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EDITORIAL

US Imperialism Hands Off Venezuela and Latin America!

Tio Sam is once again beating the drums of war, this time in Latin America. Between September 2 and November 15, the American military has officially announced 21 missile strikes on alleged "drug vessels" in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific, killing more than 80 people according to the establishment press. Over the course of the last three months, the US has built up significant military assets in the region as well, deploying around a dozen destroyers, aircraft carriers, and other warships, as well as nearly 12,000 troops. On October 15, the US President Donald Trump stated that he had approved CIA covert Operation within Venezuelan territory and, during a call with American troops on Thanksgiving, he declared that he would begin land strikes against Venezuelans "very soon."

Dubbed "Operation Southern Spear" by US "Secretary of War" Peter Hegseth, this campaign of airstrikes and military build-up in and around Venezuela is part of a broader attempt by US Imperialism to reassert itself in what it considers to be its traditional "sphere of influence." The military actions and threats against alleged "drug cartels" and the Venezuelan government are mirrored by the US States recent interventions into elections in Honduras and Argentina, in addition to its intense campaign of military threats, economic warfare, and influence-peddling in many Latin American countries, such as Colombia, Brazil, Cuba, and Mexico.

As seen by the long-standing "Monroe Doctrine", named after an 1823 policy laid out by President James Monroe, US Imperialism has viewed Latin America as its own playground for more than a century. To the American capitalist class, they have a special right to economic and political domination over Latin America which no country is allowed to challenge.

To understand Trump's new campaign of warfare, economic control, and regime change within Latin America, we must situate it within the broader international context that American imperialism faces. While the United States is still the world's dominant imperialist power, its relative strength and position have declined significantly in the last three decades, and it finds itself increasingly challenged by the rival imperialist powers of China and Russia. For example, although the United States still holds the highest share of imports and exports across Latin America as a whole, China now ranks as South America's largest trading partner and as the second largest for the entirety of Latin America. In concrete terms, what this means is that has China increased its relative political and material control over the semi-colonial nations of Latin America, competing for influence with the United States.

In response to US interventions, Maduro's government has deepened military ties with Russia, particularly regarding Russian anti-aircraft missiles supplies. The Russian and Chinese imperialists, however, are not willing to come into direct contradiction with the US and remained silent on the question. A desperate Maduro has entered into negotiations with Trump while keeping the terms secret from the people, without realizing that US imperialism will accept

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nothing short of full capitulation and the establishment of a puppet regime.

Other leaders of the Latin American opportunist "left", most notably Lula of Brazil, Sheinbaum of Mexico, and Boric of Chile, have flocked back to US imperialism in a shameless manner and abandoning their former ally, even moving to pursue closer military ties with the US. They do this while continuing to open up national resources to Russia and China as they look for other options to ensure the rule of the bureaucratic faction of the big bourgeoisie.

The workers and peasants of Venezuela and Latin America, who have the most to lose facing US attacks, form the consistent base of anti-imperialism; and only by reconstituting or constituting their Party and through launching democratic revolutions can genuine national and social liberation be guaranteed.

Regardless, any potential military invasion, sanction/tariff threat, or regime change operation by the United States in Latin America must be understood as the actions of a declining imperialist power who is desperately flailing, attempting to use pure brute force to vainly re-establish total control over a region its capitalist view as theirs and theirs alone. Furthermore, in this way Trump is simply escalating a set of imperialist policies that American presidents have been pursuing for decades in ill-fated attempts to preserve their status as the "unipolar" imperial hegemon.

Revolutionary and class-conscious organizations in the United States are faced with the pressing task of organizing a powerful anti-imperialist front of rebellion and resistance against this new wave of imperialist military interventions abroad. The construction of this anti-imperialist front is a complimentary component of the broader task of constructing a class-conscious front against rising fascism (the increasing tendency towards fascism) and the reactionary offensives on the masses in our country and should not be viewed as a separate or parallel project to that task. Nothing illustrate this link clearer than the re-militarization of Vieques: in preparation of a war against Venezuela, US military assembled in Puerto Rico – a colony of US imperialism – and again occupied its old military outpost that once caused immense health and climate damage to generations of Puerto Ricans. As workers and people oppressed by US imperialism across the world share the same enemy, the anti-imperialist united front must be built within the territory of the US and outside of it. The formation of a strong and united front of organized masses, founded on class-conscious anti-imperialist principles and based on the force of the multinational US proletariat, is a vital step on the road to socialist revolution in our country, and it is through completing the tasks of socialist revolution that the strongest blows are dealt to US imperialism.

Those who stand to economically benefit from imperialist wars in Latin America and the Middle East, the American capitalist class, are in turn the main enemies of the multinational working-class on the territory of the United States. The main target of our struggles and mobilizations is US imperialism and its class allies and agents among the working-class movement, and against these foes we raise up a powerful anti-imperialist front, both in solidarity with the workers and oppressed peoples of Latin America and in pursuit of the tasks of socialist revolution here in the United States. At the same time, we reaffirm our immense faith in the people of Venezuela to defend their national sovereignty, and we have no doubt that this round of military adventures of US imperialism will inevitably end in another defeat.

Yankee, go home!

U.S Out of Latin America!

Down with US Imperialism!

Victory to the Venezuelan People!

Long live proletarian internationalism!

Carlos Motta
Contra el Imperialismo, Unidad de Nuestra América, Street mural, Caracas, video still from The Good Life, 2005-2008

Chicago: Resisting Operation Midway Blitz

AS ICE INTENSIFIES ITS ATTACKS ON THE MIGRANT MASSES AS A PART OF THE GREATER TENDENCY TOWARDS FASCISM, THE PARTISAN *HIGHLIGHTS THE NEIGHBORHOOD DEFENSE STRUGGLE BEING TAKEN UP BY GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, SUCH AS THE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE COMMITTEE, UNIDOS POR EL PUEBLO, THE BORIKÉN LIBERATION FRONT, AND THE REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT UNION. GUIDED BY CLASS-CONSCIOUS PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMS, THEY HAVE BEEN ORGANIZING NEIGHBORHOOD DEFENSE UNITS FOR LONG-TERM DEFENSE AGAINST THE OLD STATE, LINKING THE STRUGGLE OF THE MIGRANT MASSES TO TENANT STRUGGLE AND WORKPLACE STRUGGLES. FIGHT ICE TERROR, JOIN THE MILITANT AND CLASS-CONSCIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD MOVEMENT!*

Over the last months, since September 9, Chicagoans have become accustomed to the terror campaign waged by Trump's Immigration and Customs Enforcement known as Operation Midway Blitz. The sight of masked men jumping out of unmarked cars to kidnap our neighbors has turned from a rarity into an everyday occurrence. People are terrorized, they're exhausted from constantly being vigilant, looking over their shoulder. There is a vain hope that the attacks will become less intense or less frequent. In an interview with 60 Minutes on November 3 Trump denied the possibility of either change. The reporter briefly described some of the outrages committed by ICE in Chicago and asked Trump if he believed the campaign had gone too far. Trump responded "No, I don't think they've gone far enough… We're just getting started in Chicago."

Another common hope, similarly vain, is that this campaign can somehow be stopped or mitigated by democrat aligned politicians like JB Pritzker or Brandon Johnson. In reality, they are not against a deportation campaign, just in this particular manifestation under Trump. In a recent speech Pritzker began, tellingly, by addressing it to "all patriotic Americans." He went on to say that "when Kristi Noem says they're removing the 'worst of the worst' we all wish that is what they were doing… Please, when you find dangerous criminals, remove them. Let's all work together, federal and state law enforcement to arrest the bad guys."

Despite this, the people refuse to allow the situation to become the norm. Every day, in all parts of the city, resistance takes place. Neighbors patrol their blocks and watch for known ICE vehicles, send warnings to those in danger, and use their bodies and vehicles to slow or stop their movement. The development of the struggle shows that the people of Chicago are willing and wanting to spontaneously stand up to defend their city. They have faced this incursion creatively, combating it with varying means and methods. As the mass resistance expands and contracts, what is also clear is that the piecemeal, unorganized and undisciplined fight the masses are waging now, although beautiful and righteous, is not fit to effectively battle, much less to end the crisis. What we need to face this enemy is first and foremost a clear idea of who they are: their tactics, their

forces, resources, methods and ultimately their purpose.

What is Operation Midway Blitz?

Midway Blitz represents the opening of a new phase of anti-migrant policy where the function of ICE as an organization meant to defend the dictatorship of the capitalist class has been brought to the forefront.

Since the beginning of the year, ICE has arrested 2,011 people, of which 1,469 were detained. Of those 1,469 detained, 1,044 were deported. Now, since the beginning of the terror campaign on September 9, 1,500 have been arrested in just four weeks.[1] Although the number of deportations in the January to September period is lower than the previous years of ICE activity under Biden (3,266 deported during the same time period last year, 2,392 deported during that time in 2023, 1,645 deported in the same time period in 2022, and 1,799 deported in that time in 2021), the frenzied pace set by Operation Midway Blitz has Trump set to far outpace his predecessor.[2]

The department of Homeland Security, which controls ICE, has billed the operation as "(targeting) Criminal Illegal Aliens Terrorizing Americans in Sanctuary Illinois." This framing makes the easy sell to the MAGA base that the DHS and ICE are 'cleaning up the streets' and ridding the city of the foreign gangs and cartels which they paint in the fascist imagination as running rampant. In reality, undocumented immigrants, including those who have never committed a violent crime and who are a source of fear to no one, are being systematically kidnapped and disappeared. The terror imposed on the people of Chicago is a direct result of the ongoing gestapo-like State violence and nothing else.

So, if we understand the DHS framing to be a farce, what is the true purpose of this operation? Ultimately, it serves as a part of the ongoing fascistization effort by the capitalist ruling class to resolve the developing economic crisis and with it, the sharpening of the main contradiction between the capitalists and the workers. As the capitalists seek to prevent the fall in prices due to overproduction, they begin to destroy productive forces, with the immigrant masses who provide cheap labor being the first to be targeted. At the same time, the capitalists seek to compensate for their losses in the crisis by placing the burden on the working class, stripping workers of their jobs and democratic rights: the immigrant masses are again an easy target. Finally, the deportations marked the removal of various legal restrictions placed on violent organs like ICE and BPD, as the ruling class militarizes the society to put down the growing people's resistance. As the Trump regime carries out these attacks, they prepare public opinion by launching an ideological offensive, fanning up hatred against the immigrant masses and oppressed nations. To the MAGA base, the most clear enemy is the immigrant which they see as replacing them.

So, we can see how this dual purpose manifests; on the one hand, the economic crisis must be mitigated with the deportation of immigrant workers as a starting point; on the other hand, a show has to be made of removing the immigrant population violently and traumatically to strike fear into the rest of that population and all workers in general. Trump had admitted that some immigrants, like those who tend to American farms are so vital to the economy that they cannot be deported: indeed, the importation of a workforce from oppressed countries to the United States has become a new feature of the US society and economy. This fact alone made these sections of the working class the most vulnerable to reactionary attacks.

If we understand this purpose, the tactics and methods of ICE make more sense. And if we understand both their purpose and methods, we will be much better equipped to defeat both.

Struggle and organize their closest neighbors against all their enemies, fighting the small to gain experience to resist even bigger ones.

What are the methods of Operation Midway Blitz?

As part of Operation Midway Blitz, ICE has, as a rule, utilized unmarked cars, plain clothes agents, and face masks to both add to the unpredictability of their attacks and the atmosphere of fear. For the immigrant masses today, any vehicle or any person they cross paths with could be targeting them. To add to this atmosphere of fear, the incursions into our neighborhoods have also been sporadic and unpredictable. One day, a neighborhood can be swarmed with ICE and face many attacks, and in the following days, there can be few to no instances of ICE activity.

What has been predictable is their targeting of community hubs, restaurants, food stands, grocery stores, laundries, groups of day laborers who gather around hardware stores, etc… Their attacks have not only been limited to these community hubs but have also targeted entire apartment buildings. In the majority Black neighborhood South Shore, on September 30, ICE removed all the residents at 7500 S. South Shore Drive by force handcuffing and zip tying the residents as they forced them from their apartments into the street and into the back of rented trucks. That many of these people were American citizens was of little consequence. The state has provided no information on who was (and is still) detained.

Another method of attack has been completely random and individual, highlighting the need for hyper-local rapid response teams. ICE agents have targeted individual and vehicles at random, detaining and arresting people with only the barest pretense of profiling them as "illegal immigrants." Not only are our Latino communities harassed and attacked by ICE, but in the Black communities, ICE agents, claiming to search for "Haitian immigrants," have begun to mete out the same terror to Latino and Black Chicagoans alike.

The resistance in Chicago has already become a beacon for the rest of the country, as the masses are becoming educated on the true nature of imperialism through class struggle. At the same time, without solid organizations and a clear proletarian politics towards socialist revolution, these struggles cannot succeed and will fall into reformism. We not only have a broad desire to resist but the bravery and enthusiasm to fight back. What is needed now is to take diffuse resistance, our individual and small group actions, to link them up and coordinate them within our neighborhoods, on our blocks, our streets, and in our buildings, coupled with revolutionary propaganda and education. Spontaneous resistance is inspiring, but organized resistance is indispensable. Chicago neighborhood-based mass organizations taking up the struggle against militarization—Borikén Liberation Front, Unidos por el Pueblo, and People's Defense Chicago—published a statement which said the same more eloquently: "The rebellion is there but it is diffuse, unorganized. To harness it we need to develop neighborhood units which can struggle and organize their closest neighbors against all their enemies, fighting the small to gain experience to resist even bigger ones."

1. https://x.com/CMDROpAtLargeCA/status/1977953641571996139 ↩
2. https://www.ice.gov/statistics ↩

Charlotte: Masses Rally Against Border Patrol Operation

On November 15, many of the Border Patrol officers who for months terrorized, brutalized, and abducted immigrants in Chicago were transferred to Charlotte to launch operation "Charlotte's Web." In just five days, Border Patrol arrested over 370 people, utilizing the same brutal tactics seen in Chicago. Federal officers intimidated immigrant neighborhoods and workers, abducted parents during school pickup, shattered car windows with assault rifles, hauled protesters into FBI custody after detaining them, and even seized teenagers from local stores.

One of those targeted was Miguel Angel Garcia Martinez, a U.S. citizen who was arrested, charged with a felony, and had their car destroyed after being chased for over two miles simply for recording agents. In another incident, masked Border Patrol officers stormed a church and, without asking any questions, detained one person and attempted to apprehend others, forcing attendees to flee through the woods.

In response to this and the spontaneous mass protests that began upon the announcement of the Border Patrol operation, last Thursday, People's Defense Charlotte (PDClt) organized a demonstration in East Charlotte protesting the ongoing Border Patrol operation in the city. They were joined by a united front of community members, along with numerous local revolutionary and progressive class-conscious organizations. The action was organized as part of the broader national campaign by the People's Defense Committee to fight State repression against the exploited and oppressed masses by forming Neighborhood Defense Units in every working-class neighborhood and block.

The rally was outside Manolo's Bakery, a small business located in a majority Latino working-class neighborhood, which was forced to close due to harassment from Border Patrol. Throughout the week, the masses in the neighborhood have been using the bakery as a spontaneous gathering point to protest the operation.

During the action, members of the PDClt, Housing Justice Coalition, and George Jackson Grassroots Collective spoke about mass deportations and the militarization of immigration enforcement alongside community members. A member of PDClt read aloud a message from an activist who had been arrested earlier in the week for documenting Border Patrol. In between speeches, speakers led chants, and after the rally participants and other groups of spontaneous masses took to the streets in a demonstration of mass rebellion.

Building upon efforts it launched earlier in the Fall, at the rally, PDClt called for the establishment of neighborhood defense units in every neighborhood and every block in the city to militantly combat Border Patrol, ICE, and police operations. One speaker highlighted the need for coordinated and systematic mass work in the current period, contrasting it to the individualistic forms of rebellion some activists have approached people's defense with: "One person waging war against the state is a death wish and a suicide mission. We have no shortage of

righteous martyrs. What we do have is a shortage of actual revolutionaries prepared to integrate and build real power within our communities." Linking the struggles for daily demands among the masses with the question of political Power for the multinational working-class in the US is one of the main tasks for revolutionary mass organizations like the People's Defense Committee.

In the lead-up to the demonstration, City Councilor Juan Diego Mazuera Arias, along with several career activists and liberal organizations, attempted unsuccessfully to sway the masses from attending the rally. Using the tried-and-true tactic of trying to frame PDClt as outside agitators working to sow chaos and division within the community. Mazuera Arias even released a video condemning the rally for requesting that rally attendees not fly the US flag and wear masks.

This was all part of a coordinated effort on the part of the City Government, NGOs, and certain local reformist organizations to quell any mass militancy. These forces, controlled by the Democratic Party or organized revisionism, put out countless calls telling the masses to be "peaceful" and to document but not confront Border Patrol and local law enforcement. Several organizations that claim to be fighting for immigrant rights went so far as to tout the lie that local law enforcement was "on our side."

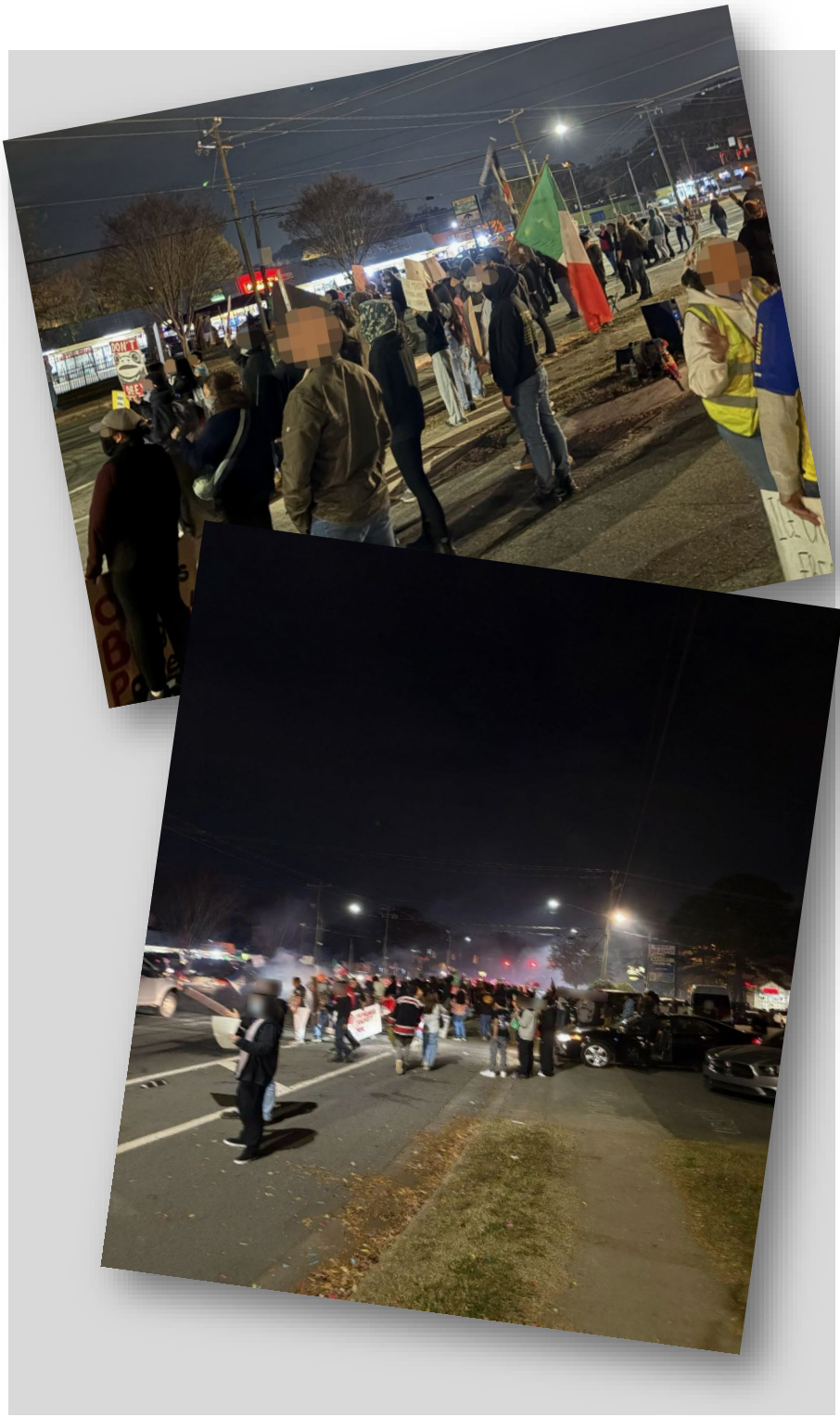
However, like in Los Angeles and Chicago, the masses disregard these blatant attempts to stamp out resistance to the operation. Tuesday morning, Border Patrol officers woke up to find their tires slashed, and throughout the week, the masses repeatedly confronted agents spotted in working-class neighborhoods. Thousands also took to the streets in demonstrations, such as at the one organized by PDClt, refusing to be intimidated and refusing to stand by as the operation unfolded.

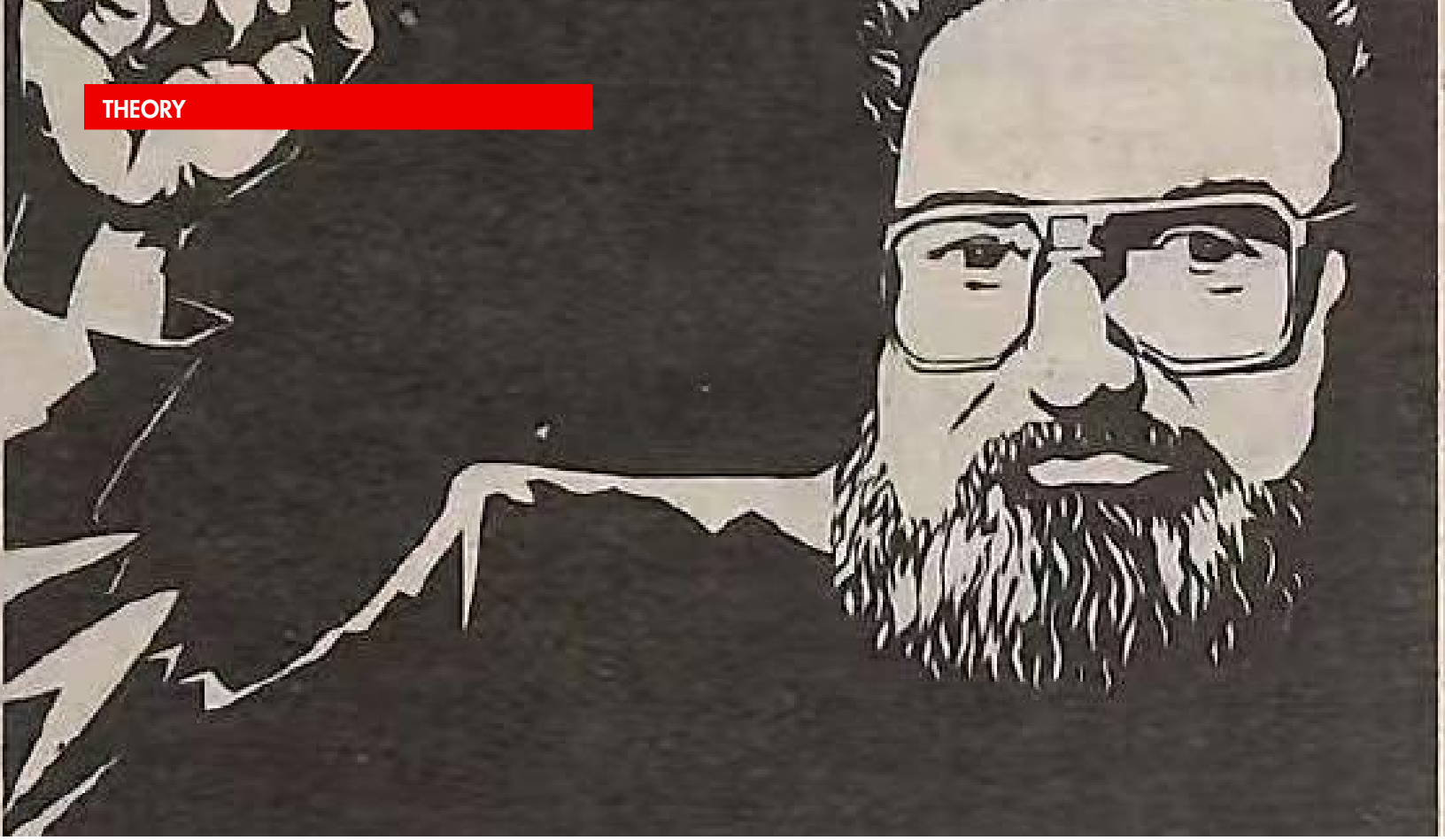
Since deploying federal troops to Los Angeles in June, the Trump administration has followed through on its promise to use the armed forces to support ongoing deportation operations. These operations, which have sparked significant mass rebellion across the country, show that the imperialist State is aiming to intensify the militarization of U.S. society and is a step further towards the development of growing fascism in the U.S.

Family and friends of Miguel Angel Garcia Martinez, who was falsely charged with three felonies for recording ICE operations, are collecting donations for his defense.

Stand with Miguel Garcia Martinez for Justice!

Scan the QR code to visit his GoFundMe page.





Chairman Gonzalo, Man of Thought and Action

Exactly a hundred years ago, Jose Carlos Mariategui, founder of the Communist Party of Peru, wrote these powerful words: “the attitude of the person who sets out to correct reality is, certainly, more optimistic than pessimistic. They are pessimistic in their protest and condemnation of the present; but they are optimistic in their hope for the future.”

Nine years later, on December 3, 1934, Chairman Gonzalo was born: like Mariategui, he was a pessimist of the present and an optimist of the will. With surgical precision, Chairman Gonzalo observed and described the poverty of the masses under four centuries of exploitation and oppression. At the same time, he saw clearly the ways to correct such a reality, with the seeds of the future germinating from the harsh struggles of the present: the same masses who are creators of history, and the scientific organization of their poverty. In this way, he possessed an inexhaustible faith in the working class, the oppressed people, and the Communists – altogether, they represent the future.

From leading the reconstitution of the Communist Party of Peru, to leading the People’s War, and even after his detention by the class enemy in 1992, Chairman Gonzalo had always stood on the forefront of the struggle to bring about a new world without exploitation and oppression. Through his revolutionary practice, Chairman Gonzalo defined Maoism as the third, new, and higher stage of Marxism and developed it, leaving an immense treasure trove for the working class and people of the world. He provided universal contributions to our ideology, such as concentric construction, the universality of People’s War, and the essential task of constituting or reconstituting Communist Parties in every country. While the world was mired in the myopic “end of history” with the fall of Soviet social-imperialism, Chairman Gonzalo led a People’s War that engulfed over two-thirds of Peru, reigniting the faith that a genuine revolution is not only possible, but necessary. “May the actions speak!” was the slogan. Truly, Chairman Gonzalo was an “imaginative” person in the words of Mariategui.

For two decades, Chairman Gonzalo led the struggle to reconstitute the Communist Party as a militarized Party of a new type, against all forms of opportunists, reformists, and revisionists that rejected the leading role of the working class in the revolution and the necessity of revolutionary violence. Chairman Gonzalo insisted that the Communist Party, the vanguard detachment of the working class, can only be reconstituted and built up in the midst of class struggle, with armed struggle as the highest and primary form. He maintained that a Communist Party is not declared through subjective criteria by self-imposed leaders, but is welded together by the best children of the working class, forged through leadership in the class struggle and living with, working with, and struggling with the masses. Drawing on the life and death struggle between the working class and the capitalist class, the Chairman laid down the principle of secrecy for the process of reconstitution, as “we have to conquer power and overthrow.”

To destroy the old, but most importantly, to build anew – these are the tasks of the Communists, fighters and masses in the People’s War. Chairman Gonzalo established that armed struggle led by the Communist Party is a war of the people, the producers, won mainly through their participation rather than by weapons and technology. Such a war will be protracted in nature: war is only learned through war, from simple forms to complex forms, as the

People's Army grows from weak to strong. People's War, the highest form of class struggle, destroys the old relations of production, as well as the old State that guarantees it; in their place, it imposes the new relations of production and a new State: the dictatorship of the working class.

Following the teachings of Chairman Mao, Chairman Gonzalo developed the thesis of bureaucrat capitalism as a delayed form of capitalism developed by imperialism in oppressed countries. He corrected the mistakes of many revolutionaries in the third world, who erred in seeing progressive tendencies in the bureaucratic bourgeoisie, those that merely uses the power of the State to extract profit and develop State monopoly capitalism to serve imperialist exploitation. At the same time, he identified semi-feudalism as the basis of bureaucrat capitalism, which continues to exert extra-economic oppression on the back of the peasantry despite having been transformed with the introduction of national and international capital. For revolutionaries in the United States, analyzing the role of US imperialism in developing bureaucrat capitalism is an urgent need and a necessary service to the peoples of the world.

Chairman Gonzalo stressed the importance of self-reliance. He maintained that the working class and people can only win Power for themselves with their own strength, and not by relying on the capitalists, or by revolutionaries and Parties from other countries. For Chairman Gonzalo, the best way to support revolutions abroad is to develop revolution in one's own country. He pointed out that the Peruvian nation – like all nations oppressed by imperialism – can only be emancipated and formally established with revolution, where a new truly popular and national culture and art will emerge, rejuvenating centuries of work and struggle.

It is in the same vein that Chairman Gonzalo defended the continuation of class struggle under socialism, reemphasizing Chairman Mao's watchwords that "revisionism in Power is capitalism in Power" and "dare to swim against the tide." Under his leadership, the Communist Party of Peru was the first Communist Party to recognize the revisionist coup in China. Stressing the omnipotence of revolutionary violence, he raised up the militarization of the people as the effective bulwark against bourgeois right and the inequality it entails.

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When discussing the history of the Peruvian revolution, Chairman Gonzalo once remarked, "the revisionists make pilgrimages every year on the day of his [Mariategui's] death. According to Marxism the day of the birth of the leaders is celebrated."

These simple words contain an important truth: we celebrate birth because it marked something qualitatively new. Everything in the world, from simple to complex, will grow, mature, and die – all having their source in birth. There will always be those who are born, those who will make revolution and propel the world forward, bringing death to the old world and birth to a new one. With these words, today, on December 3, we celebrate Chairman Gonzalo's 91st birthday, both for him as a person – a leader, a teacher, and a military strategist – and for his invincible thought, which remains more alive than ever with the others.

In his famous *Interview with El Diario*, Chairman Gonzalo once said: "It is our ideology that makes us brave, that gives us courage. In my opinion, no one is born brave. It is society, the class struggle, that makes people and communists courageous – the class struggle, the proletariat, the Party, and our ideology."

It was with truths like these, and the initiation of actions so that these truths could speak, that Chairman Gonzalo gained the respect of the people of the world. By virtue of being one called and illuminated by a higher will, one who took up the task of liberation in the name of generations of the downtrodden.

Chairman Gonzalo is immortal because immortal is his thought!

… Finally, listen to this. As we see in the world, Maoism is marching relentlessly forward to lead the New Great Wave of the World Proletarian Revolution. Listen well and understand. Those who have ears, use them. Those who have understanding — and we all have it — use it! Enough nonsense! Enough confusion! Understand this! What is unfolding in the world? What do we need! We need Maoism to be a living force, and this is happening. We need Maoism to generate Communist Parties to lead this New Great Wave of the World Proletarian Revolution that is coming." … "Today there is one reality, the same contenders of the First and Second World War are preparing a Third World War. We should know this and we, as the sons of an oppressed country, are part of the booty. We cannot consent to this! Enough imperialist exploitation! We must finish with them! We are of the Third World and the Third World is the base of the World Proletarian Revolution, with one condition, that the Communist Parties uphold and lead! That is what we must do!…" We emphasize the importance of the oppressed nations that are the base of the World Proletarian Revolution and the immediate necessity of generating Maoist Communist Parties that develop People's War, in order to correspondingly unfold the New Great Wave of the World Revolution and to impose Maoism as the command and guide.

Chairman Gonzalo, *Speech from the Cage*

INTERNATIONAL

Learn from Comrade Hidma!

Comrade Madvi Hidma, member of the CC of the CPI(Maoist)

On November 18, member of the Communist Party of India (Maoist) Central Committee, Comrade Madvi Hidma, was martyred in Andhra Pradesh alongside six other comrades including his wife.

Contrary to the lies of the Old Indian State, Cde Hidma and his comrades were not killed in a firefight but in an extrajudicial execution. The seven Communists were arrested on October 28 before being summarily executed, according to the Andhra Pradesh Civil Liberties Committee.

An Adivasi by birth, Cde Hidma witnessed the misery and destruction brought by landlords and capitalists firsthand. He joined the ranks of the People's War since his youth. In 2017, after years of dedicated work leading the masses in the Dandakaranya, Cde Hidma was promoted to the Central Committee of the Party and became the youngest CC member at the age of 36.

As a CC member, Cde Hidma was known as one of the most outstanding commanders of the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army and one of the most feared enemies of the Old Indian State. According to sources of the class enemy, Cde Hidma was accused of leading and participating in many offensives that inflicted heavy losses to the reactionary State forces.

Cde Hidma set an example of Communist leadership and fighting spirit: he was never far away from the trenches of the People's War, always vigilant, and made learning an integral part of his life. His indomitable story, from a poor Adivasi village of only a few hundred people, rising to the highest leadership of the all-India revolution, growing stronger in every battle, continues to serve as a shining red flag for all revolutionaries across the world.

His legacy of a fighting revolutionary spirit and dedication to the masses is a lesson for all those who yearn for liberation and emancipation the world over, and is mirrored in the Communist Party of India (Maoist)'s pledge to never surrender to the enemy. This refusal to capitulate and join the ranks of liquidators and traitors in India comes in the face of intense repression during the bloody Operation Kagaar.

The Indian Revolution should be of interest to all revolutionary-minded people in the United States, especially as US imperialism is the foremost enemy that oppresses and exploits the Indian masses. It is one of our key international solidarity tasks to support the Indian people, their Party, and their revolutionary mass organizations particularly during this difficult period.

For more information about the ongoing revolution in India, read *A Brief History of the Indian Revolution* on page 17.

Activists of PDC put up a shrine for revolutionary martyrs in Palestine and India this past Halloween.

(Oklahoma City, OK)

PDC Builds Neighborhood Defense Against ICE

Over the course of November, chapters of the People's Defense Committee (PDC) continued to work to build active resistance to ICE, CBP, and police brutality. Beginning earlier this year with deployments of National Guard, Marines, and other federal forces alongside ICE and CBP to cities like Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., it is clear that US society is becoming more and more militarized. With a pressing need to broaden and elevate the spontaneous mass struggles against State terror, organizations like the PDC have called for the formation of what they call neighborhood defense units as localized, organized, and militant organs of long-term workers' neighborhood defense and resistance.

In Washington, D.C., after the August declaration of a "crime emergency" by the US State, and the imposition of National Guard alongside a now-federalized Metropolitan Police Department, People's Defense D.C. began mobilizing among the community as part of the spontaneous mass resistance through various rapid-response networks. This culminated in November, where PDDC activists organized a rally in the Columbia Heights neighborhood to condemn the continued presence of ICE and other state forces in the city, as well as call for the formation of a neighborhood defense unit in the community.

In Chicago, after months of ICE's brutal "Operation Midway Blitz" that began in September, People's Defense Chicago, alongside fellow community members from the Garfield Park neighborhood, formed a neighborhood defense unit. Attendees discussed issues such as police chases, police violence on homeless people, the use of tear gas by ICE, the use of surveillance tools, and abductions by ICE at local schools. Support for existing rapid-response networks was discussed, as well as ways to improve and expand this work in the long-term. Many community leaders offered their support, expressing deep joy to see that this work is being done, with many saying "this is what needs to happen.

PDC activists hold community event against Operation Midway Blitz and demand justice for Nate Fejerang killed by the Chicago Police Department. (Chicago, IL)

PDC Consolidates After 1st National Convention

In the aftermath of its 1st National Convention, the People's Defense Committee has continued to build its work among the masses. In Chicago and Washington, D.C., PDC chapters have called for the formation of Neighborhood Defense Units in local neighborhoods to organize long-term defense against militarization and police brutality. In both cities, ICE has been terrorizing immigrant communities with the full support of the Old State. In Washington, D.C., the National Guard and other federal police forces roam the streets and brutalize the masses at unprecedented levels. Both Chicago and D.C. face severe militarization, and thus in response the masses naturally struggle against the State's attempts to demonize immigrants and enact militaristic control. Long term solutions, like Neighborhood Defense Units, are needed to fight back and transform the current mass community resistance from short-term spontaneous rebellion into long-term revolutionary momentum.

Chapters in Columbus, Austin, Charlotte, and Durham spent the month organizing tenants in their struggle against the parasitic landlord class by knocking doors and tabling inside of apartment complexes to garner support for the creation of tenant unions. People's Defense Charlotte held a successful Halloween community event for tenants at the Landon Apartments, even after being denied the right to do so by the complex's management. People's Defense Columbus held a tenants and renters meeting to further develop the struggle in the city. In general, PDC chapters are further developing and professionalizing their work with each step in the tenants struggle, marching towards a class-conscious tenants movement.

People's Defense Committee chapters across the nation furthered their practice of the "Three Withs" of living with, working with, and struggling with the masses. People's Defense Oklahoma City spent the Halloween weekend hosting a "Trunk or Treat" event and erected an ofrenda (featuring portraits of local victims of police brutality, as well as Indian and Palestinian martyrs) at a local Day of the Dead festival. At the Day of the Dead festival activists spent the entire day speaking with locals and speaking on the struggles of the people in the US and internationally. Practicing the Three Withs is an important principle to uphold, since ultimately all change must come from the masses mobilized in class struggle.

◀ *Tenants rally in Charlottes, NC demanding better housing.*

Students Fight Back Against State Repression

During November, students of the Revolutionary Student Union (RSU) continued their campaign in solidarity with nationally oppressed political prisoners. Students from New Jersey organized a letter-writing event for Tarek Bazrouk, a Palestinian student and activist who was taken by the State in June and has been held in custody without bail since. Students from Denton, TX, Columbus, OH, Washtenaw, MI, Edmond, OK, and New York City all organized movie screenings of the movie *Across Enemy Lines*, which details the life of New Afrikan political prisoner Shaka Shakur. In these events, activists discussed the struggle for Black/New Afrikan liberation and how to support the struggles of political prisoners and demand their release. Despite the repression faced by Denton Student Union from the Texas Attorney-General, they have maintained their commitment to organizing and working with other class-conscious organizations in the struggle.

On November 15, students from RSU at Johnson & Wales University rallied to demand that the university lower student tuition, provide job security for staff, provide financial accountability, and end the neglect of school facilities. In response, campus security alongside Providence police harassed the students and ordered them to disperse. Even after the rally relocated to an off-campus park across the street, campus security continued to surveil students, taking pictures of those in attendance from unmarked vehicles. Despite facing repression, members of the JWU Student Movement stated "We will not be bullied into silence. We will continue to struggle for better living conditions, lower tuition, and job stability for JWU faculty.

Denton, TX: Revolutionary Students Respond to State Repression

There is a storied history of political struggle here in Denton. In these times of the decaying American empire, we at DSU are choosing to pick up the mantle and fight against the increased level of fascism in our society. Our goal as a mass organization has always, and will continue to be that of building local solidarity and supporting local communities.

In a recent letter to the president of UNT, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton explicitly named our organization as one promoting "violent radical leftist rhetoric." This is patently untrue, and is a transparent attempt at intimidation by a deeply unpopular Attorney General who wants to bolster his wavering senate campaign. Denton Student Union is a popular mass organization, and not an armed group. We do not engage in armed or violent struggle, even in the face of a state apparatus that actively inflicts violence on the unhoused, working class, queer, and other oppressed groups. Our role as a student organization is one that will not capitulate to the angry cries of petulant fascists. Our goal as an organization has, and will continue to be, that of organizing for workers and students in our community.

This refusal to capitulate is why they have chosen to target us. Our work in the local community—building solidarity, feeding the homeless, and connecting with those around us—is antithetical to the cruel, ruthless, and hyper-individualistic worldview which drives Paxton and his cronies. The recent letter to UNT President Keller makes that fact deeply apparent.

We at DSU also want to acknowledge that though we may be among the first targeted, we will not be the last. The state intends to continue using tools of intimidation against any popular movements or groups opposing their goal to silence dissent, and it will not stop there. On a national level, people are already being targeted, and we know that the state of Texas often serves as a test tube for fascist policies before they are expanded nation-wide. We will continue to stand in opposition to all repression of mass activism.

Our actions as an organization are explicitly protected by the First Amendment, and no amount of chest-puffing by the Texas Attorney General can change that reality. We will continue our work as an organization, and we will continue to serve as a bulwark against the fear, isolation, and atomization which the ruling class and their guard dogs seek to impose upon us and our communities.

Dare to struggle, dare to win.
Denton Student Union

Rally against fascists on campus held by Denton Student Union. (Denton, TX)

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Washington, DC: Defend Workers Exposed to Asbestos at American University

THE PARTISAN IS HAPPY TO SHARE AN ARTICLE FROM THE POTOMAC WORKER *COVERING WASHINGTON DC AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA ON THE WORKERS' STRUGGLE FOR RIGHTS AND HEALTH.*

In 2016, under the direction of American University and Chartwells (the contracting agency that employs kitchen workers), the state union SEIU 500 blocked off the kitchen staff's locker rooms to "make upgrades and renovate" the workers' break space. What was actually happening behind the scenes was more nefarious than simply making better seating and spacious lockers. The real reason why "renovations" (which amounted to a simple removal of the ceiling) were being made to the locker room was because there was asbestos in the ceilings of the locker room that workers had been inhaling, ingesting, and storing in their bodies, poisoning them in the process.

AU workers have suffered greatly from this exposure for decades now. As **[redacted]**, a worker in the AU kitchens, stated: "At least 25 people have developed cancer from asbestos poisoning with seven dying since 2016…even the union rep and his son got cancer and died…! The union has done nothing!" What is the root of this crime against the workers perpetrated by American University, Chartwells, and SEIU 500? When we go to the root, we see how the exploitation and oppression of workers by the bosses, capitalists, and government/union elites creates the conditions for these and other deadly crimes against the people.

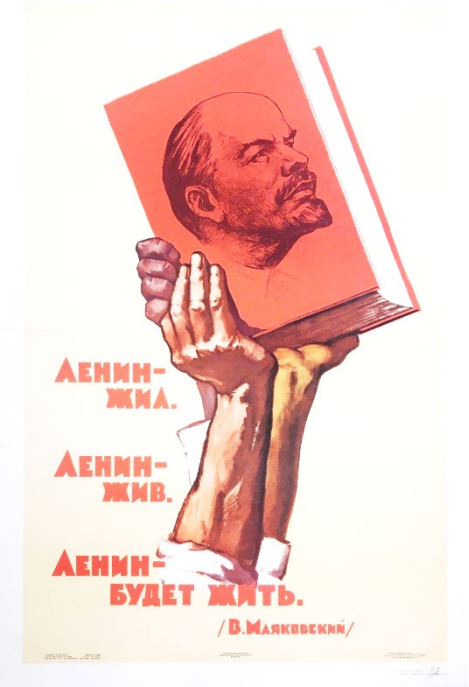
It is profitable to wait until the last moment possible to protect workers. Protecting workers takes money that would go into the hands of the ruling class away from them. It is also worth noting that at a predominantly white institution (PWI) like AU, most of the workers that work in the kitchens are Black or Latino immigrants who have been forced to leave their home countries as a result of imperialist exploitation and oppression. Thirdly, as the unionized worker **[redacted]** commented,

"The union just drags its feet to protect us. They said they wouldn't support our class action lawsuit against the school." When establishment unions work in collaboration with employers and not workers, when they focus more on getting along with the bosses and following the State's priorities for labor, we know it is time to take matters into our own hands rather than wait forever for the so-called "union" to lead a fight they have already surrendered. For too long, workers have been separated from students here at AU. Instead of fostering a close relationship with workers, students have been made to see them almost as if they are servants rather than as comrades in the struggle against our common problems and issues in US society. The time for this kind of view has ended, and by bringing to light struggles like the asbestos poisoning here at AU, we can shout as one: Enough is enough!

November 7: Long Live the Path of the October Revolution!

This November 7 marked the 108th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution: for the first time in history, the working class, in alliance with poor peasants, swept away centuries of oppression and exploitation and built a new social order based on the democratic rule of the toiling masses. Under the leadership of the Bolshevik Party and its founder, Vladimir Lenin, the first Socialist State in the world was established, freeing a sixth of the world from capitalism and imperialism. The October revolution generated hope among working class and people across the globe. It showed that it is possible to create a world where the broad majority of oppressed and exploited working people are able to decide their own fate.

For four years, the Russian capitalist class, supported by the US, Britain, and other imperialist powers, waged a bloody war to regain their power, but they were no match for the strength of the workers and peasants. The Old State of landlords and capitalists was dismantled and replaced with Soviets, organs of people's Political Power. Industry, land, and the means of production were nationalized and collectively owned. Production was organized according to social needs, not private profit.



With Lenin and his successor, Joseph Stalin, the Soviet Union achieved one of the fastest rates of economic growth in the world. Illiteracy was eradicated, free and universal education was introduced, and unemployment was eliminated within a decade. The Bolsheviks immediately and unconditionally codified the national right to self-determination up until secession, making clear that each nation has the right to decide their own fate and that a nation that oppresses other nations cannot truly be free.

Healthcare was made free and universal; in fact, the Soviet state was among the first to control the influenza pandemic of 1918 through decisive public health measures. These accomplishments stand in sharp contrast to the failures of the US imperialists during crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Massive development projects were undertaken, such as those in housing, electrification, transport, and infrastructure, completely transforming living conditions.

Recreation and cultural enrichment were considered essential: sports facilities, sanatoria, and holiday homes were built for workers, luxuries once reserved for the wealthy in capitalist societies. Soviet women likewise gained full equality with the revolution. In contrast, white women in the US gained suffrage only in 1919, and Black men and women did not gain it until 1965. Soviet women received equal pay, maternity benefits, and paid breaks to feed their children, policies that would take generations to appear elsewhere.

The influence of the October Revolution was global and immediate. Beyond its borders, the Soviet Union became a beacon for anti-colonial and national liberation movements throughout Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Especially, the lessons of revolutionary and socialist construction in the Soviet Union inspired the Great Chinese Revolution and the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, which in turn also became shining beacons of the international working class.

The wind of the October Revolution also swept across the United States. In 1919, the Communist Party of the United States of America was founded by the convergence of the workers' movement and the Black liberation movement. Following the direction of the Soviet Union and the Communist International, the Communist Party will go on to lead struggles that mobilized millions for their economic and political demands in the 1920s and 1930s, organizing all sections of the working class from sharecroppers to miners and industrial workers.

108 years later, the October Revolution continues to hold relevance for the working class and people of the world. Today, to preserve their decaying order, imperialists, led by the United States, have intensified

their warmongering and poured immense resources into militarization, as millions of people in the oppressed countries are rising up in rebellion. In the US itself, the imperialists unleash more brutal attacks against the working class to resolve the worsening crisis of overproduction, stripping them of democratic rights and livelihood. We must remember the rich lessons of the October Revolution and apply them, without falling into the marsh and dead-ends of reformism and opportunism.

The October Revolution especially taught us that the revolution is led by a Party of the working class guided by the class ideology. Only with such a Party, built and steeled in the furnace of class struggle, can the revolution be carried out until the end. The Bolsheviks were the best example of this: under Lenin, they took part in various big and small struggles, from the struggle for shorter workdays, to the struggle for democratic rights, all the way to armed struggle. In this process, they were able to propagate the revolutionary ideology among the workers and mobilizing them in the millions, unmasking and defeating all opportunists and revisionists who aim to deceive the working class. Like Chairman Mao once pointed out: "**with the masses, with the Party, all kinds of miracles will be done.**" Likewise, the October Revolution taught us about the centrality of Political Power, which must be conquered and defended with violence; Lenin famously said that the State machine cannot be simply changed, it must be smashed. The capitalists will not give up the struggle without a fight; it is up to the working class to put up this fight and to exercise its own dictatorship against the capitalists.

US Communist and working-class leader Big Bill Haywood, who lived in exile in Russia after 1921 described the inspiring process the October Revolution represented: "Here in Russia they've had nineteen battlefronts to fight on. They've had to recruit, discipline, and provide for a tremendous army. They have had a lot of unscrupulous nations — most of them as bad as the United States — to deal with. An upheaval means change in the life of the people; adjustments must be made, certain commodities exchanged abroad — and that requires the dictatorship of the proletariat. But every communist in every country must be educated to see the end, the final revolution, and to know that the political state is going to exhaust itself and find no further function. The thing that takes its place is industrial — industry including art and science and agriculture, all human activity summed up in economic life, and in all those fields Russia is coming out in the forefront of the world. Here the revolution is an accomplished fact, and other nations must follow. I've learned that here."

Today, to take up the red flag of the October Revolution means to take up the road that it has shown us, to organize the working class everywhere and anywhere for socialist revolution.

News from the Labor Struggle

Amazon Workers Publish Draft Demands

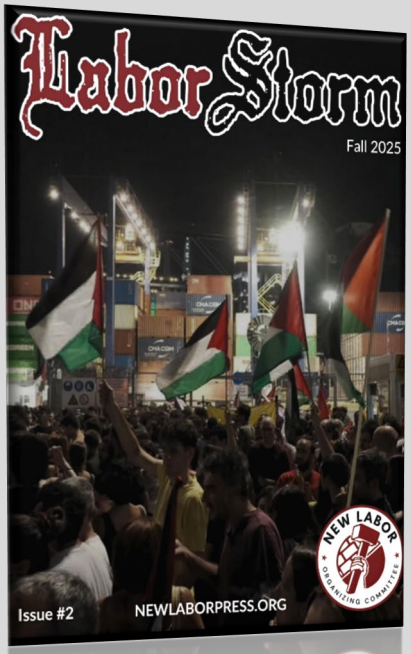
Amazon warehouse workers organizing with *New Day at Amazon* released a set of demands in October as part of the New Labor Organizing Committee's efforts to intensify their work against speed-ups, lay-offs, and worsening conditions of work the class is currently experiencing. Among the demands were included things like better pay, an end to Amazon's infamous surveillance of insider workers and drivers, protections and demands for migrant workers, and a refusal to accept any no-strike clause imposed by management and the state union establishment.

Shop organizations like *New Day at Amazon* have been doing work like this as part of the 2025-2026 implementation of the new NLOC Program ratified this summer.

NLOC Agitates Around Strike Platform

Members of the Organization of Class Conscious Workers participated in and agitated on Starbucks picket lines around their strike platform. The platform was created through combining the New Labor Organizing Committee (NLOC) program with the demands and input of OCSW members and supporters at Starbucks itself, and it centers around political positions like opposing no-strike clauses and fighting for actually meaningful economic concessions from the owners.

In addition to this and other work, in the month of November NLOC released the second edition of its bimonthly newsletter, ***Labor Storm***, which contains sections on the work of the shop organizations as well as of the New Labor Committees which were launched this spring and summer. To read it, scan the QR code or visit the New Labor Press website.



A Brief History of the Indian Revolution

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In light of the recent May 21 massacre of Indian Maoists, readers of *The Partisan* may be wondering: what is the history and background of the revolutionary movement in India? Those more familiar with the International Communist Movement may know of the various Marxist parties and organizations of the 20th and 21st centuries in India. Obviously those have their importance, but the Indian people are not unfamiliar or new to revolution, and the modern New Democratic revolution in India is a direct product of a long history of Indian revolutionary violence against colonialism, imperialism, and feudal oppression, dating back centuries.

In British India (comprising the lands that would later become the modern countries of India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan), some of the earliest uprisings carried out against colonial rule by the masses came as a result of encroachment upon adivasi (tribal or indigenous) land. The Chuar uprisings of the Bhumij people between 1766–1834 in the Junglemahal, centered in the western part of what is now West Bengal and the eastern part of Jharkhand, were largely in response to the British imposition of taxation and land grabbing. The Santal Hul of 1855–1856 saw Santali people, under the leadership of brothers Sidhu and Kanhu Murmu, fight against the British imposition of taxation and feudal landlords on their traditional lands. The Indian masses were aware of the role of the British colonialists in their oppression, and despite the existence of pre-British oppressors it was always the British and their native allies who were singled out as the enemy of the era.

One of the most well-known agitations against the British rule in India was the First Indian War of Independence, also commonly known as the 1857 Indian Rebellion or the "Sepoy Mutiny." While the inciting incident related to mistreatment of sepoys (a type of native Indian infantry) in the British East India Company's private army, it quickly grew into a bloody war that lasted one and a half years. With participation of both the Indian feudal nobility or landlords, as well as the peasants, this war posed a major threat to British colonial rule. Thus, the British instituted a brutal campaign of mass murder of Indians, chiefly among the masses, while hypocritically decrying the relatively infrequent murders of "innocent" British by Indians. The War itself was morally just and represented the first major mass armed struggle against colonialism, and its aftermath would set the stage for future uprisings in India.

As the struggle for independence grew and developed over the latter half of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th, it took on a more revolutionary character. Frustrated with the more capitalist and reformist section of the nationalist movement, which advocated nonviolent means of transferring power from the British, a growing section of people took up more revolutionary nationalist and Communist politics. Organizations like the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HRSA) or the Communist Party of India (CPI) were founded at this time. Actions against British rule became more violent. For example, in 1928 HRSA member Bhagat Singh led an assassination of a British officer, avenging the murder of independence activist Lala Lajpat Rai by police at an independence protest in Lahore. In 1929, Singh also detonated a leaflet bomb at the Central Legislative Assembly, decrying British rule

and stating: “It is easy to kill individuals but you cannot kill the ideas. Great empires crumbled, while the ideas survived.”

Bhagat Singh was imprisoned by the British and held a hunger strike while awaiting trial. He was sentenced to death for the murder of a British officer. After the hanging, his corpse was cut up by the British and covertly disposed of, to reduce any celebration by the masses of his martyrdom. Nonetheless, Singh highlighted the correctness of revolutionary violence against class enemies and is remembered to this day for bringing the struggle against colonialism and feudalism to a more militant level. Despite the leadership of the Indian independence movement ending up being mainly reformist, Singh stands as a shining example of the galvanizing importance of armed struggle that would continue even after the British rule ended. Before his death, Singh himself stated that:

Let us declare that the state of war does exist and shall exist so long as the Indian toiling masses and the natural resources are being exploited by a handful of parasites. They may be purely British Capitalist or mixed British and Indian or even purely Indian. They may be carrying on their insidious exploitation through mixed or even on purely Indian bureaucratic apparatus. All these things make no difference. […] The war neither began with us nor is it going to end with our lives.

The period after India’s independence from Britain immediately demonstrated the great truth of this statement. While formal independence occurred on August 15, 1947, Communists under the Communist Party of India had been organizing in the state of Hyderabad for many years. Hyderabad, a princely state (vassal kingdom of British India), had a brutal feudal system under which peasants suffered greatly. Inspired by the glorious Chinese Revolution lead by Chairman Mao and in response to this brutal exploitation and oppression, the peasants raised the slogan “China’s Path is Our Path,” and formed armed guerrilla units. From 1946, peasants rebelled against the feudal landlords, driving them out of the villages and seizing the lands they held. From these land seizures, land was redistributed to peasants. After the 1947 independence, Hyderabad was no longer a vassal but an independent country, and one with an active peasant revolution. To quell this, the Indian government invaded Hyderabad and by 1949, after extraordinary violence against peasants, managed to put down the rebellion, buy off the Nizam (i.e., king) to annex Hyderabad, reinstate the feudal landlords, and undo the land redistributions.

In the aftermath, the revisionist leadership of the CPI sided with the Indian government, and rejected the righteousness and correctness of the Telangana Rebellion in Hyderabad. The increasingly obvious revisionism of the leadership grew over the 1950s, and by the 1960s the CPI had split, with the more left faction forming the Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI (M)]. And yet, despite their differences, the CPI (M) continued to pursue a path of tailing the State and ruling classes. Thus to rectify this, under the leadership of Charu Majumdar, in 1967 armed struggle along the path of New Democratic Revolution was re-initiated following a new spontaneous mass peasant uprising in the village of Naxalbari in West Bengal.

Who was Majumdar? Charu Majumdar was born in 1918 to a hereditary feudal landlord family in northern Bengal, although his family was progressive and supported the independence struggle. At age 20, in 1939, he joined the CPI and set about organizing in the region. He organized rail workers and peasants, eventually leading to his involvement in organizing against the Bengal famine. This famine, which was produced by the British colonialists and their allies, swept across Bengal and lead to mass starvation. Majumdar lead seizures of landlords’ crops to ensure the masses had access to food. Due to his support of the Chinese Revolution and criticism of the Khrushchev revisionists, he was pushed out of the CPI and joined the CPI (M) in 1964. It was during his time in the CPI (M) from 1965–1967 that he upheld Mao Zedong Thought and wrote the *Historic Eight Documents*.

Majumdar called for armed struggle, annihilation of class enemies, and for broad integration of revolutionary forces with the peasant masses. The 1967 Naxalbari struggle saw the formation of armed guerrilla units and the initiation of land seizure and redistribution in the area. In taking up the path of armed struggle, the Indian Communist movement was once again on the path to revolution after over a decade of revisionist leadership. With India at this point formally independent from Britain, the main struggle of the masses was against semi-feudalism and capitalism—the main enemies were (and still are) the feudal landlords and capitalists, and their imperialist allies in the US. The Naxalbari struggle shone like a beacon to revolutionaries in India, with the initiation of armed struggle spreading to other areas across the country too. Thus, to organize and centralize leadership of this powerful new Left line, by 1969 these revolutionary forces came together to take up the task of reconstitution and found the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) [CPI (ML)].

In response to these advancements, the Indian State cracked down harshly. From 1970 especially it jailed or killed a large number of comrades. This period was especially tumultuous, with leading comrades dying frequently, but nonetheless progress being made in the armed struggle with a push towards a full People’s Army. Yet in 1972 Charu Majumdar himself was imprisoned and killed while being held in police custody. This marked the end of the prior period and marked the beginning of what the Indian comrades have called the “Black Period,” noting its state repression and low national unity of revolutionaries. It did not help that the Indian State declared a state of emergency and instituted a relatively fascist rule from 1975–1977, under the leadership of Indira Gandhi. By this point the CPI (ML) Central Committee had become defunct, and despite some efforts to revive it, those efforts ultimately failed at reviving the now fragmented party. A variety of continuation projects proliferated, with the most notable of these being:

- The CPI (ML) Party Unity (PU), formed in 1978 from those who had left a pro-Lin-Biao split from the CPI (ML) upon rejecting their former Lin

Biaoist line. They launched struggles in Bihar and Punjab.

- The Maoist Communist Centre (MCC), who were never part of the CPI (ML). Inspired by the Naxalbari struggle, they had actually formed the organization in 1969. They launched struggles mainly in West Bengal and Bihar (including Jharkhand).

- The CPI (ML) People's War (PW) was formed in 1980 out of the attempts at reorganization pushed by the CPI (ML) Andhra Pradesh State Committee and Tamil Nadu State Committee. They launched struggles in Andhra Pradesh (including Telangana), Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh), and Odisha.

Thus with the death of Majumdar and disintegration of the CPI (ML), it was over the course of the 1980s that the stage would be set for both infighting and, eventually, unity. By 1982 the CPI (ML) PU and the MCC came into conflict in Bihar, and agreed to stay out of each other's areas of work. On the other hand, the CPI (ML) PW and the MCC kept relatively cordial relations during this period. By 1990 the conflict between the CPI (ML) PU and MCC intensified with a series of actions that give the Black Period its dark and infamous character. The CPI (ML) PU killed an MCC activist, and the MCC retaliated by killing numerous CPI (ML) PU activists. This fighting continued and escalated until 1996, when the two groups self-criticized for the murders. Yet they still proposed a division of areas of work which was backwards and formalized disunity and division, still seeing each other as the enemy rather than seeing the capitalist, imperialist, and feudal landlord as class enemies, struggling for unity through principled two line-struggle, and working together in the same areas to wage revolution.

Throughout all of this, the CPI (ML) PW pushed for uniting revolutionary groups in the country. Over the course of the 1980s the CPI (ML) PU and CPI (ML) PW did not engage with each other much, both due to lack of overlapping areas of work but also due to differing ideological-political views. Eventually from 1989 onward, both parties engaged in bilateral discussions and even talked of mergers. This eventually led to the merger of the CPI (ML) PW and CPI (ML) PU into a single party in 1998, carrying the name of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) People's War. In the same year, they wrote criticizing the MCC for their antagonistic approach to the CPI (ML) PW, which now included the former CPI (ML) PU comrades. The year of 1999 saw an improvement in relations, with leading comrades on both sides agreeing to take steps to stop the infighting and murders. Over the course of 2003 and leading into 2004, both parties held joint meetings to engage in criticism and self-criticism for the Black Period, and to push for unity. Through this struggle, unity was reached and by September 21, 2004, the Communist Party of India (Maoist) was formed and announced to the world.

Over the next several years the work to grow the Indian revolution continued, and expansions out of base areas brought the revolution to new heights. With revolutionary fervor growing in central and east India, the State launched a brutal campaign of repression. Termed "Operation Green Hunt," this saw the use of brutal military tactics against the Indian masses. While police brutality was not uncommon, the new push oversaw an intense militarization of society. In areas with strong Communist presence, people were subject to restrictions on their freedoms and subject to the whims of soldiers and police. This was especially the case in the Junglemahal offensive. The masses in this region rose up and formed a liberated zone, cutting off the State from accessing villages. Comrade Kishenji, as an important leader of the Indian Revolution, led the Communist forces in the area. This was why the State extrajudicially killed him in 2011, while he was captured and in their custody. Subsequently, the State cracked down even more heavily on revolutionary actions around the country, perpetrating murder, assault, rape, and other crimes against the Indian people.

This repression forced the Indian Communists to largely retreat to their core base area in the Bastar area, which they have continued to hold in the decade since. Despite any quantitative "success" of Operation Green Hunt in repressing the CPI (Maoist) and the revolutionary actions of the Indian people, the State has not succeeded in wiping them out. In turn, the State has taken on a more overtly fascist character, with the BJP-RSS bureaucrat capitalists continuing to squeeze blood out of the Indian people, and as a result the people continue to rise up in struggle against their oppression. The State, wanting to eliminate the CPI (Maoist), has now implemented its new Operation Kagaar—meaning "precipice." With the recent May 21 massacre of Indian Maoists the Indian State is cheering on their great "success" at eliminating Maoism and Communism in the country. Yet despite the murders of even leadership, such as the General Secretary Basavaraj, the revolution continues. We must remember the words of Bhagat Singh: "It is easy to kill individuals but you cannot kill the ideas. Great empires crumbled, while the ideas survived." At every stage of the Indian revolution, from the Independence Movement until today, the best leaders are those who were rooted in the peasants and workers, and who rallied around Marxism-Leninism and later Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. No matter the brutal tactics and actions of the fascist Indian State, the Revolution in India will continue. It is our duty, in the spirit of Proletarian Internationalism, to support it.

For further reading on the Indian revolutionary movement, we recommend Amit Bhattacharyya and his book Storming the Gates of Heaven *which provides an excellent history of the period between 1969–2004. We also recommend reading Charu Majumdar's* Historic Eight Documents *and Karl Marx's writings on the First Indian War of Independence.*

The UN Passes Imperialist "Gaza Peace Plan"

THE PARTISAN IS HAPPY TO PUBLISH A GUEST ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY MICHIANA FRIENDS OF PALESTINE, A REVOLUTIONARY MASS ORGANIZATION IN THE "MICHIANA" REGION OF MICHIGAN AND INDIANA.

Destruction in Gaza. Photo: United Nations

This November 7 marked the 108th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution: for the first time in history, the working class, in alliance with poor peasants, swept away centuries of oppression and exploitation and built a new social order based on the democratic rule of the toiling masses. Under the leadership of the Bolshevik Party and its founder, Vladimir Lenin, the first Socialist State in the world was established, freeing a sixth of the world from capitalism and imperialism. The October revolution generated hope among working class and people across the globe. It showed that it is possible to create a world where the broad majority of oppressed and exploited working people are able to decide their own fate.

O Michiana Friends of Palestine condemns the UN Security Council vote to approve the so-called "Gaza Peace Plan". Drafted by US President Trump, the plan is not a step towards just peace but towards further dispossession, displacement, and genocide forced upon Palestinians. The "peace plan" was passed by the United States and its rival powers, China and Russia, united in depriving the Palestinian people of any input.

The plan provides for a so-called "Board of Peace" to take administration of Gaza; leadership of the board was granted by Trump to himself. We question how he can possibly bring peace to Palestine while unleashing violence and fascistization in the country he leads, as we see in the ruthless destruction targeting the oppressed nations of the United States. The other stated member of the "Board of Peace" is former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, who ordered the British military into combat on five occasions, more than any other Prime Minister. These deployments exclusively targeted the semi-colonies of the Third World. Another provision of the plan is the "demilitarization" of Gaza. At the same time, China and Russia, both members of the UN Security Council and both with inextricable military and financial ties to Israel, quietly endorsed this proposal by refusing to exercise their veto power, capitulating to the oppression of the Palestinian people. We see the true purpose of this as being the disarmament of Palestinians and their leadership as expressed in the Resistance, giving yet another green light for Israel to carry out genocide.

The stated end goal of this plan is for Gaza to be governed by the so-called "Palestinian Authority" (PA), a weak Quisling authority. Under the "governance" of the PA the West Bank is subjected to constant violence by settlers and the Israeli Defense Force. The so-called "Palestinian Security Services" under control of the PA openly collaborate with the IDF and the US in oppressing the Palestinian people in the West Bank. The true purpose of the plan is revealed in Point 9: "This body will call on best international standards to create modern and efficient governance that serves the people of Gaza and is conducive to attracting investment." The plan is centered not around bringing just peace to the region, but to clearing the way for foreign imperialists to plunder Gaza's economy. Later on in Point 11 this is further clarified: "A special economic zone will be established with preferred tariff and access rates to be negotiated with participating countries."

The "International Stabilization Forces" provided for in the plan are nothing more than a change in the form of the occupation, from being administered by the IDF to the military forces of various complicit Arab states, including the United Arab Emirates, which has been carrying out its own genocide against Yemen. Similarly, the US designated Saudi Arabia a major non-NATO ally on Tuesday.

Even with the plan's imperialist motives, we expect that Israel will reject it. We remember that the "ceasefire" currently in place has already been violated countless times by Israel, including through military actions and the withholding of humanitarian aid, with 242 Palestinians being killed since the "ceasefire" took effect in at least 282 separate violations as reported by Al Jazeera.

We reaffirm that our compass in standing in solidarity with Palestine is *al-Thawabet* (fundamental principles). We will continue standing with the Palestinians and their leadership, and reject any machinations for the future of Palestine which do not provide for:

- The right to resistance
- The right to self-determination
- Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine
- The right to return

Uphold *al-Thawabet*!

Drown imperialist "peace" in the sea of resistance!

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Opinion: The Electoral Farce Chameleonizes in NYC

By: Angel Mella

After an extensive and tumultuous campaign, the voters of NYC, the wealthiest and most powerful city in the history of the world, have elected a new mayor. Change has swept the ballot boxes as turnout has reached a high not seen since Mayor John Lindsay's 1969 reelection. Andrew Cuomo, establishment figure & son of the late Governor Mario Cuomo, has lost by nearly ten points to political outsider and state assemblyman from Astoria, Queens Zohran Mamdani. Mamdani (a member of and endorsed by the Democratic Socialists of America) has promised a supposedly ambitious agenda reminiscent of Mayor Fiorello La Guardia's New Deal era policies, with his signature policies being promises for fare-free buses, an additional 2% tax on millionaires and billionaires, and a freeze on rent increases for stabilized housing units. This demagoguery—particularly the latter element regarding the rent freeze—mobilized the youth to participate in the election at record levels,[1] notably electing NYC's youngest mayor since 1892 and its first Muslim mayor in the diverse city. The central question in the equation is that of housing, with record high rents as the bourgeoisie squeeze ever more working people, particularly those from national minorities, out of NYC.[2] Through the construction of luxury housing, the privatization of NYCHA, and tactics such as deed theft in historically Black neighborhoods, those who make up the backbone of the city are increasingly pushed away to the suburbs or elsewhere altogether.

One must consider, then, Mamdani's broader strategy to lower housing costs. The rent freeze is nothing more than a temporary concession to the workers—landlords will continue to fraudulently hide stabilized units and skirt the laws. The landlord class is backed up by the NYPD's monopoly on power, which Mamdani will continue to defend as he affirms his commitment to Jessica Tisch's position as Police Commissioner, praising her commitment to rooting out "incompetence and corruption" .[3] Never mind that the nepotistic Tisch comes from a billionaire Zionist family notorious for financial contributions to the Zionist entity as well as Republican Party candidates.[3] and has intensified racial profiling and de facto stop-and-frisk policies against Black & Latin American people since her appointment under Mayor Adams. Moreover, Mamdani supports ballot proposals two through four, which will fast-track the gentrification of working class Black and Latin American neighborhoods, eliminating what little community input now exists. Tisch has stated that after holding a series of private conversations with Mamdani, she is "reassured." Despite Mamdani's token South Asian Muslim background, Tisch's repression of the Palestine student movement speaks for itself, with no indication of any change on that front.[4] As NYPD funding continues to balloon and tactics such as gang indictments target youth from nationally oppressed backgrounds, Mamdani will continue these dynamics as the Cop City repression campaign progresses in a historically Black neighborhood of Atlanta & ICE racially profiles the working masses of Latin Americans.

In the midst of the Revolution of 1905, a critical juncture, Lenin emphasizes the Bolsheviks' conception of power in "The Denouement is At Hand":

"'I promise you anything you wish," says the tsar, 'only let me retain power, let me fulfill my own promises.' That is the gist of the tsar's Manifesto, and it obviously had to spark off a determined struggle. 'I grant you everything except power,'

tsarism declares. 'Everything is illusory except power,' the revolutionary people reply."[5]

Today, Mamdani represents the desperation of the ruling class, providing the masses with "democratic socialist" concessions but retaining the power of the police and maintaining the Wall Street status quo—albeit with an additional 2% haircut. State unions across New York City such as the 1199SEIU healthcare workers union have endorsed Mamdani;[6] his policies will not prevent or stall the fascistization of the state, but rather enhance the process through collaboration with the AFL-CIO and Teamsters. Just as Mayor La Guardia localized the New Deal, a clear initiation of fascistization which on a national level brought unions under the purview of the State and enhanced the repression of Black sharecroppers, Mamdani attempts to further this agenda today. His proposals take the form of a narrow economism—even if Mamdani is able to implement his proposals in totality, most of which he cannot do unilaterally, such policies would not change class relations in NYC and could easily be rolled back by the following mayoral administration. As of the writing of this article—November 10th, 2025—Zohran Mamdani has just spent the weekend celebrating at the annual "Somos" conference in Puerto Rico[7] while courting the NY state Democratic Party establishment and state unions.[8] This absurd display truly unmasks the emptiness of Mamdani's pledge to avoid visiting Israel, as on the other hand he is perfectly willing to mingle with those who occupy the island of Puerto Rico, which remains a colonial holding of the U.S. In the final analysis, the DSA is nothing but organized social-fascism, as we can see with the case of Mamdani that gives impulse to and fans up popular opinion for fascistization.

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A critical point in analyzing the conditions of the bourgeois electoral system is turnout—working class neighborhoods may vote a certain way or in favor of a particular candidate, but overall participation in elections and political engagement remain low in such areas, especially public housing. It is our task as revolutionaries to construct a meaningful movement in opposition to Mamdani's sham promises and the entire system, for that matter. We must engage in social investigation in working class and nationally oppressed neighborhoods, mobilizing tenants against gentrification and landlord abuses & ultimately leading housing struggles; we must organize the multinational working class of NYC (particularly the logistics and service sectors), rejecting yellow unions and building red unions that reflect our class standing; we must struggle on behalf of immigrant workers, rejecting Mamdani's vague promises to stand up to the reactionary Trump administration, lacking any backing. US Revolutionaries must further arouse the multinational proletariat to reject bourgeois politics and engage in the revolutionary program. Just as the Bolsheviks rejected the Menshevist reformist tactics and won state power, we too must take the same route.

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Livingston, NJ: Protest Against War Criminal Yoav Gallant Repressed

On November 12, activists mobilized in Livingston, New Jersey to protest the presence of Yoav Gallant, former Minister of Defense for Israel. Six activists were arrested in the protest, with videos of police attacking and brutalizing activists being widely circulated online.

Gallant may not be as recognizable in the U.S. as other Israeli State figures, but he remains deeply involved in the Zionist project of genocide. He infamously issued the order to execute the "Hannibal Directive" on October 7, 2023, ordering IDF troops to kill Israeli hostages along with innocent Palestinians. Gallant, having overseen over a year of the genocide in Gaza and played a major role in the military deployment, is a foremost enemy of the people of the world.

With both Israeli Mossad and local police working in tandem, Gallant was well-protected by the reactionary State who wantonly attacked community members showing up to protest the war criminal. One activist with Trenton MAKES, a local community organization, described their arrest to *The Partisan:* "for my arrest, my foot was just slightly over the line of the synagogue's driveway, about two inches over." Others, as pictured in videos online, were simply chanting in the crosswalk when they were tackled and arrested by the police. It is clear that the actions of police were aimed to put down any justified rebellion against Israel and US imperialism.

This repression comes as part of the growing tendency of fascistization in the United States. On September 22, Trump officially designated "Antifa" as a domestic terrorist organization, and 3 days later, he proclaimed the founding of a National Joint Terrorism Task Force aimed at destroying the progressive movement and the pro-Palestine solidarity movement in particular. These decisions were preceded by a series of deportations, arrests, and expulsions of dozens of pro-Palestine college students, as well as the terror-tagging of leading Palestinian solidarity organizations such as Samidoun. The same terrorist tactics employed against the immigrant masses are more and more being used to suppress domestic dissent. The incident at Livingston is just the latest example of the bourgeoisie's increased blatant attack on the growing people's movement.

With the arrests, three people were charged with misdemeanors and three others were charged with felonies. In one person's case, they were charged with 17 total charges, ranging from "improper behavior" to "resisting arrest" to "refusal to submit to fingerprinting." While all those arrested have now been released from jail, they continue to face severe repression from the Old State and potentially years in prison, as they are urgently in need of material support for their legal defense.

Speaking on both the difficulties they face and the necessity to continue the struggle, one arrested activist remarked with determination:

We all need to be united, and everyone has their own struggle. Us in our organization we're watching out for our own people. It's really clear that you don't need to "be somebody" to start something. All you have to do is get some of your friends together, and talk to people wherever you're at whether that's at school or at work or on the street, and many of those people are going to join your organization. It's really just about talking to people, and as long as you go directly to the people your organization is just going to grow. Even though our organization is still small, I think that everyone out there needs to organize. If we organize in our own communities, or join local organizations, we can start to think about fighting back against fascistization.

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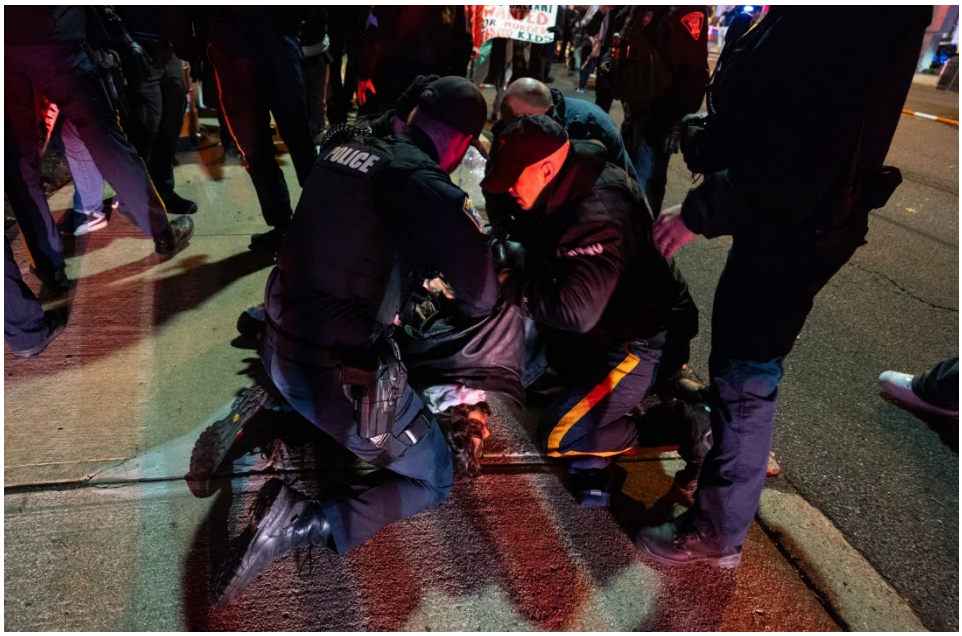

◀ *Activists being arrested. Photo source: Anadolu Ajensi*

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The New Labor Organizing Committee (NLOC) is a newly founded committee that works as a coordinating body for independent labor organizations and class-conscious workers within the United States and its overseas territories (Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, etc.). To get involved with NLOC you must believe in the importance of the struggle of workers around the world against the owners and their imperialist system, take a stand against the actions and ideas of opportunists in the labor movement, believe in the mission of creating an independent, class-conscious, democratic and militant labor movement, and be willing to get to work actually making that mission a reality.

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The Revolutionary Student Union (RSU) is mass organization of revolutionary students in the US and Canada. It's core beliefs include the necessity of revolution to overcome capitalism, the importance of supporting the working class movement, the need to combat racism and national oppression, support for women and LGBTQ liberation through revolution, and the importance of countering opportunism within the revolutionary movement. It also emphasizes the mass line (exchanging ideas to and from the masses) as a means of maintaining direct communication with the masses and supporting militant self-defense of the working class and oppressed peoples.

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The PDC's sector of work is to organize the proletariat and the oppressed masses where we live and spend our time outside of work. The people's defense committees thus have a dual purpose: they mobilize, politicize and organize the tenant masses around their demands using the *tenant union/committee* form and they use the *popular assembly* form to mobilize, politicize and organize the broader masses around their community grievances, whether those be related to austerity and infrastructure neglect, national liberation, defense of the rights of oppressed groups such as women, migrants, oppressed nations, LGBT people, etc.