



Message to DNC

# Stop the genocide!

When Vice President Kamala Harris, Democratic presidential candidate, announced her running mate on Aug. 6 — Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz — there were probably more than a few sighs of relief. At least she didn't pick Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, a virulent Zionist who boasts of having once served in the Israeli Occupation Force.

Any distancing from President Joe Biden's full alignment with Israel on the part of Vice President Harris and Walz could be seen as conciliatory toward the mass movement in support of Palestine. Or toward public opinion, as polls show a majority of people in the U.S. disapprove of Biden's backing of Israel's massacres in Gaza.

But neither Harris nor Walz represents a major shift away from the anti-Palestinian position of "Genocide Joe." The Democratic Party platform, released in July, reaffirms Washington's "ironclad" support for Israel. As Middle East Eye



Pro-Palestine demonstrators during Kamala Harris's campaign visit to Detroit, Aug. 8, 2024.

points out: "The platform lists examples of Biden's unwavering support for Israel's war on Gaza, including the sending of arms shipments and providing a diplomatic shield for Israel at the United Nations during votes for a ceasefire and regarding concerns about human rights

violations." (July 18)

And when it comes to supporting the Zionist state, the Democrats do, as the saying goes, "put their money where their mouth (or platform) is." On Aug. 10, the U.S. State Department notified Congress that the Biden administration had

authorized releasing \$3.5 billion of the funds approved by Congress in April to arm Israel.

Al Jazeera reported: "Part of the new financial aid will go to an Israeli military unit, which is accused of carrying out human rights abuses against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank. The State Department said it had decided against sanctioning the unit — which would have been the first-ever blocking of aid to the Israeli military — saying it was satisfied with Israeli efforts to address 'violations by this unit' which have been 'effectively remediated.'" (Aug. 10)

When Harris castigated pro-Palestine demonstrators who disrupted her speech in Detroit, she wasn't just speaking for herself or her campaign. Phil Gordon, an adviser to the vice president, said on social media that "she does not support an arms embargo on Israel." (motherjones.com, Aug. 9) Harris's position is the Democratic Party's position.

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Following Al-Tabaen School massacre

# Hamas calls for worldwide response

The following statement from Hamas was published on Resistance News Network on Aug. 11, 2024.

In light of the brutal and systematic Zionist targeting of unarmed civilians in Gaza, the ongoing massacres for more

than 10 months, and the crime committed at dawn yesterday by the Zionist terrorist army against worshippers in Al-Tabaen School in Al-Daraj neighborhood in Gaza City, where more than a hundred displaced people were martyred, their bodies torn apart by three U.S.-made bombs,

joining nearly 40,000 martyrs who have fallen due to the crimes of the Zionist Nazis, we in the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) affirm the following:

**First:** We hold the U.S. administration directly responsible for the brutal massacres committed in Gaza and affirm

that the described war crimes and genocide being practiced by the occupation government in Gaza would not continue without the support it receives from Western capitals, primarily Washington,

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October 1, 2024 is the 75th anniversary of the 1949 founding of the People's Republic of China. This is an opportunity for many revolutionary activists to evaluate these global changes. Panels of speakers in London on Saturday, Sept. 28 and in New York City on Sunday, Sept. 29, will discuss these historic changes. We are one with the overwhelming majority of people of the world.

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# Honor the legacy of Black August Support Workers World

The month of August holds special meaning for the Black Liberation struggle. This August marks the 405th anniversary of the arrival of the first ship of Africans brought in chains to the shores of the British colony of Virginia in 1619. This August marks 246 years of the enslavement underlying the establishment of the U.S. colonial state—with its injustices, brutality and institutionalized crimes against humanity. The legacy of enslavement continues today in this white-supremacist, capitalist society.

But August is also a time to commemorate the Black Resistance Struggle, from the Haitian Revolution of 1791-1804 to the Nat Turner Rebellion in 1831, from the Fugitive Slave Law Convention of 1850 to the Underground Railroad that ran from the late 18th century to 1865, from the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in 1925 to the March on Washington in 1963, the Watts Uprising in 1965 and the National Prison Strike from Aug. 21-Sept. 9 in 2018.

In August 2023, Workers World hailed the release of Ruchell “Cinque” Magee, the longest-held U.S. political prisoner. A people’s campaign won his freedom, which was short-lived, as he died that October at 84. A hero in the Black Liberation Movement, he participated in the August 1970 Marin County Courthouse Rebellion.

Freedom fighters who were born in August include Marcus Garvey, Fred Hampton and Russell Maroon



Shoatz, while several died in that month, including W.E.B. Du Bois, Huey P. Newton and Jonathan Jackson. Jackson was killed Aug. 7, 1970, while attempting to free the imprisoned Soledad Brothers, including his brother, Black Panther Party leader George Jackson. On Aug. 21, 1971, prison guards executed George Jackson. His assassination was a spark that led to the heroic Attica Prison Rebellion in September 1971.

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The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people’s movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at—and challenge—the capitalist system.

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# Anatomy of U.S.'s wasteful prison-industrial complex

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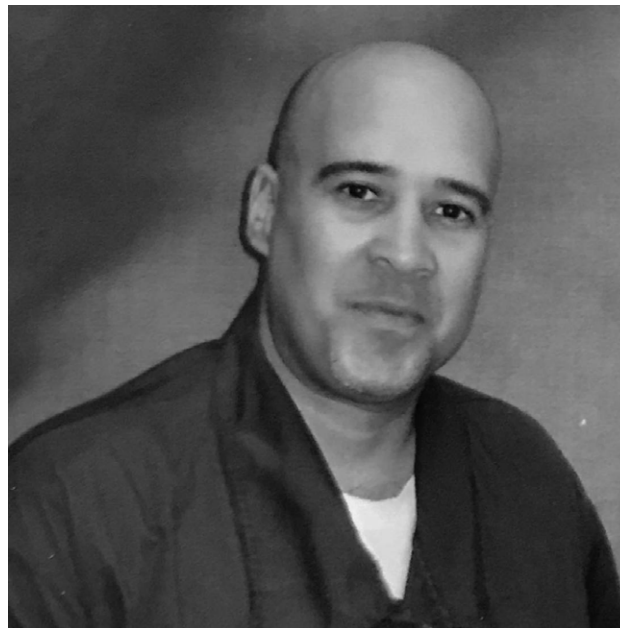
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America, America, land of the free. The society filled with justice and equality. This is a clear example of hypocrisy, unless they forgot to include me and millions of others kept in captivity. Confined behind tall walls and razor wires, with the nation of prisoners constantly rising higher. Most of us will never be released – except in a body bag, once deceased.

Most inmates have done their wrong, but guidelines designed to hold prisoners are much too long. America's

prison industrial complex has a fluctuating economy, so, prisons in America have become the number one "Prison industry." Actually forced to work for a paltry sum under servitude for free. Refusal and being without pay and thrown into the hole, along with a definite denial of parole.

Since the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, minorities have been swallowed by incarceration. It's easy to see the similarities between prison life and slavery. Inside these walls, phone rates and commissary prices are still high, because financial support comes from Securus, Global Tel Link, Aramark food service and Smart



Bryant Arroyo

Communications, too. As far as these corporate raiders, that's just a few. Inmates are forced to make prisoners' clothes, bed linens, bras, panties, boxers, T-shirts, socks, boots, hats, and coats, too.

It's a shame many tax-paying citizens don't know. We are in an era of the new Jim Crow. There's no justice or equality. America was built from slavery. Don't take my word for it; study your history. Three, two, one. Racist lawmakers and politicians make decisions causing Blacks, Latinx, de facto whites, and poor whites to fill the prisons. Outsiders believe we are being rehabilitated. But being caged only generates hatred.

The majority of defendants are victimized and doomed way before entering the courtroom. The vocabulary and legal terminology used leave most inmates confused. And often the attorney who's allegedly protecting your constitutional rights, is secretly drinking martinis with the DAs and judges. Quick to offer some type of plea deal or make you wait many years for an appeal.

Court officials share a bond of which we're not part, stacking the odds against you from the very start, just like slave masters by selling slaves, working them till they're dead in their graves. So at times it seriously baffles me why America is called the Land of the Free, especially when the United States of America is warehousing the largest nation of prisoners in the country.

For Prison Radio, by Bryant Arroyo, CU1126, at SCI Coal Township, inside the nation of prisons.

*This commentary was recorded by Prison Radio.*

## Legacy of George Jackson, Attica lives on

By Monica Moorehead

*The following edited remarks were made on a Sept. 2, 2021, live broadcast, "50 Years of Resistance: Black August & Attica," sponsored by the Prisoners Solidarity Committee of Workers World Party. Moorehead is a Workers World newspaper managing editor and a member of the PSC.*

For many revolutionaries and activists of my generation, Black August especially in the early 1970s and the Attica prison rebellion played a significant role in our political development and activism. I had just graduated from high school in Hampton, Virginia, when Jonathan Jackson attempted to free his brother, George Jackson, an imprisoned leader of the Black Panther Party, Ruchell Magee, another political prisoner who has been incarcerated for over 60 years, and others, when he took a judge and others hostage in a Marin County courtroom in San Rafael, California, on Aug. 7, 1970.

It was a prelude of what was to come at Attica in 1971. And even though Jonathan, at the tender age of 17, and others were brutally slaughtered by the police, this daring escape attempt had a profound impact on the movement over 50 years ago and even now.

Our Party declared Jonathan and his companions as heroes, while others in the movement were critical of their actions. This daring raid reflected the desire for oppressed peoples here and worldwide – Black, Asian, Arab, Latine and Indigenous – to free themselves from centuries-old racism, colonialism and imperialism by any means necessary, including armed resistance.

This daring raid also exposed that the only response from the state to any kind of rebellion, big or small, by the most oppressed, is legalized terror on behalf of the oppressor with no compromise. And that the bestiality of this state-sanctioned violence is a sign of fear and trepidation that those in power always have for the masses whenever their class rule is challenged.

George Jackson was assassinated at San Quentin Prison on Aug. 21, 1971. George's book, "Soledad Brother," had resonated throughout the movement inside and outside the prison. His second book, "Blood In My Eye," was released days after his murder. Thousands attended his funeral.

Huey P. Newton, a founder of the Black Panther Party, gave the eulogy at George's funeral. Part of that eulogy

states: "George was a legendary figure all through the prison system, where he spent most of his life. You know a legendary figure is known to most people through the idea or through the concept or essentially through the spirit. So I met George through the spirit.

"He set a standard for prisoners, political prisoners, for people. He showed the love, the strength, the revolutionary fervor that's characteristic of any soldier for the people."

### Attica: 'The sound before the fury'

Huey's words reflected how much George was loved and respected by incarcerated revolutionaries everywhere including Attica. In less than a month after George's death, Attica prisoners went on a hunger strike, wearing black armbands in honor of their fallen hero in protest of horrid conditions and treatment.

On Sept. 9, 1971, they had taken guards hostage before taking over the prison. And the Prisoners Solidarity Committee of Youth Against War and Fascism was so honored to have the late Tom Soto be invited by leaders of the uprising to help give voice to the prisoners' profound demands to the outside world.

I want to quote from a commentary written by WWP's First Secretary, Larry Holmes, back in 2016: "The significance of the Attica uprising as a prison rebellion transcends prison. It was almost the Black Liberation Movement's Paris Commune, of 100 years before in France, in 1871.

"Attica was spontaneous but to the extent that it was led, it was organized by revolutionaries – highly political individuals who considered themselves Marxists, Maoists, Black liberationists. They organized committees for food, for negotiations.

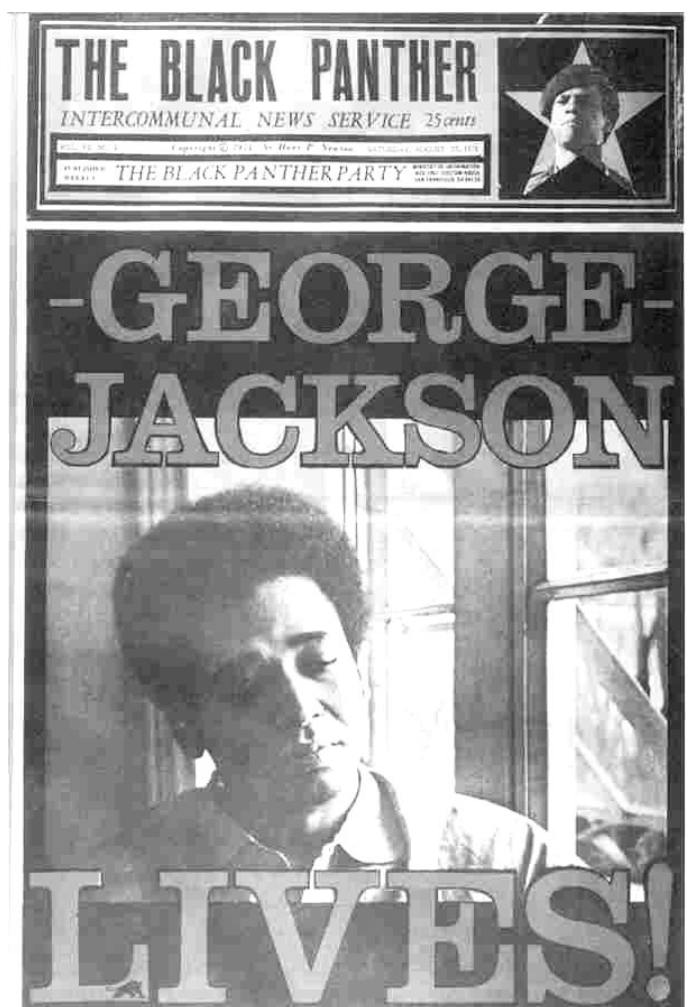
"Their demands included: Prisoners should be considered workers. The workday should be eight hours. Prisoners should have the right to form a union. Prisons should be made to conform to New York state labor laws, including wages and workers' compensation for accidents. Prisoners should have access to vocational training, union pay scales, union membership."

The prisoners also demanded that they be granted asylum to an anti-imperialist country.

The lessons of Black August and Attica are not

just about the past but the present and the future. Their legacies today are about resistance and fightback against capitalism that apply to so many fronts, be they Black Lives Matter, the climate crisis, evictions and more. Their legacies are about freeing all political prisoners and shutting down all aspects of mass incarceration.

When Attica martyr, L.D. Barkley stated that Attica is the sound before the fury of all the oppressed, he was referring to the multinational voices of workers using rebellion to be visible and heard then, but also now with the global working class that will one day take its rightful place as being the gravediggers of capitalism. □



Black Panther newspaper honors George Jackson, Aug. 28, 1971.



# Message to DNC: Stop the genocide!

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It's the Republican Party's position. It has the general support of the U.S. ruling class and its strategists.

Whatever other issues the Democrats and Republicans may seem to tactically differ on, there has been unwavering bipartisan support for Israel since the apartheid state was created in 1948. Even the few "progressive" Democrats in Congress have, for the most part, failed to go beyond calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. And they are a small minority,

which will be made smaller by the defeats — orchestrated and financed by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee — of current Congress members Jamaal Bowman and Cori Bush in Democratic primary elections.

Efforts to convince the Harris/Walz team to take a pro-Palestine position, or similar attempts to exert influence on the Democratic Party platform, have little to no chance of success unless they are accompanied by massive struggles.

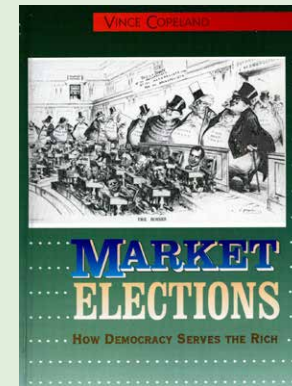
That's because both the Democratic and Republican parties

are capitalist political parties and are subservient to U.S. imperialism and its main ally in West Asia, Israel.

Of course, there are reasons why millions of people want the pro-fascist former President Donald Trump to lose in November. But right now stopping the genocide in Palestine is the foremost obligation for the global working class, especially in the U.S. That means breaking with the so-called "two-party system," strengthening the pro-Palestine movement and building international class solidarity. □

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# Olympic games once again marred by Western bias and controversy

By Monica Moorehead

The 2024 Summer Olympics, officially the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad, in Paris, France, officially ended on Aug. 11.

There were certainly some historic moments achieved by athletes who hail from the Global South. These included gold medal winners Julien Alfred from Saint Lucia, Marileidy Paulino from the Dominican Republic and the legendary Cuban wrestler, Mijaín López, the only athlete in Olympics history to win individual gold medals in five successive games.

In another historic moment, North and South Korean athletes took selfies together during the table tennis medal ceremonies in a show of unity. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea won six medals despite decades of imperialist attempts to isolate and economically strangle the socialist North.

These victories took on even more significance since so much of the U.S. coverage of these games, dominated by NBC and Peacock, focused more attention on athletes from the richer capitalist countries in the Global North.

Despite these uplifting moments, controversy dominated these games before and after the opening ceremony on July 24 and will no doubt continue in the aftermath of the games.

Firstly, there was the fact that Israeli athletes were allowed to compete in the midst of a horrific genocide being carried out by Israel's fascistic occupying force against the people of Gaza since October 7. Pro-Palestine activists raised the question of why Israel was not banned from the Olympics, while athletes from Russia and Belarus were not allowed to represent their countries in the midst of the U.S.-NATO proxy war in Ukraine. Athletes from Russia and Belarus could only compete in the Olympics as "Independent Neutral Athletes." Why the double standard?



Palestinian Olympic athletes during the closing ceremony, Aug. 11, 2024.

During the opening ceremony, 88 Israeli athletes were rightfully booed by the audience as their delegation sailed down the Seine River while a small group of 12 Palestinian athletes were cheered as they flew their flag. Over 250 Palestinian athletes have been murdered by Israel since October 7.

### Algerian boxer comes under gender attack

Secondly, there was the unfounded controversy around the Algerian boxer Imane Khelif. This talented athlete, who was assigned female at birth, was heavily scrutinized and questioned about her gender by bigots as she earned the gold medal for boxing in the welterweight category. Before her victory, she stated, "I have



Imane Khelif wins the gold medal, Aug. 9, 2024.

been boxing for years in the International Boxing Association, which has committed injustice towards me. But I have Allah with me, Allahu Akbar." (@ShaykhSulaiman, Aug. 3) She draped the Palestinian flag on her shoulders following her win.

After she became an Olympic champion, Khelif publicly stated: "I was born a girl, I grew up a girl, I studied as a girl, and I fought like a girl. Those who attacked me? Of course, they were enemies of glory. But, without them, my victory would not have been so satisfying."

When a journalist asked her to answer a question in French, Khelif refused and instead answered the question in Arabic. France was the brutal colonizer of Algeria for 132 years until a heroic struggle liberated the country on July 5, 1962. Khelif filed a legal complaint Aug. 2 in France saying she has been a victim of online harassment.

Boxer Lin Yu-ting, representing Taiwan, faced similar scrutiny regarding her gender when she won the gold medal in the featherweight category.

### Other political issues

Thirdly, track and field officials allowed the U.S. runner Noah Lyles to participate in the final of the 200 meters race

knowing that he had tested positive for COVID-19 before the race. He should have been immediately disqualified and quarantined as a risk to the other competitors.

Fourthly, according to The Guardian, more than 12,000 houseless people in Paris were removed from pre-Olympic areas as early as April 2023. This "social cleansing" targeted people, including migrants, drug addicts and sex workers. (June 3, 2024) The removal of houseless people is nothing new when it comes to host cities of the Olympics wanting to put forth a positive face to the world.

Fifthly, swimmers were allowed to participate in the triathlon relay in the highly polluted Seine River. High levels of two types of E. coli, a hazardous bacteria that can lead to illnesses including intestinal infections, were found. Multiple swimmers fell ill.

"They didn't think about the athletes at all," Spanish triathlete Miriam Casillas, who took part in both the mixed relay and women's triathlon, told Spanish sports daily MARCA. "They thought more about the scenery, the image, to make it look nice and marketable with the Seine." (Politico, Aug. 9)

Sixthly, the French government banned Muslim women athletes competing for France from wearing the hijab during their competition in the games, a clear violation of their religious and cultural beliefs.

### Chinese athletes slandered for doping

A constant theme throughout these Olympics has been doping charges leveled against Chinese athletes, especially the swimmers. Chinese swimmers doubled their overall total of medals during the Paris games compared to the Tokyo Olympic games in 2021.

Male Chinese swimmers unexpectedly won the gold medal in the 4x100m relay on Aug. 4. Pan Zhanle, who swam the final leg of the relay, also won an individual gold medal in the 100m freestyle race.

This particular gold medal broke the stranglehold that the U.S. held in this event since the 1960 Olympics, with the exception of the 1980 games, which the U.S. boycotted due to the Soviet Union's support for the then revolutionary government in Afghanistan.

Pan Zhanle stated after winning the individual gold medal that he was tested for use of illegal drug substances an incredible total of 21 times between May and July right before the Olympics. He stated, "The test was essentially done under all the regulations, so I don't feel there was

any difference or influence." (New York Times, Aug. 4)

The World Anti-Doping Association, the major global organization monitoring drug use by athletes, allowed some Chinese swimmers to compete in 2021 when it was decided they tested positive for an illegal substance due to accidental food contamination. In 2021, China's anti-doping law was strengthened to include criminal punishment.

Chen Weihua, a China Daily journalist, stated in a recent post that an informed source told him that the U.S. was trying to plant evidence and frame Chinese athletes in an inextricable doping scandal during the Paris Olympics.

WADA revealed in a statement published on Aug. 7 details of "a scheme whereby the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency allowed athletes who had doped to compete for years, in at least one case without ever publishing or sanctioning their anti-doping rule violations, in direct contravention of the World Anti-Doping Code and USADA's own rules." (youtu.be/oOHR37Pd6PU)

China is tied with the U.S. for the highest number of gold medals at the Paris games with 40 victories each and is second behind the U.S. in total medals count. China won every gold medal in the diving competition for women and men, an historic first in Olympic history.

China's showing in these Olympics is an amazing feat for what was a peasant country for centuries that carried out a successful workers revolution just 75 years ago this coming Oct. 1. Today, China has the second-largest economy behind the U.S. and is being subjected to attacks by the U.S. and its Western allies on every economic, political and social level — including at the Olympics.

Chinese athletes congratulated any athlete they shared victory with during the Olympics medal ceremonies, whether they won the gold, silver or bronze medal, in the spirit of global solidarity — unlike many of the Western athletes. □



Chinese swimmers Xu Jiayu, Qin Haiyang, Sun Jiajun and Pan Zhanle win the 4x100m medley relay on Aug. 4, 2024.

# Meeting Palestinian hero Leila Khaled

By Saher Al Khamash

The writer was part of a Solidarity Delegation of members of Workers World Party and the Bronx Anti-War Coalition that traveled to Nicaragua in July for a commemoration of the 45th anniversary of the victory of the Sandinista Revolution.

During our trip to Nicaragua, we never thought we would meet Leila Khaled. However, her visit during this time in July is actually no surprise to those familiar with the details of her life and the parallels between the Palestinian and Nicaraguan liberation struggles.

Palestinian revolutionary, socialist and guerrilla fighter Leila Khaled is famous for hijacking passenger planes in 1969 and 1970. As she explained: “Our goal was to release our prisoners, especially women, and to raise awareness internationally about the Palestinian cause. We wanted the world to know we are not just refugees who need aid and live in tents, we are a people with a cause.”

Few people know that her comrade in the second operation was revolutionary Nicaraguan fighter Patrick Argüello. He connected with members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, including George Habash, for guerrilla training to support the Sandinista cause. During the 1970 plane hijacking with Khaled, he was martyred. His legacy lives, as the bond between



From left, delegation members Richie Merino and Saher Al Khamash with Leila Khaled. Managua, Nicaragua, July 19, 2024.

Palestine and Nicaragua remains strong.

Because of their shared fight against Western imperialism, the people of Nicaragua have an intuitive understanding of the Palestinian struggle and the necessary means to achieve national liberation. Just as the Zionist project worked — and still works — at the behest of U.S. capital, so did the brutal dictatorship of Anastasio

Somoza, trampling on the dignity of Nicaraguans through the use of the U.S.-created Guardia Nacional.

After a series of striking blows at the Somoza regime, the people’s insurrection against U.S. imperialism was solidified through guerrilla tactics when Managua was liberated on July 19, 1979, by the Sandinista National Liberation Front.

On the 45th anniversary of the victorious revolution, Khaled spoke alongside Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega and other international anti-imperialist figures. In her speech on the evening of July 19, Khaled spoke about the Palestinian struggle as one waged against Zionism, fascism and Nazism. She also mentioned the essential role women hold in the revolution as the preservers of life. We see this truth in the Sandinista revolution, as women made up 30% of the guerrilla fighters.

We honor Leila Khaled by learning from her life-long dedication to liberation. We call on folks to escalate their sacrifice and struggle for liberation, to dedicate themselves to study and political education and to observe the Thawabit (“fundamental principles,” often referred to as “Palestine’s red lines”).

Palestine will be free — from the river to the sea!  
Long live international solidarity!

More from the solidarity delegation to Nicaragua:  
[workers.org/2024/07/79996/](https://workers.org/2024/07/79996/)  
[workers.org/2024/07/79814/](https://workers.org/2024/07/79814/)

## Hamas calls for worldwide response following Al-Tabaen School massacre

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both politically and militarily, which constitutes direct participation in this massacre and other crimes and violations.

**Second:** We call on the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to hold an urgent meeting and take effective decisions to stop the ongoing aggression and genocide against our people in Gaza, to sever any political, commercial or normalization relations with the Zionist occupation and to implement the decisions of the joint Arab and Islamic summit held in Riyadh [Saudi Arabia] on November 11, by breaking the siege and delivering aid and relief to our besieged people in Gaza.

**Third:** We call on the U.N. Security Council to hold an emergency session and adopt a resolution under Chapter

VII, obliging the occupation to stop the aggression and genocide and to halt its blatant violations of laws and treaties, which have become an effective recipe for destabilizing regional and international peace and security and to immediately force the occupation to implement the Council’s resolution issued on May 20, calling for a ceasefire and the delivery of humanitarian aid to the Strip.

**Fourth:** We call on the international judicial system to activate its mechanisms and hold Zionist war criminals accountable for their crimes and to send an international investigation committee to confirm the full responsibility of the occupation government and army for committing the Al-Tabaen School massacre and all massacres against unarmed civilians.

In this context, we emphasize that the fascist occupation government ignored

the International Court of Justice’s ruling to halt the military operation in Rafah and to deliver aid to all areas of Gaza and escalated the campaigns of genocide and starvation against civilians. We also stress the necessity for the International Criminal Court to play its role in bringing occupation leaders to trials to hold them accountable for their crimes against innocent civilians.

**Fifth:** The fascist occupation will not succeed, through these brutal crimes, in breaking the will and resilience of our people and the determination of our brave fighters to continue resisting the occupation until it is expelled from our land. Its massacres, aimed at revenge, intimidation and terrorization as part of its attempts to subjugate our people and force them to migrate from their land and abandon the option of resistance

and adherence to their rights, will only increase our people’s resistance, steadfastness and resilience.

**Sixth:** We call on our Arab and Islamic peoples and the free people of the world to escalate their movements and solidarity with our Palestinian people, to act by all means to stop the ongoing massacres against children, women and the elderly and to rise up in the streets and squares and protest there as long as the aggression continues, to pressure governments to isolate this fascist entity, stop all forms of military and political support for it and support our Palestinian people in their just struggle to reclaim their land, holy sites and self-determination.

The statement was lightly edited.

## Philadelphians protest Israel’s assassinations

By Betsey Piette  
Philadelphia

Hundreds of people demonstrated on Aug. 3 in Center City Philadelphia in solidarity with Palestine and Lebanon in the aftermath of brutal Israeli assassinations of resistance leaders. Among the protesters were families with young children who frequently helped lead chants.

Called by the Philadelphia Palestine Coalition, the demonstration gathered in Rittenhouse Square for a short rally before proceeding on a march that zig-zagged through the streets of downtown. Many chants included solidarity messages with resistance groups throughout West Asia whose support for the people of Gaza has been essential to their ability to withstand 300 days of genocidal

war and occupation.

The march ended at Logan Circle on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway just as a heavy thunderstorm hit the area.

Free Palestine! □



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## Maryland Apple Store workers win first contract

By Martha Grevatt

Inspired by Starbucks Workers United, which now represents workers at close to 500 of the coffee chain’s stores, Apple Store employees in Towson, Maryland, decided to form a union. They won the union election in June 2022. Now, over two years later, they have their first contract.

The approximately 85 workers are represented by International Association of Machinists — Coalition Of Retail Employees (IAM CORE). The union began negotiating with Apple in January 2023, but it was a vote of the membership in May 2024 authorizing a strike that pushed the company to agree to an acceptable contract.

The contract, ratified by a large majority of IAM CORE members, contains pay raises,

scheduling improvements, job security language and “a fair and clear disciplinary process with protections and accountability.” The negotiating committee explained, “Through tireless dedication, the IAM CORE Negotiating Team secured a contract that not only meets but exceeds the needs and expectations of our members but sets a standard for Apple workers.” (Goiam.org, Aug. 6) □



PHOTO: INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS

## As stock markets plunge

# Intensify the class struggle!

By James Foster

The Dow Jones Industrial Average experienced a significant downturn following the latest employment report, released Aug. 2, which revealed a modest addition of 114,000 jobs and an uptick in the unemployment rate to 4.3%. The news on the U.S. economy prompted similar drops in stock market indexes across Asia and Europe.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics July jobs report was a shock to many, as bourgeois economists had anticipated a much stronger performance. Predictions had ranged from between 150,000 and 200,000 new jobs, but the actual figure fell short, suggesting a deceleration in job creation. Adding to the unease was the increase in the unemployment rate from 4.1% to 4.3%, the first noticeable rise in several months.

The “broader” S&P 500 (1.8%), as well as the tech-heavy NASDAQ composite (2.4%) – all benchmarks for U.S. stock market performance – reacted swiftly to the news with steep declines on Aug. 2 and even steeper again on Aug. 5. Amazon, Tesla and Intel all had meager earnings this quarter. The drop reflects a broad apprehension among capitalists concerned about the potential implications of slower job growth combined with a rising unemployment rate. It underscores their growing worries about the health of the U.S. economy.

The creation of only 114,000 jobs, far below the projected number, indicates a failure of the capitalist economy to generate sufficient employment opportunities to keep pace with growth in the labor force. The increase in unemployment to 4.3%, combined with the persistent problem of underemployment, underscores the fact that there is a surplus labor force that capitalism cannot absorb.

The Dow’s decline is not merely a “market reaction,” but a reflection of the underlying contradictions of capitalist production. The stock market, driven by the profit

motives of capitalists, reacts to perceived threats to profitability. As job creation slows and unemployment rises, it signals to investment capitalists that the economy might not be able to sustain high profit margins, prompting a sell-off in stocks.

The stock market reaction makes crystal clear the dependency of capitalist markets on continuous growth and the precariousness of an economic system that cannot effectively address labor surplus and economic inequality.

### Intensify the class struggle!

The rise in unemployment and stagnation in job creation highlight the broader issue of capitalist production being oriented towards private profit rather than meeting social needs. While the capitalist class benefits from economic growth and stock market gains, the working class bears the brunt of job insecurity and economic instability. The capitalist system inherently prioritizes private capital accumulation over collective welfare, leading to periodic crises that manifest as unemployment and underemployment.

As Marxists, we hold that neither presidential candidate, from either capitalist party, is able to fix the problem. This is because the crisis is a result of the functioning of capitalism itself and not of the politicians that the capitalists choose to support. Workers are experiencing this current crisis under a Democratic administration and have seen the same under previous Republican administrations.

A real threat posed currently is that the most far-right candidates represent the most reactionary and chauvinist elements of finance capital, who are dead-set on breaking unions and possibly even overturning bourgeois democracy entirely.

The answer for the masses lies in their ability to wage an independent political struggle based on the unity of

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all working-class formations. Unions such as the United Auto Workers and the American Federation of Teachers have lined up the expiration dates of their collective agreements for May Day 2028, and they are calling on all unions to do the same.

This strategy could lead to a united front of labor organizations and offers the potential for mass strikes. But what is truly needed to counter rising unemployment, inflation, stagnant wages, racism, xenophobia, misogyny, anti-LGBTQIA2S+ bigotry, ableism and all the suffering caused by capitalism? It is the global classwide unity of all workers, organized and unorganized, from the U.S to Africa, Asia and Latin America – and especially to Palestine.

We mustn’t succumb to the vile fascist propaganda that seeks to fragment the working class. Whether in the workplaces or in the streets, workers and oppressed people can bring about the greatest amount of change by intensifying the class struggle. □



Unemployed workers march during the 1930s Great Depression.

## On the picket line

By Marie Kelly

### Uber/Lyft drivers keep up the fight

The ongoing battle about whether gig workers are employees or “independent contractors” is continuing. The latest blow against these precarious workers came from the California Supreme Court on July 25. The court upheld Proposition 22, which gives companies like Uber, Lyft and DoorDash the means to cheat their employees out of benefits and bargaining rights by classifying them as independent contractors.

According to Rideshare Drivers United: “Today, the Supreme Court of California decided that Prop 22 was not in violation of our state constitution, allowing Big Tech to continue exploiting drivers under a law they wrote and paid for, that replaced decades of common sense labor law in exchange for complete disregard of basic standards like hourly minimum wage standards and basic benefits like unemployment, family leave, workplace safety standards and the like.

“It allowed billion-dollar companies to rewrite labor law for their own workers, making it legal for them to pay app drivers and delivery workers less than federal minimum wage after expenses.” (drivers-united.org, July 25)

Rideshare Drivers United is a grassroots organization founded in 2018 by Los Angeles drivers. Since then, its membership has increased to 20,000 with chapters in Los Angeles, San Francisco and around the Bay Area. RDU has successfully organized two strikes that drew international solidarity.

Big Tech spent over \$220 million to get Prop 22 passed in the November

2020 election, sending a message that California labor law is for sale.

Despite setbacks, the gig workers are determined to overcome obstacles by organizing and building solidarity. Unions can provide important assistance. In a 2021 article, “Unionizing the Gig Economy: A Path Forward For Gig Workers,” Ken Green explains: “The guidance of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) was key for getting drivers for food delivery company Foodora in Toronto to organize.

“The union helped the workers initiate an on-the-ground campaign to reach drivers outside of restaurants where they spend most of their time during working hours. ‘We had a constant street presence,’ says campaign organizer Liisa Schofield.” (uniontrack.com, July 21, 2021)

### Pay increases at Disneyland and Amtrak

Disneyland workers won a 31% raise just by threatening to strike, which was meant to shut down the park. Disney Corporation weighed the consequences the closing of the park would have on their bottom line and opted to give in to workers’ demands. Most workers

will get a \$6.10 per hour wage bump, raising minimum pay at Disneyland to \$24 an hour. The four unions that represent 14,000 Disneyland workers waged a contract campaign as Disney Workers Rising.

The Amtrak Service Workers Council won a significant wage increase for on-board Amtrak workers in the latest contract negotiations. The average worker will make \$80,000 over the length of the contract. The unions also won 10 weeks paid parental leave.

The ASWC is made up of three unions: Transportation Communications Union, Transport Workers Union, and UNITE-HERE. Amtrak employs over 23,000 workers. Trains travel through 46 states in the U.S. and three provinces in Canada.

### Union busting at Red Rock Casino

The National Labor Relations Board upheld a litany of Unfair Labor Practice charges against Red Rock Casinos in Nevada and parent company Station Casinos. Some of the illegal practices of casino management included posting anti-union messages and instituting benefits that would only apply to workers not engaged in union activity. The NLRB ordered Station Casinos to immediately begin contract bargaining with the Culinary Union representing casino workers.

Culinary Union Secretary-Treasurer Ted Pappageorge said: “This decision affirms what we have been saying for years — that Station Casinos violated the law, and the company must bargain with the union because of its unlawful actions that corrupted the prospect for a free and fair union election. Station Casinos needs to stop breaking the law and treat its workers with respect.” (hrdrive.com, June 25)

The Culinary Union has an 88-year history of fighting for workers in Nevada. In 2018, the CU won a contract at the Thomas and Mack Arena that protected immigrants who have Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status and provided wage increases, health care and pension benefits. □



Disney employees rally for fair wages outside the main entrance of Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California, on July 17, 2024.

# Torture of Palestinian prisoners is Zionist crime against humanity

The following statement was issued by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine Office of Martyrs, Prisoners and Wounded on Aug. 8, 2024, on the Resistance News Network.

The leak of rape and torture scenes that Palestinian detainees are subjected to in the extermination camp at "Sde Teman" is a new Zionist crime against humanity, reminiscent of what happened in the American Guantanamo camp.

The anger of Zionist officials over the leak of the torture scenes and their demand for the formation of an investigation committee reflects their direct

responsibility for these crimes and confirms that the decision to torture was made by the political leadership.

This reiterates that the Zionist entity is managed by a gang of murderers and criminals, and its leaders deserve to be brought before international courts as war criminals.

The silence of the international community and international institutions, especially the Red Cross, regarding these crimes raises a big question mark about the credibility and neutrality of these institutions. These institutions have not fulfilled their legal and ethical responsibilities to investigate these atrocities or to send international

committees into the prisons, especially since international media has repeatedly revealed the unprecedented crimes occurring in the camp against Gaza Strip prisoners.

The U.S. stance, which overlooks these atrocities happening in the Zionist extermination camp at "Sde Teman," and then laments what happens after some torture scenes are leaked, confirms the U.S. administration's involvement in these crimes and its prior knowledge of the grave violations against the prisoners from Gaza Strip, including torture, rape, starvation, medical neglect



Incarcerated Palestinians in an Israeli prison.

and other horrific means of torture.

The Front affirms that these crimes will not go unanswered by the resistance, and the top priority will remain ending the suffering of the prisoners and freeing them from the Nazi occupation prisons.

*The statement was lightly edited.*

# Assassination of Hamas political leader, bombing of Dahiye, Lebanon, will lead to defeat of Israel

## WWP STATEMENT



Aftermath of Israeli bombing in Beirut, July 30, 2024.

This statement was posted on workers.org on July 31.

Workers World Party denounces the latest criminal Israeli/U.S. attacks in Lebanon, Iran and on Palestine, including the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh, the head of the political bureau of Hamas. WWP also condemns a U.S. drone attack near Basil, Iraq, that killed four members of the Popular Mobilization Units.

These criminal acts are a major escalation of the war on Palestine. They will only lead to a howling defeat for Zionism.

This dangerous escalation flows directly from the U.S. public embrace of Israeli war criminal Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu by President Joe Biden, presidential contenders Kamala Harris and Donald Trump and both Houses of the U.S. Congress, which gave him 23 standing ovations.

The assassination of Haniyeh took place while he was in Tehran, Iran, for the swearing-in ceremony of Iran's new President Masoud Pezeshkian.

Workers World Party sends our revolutionary respect and condolences for Hamas leader and martyr Ismail Haniyeh's decades of unbending resistance to Zionist occupation. This cowardly murder of the chief Palestinian negotiator will have wide consequences.

Israel's bombing on July 30 in the southern part of Beirut, in Dahiye, is in the most densely populated, poorest part of Beirut. The bombing once again directly targeted civilians. A senior leader of Hezbollah, Fouad Shukur, was also killed.

It is not an accident that Israel struck the Dahiye neighborhood of Beirut. It was intended to recall the notorious Israeli military strategy of directly targeting civilians and essential civilian infrastructure called the "Dahiye Doctrine."

The Dahiye Doctrine employs disproportionate force against defenseless civilians. It is a military doctrine that was employed by Nazi Germany. Israel previously saturation bombed and leveled into rubble the entire section of Southern Beirut, called Dahiye. Israeli General

Gadi Eisenkot, the commander of the operation declared: "What happened in the Dahiye quarter of Beirut in 2006 will happen in every village from which shots will be fired in the direction of Israel. We will wield disproportionate power and cause immense damage and destruction. This isn't a suggestion. It's a plan that has already been authorized."

Despite massive destruction and saturation bombing in 2006, Israel was defeated by Hezbollah fighters and forced to totally withdraw from Lebanon. Like Israel's resounding defeat in Lebanon in 2000, the defeat of 2006 confirmed the limits of Israel's U.S.-supplied military equipment. It was no match for armed people's resistance.

After 2006, Dahiye was painstakingly and entirely rebuilt with the assistance of Iran and aid from throughout the entire Arab world.

Criminally widening the war by again bombing Dahiye will lead to a far greater defeat for Zionism and its U.S. backers.

# PFLP support for Venezuela and Maduro

The following is a lightly edited statement from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in support of Venezuela and President Nicolás Maduro that appeared in the Resistance News Network, on Aug. 3, 2024.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine expresses its full and principled support for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and its comrade President Nicolás Maduro in confronting the coup plots led by the Zionist-aligned right wing supported by U.S. imperialism. These coup attempts come after President Maduro successfully gained the confidence of his people and secured a third presidential term, thwarting the right-wing's attempts to seize power under direct orders from U.S. imperialism and Zionist lobbies worldwide.

U.S. imperialism has used all its political, media and financial capabilities and tightened the siege to support these coup plots, spread chaos in Venezuela and incite public opinion against President

Maduro and his legitimate government. The stability of Venezuelan national security is considered stability for all South American countries and represents a victory for the values of freedom, democracy and dignity, as well as strong support for the Palestinian cause.

The Front calls on South American countries, governments and the free people of the world to stand by Venezuela to confront the U.S. plots that not only target Venezuela but all South American countries and the free world. We affirm that these coup and sabotage attempts led by the U.S. will undoubtedly fail and will be shattered by the steadfastness of the Venezuelan people and the resilience and courage of President Maduro, the faithful leader to the path of the late Hugo Chavez and the heir to the Bolivarian revolution.

Popular Front for the Liberation  
of Palestine  
Central Media Office  
Aug. 3, 2024

# Venezuela wins!

## WWP STATEMENT

Workers World Party congratulates President Nicolás Maduro and the Venezuelan people on their successful election!

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela organized, in painstaking detail, a successful and fair election. President Maduro's reelection, with a majority of the vote, is a victory for the Bolivarian revolution.

Approximately 1,000 international solidarity delegates and election observers witnessed the July 28 presidential election. The elections were orderly and well-run. Millions of people participated with great enthusiasm, despite weeks of dire predictions of violence and disruptions in the capitalist media.

U.S. imperialists remain determined to overturn the gains of the Venezuelan people. They invested heavily in creating and funding opposition parties and opposition media. Daily announcements of fraudulent polls were part of the effort. Right-wing forces in Venezuela and throughout Latin America were mobilized to declare, in advance, that they would not accept



the reelection of President Maduro, representing the Socialist Unity Party of Venezuela. U.S. coup efforts have intensified following the orderly election with international imperialist denunciations and violent right-wing protests.

More than ten years of increasingly torturous U.S. economic sanctions have attempted to push back every gain of the Venezuelan working class and sow dissension and demoralization. Venezuela's bank accounts and gold were seized, and its ability to sell oil in international markets was blocked. Attempted assassinations were constant. Hyperinflation and shortages were artificially created.

As this electoral victory again confirms, the people of Venezuela remain determined to defend their sovereignty and build toward a brighter socialist future. □



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Presidente Nicolás Maduro celebrando la victoria con el pueblo venezolano, 29 de julio de 2024, el día después de la elección.

## Biden se retira

# Nuevo candidato, mismo partido genocida

### Declaración del Partido Mundo Obrero

Mundo Obrero publicó por primera vez esta declaración, que ha sido actualizada, el 25 de julio.

Mundo Obrero se ha enterado de que, desde que el presidente Joe Biden abandonó la carrera entre él y el ex presidente Donald Trump y Kamala Harris fue elegida para postularse en lugar de Biden, Harris ha elegido al gobernador de Minnesota Tim Walz como su compañero de fórmula.

Sea cual sea el resultado de la retirada de Biden, no promete ningún cambio significativo en las posiciones políticas del Partido Demócrata. Incluso sin el “genocida Joe” como candidato, su apoyo al genocidio en Palestina continuará, con el apoyo demócrata y republicano a la ayuda militar continuada al Estado de apartheid sionista. Esto no cambiará con la elección de Trump o Harris.

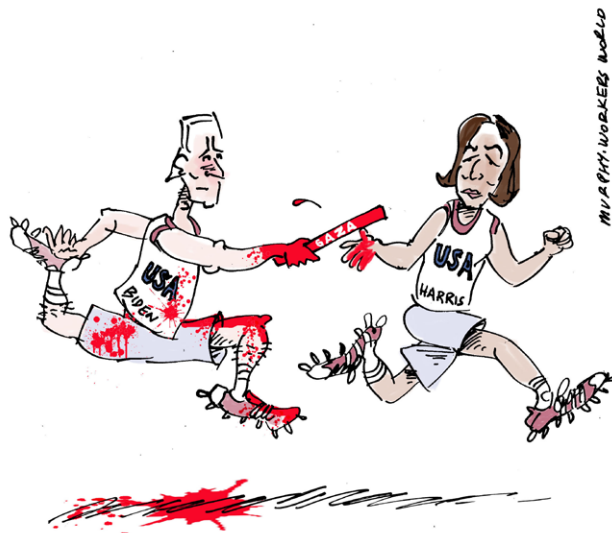
Mundo Obrero se opondrá al racismo y la misoginia cada vez que levanten sus feas cabezas, y eso está ocurriendo ahora que Kamala Harris podría ser la primera mujer negra y sudasiática presidenta y la segunda presidenta de color de EE.UU.

Pero no nos hacemos ilusiones de que la mera elección de alguien que no sea Biden vaya a suponer ningún cambio de política en lo que respecta a la limpieza étnica en Palestina y a la guerra por poderes de Estados Unidos y la OTAN contra Rusia. No esperamos que disminuya el número de asesinatos cometidos por la policía racista,

que en general ha actuado con impunidad independientemente de quién se siente en el Oficina Oval.

No esperamos que empresas como Starbucks, Amazon y Tesla den marcha atrás en su agenda antisindical. Tampoco esperamos que se revierta la sentencia reaccionaria de 2022 del Tribunal Supremo de Estados Unidos que anuló el caso Roe contra Wade, una sentencia histórica conseguida mediante la lucha de las masas que legalizó el aborto en 1973.

Detener estas injusticias requerirá una lucha masiva, y haremos todo lo que podamos para ayudar a que esto ocurra.



# Sube el desempleo: ¿qué pueden hacer los trabajadores?

Por James Foster

El Promedio Industrial Dow Jones experimentó una importante caída tras el último informe de empleo, publicado el 2 de agosto, que reveló una modesta adición de 114.000 puestos de trabajo y un aumento de la tasa de desempleo hasta el 4,3%. Las noticias sobre la economía estadounidense provocaron caídas similares en los índices bursátiles de Asia y Europa.

El informe de empleo de julio de la Oficina de Estadísticas Laborales fue una sorpresa para muchos, ya que los economistas burgueses habían anticipado unos resultados mucho mejores. Las predicciones habían oscilado entre 150.000 y 200.000 nuevos puestos de trabajo, pero la cifra real se quedó corta, sugiriendo una desaceleración en la creación de empleo. A la inquietud se sumó el aumento de la tasa de desempleo del 4,1% al 4,3%, la primera subida notable en varios meses.

El índice “más amplio” S&P 500 (caída de 1,8%), así como el compuesto NASDAQ (caída de 2,4%) -todos ellos puntos de referencia del rendimiento de los mercados bursátiles estadounidenses- reaccionaron rápidamente a las noticias con fuertes caídas el 2 de agosto y aún más pronunciadas el 5 de agosto. Amazon, Tesla e Intel obtuvieron escasos beneficios este trimestre. La caída refleja una amplia aprensión entre los capitalistas preocupados por las posibles implicaciones de un crecimiento más lento del empleo combinado con una tasa de desempleo en aumento. Subraya su creciente preocupación por la salud de la economía estadounidense.

La creación de sólo 114.000 puestos de trabajo, muy por debajo de la cifra prevista, indica un fracaso de la economía capitalista a la hora de generar suficientes oportunidades de empleo para mantener el ritmo de crecimiento de la población activa. El aumento del desempleo al 4,3%, combinado con el persistente problema del subempleo, subraya el hecho de que existe un excedente de mano de obra que el capitalismo no puede absorber.

La caída del Dow no es una mera “reacción del mercado”, sino un reflejo de las contradicciones subyacentes

de la producción capitalista. El mercado de valores, impulsado por el afán de lucro de los capitalistas, reacciona ante las amenazas percibidas a la rentabilidad. Cuando la creación de empleo se ralentiza y el desempleo aumenta, los capitalistas de inversión perciben que la economía podría no ser capaz de mantener altos márgenes de beneficio, lo que provoca una venta masiva de acciones.



Buenos Aires, septiembre de 2023

La reacción del mercado de valores deja muy clara la dependencia de los mercados capitalistas del crecimiento continuo y la precariedad de un sistema económico que no puede abordar eficazmente el excedente de mano de obra y la desigualdad económica.

### Intensificar la lucha de clases

El aumento del desempleo y el estancamiento en la creación de puestos de trabajo ponen de relieve la cuestión más amplia de que la producción capitalista está orientada hacia el beneficio privado en lugar de satisfacer las necesidades sociales. Mientras la clase capitalista se beneficia del crecimiento económico y de las ganancias bursátiles, la clase trabajadora se lleva la peor parte de la inseguridad laboral y la inestabilidad económica. El sistema capitalista prioriza intrínsecamente la acumulación de capital privado sobre el bienestar colectivo, lo

Tanto la explotación capitalista en casa como la guerra imperialista en el extranjero continuarán haciendo la vida un infierno para la clase obrera, especialmente para los más oprimidos —como ha sucedido bajo Biden.

Mundo Obrero comprende la amenaza de fascismo que suponen Trump, J.D. Vance, el Proyecto 2025 y la Agenda 47. Muchos trabajadores están legítimamente asustados.

Pero la única manera de ganar, especialmente en esta era de capitalismo tardío donde los antagonismos de clase son muy agudos, es construir un movimiento global unido de toda la clase obrera y los oprimidos. Ese movimiento debe actuar en total solidaridad con la valiente lucha de resistencia por la liberación de Palestina y combatir cada paso del régimen imperialista estadounidense para arrastrar al pueblo a la guerra.

Mundo Obrero apoya incondicionalmente las protestas masivas por Palestina que tendrán lugar el 19 de agosto y durante la Convención Nacional Democrática. La marcha está exigiendo el “Fin de la ayuda de EE.UU. a Israel”, que los delegados de la convención deben ser presionados para pedir. Los delegados que representan a los votantes “no comprometidos” de las primarias en varios estados van a la convención a exigir “Ni una bomba más”.

Lamentablemente, miembros del ala “progresista” del Partido Demócrata, incluidos el senador Bernie Sanders y la representante Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, dieron vergonzosamente su respaldo a Biden poco antes de su retirada.

Afirmamos esto con firmeza: La capitulación y el compromiso en el tema del genocidio son inaceptables. □

que conduce a crisis periódicas que se manifiestan como desempleo y subempleo.

Como marxistas, sostenemos que ninguno de los candidatos presidenciales, de ninguno de los dos partidos capitalistas, es capaz de solucionar el problema. Esto se debe a que la crisis es el resultado del funcionamiento del propio capitalismo y no de los políticos que los capitalistas deciden apoyar. Los trabajadores están experimentando esta crisis actual durante una administración demócrata y han visto lo mismo durante anteriores administraciones republicanas.

Una amenaza real que se plantea actualmente es que los candidatos más ultraderechistas representan a los elementos más reaccionarios y chovinistas del capital financiero, que están decididos a romper los sindicatos y posiblemente incluso a derrocar por completo la democracia burguesa.

La respuesta para las masas reside en su capacidad para librar una lucha política independiente basada en la unidad de todas las formaciones de la clase obrera. Sindicatos como United Auto Workers y American Federation of Teachers han alineado las fechas de expiración de sus convenios colectivos para el Primero de Mayo de 2028, y están llamando a todos los sindicatos a hacer lo mismo.

Esta estrategia podría conducir a un frente unido de organizaciones sindicales y ofrece la posibilidad de huelgas masivas. Pero, ¿qué es lo que realmente se necesita para contrarrestar el aumento del desempleo, la inflación, el estancamiento de los salarios, el racismo, la xenofobia, la misoginia, el fanatismo anti-LGBTQIA2S+, el capacitismo y todo el sufrimiento causado por el capitalismo? Es la unidad global de clase de todos los trabajadores, organizados y no organizados, desde Estados Unidos hasta América Latina y Palestina.

No debemos sucumbir a la vil propaganda fascista que pretende fragmentar a la clase obrera. Ya sea en los lugares de trabajo o en las calles, los trabajadores y los oprimidos pueden lograr la mayor cantidad de cambios intensificando la lucha de clases. □