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Third Congress of the Party of Communists USA – 10 Years of Struggle



Politics

US Communists Issue Statement on the Upcoming Presidential Elections

The strategy of picking the lesser of two evils has never worked. The lesser of two evils strategy is itself evil. Despite their differences in messaging, both Biden and Trump ultimately represent the interests of the military-industrial complex that profits from wars.

Now, humanity stands at the precipice of nuclear conflagration. The *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* says we are now only 90 seconds away from midnight, which would mean nuclear war. This is the closest that humanity has ever come to total destruction of our planet. Both Biden and Trump, two wings of the same bird, have no plan to prevent nuclear destruction.

Despite their cosmetic differences, neither candidate will set the American people on a new direction away from foreign wars and towards social justice at home.

The time is now to begin building a better future for working American people. As of today, February 24, 2024, there is no viable third-party opposition to the Democrat and Republican Parties.

We need to work towards unifying all progressive forces into an anti-monopoly electoral Front, in collaboration with organized labor, for future elections that will engage and energize the American people

We have to continue to build intermediary forms that are directly influenced by our Party. As we build not only the Party of Communists USA itself, we have to also simultaneously build a foundation for a mass Party of the People against Monopoly Capital.

-PCUSA Politburo

1st Congress of the Party of Communists USA in 2016

The Third Congress of the Party of Communists USA (PCUSA) will be held from April 5th to April 7th 2024.

The Congress will mark the ten year anniversary of the Party of Communists USA. The PCUSA emerged from the National Council of Communists (NCCUSA), a pre-party formation, on May Day 2014.

The PCUSA was founded by several members of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA) who had been dropped from membership for still supporting the ideals of the Soviet Union. Marxist-Leninist ideology was

unfortunately abandoned by the the new leadership of the CPUSA after the success of the counter-revolution in the USSR in 1991.

The PCUSA has made enormous strides in the ten years since its founding. Originally a formation concentrated within the New York area, the PCUSA now spans the entire United States, with the John Reed Center as its Pacific office and the William Z. Foster Center as its Eastern office. The PCUSA organized the People's School for Marxist-Leninist Studies (PSMLS) which provides weekly Marxist-Leninist education to an international audience.

The Party, through its international Communist connections, has taken a leadership role within the **World Anti-Imperialist Platform (WAP)**. Over the last 10 years the PCUSA has been recognized by leading Communist Parties as the legitimate Communist Party in America.



International

World Youth Festival Reps Speak at UN



Pictured - Center Left: Elizabeth Pekin, Center: Christopher Helali, Center Right: Caleb Maupin

Fearlessness, Strength, Professionalism describe the comrades who spoke on February 15th, 2024 at a United Nations press conference in NYC on the World Youth Festival which was held from February 29 - March 7, 2024.

The press conference was convened and sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations. The three panelists were Christopher Helali representing the Party of Communists USA, Elizabeth Pekin representing the American Student Union, and Caleb Maupin of the Center for Political Innovation.

The American delegates to the festival bravely stood their ground against negative questions from journalists and avoided falling into rhetorical traps.

Christopher Helali focused his discussion on the need to form diplomatic ties with the people of the world despite the policies of their respective

governments and to forge an understanding of mutual peace and justice by the working and peace-loving peoples of the world.

"It is a critical moment for humanity," Helali stated in an interview to *The Worker*. "What we need now, most of all, is solidarity, cooperation, and to struggle for peace. This means that we need to build a world for the many, not the few. A world beyond war is a world that must defeat Western imperialism. That is why the World Festival of Youth provides us with an opportunity to build bridges and forge lasting ties with young people around the world. We are the leaders of the future."

The World Youth Festival was organized by the Russian Federation at the direction of President Vladimir Putin.

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Labor

Rank and File Push AFL-CIO on Gaza Ceasefire

On February 8th, over four months after the original events in Gaza, the AFL-CIO finally issued a statement calling for a ceasefire and supporting a two-state solution.

Since the beginning of November 2023, the US labor movement has seen an active role played by many major unions in calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Over 80 locals from various unions including the APWU, NEA, and now the UAW on December 1st

have all signed a petition led by the UE and UFCW local 3000.

Many AFL-CIO affiliated unions' rank and file membership have taken the lead in building a labor coalition on the issue of Israel/Palestine while leadership remains silent, or release milquetoast statements then proceed to ignore their own complicity in the history of US imperialism abroad.

Since the 1950's McCarthy period, the AFL-CIO leadership had taken an

active role in disrupting labor movements in other countries. Their goal was regime change and working with the US government to create a climate that was beneficial for American business interests.

In 1973, the CIA-inspired the AFL-CIO backed American Institute of Free Labor Development (AIFLD) in helping to overthrow the Chilean socialist government of Salvador Allende and installed the fascist dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet. The AIFLD has been responsible for overthrowing legally-elected progressive governments around the globe.

LGBT+ Women Cuba Family Code

“The Revolution has, in today's Cuban women, a true army, as an impressive political force. And for this reason, we say that the Revolution is simply invincible.”

Fidel Castro

Speech given at the Closing Session of the Fourth Congress of the Federation of Cuban Women on International Working Women Day March 8, 1985

Discurso del Comandante Fidel Castro Ruz en la clausura del IV Congreso de la Federación de Mujeres Cubanas, teatro Karl Marx, 8 de marzo de 1985

The Family Code, was passed by a 60% majority of the electorate in 2022. This was the culmination of over 60,000 town hall meetings after a period of two years. The following describes some of the progressive forces that make up this family code.

To read the whole code, please go to https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18ueCdUVkBA_5MV0MJC2_n4u5bsSwVz4x/edit#slide=id.p12

Parental Responsibility is substituted for the term

Patria Potestad (roughly parental authority). Parental responsibility implies being able physically and psychologically to guarantee and be vigilant for the rights, the well being and the happiness of daughters and sons.

To allow them involvement, to listen to them, protect them, offer them love and to promote their growth in an atmosphere of affection.

Surrogate pregnancy as an act of solidarity may occur when a woman, who is the close friend or relative of those who want to become the mother and father,

decides to gestate a baby in her uterus for altruistic motives without any type of remuneration in money or goods. This process can only be authorized by legal means and includes medical procedures based on techniques of assisted reproduction.

This institution will benefit women with medical conditions that do not allow them to carry a pregnancy, people who are sterile, single men or couples of two men, with the condition that it must not imperil the health of those undergoing the medical procedure.

Progressive Autonomy is the capacity for girls, boys and

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Prices Up, Economy Jobless Lose Hope

INFLATION - The “Core services” Consumer Price Index (CPI), which includes housing, insurance, health care, subscriptions, etc., but not energy services, jumped by 0.66% in January from December, or by 8.2% annualized (blue). In this inflation cycle, only three months were worse (April, June, and September 2022).

Core services is where consumers do the majority of their spending – and it's re-heating from already hot levels. The three-month moving average, which irons out the month-to-month squiggles, jumped by 0.50%, or by 6.2% annualized (red), the worst since March 2023. All this according to the CPI data

recently released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. **UNEMPLOYMENT -** The number of unemployed people who want to work dipped for the third month in a row to 6.25 million. This is a reversal because it had been rising from very low levels of 5.79 million a year ago to a still low 6.38 million in October. But since October, the number has been dropping again – a sign of the reacceleration (acceleration again) of the labor market that we have seen elsewhere, including in wages.

Average hourly earnings of “production and non-supervisory employees” jumped by 0.44% in January from December, which translates into an annualized rate of 5.4%.

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Nicaragua Solidarity

MANAGUA – NICARAGUA / From January 11 to 15, 2024, the Nicaraguan Government received a visit from the Secretary of International Relations of the Party of Communists USA, Comrade Christopher Helali.

In the meeting with the MINED (the Ministry of Education) and INATEC (the National Technology Institute), Comrade Salvador Vanegas, Minister Advisor; Comrade Mendy Aráuz, Minister of Education; and Comrade Loyda Barreda, Executive Director of INATEC announced the Achievements achieved by Nicaraguan Revolution for the restitution of the Right to Education at all levels and modalities, for the Nicaraguan

People, as well as the Strategies to promote Technical Careers at the national level.

During Comrade Helali's visit to the Managua Mayor's Office and tour of Development Projects in Managua, which are part of the National Plan to Fight Poverty and Human Development of the Nicaraguan Government.

Comrade Helali thanked the warm welcome. He expressed all his affection for Nicaraguan People and Government, and that he will continue working to strengthen Solidarity with Nicaragua.



PCUSA Representative meets with Nicaraguan government.

**EVERY READER
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Daily Worker Taught "Freedom from Fear"

Black Liberation

Pages from Our Past - Jan 1958

By Abner Berry



ABNER BERRY

FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS, as reader and writer, I have had a relationship with the *Daily Worker*. As a reader in Houston, Tex., back in the spring of 1929 I found contact with a movement of working people with a program for ending the hell of exploitation, hatred, misery and war. Through the pages of the *Daily Worker* I met heroic Americans who were then organizing southern textile workers and laying the basis for attacking the Jim Crow system. And I was stimulated to study the workings of America's economy, its political system, why things were as they were—and what to do about them.

My first act as a reader of the *Daily Worker* was to participate in a demonstration for unemployment insurance on March 8, 1930 on the lawn of Houston's old City Hall. Thousands of white and Negro workers that day applauded the idea which officials ridiculed as a "Moscow program." Without winning anything else, I had "won" from **my very first association with the Daily Worker the freedom from fear.** As a part of something larger than the individual, I was respected by the police and the lynchers were restrained.

It is hard for anyone who knew the "Great Depression" of the Thirties to imagine what its aftermath would have been without the existence of the *Daily Worker*. For the paper held together a movement of millions who helped stimulate the developments that later came to fruition in the Roosevelt New Deal. Without the Hunger Marches, the demonstrations of veterans and unemployed workers, there would have been no dramatization of the problems and of the issues. And there was at all times the distinct danger of reactionaries playing upon the semi-chaos of the times to build a successful fascist movement. Only the workers who, through the education they had gotten from the pages of the *Daily Worker*, had learned to unite with the Negro people.

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adolescents to have rights according to their stage of development of physical and psychological maturity. This does not mean in any way that minors will be able to enforce their wishes, but rather that there should be participation, respect, and attention paid to their opinions so that adults can make the best decisions for them.

It establishes the most effective way of educating children, since, as their competence becomes greater, their need for direction and guidance becomes less, and their ability to assume responsibilities becomes greater.

Recognizes the rights of grandmothers and grandfathers and other relatives, whether blood-relatives, relatives by marriage, or persons

with close ties of affection, to a harmonious and close communication among themselves in the family environment.

Develops the possibilities of harmonious resolution of conflicts through mediation or reconciliation.

Expresses the right to a family life free of violence.

Promotes the protection in inheritance of those who have carried out the tasks of family caregiver

Options for matrimonial agreements are expanded: the possibility of separation of assets is created, which is when each of the spouses reserves the free administration and disposal of his or her own assets, and also puts into place a mixed plan option, which is a summation or combination of community matrimonial property and separation of assets.

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Tercer Congreso-Partido de los Comunistas USA-10 Años de Lucha



El tercer congreso del Partido de los Comunistas USA (PCUSA) va ser del 5 de abril al 7 de 2024.

Este congreso marcará el décimo aniversario del Partido de los Comunistas USA. El PCUSA surgió del concejo Nacional De comunistas(NCCUSA),una formación previa al partido, el primero de mayo 2014.

El PCUSA fue creado por ex miembros del Partido Comunista de Estados Unidos(CPUSA), que habían sido retirados de su membresía por seguir apoyando los ideales de la Unión Soviética. Desafortunadamente, la ideología marxista-leninista fue

abandonada por el nuevo liderato del CPUSA después del éxito de la contrarrevolución en la URSS en 1991.

El PCUSA ha logrado enormes avances en los diez años después de su formación. Originalmente un formación en el área de Nueva York, el PCUSA ahora se extiende por todos partes de los estados Unidos, con el Centro John Reed que funciona como la oficina pacífico y el Centro William Z. Foster que funciona como la oficina del este. El PCUSA construyó la Escuela Popular de Estudios Marxista-Leninistas (PSMLS), que ofrece educación marxista-leninista

semanal a una audiencia internacional.

El partido ha establecido contactos internacionales en todo el mundo y ahora ha asumido un role de liderazgo dentro de la plataforma antiimperialista mundial (WAP). Es por estas razones y muchas más que en el transcurso de diez años el PCUSA esta reconocido a el partido comunista de los USA por muchos grupos.



Política

Los Comunistas EEUU emiten una declaración sobre las próximas elecciones presidenciales

La estrategia de escoger el menor de dos males nunca ha funcionado. La idea de elegir el menor de dos males es en sí mismo malo. A pesar a sus diferencias en mensaje, tanto Biden como Trump representa los intereses del complejo militar-industrial que se beneficia de las guerras.

Ahora la humanidad se encuentra al borde de una conflagración nuclear. El boletín de científicos atómicos dicen que ahora estamos a solo 90 segundos de la medianoche, lo que significará una guerra nuclear. Esto es la ma cerca que ha estado la humanidad de la destrucción total de nuestro planeta. Biden y Trump son dos alas del mismo pájaro, no tienen ningún plan para evitar la destrucción nuclear. A pesar de sus diferencias cosméticas, ninguno de los candidatos encaminará al pueblo estadounidense hacia una nueva dirección, alejándose de las guerras en el exterior y hacia la justicia social en casa.

Ahora es el momento de comenzar a construir un futuro mejor para los trabajadores estadounidenses. Desafortunadamente, Las elecciones de 2024 ya están perdidas para los trabajadores estadounidenses.

Necesitamos trabajar hacia un frente electoral antimonopolio que involucre y energizar el pueblo estadounidense para que participen en futuras elecciones.

Tenemos que seguir construyendo formas intermedias que estén directamente influenciadas por nuestro Partido. Mientras construimos no sólo el propio partido del Partido de los Comunistas USA, también tenemos que construir simultáneamente las bases para un Partido Popular de masas contra el capital monopolista.

- Politburó del PCUSA

Internacional

Representantes del Festival Mundial de la Juventud hablan en la ONU



En la foto: centro izquierda: Elizabeth Pekin, centro: Christopher Helali, centro derecho: Caleb Maupin

Audacia, fuerza y profesionalismo. Estas tres palabras describen a los camaradas que hablaron durante una conferencia sobre el próximo Festival Mundial De La Juventud en la oficina central de las Naciones Unidas en la ciudad de Nueva York el 15 de febrero de 2024. La conferencia fue convocada y patrocinada por la misión permanente de la federación de Rusia a las Naciones Unidas. Los tres panelistas fueron Christopher Helali quien representaba al Partido de los Comunistas USA. Elizabeth Pekin quien representaba la Unión De Estudiantes Americanos, y Caleb Maupin del Centro De Innovación Política.

Mientras la discusión fue basado en el Festival De Juventud, fue rápidamente descarrilada por "periodistas" halcones, incluyendo uno quien demostraba un symbolo fascista de Tryzub encima de su polo, quien transformó la discusión en mal hablada contra el gobierno ruso. Los delegados americanos al festival con valor se mantuvieron firmes y evitaron trampas retóricas.

Christopher Helali enfocó su discusión en la necesidad de formar lazos diplomáticos con la gente del mundo a pesar de las póliza de sus respectivos gobiernos y empezar a crear un entendimientos de paz mutuo y justicia por los obreros y amantes de la paz del mundo.

"Es un momento crítico de la humanidad," Helali declaró en una entrevista por the worker. "Lo que necesitamos ahora mas es solidaridad, cooperación, y luchar por paz. Esto significa que necesitamos construir un mundo para los montones, no para los pocos. Un mundo trascendiendo guerra es un mundo que necesita derrotar el imperialismo occidental. Y es por eso que el Festival Mundial De Juventud provee con oportunidad de construir puentes y formar lazos duraderos con la juventud por todo el mundo. Nosotros somos los líderes."

El Festival Mundial fue organizado por la dirección rusia por el presidente Vladimir Putin.

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