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## Some Revolutionary Thoughts to Consider in the Final Days of the 2024 Presidential Election Campaign *and Beyond*

**-Candidate Biden is Gone, But Wall Street Rule Remains and Trump's Fascism is on the March-**

*“The accession to power of fascism is not an ordinary succession of one bourgeois government by another, but a substitution of one state form of class domination of the bourgeoisie—bourgeois democracy—by another—open terrorist dictatorship.” (The United Front, The Struggle Against Fascism and War, Dimitrov, 1935)\**

[\*See Appendix: page 12]

In late June, I observed the following: 1. the 2024 Presidential Election season had just begun in earnest with the debate “between the convicted felon Trump and the global war criminal Biden.” 2. “[they had] become the most unpopular candidates ever.” And 3. *Biden’s debate “meltdown”* provided “a window of opportunity” to replace him with a candidate “not entirely covered in the blood of the long-suffering Palestinian people;” and it provided “a chance, once again, as in the 2020 election, to defeat the fascistic Trump now even further along on the road to fascism in power.” This was much of the basis for my message included in a portion of the title of *ROL Bulletin #2*, July 2024 —“CLEARLY BIDEN AS WELL AS TRUMP MUST GO!”

After a month or so of awkwardness and uncertainty for the Democratic Party, President Biden reluctantly stepped out of the race and endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to be the new challenger contending with Trump for the U.S. Presidency. The very upbeat Democratic National Convention that took place in Chicago from August 19-22 was a reflection of the fact that women’s rights activists, the most motivated segment of the Democratic base, had a real champion in VP Harris. Afro-American fighters and their allies in the fight for social justice and self-determination too now had a woman of color at the top of the Democratic party ticket. Moreover, the victims of Trump’s most vicious and chauvinistic scapegoating, *immigrant workers of color*, were also somewhat represented by Harris. And Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, a straight white male high school teacher and

football coach, loving husband and father, and *clearly a genuine supporter of women’s rights, marginalized youth rights and union rights*, seemed an excellent complement whom Harris chose as her running mate.

Clearly, the most intractable problem for the Harris-Walz ticket at the DNC involved the unrelenting genocidal war waged by the brutal Israeli settler-occupiers of Palestine over this last year focused in Gaza. For this Netanyahu-led bloodbath has been *fully defended, justified and supplied by Democratic President Biden, Secretary of State Blinken and the U.S. Empire*. It is noteworthy that more than three-quarters of the governments at the United Nations have condemned not only the Israeli regime but also the Biden regime for this genocidal slaughter of the Palestinian people.

Not surprisingly, speaker after speaker from the DNC podium told effective personal as well as political stories sympathetic to the Israeli hostages, *numbering no more than two hundred by that point*. By contrast, the national Democratic Party failed to provide even one pro-Palestinian speaker to address the horrific suffering of the 2.3 million people of Gaza, including the more than *forty thousand Palestinians* murdered by the Biden-backed Israeli military, the majority of whom were women and children.

Moreover, the determined anti-war and pro-Palestinian and Arab American Democratic Party primary voters *in swing state Michigan*, in Minnesota and elsewhere, the so-called

“uncommitted,” had produced three dozen DNC delegates. They respectfully asked for platform consideration. Instead, they were treated with the same level of disrespect shown to the marvelous civil rights heroine, Fanny Lou Hamer, and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party delegation at the 1964 Democratic National Convention even as the 2024 DNC “celebrated” the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ms. Hamer’s famous speech at that event. Thus, *the DNC promoted blatant white supremacy in the Convention and across the USA* based on its incredible double standard of compassionate concern for (mostly European) Jewish Israelis and callous disregard for the lives of the Palestinian natives of eastern Mediterranean. This Democratic party conduct served to *strengthen the Trump campaign* with its core principles of white supremacy, great nation chauvinism and scapegoating of immigrants of color from Latin America.

As much as the Harris/Walz campaign emphasizes how close it believes the 2024 presidential race still is, neither at the DNC nor since then has Harris et al. expressed genuine empathy for the thousands of Palestinian people that have been slaughtered, starved, injured and displaced in Gaza, on the West Bank *and now in Lebanon*. Despite its claim that the Trump/Vance MAGA drive for power is an existential threat to whatever shreds of U.S. democracy remain and that *every* voter should be mobilized, Harris and the leading corporate Democrats, representing Wall Street finance capital, seem quite willing to discourage and even write off the pro-Palestinian anti-war activists, among the most committed pro-democracy and anti-fascist anti-Trump forces currently identified with the Democratic Party!

As we are writing this, AP’s Ellen Knickmeyer reported highlights from Brown University’s new Costs of War project issued on the one-year anniversary of the War on Gaza. Among her findings: “Israel is the biggest recipient of U.S. military aid in history, getting \$251.2 billion in inflation-adjusted dollars since 1959 ....[And] ... the 17.9 billion spent since October 7, 2023 in inflation-adjusted dollars is by far the most military aid sent to Israel in one year.”

In the past six weeks or so, Netanyahu’s Israeli regime, still fully supplied with lethal weapons by Biden/Harris, has opened *a second major front on its war against the Palestinian people*

with a frontal assault on the sovereign state of Lebanon. The Netanyahu-led IDF has targeted, in particular, Hezbollah, arguably the most powerful Palestinian fighting organization in the entire region. Netanyahu declared war on Hezbollah with an astounding war crime, the simultaneous explosion of detonated pagers in the hands of hundreds of Hezbollah cadre all over Lebanon and



Netanyahu’s War Crime Pager Explosions

Syria. Thousands of innocent Arab men, women and children going about their daily lives were *randomly maimed and murdered*, along with much of Hezbollah’s command structure. This was closely followed by Israeli air strikes in Beirut, Lebanon that assassinated Hassan Nasrallah and several other top Hezbollah commanders, as well as a prominent general in *Iran’s* Revolutionary Guard. Biden supported Netanyahu’s assertion that Nasrallah’s assassination was *essential to achieving the goals Israel set*(sic!), approvingly calling the Israeli strike “a measure of justice” for victims of “a reign of terror.” Moreover, when the Iranian regime responded with a rocket attack on Israel, Biden and the U.S. generals openly and unashamedly used the U.S. military arsenal to aggressively protect Israel from Iran’s retaliation.

Biden’s shameful behavior exposes **the lie** that he has all along continued *uninterruptedly* the massive U.S. weapon supply to Netanyahu’s bloody regime this entire year *so as to keep the Israelis close in order to prevent them from expanding the war in Gaza into a regional one!* During the very hour that Netanyahu addressed the United Nations General Assembly in New York City, supposedly expressing his “genuine” desire for peace, Israeli warplanes bombarded areas around Beirut. Then Netanyahu abruptly and arrogantly left the U.N.

and New York and returned to Israel to carry on his bloody war against the Palestinian and Arab masses, *now on multiple fronts!* It's clear that Biden has a sinister *quid pro quo* with Netanyahu.\*

Indeed, Trump may well achieve an election victory over Kamala Harris largely because of Wall Street's strong connections to both Biden's Democratic party and to the bloody triumvirate, *including Trump and Netanyahu*, with which the U.S. Empire hopes to maintain the "almighty dollar" as the foundation of international trade and exchange, on the basis of Wall Street's continued control over the Oil and Natural Gas rich Middle East, going forward. This Triumvirate includes: Saudi Arabia's MBS, the murderous Crown Prince, the Israeli Settler Occupiers of Palestine currently led by the genocidal Netanyahu; and it could include the Donald Trump-Jared Kushner aspirational U.S. Fascist Monarchy in place of the traditional joint "Republicrat" Rule.



Netanyahu with Mohammed Bin Salman(MBS)

However, this entire past year Democratic party and Biden-led U.S. military *subordination* to Netanyahu's protracted Israeli military expansionist strategy implementing "ethnic cleansing" of the Palestinian people out of Palestine, along with stimulating the U.S. war economy, seems mainly aimed at firming up the "long term" stability of both the Israeli settler regime and the Saudi monarchy, the emerging power in the new Middle East, and *consolidating this triumvirate on behalf of Wall Street Imperialism.*

Coupled with the massive economic stimulation of the U.S. military-industrial complex by the

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\*It's important to note that, over the years, Netanyahu and the Israeli settler regime have had a *quid pro quo* with Hamas, too!! For Netanyahu has long helped bankroll Hamas' de facto Palestinian government in the Gaza Strip!

NATO-wide Biden-led U.S. proxy war in *Ukraine*, it is understandable why Biden's U.S. economy has arguably bounced back from the COVID pandemic better than all its partner-rivals.

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### **-The 2016 Presidential Election Revisited on the Question of War and Peace-**

In 2016, immediately after Trump was installed as U.S. President by the electoral college vote,\* I had predicted that (at least initially) Trump [as U.S. president] would be less bellicose toward the rest of the world than Hillary Clinton would have been. I encouraged ... "all the world's forces outside of the USA that are in contradiction with the U.S. Empire, with U.S. finance capital, with the U.S. state apparatus, including the international working class and oppressed peoples, ... [to take advantage of] ... a period of opportunity to advance their causes and to hasten the decline of the U.S. Empire. For Trump's orientation is that of an isolationist, and an ignorant one at that, and it will take time for the 'Republicrats' to take control of his foreign policy, including his military policy." ("The Impact of Trump's 'Surprise' Victory on the U.S. Empire and the International Working Class," *Ray O' Light Newsletter*, Number #99, November-December 2016)\*\*

In the same 2016 piece, however, I had also warned that, "Trump represents a more immediate danger to the workers and oppressed nationalities *within the U.S. multinational state.* The Trump campaign, with its outrageously chauvinistic attacks on Muslims, Latino immigrants, Afro-Americans, its misogyny toward women as well as antipathy toward LGBT, disabled, and other marginalized folks, the violence encouraged toward so many by Trump himself, all *point toward an increasingly fascist culture and society to match the fascistic bipartisan Republicrat foreign policy that has*

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\*Hillary Clinton had won the popular vote by a three million plurality

\*\*In a 2019 article entitled, "The Strangely Dovish Donald Trump," *Wall Street Journal* Editor Gerard Baker gave confirmation that my prediction had come true: Said Baker, "Mr. Trump has not only launched fewer military interventions than any of his recent predecessors at this stage of their presidencies but has repeatedly sought a reduction in America's military presence in the Greater Middle East." (*WSJ*, July 6-7, 2019)



*included an unending war of terror... against the peoples of the world, ...* (*ibid.*, italics in original, Ray O' Light Newsletter Number #99, November-December 2016)

Indeed, as I observed in my July 4, 2021 statement, “now, some eight months after his substantial electoral defeat and then his ultimate failure to block the inauguration of the Biden-Harris Regime with his January 6 bloody assault on the Capitol, Donald Trump still has...never conceded the election. *He's still fighting for power.* Meanwhile, the Biden Regime, *a faithful tool of Wall Street finance capital*, has shown little inclination to prosecute Trump and his domestic white terrorist supporters and/or otherwise compel them to concede and comply with the U.S. Constitution. Hence, despite the fact that Biden is President and Trump is *not*, **fascism in the USA remains ‘a clear and present danger.’**” (“There’s STILL Time and Urgent Need to Tounce Trumpist Tyranny!”, July 4, 2021, Statement of Ray O. Light, Emphasis in original)

Again, in the years since, even with the seven million vote plurality of the popular vote that Biden achieved over Trump in the 2020 Presidential Election and then the 2022 midterm defeat of the Trump-led MAGA forces with the tremendous uprising of **women** activists and voters in response to the Supreme Court’s overthrow of Roe v. Wade, the Biden-Garland Justice Department, under the control of the Wall Street ruling class, has failed to dispense justice against Trump and the fascist MAGA movement. Instead, Biden, with Secretary of State Blinken, has been busy leading proxy wars in Ukraine and Palestine on behalf of the U.S. Empire.

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**-In the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election, is there a significantly “lesser evil” between the global terrorist Biden’s selected replacement Kamala Harris and the domestic terrorist Trump?-**

***If so, is there a principled basis for proletarian revolutionaries and other anti-fascists to make a temporary united front with the “lesser evil?”***

From the standpoint of the international working class, there is a difference in the degree of difficulty involved in fighting for national and class freedom

against an oppressor that rules through bourgeois democracy rather than through open terrorist dictatorship. Because of the Biden Regime’s utter failure to curtail the Trump-led drive to fascism in the USA over the past four years since January 6, 2021, the lesser evil facing the workers and oppressed within the USA is the Kamala Harris-Tim Walz team. In order to take advantage of this difference much class struggle needs to be waged by the forces moved into positive activity through and in conjunction with the 2024 election process—from women’s rights activists, to pro-Palestinian anti-imperialist war activists, to immigrant and Latino rights activists, to Auto Worker and other Union activists and Afro-American freedom fighters and others.



In 1960, 81 Communist and Workers parties gathered in Moscow (in the last such meeting held) and identified the “main enemy” of the world’s peoples as “imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism.” Since then, taking advantage of the dissolution of the international communist movement, “our own” U.S. imperialists have remained the leader of the world capitalist camp and have consolidated a brutal global U.S. Empire.\*

Since the 1960’s, as revolutionary workers in the USA, our small force has attempted to consistently take the stand of the *international proletariat* in

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\*Indeed, in 1967, even Martin Luther King, Jr., a non-revolutionary and pacifist civil rights leader previously promoted by U.S. imperialism, declared, at the height of the U.S. War in Vietnam: “The biggest purveyor of violence in the world is my own government.”

its epic class struggle for socialism and communism against *international capital, headed by U.S. imperialism*. We have functioned “within the belly of the beast,” “*desde las entrañas*.” Mindful of this fact, we have generally *not* made the mistake of viewing the struggle in the USA as *the cutting edge* of the world proletarian revolution. And this global perspective needs to be maintained in our approach to the 2024 U.S. presidential election. Clearly, an imperialist bourgeois election that began as a contest between the “convicted felon Trump” and “the global war criminal Biden” is a *tactical* question not a strategic one for the world proletarian revolution.

Tactics deal with the power relations between the international working class and our principal class enemy, monopoly capitalism and imperialism; and tactics deal with the relations of all the significant forces as they align and realign with each other in the course of this class struggle for power. (How do we unite with *all* our long and short term allies to the maximum while isolating our enemies to the maximum?) For as comrade Karl Marx taught us, “our theory is not a dogma but *a guide to action*.”

The value of making “a concrete analysis of the concrete conditions” our Leninist starting point is that we can uncover whatever alliances, temporary as well as long term, tactical as well as strategic, can help our forces break out of political isolation and help us, through the class struggle, to *advance* from weakness to strength and ultimately to victory. In this light we should reject the “*theory* of the lesser of two evils;” for its bankruptcy lies in its constant justification of opportunist retreat, compromise with and subordination to our class enemies even when the actual concrete conditions are favorable for *advancing* the proletarian cause. In addition, great Lenin observed the following about *his* leader and ours, Karl Marx, “*Above everything else* he (Marx) put the fact that the working class heroically, self-sacrificingly and taking the initiative itself *makes* world history.” (Lenin’s italics)

Finally, *dialectics* teaches us that we humans are defined not only by what we stand *for* but also by what we stand *against*. Two contemporary capitalist leading U.S. women politicians each provide a case in point: former Speaker of the House *Nancy Pelosi* and former Republican House leader *Liz Cheney*. Both these veteran bourgeois political leaders have taken principled stands against the fascistic former

President Trump; and the people of the USA and the world are the better for it!

The career reactionary corporate “liberal” Democratic politician, Nancy Pelosi, as Speaker of the House, first met the challenge of providing courageous leadership in the face of Trump’s January 6, 2021 **violent** MAGA mob assault on the Capitol that disrupted the formal electoral college count of both houses of the U.S. Congress and lethally targeted Vice President Pence and Pelosi herself. As House Speaker, she then aggressively handpicked, formed and backed the crucial House January 6 committee that over months of work uncovered much of the *Trump-led conspiracy to overturn the 2020 presidential election*.



Pelosi and Husband

The Justice Department had pursued narrow and individual criminal charges against MAGA foot soldiers who had broken into the Capitol, eventually bringing hundreds to trial with well over five hundred convictions and prison sentences thus far. But the cowardly and compromised Biden and AG Merrick Garland *avoided* bringing charges against Trump and his principal co-conspirators. And Trump was still President on January 6 when he led the insurrection to stop the peaceful transfer of power for the first time in U.S. constitutional history. It was the invaluable work of the House January 6 committee, along with Pelosi herself, and the skillful sharing of its findings with the people of the USA, that ultimately pressured the Biden-Garland Justice department into finally pursuing criminal investigations of Trump and his associates who had masterminded the January 6, 2021 insurrection in Washington, DC.\*

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\*With the blatant interference of the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of their billionaire masters and in defense of Trump, Trump’s criminal trials have been postponed until after the 2024 election. Trump has already made clear that, if he gains the Presidency by hook or by crook, he intends to wipe out all of his criminal charges that he can.

Even after her husband was almost beaten to death in their own home by a Trump thug, Pelosi has continued to provide some rare anti-fascist leadership to the people of the USA ever since, including expressing her opposition to the bipartisan invitation from the current House and Senate leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties (House speaker Johnson and minority leader Jeffers and Senate majority and minority leaders Schumer and McConnell) to Netanyahu, the genocidal Israeli leader, to address the U.S. Congress. Most recently Pelosi provided key pressure to get the blood-soaked Biden to withdraw from the 2024 presidential race in the wake of his beat-down by Trump at their debate.

Meanwhile, Democratic politicians and TV talking heads have legitimately raised where was the outrage by Republican politicians in Washington, DC over the attempted murder of Pelosi's husband? But where also were the demands from **Democratic politicians** in Washington, DC on Biden and his Attorney General Merrick Garland to bring criminal charges against ex-President Trump for his dangerous speech encouraging such thuggish and criminal behavior against Pelosi and her family?!\*

Liz Cheney, the former Republican congresswoman from Wyoming, was the third ranking House Republican when she began serving as the vice-chair of the House January 6 Committee. As one of the two excellent leaders of the J-6 Committee along with Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-MS) and one of only two Republicans on the House Committee, Congresswoman Cheney was targeted by the sell-out cowards who make up most of the House Republican Caucus; she was ostracized and ultimately driven out of the House. Now in the

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\*The Biden-Garland failure to investigate and indict Trump for his role in the brutal beating inflicted by the Trump thug on Pelosi's husband is now "coming home to roost," just a few weeks before the election. It is underscored by Trump's new focus of threats to use the National Guard and even the U.S. military against the "enemy from within," i.e., Trump's *domestic* political opponents! While his handlers/apologists, including Vice Presidential candidate J.D. Vance have tried to explain away this expression, claiming he is targeting "foreign" opponents, Trump has resisted this interpretation, raising California Democratic Congressman Adam Schiff, an effective House leader in Trump's impeachment hearings, and Nancy Pelosi as the kind of "*enemies within*" that he plans to target and punish!

climactic closing days of the election, Cheney has held an impressive press conference announcing her endorsement of Kamala Harris,\* and she is making a number of joint appearances with Presidential candidate Harris, boosting the Harris campaign and openly calling on Republicans and Independents to vote for this Democrat for President of the United States! Moreover, as the foremost recent Republican woman leader, Liz Cheney has spoken directly to Republican women about the fact that their vote for president is their private business on a secret ballot and that they don't have to tell anyone whom they vote for!



Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Cheney

Trump has now openly threatened Liz Cheney with a graphic suggestion that she needs to have nine rifles in her face. He claims she would meekly back down in that instance. While Trump couched this threat behind the political idea that Cheney has too easily supported sending U.S. troops abroad to risk their lives for others, something I politically support, finally someone, has had the courage, in this case the Democratic Attorney General of New Mexico, to raise the question of whether Trump is communicating a threat. And how can we measure the chilling effect on Harris-Walz voters or other anti-Trump voters this cleverly presented and barely disguised threat can have?!

We can appreciate the rare self-sacrifice of Washington DC insiders, Pelosi and Cheney, a liberal Democrat and a reactionary Republican respectively, as *they stand against Donald Trump*, who has been a fascist-minded politician ever since he entered the political arena. And their unity

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\*and announcing that her father, former Republican Vice President of the USA, Dick Cheney, is also voting for Democrat Harris



today is all the stronger in opposition to Trump's increasingly hard push to become a monarch with absolute power.\*

Early in this document I observed that the very upbeat Democratic National Convention that took place in Chicago from August 19-22 was a reflection of the fact that **women's rights activists**, the most motivated segment of the Democratic base, had a real champion in VP Harris. **Afro-American activists and their allies** in the fight for social justice and self-determination, especially in Georgia and other Black Belt Southern states, too now had a woman of color with some connections to the Afro-American people at the top of the Democratic party ticket. Moreover, **the victims of Trump's most vicious scapegoating, immigrant workers of color**, were also somewhat represented by Harris. **And Minnesota Governor Tim Walz**, a straight white male high school teacher and football coach, loving husband and father, and *clearly a genuine supporter of women's rights, rights of marginalized youth and union workers' rights*, seemed an excellent complement whom Harris chose as her running mate." (Bold added here, ROL) Many of these forces that have a new prominence in association with the Democratic Party as well as the Republicans and Independents opposing the Trumpist fascists, potentially represent hundreds of thousands of working people and oppressed nationalities who have deep class, national and cultural contradictions with the Wall Street ruling class that runs the U.S. Empire. And finally, the youthful and more principled anti-imperialist base of **pro-Palestinian activists** that Harris/Walz have *not* yet embraced are ready to find common cause with this campaign against the fascists as well.

However, on the last day of the DNC, the military and civilian intelligence agencies featuring former

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\*Cheney does not even share with Pelosi and the Democrats their common view on the most compelling issue moving the powerful women's mobilization in the 2024 election — the fifty-year pushback against women's bodily autonomy involved in the Supreme Court's reversal of *Roe v. Wade*. Yet this fundamental issue, too, was the product of a Trump-led conspiracy, one involving then Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell and Leonard Leo and the Federalist Society billionaire masters of the Supreme Court and the three dishonest Supreme Court appointees during Trump's four-year term, all three of whom publicly swore to the Senate Judiciary Committee that vetted them that *Roe v. Wade* was a "settled question"!

Director of Central Intelligence Leon Panetta, high military brass, the representatives of the American Israel Political Action Committee (AIPAC) including Hillary Clinton, representatives of the military-industrial complex and other Democratic Party functionaries that serve as *gatekeepers* for the U.S. Empire were clearly still in place. But the struggle continues!

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### **-Trump's 2024 Presidential Campaign on the path from bourgeois democracy to open terrorist dictatorship-**

More than thirty years ago, I realized that the USA had all the basic elements that might be needed to establish a fascist regime except for a major scapegoat such as the Jewish people had been transformed into by the Nazi Regime in Germany. It gradually dawned on me that the massive influx of Latino immigrant working people might well become that scapegoat. In fact, from 2016 to 2018 to 2020 to 2022, in every election cycle, Donald Trump has fabricated, manipulated or otherwise created an immigration "crisis" at the U.S.-Mexican border that helped his election campaigns *and* his mobilization of paramilitary white supremacists. ("We're going to build a wall and Mexico is going to pay for it.") All these crises came at the expense of the Latino and other immigrants, including child separation and sexual predation and coyotes, smugglers, and other horrific conditions. For Trump's thinking was that the more brutal the reception the immigrants received the less the number that would strive to get to the USA to take a chance to make a better life for their families. The process of development resulted in an increase in the desperation and vulnerability of the immigrants coming in to the USA.

In early 2024, Biden-Harris realized that Trump's campaign was once again going to be run largely on the immigration crisis. Trump would present himself as the "savior" of impoverished and hard-pressed white working people against the "invasion" of Latino immigrants coming to the USA to work. *Behind this "crisis" Trump could keep the working poor divided and pass more tax breaks for the super-rich.* But Biden-Harris offered the Congressional Republicans an offer they couldn't refuse. A comprehensive immigration plan that was harsher than they had ever expected to pass. The authors of the comprehensive plan were some of the most conservative Republicans in

Congress. It was good to go! —Until Trump ordered them to vote it down! And they did! The Biden-Harris team was quite clear that, under Trump's baton, Trump and the MAGA movement and the Congressional Republicans would rather have *an issue to campaign on rather than a problem to resolve!! And the people be damned!! SHAMEFUL! SHAMELESS!*

This cruel decision has set the tone for the 2024 Trump-MAGA Campaign. Immigrant-bashing and demonizing their political opponents (based almost 100% on falsehoods) has formed the core of the Trump-MAGA campaign!

#### -The Presidential Debate and Springfield Ohio-

No wonder that, when Trump and Harris had their one debate on September 10, Harris clearly got the best of Trump. When Harris stated that people were leaving Trump's rallies early, Trump's reaction was to "bash" Haitian immigrants in Springfield, OH who he claimed were eating their neighbors' cats and dogs. This falsehood was exposed by the moderators. Moreover, JD Vance, Trump's running mate, and an Ohio Senator, had an aide check on that allegation *before* the Presidential debate. According to the Springfield, OH city manager, he had clearly told Vance's aide that there was nothing to these vicious rumors. It turned out that with the large influx of hardworking Haitian immigrants, all in the USA legally on a special work program, Springfield, OH had become *more* prosperous than it had been in years! The Republican mayor and Ohio Republican Governor DeWine, a native of Springfield, praised the contributions of the Haitian immigrants to the city. Once again, shamelessly and shamefully, Senator Vance admitted that he had knowingly lied about the situation in Springfield, and defended his dastardly deed on the basis that it was the only way to get information about immigrants into the mass media. (!?)

Incredibly, Vance and Trump have continued to double down on the Springfield community, creating school closures and other community tensions and disruptions and especially targeting the Haitian immigrants who have done nothing wrong!! In fact, as part of his ongoing immigrant-bashing, Trump is still making speeches promising to drive the Haitians out of Springfield, OH and out of the country even though they are here legally and have been a boon for the community!

Indeed, this Haitian immigrant-bashing by Trump/Vance involving Springfield, OH makes it clear that if these MAGA forces are able to foment a civil war involving immigrants, it won't matter to the Trump fascists whether someone is a citizen here, or what their legal status is.

#### -The Vice-Presidential Debate and Hurricane Helene-

**Hurricane Helene** came up through the Southeastern USA, moving powerfully through Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and touched parts of Tennessee and Virginia with its high winds and unusually heavy rainfall. It created its worst devastation in the Western North Carolina mountains and cities and towns around Asheville, NC, an area usually protected from such rain and wind in the past. Called a thousand-year storm, with Global Warming such storms could become a much more familiar experience. However, throughout these Southeastern states, federal emergency aid as well as state aid and volunteer fire fighters, telephone repair and other first responders, responded well and quickly. However, North Carolina's Governor, Roy Cooper, unlike those in the other affected states, is a Democrat. So Trump, Vance and Mark Robinson, the widely discredited MAGA candidate for North Carolina Governor handpicked by Trump (who is no longer being supported by the other Republican Governors in the area), all began attacking the federal emergency services in North Carolina and the Biden/Harris Administration. Once again, immigrant-bashing as well as demonization of their political opponents was the central thread in the MAGA-drama, even though there are less immigrants in that part of North Carolina than elsewhere!





This time Trump, Vance (and Robinson) falsely claimed that Kamala Harris had spent all the FEMA funds on illegal aliens and that there was no relief money and materials for the native (mostly white) North Carolinians who had just experienced this unprecedented storm with its massive destruction. The Republican Governors of South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida, along with NC Governor Cooper all exposed the MAGA lies of the Trumpites. They praised the massive federal relief and rescue work that went on throughout the vast area. Georgia Governor Kemp even corrected Trump in person about this important matter. The main contribution of the Trumpists was to disrupt and interfere in the effort. At one point early on, based on Trump's big lie, there was a local effort in Western Carolina to "hunt" FEMA workers that resulted in a brief stoppage of the FEMA work there! And there's no telling how many Trump supporters believed Trump's lies and were discouraged from seeking the relief that was there for them!!

Clearly, there is no useful service being provided by the Trump/MAGA campaign. It is aimed to mobilize the Trump base forces to attack immigrants and create a state of anarchy in which Trump can ride his white horse into power!

While major rescue and relief work continued (and still continues) in Western North Carolina, the Vice Presidential Debate took place on October 1. What was surprising about the exchange between Senator JD Vance and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz was the considerable acting ability of Vance on full display, as if he were a clone of Walz, the normally friendly and down to earth running mate of Kamala Harris. Vance's normal nastiness toward political opponents like "childless cat ladies," even his inability to speak respectfully to a clerk from whom he would order donuts, was nowhere to be found, except in his targeting of Kamala Harris. Only at the very end, when Governor Walz asked Vance if he still maintained that the 2020 election was rigged did the real JD Vance appear. The end result was that, in the face of the relentless attacks on immigrants and political opponents that Trump and Vance have built their entire campaign around, the Vice Presidential Debate, could leave millions of viewers with the impression that the Trump-MAGA campaign of 2024 is **not** about political intimidation and violence!

## -The Madison Square Garden Rally and Immigrant-Bashing-

Sunday night, October 27, Trump led what was billed as the last major rally of his two-year election campaign; it was held at Madison Square Garden in New York City, the most famous public events center in the country. Trump had a long list of "opening acts" leading to his own grand finale speech, leaving the MAGA crowd but also the voters across the USA, the themes that he desired to have them bring with them to the voting booth. From beginning to end, the Trump campaigns' real main themes of demonizing immigrants and mercilessly attacking Trump's domestic political opponents dominated the entire event.

The overwhelming male supremacy was especially evident in the attacks on Trump's presidential rival, Kamala Harris, with the discussion of pimps, etc. And the white supremacy and great nation chauvinism of the presenters, including Trump, was so strong that the careful political manipulations of Trump's campaign staff to try and help Trump "con" Latino and Afro-American male voters, for example, turned into a fiasco! Arguably the lowlight of the evening was the nasty "joke" by a comedian, in essence calling the island of Puerto Rico "a garbage dump." Overnight, hundreds and thousands of proud Puerto Rican people both on the island and in the US mainland rose up strongly with indignation. And the powerful reaction from potential Latino voters everywhere made it clear that Trump had *lost* rather than gained voters.

Trump's Madison Square Garden event also suffered from its pro-Hitler and pro-Nazi vibes. Indeed, the last time there had been a big pro- Nazi rally in the USA, had been over 85 years earlier and it had also been held in Madison Square Garden in NYC. Back in February 1939, the Nazi mobilization in Germany had not yet led to the full fascist invasion and occupation of all Europe. And the 20, 000 people inside "the Garden" to participate in the German-American Bund Rally were dwarfed by the 100 thousand *anti-fascist* protesters picketing outside. And the America First movement was already passed its peak popularity. Unfortunately, the U.S. people of today are far more ignorant of the dangers of fascism. It does appear, however, that the Trump/MAGA forces are intent on teaching us through our own bitter experience.

### -Trump is “a total fascist”-

In the past week or so, Mark Milley, the Four Star general selected by President Trump himself in 2018 as his Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff (the head of the entire U.S. military) was quoted in the new book, “War,” by the famed journalist Bob Woodward, exposing Donald Trump as “a total fascist”. “He (Trump) is now the most dangerous person in the country,” declared General Milley.

A few days later, four-star Marine Corp. General John Kelly, who had functioned as Trump’s first Secretary of Homeland Security and then his longest serving Chief of Staff in the Oval Office, did a taped *New York Times* interview in which, even more strongly than General Milley, he said Trump fully fits the definition of a fascist. Apparently, General Kelly was moved to take this public stand by his concerns over Trump’s new campaign focus on the so-called “**enemy from within**” and Trump’s assertion that he would use the National Guard and even the U.S military to subdue his domestic political opponents. Trump’s current VP running mate, JD Vance, and other Trump apologists tried to mislead everyone (other than the MAGA base) into believing that Trump meant “**foreign**” opponents. But Trump clarified the point, citing former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Congressman Adam Schiff, a leading member of a House impeachment committee as well as of the January 6 Committee, as his targets.

Likewise, former Vice President Mike Pence and other key Trump cabinet appointees, including two Defense Secretaries (Mark Esper and General Mathis) as well as other top military brass and intelligence officials have all strongly and unreservedly assessed Trump to be “unfit for the office of the presidency.”

### -Trump’s Base of Billionaires Emerges-

In the 2020 election period Trump, functioning as a populist (and the sitting president) was able to convince many small donors to contribute to his campaign. Like so many other Trump schemes (Trump University, his personal legal fees commingled with campaign funds and building the Mexican border wall, etc.) the shady campaign scheme to get small donors to give *indefinitely* bankrupted many senior citizens and other MAGA supporters over the years. After all this negative financial experience with Trump, in 2024 there has

been a serious drop-off in small donor campaign contributions. This situation made Trump open to financial rescue by the super-rich to whom Trump has already promised huge tax breaks once again.

It is known that Silicon Valley billionaire Peter Thiel, an early billionaire Trump backer, had Trump select Thiel’s “nomination” of Senator JD Vance for Trump’s VP running mate. The last-minute appearance of Elon Musk, now the richest person in the world, at the very center of the Trump campaign means that Musk has purchased a special place of power and influence in any potential Trump second term.\*



Trump and Elon Musk

Also noteworthy is that just in the past week or so, two of the largest and most influential newspapers in the country, *The Washington Post* and *the Los Angeles Times*, while they were in the midst of writing up the explanation for their respective endorsements of the Kamala Harris/ Tim Walz slate for President, were blocked by their billionaire owners from making the endorsement. *The Washington Post* is owned by billionaire Jeff Bezos who also owns Amazon. The *Los Angeles Times* is owned by Patrick Soon-Siong, a billionaire medical and AI mogul. At least several key *Post* writers and editors resigned in protest. It’s not clear whether Bezos and Soon-Siong were more motivated to help Trump’s election chances or by fear of Trump’s retribution if he wins!! Either way, *if billionaires are being buffeted by Trump and his fascists, then voters, citizens and especially the working class beware!*

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\*Among Musk’s vast holdings: “X” successor of former Twitter, Space X, and Tesla, Inc. Already, Musk has had his own unusual relationship (for a U.S. businessman) with Russian leader, Vladimir Putin. Previously Musk had first provided his Starlink system for communications to the Ukrainian war effort in 2022 and then withheld it from the Ukrainian war effort in 2023!

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Conclusion: Whether Trump-Vance or Harris-Walz wins the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election, we the workers and oppressed peoples of the U.S. multi-national State will be in for a tough struggle ahead. The Biden Regime failed to use the 2020 election victory to suppress the Trumpist forces on the road to fascism since then.

If the Harris-Walz team is elected: There are mighty campaigns to wage.

\*\*\*The immediate follow-through on Sentencing of Convicted Felon Donald Trump, found guilty by a New York City Jury on all thirty-four counts in his indictment\*\*\*

\*\*\*The Speedy Resumption of all other Criminal Trials Involving Donald Trump, including the Georgia election RICO case led by Fulton County DA Fani Willis\*\*\*

\*\*\*The Campaign to end U.S. military involvement in Palestine. Self-Determination for the Palestinian people!\*\*\*

\*\*\*The Campaign to Impeach and/or Expel Supreme Court Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito and possibly others, as well as deal with Ginny Thomas as a January 6 Co-conspirator\*\*\*

\*\*\*A Campaign to Wipe Out White Terrorist Organizations similar to the Klan War led by U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant that destroyed the original KKK in the 1870's\*\*\*

If the Trump-Vance team is elected or otherwise gains political control: The challenges will be far greater as will the risks.

\*\*\*A Secessionist movement in California or on the whole West Coast or Extending into New Mexico and the Southwest using States' Rights as a foundation and fighting for women's healthcare including abortion rights and the fact that California and others out West contribute more in taxes and receive less than Red States back east\*\*\*

\*\*\*Similar battles in Vermont around Healthcare Rights with a possible effort to affiliate with Canada with its single-payer national plan\*\*\*

\*\*\*Fight for Black Reparations in Georgia and/or in the Deep South\*\*\*

\*\*\*A Countrywide fight for Justice in the Courts, in police matters, etc.\*\*\*

\*\*\*A Countrywide Fight Against White Terrorist Organizations\*\*\*

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## Appendix

This was the precise description provided by the great Bulgarian Communist, Georgi Dimitrov, in his Main Report as the head of the Communist International, based in Moscow, just two years after his world famous successful legal defense in the Nazi's own court in Germany in 1933 against charges that he and two other Bulgarian communists had torched the Reichstag, the German parliament. There comrade Dimitrov exposed that it was the Nazis themselves who had set fire to the parliament building; Hitler's judiciary had attempted to blame the "foreign" communists in particular for this criminal act. Using this manufactured crisis Hitler had obtained an emergency decree from the German

President giving the Nazi Party and Chancellor Hitler **absolute power** in Germany. Nazi power remained absolute from 1933 until the victorious Soviet Red Army marched into Berlin in May 1945. Dimitrov's courtroom courage and brilliance had compelled the German fascists not only to free the three Bulgarians but to send them out of Germany. From there, Dimitrov went to Moscow and became a leader of the Communist International and the Soviet-led global anti-fascist victory! When Bulgaria was liberated from the German fascists, Georgi Dimitrov became the first Prime Minister of the new socialist Bulgaria.

