

One Struggle, Many Fronts!

Oppose the Imperialist “Summit of the Americas”

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Fresh from rattling the saber against China with his Asian allies and lamenting the loss of life in Uvalde TX (surely there is no connection between the US military-industrial complex and war machine, and the unbelievable and intolerable incidence of mass shootings in the US), Joe Biden is coming to Los Angeles to address the US-dominated Organization of American States (OAS) “Summit of the Americas” during the first full week in June. Demonstrations are planned on Wednesday, June 8 by the “Anti-Imperialist Summit of Nuestra America”, initiated by Union del Barrio, and on Friday, June 10 after a three-day “Peoples Summit for Democracy”, held at Los Angeles Trade Technical College near the OAS venue at the LA Convention Center.

Not present for the OAS Summit will be Cuba, Nicaragua, or Venezuela, banned from participation by the US State Department. Nor will the President of Mexico attend because of the ban on those others. And most of the Caribbean countries said they would not attend if the US invited its puppet, Juan Guaido, to “represent” Venezuela. The US also denied visas to a couple of dozen Cubans, doctors and other medical workers invited to address the People’s Summit for Democracy. The Anti-imperialist Summit of Nuestra America broke the ban by having a Cuban spokeswoman and a Venezuelan labor leader and legislative deputy address their gathering via zoom, along with local representatives of the Sandinistas from Nicaragua’s FSLN and of the FMLN in neighboring El Salvador, where the right-wing populist government of Bukkele has imposed a “state of emergency” over-riding all individual rights in the wake of the collapse of Bitcoin cryptocurrency, which Bukkele had made legal tender in the country.

The US bans and the response to them, along with the general refusal of governments across “Latin” America and the Caribbean to fall in line with the US/ NATO sanctions on Russia over its war with Ukraine, underline the diminished power of the US, which can no longer expect its neighbors to respond, “How high?” when it commands, “Jump!” Even as the US invites its NATO allies like France, the UK and the Netherlands to participate in military “exercises” in South America along with its ‘Southern Command’, and the government of Colombia deepened its partnership with NATO, the people of Colombia voted for a former anti-capitalist guerrilla leader number one in their recent elections with over 40% compared to 28% for the second-place finisher, an anti-establishment right-wing populist.

But the question remains, here in the “belly of the beast”, what people in this country can do to further weaken the US imperial system, to strengthen the popular forces internationally, and to build relations of conscious solidarity among poor and working people through the Americas and the world. If US hegemony is weakening in the world at large, the domination of imperialism and monopoly capitalism, even in its most reactionary variants, seems undiminished in the US. The weakness of the US left has material consequences on liberatory class and anti-colonial struggle throughout the world.

What Makes It, Breaks It

What formed the “states” that the US has pulled together in the Organization of American States and uses to advance its efforts to stigmatize, isolate and attempt to destroy governments that resist US domination? It was a similar process of colonization, land theft, settler colonialism and enslavement of indigenous and African people as occurred here in the US, with the exception that the primarily Spanish, Portuguese and French colonizers did less (except in the Caribbean) of seeking to exterminate and eliminate the indigenous population than the British did in North America. That means that at the base of those societies, and the most exploited and oppressed within them, are masses of Indigenous and African-descent people. This was manifest in the wars for independence against Spain and Portugal, when Bolivar’s armies (like those in Mexico, too) consisted primarily of Indigenous and African descent people, who received essential refuge and support from the people of Haiti, who had themselves overthrown the yoke of enslavement and colonization by defeating Napoleon’s army. It was manifest in the refusal of the US government to extend any solidarity to the republican revolutionaries of Mexico, waging a war for independence against Spain. John Quincy Adams,



then US Secretary of State, refused a request from the new and embattled Mexican government, denouncing their revolution led by indigenous and African descent people as a “servile rebellion” that threatened “civilized” society with upheaval, and thus different from the US Revolutionary War for independence, which he portrayed as Anglo-Saxons seeking their birthright as transplanted Englishmen.

That reality is reflected today in the base of struggles for socialism, sustainability and indigenous sovereignty and environmental protection, in Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Honduras, Colombia and Brazil, among other societies. There is a need for intercommunal solidarity, proletarian and campesino internationalism, not just recognition of the sovereign rights of nation states. The land and water protection struggles of indigenous peoples in the Americas, north as well as south, in Canada and the US fully as much as in Brazil, Chile or Bolivia, are some of the sharpest anti-capitalist and anti-colonial class struggles in the world today. Left forces in the US need to do better than mimic the “sovereign-states” posture of the OAS, and recognize the sovereignty of indigenous peoples, whose traditional territories and stewardship of land do not necessarily correspond to the state borders created by Europe settler colonial powers.

Support for the Indigenous is critical to the kind of militant protection of the environment from further capitalist depredation and degradation that is demanded of us in this era of deepening climate crisis. Capitalism was birthed in the expropriation of the lands of America and the stolen labor of indigenous and African people. As Marx said: “The discovery of gold and silver in America, the extirpation, enslavement and entombment in mines of the aboriginal population, the beginning of the conquest and looting of the East Indies, the turning of Africa into a warren for the commercial hunting of black-skins, signalized the rosy dawn of the era of capitalist production. These idyllic proceedings are the chief momenta of [primary] accumulation. On their heels treads the commercial war of the European nations, with the globe for a theatre.”—Capital, Volume One (1867)

Yet many self-described Marxists today fail to get what Marx really said, and meant, over a century and a half ago. They quote him from Capital: capitalism came into the world “dripping from head to foot, from every pore, with blood and dirt,” yet still imagine that capitalism was in some way liberating or progressive. In fact, capitalism is inherently racist and destructive, and so-called primary or primitive accumulation, and expropriation, are not artifacts of the past but essential aspects of the ongoing nature of capitalism and its “wealth generation” right up to the present moment. Capitalism did not abolish earlier forms of class or gender oppression such as the oppression of women or the exploitation of peasants, but incorporated, internalized, and refined them. Aristocracy, patriarchy, and white supremacy are hallmarks of capitalism and imperialism, and especially settler colonialism.

This is critical to understanding how the US has come to play a role as the world bastion of reaction, where settler colonialism acts as a basis for class collaboration and a safety valve for class antagonism not only within its own militarily imposed and maintained borders, but throughout the rest of the world. To use the phrase coined by Noel Ignatiev, the Irish became white, not only in the US, but even in Ireland, through access to stolen Indigenous lands and to the ranks of relatively-privileged “free” labor above enslaved Africans, including as members of law enforcement. Mass migration of Irish

to the US, along with waves of Swedes, Bohemians, Germans and other Europeans, particularly after failed uprisings and revolutions, blunted revolutionary class consciousness on both sides of the Atlantic. This process is still taking place today, including in its inculcation of criminality and a predatory consciousness, with migrants from many parts of the world, increasingly including “Latin” America, Asia and even Africa. Remittances from poor migrants in the US to even poorer family members in their home countries are now one of the largest flows of capital in the world (yet they are crumbs from the table of the feast of wealth that US and European capitalists extract from those very countries they impoverish (including by importin labor from them).

These realities are also manifest in the grip of the Democratic Party and its embrace of the military-industrial complex, the carceral state and surveillance capitalism not only on well-to-do and well-educated white professionals but on many BIPOC communities. They also assert themselves in the right-wing patriarchal nationalist populist appeal of Trump and other so-called anti-elitist formations, politicians, and media propagandists which are now popping up globally to counter and suppress the left in countries like Brazil, El Salvador, or the Philippines.

What Is to Be Done and Undone?

Late in the 1960s, during a period of mass radical resistance led by anti-racist and anti-colonial struggles inside the US that identified with anti-capitalist liberation movements in Africa, Asia and Latin America, it was disclosed that the CIA had been running the international operations at least of the student movement through the National Student Association, and of the US labor “movement” through the AFL-CIO, as well as planting and purchasing agents of ideological influence in academia, publishing and print and broadcast journalism.

The disclosures ultimately did little or nothing to change the dominant politics within universities, organized labor, or the corporate media. That’s because COINTELPRO decapitated revolutionary leadership from anti-colonial and anti-racist struggles inside the US, and severed the connection between them and similar struggles in the so-called Third World.

The threat to Empire of revolutionary struggles in Africa and Central America, combined with the onset of “stagflation” and on-going economic crisis, impelled the rise of neo-liberalism and corporate globalization, with the attendant hollowing out of the vestiges of democracy and the welfare state.

In the ensuing half-century, all those suppressed contradictions have only deepened beneath the surface. The bourgeoisification of the labor movement, the women’s movement, environmentalism, LGBTQ liberation, and even the struggles of Black, AAPI, Chicano-Mexicano-Latino and indigenous communities have been exposed as dead ends. What is needed if we are to seize the time, to create a fundamental shift in the balance of power and relation of forces between the oppressed and exploited on the one hand, and the oppressors and exploiters on the other? **We need a culture of solidarity, resistance and liberation.**

Solidarity starts with a recognition of the agency and leadership of those struggling against imperialism – in Palestine, in Venezuela, in Haiti; but also at Standing

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Rock, Tierra Amarilla New Mexico, or Jackson/MedgarEversville, Mississippi.

Resistance means making a break with the debilitating identification with the oppressor and with the empire, particularly with white and male supremacy and economic privilege. Privilege is a mechanism of social control -- whatever you accept as a privilege, you have surrendered as a right. Imperialism, capitalism and colonialism are shot through with privilege(s). They form the material basis for the competition among the workers on which capitalism ultimately rests, and for the complicity, complacency and compliance that produce the consent of the governed to the power of the state and the corporate elite it protects and enforces.

Liberation means going all the way, being explicitly anti-capitalist, and understanding that we need thorough-going systemic change. It means accepting that we have not just political opponents or bad policies or ideas to overcome, but an implacable enemy that will stop at nothing to maintain its power and its freedom to operate as it sees fit.

It also means remembering that the enemy of my enemy is not necessarily my friend. Irish revolutionaries may have accepted aid from Germany to oppose British colonialism during the first World War, as Russian revolutionaries accepted German help in getting back into the Czarist empire. But they harbored no illusions that Germany was a friend of the Irish or Russian people, or the international working class. They were simply taking advantage of inter-imperial contradictions to advance their own struggles for independence and socialism.

Even during most of the heyday of state socialism in the USSR, its influence encouraged stale and fruitless political formations and positions in other countries, class collaborationism and corruption, as the USSR pursued its own narrow national interests and was willing to sacrifice revolutionaries and revolution to serve its own institutional ends. Today, more than ever, we need an internationalist and intercommunal vision of liberation from below that unites working and oppressed people and communities in all countries against all forms of oppression, exploitation, repression, racism, sexism, and reaction.

Developing such kernels in this country would be a tremendous contribution to the necessary global social, economic, political and ecological transformation that the times require. A US left worthy of the name would be in a position to undermine and challenge US militarism and its NATO infrastructure, and smash the ideological and material underpinnings of the US war and surveillance machine, the blending of corporate and state power, patriarchy, racism, and national chauvinism that goes by the name “fascism.”

DSA-LA PICNIC, CELEBRATION AND DISCUSSION
WITH VENEZUELAN FEMINIST TOUR MEMBERS!

Sat. JUNE 11th 2:00 pm-4:30 pm ELYSIAN PARK

RSVP AND MORE DETAILS:
<https://actionnetwork.org/events/venezuelan-feminist-tour-picnic-and-discussion/>

Mónica M., Anggie H. and Yolimar M. will travel across the country to speak about life under sanctions and resistance to hybrid war, as well as their personal experiences as organizers. Mónica is a professor and arts administrator who writes a weekly column and studies Afro-Venezuelan traditions. Anggie is a Wayuu activist and educator on Indigenous, sexual and reproductive rights. Yolimar is an industrial engineer and is part of the internationalist brigade of Brazil's Landless Workers Movement (MST) in Venezuela.

We urge people to investigate the initiatives of municipalism and dual power that are developing, to communicate with groups like Cooperation Jackson and Cooperation Humboldt, and to attend the Dual Power 2022 conference near Chicago the weekend of July 29-31 (actually in Indiana Dunes state and national park across the state line in Indiana).

Learn more at <https://dualpower2022.org/>
Locally in Los Angeles, check out the Municipalism Learning Series at <https://losangelesforall.org/>

DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST “SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS”
Wednesday, June 8, 4 PM
Rally at Olympic & Figueroa called by Anti-Imperialist Summit of Nuestra America
Friday, June 10, 5 PM
March from LA Trade Tech College, 400 W Washington Blvd.
to Biden's Summit of Exclusion at LA Convention Center
Organized by the People's Summit for Democracy

NYPD and Far-Right Forces Collude in Physical Assault
on a Socialist and Anti-Racist Space

https://peoplesforum.org/blog_post/nypd-and-far-right-forces-collude-in-physical-assault-on-a-socialist-and-anti-racist-space/

The People’s Forum in New York City attacked by the far-right, enabled by the police

Since our founding in 2018, our space, The People’s Forum (TPF) has been the target of multiple attacks by the far-right on both social media and in our location. We have managed to defend our space which operates on values and principles of social justice and people power.

Most recently a coalition of anti-vaxxers, Cuban and Venezuelan anti-communists, and other far-right reactionaries have increased their attacks on TPF. Today, over a dozen officers of the New York Police Department (NYPD) entered TPF, uninvited, and acted as security for the far-right who carried out an illegal attack on our space.

We ground and pride ourselves in organizing our own safety and coordinating with other organizations to defend and protect each other. Today, as many of TPF staff and leadership are in Los Angeles building The People’s Summit for Democracy, this far-right coalition attempted to forcefully occupy our space as part of a larger strategy against TPF’s politics and mission.

The NYPD facilitated the attempted occupation by objectively preventing us from ejecting these far-right reactionaries. They allowed for the occupation attempt to continue for over an hour, while our staff and guests were physically assaulted and verbally harassed, and anti-vaxxers vandalized our space.

Today, this far-right coalition was driven out of the space by the strong stance and resistance of TPF staff and fellow comrades who protected the space. Rest assured, we will continue to uplift our socialist values and be a welcoming space for working people and all those who want to transform society for the better.



Anti-vaxxers staged an orchestrated protest at the Peoples Forum space in NYC along with rightwing Venezuelans and others, arranging to live-stream their attempt to force their way inside after being asked for proof of vaccination to enter. NYPD continued to occupy the space afterward for a period of time.

The Peoples Forum
320 West 37th Street (between 8th & 9th Avenues),
New York, NY 10018.
info@peoplesforum.org

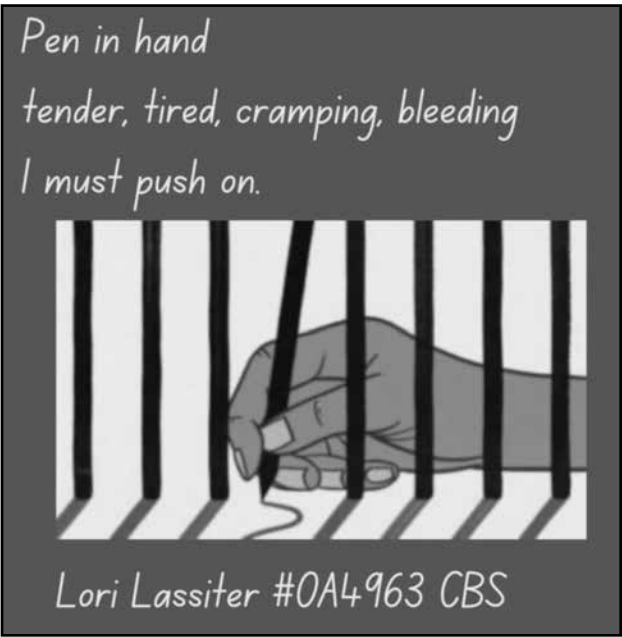
Solitary Confinement is Torture

#HaikusAgainstSolitary #SolidarityNotSolitary

Haikus are normally written in Japan and elsewhere to capture a moment of natural beauty. But behind prison walls and steel bars, and especially in isolation, AKA “the hole” or solitary confinement, nature is a memory in the mind of incarcerated people. So these haikus written to help break down that isolation by prisoners in Pennsylvania, California and elsewhere, and published with striking illustrative graphics on the twitter feed of decarceration activist Delores Chalmers, are steeped in irony, not the snarky irony of pseudo-humorous racist and sexist insults that abound on the Internet, but an irony that reaches through the iron bars to touch our hearts, humanize those locked down and impel us to action.

Pen in hand,
Tender, tired, cramping, bleeding
I must push on

--Lori Lassiter #OA-4963 CBS

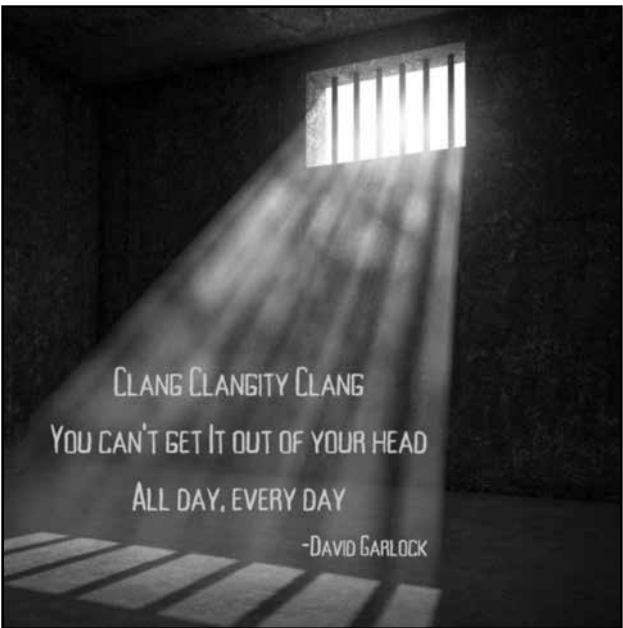


The war that’s within
Consumes my soul so clearly
Many tear drops fall

--James E. Scott II, SCI Benner

Who is here with you?
The ground, your feet; Light, your eyes
Let them be with you.

--Sarah Elliot



CLANG, CLANGITY CLANG
YOU CAN'T GET IT OUT OF YOUR HEAD
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

--David Garlock

What did I do now?
They close the door behind me
All alone. Wow

--Abimael Casiano-Fernandez #GK-8606

The Walls consume me
The walls are killing me slow
The wall all I see

--Dakota K, The Writing Circle

Never fear failure
For from failure comes success
Cherish achievement

--GB



Compassion is gone
Love doesn’t live here any more
And neither can I

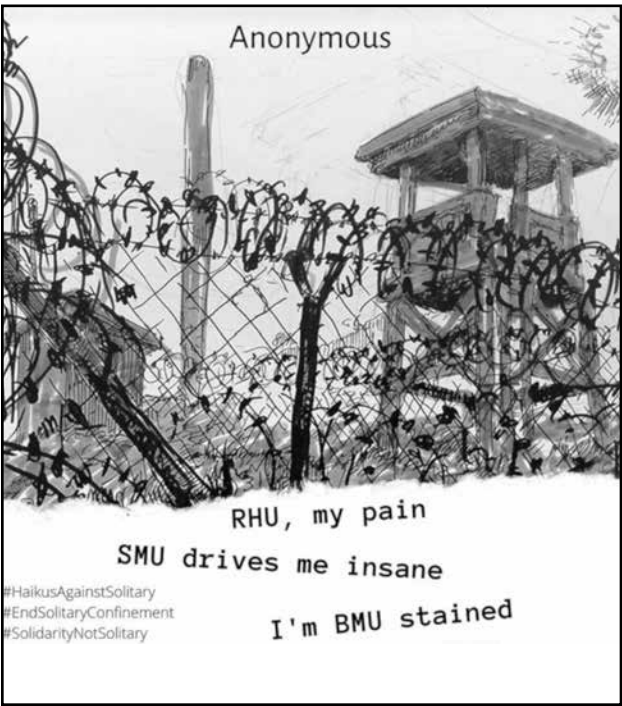
--Zane Colbert, SCI Albion

I KISSED MY GIRL TWICE
MY VISITS WERE CANCELLED, RIGHT
PLUS CONFINEMENT NIGHTS

--Wayne P. Johnson, SCI Benner

They tried to fade us
We utilized agency
To be remembered

--Isaac Peterson, #ML-2492



Thanks to Delores Chalmers for organizing the collection of these haikus and the effort to illustrate them and publish them on twitter.

See more here:

<https://twitter.com/AyanaJimerson>

100X100 Campaign to Increase Publication Frequency of Turning the Tide

Over its 30+ year publishing history, *TTT* has been published in magazine format, as a 24-page tabloid, and from time to time on a bi-monthly basis, six issues a year. For the last few years, economic necessity has dictated that we guarantee four 8-page issues a year. To restore bi-monthly publication, we launched a fund-raising campaign we’ve dubbed “100X100.”

This special June-July issue timed to coincide with the opposition to the Summit of the Americas here in L.A., and particularly the Peoples Summit, represents another attempt to restore the paper to at least bimonthly publication, six times a year. But we can’t do it without more support from you readers.

We are still looking for one hundred people who will donate \$100 a year, or \$10 per month, to make it possible for *TTT* to resume publishing six issues a year regularly, and to continue mailing about 1700 copies of each issue into the prisons, especially as postal costs are going up another 2 cents a stamp later this month. You can donate online at <http://gofundme.com/eugzgg>. Help it go viral!

Turning the Tide doesn’t print itself, or mail itself. Some prisoners who get the paper contribute a few stamps.. Often, they pass the copy of *TTT* that they received from hand to hand, cell to cell, or they send in the names and addresses of half-a-dozen or more other prisoners. Prisoners, if you can find donors or subscribers outside prison to subsidize your sub, that would help a lot!

If you’d like to see *Turning the Tide* more frequently, if you want to contribute to breaking down the walls of isolation and separation imposed by the prison system, please contribute. If you can’t manage \$100 all at once, you could donate \$10 a month. But any donation you make can help. Postage costs for a single issue of *TTT* are \$1000 and climbing. If you can’t donate yourself, please help spread the campaign via your social media, to your Facebook friends, Twitter followers, and email contacts. Everything helps. Nobody makes a dime from working on *TTT*.

If the campaign is successful, we will resume publishing every other month in 2022. Postage is our biggest expense. Nobody gets paid at *TTT*. But the Postal Service is not so generous. We have a handful of people who are sustainers, making a monthly donation, a larger number of people who subscribe once a year or so. Right now, we are at about 10% of our goal. LA area supporters could set up house meetings, where the editor will pitch to your friends for support. The future of *Turning the Tide* is in your hands. Now, while you’re thinking about it, go to:

https://ko-fi.com/anti_racist_action_la

and donate, or use paypal to antiracistaction_la@yahoo.com if you prefer. Then share it with your contacts. With your help, *Turning the Tide* can step up to the “urgency of now” -- the necessity for radical organizing, educating and analyzing to respond to the growing crisis of the Empire -- endless war, police terror with impunity, mass incarceration, colonialism, ecological devastation that will shortly become irreversible.

If you think *TTT* is a useful tool in the struggle for people’s power and a new world, please donate today. If you wish, you can also just send cash, check or money order to

Anti-Racist Action,
PO Box 1055, Culver City CA 90232.
(Please note payee must be “Anti-Racist Action” or cash. We cannot process checks made out to “Turning The Tide”.)

International Antifascist Defence Fund

This month marks the 7th anniversary of the International Anti-fascist Defence Fund! A LOT has happened since we set up shop in June of 2015 (like helping out more than 650 antifascists in 23 different countries by providing over \$175,000USD in emergency aid) and we hope you're all proud of what we've accomplished together over those seven years.

Our 2021-2022 annual report is up here: [https://intlantifadefence.wordpress.com/2022/05/30/the-international-anti-fascist-defence-fund-2021-2022-annual-report/] in case you'd like to see some stats and review what's happened over the last twelve months.

Here's an excerpt: Since June 2021, we've intervened nineteen times to provide game-changing levels of support and material aid to 63 antifascists in eleven different countries (Austria, Australia, Belarus, Canada, Colombia, France, Germany, Greece, Ukraine, the UK, and the US). This was a 72% increase over the number of times we provided emergency support in the previous 12-month period (an increase that may be due to the relaxing of COVID restrictions globally allowing for more people to clash with each other in contentious settings). The \$46,468.59 USD worth of support we provided marked a 40% increase over the previous 12-month period; in fact, 45% of all monies the Defence Fund has distributed in its eight years have gone out over the past two years.

Now moving on to some stuff we've got on offer for our anniversary:

1) This exclusive, limited-edition t-shirt: This is the first thing we made to help raise money for the Defence Fund. It's been long out-of-print but we're doing a special run of these shirts & hoodies this month only and only making them available to members of the Decisions Crew + recurring contributors to the Defence Fund. That means you! Pick yours up here <https://www.bonfire.com/antifa-atheletica/> but don't wait too long,



they'll be gone come July!

2) If you're more inclined towards a more traditional antifa design, here's June's Antifa Shirt of the Month: <https://www.bonfire.com/antifainternational/>

Of course, all proceeds from the sales of both shirts will go straight into the Defence Fund. Please spread the word!

3) A contest! So the bad news is that contributions to the Defence Fund were down 17% over the last twelve months while over the same period we sent out 40% more in emergency funding. That, my friends, is not tenable. A lot of people have allowed their recurring contributions to lapse over the last year and

it's cause for concern.

The solution: we're giving away ten author-signed copies of the amazing Post-Internet Far Right book (authored by the folks behind the *12 Rules for WHAT* podcast)

Anyone who signs up this month become a monthly recurring contributor to the Defence Fund will be entered to win a copy signed by the authors. Any recurring contributors who increases their monthly contribution by \$5 or more will also be entered to win a copy.

You'll find instructions on how to do that here:

<https://help.actionnetwork.org/>;

if you contribute via Patreon, instructions are there.



Two reports on The Gray Zone:

US and EU Nazis training in Ukraine

DHS 'concerned' over Nazis returning to US after fighting in Ukraine. Why isn't the media?

By Alexander Rubinstein

<https://thegrayzone.com/2022/05/31/american-neo-nazi-ukraine-hero-corporate-media/>

Excerpt:

US corporate media [have] provided glowing coverage to Paul Gray, a notorious American white nationalist fighting in Ukraine. {yet a} Department of Homeland Security document warns that he's not the only US fascist drawn to Kiev. ...[US] white nationalists with documented histories of violence are attaining combat experience with advanced US-made weapons in a foreign proxy war.

That's according to the US Department of Homeland Security, which has been gathering intelligence on Americans who have joined the ranks of the more than 20,000 foreign volunteers in Ukraine.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation [probed and obtained indictments of] several [U.S.] white nationalists associated with the {California-based} Rise Above Movement [AKA "RAM"] after they trained with the neo-Nazi Azov Battalion and its civilian wing, the National Corps, in Kiev. But that was almost four years ago.

According to a Customs and Border Patrol document released thanks to a May 2022 Freedom of Information Act request by a nonprofit called Property of the People, federal authorities are concerned about RMVE-WS's, or "racially-motivated violent extremists – white supremacy" returning to the US armed with new tactics learned on the Ukrainian battlefield.

"Ukrainian nationalist groups including the Azov Movement are actively recruiting racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist white supremacists to join various neo-Nazi volunteer battalions in the war against Russia," the document states. "RMVE-WS individuals in the United States and Europe announced intentions to join the conflict and are organizing entry to Ukraine via the Polish border.".... [See more here: <https://propertyofthepopple.org/document-detail/?doc-id=22022879>]

A 2021 report by the Military Academy West Point's Combating Terrorism Center reinforced his point, stating that the Ukraine conflict "served as a powerful accelerator" for global white supremacy.

Among the most prominent American white nationalists currently serving in the ranks of the Ukrainian military is Paul Gray. The US military veteran has spent almost two months fighting among the Georgian National Legion, a Ukrainian military outfit that has been celebrated by US

lawmakers and has committed multiple war crimes.

Besides having served in the US Army, Gray is a veteran of various street brawls against leftist groups in the US. This April, he was shuffled to a hospital in "an undisclosed location" in Ukraine for wounds sustained in combat. This time, his adversaries were not masked members of Antifa; they were soldiers in the Russian military.



A new generation of US-trained extremists is fighting Russia. Are we prepared for the blowback?

By TJ Coles

<https://thegrayzone.com/2022/05/31/us-trained-extremists-fighting-russia-blowback/>

Excerpt:

The multi-billion dollar CIA operation [begun in 1978 under Carter and Zbigniew Brzezinski] to arm and train the ... Afghan mujahedin [to ensnare and combat the USSR in Afghanistan] was known as Operation Cyclone. Successive administrations repeated the pattern in the 2010s, initiating Operation Timber Sycamore in a failed effort to depose Bashar al-Assad in Syria and Operation Mermaid Dawn before it in a successful effort to remove Muammar Gaddafi and destabilize Libya.

Today, the CIA, [and] US Special Forces are training regular units in Ukraine. With US support, far-right elements of those units go on to train and recruit for Nazi paramilitary units and gangs. [US] White nationalists are allowed to travel to Ukraine and train paramilitaries and/or receive training, depending on the individual or group. State-corporate media have confirmed the existence of a major CIA training program involving "irregular"

(i.e., terrorist) warfare, [see <https://news.yahoo.com/exclusive-secret-cia-training-program-in-ukraine-helped-kyiv-prepare-for-russian-invasion-090052743.html>] but we do not yet know the name of the operation. [But] the US program in Ukraine bears such striking similarities to Operation Cyclone it could be dubbed "Cyclone 2.0".

Operations of this sort laid the groundwork for a mass

"volunteer" scheme. The creation of an international volunteer force reflects the interests of the Azov Battalion — the Nazi-linked paramilitary unit that has undergone through several name changes (e.g., Azov Movement, Azov Regiment), reportedly de-Nazified, and has supposedly integrated into regular Ukrainian armed units. In reality, the Azov's political wing, the National Corps (formerly the Patriots of Ukraine), is described as neo-Nazi by contemporary Western experts and even the US Department of Justice. [According to an FBI affidavit in the charges against members of RAM, "the Azov Battalion is a paramilitary unit of the Ukrainian National Guard ...known for its association with neo-Nazi ideology ... and ..believed to have participated in training and radicalizing US-based white supremacy groups."]

In February 2018, Azov stated on Discord: "[We] will have the foreign legion set up within the next 18 months or so." Chiding the Ukrainian government for blocking their efforts, the National Corps' young leader, Olena Semenyaka, said: "we hope to create a foreign legion. There we could announce loud and clear when we seek volunteers." If the far-right Ukrainian puppet government was too soft, Azov leadership did not need to worry because Uncle Sam was there to facilitate the creation of an international volunteer league.

The Story of Stuff Cannot Be Color-Blind

By Sheila Hamanaka

I love *The Story of Stuff*. It's got a great message. It's accessible to adults and kids.

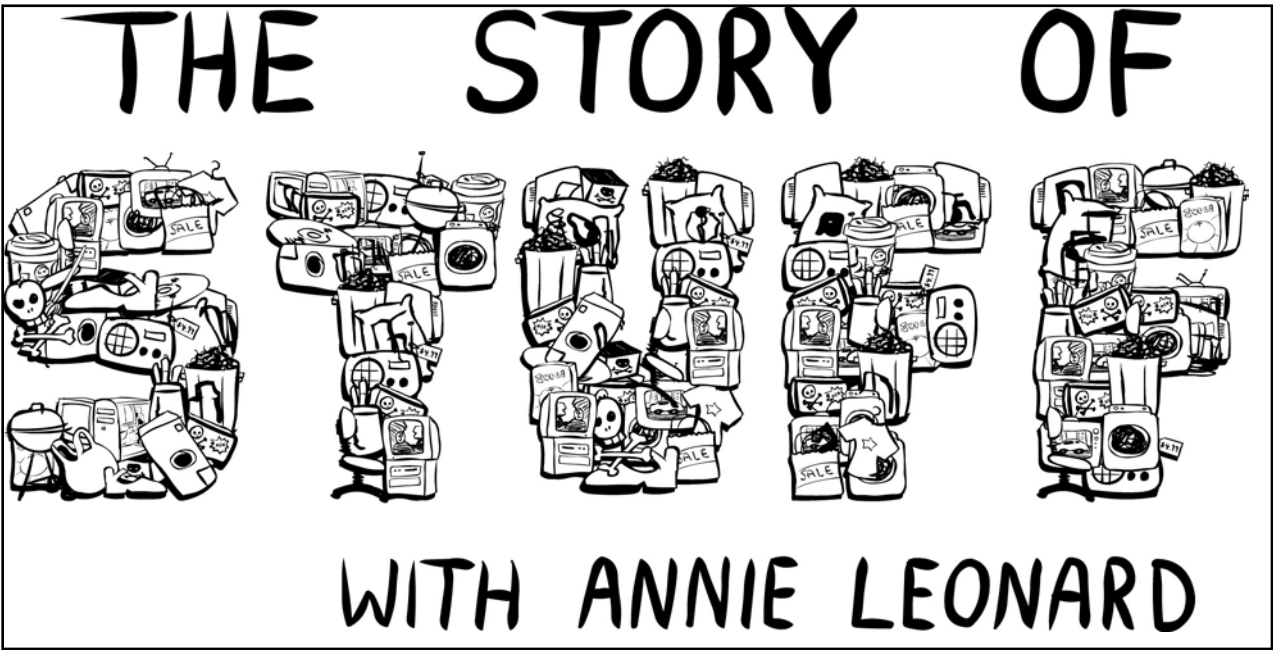
Still, as a person of color and a children's book author & illustrator I've always had a problem with *The Story of Stuff*: everyone in it is white.

Now, I can hear the rationale: it's just a comic. The figures are symbolic. Generic. They represent everyone in the simplest way possible.

But, put yourself in my position: growing up, I never saw my own image in children's books, except as a stereotype (like in *The Five Chinese Brothers*). That's why I wrote *All the Colors of the Earth*, so my own kids could experience personhood and social recognition.

BIPOC children, disabled children, NEED to see their own image. They do not need to be "whited out."

Something else has been "whited out" of *The Story of Stuff*: the story of racism and how it enables land theft and exploitation. The use of the term "Third World" bypasses the issue. The capitalist nations--the United States and Europe---continue to super exploit colonized nations in the Global South and Indigenous peoples all over the world. Racism has enabled a small minority to super exploit



the "other." Racism and nationalism divide the international working class and small farmers, the landless. It is the super exploited and Indigenous peoples who are leading the way in organizing, often paying with their lives. Racism stops people from following or joining them.

The Story of Stuff could learn a lesson from the Black Lives Matter movement. Say the word. Say "racism" in *The Story of Stuff*. Failure to address racism only perpetuates it. Whiting out color does not build unity even if it pretends to represent all of humanity. It visually reinforces the primacy and

dominance of white people and whiteness in a world that is majority BIPOC.

Surely, I am not the first person to mention this. Nor will I be the last to think it. Whiting out harms BIPOC children and adults, and we know it. It's an easy fix. Just change *The Story of Stuff* and put the old one away. It's a tool, not an elder. Make it an anti-racist tool.

You can see The Story of Stuff here: <https://www.storyofstuff.org/> along with other videos and animations.

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Bill" Fisher: A Case Study in the GOP Mainstreaming of White Power

by Atlanta Antifa [Excerpts]

<https://torchantifa.org/william-bill-fisher-arizona-white-supremacist-and-grassroots-republican-activist/>

William C. Fisher of Phoenix, Arizona is a longtime white supremacist who claims that “Hitler was right.” Under his online persona of “Preston Brooks,” Fisher references “the Day of the Rope,” a white supremacist fantasy of mass murder, and repeatedly calls for lynching. Fisher is also a Republican Party activist who serves as a committeeman with the Legislative District 20 Republican Party (LD20 GOP) in Arizona. His wife Kimberly is also an LD20 GOP committee member. Kim Fisher is serving her second term on the Deer Valley Unified School District board, which is responsible for over 30,000 students. As we discuss, Kim Fisher must be aware of her husband’s white supremacist agitation. She calls her husband “the smartest man I know” and consults with him on political issues.

Bill Fisher’s Propaganda Output

Bill Fisher has profiles on the Russian social networking site VKontakte as well as the far-Right social network Gab, hiding behind the aliases “Preston Brooks” and “Preston S. Brooks” respectively. Fisher takes these names from Preston Smith Brooks, a 19th century US Rep. from South Carolina, a hero to white supremacists for beating an abolitionist Senator nearly to death. Fisher also uses “Preston [S.] Brooks” when commenting on websites such as Occidental Dissent and Identity Dixie, both of which combine white nationalism and calls for Southern secession. In a later section, we will discuss how we identified William C. Fisher as the person behind “Brooks.”

Before joining the VKontakte and Gab social networking sites – both safe havens for white supremacist organizing – Bill Fisher operated a Twitter account as “Preston Brooks”/@Rebel_Bill. This Twitter account lasted six years from early 2012 until early 2018, gaining at least 19,000 followers before it was suspended. Fisher’s @Rebel_Bill Twitter account was mentioned in a 2016 Mother Jones article, which noted the account’s “virulently anti-Semitic riffs” and that it had “tweeted an image of a transgender woman using a women’s bathroom with the words: ‘Prosecute or lynch.’” Fisher joined the Russian social network VKontakte as “Preston Brooks” in 2015. In 2016, Fisher registered on the newly created Gab network as “Preston S. Brooks”. Compared to his Twitter account, Fisher has a reduced audience on these two platforms, with under 400 friends on VKontakte and around 2,300 followers on Gab. When Fisher urges



Neither Cops nor Gun Control Will Stop Mass Shootings

Analysis by It’s Going Down [excerpts] <https://itsgoingdown.org/their-guns-wont-protect-you-mass-shootings/>

Neither Republican calls for more guns and policing nor Democrat demands for more gun control can put an end to the epidemic of mass shootings in the US. The problem runs deeper than either of these approaches can address.

A week and a half after an 18-year-old white supremacist murdered ten Black people in a mass shooting in a Buffalo supermarket, another 18-year-old killed nineteen children and two teachers at a school in Uvalde, TX attended by predominantly working-class and Latino/Latina students. The husband of one of those teachers subsequently died of a heart attack brought on by grief.

The town of Uvalde budgets almost half a million dollars for school security and monitoring services, augmented by \$69,000 from the Texas state government for metal detectors, barriers, security systems, “campus-wide active shooter alarm systems,” and the like. Despite receiving almost 40% of the city budget and an additional half a million dollars of state grant money, the Uvalde police dragged their feet for an unusually long time during the massacre while parents begged them to do something.

As anarchists have documented, militarizing police has done nothing to protect people from mass shootings. In 2020, firearms became the leading cause of death for children in the United States. Police killings were already among the leading causes of death for young men.

Creating a society based on coercion and control does not protect us. All the money that city, state, and federal governments have channeled to police departments has made them a more powerful force in our society, but this has made us no safer. They don’t use those weapons to stop people from harming us, but to protect themselves, pursue their own interests, and dominate us.

According to the courts, police officers have no duty to protect students from being killed in the first place. That’s not what police are for. The role of police is not to protect, but to control. It is not to prevent crises, but to determine who suffers in them. The footage of police physically restraining parents while their children were murdered speaks volumes about this.

Both the Republican Party and the Democratic Party are taking advantage of this opportunity to repeat their talking points about who should or shouldn’t have guns. But neither of them are acknowledging the root causes of the problem.

The Republicans...

Republicans, long tied to the National Rifle Association and the gun industry, have responded to this massacre by calling for more police and more guards at schools. They have consistently sought to defund schools and to limit what can be taught or even said in them, but they are eager to funnel ever more resources towards the security industry.

Some Republicans have written mass shootings into their playbook, weaponizing these tragedies as an opportunity to spread disinformation and hatred. Arizona Congressman Paul Gosar, known for participating in white nationalist conferences, claimed that the shooter was a “transsexual leftist illegal alien,” repeating a lie that had appeared on the far-right recruiting platform 4chan.

...The Democrats...

Democrats, on the other hand, have called for more gun control. Some Democrats are even coming around to understanding that no amount of policing is going to stop mass shootings. But the problem is—who would enforce stricter gun laws? The police, of course. And they would enforce those laws with just as much racism and violence, as they enforce all the other laws on the books.

There are more than 400 million privately owned firearms in the US. Now that those are in circulation, it will be hard to put the genie back in the bottle. Buy-back campaigns might have some small impact, but as long as there are armed white nationalists and armed police, other people will be rightly hesitant to give up their guns. Until our society is ready for multilateral disarmament—including the state—those guns are going to stay in circulation, and police efforts to control them will only lead to more imprisonment and police violence.

...And Us

What is the solution, then? What can we do to put a stop to mass shootings? If the police exist to protect the wealthy (and themselves), then as disparities in wealth and power increase, the police will protect fewer and fewer people. This is not a sign of their failure; it is precisely what they have always done.

The gulf between the wealthy and the poor has steadily increased for decades now, alongside police violence and mass shootings. The resulting desperation and despair contribute to people becoming mass shooters. The same goes for the scapegoating and demagoguery that arise in such a profoundly unequal, fearful, and acrimonious society. If we want to stop the shootings, in the long run, we have to abolish all the mechanisms that create these inequalities, and all the forces that preserve capitalism, white supremacy, and patriarchy. In this regard, the fight to stop mass shootings must set itself much broader goals if it is to succeed.

During active shooter drills at schools across the US, children are taught that their best bet in the event of a shooting is to fight back—to throw textbooks or chairs or whatever they can get their hands on at the shooter. This is the response of a society that doesn’t intend to protect children, that never has protected them. It indicates that we really are on our own. We have to understand this and start organizing accordingly, rather than putting our faith in politicians of any party.

If it’s up to us to address these shootings, then rather than looking to the Democrats to tighten gun control via legislation and police action, we might begin by asking what a direct action campaign targeting the gun industry itself might look like. What if we could sidestep the Rube Goldberg machine of party politics entirely to cut into the profit margins of the corporations that have been making a killing selling firearms?

There is no safety without self-determination. To be safe, we have to be the ones who define what counts as safety, and we have to have the power to shape the conditions of our lives. So far, the most effective participants in the movement against mass shootings have been the students who have staged walkouts from their schools. Another starting point is to make sure that student organizers have all the support and resources they require as they figure out for themselves how best to preserve their lives.

violence on these platforms, he is addressing an audience already inclined toward racist intimidation.

Fisher’s VKontakte page as “Preston Brooks” regularly shares stories from Occidental Dissent and Identity Dixie, white nationalist/Southern nationalist websites where “Brooks” also comments. The Abbeville Institute, a neo-Confederate group, is also a “Brooks” favorite. Another is the white supremacist and massively antisemitic “Christians for Truth” site, which disseminates propaganda from the Christian Identity movement.

Brooks regularly posts about the Russian state’s war against Ukraine, sharing pieces from the pro-Putin site The Saker, as well as materials claiming that a Jewish conspiracy controls or manipulates Ukraine. Fisher’s stance appears to waver between paleo-conservative anti-interventionism (as seen for example on Occidental Dissent), and more active siding with Putin’s aggression, such as circulating an article titled “Why I Support Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine” from Identity Dixie.

On Gab – the far-Right social networking site best known for being used by antisemitic mass murderer Robert Bowers – Bill Fisher/“Preston Brooks” invokes “the Day of the Rope” in a number of comments. The phrase “Day of the Rope” references a section in *The Turner Diaries*, a notorious white supremacist propaganda novel written by neo-Nazi leader William Pierce. In the novel, those suspected of having “betrayed” or “defiled” the white race are hung publicly on this day. Fisher purchased his copy of The Turner Diaries “many years ago” according to a comment on Gab. Through his “Day of the Rope” posts, Fisher suggests that the racist terrorism and mass bloodshed of the novel should be enacted in real life.

Fisher/“Brooks” expresses his hatred of Black people in extremely violent and dehumanizing terms. On Gab, he writes that “N[****]rs don’t have souls,” that “No n[****]r should ever be allowed to sit in judgment of a White person,” and that “n[****]s are the pets of the Jews.” Fisher’s anti-Black hate goes beyond online posts: he states that “I say n[****]r in casual conversation.”

“Brooks”/Fisher fantasizes about the violent deaths of Black people, Jewish people, and a longer list of enemies. For example, Fisher calls conservative commentator David Frum “a traitor [...] That soyboy face is meant to decorate the end of a rope.” (Frum has argued to his conservative audience that racism exists and has caused harm.) After Trump-supporter Matt Schlapp paid lip service to “compassion” while arguing against trans inclusion in women’s sports, and used a trans athlete’s personal gender pronoun, “Brooks” told his followers that “Matt Schlapp gets the rope along with his daughter.” (The athlete is not actually his daughter.) Bill Fisher wishes death on transgender people and even their families, in one instance writing that “Moms of tr[***]y freak children get the rope.”

“Brooks” is Fisher

There is no doubt that “Preston [S.] Brooks” is William C. Fisher of Phoenix, Arizona. On VKontakte, “Brooks” provides a date of birth that matches Fisher’s. “Brooks” states that he is a graduate of University of South Carolina – Upstate, which is another match for Fisher. According to his Gab profile, “Brooks” is a father of three, with one of his children having special education needs. This corresponds to William and Kimberly Fisher’s family. “Brooks” just like Bill Fisher is a US Army veteran of the first Gulf War. Bill Fisher lists Nortel as one of his past employers; “Brooks” has commented on his time with the same company.

On Gab, “Brooks” writes that he has been a “a GOP precinct, county & state committeeman for many years in South Carolina and Arizona.” Searching the phrase “precinct, county & state committeeman” (with an ampersand) on Google leads only to Bill Fisher’s personal Facebook page. In another Gab comment, “Brooks” stated that “I am a GOP Precinct Committeeman [sic], as is my wife who has also run for office as a Republican.” Both Kim and William Fisher are listed as committee members on the website for Arizona’s Legislative District 20 Republican Committee. In addition to currently being in her second term on the governing board for the Deer Valley Unified School District, in 2020 Kim Fisher ran for Maricopa County Justice of the Peace (Moon Valley Precinct) but was defeated in the GOP primary.

Kim Fisher established an account on Gab in 2019. At the time of writing, the account follows just six accounts, one of them being “Preston S. Brooks.” The account is followed by two users, one of them being “Brooks.” While Kim Fisher only posts to her Gab account infrequently, she must be aware of the steady stream of white supremacist and antisemitic propaganda issued by her husband’s “Preston S. Brooks” account.

On-Line Resources for ARA-LA/PART:

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You can follow @ara losangeles on Twitter, and the De-Colonize LA! blog at ara-la.tumblr.com.

KPFK and Pacifica in Peril

by Michael Novick, KPFK Local Station Board chair

Some people are advocating cutting off donations to KPFK and Pacifica, in particular to support the claims and efforts of New Day Pacifica. This is a counter-productive and destructive proposal. Whether due to such efforts, donor fatigue at the constant requests for funds, or the impact of the pandemic and the economic crisis, fundraising at KPFK is not keeping up even with the station’s reduced expenses. KPFK and Pacifica need and merit our support to rebuild their independence and impact as democratic media of free speech, non-commercial listener-sponsored community radio. With your support they can fulfill their potential as a platform for peace and justice, providing information, debate, advocacy, critical analysis and cultural expression unobtainable elsewhere on the broadcast spectrum.

Their potential is great, despite constant efforts even from within to circumscribe the content that airs, and effective sabotage by elements within Pacifica committed to “rule or ruin.” That ruination is a serious possibility that must be prevented. The Executive Director of Pacifica, Stephanie D. Wells has been seriously discussing “options” with the local and national board such as swapping KPFK’s signal, turning it into a repeater station, or declaring bankruptcy. The way to forestall such calamitous “options” is for a massive influx of membership committed to airing anti-war and anti-racist voices. People from like-minded organizations, ranging from the ACLU to Black Lives Matter, the Palestinian Youth Movement, Jewish Voice for Peace, the Unitarians and Quakers, Nefesh and CAIR, Nikkei Progressives and the American Indian Movement need to add a membership in KPFK to their commitments.

Everyone hates factionalism. But there is a great deal of documentation over the years for the charge that the New Day Pacifica proposal was put forward by partisans of breaking up Pacifica. They have organized a political base, mainly within the Democratic Party, to push for their plans and goals. Advocates at KPFA in Berkeley and KPFT in Texas had both set up independent foundations with the intent of inheriting or capturing the assets of Pacifica in their areas if it dissolved. The Berkeley folks have repeatedly talked about “triage” of what they think of as “the weaker stations.” Bill Crosier in Texas was directly involved in the illegal shutdown and takeover of WBAI in NY, piping in “Pacifica Across America” (mainly programs from KPFA and KPFK) in place of the locally produced programming there, right in the middle of the station’s on-air fall fund drive. Now Donald Goldmacher and his supporters on the KPFA local station board have supported a challenge to the FCC license for WBAI, necessitating Pacifica to spend money on legal fees, as has also happened with prior litigation by the same forces. Backers of New Day at KPFK improperly used the station’s mailing list to solicit funds from KPFK members to fund their lawsuits against Pacifica!

There have been two well-financed and professionally-slick efforts (unsuccessfully) to change the Bylaws of Pacifica to eliminate elected local oversight. These resulted in great expense to Pacifica, and even illegally used KPFK’s own membership list to solicit funds for a lawsuit against Pacifica if they lost. Proponents used on-air paid staff hosts to vilify elected governance in general and to promote New Day as the answer.

Crosier, for example, repeatedly argued in favor of declaring bankruptcy as the way to deal with Pacifica’s debts. This would have cost tens or hundreds of thousands in attorney’s fees and still not saved any money, since Pacifica’s debts and liabilities are far exceeded by its assets -- if they were broken up and monetized. Instead, the National Board got a loan (sub-prime, but still at a lower interest rate than that being charged on its existing debt at the time), negotiated a settlement with the real estate trust in NY that was owed most of the money that reduced the amount owed substantially, and has since paid off about a half-million of the resulting \$3.2 million loan, and has paid the interest, allowing an extension. The principal has since been paid down, and another extension is in the offing. Similarly the Board refused to go along with the shutdown of WBAI backed by Crosier and Jan Goodman and their allies in Berkeley, and a court ordered that the shutdown and takeover be reversed. Now the forces that targeted WBAI are trying to do the same to KPFK by trying to sabotage fundraising efforts here, and turn it into a repeater station of KPFA content, or swap its powerful signal for a weaker one from KPCC and a lot of cash.

Pacifica has been in poor financial shape for years, partly due to the loss of Corporation for Public Broadcasting community service grants. KPFK lost its grant back when Alan Minsky was the long-time “interim” program director, when after three years of probation by the CPB, the station still failed to increase



KPFK is 63 years old, but if it is to survive, it must open its airwaves to and attract listeners from a new generation of activists, activists, and movement journalists.

its membership or financial support to the necessary minimum levels, and was disqualified by the CPB. Minsky had guaranteed that providing a five-day-a-week strip program to Ian Masters and Sonali Kolhatkar among others, would do the trick, but it failed to do so. As fund drives got longer and longer and more frequent to pay the increasingly large payroll, local and live programming was dropped in favor of pre-recorded syndicated material, and more critical and radical voices were silenced, listeners started tuning out and not coming back when the drive was over.

When Eva Georgia had been GM earlier, bringing back an eclectic mix of community based programming, including some of the programmers of color who had been “banned and fired” by previous management attempts to whitewash the airwaves, KPFK was able to raise \$1 million from listeners in ten days to two weeks of on-air fundraising, three times a year (a balanced budget of about \$3.5 million including other funding like occasional grants, bequests and car donations). [Compare that to KPCC, which has a budget of \$24 million plus, about 8 times as much, from listener donations, lots of corporate underwriting and a CPB grant.]

KPFK’s problems are of long duration, primarily because management persisted in trying to pitch for big-ticket premiums to cover a payroll that got larger and larger as the audience got smaller and smaller. The fiscal year before this one (with Ian Masters and Sonali Kolhatkar and others still on the air and badmouthing elected governance as a fund-raising pitch), the station was fundraising on-air for 200 days out of 365. Of course our listeners steadily abandoned us.

Pacifica Foundation as a whole has a new Executive Director, after two years plus of mostly pro-bono service by interim ED Lydia Brazon (of the Peace Center), who was able to keep the foundation as a whole solvent through the pandemic with the aid of PPP loans (since forgiven) and EIDL loans (will not be forgiven but are long term and low interest compared to the rest of Pacifica’s debt). She also cleaned up the tax mess in Berkeley before it could result in the seizure of the building housing KPFA by the Alameda County Assessor’s office in a tax default auction.

KPFK itself is once again searching for a new General Manager. Paid staff opposition and a lack of board or upper management support forced the last one out, and there has been a revolving door of interims, and an atmosphere of fear and hostility that at least one of them generated in a thankfully brief tenure must be overcome. KPFK need to undertake a turn-around, which should be based on an increased commitment to the long-time Pacifica Mission of peace, conflict resolution, free speech, uncensored news and information, and community cultural expressions including drama and music. Previous GMs have repeatedly and wrongly tried to economize by firing the news staff and ending the local newscast in favor of carrying the (surprisingly-mainstream) “Pacifica Evening News” from KPFA in Berkeley.

Too much of the programming consists of cold-war liberals closely wedded to the Democratic Party and its support for the US war machine. This is in line with the so-called Peace & Security Funding Group, a group of foundations and well-heeled individuals who are trying to use the power of the purse to get peace groups to line up behind Biden’s foreign policy and his State Department team and priorities. This would be the kiss of death for

KPFK and Pacifica’s ability to air dissenting and critical views from the left .

These problems are not unique to KPFK. War and economic crisis have resulted in the increasing corporate control of social media as well as broadcast and print. Community stations like WMNF in Tampa have seen dismissal of long-time staf and programmers, especially BIPOC public affairs producers. KPFT in TX has weathered a similar purge or exile of many BIPOC public affairs shows to their HD channel, partially reversed by a new GM.

KPFK and the Foundation as a whole must bring their operations into the 21st century, both in the effective use of social media and podcasting to share and promote content, and in bringing a new generation of content-producing grassroots activists and activists onto their airwaves, not just as guests for gatekeepers, but as producers and programmers in their own right. Hopefully this will begin to take shape and have an impact under a new GM. But that requires a commitment to greater diversity, more outreach and community engagement, especially with a new generation to whom Pacifica’s past glories may mean little. It will require identifying and cultivating grassroots voices and the solutions that they are organizing and implementing to the climate crisis, the threat of war and fascism, the reality of a reckoning with racism, the new situation of labor and working people prepared to strike or quit for dignity and safety, etc. etc.

I hope this clarifies what is at stake. Donald Goldmacher at KPFA, Jan Goodman at KPFK, Bill Crosier and Teresa Allen at KPFT and others have sought to rule-or-ruin. I have often been in the minority on the Local Station Board, and generally excluded from the airwaves even as a guest, but I continued to support the station and the concept of non-commercial, listener-sponsored, free-speech radio regardless of being on the losing side of some votes. I was on the LSB some years ago, and was elected chair on a 12-12 tie vote and a coin toss, and was able to chair effectively and get the board to carry out its responsibilities despite the division. I came back on three years ago, and was elected chair last year and re-elected for 2022 with significantly more support, even though divisions on the board persist -- there are people on our LSB suing Pacifica. Win or lose, I have always donated to, supported, promoted and volunteered for the station, because I understand its critical importance.



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KPFK needs MORE support, financial and in terms of outreach, promotion and engagement to really live up to its Mission and regain the impact it should have in these perilous times. Donate now or become a sustainer by going to <https://kpfk.org> and clicking on “donate”, where you can set up a monthly bank transfer or make a one time donation.

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