

Cesar Chavez : 40 yrs later

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It looks like forty years of progress in California labor relations is going to be replaced by a return to the period before 1975 when the Agricultural Labor Relations Act (ALRA) was passed. One thing is for sure. As trade unionists we must never forget that gains fought for under capitalism can be taken away with the stroke of a pen by powerful forces, in this case, SCOTUS.

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At issue in the case was a California law that allows union organizers to enter farms to speak to workers during nonworking hours...



— before and after work, as well as during lunch — for a set a number of days each year.

By a 6-3 vote along ideological lines, the court ruled that the law — enacted nearly 50 years ago after a campaign by famed union organizer Cesar Chavez — unconstitutionally appropriates private land by... (Continued on page 2)



Money for Human Needs; Not War

US Peace Council

For many decades, Americans have been calling to cut the bloated military budget, now officially at \$740 billion! This is more than 3 times the combined military budget of China & Russia.

The Republicans and Democrats in Congress are in the grip of the Military Industrial Complex, so congress has ignored the pleas of the American people. Each year, the military budget is growing bigger and bigger and bigger and bigger.

Only a people's movement can begin to make congress cut the military budget.

Due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic; on healthcare, unemployment levels, federal and state and city budget cuts, and drastic cuts to public services and workers wages and benefits. Americans have begun to see clearer the devastating cost of countless wars on our domestic life here in the homeland.

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allowing organizers to go on farm property to drum up union support."

The U.S. Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision "held that California's access rule represented a per se physical taking [of property] under the Fifth Amendment. As a result, if California wants to require union access onto an employer's property for organizing, it must provide employers with "just compensation."

This raises the question: What is considered just compensation to enter...

...the employer's property to talk to the workers before work, after their lunch time, and after work?

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In response to the disastrous situation, a growing number of local *Move the Money to Human Needs!* campaigns around the country have sprung up. These campaigns have gathered an urgently needed local discussion among city officials in each city.

These campaigns demand the congress members representing the city vote to move a significant portion of our tax money from military defense and violent policing to human, community and clean environment needs.

These campaigns insist that each city council hold public hearings on the dollar amounts that the city desperately needs, but that get diverted to the Pentagon.





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2021 has been an eventful period of growth and development for the PNW chapter of MPD, which covers Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. We have been growing our network of contacts within local groups through attending and supporting their events, and with events such as Hands Off Cuba solidarity demonstrations.

Our most recent focus has been working on establishing a food and literature distribution program, so that we can establish networks of support for vulnerable people, educate people and foster an environment of communal learning and growth, and build stronger relationships within our communities. We have identified the most promising locations to launch this program in, and are preparing to launch it.

We are also acting in support of a single payer healthcare proposal in Washington state called the Whole Washington Health Trust, which aims to drastically increase access to healthcare for all people in the state and eliminate insurance companies artificially driving up the price of healthcare.

While our chapter is still small and young, each of our members are actively working to engage with and build within our communities. We expect to have an active and productive upcoming year, and hope to see comparative growth within our membership at the same time.



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MOVEMENT FOR PEOPLES DEMOCRACY --- NATIONAL COORDINATOR

As your MPD National Coordinator for the past year, I am proud of the work of the **MPD Chapters** across the country. Chapter accomplishments are attributed to their strong commitment to goals of a Movement for People's Democracy. Monthly **MPD Board of Director's** meetings have come a long way since the birth of MPD several years ago. The eagerness that each MPD member has displayed has resulted in the **building of MPD chapters** culminating into a solid base which is conducive to growth.

MPD General Meetings are held every three months featuring guest speakers. These meetings have been quite an "eye-opener" into the situation in various parts of the world that is neglected by corporate media.

Through continued hard work and commitment, MPD will continue to grow and develop into a solid mass movement organization.

The Covid-19 pandemic has added a further challenge over the past couple of years. However, MPD has weathered the storm as each Chapter may attest to has not only grown, but has become stronger.

With the publishing of **MPD Today**, now the American people can learn and read the message of our movement for a peoples democracy.

Also, the publication MPD Today will serve as the glue in keeping each respective **MPD Chapter** in **communication with each other** and with other peoples movements.

MPD has much work to accomplish.

Remember this is your mass movement organization. Each MPD member has a voice. We respect that voice.

Thank you for your ongoing continued hard work and dedication to the goals of a society that is **of working people, by working people and for working people.**

In Solidarity,
Dr. Gregory Brewer
MPD National Coordinator

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Como su coordinador nacional de MPD durante el año pasado, estoy orgulloso del trabajo de los **capítulos de MPD** en todo el país. Los logros del capítulo se atribuyen a su fuerte compromiso con los objetivos de un Movimiento por la Democracia Popular. Las reuniones mensuales de la **Junta Directiva de MPD** han recorrido un largo camino desde el nacimiento de MPD hace ya varios años. El entusiasmo que ha mostrado cada miembro ha resultado en la **construcción de capítulos de MPD** que culminan en una base sólida que conduce al crecimiento.

Las **reuniones generales de MPD** se llevan a cabo cada tres meses con oradores invitados; estas reuniones han sido una gran "revelación" de la situación en varias partes del mundo que los medios corporativos descuidan.

A través del trabajo arduo y el compromiso continuos, MPD continuará creciendo y desarrollándose hasta convertirse en una sólida organización de movimiento de masas.

La pandemia de Covid-19 ha agregado un desafío adicional en los últimos años; sin embargo, MPD ha resistido la tormenta, ya que cada capítulo puede atestiguar que no solo ha crecido, sino que se ha vuelto más fuerte.

Con la publicación de "**MPD Today**", ahora el pueblo estadounidense puede aprender y leer el mensaje de nuestro movimiento por una democracia popular. Además, cada uno de los capítulos de la publicación servirá para mantener una **comunicación entre sí** y con los movimientos de otros pueblos.

MPD tiene mucho trabajo por hacer; recuerden que esta es su organización de movimiento de masas, cada miembro tiene una voz y la respetamos. Gracias por su trabajo continuo y dedicación a los objetivos para **lograr una sociedad verdaderamente para todos los trabajadores (as)**.

En solidaridad,
Dr. Gregory Brewer

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