in led by Representative Cori Bush — that forced the Biden Administration to act. The Centers for Disease Control issued a ban on evictions citing the new surge of COVID-19 cases and deaths.

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But the federal minimum wage is only $7.25 per hour. That’s $5.52 stolen from poor workers every hour. If you’re lucky to work an entire year of 40-hour weeks, you’ll receive wage theft amounts to $11,681.60 — almost a thousand dollars a month.

A 50-year holiday for the rich

Even the Harvard Business Review admits that hourly wages, adjusted for inflation, have increased just two-tenths of 1% per year since the early 1970s. Since then the share of the national income for poor and working people has fallen from nearly 65% to below 57% in 2017. According to the Brookings Institution — an establishment think tank — average wages, adjusted for inflation, increased just 3% from 1979 to 2018. At the same rate real wages would increase less than 16% in 200 years.

The wage stagnation — and for many workers wage cuts happened despite a fantastic increase in productivity. Meanwhile there are 724 billionaires in the United States according to Forbes magazine.

The three richest U.S. billionaires — Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk and Bill Gates — have a collective stash of $752 billion. Three members of the Walton family, whose Walmart employees work for poverty wages, have a total fortune of $581 billion.

At one pole of U.S. society you have several hundred billionaires, and at the other, 40% of people who can’t afford a $400 emergency expense. How did that happen?

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We have to fight back!

Six judges on the U.S. Supreme Court have overturned the federal ban on evictions. The Aug. 26 ruling threatens to throw 11 million families — with 30 million people — into the street.

The Alabama Association of Realtors petitioned the court to overturn the eviction ban represents the same bigots who fought fair housing laws in the 1960s.

A moratorium on evictions and foreclosures was enacted by Congress in 2020 during the worst capitalist economic crisis since the Great Depression. Over 30 million people were made jobless while the coronavirus was killing hundreds of thousands.

Millions are still jobless and can’t pay the rent or mortgage. Yet Congress let the absolutely necessary ban on evictions lapse. It was only because of mass outrage — and a 5-day sit-in led by Representative Cori Bush — that forced the Biden Administration to act.

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‘Dos Alas’ mural continues to shine in East Harlem

By Cheryl LaBash

Community leaders fought back and immediately restored the Dos Alas Mural in East Harlem, NY, after it was vandalized by right-wing, anti-immigrant elements on Aug. 15. The mural honors the historic bond between Puerto Rico and Cuba, depicting anti-colonial and anti-imperialist heroes Don Pedro Albizu Campos and Che Guevara.

Show your support by signing an online petition to return the mural to its original location. The mural belongs to El Barrio! https://www.change.org/p/el-barrio-defend-the-dos-alas-mural

Activists are urging rally attendees at the mural, along with online and in-person petitioning, to mobilize the community against the counter-revolutionary Cuban art dealer who is seeking to have the mural removed.

On Sunday, Aug. 29, New York City’s port of the nationwide month-long “End the Blockade of Cuba” car/bike caravan will culminate in a 3 p.m. rally at ‘Dos Alas’ mural, located at 201 E. 105th St. (between Second and Third Avenues).

Everyone is welcome with or without a car/bike! For more information contact CuBaSi at 917-887-8870. Ten other cities will have events on Aug. 29.

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Long live the sovereignty of the Cuban and Puerto Rican people!

Thank you to Yhamir Chabur from the Vencremos Brigade for photos and petition.

Justice for Janitors fighting big tech, big banks for a fair contract

By Scott Scheffer

Thousands of janitors across California have taken to the streets to fight for a fair union contract. On June 15, hundreds of janitors held a commemorative march in downtown Los Angeles. The action marked the 31st anniversary of a brutal and unprovoked 1990 police attack on a striking janitorial workers’ protest in the posh Century City area of L.A. At the time, LAPD cops simply waded into the peaceful march beating people. One woman worker was pregnant and miscarried. Some workers were hospitalized. The outrage over the attack helped bring about a solid contract settlement that 1990 attack was also to an end.

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Struggle-La Lucha: Good morning David. I want to ask how the negotiations are going, and I noticed signs at the Hollywood march addressing a number of issues. Who is it that you negotiate with?

David Huerta: We have a “master contract” with multiple employers. The union bargains with a number of real estate management companies, but the real power behind the scenes are some of the biggest tech firms, law firms, biotech companies, entertainment industry giants throughout California, including Facebook, Google, Apple, Visa and others. They’re the ones who really control the purse strings.

SL: During the march, one worker explained to me that you have been working with an expired contract. When did it expire and what protections have you had in the meantime?

David Huerta: At the time that the last contract expired we negotiated and won guarantees of some pandemic protective measures — protective equipment, a 50 cent wage increase across the board, a guarantee that laid-off staff have a right to return to work up to 2 years later, and quarantine pay.

We set aside other issues and got an extension of the contract. Much of what we bargained for were included in federal acts passed by the White House, but you’ve seen that a lot of issues without unions didn’t get those benefits. We insisted on them following up and we also worked to get our workers vaccinated right away.

The pandemic has exposed a lot of holes from the last 20 or 30 years. The Great Recession did a lot of damage to workers, too. Pensions — we have to rebuild pensions in this country. We have to continue the fight for good healthcare. Paid time off, too.

Yes, there are the economics we all think about. The GDP is up 6.5%, and there is inflation. Corporations got loans and money from the CARES Act and other federal actions.

Our workers continued to sacrifice throughout the pandemic, there were infections, and even some deaths, and without our people they couldn’t have kept operating. Even though we were called “essential workers,” 14,000 of the jobs for our people were impacted by the pandemic. Now, we’re back in negotiating and I can tell you, 7% won’t be enough.

SL: How bad were the covid infections among your members?

David Huerta: When Patty Plaza in Century City was closed for a time because of mass infections. Several of our people got sick. One man spread coronavirus to his wife, who passed away. There were others too. Fortunately, deaths were minimized because we worked to vaccinate 8,000 of our members as soon as vaccines were available.

United Healthcare Workers, another division of SEIU, helped get that done. But our people in Janitors for Justice are mostly immigrants. So many live in crowded living conditions, use mass transit and are less able to take time off work.

SL: So the fact that your membership didn’t have awful death numbers and massive infection numbers shows the power and protection of union membership. Can you talk a little more about the membership of USWW?

David Huerta: Gladly. Before getting unionized, thousands of janitors in California and elsewhere were traditionally African American workers. Then a shift came in the 1980s, with a wave of immigration. Immigrants coming here from Mexico and Latin America fulfilled janitorial jobs and the African American former janitorial workers shifted to security guard jobs. We helped to make that shift happen and organized and now represent the security guards in another division called Stand with Security as well as the janitorial workers in Janitors for Justice.

These are all workers who have been the lowest paid, most vulnerable. Immigrants come here to try to find a better life, leaving deep poverty behind, and they fight for a better life here. They face all kinds of discrimination. This is my motivation to do the job that I do. All of our staff, we see these people — the salt of the earth — work so hard and fight so hard for their families and that is our motivation.
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The relative decline of U.S. imperialism

By Michael Roberts

The swift collapse of Afghanistan’s puppet government and the forced withdrawal of U.S. troops, a war that started at the end of 2001, during the 30-year ‘American’ war against the Vietnamese people. The scenes of Afghanis fleeing the country, thousands of people, looking for safety, traveling across the borders of other countries and eventually had to seek refuge outside of Afghanistan. The failure of the Afghan government and the complete collapse of the Afghan economy, the economic consequences of this 30-year ‘intervention’ in terms of lives of American soldiers in the region, the defeat of the Afghan government and the international community, the failure to achieve any long-term goals, and the economic consequences of this war.

The collapse of the Soviet Union in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the end of the ‘cold war’ did not reverse or even change the relative power of the U.S. The U.S. no longer can control the world on its own, and even with the help of a ‘coalition of the willing’, it cannot dictate a ‘world order’.

Economically, it all started before the fall of Saigon. As the profitability of U.S. capital started to fall from the mid-1960s, the U.S. industry began to lose its competitive advantage in manufacturing, and even in various services to rising Franco-German capital and Japan. This eventually meant that the economic world order after WW2, which had established the economic hegemony of the U.S. economy and its currency, the dollar, started to crumble.

In 1985, at a meeting at the Plaza Hotel, New York, of central bankers and finance ministers in the then big-5 economies, it was agreed to sell the dollar and buy other currencies to depreciate the dollar. The Plaza accord was another milestone in the relative decline of U.S. imperialism, as it no longer impose its domestic monetary policy on other countries and eventually had to rely on the dollar to fall. Nevertheless, the dollar continues to dominate and remains the currency to hold in a slump, as we saw in dot-com bust and slump of 2001 and in the emerging market commodity slump and euro debt crisis of 2011-14. The relative decline of the dollar will continue. The monetary explosion and the fiscal stimuli being applied by the U.S. authorities to revive the U.S. economy after the pandemic slump is not going to do the trick. After the ‘sugar rush’ of Bimetrics, the profitability of U.S. capital will resume its decline and production, and investment will be weak. And if U.S. inflation does not subside as well, then the dollar will come under more pressure.

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It is an attempt to dehumanize oppressed peoples and justify even more heinous attacks. Police murder is said to be unfortunate but necessary evil in Black and Brown communities, no matter how many children are gunned down by assassins with a badge.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki

And this month of August reminds us of another heinous act with racist rationalizations, a bombing of a much bigger magnitude: the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Aug. 6 and 9, 1945.

At least 200,000 people, including thousands of children, were killed by the bombs dropped on these cities. Even decades later people died from radiation-caused illnesses, and its effects are still felt.

The racist ruling class promotes the argument that those children and civilians in Japan were not as worthy of life as white people, or U.S. soldiers representing the interests of the ruling class. In the same way, the life of a cop is deemed far more important than the life of a Black child, whose killing is justified by law if a cop says they felt the least bit threatened.

This is why solidarity is so essential, especially from those who are not the immediate victims of imperialist aggression, whether the aggression be international or domestic (like the bombing carried out by the LAPD). It was the solidarity and community organization made possible by the Comités de Resistencia that forced some LA politicians to pay attention. Now they are feeling the pressure of the community and a growing movement demanding assistance for the victims of the LAPD’s racist callousness.

The police terror on our Black and Brown communities serves a purpose, and that is to keep down the inevitable fightback against this oppressive system that sacrifices our lives and livelihoods for the profits of the rich. But our struggle for social justice, just like the struggle intensifying here in LA, will not be deterred.

On Aug. 16, the families affected by the explosion protested in front of City Hall and delivered a letter with the following demands to Mayor Eric Garcetti. Union del Barrio and the Comités de Resistencia are assisting the community with this action. Other participating organizations include the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice and the Socialist Unity Party.

The families are demanding the following:

- Fix our homes NOW!
- Give us the names of the LAPD officers who gave the order to detonate the explosives in our neighborhood!
- Immediate financial assistance for everyone who was affected!
- We want full access to all hotel facilities at the hotel in Downtown LA where we are being housed temporarily. We don’t want to be treated like 2nd class citizens!
- We want a written guarantee from the city of Los Angeles that the city will continue to pay for our housing until the city repairs our homes and it is safe for us to return.

Growing poverty

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We weren’t defeated on the battlefront. Our battlefields were taken away.

The workers of Flint, Michigan, made General Motors rich. In return GM closed nine of the ten plants there, making the city impoverished and its children poisoned by polluted drinking water.

Hardest hit were Black and Latinx workers. Median Black family income in the Midwest fell by 36% between 1978 and 1982.

Instead of young Black, Indigenous and Latinx workers getting jobs in the big plants, they were railroaded to the big prisons. The 2.2 million people in prison are workers, too.

The biggest defeat for poor people was the victory of the socialist Soviet Union, which had defeated Hitler and helped the African liberation struggle. The breaking up of the Soviet Union emboldened capitalists to attack us.

Now it’s time for a fightback. The 26 million people who demanded justice for George Floyd shows it can be done.
Israel's nukes are U.S. approved

By Stephen Millies

While the U.S. corporate media has falsely accused Iran of developing nuclear weapons, it's been largely silent about Israel's nuke arsenal. This cover-up has continued despite widespread acknowledgement elsewhere of the Zionist state's H-bomb stash.

Back in 1986, London's Sunday Times published the front page story "Revealed: Israel's Nuclear Secret," which estimated that Israel had between 500 and 200 nuclear weapons. It was based on information from the fugitive Israeli nuclear technician Mordechay Vanunu. In retaliation, Vanunu was kidnapped from Britain by Israeli agents and sentenced to 18 years in prison after a secret trial.

The U.S. State Department — which claims to defend human rights — said nothing about the abduction of this courageous whistleblower, who spent 11 years in solitary confinement for telling the truth. The media even ignored U.S. organizations like the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, which estimates that Israel has 90 nuclear weapons. Or the Federation of American Scientists, which quotes "U.S. Intelligence Community" estimates that the apartheid state occupying Palestine had between 75 and 130 nukes.

So it was surprising that the New York Times on Aug. 11 ran an essay by Peter Beinart discussing Israel's nuclear arsenal. Beinart is no radical. As editor of the Atlantic magazine he supported the 2003 invasion of Iraq. More recently he's become critical of U.S. foreign policy and was detained briefly in Israel.

It's a sign of how much more isolated Israel and its U.S. backers have become that Beinart wrote the piece and the New York Times published it. A much bigger question is why the military-industrial complex has tolerated Israel's nuclear arsenal that's over a third the size of either the British or French inventory.

Nuclear bonding over colonial wars

Doesn't the Pentagon demand a monopoly of violence? That was the theme of its 1992 "Defense Planning Guidance," parts of which were leaked to the New York Times and Washington Post. Written after the Soviet Union's overthrow, it sought to prevent the rise of any other military power, even among its supposed capitalist allies.

U.S. capitalists wouldn't let Germany — the strongest European economic power — start building nuclear weapons. The German working class, which includes millions of immigrants, would rise up to stop it.

British scientists playing an important role in the Manhattan Project which built the atom bombs that incinerated Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. The British mission was led by the Nobel Prize winning physicist James Chadwick, who discovered the neutron.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill agreed to this sharing of information with the understanding that Britain would get the first bomb. The Pentagon double-crossed Britain, which had to develop its own nuclear program. It wasn't until 1952 that Britain became the third nuclear power, after the United States and the Soviet Union.

Wall Street didn't want France to have nukes, either. France detonated its first bomb in 1960 in southern Algeria, then a French colony.

The French nuclear program was carried out in collaboration with Israel, which played somewhat the same role that British scientists did in the U.S. Manhattan Project.

France was then the Zionist State's closest ally. In its 1967 blitzkrieg invasion of Egypt, Jordan and Syria, Israeli pilots flew French Mirage jets, not U.S. Phantoms, which were then bombing Vietnam and Laos.

Israel joined the British and French colonial slave masters invading Egypt in 1956. They did so after Egyptian leader Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal, which had been built in the 1860s by French colonialists with slave labor.

Taking over the canal was one of the great victories against colonialism. The Zionist state supported France's war of extermination against the Algerian people who were fighting for independence. At least a million Algerians were killed with 40,000 tortured to death.

One of the torturers was Jean-Marie Le Pen, the founder of France's fascist National Front, now renamed the National Rally. This war criminal is just as anti-Jewish as he is anti-Arab and anti-Muslim.

Targeting the Soviet Union

France's explosion of its atomic bomb in the Sahara was a war crime against all Africans. Hundreds of Africans must have died from the fallout.

The French capitalists' dirty war against Algeria was the political reason for Israel getting help to build the bomb. But France was defeated by the Algerian people. Afterwards French banksters had less use for the Zionist state.

The U.S. government wasn't initially in favor of Israel making nukes. President John F. Kennedy sent inspectors to Israel's Dimona reactor. But the Zionist regime was able to continue with its nuclear program.

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Israel's nukes can be used against Iran and are a threat to many other countries.

The most sinister example is the Zionists helping their fellow apartheid regime in South Africa to develop nuclear weapons. This was revealed in the 1979 "Vela Incident," which was the explosion of a nuclear bomb in the southern Indian Ocean.

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Israel's nukes were as a replacement for the U.S. Jupiter nuclear missiles in Turkey that were removed in 1963 by President Kennedy following the Cuban missile crisis. However, there are also 50 nuclear warheads currently stored in Turkey at the U.S. Air Force base in Incirlik.

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Long live Parts Bagani!

Long live the revolutionary struggle for a liberated Philippines! International solidarity forever!

By Bayani

The art of Parts Bagani is world-renowned, undeniably distinctive, and always in service of the masses. Spend enough time among the anti-imperialist forces in the world and you will inevitably see his work, whether decorating the office of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines in the Netherlands, or in anti-imperialist publications. This writer even has a tattoo with one of Parts' pieces as a source.

On Aug. 16, Ka Parts was murdered in a police and military raid, unarmed and alongside his spouse, Pamela Peñaranda, who was then arrested and detained. The Philippine police and military have lied through their teeth, claiming that Ka Parts was killed in a shootout.

Marco Valbuena, Chief Information Officer of the Communist Party of the Philippines, released a statement asserting that Ka Parts was armed only with his pencils, brushes, paint and paper.

Ka Parts not only leaves behind an outstanding model of revolutionary art, but also his legacy as a fierce, determined and strategic guerrilla fighter in the New People's Army, who made immeasurable contributions to the armed struggle.

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Haiti needs aid not intervention!

Stop the deportations!

Over 1,400 people were killed by the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti Aug. 14. Thousands more may have died. At least 30,000 families were made homeless. This disaster was compounded by Tropical Storm Grace that struck the country shortly afterwards. The tragedy comes 11 years after the Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake that killed over 220,000 people in Port-au-Prince, Haiti’s capital.

Haitians around the world want to help Haiti. Yet the Biden administration deported two planesload of Haitians in the week before the earthquake.

Justice demands that deportations of Haitians be stopped. Temporary Protected Status (TPS) of Haitians must be made permanent.

The earthquake and storm come in the wake of the July 7 assassi-

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nation of Haiti’s President Jovenel Moïse. The murder involved mercen-
aries from Colombia and may have been planned from within the Unit-
eds of Haiti. Haiti needs aid but it doesn’t need or want foreign intervention. The United States invaded Haiti in 1915 and occupied the country until 1934. Thousands of Haitians were killed,

Activists picket Israeli cargo ship

Port of New York, Elizabeth, N.J.

By Terri Kay

Elizabeth, N.J. — Sunday, July 25 at 6 a.m., about 100 pro-Palestine community activists in the New York metropolitan area picketed Israeli shipping giant ZIM in an attempt to block their cargo ship, Zim Qingdao, from unloading its cargo in the Port of New York/New Jersey at the Maher Terminals in Elizabeth, N.J. Zim Inte-

egrate Shipping Services Ltd (ZIM) is Israel’s largest cargo shipping com-
pany, often dealing in Israeli manu-
factured military technology, arma-
ments and logistics equipment.

The event was organized by Block the Boat NY/NJ, the local affiliate of an international coalition of labor unions and community organizations fighting for justice in Palestine, led by the Arab Resource and Organizing Center in Oakland, CA.

“We are sending a message that proftiteering from Israeli apartheid and the ongoing violence against the Palestinian people will not be wel-

come in New York, New Jersey, or anywhere on the East Coast,” said Nerdeen Kiswani, Chair of Within Our Lifetime—United for Palestine. “Our community is standing against the ethnic cleans-
ing, evictions, and bombings that Palestinians face every day.”

Chanting “Stand Up, Shut It Down, Turn That Boat Right Back Around”, “Injury To One, Injury To All! Tear Down Israel’s Apartheid Wall” “Move Boat, Get Out The Way”, and “When People Are Occupied, Resis-
tance Is Justified!” picketers held colorful signs and banners as the dockworkers drove past them to be-
gin their shift. A few honked in sol-

darity and many popped out their cameras to take video of the lively and spirited picket line.

block the Boat activists picket arrival of israeli apartheid-profiteering Zim qingdao at the terminal in newport, New Jersey, New York.

Actions like this one against ZIM are a response to a call from labor unions in Palestine urging workers and communities worldwide to re-

fuse deals with Israeli companies. The international #BlocktheBoat has received over 150 endorsements from labor unions, faith, and com-
munity organizations worldwide, including the Congress of South Af-

ican Trade Unions (COSATU), the largest federation of trade unions in South Africa, representing 1.8 mil-

lion people. Recent escalations of Is-
raeli violence against Palestinians in Gaza, Jerusalem, and the West Bank have prompted thousands of demon-

strations in cities across the world.

This mobilization follows months of successful actions on the North American West Coast which pre-

vented the unloading of ZIM-operated vessels in Oakland, Seattle, and Prince Rupert. Over 8,000 peo-

ple worldwide have signed up to an-

swer the call to action at port cities around the world, as part of the BDS movement.

In Oakland, the ZIM—operated Vol-

lander was forced to disembark with its cargo in tow after being blocked from unloading for several weeks by a community picket. The same ZIM ship eventually landed in Prince Rupert, BC. After a public call to action, First Nation, Arab, and allied community members organ-

ized a picket to successfully block the ship from unloading for 5 days. In Seattle, Falastiniyat, a Palestin-
ian community collective organized community pickets at Seattle’s port, successfully blocking ZIM San Diego from being unloading for 4 days before a police crackdown forced the unloading of the vessel. Meanwhile solidarity actions were held in Los Angeles, Vancouver, San Francisco, New Jersey, Houston, Detroit, Italy, and South Africa.

The San Francisco-based Arab Resource and Organizing Center first called on communities to block ZIM- operated vessels in the US in 2016, with the first successful #BlockThe-

Boat action. Organizers have claimed the disruption of ZIM’S operations as a major victory for the internation-

al Boycott, Divestment, & Sanctions (BDS) movement, which works to put pressure on businesses profiting from Israeli apartheid.

The BDS movement has gained na-

tional prominence as a flashpoint in US politics as right-wing legislators attempt to criminalize the boycott movement. Several BDS campaigns globally, including #BlockTheBoat, have seen numerous successes over the past year, driven by plummeting public support for Israel in the wake of human rights abuses and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians.

“Across the US, workers and social justice movements are standing up to show their support for the Palestinian struggle for freedom, and that there will be a high price for all compa-

nies who do business that profits the apartheid state of Israel,” said Lara Kiswani, Executive Director of AROC.

Block the Boat NY/NJ Coalition member organizations and endors-

ers include AROC: Arab Resource & Organizing Center, New York & Pal-

estine, Al-Awda: The Palestine Right to Return Coalition, Within Our Life-
time: United for Palestine, Labor for Palestine, Samidun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, American Muslims for Palestine New Jer-

sey, the ANSWERCoalition , Peoples Organization for Progress, Northern New Jersey Jewish Voice for Peace, Jews for Palestinian Right of Return, Jewish Voice for Peace—NYC, NYC Democratic Socialists of America, Catholic Social Justice, CUNY, Palestine, and Central NJ IVP.

Source: Fighting Words

Reparations for Haiti!!

The misery was compounded by the fact that the people of Haiti are a people of exceptional resilience. Despite the devastation caused by the earthquake, Haitians are still rebuilding their homes and communities. The international community has pledged to provide aid to Haiti, but much of this aid has been slow to arrive, making the situation even more dire.

In this context, it is important to recognize the role of international intervention in Haiti’s history. The United States invaded Haiti in 1915 and occupied the country for 20 years, during which time they engaged in a variety of abuses against the Haitian people. In 1934, the United States abandoned its occupation of Haiti, but the damage had already been done. The country’s economy was chronically underdeveloped, and Haitians were left to fend for themselves.

Today, Haiti is still struggling to recover from the earthquake. The country’s infrastructure has been severely damaged, and many Haitians are still without homes or basic necessities. The international community must do more to support Haiti, not only in the short term, but also in the long term, in order to ensure that Haitians are able to rebuild their lives and their country.

In conclusion, Haiti needs aid but it doesn’t need foreign intervention. The United States should be held accountable for its actions in Haiti, and the international community should do more to support the Haitian people. The time for Haiti is now; it is time to recognize the resilience of the Haitian people and to support their efforts to rebuild their country.
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der their control. Only three of the bigger cities — Kabul, Jalalabad and Mazari-i-Sharif — were not yet in Taliban hands. When they ultimately took control of Kabul, the U.S. media feigned shock at the speed of the Taliban’s triumph.

But an Aug. 15 article in the Washington Post revealed that in the ruling circles of imperialism, they were aware that they had a “morale problem.” Afghan government soldiers could not be relied on to fight the Taliban on behalf of U.S. imperialism.

More than a year ago, Taliban representatives began offering amnesty-for-surrender deals to Afghan puppet government troops, officers, and village officials throughout the country. Repeatedly, Afghan government leaders were handing over U.S.-provided weapons and equipment — no shots fired. The Taliban let the soldiers trained and armed by the U.S. go free.

The transition happened first in rural villages, then districts, then provincial capitals. In April of this year, when Biden announced that the withdrawal deadline was being sped up from Sept. 11 to Aug. 31, the public was completely unprepared.

Then, on Aug. 15, a few days after Afghan President Ghanai gave a speech brimming with confidence about his government’s prospects for fending off any Taliban assault, reports surfaced that he had fled the country. Video of Taliban figures sitting at his desk in the presidential palace appeared. There had been no resistance by the Afghan military.

The example of the 1917 revolution lifting the impoverished Central Asian nations formerly oppressed by the Czars of Russia influenced neighboring Afghanistan. Between 1921 and 1929 the two countries signed a friendship treaty and embarked on projects to help develop Afghanistan with power generation, water resources, transportation and communications. The projects were later abandoned with a government change.

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