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May Day Organizing

May Day is Our Day

May Day is our day. A day when working people gather to state clearly that another world is possible.

Socialist Party members joined millions of people across the globe in-person and virtually as we continue to fight international capitalism, xenophobia and imperialism.

You can find reports on May Day events on our website at www.SocialistParty-USA.org

SPUSA Anti-War Working Group Webinars and Meetings will Continue this Summer

The Anti-War Working Group has been hosting a series of regular meetings and webinars and will continue through the summer. We encourage all members to consider joining the Anti-War Working Group to help guide the Party's anti-war work and everyone to consider attending the public meeting and webinars.

Discussion on USA/Haiti Relations



On April 29, comrade Dedan Waciuri spoke about activism surrounding Haiti.

The USA supports the current unconstitutional rule of Haitian ruler Jovenel Moise

who: stands accused of money laundering and embezzlement; created a new, powerful, and oppressive intelligence agency; and has made state violence integral to his rule.

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Socialist Party Twin Cities Local Response to the Conviction of Derek Chauvin

The Twin Cities Metro Area local of the SP-USA acknowledges this guilty verdict as a victory for Mr. Floyd and his family.

We also acknowledge that MN is the 2nd worst state for Black people and the Twin Cities are the 4th worst. Black Lives Matter is not just a statement, it requires action both legislatively and in our communities.

One killer cop being brought to justice will not bring back the victims killer cops, and will do little to comfort communities that continue to be terrorized by police brutality. This one victory should not distract us from the task at hand. Police budgets outpace spending on social services in most US cities and are becoming increasingly militarized. This is not a system that can be reformed, because it is not broken: it is functioning exactly as intended. To exploit, to oppress, to uphold white supremacy and the status quo. The police must be defunded, disarmed, and disbanded, we will not know peace until then, the fight will not end until this is achieved.

Change is required not a subject of debate. Militarizing our communities and attempting to normalize it adds to the immense chronic cycle of trauma. Trauma that was caused by state sanctioned violence and 401 years of intentional racism, the creation of disparities, voter suppression, all supported by Jim Crow.

This isn't just an issue of anti-Blackness either. Racist immigration policies enforced by ICE, refusal to uphold and respect the sovereignty of our Native community and give their land back, the hate within our AAPI community, and the refusal to pay workers what they are worth.

Black dignity and humanity matters, Black leadership matters, and Black joy matters.

Anti-War continued...

The USA and a 'core group' currently rule Haiti's political economy, and the Biden administration does not want to relinquish that power.

Previous Webinars and Meetings

The US/Haiti web meeting was the fourth in a series, which included a mid-April discussion on "Why Are Sanctions Bad?", a March discussion on USA/Saudi Relations and a February webinar on the conflict in Yemen.

Upcoming Meeting

The next Anti-War Discussion will be on the "U.S. Border Patrol and the militarization of the border" by SPUSA member Nick Braune. For more information e-mail Working Group Chair Sarah Katona at <u>katanakatona@gmail.com</u>.

New Party Locals

The Socialist Party welcomes two new Party Locals! The Shasta County, CA and Marion, Polk Counties, OR Locals. These Locals are part of a growing base of membership in California and Oregon.

Welcome comrades!

Earth Day Actions

Socialist Party Locals took part in in-person and virtual actions this Earth Day.

North Carolina

The Northern Piedmont Local joined with the North Carolina Greens and other organizations for a webinar entitled, "What Would an Ecosocialist Society Look Like" on Earth Day. It was the first in the "Earth Day to May Day" series of events.

Northern New Jersey

The Northern New Jersey Local joined Sunrise Movement, Green Party and others on Earth Day for an action in Montclair, NJ to Defund the Line 3 pipeline.



The event started with a rally featuring Sunrise student speakers and a representative of the Ramapo Lenape Nation and then protests in front of Chase and TD Banks, both funders of the Line 3 Pipeline.

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www.SocialistPartyUSA.net/renew-your-membership

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