



Iranian response to Israel attack: Signals a turning point

Resistance News Network report from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The Iranian response to the Zionist entity is a pivotal event that will establish new rules of engagement in the region.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine praised the Iranian Revolutionary Guard's targeting of Zionist military sites with dozens of missiles and drones in response to the entity's aggression against the Iranian consulate in Damascus, describing the Iranian response as a significant pivotal event that will establish new rules of engagement in the region.

The Front confirmed that the legitimate Iranian response broke the prestige of the Zionist entity, revealing its fragility and inability to defend itself or restore its deterrence power. At the same time, it confirmed the ability of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the resistance factions to deliver painful strikes to the Zionist entity, deepening its internal crisis due to its inability to achieve any of its goals in eliminating the resistance in the Gaza Strip or stopping the strikes directed at it by the resistance in Lebanon, Yemen, and Iraq.

The Front explained that the rush of the American administration and its partners in Britain, France, Germany, and some

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



Photo: Al-Awda

Crackdown fuels nat'l student protests for Gaza

April 19 — Columbia University students continue their “Gaza solidarity encampment” on the main lawn of the New York City campus, defying a heavy police crackdown. The action, coordinated by various student organizations, including Columbia University Apartheid Divest, Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine, and Columbia Jewish Voice for Peace, has persisted for over 48 hours.

Inspired by the Columbia stu-

dents' actions, students at the University of North Carolina and Miami University in Ohio have staged their own encampments in solidarity. National Students for Justice in Palestine issued a “call to action” for students nationwide to “seize the university and force the administration to divest, for the people of Gaza.” A large crowd has also taken to the streets outside Columbia University in support of the encampment. #

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STOP THE GENOCIDE IN GAZA: AL-QUDS IS THE CAPITAL OF PALESTINE!

EARTH DAY: Time to act against capitalism destroying our planet

April 22 marks Earth Day, highlighting decades of environmental activism. Since 1970, this date has symbolized the ongoing battle waged by environmental advocates, notably from Indigenous communities, against the relentless pollution of our planet's air and water by Big Oil and large corporations driven by profit. Their actions have led to the destruction of natural habitats, the conversion of fertile lands into deserts, and, significantly, the alarming escalation of global warming. #

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of their Arab tails (<https://t.me/PalestineResist/35971>) in the region to use all their defensive weapons to try to protect the Zionist entity from the Iranian missiles and drones confirms the involvement of these parties in the Zionist crimes in the region, especially in Gaza. It also reveals that this Zionist entity has suffered a strategic defeat, has become humiliated and weak, and is unable to protect itself, now imploring its allies to take on this role.

The Front concluded its statement by affirming that the unprecedented Iranian strikes, the first of their kind in history (<https://t.me/PalestineResist/35973>) against the Zionist entity, represent an important turning point in the battle of the Al-Aqsa Flood and in favor of the resistance factions. The repercussions of this strike will have pressing effects on the Zionist entity to stop its genocidal war on the Gaza Strip after the American administration and

its allies realized that any escalation in the region would lead to a regional war where their bases and interests will not be safe, nor will the Zionist entity be able to defend itself after the collapse of its deterrence power and its humiliating defeat in front of the resistance in Gaza and other fronts.

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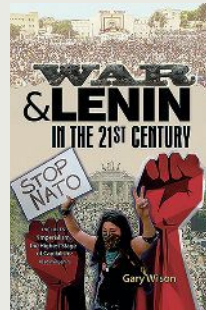
Vladimir Lenin, the revolutionary leader of the Soviet Union and a key contributor to Marxist theory, wrote "Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism" in 1916, more than a century ago. It remains an influential critique of imperialism.

When WWI broke out, Lenin's main interest was promoting a socialist revolution to end the war. He exposed the war's economic roots and identified imperialism's key features: monopoly capitalism, finance capital, the export of capital, and colonialism – the imperialist division of the world.

Does Lenin's analysis of imperialism hold up today?

The U.S. emerged from WWII as the world's most powerful imperialist country, It established the U.S. dollar as the international currency and engages in endless wars. As in Lenin's time, the conclusion is that socialist revolution will end imperialist war, enabling workers to meet their own needs.

The book by Gary Wilson includes Lenin's original pamphlet.
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BALTIMORE

Protesters denounce Biden's visit amid Gaza genocide

By Lev Koufax

A group of Baltimore activists organized by the Peoples Power Assembly gathered along Broening Highway on April 7 to protest the arrival of President “Genocide Joe” Biden. The President visited the city to tour the recently collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge.

The demonstration sent one unassailable message to Joe Biden: Genocidal maniacs and imperialist dilettantes are not welcome in Baltimore City. As Biden pretends to care about the six immigrant workers who lost their lives due to corporate greed and regulatory incompetence, thousands continue to die in the U.S.-backed Zionist genocide in Gaza.

The protesters braved cold wind and rain to make their message heard loud and clear. As the war criminal flew overhead in his helicopter, the group chanted, “Biden Biden, you can’t hide, we charge you with genocide!” and “Free Free Palestine!”

After hours of demonstration, protesters marched through the southeast Baltimore neighborhood to a local park, where they held a brief community meeting that focused on future actions in the Baltimore area.

Our city will not stand by while the Zionist genocide and the repression at home only escalate. As long as the imperialist slaughter in Gaza continues, the Zionists, corporate oligarchs, and mainstream politicians will have no peace. #



SLL photo: Sharon Black

Peoples Power Assembly shuts down Baltimore council over Gaza genocide

By Lev Koufax

A group of activists with the Baltimore Peoples Power Assembly shut down the Baltimore City Council's biweekly meeting in solidarity with the people of Palestine. As the City Council finished its opening presentations and roll call, Reverend Annie Chambers announced that the PPA demanded to be heard regarding the ongoing Zionist genocide in Gaza.

At that point, four other activists read a statement demanding that the Council end its complicity with genocide and pass a resolution that completely divests the city of Baltimore from the Zionist state and all “Israeli” weapons or technology companies. The demonstrators chanted in support of Palestine until the Council was forced to take a recess.

The demonstration made clear that these corporate politicians will have no peace until they take action to stand with Gaza. #



SLL photo: Sharon Black

Reverend Annie Chambers speaking on the Zionist genocide in Gaza at City Council meeting.

Global actions against U.S.-

By Scott Scheffer

The never-ending U.S. sponsorship of the Zionist entity makes it easy for many to believe that “Israel” is the superior in the relationship. Biden’s behavior during the horrible genocide in Gaza is designed to feed into that false narrative.

The U.S., of course, subsidizes Israel and provides the arms and ammunition for the Zionist regime’s deadly mission to police the region to protect the oil and gas resources for giant U.S. energy companies and banks.

Any rift between the Zionist right wing and the White House is over the management of the genocide. Israel’s job is to use whatever brutality is needed, doing the dirty work for U.S. monopoly capitalist interests.

The bloodthirsty assault on Gaza and forced starvation may incite a wider war involving Iran, Syria, and the fighting forces of Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Already, the U.S. and Britain are engaged in a parallel war with the forces of Yemen to try to regain control of the Red Sea. As of April 6, they have bombed Yemen 148 times since January in response to Yemen’s campaign to block ships linked with Israel. Israeli warplanes bombed Iran’s embassy in Syria on April 1, escalating the war.

The absolute determination of the Palestinian people cannot be extinguished. The horrors inflicted on Gaza are outrageous. And the role of the U.S. empire has ignited an anti-imperialist movement as powerful as any this century.

The opposition is widening and getting deeper. Mass protests are weekly in cities across the country and around the world. “Genocide Joe” Biden can’t go anywhere without being confronted by protesters. State Department officials are resigning. Two members of the U.S. armed forces have committed suicide by self-immolation. A third soldier is on a hunger strike at the White House.

The sharper understanding of the U.S. role and the mass protests have spread like wildfire and are now being expressed in the realm of international diplomacy and legality.

South Africa sued the U.S. and Israel at the International Court of Justice for



violating the 1948 Genocide Convention. While the court didn’t rule that actual genocide was happening in Gaza, it did rule that South Africa’s brilliant arguments were “plausible.”

The Court ordered Israel to cease actions that, in fact, amount to genocide. The Zionist regime was ordered to report on its progress in a list of demands designed to end the genocide.

The South African government also announced it would arrest any of its citizens who were mercenaries for the Zionists if they returned home.

A long list of countries and blocs, including the 57-member Organization of Islamic Countries, the 22-member Arab League, the Maldives, Namibia, Pakistan, Turkey, Colombia, Brazil, Venezuela, Nicaragua, and others, supported the suit.

During the hearings, the Chinese ambassador to the U.N., Zhang Jun, backed the Palestinians’ right to free themselves from occupation using armed force, calling it an “inalienable right well founded in international law.”

A few weeks after the ICJ ruling, the U.S. vetoed a ceasefire resolution at the U.N. for a third time since Oct. 7. That resolution had the support of 13 Security Council members; Britain abstained, and the U.S. vetoed it.

The U.S.-armed Israeli Occupation Force has already killed more than 30,000 Palestinians, two-thirds of them women and children.

The White House claimed it vetoed ceasefire resolutions to protect its negotiations for what it called a “humanitarian” ceasefire. In Qatar, representatives from Egypt, Israel, and the U.S. were meeting with Hamas, demanding the release of hostages. In the meeting with Hamas, representing the Zionists was Mossad chief David Barnea, and the U.S. was CIA Director William Burns.

Together, the CIA and Mossad are the two deadliest terrorist organizations on the planet, sharing a long, collaborative relationship in carrying out plots of sabotage and assassination throughout West Asia and elsewhere.

Palestinian leaders participating in the talks have stood firm in their position that the release of hostages can only happen in exchange for a permanent ceasefire, unhindered delivery of food and supplies, and the release of thousands of Palestinians being held in Zionist prisons. They are trying to find a way to protect the Palestinian people.

CNN reported that on March 5, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken ordered Qatar to threaten Hamas representatives with expulsion from Doha, where the talks are being held, unless they surrender the hostages and accept the U.S. position of only a temporary ceasefire.

After the most recent veto at the U.N., Malaysia called for abolishing the use of a veto by a single Permanent Security Council member. According to an analysis by Blue Marble, the U.S. has vetoed resolutions critical of Israel more than any other council member – 45 times out of 89 times it has used its veto power since 1945.

Malaysia’s former Prime Minister addressed the President of the U.N., saying, “Exercise of the veto by permanent members of the Security Council should be regulated so that it cannot be used in situations such as mass atrocity crimes, crimes against humanity or war crimes.” If the Malaysia proposal were adopted, a veto could only happen if it is supported by two Permanent Security Council members, three non-permanent members, and a simple majority of the General Assembly, effectively ending the dominance of the US empire at the U.N.

It should be no surprise that Russia is also an important part of the growing outrage over the U.S./Zionist genocide. In mid-October, when Brazil submitted language for a resolution calling for a humanitarian pause to deliver aid to Gazans, Russia had submitted draft language that was ultimately stripped from the final resolution calling for an immediate, durable, and full ceasefire and to

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backed Israeli genocide in Gaza

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stop attacks against civilians.

After the U.S. veto, Russian Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia told Council Ambassadors, “Anyone who did not support Russia’s draft resolution on this issue bears responsibility for what happens.” The current draft “has no clear call for a ceasefire” and “will not help to stop the bloodshed.”

Soon after the ICJ announced the results of the lawsuit in February, Nicaragua

went to the ICJ against Germany for funding Israel’s genocide and cutting aid to UNRWA, the relief agency that distributes food and safe drinking water to Gazans. More than 10 U.S. allies have suspended aid to UNRWA, the main distributor of desperately needed food and water to Gazans.

Since the Al-Aqsa Flood uprising against Zionist occupation on Oct. 7, the Palestinian people in Gaza are bravely continuing the fight to win a permanent

ceasefire and an end to the occupation. Despite billions of dollars in weapons provided by the U.S., the Zionist military has faced strong resistance in the north of Gaza that is largely downplayed in the U.S. media. As in the Vietnam War, the movement of millions in the streets and the efforts by so many former colonized countries to use every avenue at their disposal to come to the aid of Palestine will bring this horror to an end. Palestine will never die. #

Stop the genocide in Gaza: Al-Quds is the capital of Palestine!

By Struggle-La Lucha
New York bureau

Thousands came to New York City’s Times Square on April 5 to commemorate Al-Quds Day. They were among the millions who marched worldwide yesterday, the last Friday in the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, in solidarity with the people of Palestine.

The march in New York City was called by the Muslim World Congress and the Al-Quds Committee of New York. It was endorsed and supported by dozens of organizations, including Shut It Down 4 Palestine, a coalition that has become the center for Palestine solidarity organizing in New York City.

Also known as Jerusalem, Al-Quds is the eternal capital of Palestine.

A call to mark Al-Quds Day in solidarity with Palestinians was made in 1979 during the Iranian Revolution. Since then, rallies and demonstrations have been held worldwide on that day.

This year, the annual commemoration has taken special significance because of the genocide in Gaza. Over 14,000 Palestinian children have been killed there by Zionist war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu with the weapons supplied by Genocide Joe Biden.

Among the speakers at Times Square was Roger Wareham, a human rights lawyer and a member of the Interna-



tional Secretariat of the December 12th Movement. Wareham denounced the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from their homeland, which he compared to driving Black people out of their communities.

Wareham noted that the first major shutdown of New York City organized by the December 12 Movement, the Day of Outrage in December 1987, coincided with the eruption of the First Intifada in Palestine. He led the crowd in chanting, “We ain’t going nowhere!”

The actor Susan Sarandon eloquently described those killed in Gaza. She gave

numbers of mothers, children, health workers, journalists, and others who have been killed.

Other speakers included representatives from community organizations such as PAL Al-Awda, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, the Palestinian Youth Movement, and The People’s Forum.

People marched from Times Square over to the Zionist state’s mission to the UN on Second Avenue and then down to 34th Street. The march spanned blocks, then went west to Herald Square, where a short rally was held. #

Puerto Rican activist kicks off U.S. tour, exposing colonial crimes and crises

By Lallan Schoenstein

Berta Joubert-Ceci began her U.S. tour speaking on the conditions and crises facing the people of Puerto Rico. The first stop, on April 10, was a presentation to Latin American students at Hostos Community College in the Bronx, New York.

Joubert-Ceci spoke about history, starting with the 1898 U.S. invasion during the Spanish-American War and then focusing on the current \$72 billion debt crisis. Her talk — illustrated with visual documentation — opened an intense discussion. Many students asked questions that proved their education on the colonization of Puerto Rico was obscured by deliberate misinformation.

Joubert-Ceci revealed the cause of this misinformation by quoting authorities responsible for U.S. policy on the colony. Below are a few instances of that policy she spoke about.

- While responding to an island-wide agricultural strike in 1934, the Puerto Rican Chief of Police, Yale-educated E. Francis Riggs, whose father owned the Riggs National Bank, promised that: “There will be a war to the death against all Puerto Ricans.”

- Today, agricultural production on the fertile island has been reduced to the point where 85% of the food has to be imported from the U.S.
- An authority on health care, Cornelius Packard “Dusty” Rhoads, the first director of Sloan-Kettering Institute, reportedly said, following a vile racist rant: “What the island needs is not public health work but a tidal wave or something to totally exterminate the population.”
- Health care in Puerto Rico used to be administered by a universal system. Now, the closing of hospitals and clinics and the general deterioration of health care are being driven by private insurance companies funded by the government. These companies open their own private clinics and absorb the greatest portion of the public funding.

Joubert-Ceci described a similar process of cutbacks and privatization that is ruining the economy and affecting housing, education, the power grid, and the environment.

By imposing the administration of bankers under the guise of the “debt crisis,” most government services, now privatized, are inundated by corrupt officials from the U.S.

Living conditions are so dreadful that the Island is in danger of being depopulated. Census figures show that since 2000, the population has shrunk by 14%, and the median age has gone from 30.2 to 41.6 years old.

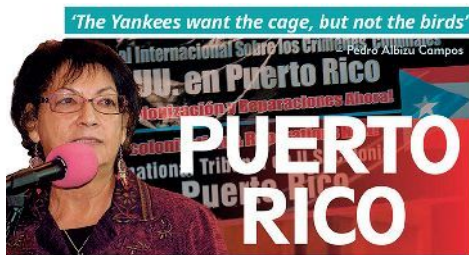


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Berta Joubert-Ceci speaks to students at Hostos in front of a photo of Albizu Campos.

Following the meeting at Hostos, Joubert-Ceci spoke at two community centers on the Lower East Side in Manhattan. Independence activists, community organizers, and students joined the discussions, which they summed up by suggesting a range of possible activities to end the colonization of Puerto Rico.

Berta Joubert-Ceci will continue her tour, speaking next in Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Los Angeles. She is the convenor of the 2018 Puerto Rico International Tribunal of Colonial Crimes of the United States. She is also a founding member of Women In Struggle/Mujeres En Lucha, a member of the Women’s International Democratic Federation, and a regular contributor to Struggle-La Lucha. Joubert-Ceci resides in San Juan, Puerto Rico. #



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Update from the archipelago

Hear **Berta Joubert-Ceci**, a convenor of the 2018 Puerto Rico International Tribunal of Colonial Crimes of the United States, will be touring U.S. cities in April to highlight conditions inside of Puerto Rico and report on the struggle against colonialism on the island. Joubert-Ceci is also a founding member of *Women In Struggle/Mujeres En Lucha*, a member of the *Women's International Democratic Federation* and a regular contributor to *Struggle-La Lucha*. Joubert-Ceci resides in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She will present slides, visuals and video documentation.

- What are the conditions and main crises facing the people of Puerto Rico?
- Who is to blame?
- What can we do?

WOMEN IN STRUGGLE / MUJERES EN LUCHA

Leaflet for Meeting in Los Angeles.



Students at Hostos meeting on April 10.

S. Korea seizes ship, escalates U.S. sanctions

By Scott Scheffer

On March 30, the South Korean Coast Guard forcibly seized the 3,000-ton cargo ship *De Yi*. The stateless ship had left North Korea's western port of Nampo and was headed to Vladivostok, Russia.

After a scheduled stop in Shandong, China, the trip necessitated sailing around the southern end of the Korean peninsula and up the eastern coast to Vladivostok. South Korea claims the ship was probably carrying coal and violating UN sanctions against North Korea.

For 75 years, the U.S. military has occupied South Korea; there are currently some 30,000 troops stationed there on 73 bases, the third biggest U.S. military occupation in the world. The South Korean military is under the virtual command of the U.S., and any actions such as seizing a ship are generally considered to be done at the direction of the U.S.

The ship's Chinese captain and crew refused to allow the U.S. puppet South Korean military to search the hull.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or DPRK as North Korea is officially known, is one of the most sanctioned countries in the world. Certain UN sanctions were worsened in 2017 but will now lapse on April 30. There was a UN resolution to extend them, but the Russian ambassador to the UN vetoed it.

Over the decades, the U.S. State Department has been the prime motivator of multinational trade sanctions, pressuring allies to join the effort to starve North Korea and force them to become a pliant neocolony.

The U.S. first imposed sanctions during the 1950-53 Korean War after murdering millions of Koreans and a months-long bombing campaign that destroyed practically every building in major cities. By the end of the war, the capital city of Pyongyang looked very much like Gaza does today, with death and debris as far as the eye can see.

The U.S. refused to sign a peace treaty at the war's close and still does. With U.S. nuclear weapons having been stationed in South Korea for years, and tens of thousands of troops still present there, as well as nuclear warheads with-



South Korea seized the 3,000-ton cargo ship *De Yi*.

in striking distance from the air and by sea, U.S. imperialism is more than a military menace – it is an existential threat to North Korea.

During the 1990s, the U.S. and its allies falsely accused the DPRK of developing a nuclear weapons program in secret. They were really trying to build nuclear power plants to make up for their inability to import fuel oil for heat due to the sanctions. North Koreans were suffering during long, cold winters.

The secrecy accusation is part of a constant refrain from the U.S. propaganda machine. However, in 2006, President Kim Jong Il announced that they had turned the U.S. lies into reality. The DPRK had successfully conducted its first nuclear weapons test.

North Korea has had a decades-long policy of “military first.” That means that even at great cost and despite difficult conditions under the U.S. sanctions regime, the Korean people agreed that defense was the top priority. That policy and Kim Jong Il's decision may be the only reason North Korea still exists as a sovereign and socialist country.

After the first nuclear weapons test by North Korea, the White House pushed successfully for even more severe sanctions at the UN. Russia's veto at the UN gave North Korea relief from at least some of the sanctions that have made life so difficult for millions of Korean people.

The imperialist war against the people of Korea has been uninterrupted and severe ever since the Korean People's Army liberated the north under the leadership of the great revolutionary Kim Il Sung and the Communist Party of Korea.

The U.S. has its fingerprints all over this cargo ship seizure. Korea JoongAng

Daily reported that “the United States is believed to have provided the South Korean government with circumstantial evidence of suspected sanctions violations.” ‘Circumstantial’ and ‘suspected’ are the key words. By prodding South Korea into seizing the ship, the White House is signaling that its campaign to destroy the DPRK will not let up one bit.

Korean people of both the north and the south want the country reunified. It was the U.S. that divided the country, drawing a line at the 38th parallel, dividing parents from children and siblings from each other for 75 years and counting. Right-wing South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol has turned back some of the progress in relations made over the last two decades or more. He is steering South Korea closer to the U.S. and has imposed his own unilateral sanctions on the DPRK, adding to the punishment doled out by the U.S. and other imperialists.

This isn't what the people of South Korea want. When the Japanese empire fell at the close of World War II, and the U.S. moved to take over Japan's colonies, the U.S. spent years trying to crush a people's movement in the south that resisted the division of Korea.

In 1945, Syngman Rhee — who had lived in the U.S. since 1904 and was a U.S. citizen — arrived in U.S.-occupied South Korea aboard General Douglas MacArthur's personal plane. In 1948, under the direction of the CIA (then named OSS), Rhee was imposed as president through a rigged election. There was mass opposition to which Rhee responded with police-state repression,

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Fred Goldstein's analysis of capitalism, imperialism, and China resonates today

By Gary Wilson

Fred Goldstein, a prominent Marxist thinker, revolutionary socialist, and author who contributed significantly to the international communist movement, died a year ago on April 11, 2023. His enduring legacy lies in his significant contributions to the international communist movement, notably his unwavering defense of socialist China.

As the Palestinian people in Gaza face the brutality of the U.S.-armed Zionist entity, Palestinian liberation leader Leila Khaled recently emphasized the imperialist forces' preparations to attack China. "We know that they speak about terrorism, but they are the heroes of terrorism. The imperialist force everywhere in the world, in Iraq, in Syria, in different coun-

tries. Now they are preparing to attack China," Khaled said

In his work "The New Cold War Against China," Goldstein wrote:

"The conflict between imperialist capitalism, headed by Washington, Wall Street and the Pentagon, and the Chinese socialist economic system, with state-owned industry at its core and planned economic guidance, is becoming much sharper, and imperialism is growing more openly hostile."

Goldstein's steadfast belief in the importance of revolutionary Marxism shines through in his document, "Reviving Marx and Lenin." He argued that understanding the struggle for socialism, including the achievements and challenges faced by the USSR, is crucial for contemporary struggles. This document serves as essential reading for revolutionary socialists, particularly in the United States, given the U.S. role as the primary instigator of war and oppression as the bulwark of world capitalism.

Goldstein authored two influential books, "Low-Wage Capitalism: Colossus with Feet of Clay" (2008) and "Capitalism at a Dead End: Job destruction, overproduction, and crisis in the high-tech era" (2012), which analyzed the impact of technology on the global working class and the restructuring of capitalism in the post-Soviet era.

To explore Goldstein's extensive work, visit the Marxists Internet Archive. #

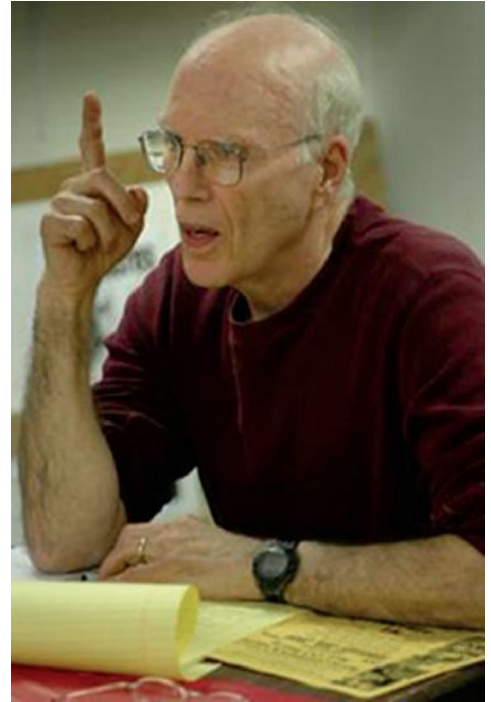


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Fred Goldstein

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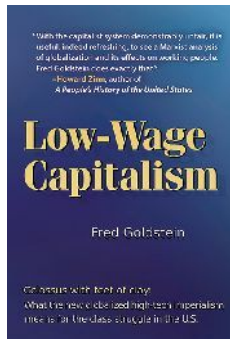

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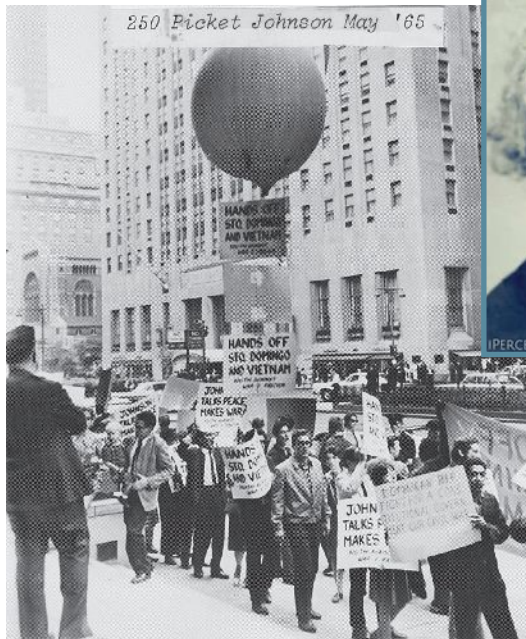
By John Parker

The following talk was given by John Parker of the Socialist Unity Party at a memorial gathering for Fred Goldstein on the anniversary of his death. Goldstein was a prominent Marxist thinker, revolutionary socialist, and author who contributed significantly to the international communist movement.

That dedication to our class is something so wonderful. It reminds you about Fred's inspiring life, his love for our class, our working class, his love for humanity, and the love for his family.

Fred would not back down from a struggle. Especially today when we see genocide in Gaza or the U.S. government pushing World War III. It is his life that inspires to do what needs to be done.

Fred fought the struggle with principles that shielded him from opportunism and bourgeois ideology. And he'd pay any price to remain on track. And his love for his family was expressed when he told us that seeing Lila as an adult must be achieved. He got to see not only an adult but a fighter of capitalism, a union organizer, and a health worker in a most stressful situation with the pandemic. Despite that, Lila maintained a life-saving dedication to our class. Fred died with that knowledge.



Fred Goldstein, center with glasses.

Fred was so dedicated to the truth that he would not allow his articles to go without his several re-edits, even after they were turned in. "Wait, I forgot to add this ..."

You can tell Fred would not sit idly by if a point had to be made.

I remember Fred pointing his finger upwards when making his points.

I had a stroke last year, and if I saw him making that gesture today, my new frame of mind would be asking — "what's he pointing to up there in the sky?" I probably would have thought he was just trying to get me to see reality from a higher plane — to see the whole picture.

He did make me see the bigger and more comprehensive picture of the global capitalist economy, not only enlightening me but the whole world in understanding the effects of technology and the changing nature of our working class (more women and people of color) that has always been subject to a more acute attack from imperialism, and a greater hunger for the struggle.

His updated version of Sam Marcy's "High Tech - Low Pay," called "Capital-

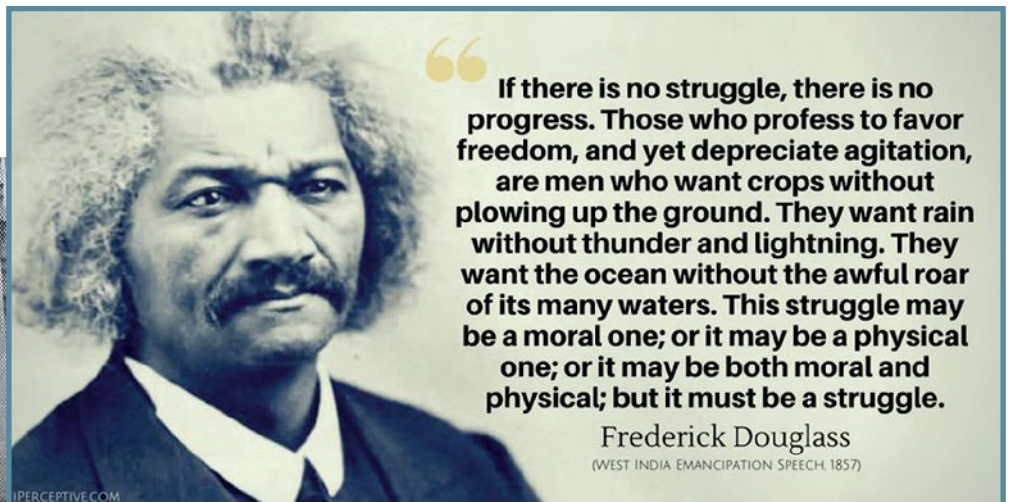
ism at a Dead End," showed the effects of the "just in time" and outsourcing production with the 1980s internet communications speeding up at the fiber-optic speed of light across oceans, increasing exploitation, and unemployment — but also helped our international working class see a common enemy.

After many edits by Fred, the book showed how much he cared about sharing knowledge and empowerment with our class. One of our comrades spoke about how Fred made sure the contributions of wisdom and knowledge of members would be heard regardless of unfriendly environments.

Fred was an empowering force that kept the fire of struggle strong, even with a broken heart. Our continuation of struggle when we were told that our political struggle was over — that we had no right to continue the struggle — we understood that we had to continue. Still, depression and self-doubt are a challenge.

Fred's confidence and respect for our determination to continue fighting for our principles and not shy from the difficult allowed us to make necessary contributions to our movement. Our comrades saw the opportunity to reach in and bring forth the discouraged skills and passion for the struggle — hell, we now have a paper called Struggle-La Lucha.

And as the other Fred said:



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That's Fred Douglass and Fred Goldstein's physical actions and steadfast moral commitment to raising working class consciousness never die in our aspirations.

That is a warrior, that is a thinker, that is our class. Thank you, Fred Goldstein, Presente! #

Never forget the Ludlow, Colorado, and Veracruz, Mexico, massacres

By Stephen Millies

Over 20 people were killed by the Colorado National Guard in Ludlow on April 20, 1914, during a coal miners' strike. Eleven of those murdered were children. They choked to death when the tent above them had been set on fire by soldiers.

The next day, April 21, 1914, the U.S. began a military occupation of Veracruz, Mexico. Hundreds of Mexicans were killed during the invasion.

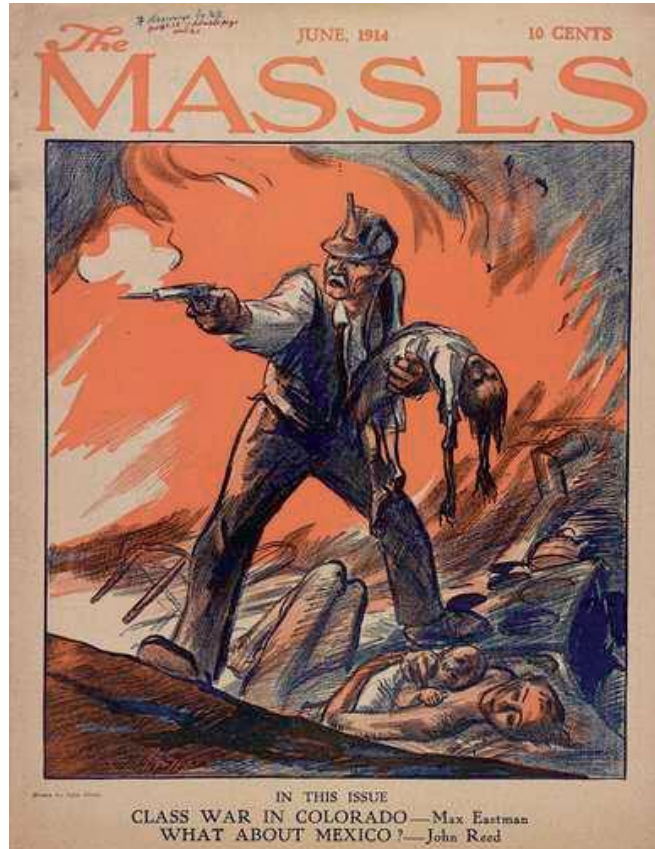
These two atrocities 110 years ago were committed on behalf of Wall Street banksters who are still running the United States today. Their Pentagon war machine is supplying the bombs and shells that have killed over 14,000 Palestinian children in Gaza.

The coal miners in Colorado were on strike against the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, which was controlled by the Rockefellers, the world's first billionaire family and founders of Big Oil.

Nine thousand miners had walked out of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company-owned camps on Sept. 23, 1913. They struck against \$1.68-a-day wages.

They revolted against the CF&I company stores, CF&I-controlled schools, and CF&I-censored libraries. Strike leader Louis Tikas, a Greek immigrant, was shot in the back and killed.

The U.S. attack on Veracruz was in response to the Mexican Revolution, which began in 1910. The United States had stolen half of Mexico in the late 1840s to expand slavery.



Cover illustration shows mine worker firing a gun after his wife and children were killed in a massacre at their tent camp by the Colorado National Guard. The Masses Publishing Co., 1914.

Thirteen years before the U.S. occupation of Veracruz, Los Angeles oil tycoon Edward Doheny opened his first oil well in Tampico, Mexico. President Woodrow Wilson invaded Mexico to protect the profits of U.S. oil outfits, mining, and railroad companies.

Wilson was a super bigot who segregated government lunchrooms. He had "Birth of a Nation," a film that glorified the Ku Klux Klan, shown in the White House.

Wilson's Navy Secretary, Joseph Daniels, helped overthrow Wilmington, North Carolina's Black elected government in 1898. An estimated 300 Black people were killed.

Every worker needs a rifle

Just as Wilson refused to do anything about lynchings, he did nothing to stop miners and their families from being killed in Colorado. The Ludlow massacre horrified the country.

Victor Berger — the socialist member of Congress from Milwaukee — got up in the House of Representatives and urged every worker to get a rifle. The Cleveland Leader wrote, "The charred bodies of two dozen women and children show that Rockefeller knows how to win!"

Enraged strikers in Colorado attacked mines being operated by strikebreakers. President Wilson sent in U.S. troops to break the strike.

The heroic strike was finally defeated. But, the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company was forced to sign a contract with the United

Mine Workers in 1933.

Decades later, New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, a grandson of Big Oil founder John D. Rockefeller, had 30 Attica prisoners massacred in 1971.

Poor and working people in Mexico, Palestine, and the United States have the same enemy: the billionaire class whose headquarters is Wall Street.

Always remember the Ludlow, Veracruz, and Attica massacres. Fight like hell for Gaza and all of Palestine. #



The long shadow of the 1919 Chicago race riot

by Stephen Millies

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han vivido en Estados Unidos desde antes de 2010, aunque unos 2 millones han llegado después de ese año. En los últimos 12 años, el porcentaje de mexicanos que han obtenido la ciudadanía estadounidense se incrementó al punto de que hoy día casi un tercio de los inmigrantes nacidos en México, la mitad de ellos sin mayor educación, son ciudadanos estadounidenses.

El negocio del tráfico de gente

En diciembre del 2013 las autoridades de Estados Unidos comenzaron a advertir que los cárteles de la droga estaban metidos ya en el enorme negocio del tráfico de gente, pero nadie hizo nada para impedirlo. Hoy el negocio es tan grande que representa por lo menos 10.000 millones de dólares anuales.

En aquellas épocas, los migrantes tenían que contratar “coyotes” que los ayudaban a cruzar a Estados Unidos y los guiaban durante su ruta, pero eso cambió. Hoy los migrantes tienen que contratar a los cárteles, porque obviamente, son esos mismos cárteles quienes han tenido ya, por varios años, el control de las rutas mexicanas de acceso a Estados Unidos, señala el diario mexicano *El Economista*.

En su camino antes de ser detenidos por la patrulla fronteriza, hoy los migrantes son detenidos por los cárteles: en cada parada tienen que mostrar los brazaletes azules, rojos, verdes o amarillos, que le dirán a los contrabandistas que el migrante ya le está pagando a la gente del cartel, cuota que no es por cruzar a Estados Unidos, sino apenas por dejarlos pasar por territorio mexicano hasta la frontera.

Pero el negocio de la inmigración ilegal en Texas genera prósperas cárceles y emplea a prestamistas, usureros y abogados de medio pelo. En 2018 Texas estuvo en el centro del escándalo producido por la política «cero tolerancia» del presidente Donald Trump, que provocó la separación de más de 2.300 niños de sus familias al ingresar al país ilegalmente o pidiendo asilo.

Texas tiene, también, la mayor cantidad de prisiones para inmigrantes. Construido en 1983, el centro de detención en Houston fue la primera prisión privada de la historia moderna de Estados Unidos. Sus dueños, Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), y GEO Group son las

dos mayores corporaciones de prisiones en EEUU. Ambas cotizan en Bolsa.

Según el centro de investigación *The Public Interest* (INPI), este esquema provoca que el encarcelamiento masivo por delitos menores sea promovido en la esfera privada. Juntas ambas corporaciones, con ganancias de 4.000 millones de dólares en 2017, “invertieron” más de 10 millones de dólares en candidatos políticos y casi 25 millones en lobby entre 1989 y 2017.

De acuerdo con un estudio del Consejo Nacional de Población de México los migrantes pueden pagar entre 5.000 y 9.600 dólares por su travesía en ese país y otros 2.200 dólares para el cruce de la frontera acompañados de un guía. Los grupos del crimen organizado, a su vez, dependen de su relación con agentes estatales corruptos. Son muy pocos los migrantes que logran hacer el recorrido sin la participación del crimen organizado.

En México, los cárteles de Sinaloa, de Jalisco y los Zetas son los que figuran detrás del tráfico de migrantes. En la mexicana ciudad Juárez, son frecuentes los enfrentamientos entre los Mexicles (brazo armado del cartel de Sinaloa) y la Línea, (del cartel de Juárez), para capturar el manejo de las caravanas migratorias.

En Colombia, el panorama no es muy diferente. Según Jeremy McDermott, director en Colombia de *InSight Crime*, hay dos organizaciones detrás del tráfico de migrantes en el país: el Tren de Aragua, una megabanda que trata principalmente con migrantes venezolanos, y las autodefensas Gaitanistas o Clan del Golfo.

Lucrativo Tapón del Darién

El selvático Tapón del Darién se ha transformado con rapidez en una de las crisis políticas y humanitarias. Lo que hace unos años era un flujo a cuentagotas ahora se ha convertido en un torrente: más de 360.000 personas ya cruzaron la selva en 2023, según el gobierno de Panamá, superando el récord de 250.000 en 2022.

En respuesta, Estados Unidos, Colombia y Panamá firmaron un acuerdo para “poner fin al movimiento ilícito de personas”, una práctica que “conduce a la muerte y a la explotación de personas vulnerables con ganancias significativas”.

Hoy en día, dichas ganancias son más grandes que nunca: solo en 2023, los líderes locales han recaudado de

los migrantes decenas de millones de dólares en una enorme y sofisticada operación de movimiento humano. “Hay una economía bonita”, dijo Fredy Marín, quien fuera concejal en la municipalidad vecina de Necoclí y que maneja una empresa de lanchas que transporta migrantes en su trayecto a EEUU. Mensualmente traslada a miles de personas y que cobra 40 dólares por persona.

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jailing over 300,000 and killing tens of thousands by 1950.

As this article is being composed, millions of South Koreans are remembering the great uprising on the island of Jeju in April 1948, a response to the sham election; nearly every police headquarters was destroyed, and a division of Syngman Rhee’s army mutinied.

Some of them fought their way north and joined in the development of socialism in North Korea. Many more strikes, rebellions, student walkouts, and other militant actions like the takeover of Gwangju in 1980 – sometimes referred to as the “2nd Paris Commune” – characterize the South Korean people’s righteous struggle.

Many South Koreans were killed over the years, but the struggle for self-determination lives on.

The U.S. media portrays North Korea as an isolated nation. That is another falsehood. Right now, North Korea is celebrating the “China-DPRK Friendship Year.” Zhao Leji, the Chairman of China’s National People’s Congress, is leading a delegation to Pyongyang to mark the occasion. Zhao is also the third highest-ranking official in all of China and is meeting with his North Korean counterpart, Choe Ryong-hae. It is also noteworthy that the DPRK has been very vocal about its solidarity and support for the people of Gaza, as they have over the decades with Nicaragua, Iran, Venezuela, Cuba, and others. North Korea is an important ally and friend of the global struggle against U.S. imperialism!

Down with the U.S. empire, and long live the struggling people of North Korea! Korea is One! #



La inmigración en EEUU: Ese gran negocio

Por Mirko C. Trudeau

La población inmigrante nacida en el extranjero creció en Estados Unidos más de 15 por ciento en los últimos 12 años, y es la fuerza laboral de estos 32,5 millones de trabajadores, generalmente latinoamericanos sobreexplotados, una de las principales causas detrás del fuerte crecimiento económico estadounidense.

En Estados Unidos, un país cuya historia forjaron en buena medida los inmigrantes, el discurso contra los extranjeros que llegan en busca de mejores oportunidades es uno de los caballos de batalla en los discursos preelectorales. Pero más allá de los discursos sobre la amenaza que suponen los inmigrantes están los estudios que muestran con claridad que estas comunidades benefician a la economía del país en su conjunto y a los bolsillos de los nativos en particular.

«Poblaciones de inmigrantes relativamente grandes muestran mejores resultados que aquellas con porcentajes menores de población inmigrante», señala el informe del Instituto George Bush, que muestra su impacto positivo en áreas que van desde los ingresos hasta el desarrollo cultural y que echa por tierra mitos como que le quitan el trabajo a los locales o hacen que los salarios bajen. Las ciudades con porcentajes altos de inmigrantes son más innovadoras que otras y la contribución de las personas no nacidas en Estados Unidos es alta.

Los estudios revelan que los inmigrantes inventan nuevos productos y reciben patentes en tasas mayores que los nativos. El 27% de los estudiantes de maestrías y doctorados en el área de Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas son extranjeros con visas temporales. Los inmigrantes representan un 14% de la población de las metrópolis, pero ocupan el 23% de puestos en ciencia y tecnología.

Los inmigrantes menos capacitados cubren millones de puestos de trabajos esenciales que quedarían vacantes si no estuvieran en áreas como la salud, la in-

dustria manufacturera y la construcción. Su importancia en el área sanitaria fue providencial en la pandemia: uno de cada tres trabajos lo cubrieron inmigrantes. Asimismo, han ayudado a «estabilizar» las industrias en el Medio Oeste, subsanando una falta de mano de obra calificada que hubiera obligado a cerrar fábricas.

Y mientras que el creciente número de inmigrantes en EEUU ha causado división entre los políticos de todo el país y se ha convertido en uno de los grandes temas del debate de cara a las elecciones presidenciales, ha avivado la angustia entre un sector de votantes, pero hay un lugar donde casi todos parecen estar optimistas: Wall Street.

Los empresarios, los fondos de inversión están contentos, sobre todo después que la Oficina de Presupuesto del Congreso calculó que la inmigración generará un aumento de siete mil millones de dólares al producto interno bruto durante la próxima década. Traducido: la inmigración es un gran negocio, salvo para quienes migran, claro.

Los economistas de los bancos de inversión son quienes dan cuenta del impulso que los migrantes están dando no solamente a la fuerza laboral y sino también al gasto de los consumidores. El banco de inversión Goldman Sachs Group Inc revisó al alza sus pronósticos de crecimiento económico a corto plazo. JPMorgan Chase & Co. y BNP Paribas SA estuvieron entre los bancos que reconocieron el impacto económico del aumento de la inmigración en las últimas semanas.

“La inmigración no es solo una cuestión con mucha carga social y política, sino también una cuestión macroeconómica importante”, señaló Janet Henry, economista jefe global de HSBC Holdings. Señaló que ninguna economía avanzada se está beneficiando tanto de la inmigración como EEUU y “el impacto de la migración ha sido una parte importante del

crecimiento de EEUU durante los últimos dos años”.

Los trabajadores inmigrantes representan aproximadamente uno de cada cinco trabajadores estadounidenses, un récord en datos gubernamentales que se remontan a casi dos décadas. Economistas y autoridades resaltan la conexión entre la mayor afluencia de trabajadores extranjeros y la rápida recuperación pospandémica. El presidente de la Reserva Federal, Jerome Powell, ha afirmado que la inmigración es una de las razones detrás del fuerte crecimiento económico.

Según cifras oficiales, la población nacida en el extranjero ha crecido de manera considerable a lo largo de los últimos 50 años tanto en tamaño como en porcentaje de la población estadounidense. En 1970 era de 9.6 millones (4.7 por ciento) del total de la población y en 2022 estaba calculada en 46.2 millones (13.9 por ciento) del total de la población de Estados Unidos.

Más de la mitad de los inmigrantes en Estados Unidos provienen de Sudamérica y Centroamérica, con cifras que se incrementaron en más de dos millones en los últimos 12 años.

A pesar de haber disminuido en un millón, los nacidos en México siguen siendo el sector más grande de los inmigrantes que viven en Estados Unidos hoy día, con un total de 10 millones 680 mil en 2022, representando una cuarta parte de la población inmigrante total. Los nacidos en México son sólo una parte del total de 36 millones de personas de origen mexicano que viven en el país. También son el mayor grupo de indocumentados que ingresan a EEUU, según el Departamento de Seguridad Interna.

Un 80 por ciento de los nacidos en México

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