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17,000 protesters blast Democrats over Gaza

By Martha Grevatt

Chicago – Some 17,000 people took part in the “March on the DNC 2024” as the Democratic National Convention got underway here. While the march had a broad list of program demands, it was built as a march for Palestine, and it was apparent that the drive to stop the genocide in Gaza was the central issue for many here.

Signs and chants condemned Vice President Kamala Harris for her role

supporting “Genocide Joe” Biden’s backing and arming the Zionist apartheid state. Demonstrators were also hostile to Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

Today’s demonstrations were the second march of a week of protests planned for the duration of the DNC. The organizations and individuals present plan to hold additional protests each day of the convention, which is scheduled to last until Thursday, Aug. 22. □



Chicago, Aug. 19, 2024.

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Demand the right to be heard at the DNC!

EDITORIAL

The Democratic National Convention held in 1968 was noteworthy due to the massive protests held outside the convention against the U.S. imperialist war in Vietnam.

Those antiwar demonstrators blamed Democratic President Lyndon Johnson and his vice president and presumed presidential candidate Hubert Humphrey for the war.

A brutal Chicago police riot attacked the demonstrators then, with swinging batons and tear gas causing massive injuries and arrests. The cops answered to Democratic Mayor Richard Daley, who had also used cops, National Guard and federal troops lethally against the Black community during the rebellion that followed the assassination of Martin Luther King that May.

Fast forward to Aug. 19, 2024, where once again a massive protest is scheduled for the first day of the DNC. This time, thousands of protesters are expected to converge from around the country. Most will focus attention on the Democratic Party's support for Israel's 10-month-long genocidal war on the people of Gaza.

Israel's racist ethnic cleansing, backed by U.S. military bombs and missiles, has resulted in the deaths and wounding of over 100,000 Palestinian unarmed civilians — including tens of thousands of children — and the displacement of over 2 million people.

President Joe Biden was so closely identified with Israeli policy that many people called him "Genocide Joe." Even after Biden dropped out of the presidential race and Vice President Kamala Harris became the presidential candidate, the Chicago protest was still on the agenda. Whoever the Democratic candidate facing Donald Trump is, the genocide in Gaza remains center stage.

Hatem Abudayyeh is chair of the U.S. Palestinian Community Network, founded



Workers World Party delegation at the March on the DNC, Aug. 19, 2024.

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in 2006 to revitalize grass-roots organizing in Palestinian and Arab communities in the U.S. He said about the protest: "It's still about ending the genocide. Our target is the Democratic Party and the leadership of the party and 'Killer Kamala' is one of them. We feel that their administration is responsible for this ongoing war and genocide." (Washington Post, Aug. 16)

The Democratic Party's political platform indicates no change from its long-standing position reflecting "Israel's right to defend itself" as being "ironclad," and U.S. weapons will keep coming. The platform endorses the Biden administration's alleged efforts to broker a lasting ceasefire deal in Gaza — but so far that part has been only talk.

The right to protest is under attack

There are already signs Chicago cops are violence-baiting the upcoming protests in order to vilify the demonstrations. They aim to justify any potential state repression. Chicago Police Superintendent Larry Snelling remarked: "We want to make sure that everyone in this city is protected, and everyone's rights are protected. What we're not going to allow are for people to converge upon this city and commit acts of violence or vandalism."

The Coalition to March on the DNC

legally challenged the limitations of the permit the city granted them in January. This earlier permit forced them to protest at Grant Park, almost four miles away from the convention site at the United Center.

Legal challenges from coalition groups forced the city to allow the Aug. 19 march to take place within a few blocks of the Democratic convention. Protesters will gather at Union Park — a half mile from the arena — and follow with a march to Medill Park. Their permitted route will take them up to the perimeter of the DNC security zone.

Abudayyeh and other coalition leaders say that the permitted route is too short and narrow for the tens of thousands of protesters expected. The protesters say that their message of "stop the genocide" has the right to be heard and seen by DNC delegates and the world without any threat of police repression.

Workers World wholeheartedly agrees with the protesters, who have the right to oppose the pro-imperialist stance of the Democrats as well as that of the Republicans. We support the demonstrators' right to protest. And we support the demands to "Stop all U.S. military aid to apartheid Israel immediately!" and for the fascist Israeli occupying force to leave Gaza and the West Bank permanently. □

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¡Detengan el genocidio!

Cuando la vicepresidenta Kamala Harris, candidata presidencial demócrata, anunció a su compañero de candidatura el 6 de agosto -el gobernador de Minnesota Tim Walz- probablemente hubo más de un suspiro de alivio. Al menos no eligió al gobernador de Pensilvania, Josh Shapiro, un virulento sionista que se jacta de haber servido una vez en las Fuerzas de Ocupación israelíes.

Cualquier distanciamiento de la plena alinación con Israel del presidente Joe Biden por parte de la vicepresidenta Harris y Walz podría considerarse conciliador hacia el movimiento de masas en apoyo de Palestina. O hacia la opinión pública, ya que las encuestas muestran que la mayoría de la población estadounidense desaprueba el respaldo de Biden a las masacres de Israel en Gaza.

Pero ni Harris ni Walz representan un cambio importante respecto a la posición antipalestina de «Genocide Joe». La plataforma del Partido Demócrata, publicada en julio, reafirma el apoyo «férreo» de Washington a Israel. Como señala Middle East Eye «La plataforma enumera ejemplos del apoyo inquebrantable de Biden a la guerra de Israel contra Gaza, incluyendo el envío de cargamentos de armas y proporcionando un escudo diplomático a Israel en las Naciones Unidas durante las votaciones para un alto el fuego y en relación con las preocupaciones sobre las violaciones de los derechos humanos.» (18 de julio)

Y cuando se trata de apoyar al Estado sionista, los demócratas, como dice el refrán, «ponen su dinero donde está su boca (o plataforma)». El 10 de agosto, el Departamento de Estado estadounidense notificó al Congreso

que la administración Biden había autorizado el desembolso de 3.500 millones de dólares de los fondos aprobados por el Congreso en abril para armar a Israel.

Al Jazeera informó: «Parte de la nueva ayuda financiera se destinará a una unidad militar israelí, acusada de cometer abusos contra los derechos humanos de los palestinos en la Cisjordania ocupada. El Departamento de Estado dijo que había decidido no sancionar a la unidad -lo que habría supuesto el primer bloqueo de ayuda al ejército israelí- afirmando que estaba satisfecho con los esfuerzos israelíes para hacer frente a las 'violaciones cometidas por esta unidad', que han sido 'efectivamente remediadas'». (10 de agosto)

Cuando Harris fustigó a los manifestantes pro palestinos que interrumpieron su discurso en Detroit, no hablaba sólo en su nombre o en el de su campaña. Phil Gordon, asesor de la vicepresidenta, dijo en las redes sociales que «ella no apoya un embargo de armas a Israel». (motherjones.com, 9 de agosto) La posición de Harris es la del Partido Demócrata. Es la posición del Partido Republicano. Cuenta con el apoyo general de la clase dominante estadounidense y de sus estrategias.

Independientemente de otras cuestiones en las que demócratas y republicanos puedan parecer discrepar tácticamente, ha habido un apoyo bipartidista inquebrantable a Israel desde que se creó el Estado del apartheid en 1948. Incluso los pocos demócratas «progresistas» del Congreso, en su mayoría, no han ido más allá de pedir un alto el fuego en Gaza. Y son una pequeña minoría, que se hará más pequeña con las derrotas — orquestadas y



‘Las mujeres de Gaza son nuestras hermanas’, Chicago, fuera de la Convención Demócrata Nacional, 19 de agosto de 2024.

financiadas por el Comité Estadounidense-Israelí de Asuntos Públicos - de los actuales congresistas Jamaal Bowman y Cori Bush en las elecciones primarias demócratas.

Los esfuerzos para convencer al equipo Harris/Walz de que adopte una posición pro Palestina, o intentos similares para ejercer influencia en la plataforma del Partido Demócrata, tienen pocas o ninguna posibilidad de éxito a menos que vayan acompañados de luchas masivas.

Esto se debe a que tanto el Partido Demócrata como el Republicano son partidos políticos capitalistas y están al servicio del imperialismo estadounidense y de su principal aliado en Asia Occidental, Israel.

Por supuesto, hay razones por las que millones de personas quieren que el ex presidente pro-fascista Donald Trump pierda en noviembre. Pero ahora mismo detener el genocidio en Palestina es la principal obligación de la clase obrera mundial, especialmente en EE.UU. Eso significa romper con el llamado «sistema bipartidista», fortalecer el movimiento pro Palestina y construir la solidaridad de clase internacional. □

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‘No vamos a votar por el genocidio. ¡Que paren las armas y el dinero para Israel!’
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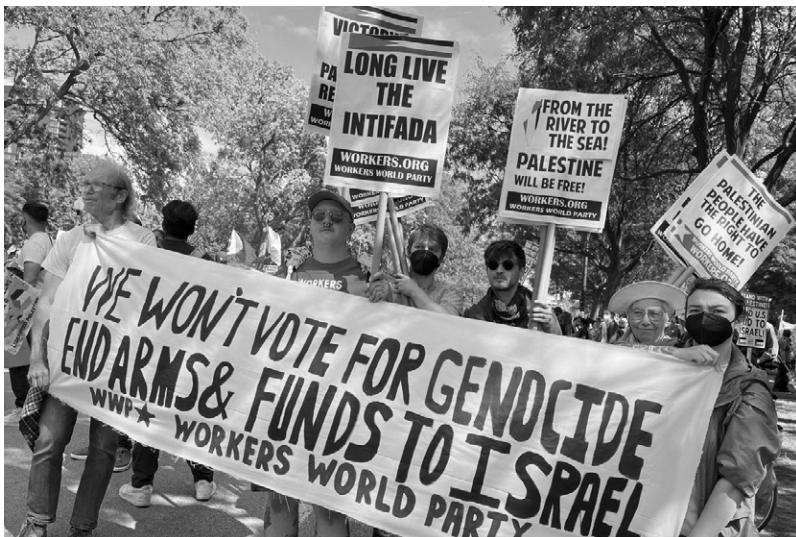


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