



Speak Out Now

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MAY DAY 2023

AN ONLINE CELEBRATION

May First, International Workers Day, is a holiday established in 1889 by the working class to honor its struggles, and to commemorate its historic mission — to liberate humanity from the exploitation and oppression caused by the capitalist system. The story of International Workers Day begins in the 1880s in the United States. Workers in the U.S. worked long and extremely difficult hours, leaving no time for people to live. Workers began to organize for the 8-hour day. On May 1, 1889, thousands went on strike. But the capitalists had their revenge. Eight revolutionary leaders were sentenced to death. Workers all over the world chose May 1 to honor the movement and those who sacrificed to lead it. Let's remember these brave revolutionaries and the struggles of the working class on International Workers Day!

May Day is the celebration of the struggles of the international working class in the fight for a better world for all. Join us for a celebration of May Day, honoring the struggles of the past and recognizing those that lie ahead.



SAT. MAY 6

11AM (PDT),

2PM (EDT)



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Rail Companies Spy on Sick Workers

Union Pacific Railroad was caught hiring a private investigator to spy on a worker while he was on sick leave in order to fire him because he went to the grocery store. The rail companies make their money by keeping staffing dangerously low, and not granting workers enough time off or sick days. And, when workers are out sick, they hire PIs to spy on workers in order to intimidate them.

This isn't just happening in the rail industry. Bosses in many industries are demanding more work out of fewer workers, and are finding new ways to spy on workers to discipline and intimidate them.

Workers should get paid sick days without being watched. It's time for the bosses to start making concessions to us and not the other way around.

Living Wage for Oakland Teachers

Oakland teachers authorized a strike vote with negotiations going nowhere. These teachers have the lowest average pay in their county and the second-lowest starting salaries in California compared to other major districts. And the housing costs are much higher in Oakland. A 22.9% raise would bring them up to the county average, but the Oakland school district is only offering 3.5%. The district says they've offered teachers a 20% raise, but that's a lie. That raise would only go to tenured teachers, and it excludes teachers in their first two years, specialists of any kind, and the Career and Technical Education teachers, and African American Achievement Teachers who are not eligible for tenure.

All teachers need a living wage to help their students thrive!

We live in the wealthiest country in the world, and it is our labor that has created all of this wealth. But we aren't the ones who benefit from this. The super rich – the bosses of the big corporations and banks – keep the wealth and make all the decisions. But working people do the work to make society run, and we can organize to unite our forces. And when we do, we have enormous power to change things and make a better world.

Get in touch with us if you want to fight for a better world.

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As Banks Collapse, Others Get Richer

While some big banks collapsed in the first quarter of 2023, the biggest ones made a ton of money. Many former customers of the collapsed Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank took their business to the biggest banks, such as JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, and Wells Fargo. And those banks' earnings skyrocketed.

Bank failures can drive millions of people into poverty. But sometimes, they make the rich richer.

World Bank Workers Live in Poverty

The World Bank pretends its mission is to end extreme poverty around the world by making loans to – and collecting interest from – the world's poorest countries. But it keeps some of its workers in poverty here in the U.S.

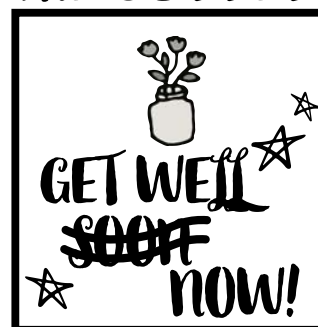
At its headquarters in Washington, DC, many workers are paid poverty wages, such as food service workers. One worker said he makes \$18 per hour. But the "living wage index" for D.C. is \$22.15. The bank's investors are world-class hypocrites!

What's behind the Fighting in Sudan?

The Sudanese army and a paramilitary group have begun a struggle for control of Sudan. Dozens are dead, many more injured. The military, which has run the country for decades, is trying to hold onto power, while the paramilitary group, known as the Rapid Support Forces, is attempting to seize power. A major reason for the fighting is that just last year, Sudan recorded the highest profits from mineral wealth, especially gold, in years. The U.S., Russia, and other powers have swooped in to offer weapons and support to either side, with Russia supporting the government and the U.S. urging a compromise.

This is just another war for profit.

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