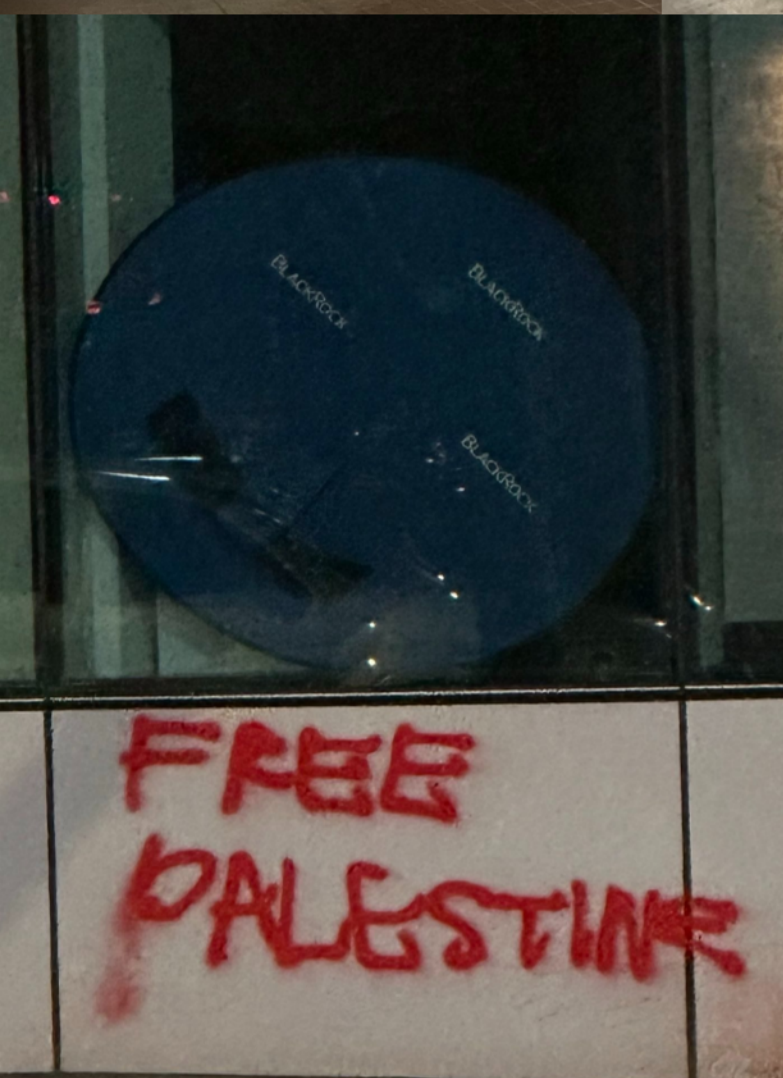


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“Alameda County” Courthouse Attacked for Palestinian Martyrs

In full honesty, I don't know if the type of generalization I speak of is possible in the context of the US and I'm certainly under no impression that, if it is possible, that it would be easy to achieve. However, I recognize that my ability to act for myself is dependent on the ability of others to act for themselves, and so my ability to resist to the extent that I desire is directly tied to the ability of others to resist. So, the project of generalizing antagonism and resistance as daily life is where I place my focus. Everything seems impossible right up until it doesn't. Prior to 2020, I imagine most in the US did not think they would ever see a police precinct of a major city burn to the ground so thoroughly that it would set off weeks of cop cars burning and centers of commerce being smashed up in hundreds of cities throughout the country. I'm not so naïve as to believe that assemblies and distro projects can materialize mass revolt, but I'm also not so cynical as to believe there is no use in fighting against my own brutalization (or that of any other) or that such brutalization is simply inherent to existence. The world being the way that it is does not mean it must be that way.

I want so much more than what this present world of death machines allows. If we wish to truly live differently, we cannot wait for particular manifestations of the death machines to reach their crisis point before we decide the time is right to act against them. Every state holds within it the potential for inconceivable, genocidal violence. Every police precinct the potential for brutalization and imprisonment. Wherever capital has a stranglehold on daily life there will be exploitation and brutality in the pursuit of its accumulation. This violence, brutalization, and exploitation will always be borne most intensely by those most marginalized by the present state of things. Every prison and every precinct, every border wall and every immigrant detention center, every weapons manufacturer and every military recruitment center is reason enough to act.

"It is never possible to balance liberatory violence with the conditions of struggle. The process of liberation is excessive by nature. In the direction of overabundance or in that of deficiency. Where have we ever seen a popular insurrection hit the bullseye, clearly distinguishing the enemies to kill? It is a blow of the tiger's claws that rips and does not distinguish."

—Alfredo Bonanno

We smashed seven windows at the "alameda county" courthouse tonight. This attack is for the martyrs of Palestine. Every "american" soldier, cop, court, and prison is a target. Freedom to all Palestinian prisoners! Freedom to all prisoners of "america!" Put the sword against the sword! Let the olive branch fall, long live the hammer! Bring the war home! Death to "israel!" Death to "america!"

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Excerpts from:

Activists Escalate Blockage of US Military Ship Bound for Israel at Port of Oakland

by Arab Resource and Organizing Center

Fri, Nov 3 — Indybay

“This demonstration happened less than 24 hours after the House passed a \$14.3 billion aid package to Israel.”

Oakland, CA — For over 9 hours, community members demanding a ceasefire in the Israeli war against Gaza at Berth 20 at the Port of Oakland delayed the Cape Orlando, a US military supply vessel bound for Israel. The blockage escalated, and protestors occupied the berth. Three protestors locked themselves to the ladder leading onto the ship contributing heavily to the delay of the ship. After police forcefully moved in, the three locked-down protestors were detained by the Coast Guard, and are still in their custody. Currently over 300 community members are protesting directly outside the vessel in different sites of the berth. After police and Coast Guard moved in several times on the occupation, the ship departed under heavy pressure....

The vessel is en route to Tacoma, WA, according to publicly available tracking information; confidential sources at the port say that the vessel will be loaded with weapons and military equipment in Tacoma, with a final destination in Israel. Communities in the Pacific Northwest have already called for protests and work stoppages of this same vessel.

On The Importance of the Night Time Stroll (or Cruise, or Ride, or Roll)

One thought experiment I've found useful in encouraging motion in myself, and you may find some use for, is the idea of the Night Time Stroll (though it doesn't necessarily need to be at night). Think about taking a daily or nightly walk (or drive, or ride, etc) around your town, alone or with a few friends. While you are walking think about the broader systems and institutions of suffering that eat away at you, that you spend your waking hours railing against (if only in your own mind). Think about how those systems materially manifest. Where do those manifestations appear, what do they look/sound/smell like?

While you're walking be intentional in taking in your surroundings. Let your footsteps follow whatever catches your eye/mind. Consider the architecture around you. Consider the economic and social function of the structures you observe. Can any of these structures be understood as manifestations of the broader systems and institutions you desire to fight against. Think about what interventions might undermine the form and function of those manifestations.

When you get home from your walk, sketch or journal what felt most noteworthy. Set up a weekly time to hang out with a few friends (who also take similar walks) to talk about what you've observed that week. Share ideas about worthwhile interventions and seriously consider what it would mean to attempt those interventions. Plan a time to take an excursion together, and then intervene. If you are unable to pull a group of friends together, it's still worthwhile to set aside intentional time to consider your observations and potential interventions, it might just mean adjusting how certain interventions would be approached.

The Secret is to Really Begin

The phrase is near cliché among insurrectionary (and other) anarchists at this point, but it only reached that status because of its resonance. I guarantee that anyone who has meaningfully fought back can attest that in the moment resistance something changes in your head. It might have been the first time you threw a bottle or tear gas canister back at the riot line. Maybe it was the first time you de-arrested a friend in the crowd. Maybe it clicked with the sound of broken glass or with the sight fear in a cop's eye. Whatever that moment looked like for you, once you knew what you were capable of, that you could act instead of only spectate, a whole new world of possibilities opened before you. Put plainly, it is that feeling I wish to see generalize more broadly.



allowing for people to take what they find useful and leave what they don't. Any project that encourages earnest discussion increases all of our capacities for critical analysis of the present state of things. If they're done well, these spaces also offer the potential for meaningful connection to develop between individuals who might otherwise never meet. This could mean more affinity groups at the next demo or moving around in the dark, more folks at the next prisoner letter writing night, or just a few more friendly faces around town to look towards when the cops fuck us up (or better yet, when we wish to strike back).

Clandestine action can also contribute to the generalization of this culture of antagonism, though it does not inherently contribute. Again, leaning on the idea of accessibility, clandestine action best generalizes when it can be understood as reproducible. This is best conveyed through communiques that offer at least some detail of why and how a particular action was taken. Even a few sentences to say "We did *this thing* because we hate the police" disseminated in an accessible way can mean the potential propagation of the act they reference. This can be done through flyering town, online communiques, tabling reportbacks, or even graffiti. We can also spread the word of actions we've heard about happening elsewhere but thought were cool enough to share with others.

We can call our own demos rather than waiting for the formal organizations to throw a march (or parade) together, which we'll attend and then complain about later to our friends. We can set goals with our affinity group and encourage others to do the same. We can set the tone we desire with music or fireworks, and we can remain nimble in our targets and trajectories to make it more difficult for police to plan ahead. Whenever the formal orgs do call their protests we can disseminate flyers ahead of time to call for blocs to form up in specific locations so that we may find one another and be able to better identify (and make use of) interesting moments in what might otherwise be a relatively uninteresting action.

The theme that underlines all of these possible approaches is the refusal to exceptionalize or specialize any act or project. Anyone can call for and facilitate an assembly, anyone can put together a distro project (and we should do what we can to pool resources that make taking on such a project more accessible). Anyone can climb out of their window at night with a crowbar or rattle can in hand. Anyone can throw a brick or tell a cop to fuck off. The goal of generalization is not to increase the number of people who call themselves anarchists but rather expand the capacity for all of us to believe ourselves capable of really fighting against that which is killing us. We all carry the potential to resist in our fists and in our chests. The project for those of us interested in generalization is to encourage the transfer of the potential held in a fist into the momentum of an arm in motion.

Excerpts from:

Oakland Block the Boat Action Delays Supply Ship Bound for Israel, Tacoma Action Underway

by Jaime Omar Yassin, *Oakland Observer*

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Nine Hour Protest

The protest began with about 50 protesters who gathered to mount a picket of the line at 6 am Friday. Organizers had received credible information from knowledgeable sources that the ship was being mobilized to depart Oakland that morning, would stop at Tacoma to load cargo and travel to aid the Israeli government war effort in some capacity. According to Time Magazine, the US and its attendant arms manufacturers have been replacing Israeli munitions and equipment at an increasing pace, as the Israeli government relentless, indiscriminate attacks on Gaza accelerate the Israeli military's "burn rate" of weaponry.

No longshore workers were scheduled to work the Cape Orlando because it was not loading cargo and civilian crew workers were already on the ship, and so the picket was more protest than direct action utilizing the Block the Boat tactics that prompted Zim, an Israeli state-owned shipping company, to leave Oakland's port for good in 2021. However, after several

dozen protesters answered the call, the crowd began to swell into hundreds just before the apparent launch of the Orlando at around 10 am. After the direct action move on the Orlando by the small crew of protesters, more continued to arrive in larger numbers. Oakland police blocked off the area immediately adjacent to the dock, leaving about 100 protesters on one side adjacent to the fenced off dock and several hundred on the other.

Another fence separated the smaller group from a handful of protesters from the original direct action group to support the three clinging to the ladder and on the edge of the hatch. Protesters continued to arrive to support and protest at the first police line, the crowd swelled to hundreds. Meanwhile, both OPD and maintained a presence in the waters around the Cape Orlando. Though physical tethering to the boat was not a goal or tactic from the original organizers, according to Lara Kiswani, AROC's director, the organizers continued to rally the march to support and protect the protesters until there was a resolution to their action.

Authorities Play Waiting Game, Distract Protesters, Move In

At a certain point, late in the afternoon, land crews re-tied the lines to the Orlando, in what many protesters assumed reflected an initial victory—a signal that the boat was planning on staying for some time. But the action was more likely part of a waiting game by authorities coordinated with ground staff, to encourage protesters to relax their guard and awareness. Eventually, as protesters tired, the UCSG Investigative Services officers moved in, detaining two protesters that had been perched on the inside of the hatch. That left a protester clinging on to the ladder just below the hatch, now alone, but undaunted. About a half hour later, the ship's crew fired the ship's engines and the OPD and ground workers assembled—the UCSG officers then hauled up the boarding ladder with the last protester still hanging on it. Minutes later, in coordination, the ground crew threw off the ties, and the Cape Orlando began to push off from the dock, and was away within minutes—apparently with protesters still aboard.

vanguardist reinforces the notion that it's only by joining their (or a similar) organization that meaningful action may be taken.

When we exceptionalize resistance we reinforce the same pit of disempowerment wielded by the systems killing us, only this time with an optimistic sheen. We give leverage to the notion that individuals are powerless and that most do not have the ability or knowledge to meaningfully resist their own oppression. We effectively tell ourselves and others to spectate and cheer for the self-described revolutionary groups that do emerge, and maybe even join them if we're brave enough. However, through this framework, we fail to develop any real critical analysis through which we are able to articulate our own desired way of existing and we fail to undertake organizational practices that might actually bring about those desires. Political action becomes just another part of the spectacle and we (save for the select few) remain looking for orders to follow.

If we are to genuinely pursue a world in which all are able to dictate the terms of their lives, then a “generalized culture of antagonism” must also connote a culture in which we work to improve one another's capability (as we improve our own) to articulate our present suffering (in both its individual manifestations and interconnected systems). At the same time, we must expand our capacity to imagine other ways of existing beyond this world of racial capitalism, of work, of police and prisons, of borders and states and every other machine of death whose barrel seems to ever more deeply press into our skull.

Pushing Towards Generalization

So, if we're on the same, or at least a similar, page regarding the importance of developing a culture of antagonism (and the role of generalizability in that development) the obvious question is how do we do it, both within our scenes/communities and writ large? While I won't claim to have some divine knowledge to declare the singular path towards such a culture, I want to offer some starting points that I hope you will kick around (and maybe even get some friends together to discuss).

Firstly, I believe we need to be brave, we need to be earnest, and we need to be willing to take risks that potentially make us vulnerable. In order for antagonism to generalize, it needs to be (at least in some way) accessible, meaning a person not already part of a political scene/community has access to it. This means prioritizing things like open assemblies, zine distros, and other visible, encounterable, projects. Such projects open physical and temporal space for people to engage with ideas they largely won't encounter elsewhere (especially outside of the internet), while also

Formal “revolutionary” orgs in the US continue to fail to materialize any meaningful resistance to these machines other than arguing for why the world would be better with their leaders in the driver’s seat. Given their predisposition to think capture of the state apparatus is the primary goal at hand, they remain incapable of undermining the violences inherent to this world of states. Outside the formal org, clandestine action has been occurring in many (often meaningful) ways, however despite being a sign that revolt may be spreading among some faction of society, these actions have not been enough to change the present state of things.

If we are interested in really destroying the institutions of our suffering and actually ending the incredible capacity for genocidal violence this world of states reproduces (rather than continuing to react to specific manifestations of that violence), we must find ways to generalize a culture of antagonism to the existent world and its death machines. Without cultivating such a culture in which individuals are able to articulate their suffering and resist that which kills them, we will forever be limited to selecting the next firing squad to turn on those of us who will accept nothing less than a life worth living. I want more than this world of death. I want the antagonism to generalize.

What Do I Mean by Generalized Culture of Antagonism

When I speak of a culture of antagonism, I’m referring to a set of social relations where 1) resistance is not an act or performance reserved for specific persons in specific places during specific moments but rather an inseparable part of how we orient and understand daily life, where 2) we navigate our physical, social, economic, and political locales with intentional desire to undermine present systems of suffering in order to genuinely live differently, and where 3) we are capable of recognizing the interconnectedness of seemingly disparate struggle so as to articulate that interconnectedness in our acts of resistance. Speaking towards generalization refers to making this framework of struggle as reproducible and accessible as possible without compromising what desires we wish to bring about or undermining our rejection of the machines/systems killing us.

To put this framework into contrast with another prominent framework, I understand generalization as being at odds with the vanguardist politics of many formalized organizations (especially those which prescribe statist solutions to the violence inherent to the state). I use “vanguardist” to denote groups (formal or otherwise) who exceptionalize their acts of resistance and/or who allude to there being a “true/correct” form of resistance which they are ostensibly leading. By exceptionalizing acts of resistance, the vanguardist makes those acts less reproducible, making it appear as though resisting inherently requires particular expertise or training. Thus, the

After the detentions and the departure of the boat, protesters celebrated a much more significant win than anyone had assumed possible at dawn that morning. The three protesters apparently remained on the boat and were taken to Treasure Island, where they were transferred to a Coast Guard boat and ultimately released, according to sources with direct knowledge of the events. A press release by the USCG states that there is a potential for federal charges, but none have been brought as of this writing—it’s not clear if any charges were brought. Most of the details around detention and release still need to be confirmed by official sources, but could not be as of press time.

Cape Orlando Encounters More Resistance in Tacoma in Block the Boat Action

Geo-tracking commercial websites confirmed that the Cape Orlando was headed north along the California coast to port at Tacoma. As late as Friday, the Orlando was on the Tacoma Port's schedule for arrival on Sunday at Tacoma, but at some point since, the Orlando was removed from the schedule. The Cape Orlando also stopped sending its AIS positioning signal, and was also not trackable by satellite on Marine Tracker the Oakland Observer found. The Cape Orlando finally arrived at port in Tacoma on Monday morning, and as of this writing, protesters are using Block the Boat picketing tactics to block the loading of cargo on to the boat—that includes forming a picket with the goal of prompting local union workers to decline to cross for any number of reasons in ILWU policy. As of this writing, it's unclear whether the tactic is working, but it does seem as if workers have not been able to load the ship.



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MAY THE ANTAGONISM GENERALIZE

as read on *anarchistnews.org*

It is late November, 2023. For the last seven weeks, the world has watched as the Israeli state has (with massive aid from the U.S. and most European governments) continued its decades long escalation of colonial violence against the Palestinians. Using the October 7th attack by Hamas militants as justification, the Israeli state has demonstrated the logical conclusion of their settler-colonial project through escalating their violence (once again) to genocidal scale. In these seven weeks more than 15,000 Palestinians in Gaza have been murdered, including more than 5,000 children. Hundreds of thousands have been internally displaced. This is to make no mention of the incredible violence waged by the Israeli state against Palestinians within what is recognized as the Israeli border and within the West Bank. This horror has no sign of slowing down (I write this in the midst of a supposed temporary ceasefire which Israel has already violated, and vowed to resume their genocidal violence once it has ended). This is far from the only horror this world of death machines is enacting at this moment. Ethnocidal violence in Sudan and the Congo continue to rage to the benefit of the U.S., Chinese, and European governments and corporations in their ever-growing hunger for the accrual of natural resources. Azerbaijan continues to escalate violence against Armenians at ethnocidal scale in large part thanks to the explicit support of the Israeli (and by proxy the U.S.) state by way of weapons shipments.

In the U.S. (the context of which I will focus on for the remainder of this piece), as of October 31st of this year police have murdered at least 1,082 people, putting us on pace for the deadliest year of police violence since 2022, which was the deadliest year of police violence since 2021, which was the deadliest year of police violence since 2020. US prisons and jails currently keep nearly two million people in cages. All of this while the foundation mythos is used as justification for celebrating nearly 300 years of genocidal, settler-colonial, violence that continues every day this country is allowed to go on existing. The existent world is built upon, sustained by, and ever reproducing horrifying systems of inconceivable brutality. We exist in a world of death machines.

“This isn’t a boycott – yet,” read the tenant union’s picket handout. “To Byong Yu, our apartments are worth more with no one living inside. But we won’t be evicted!”

Formal evictions are soaring since local politicians lifted pandemic-era restrictions, and landlords such as Byong Yu persist in using harassment and disrepair to displace tenants.

Landlords disproportionately mark working-class people of color for eviction. And whether or not the eviction proceeds through the court system, landlords often recruit the cops for assistance.

Across the Bay Area, tenants have organized into councils and associations to pressure landlords directly for repairs and rent reductions, and to fight against all forms of eviction.

With collective power, tenants can challenge the institutional drivers of gentrification – landlords and the real-estate industry, and all of their partners in office – for control over our own lives.



Excerpts from **On the Boat that Wasn’t Blocked**

by a comrade living on unceded salish coast territory

The contradictions deepen, contract, morph, stretch, swell, strain, until, in this world of death, they erupt, and the dead make their daring prison-break into the future — the possibility of life, land, freedom, and return. On October 7th, whether they knew it or not — certainly their enemy didn’t — the Palestinian resistance engaged in what would become the beginning of the Final Intifada. No longer shall the meek inherit the earth, but by any means necessary revolution until victory. Like Vietnam, Cuba, and Algeria before them — the Fedayeen were there for them all — the armed struggle of guerrillas fighting against all of the weapons of hell on earth in the most desperate and decisive of temporalities — if not now, never — when they win, the world will change, and struggle will cascade across a fractured capitalist-imperialist order, as the oppressed of the world take up the possibilities for struggle given to them by the revelation that their oppressors are nothing but paper tigers, are weaker than a spider’s web.

In a sense, they have already won, since they have delivered a decisive blow to the material and existential foundations of the world’s most brutal genocidal settler-colonial occupying entity — and against all of the bloodthirsty imperial powers lining up to ensure the finality of their project of extermination. The only question for us is, when we scream From the River to the Sea, Palestine Will Be Free, do we mean it? Will we meet the Palestinian resistance in the possibility for revolt they have introduced into this prison world the moment they tore down the walls? Will we go beyond calls for ceasefire, humanitarian aid, and an end to genocide, and bring the war home to fight to defeat US imperialism, the precise cause for the extermination of the Palestinians and their imprisonment within expulsion, siege, and the world’s largest concentration camp?

In Oakland, comrades locked down to the Cape Orlando, a genocide boat that has been deployed before by the US to transfer weapons to the Middle East and is now supplying the armaments the Israeli Occupying Force is utilizing to massacre and exterminate Palestinians in their quest to finish the Nakba. Our Bay Area comrades on short notice delayed the boat for 8 hours, and calls were

quickly spread to Block the Boat when it docked in the next port in its route towards genocide and ethnic cleansing. The exact time was unclear, but we all remained flexible, converging upon the Port of Tacoma from everywhere along the west coast with the certainty that this time, we wouldn't merely delay the boat, we would stop it in its tracks, for we had forethought, planning, supplies, maps, affinity group coordination, and a militant spirit to confront the genocidaires in their abyssal logistics of death.

Comrades had learned from the Olympia and Tacoma port militarization resistance, and the battles of 2006 – 2007 wouldn't be repeated but surpassed. After the ceasefire marches, sit-ins, and symbolic displays of solidarity in the hundreds of thousands, after the Palestine actionists' spectacles of sabotage of Elbit and other manufacturers of death, after the incendiary expansion of the struggle to Stop Cop City into internationalist terms of solidarity as attack, and after quiet nights of anonymous spray-paint, banner drops, wheat-paste, shattered windows, and scorching accelerant, we were all here together with an exact material aim, the urgency to accomplish it, the numbers, energy, and desire to succeed in it, and, despite unfavorable terrain, an acceptance of the collective risks involved. So why the fuck did we stop?

The basic action as imagined and executed by the main organizers — Samidoun and AROCBay Area, with auxiliary support from Tacoma DSA and Tacoma Mutual Aid — was a picket line at every of the three entrances into Pier 7, the deepest into the port. Every entrance was already blocked, however, by Tacoma Police, Port security, presumably DHS and border patrol, the Coast Guard, and the military. The action, then, would be directed towards the ILWU Local, who would be able to cite “Health and Safety” concerns in order to honor the picket line and refuse to load the genocide boat. Without direct access to the boat, all the Block the Boat action would be able to accomplish was to force the issue of worker solidarity and direct the masses of participants (over 1,000!) to walk in circles repeating the chants “protest marshals,” conspicuously dressed in yellow vests, relayed through megaphones, breaking up the monotony of the picket with updates from their anonymous sources about the status of the blockade, instructions to stretch or break, some speeches, and many self-congratulatory declamations of success.

Throughout the day, focus was emphasized for shift-changes when workers would be potentially entering the pier to load the weapons, and on a single

On Sunday, Nov. 26, the Valley Street Tenant Council and Tenant and Neighborhood Councils carried out a noisy picket at KP Market, owned by landlord Byong Yu.

A crowd of some 75 tenants, protesting the landlord's eviction-via-disrepair campaign, marched from 2341 Valley Street to the Telegraph Avenue grocer and picketed throughout the afternoon. Waving handmade picket signs, we distributed hundreds of leaflets in English, Spanish, and Korean demanding dignified housing, and dropped a banner from the rooftop of 2341 Valley St.

“If something is broken, we have to fix it because they won't show up,” said Gabriela, who has lived with her son at Valley St. for 12 years. “We need dignified housing to raise our children.”

“We are here in protest with the community because of all the irregularities, like the heat we don't have,” said Antonia, another council member picketing with young children. “Last year was the coldest, and we had a newborn. It's inhumane that they do this to us, and won't respond.”

The council has collectively petitioned the Oakland rent board (RAP) over Yu's systematic reduction of services at 2341 Valley St., and their hearing is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 4.

The tenant union will boycott KP Market unless landlord Byong Yu meets the tenants' demands for dignified housing conditions, and ends constructive eviction at 2341 Valley Street.

In addition to owning the popular neighborhood grocer, Yu is a major Oakland landlord who enjoys a powerful role with the Koreatown Northgate (KONO) business improvement district. Just behind his flagship business, however, Yu is subjecting his tenants at 2341 Valley Street to severe and protracted habitability issues in an attempt to empty the 41-unit apartment building.

The multilingual, working-class tenants of this rent-controlled housing have long complained to management and city officials about leaks, pests, security concerns, mold and lack of heating.

In the past two years, inspectors have issued Yu four notices of violation for missing radiators, chronic leaks, mold, infestation, and crumbling drywall. Still, Yu has refused to make repairs.

Now, more than 20 units in the building sit empty.

Early in the pandemic, Yu's tenants formed the Valley Street Tenant Council in affiliation with Tenant and Neighborhood Councils (TANC) to collectively resist the landlord's constructive eviction, demanding repairs and dignified housing conditions for their families and neighbors.

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Tenants Fighting Eviction Picket KP Market, Threatening Boycott

by Tenant and Neighborhood Councils (TANC)

A crowd of some 75 tenants, protesting the landlord's eviction-via-disrepair campaign, marched from 2341 Valley Street to the Telegraph Avenue grocer and picketed throughout the afternoon ahead of a Dec. 4 hearing with the Oakland rent board (RAP).



worker who apparently was wanting out of the operation, refusing to participate in the logistics of genocide. Snacks, waters, canopies, rain ponchos, all streamed in, while hundreds continued to walk and to walk and to walk in circles. The more militantly-minded, meanwhile, were off gathering rocks, rail ties, tires, pallets, and concrete slabs to build impromptu barricades at the entrances, where behind the fence the police and port security were waiting in intimidation, flashing their lights in the fog.

Graffiti emerged on every surface, window, shipping container, and concrete barricade — which the organizers were not pleased about, and intervened often too, but still it proliferated. Rocks and other ballistics were gathered in dumpsters and placed in strategic areas for potential confrontation. The main rail line in and out was barricaded. So sure was everyone of the inevitability for confrontation — since a blockade is by nature a disruption of crucial logistics that must at all costs continue to flow, the weapons of the state would surely be used to ensure the weapons of the state reach their destination — that the hundred or so militants present just waited, preparing themselves, gathering the energy and preparing the surroundings for battle.

But, what the organizers didn't tell us — didn't tell anyone until it was far too late — was that the blockade as it was imagined and executed, as a picket line to prevent the ILWU workers from loading the weapons, was useless in the first place, since the military was already there to do the work of loading the weapons and were loading the weapons both from boat and from pier while the militants were constructing barricades and the protesters were marching in circles. There were rumors that since the dock workers were unable to operate the cranes, the military was only able to load small arms, instead of the Strykers, Iron Dome batteries, or Markava tanks that were actually destined to be loaded from JBLM caches. There were many rumors, but the boat was loaded, and left.

What the organizers did tell us is that our action was a resounding success, that we made a material impact to stop genocide, that we should be incredibly proud of ourselves, that we fucking did it, we accomplished a blockade — but they also told us since the boat was loaded, we should all leave. Everyone was confused, startled, stunned, deflated, disappointed, and left. Either the boat had been loaded, and we didn't even complete a port blockade, or the boat hadn't been fully loaded, and if we left there would be nothing stopping the boat from being loaded. Yet, the boat left regardless. The boat wasn't blocked. Worse, the

opportunity was wasted in order for fraudulent displays of “success.” If the military had been loading the boat the entire time, why didn’t we change tactics, why didn’t we reorient, why didn’t we find opportunities to engage, why didn’t we escalate the possibilities of resistance? According to one worker, in the morning of the action ILWU local leadership informed longshore workers that the military personnel already present within the terminal would load the boat, which, if true, would mean that the point of the action — to prevent the ILWU workers from loading the boat — was decided the morning the action began. According to another worker, it was indeed the military that loaded the boat, which, further, potentially violates the ILWU contract. Why didn’t we act? Even the militants bought into the misinformation from the organizers that we were doing something materially impactful, and since we were doing something materially impactful, the situation would inevitably escalate until we could be decisive and seize the moment for attack. Except we weren’t impacting anything. So the moment would never come.

While we were waiting, we could have been acting. If we knew that from the moment the action began, the ILWU wasn’t going to load the boat and the military would take over, we could have shifted. If all of the weapons were already behind the fence, we could have focused less on barricades to block the entrance of trucks or trains and more on possibilities of bypassing the fence. Even the indigenous-led kayak action to block the boat was manipulated into thinking their action was a success and left the water. When the organizers called for dispersal at what felt like the height of the action’s power, we could have taken that moment further. We didn’t. When questioned about why we were disbanding a powerful action before its power had even been realized, when the opportunities for engagement were all around us, when innumerable more supporters were pouring in from the north and the south, an “organizer” in a yellow-vest told us, “What, you think we can take on the US military?” Later when asked why we were leaving at the height of the action, they said “As a Palestinian, I’m feeling very escalated in this situation, and I’m going to walk away from this conversation.”

Can we remind these solidarity organizations that it is nothing other than the Palestinian resistance that is taking on the US military and its support for the Zionist occupying entity? Can we remind these solidarity organizations that it is nothing other than the Palestinian resistance that is escalating the global situation towards victory, freedom, liberation, and return? If you won’t do what’s possible



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Shellmound 2 Shellmound:

Past, Present, & Future

On Friday morning, people gathered at the West Berkeley Shellmound for a 3 mile prayer walk to the Emeryville Shellmound. Land Back!



to stop a genocide, please do not fucking hinder those who will try. If the goal was to Block the Boat, to prevent the boat from being loaded with weapons, to prevent the boat from leaving, we massively failed. If the goal was to delay the boat with a large spectacle and display of solidarity for a ceasefire, an end to the genocide, and a free Palestine, we accomplished that spectacle. This is a form of solidarity that has its own importance — as a symbolic display. Not as a material intervention into the logistics of genocide. The anger, rage, and desire with which we entered the action still remains — we still wish to meet the Palestinian resistance in a global Intifada against genocide and its imperialist support. with which we entered the action still remains. This rage is real. While the Tacoma action wasn't our moment, the feeling of being around others who shared that rage in the midst of the concrete logistics of genocide convinces me that we will find countless other moments. If we can delay a boat transporting the weapons of extermination and leave with unimaginable potential, what else can we do, alone and together? The targets are everywhere. The secret is to begin. In every city, we should call for militant demonstrations for the freedom of Palestine and the victory of the resistance. Multiply sabotage. Multiply blockades. This time, let's mean it.

From the River to the Sea.
Intifada Until Victory.
Victory to the Palestinian Resistance.
Palestine Will Be Free

[...]

On the Organizers

The critiques of Organizers and Organizations have been repeated infinitely over the years, but this is for a reason and we will again repeat it here. These groups put out calls with militant language, chant things like “resistance is justified” and “intifada revolution” and give people the impression that they are going to engage in militant direct action, yet all people find time and time again are highly controlled and marshaled events that pose no real risk to the war machine. This shouldn't surprise anyone, these large organizations with very public organizers are under intense public and legal scrutiny and are structurally incapable of escalation — if they are interested in it at all. Many of the organizations that were involved were the usual scene of movement grifters — PSL, WWP,

ANSWER, RevCom — who aren't interested in anything but building their particular groupsicle and we still remembered how all over the country these groups explicitly played counter-insurgent during the 2020 uprising. The other groups we are less familiar with and as such are going to operate under the assumption there there is some sincere desire to escalate and make a direct impact. Which is why we cannot understand why there was a call for everybody to go home.

When we have a grasp on power, like shutting down a major port and doing economic damage, making the call for you as the organization to go home shouldn't translate into a call for everybody to go home. Not only do liberation movements need to cultivate a sense of initiative for more and more people to get involved and take more decisive action, but so many people were still coming and excited about digging in. Even if the ship left, continued economic damage to the Port of Tacoma could stop them from shipping out military equipment again like what happened with the Port of Olympia during Port Militarization Resistance in 2006 and 2007, or how the rail blockades in Olympia in 2016 and 2017 failed to stop those specific loads of fracking proponents but sent the port into an economic death spiral from which it has yet to recover and led to the cancellation of future fracking proponent contracts.

We propose that liberation movements need to develop an explicit culture of when their organization or crew decides to call it, to leave it up to the autonomy of others on if they decide to stay or not rather than declaring an action over. People need to learn to accept the risks and make decisions for themselves rather than play the game of follow the leader which makes for passive, docile movements that cannot think on their feet.

On Us

It's easy to critique others, but we also bare an intense blame for this failure and must do some intense reflection on ourselves to better fight in the future. The first failure on our part was when organizers called off the initial start time, we should have put out a counter call for an occupation to block the port. While we don't know for sure, its possible that the delay of the boat arrival allowed military scabs to preemptively come into the port and a full occupation from the start could have blocked their arrival in the port and if nothing else would have explicitly set a more confrontational tone.

Youth 4 Palestine Blocks Macy's in Black Friday Protest



II-22

Nationwide Subsidiary Attacked in East Bay

On the early morning of Wednesday, November 22, I smashed all 7 windows within reach at Pcf Insurance Services in Walnut Creek, CA. I also painted “Uncover Cop City” on the front of the building so they’d know why I came. Pcf is a subsidiary of Nationwide, which I learned from Nationwide’s own website at <https://agency.nationwide.com/>. Nationwide is the insurance provider for Cop City, and they have thousands of locations like this all across the country, also listed at uncovercopcity.blackblogs.org. Without an insurance provider, Cop City can’t be built.

Breaking windows is simple and exhilarating. Remember that video where the Atlas exec said they dropped the contract because so many of their windows got smashed? Let’s do that to Nationwide 😊

Viva Tortuguita!

Viva Weelaunee!

Hasta la victoria siempre!

Second, there was a failure in logistics and many supplies and tools that crews had prepared were unable to make it up. While we had defensive and offensive equipment for us we should have come prepared with more for others — more respirators, more goggles, more helmets, more black clothes. Passing out or leaving out extra equipment for others to grab could have also done wonders to build an energy of confrontation.

Third, we relied way too heavily on the organizers’ intel which proved to be wrong or questionable due to “trusted sources” that could not be verified. A comrade with a solid head on their shoulders repeatedly stated whenever we got info or heard rumors that we needed to visually confirm for ourselves before making any moves. On this point many of us lamented multiple times that we lacked scouts or binoculars. If we could have gotten visual confirmation of the boat being loaded — or not loaded! — that we could have shared with other people so they could see for themselves perhaps we could have actually gotten people to storm the port with us.

Fourth we were too okay with half measures. When people told us what was happening was blocking the port we were fine with not escalating. If it works, no point in escalating, fighting and risking arrest. However we should have been skeptical from the start that the police were not attacking.

In all of our collective history of struggle when we are actually doing damage and blocking something critical the police will attack. Yet they didn’t, and then suddenly we heard that only 7 of the 20 containers were able to be loaded. At this point we should have begun agitating the crowd to attack, 7 of 20 is still 7 containers of weapons that will be used to murder people yet we accepted this half victory until suddenly they said everything got loaded and it was time to leave.

Fifth and most critical of all we were too docile. Who gives a fuck about the security team or the plan when there is a clear objective and an obvious way to achieve it that we all came prepared for. We should have yelled more, contested the security team and organizers, agitated more directly, spent more time talking to people that showed up to block a boat rather than trying to convince the organizers of what we came to do. This is probably what cost us the most.

Final Thoughts and Reflection

We cannot wallow in our failures but take lessons from them and move forward. Autonomous rebels and people who left feeling dissatisfied must find each other, talk, strategize and act. We must be bold and ready to act to the gravity of the situation, we must build up autonomous networks of individuals, crews and organizations that have the capacity to coordinate and the drive to act. This is what the struggle demands of us. Come out to others demos' and actions, yes, but also don't wait for others — even us — to do what you can do yourself. Call for meetings, call for actions, carry out small night time actions. Expand the struggle. Lives depend on it and as someone once said, the future belongs to the daring.



Over 50k Take SF Streets to Demand Ceasefire in Gaza & an End to US Aid to Israel

With thousands having come from all across California, organizers believe the march was the largest pro-Palestine protest in Bay Area history.

November 4th (San Francisco, CA) Communities from all around California took to San Francisco's streets for a mass protest to call for a ceasefire and an end to US aid to the Israeli genocide of Palestinians. The action was part of an International Day of Solidarity to free Palestine, with protests planned across the US and around the world. It is West Coast counterpart to another massive action in Washington D.C., which was itself estimated to be the largest pro-Palestine protest in US history.

11-20

BANKO REMEMBERED, WALGREENS SMASHED

<https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2023/11/20/1886051.php>

“On this day of Trans Remembrance the Ingleside Walgreens was smashed in the middle of the night as we remembered the murder of Banko Brown by the Walgreens security guard named Michael Earl-Wayne Anthony over a handful of snacks.”

“Banko Brown is never coming back, but evicting Walgreens is something we can do together.
Avenge Banko Brown!”

OAKLAND
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PALESTINE FREE
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FREE PALESTINE! FREE PALESTINE!!! FREE PALE

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FREE PALESTINE FREE PALESTINE

Can a billboard end antisemitism?
No.
But you're not a billboard

FREE PALESTINE

ALTERNATIVE

II/4

Four Targets Attacked for Palestine

Four Offerings

Heartbroken, raging, yet tenderly hopeful, we began a series of actions across multiple Bay Area cities in unconditional solidarity with Palestine. We attacked four targets, one financial, one military, one corporate, and one tech:

1. Under the surveillance of Transamerica building security across the street, we smashed the windows of HSBC for maintaining business relations with more than a dozen companies selling weapons and technology to the Israeli military.
2. With personnel still inside, we smashed the windows of a US military recruitment office because the US is Israel's primary source of military support.
3. We smashed the windows of a Starbucks for their repression of pro-Palestine unionized workers.
4. Sneaking past their security, we drenched 8 Cruise cars with red paint for being a subsidiary of General Motors, which has offices in Israel and is invested in Mobileye, an Israeli self-driving car surveillance technology company.

These attacks are also a continuation of our ongoing revenge for Banko Brown, in solidarity with Sean "Tucan" Monterrosa and Tortuguita, and in response to the call from Filipino/a/x comrades asking anarchists in the US to memorialize Jennifer "Ganda" Laude.

rage, despair. Last night I used the cover of the rain. Tonight I will find more ways. Like I always have.

I believe in the seasoned graf writer and I believe in myself. I know that years of sneaking, boosting, evading, fighting etc have given me access to a criminal stealth that normal people can't fathom. I have done dirt with a group of writers and I've done dirt with people who do not write. Writers move different.

So what am I trying to say? I'm saying that writers have the skills to cover our cities in whatever we want. Because we already do. Taki183, Cornbread, Tie1, Dream TDK and countless others have shown us the way. We do not have to go to protests to hold up signs and be policed by a bunch of vest-wearing activists to be heard and seen. If one writer decides to get a message out there, it will be out there. And there are thousands of us in the Bay. Millions in the world.

Peace to everyone on a similar path. I see you.

Stay up.

RIP ANGUS, TIE, DREAM, TUCAN, ANEMAL, GHOST,
NAUTICAL, KERSE, TAKO, JADE, ORFN, KZAM

-A bay area anarchist writer

This is mostly for the graffiti writers here but maybe others can take something away too.

That morning I was getting ready for work when I heard the voice of a doctor in Palestine say that he is unwilling to leave his patients behind to try to save his own skin. Something in his voice cut me and I fell to my knees and wept. Graf has been a way for me to deal with these kinds of feelings since I was a kid. And so that night I went painting. I very rarely write anything other than my name and my crew. I will not explain why. I'm writing this to those who already know. But tonight I decided to write "free palestine" too. The first one I did was a hangover on a pillar on the freeway. I ran out dodging cars and jumping into bushes. Like an idiot I brought only one can and it clogged after the first line. So I ran back got another can and did it all over again. In that moment I discovered that writing this specific thing meant something to me right now. And so I did what I have always done when I felt like this. I wrote it again and again and again and again.

I did not stop writing my name that night. I tried to separate the spots and colors. Use a different handstyle depending on what I was writing. I was actively trying to cover my tracks. A different game to play than the myth-making of bombing.

And so I continue because now this means something to me. Something clicked that first night which made me feel connected to whats happening in Palestine and everyone experiencing grief,

As Muslims

In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful

As our brothers, our sisters, all our spiritual siblings in Gaza hold their families close and await martyrdom we refuse to stand idly by for any longer. We will take our cues from the brave and fluid Palestinian resistance groups. Rigid, liberal, American advocacy orgs that seek to control and mediate revolutionary rage will not facilitate the actions that are needed right now.

If the October 7th offensive taught us anything it is that courage, ingenuity, commitment to attack, and organizing across political tendencies is how we will win. We refuse to blindly walk the same permitted march routes, we refuse to chant the same hollow chants and scroll past the videos of dying children. "Long Live the Intifada" means bringing it to life in our own cities, right now. International Solidarity means devouring Amerikkka from the inside.

The Palestinian resistance knows what must be done and what is at stake. We must show through action that we also know. For every increase in repression in Palestine there must be a corresponding repercussion for the settler state/s. Our enemies must be made to bleed for every bomb, every bullet, and every martyr. We must show the United States that if they are going to escalate against the resistance in Palestine then there is another resistance that will escalate against them domestically. We must articulate our revolutionary politics through languages that are indigenous to us. As our brothers the Lion's Den said, "The talking after 11:00 [on the first night of the offensive] is only for takbeers and bullets".

We are the fiercest lovers of our people, we are the vengeful colonized and the hungry dispossessed, we are that which was stolen which must steal itself back, we are rejectors of the secular, servants of Allah who bow to nothing but Him, and we are all committed to the attack.

All praise is due to God. Prayers and peace upon Muhammad PBUH.

As Jews

Tikkum Olam, the core Jewish practice of "healing the world" recognizes that true aid, true justice happens when we work to dismantle the distinction between the helped and the helper. It is time to wake up. It is time to heal ourselves and the world. We must militantly oppose genocide and occupation, we must act. Let Palestine liberate us. We are not liberating them. Their liberation is in their own competent hands and if we are mindful and militant, just maybe we can be inspired enough by the courageous actions of our Palestinian siblings to liberate ourselves. As we discuss in the Mishna, each life is as valuable as the universe in its totality. To this end we have the ethical responsibility to break not only any one of our 613 commandments to save a life, but any state laws or societal conventions. The time is now, every moment we wait a brilliant, powerful soul is extinguished. We must have the agency and courage to ask ourselves, what is it that I can do now?

The Struggle Ahead

As always, these struggles will be led by colonized peoples. It is disgusting that many Western radicals are responding to colonial genocide with shaky half-solidarities. Secular anarchism and its embedded Islamophobia has resulted in lazy critiques of individual factions within the united front (which includes the anarchist and communist groups) of the Palestinian people's fight for existence.

Perspectives limited by rigid, ideological dogmatism will struggle to navigate the complex political landscapes, contradictions, and existential questions amplified by growing, global challenges to Western hegemony as it enters its inevitable death spiral. Many comrades will continuously find themselves in political alignment with the interests of the West and whiteness.

We colonized people should not give in to mistrust, but these fence-riding responses to Palestine show us we will be abandoned by some comrades when solidarity is most vital. Not everyone will join us in destroying the Western world and ending its ceaseless atrocities that echo across generations. This betrayal will be hurtful, but we must push ahead regardless. We will have to define what non-Western anarchy looks like for ourselves, and our anti-colonial and anti-imperialist ancestors will guide us. We know what time it is, and we will win.

A Call

We call everyone to get organized for attack. Anarchists, communists, Muslims, Jews, all radicals in the US: there is a genocide happening, and an active decolonial struggle which is the only thing slowing that genocide. Now is the time to take seriously the task of disruptions and attacks from within the belly of the beast. If your above-ground organization limits the tactics at your disposal, work outside of it. Targets are plentiful and all around us. The capitalist is motivated by capitalist logic, we must make it prohibitively expensive for them to wage genocide and occupation.

Ten thousand acts of graffiti vandalism in solidarity with the people of Palestine

by An anarchist writer

A communique from a bay area anarchist writer engaged in an endless campaign against all forms of captivity and colonization





Everything short of attack and material disruption of systems complicit in Zionism is a betrayal of solidarity.

Fuck Israel, Zionism, America, the West, and the local counter-insurgent radlibs.

The collapse of Western hegemony is on the horizon, and we welcome it. We see decolonial revolutionary holy war, and we celebrate it. Palestine will be free.

Banko Brown forever. Tucan forever. Tortuguita forever. Ganda forever. Martyrs never die.

Muslims, Jews, queers, trans, and spiritual comrades, for anarchy, for communism, all for the attack.

BRB // Bay Rage Brigade // Be Right Back





We ended the night a banner drop in 'walnut creek' over 680, at the trinity and oakland blvd overpass! The banner in our shared pictures says "From the River to the Sea, DEFUND 'Israel'" [with flames]

There is a lot of open space to tag and experiment with attack and direct action out this way. Nights are quiet, not a lot of people on the road. There is a surprisingly low level of surveillance in lots of areas, or at least we presumed much greater for how much 'wealth' there is out here. And barely any police at night outside of the downtowns and city-centers. Not sure if there are enough pigs in each of these cities to even cover the necessary ground... (ツ)_/˘

Anyway,
long live the Intifada

- some anarchists

11/5 JVP Bay Area Facilitates "IDF" Fundraiser

A Critique of Obedient Protest

by Anarchist Actions for Intifada

At the November 5 protest against the "Friends of the IDF Gala" in San Carlos, hundreds of people mobilized to shut down this fundraiser for a fascist zionist genocidal army, but the key player preventing the actual disruption of this event was the non-profit that "organized" the protest, Jewish Voices for Peace Bay Area.

JVP Bay Area did the dirty work of the police and the "israeli" occupation forces [IOF]. Through their aggressive peace policing, relentless harassment of anyone who wanted to do something more than stand and shout, and protest marshaling that helped the donors of settler-colonialist genocide drive safely into the gala. They not only allowed but actually facilitated this fundraiser.

We showed up to shut the gala down. If JVP Bay Area was unwilling to do the same (with whatever tactics they choose), the very least they could have done was not prevent other people from doing so.

ALLOWING GALA ATTENDEES TO ENTER

Not only did they aggressively prevent the crowd from doing anything other than standing and shouting, JVP Bay Area's yellow-vested protest marshals moved the crowd down the road allowing the gala attendees to reach the event and prevented the crowd from knowing where a blockade could be most effective for actually stopping the fundraiser. Whether directly or indirectly, JVP Bay Area collaborated with the kkkops and zionists to help raise money for the "israeli" occupation forces by ensuring the protest did not shut down the fundraiser.

As the attached map shows, protest marshals were stationed behind police lines next to where gala attendees were driving in with giant "israeli" flags on their cars. Skyway Road is a dead-end: a blockade several hundred feet up the street in the direction of the Holly Street viaduct would have actually prevented gala attendees from being able to enter, shutting the entire event down. Alternatively or additionally, a blockade earlier in the day before the gala was being set up would have caused significant material disruption to the event. There were multiple strategies and tactics available for disrupting this gala.

When asked why the crowd wasn't being invited or encouraged to block the entrance IOF donors were using, one of the white protest marshals stationed at the Fairfield Inn driveway literally said, "I'm just following orders." Whose orders were they following? Why was following orders more important to them than spreading the word to stop the zionist cars that they could see driving right past them? It seems the "organizers" of this protest were instructing their security team to prevent protesters from stopping the gala.

JVP Bay Area corralled the crowd into the area directly in front of the Hiller Aviation Museum (the gala venue), stationed security at the alternate attendee entrance at the Fairfield Inn, and actively worked with

Defend Gaza, Graffiti Bomb the Burbs *Free the Land!*

by ❁(o_o)_☞ on IndyBay (Fri, Nov 17th)

Friends got together and graffiti-bombed the so-called 'east bay' cities of 'pleasant hill', 'martinez', 'concord', and 'walnut creek'

With grief-filled hearts and a desire for revolutionary vengeance, some friends got together and graffiti-bombed the so-called 'east bay' cities of 'pleasant hill', 'martinez', 'concord', and 'walnut creek' ~ in solidarity with the palestine resistance. In case you didn't know, this is unceded Ohlone and Miwok territory. It's a short travel from 'oakland' or south bay, where some friends came in from. We wandered around hitting 'pleasant hill' and 'walnut creek' with particular intensity - bombing messages like: *DEFEND GAZA* and *OHLONE- MIWOK - GAZA - LAND BACK*.

Stanford Students Rise Up as Japan's Kishida and S Korea's Yoon Speak on Campus

November 17th - a demonstration supported by a coalition consisting of dozens of student and community organizations protested outside the Hoover Institution on the campus of Stanford University. Hoover Institution is a campus think tank that primarily supports new and ultra-conservative administrations and policy positions.

The student rebels anchored their protest in a grieving ceremony, honoring victims of US imperialism including "comfort women", sex slaves who were forced into service of Japanese soldiers during that country's occupation of Korea. Dohee Lee, whose dance style is rooted in Korean shamanism, ritually transformed the mourning into defiant anger at Yoon and Kishida. President Yoon recently rolled back the demands of justice for "comfort women" in order to sign a new military agreement with Japan and the US. Demonstrators called for a world free of imperialism for all people.

Students emphasized the need for an end to the genocide in Palestine, brutal oppression of labor rights by ROK leaders, and the huge US military presence in the Philippines and throughout the Pacific. They marched through the campus stopping at key locations for speeches encircling the Hoover Institution, a partisan think tank that primarily supports conservative administrations and policy positions.

As the speaker event was held on the last day of APEC, students also denounced that economic cooperation summit. After three hours, as the Yoon/Kishida event was ending, protesters waited vigilantly outside the speaking event, hounding the Yoon and Kishida APEC envoys with loud chants, drumming and raised fists. The envoys tried to move the cars to hide the heads of state from the demonstration. Organizers stated: "Our coalition echoes the existing calls for divestment from defense corporations that our student allies have made. Where imperialists and their compradors go, our protests will follow. We will be back!"

From Palestine to the Philippines

Stop the US War Machine

the police to ensure that genocide funders were able to attend the gala safely. They cannot say they were unaware of what was happening when their protest marshals watched gala attendees drive into the event.

It is clear that JVP Bay Area had no interest in actually stopping the gala from happening. Why not? JVP on the East Coast has done civil disobedience and direct action. This event was a fundraiser for the IOF by an organization that raised almost 90 million dollars last year. If this was not a time and place where disruption was needed, when and where is?

PEACE POLICING

Early in the demonstration, as shown in the attached map, the protest marshals allowed the police to cut through the crowd and form a police line on Skyway Road between the protest and the Fairfield Inn entrance later used as an alternate route by gala attendees. The protest marshals then formed a line with the police and told the crowd to turn their backs on the police, as well as on a small group of Zionist counter-protestors that had recently arrived. Despite the protest marshals' efforts, counter-protestors had an "Israeli" flag stolen from them, got hit with a stick, and were pepper-sprayed.

The actions of the protest marshals, although disobeyed by some, were unfortunately generally effective in decreasing conflictuality within the crowd and setting a tone of obedient and compliant protest. The most liberal elements of the crowd took this as a signal to deputize themselves as peace police and harass those trying to actually shut down the fundraiser.

When participants of the demonstration attempted to take down barricades separating the crowd from the gala's venue, the peace police filmed and took photos, physically interjected, put the police barricades back together, and yelled at those attempting to push forward for "stirring

shit up." Why show up to a fundraiser for an army committing genocide if not to stir things up? The organizers leading chants of "there is only one solution: intifada, revolution" showed themselves to be no more than counter-revolutionaries with zero desire to actually confront the kkkops and zionists right in front of them. The co-optation of this revolutionary language is disrespectful to every Palestinian martyr who has fought for their life, land, and freedom.

Many in the crowd, however, were ready to do more and eager to actually stop the fundraiser from occurring. They raged as donors for the genocide pulled up in their luxury cars. As the people seethed, the "organizers" colluded to channel that anger and readiness for action into nothing but chanting.

The protest was literally corralled to prevent the crowd from disobeying the kkkops or actually stopping the fundraiser from happening. We have to say it again: THEY MOVED THE CROWD TO LET THE IOF DONORS ENTER AND THEY PREVENTED ANYONE FROM PUSHING FORWARD TO DISRUPT THE FUNDRAISER. This kind of liberal symbolic protest is a demoralizing farce...bringing people out to stand in the street while accomplishing absolutely nothing when both the target and objective are so clearly present.

Where were the lessons of the anti-police rebellions of the past fourteen years in the Bay Area, from Oscar Grant to George Floyd? Why were the "organizers" so quick to encourage obedience to the police? Have they forgotten the role of the police within white supremacist capitalism, or are they just eager to capitalize on respectability politics by distancing themselves from the struggle for Black liberation and revolutionary abolition?

If these "organizers" had not engaged in their authoritarian peace policing, this fundraiser would have been shut down. Instead, what was likely



Thursday, 11-16 // As Biden Visits, Bay Bridge Shut Down to Demand Gaza Ceasefire and End of US Military Aid to Israel

<https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2023/11/16/18860480.php>

While President Biden was in San Francisco, over 200 Bay Area residents shut down the westbound lanes of the Bay Bridge, demanding that Biden call for an immediate ceasefire and end US military aid to Israel. “We are beyond grief watching thousands of our loved ones murdered by the Israeli military. There is a genocide happening in Gaza, and President Biden is hosting cocktail parties in San Francisco right now,” said Aisha Nizar with the Palestinian Youth Movement. “We refuse to stand by as our elected officials pay for and cheer on the genocide of Palestinians. Biden must call for a ceasefire now.”

A multiracial group of Bay Area residents locked arms and unfurled a banner reading “Biden Harris: Ceasefire Now” across all lanes of traffic while 200 people held a “die-in”, covering their bodies in white sheets and placards that read “11,000 dead”.

According to the Palestinian health ministry, the Israeli military has killed over 11,100 people in the past month — that is 1 in every 200 people. According to the UN, over 1.5 Million Palestinians in Gaza have been made homeless due to the carpet bombing of their homes.

“President Biden could end this genocide today, but instead, he's using our tax dollars to pay for it,” said Shana Kim, with Bay Area Palestine Solidarity (BAPS). “I was born in San Francisco, land that was also violently stolen from the Ohlone people through a genocide. The billions that Biden is sending to fund Israel’s war crimes is money that we need to be using here for housing, healthcare, and education.”

This action is part of a surge in civil disobedience around the country, including Jewish community-led shutdowns of Grand Central Station in New York City and Arab-led actions to stop military vessels from transporting weapons to Israel.

hundreds of thousands of dollars were raised for the "israeli" occupation forces and the donors were able to enjoy their gala smugly without any consequence. And the JVP Bay Area security team helped the genocide funders safely drive inside.

A JVP national board member named Lisa Rofel told the news, "the nicest thing we could say is that it's in bad taste." When fascist zionists are actively raising money to fund genocide, you want to say "the nicest thing"? You think it's "in bad taste" to give tens of millions of dollars to the IOF death machine? We call it genocide and we call it complicity.

Shouting "shame on you" means nothing to the gala donors. They are proud of their donations. Shutting down the gala was a bare minimum of the consequences they need to experience.

WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED?

JVP Bay Area, what is your strategy for actually disrupting the genocide in Gaza? When you look at historical and current struggles for liberation, do you think people win by being law-abiding, staying obedient, and allowing business as usual? Why are you aggressively preventing protesters from "stirring shit up" while doing literally nothing to prevent rich zionists from giving money to "israeli" occupying forces? What did you accomplish JVP Bay Area? You aggressively policed and corralled protesters while actively helping the donors get safely to this fundraiser, the IOF thanks you for your service.

To those of you who showed up and wanted to actually shut down this fundraiser for genocide, we have heard many of you express feelings of grief that protesting this gala "did nothing." We agree: nothing was done to stop the Palestinian genocide on Sunday. Our hearts are with you in this grief. We ask you to remember the rage you felt as you were forced to stand peacefully while funders of genocide drove by you in Teslas and the

A Communique on Sabotaging Zionist Infrastructure: *Shutting Down Friends of the IDF*

** Infrastructure sabotage at the November 5th 'Friends of the I.D.F.' Gala **

For Palestine.

To rebels everywhere.

With deepest love and ancestral rage,

We gathered with heavy hearts and humble hands holding a promise for a world safer from white supremacist, settler-colonial violence. Those who declare war on original peoples and pillage sacred life and land will face retribution. There has been a great fire building, may it overflow and take all enemies of life with it. May it create fertile grounds for victory against violent occupiers.

We took it upon ourselves to make sure these fascists could not gather. Rather than the constant reactivity and rigidness of mass protest spectacles, we wanted to hit them where it fucking hurts.

support Palestine!" The small but lively crowd engaged attendees 1:1 in heated dialogue while onlookers read picket signs and asked questions. One little girl stopped in her tracks for a couple minutes to stare at an image from the beloved Studio Ghibli movie My Neighbor Totoro, which depicted the eponymous forest guardian. The sign read:

"Totoro says: No to Pinkwashing Genocidal Climate Killers!"

Many of the APEC attendees seemed to want to "convince" No2APEC protestors that they (APEC goers) were "the good guys" doing the right thing. One person announced "I'm a diplomat, and some conversation is better than none!" To which a protestor replied "And who is the conversation with? Is China Labor Watch there? Were workers and climate activists invited? NO!" One protestor commented, "this is literally the definition of Pinkwashing" while another schooled an attendee on the corrupt track record of Scott Weiner and the genocidal policies of a certain Joe Biden. After increasing frustration, an APEC sympathizer called a protestor "a retard in a wheelchair" while another complimented the "large vocabulary" of activists in a troll-y, sarcastic tone. When trying to "just ask questions" though, they were shouted down with chants for climate safety, ceasefire in Gaza, and the queer community of San Francisco. It was clearly a damper on their festivities and a reminder that San Francisco is not for sale, no matter who you think you are.

"GayPEC" Pinkwashing APEC afterparty met with unpleasant protestor surprise

While the San Francisco 2023 APEC conference promotes the image of a country club for CEOs, billionaires, heads of state, and sellout diplomats alike, protestors have had other plans. It seems no matter where attendees go there are angry, defiant protestors to greet them. What's a corrupt climate killing crony to do? Wednesday afternoon, after a thousand people blockaded the heart of the conference in downtown SF, thousands marched for a ceasefire in Palestine beginning at Embarcadero and blocking the financial center of Market Street. How annoying! After that, the President was surely hoping to have a calm evening. Instead, protesters learned of his whereabouts at the Palace Hotel and demonstrated there as well. At that same time, some APEC-goers thought they could pinkwash their way into the historically queer district of the Castro with an event they dubbed "GayPEC." It was hosted by the gentrifying yuppie bar BEAUX SF <https://www.beauxsf.com>, which was formerly the much beloved Street Light Records. Shameless APEC attendees were easy to spot by their blue blazer suits that looked nothing like the communities they spent the day exploiting. Protesters yelled chants such as "Street Sweeps Kill Queers, APEC, APEC outta here!" as well as "APEC conference not so fine, we

On November 5th, the Zionist fascist scum, "Friends of the IDF," who represent the interests of wealthy American capitalists in their direct support of the settler colonial state of Israel and its continued campaign of genocide and apartheid against the Palestinian people, attempted to hold a fundraiser gala at Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos, California.

The IDF are known to kidnap, torture, kill, and rape Palestinians, as well as disrespect the bodies of martyrs. They are among the most deplorable people to ever walk the earth.

Despite reports and appearances otherwise, this fundraiser was effectively shut down within the first hour. Donor attendees began hurriedly leaving in a steady stream at the start of what was planned to be a full evening of blood money raising. This disruption, however, was not achieved by the tame, above-ground rally being safely contained by both the police and the rally organizers themselves, at a far distance from the unbothered attendees. These symbolic and futile attempts to shame and appeal to the moral conscience of individuals who have no shame or conscience, will always fail.

You cannot do damage to the Zionist project by merely engaging with its facade; you must strike at its soulless heart. You must strike at its veins (supply chains, logistics, cash flows, infrastructure).

While the liberals were congratulating themselves for having their nonthreatening photo op parade out in front of the gala, our people were out of sight at work on the veins of the building. Palestinians have suffered decades of Israeli soldiers and settlers restricting and destroying their access to water, often bricking up or concreting any water source not directly under strict control of the occupation forces, cutting off Palestinian access to the Jordan River while draining it to near extinction for settlement mono-crop agriculture, shooting holes in Palestinian water towers, bombing Gazan water treatment facilities, poisoning Palestinian springs and enforcing water apartheid in order to exert total control over Palestinian life. We decided to give these Zionist bootlickers a taste of their own medicine.

We cracked open the water main for the building housing the gala, switched it off, and filled the box with fresh concrete. This form of sabotage is quick and incredibly easy to replicate, and the tools are quite cheap. It also renders the building in question completely uninhabitable and unusable. We had a good laugh imagining these fascist motherfuckers driven out of the gala by the stench of overflowing toilets, unable to raise any more money for genocide. As we did we were reminded of how Israeli settlers flood Palestinian olive groves with sewage, poisoning food sources, destroying livelihoods.



Protests against AFL-CIO Support for Palestinian Genocide; No to APEC in San Francisco

Despite the genocide underway in Gaza, the AFL-CIO leadership and most other unions are either silent or supporting Zionist Israel.

On November 9, as part of a global day of action, trade unionists and workers rallied at the offices of the AFL-CIO in New York City and San Francisco to protest the union leadership's collusion with Israel and with the Israeli trade union federation Histadrut, which is based on the apartheid system. The Histadrut was actively involved in supporting the apartheid regime in South Africa with arms and other military equipment.

As part of the global day of action for the Palestinian people and workers a "speak out" was held at the San Francisco Labor Council rally, to protest the AFL-CIO's support for US and Israel continued genocide against Palestine people and workers. The AFL-CIO has refused to even support a cease fire and also in September 21, 2021 sent a letter to the SF Labor Council saying they could not discuss the issue of a labor boycott of Israel for the illegal occupation and attacks on Palestinian people.

Speakers talked about the institutional power and role of AIPAC by SEIU 87 president Olga Miranda who is also a vice president of the San Francisco Labor Council. There was also a similar demonstration in New York City at the AFL-CIO.

Criticism was not only reserved for Biden. “The leaders meeting this week are some of the most egregious perpetrators of violence against women,” said Katie Comfort of the International Women’s Alliance, who cited the example of Yoon Suk Yeol of South Korea. Yoon recently rolled back the demands of justice for "comfort women" in order to sign a new military agreement with Japan and the US.

Kobi Guillory, a Chicago public school teacher and Board member of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression noted, “All of our movements are connected by a common enemy, which is US imperialism. We are here protesting against APEC because imperialism always violates the right of self determination of oppressed people.”

“We know this is not just a moment, this is a movement,” Mansour concluded. “Today is just the first day of shutting it down!” Despite being surrounded by swarms of police and secret service, the crowd dispersed peacefully chanting, “We'll be back!” Organizers are planning another mobilization...to disrupt the APEC CEO Summit that will spotlight multinational corporations - Boeing, Chevron, Amazon, Meta, and Google, to highlight their roles in the heightening economic crisis, people’s suffering and destruction of the environment.



There are specialized tools that can make this job easier to perform and faster.

- 1) Water main shut off tool
- 2) Irrigation lid tool / large screwdriver

The steps are as follows:

- 1) Lift lid off water box
- 2) Identify the valve, usually rectangular
- 3) Turn valve to be perpendicular to the pipe
- 4) Add a lock to the available hole
- 5) Fill hole with concrete
- 6) Put lid back on

At 6:40 PM, just 40 minutes into the gala, we put an end to things before they even began. No auction, no speeches, no propaganda screening, thus cutting off one stream of funding for genocide and apartheid. Donors began sneaking out of the backdoor of the space around 7PM, escorted by fascist police and private security. Around 7:10, a utility truck arrived to attempt a repair. They failed to do so, as our successful sabotage held. The building was evacuated. The Zionists ran home with their tails between their legs, their facade of security and impenetrability proven vulnerable.

We hope that this will inspire other autonomous actors to strike at the infrastructure of genocide everywhere it can be found.

While the Zionist occupation forces deliberately target Palestinian infrastructure to render human survival impossible, we must turn these same tactics on the oppressor, targeting the civil, economic, and political infrastructure that feed the Zionist project, starving it of the resources that sustain its existence and enable its genocidal violence. The targets are here and everywhere. We send a message that there will be no safe space for genocidal capitalism. There will be no safe space for fascist Zionist terror. Wherever you amass, we will find you and shut you down.

This was executed by a group of autonomous anti-Zionists and anarchist saboteurs. We have no name. We are not an organization. We are not an entity. Do not try to find us. We are everywhere and we will not stop.

***Palestine
will
be
free***

11-13 | “SF Says No to APEC” Protest Demonstrations

When it comes to calling out APEC, the global conspiracy of corporate elites, for the scam that it is, San Francisco came through. What's more, there will be an another march in two days, on the 15th.

Twenty thousand rallied and marched down Market Street...The protest march was organized with spaces between groups making it look like a series of successive marches. The march turned left on 5th Street and marched to Howard Street. And then it stopped. Twenty thousand people at 5th and Howard not knowing where to go. A sort of on-the-spot rally was held. The police did not know what to do either. Many on motorcycles went every which way, about 50 on foot came and went, then about five vans full arrived, addressed the issue of a stopped driver less car with Palestinian slogans spontaneously spray-painted on it. Most people then went home.

Organizers spoke and drew clear links between the ongoing genocide in Gaza, corporate plunder of land and violation of labor rights, heightening militarization, and the neglect of people's basic needs like food, housing, and healthcare. Violette Mansour from the Palestinian Youth Movement said of APEC ministers and corporate representatives, “They are conspiring to figure out how they can make a profit off of the death of our people, how to make a profit off the plunder of our land.” Speakers condemned “Genocide Joe” for his unconditional support for Israel's all out war against the Palestinian people, which has resulted in the deaths of over 4,000 children. Participants chanted, “from Palestine to the Philippines, stop the US war machine!”

Massive Opposition to APEC Summit

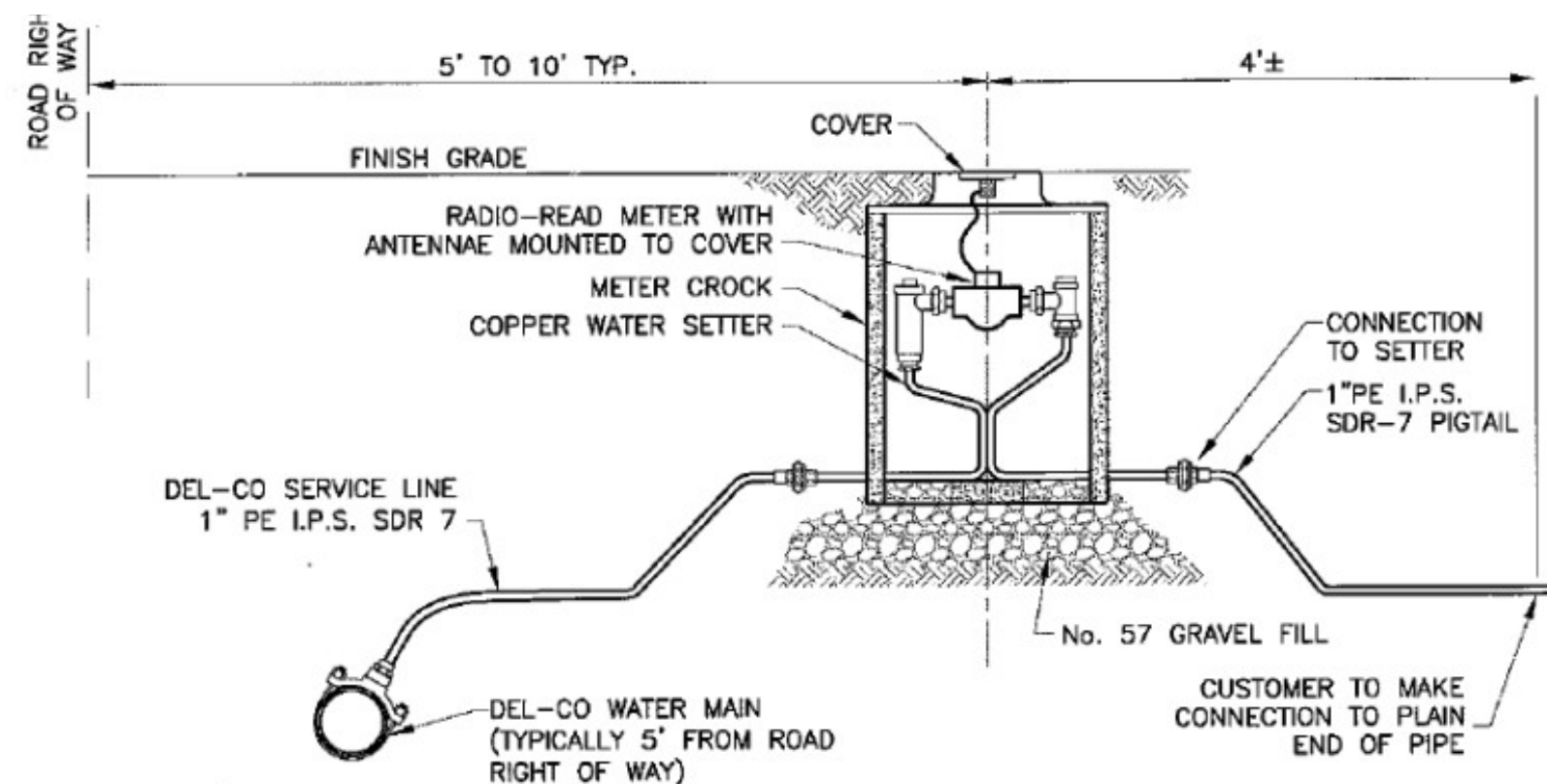
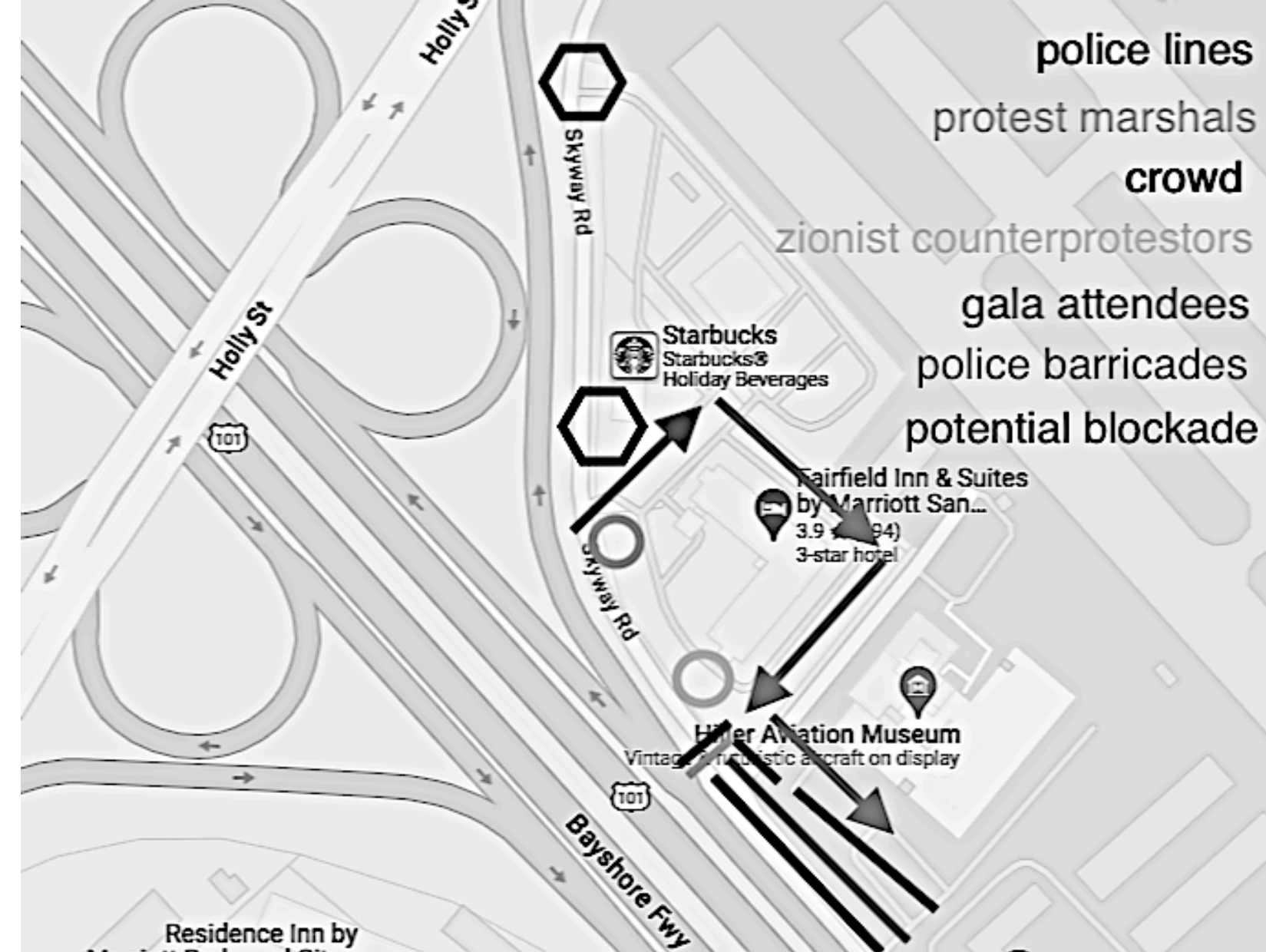
Thousands of Police and Metal Walls Isolate Elites from the People in San Francisco

<https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2023/11/18/18860538.php>

As billionaires and politicians met behind ten-foot-high metal walls in San Francisco from November 11-17, tens of thousands of demonstrators protested outside. Member nations of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit claim to have "Inclusive, Collaborative Solutions for Just Transitions," but opponents call this greenwashing and maintain that years of corporate neoliberalism are responsible for economic inequality, oppression, the climate crisis, and war. Ahead of the summit, streets were pressure washed and unhoused folks were pushed out of sight. Police were omnipresent throughout downtown San Francisco. Police with dogs patrolled the restaurant terraces at the Embarcadero Ferry Building.

Twenty thousand "No to APEC" protesters kicked off a week of demonstrations on November 12. On November 15, a huge metal wall separating the APEC economic-military elites from the rest of the world was the scene of one of the larger demonstrations. Demonstrators hoisted huge banners inviting the war criminals to leave the city. Prominent among activists were the most immediate victims of the global corporatists, native peoples and Pacific Islanders. The action focused on many issues: militarism, poverty, fossil fuel, climate chaos, and the Palestinian struggle.

On November 15, in front of the metal wall fortifying the APEC summit entrance, protester Sarah White was brutally assaulted by APEC attendee Michael Davies. Knocked unconscious, she fell to the ground, hitting her head on the metal barrier. Sarah's jaw was broken in multiple places; she suffered bleeding on the brain and will require surgery. Davies was charged with assault and arraigned on November 21.



SFGH UCSF Healthcare Workers Protest Israeli-US Genocide In Gaza Against Palestinians

Tue, Nov 7 IndyBay

Healthcare workers are mobilizing to demand a end to the bombings and the attacks on hospitals and patients. They called this an open genocide supported by Biden, Pelosi and the Democrats as well as the Republicans.

San Francisco healthcare workers from San Francisco General Hospital and UCSF walked off the job and rallied on Friday November 4, 2023 to protest the massacre and genocide against the Palestinian people in Gaza. They talked about the conditions of healthcare workers and their patients. Over 100 healthcare workers walked out at San Francisco General Hospital and rallied to demand an end to the massive criminal bombing of the people of Gaza and the genocide of Palestinians. Their anger and pain over the attacks on hospitals and healthcare workers who are taking care of the injured was powerful as they recounted the stories of workers under these conditions.

They were also angry that Hospital management and City officials are telling healthcare workers to remain silent about the massacres and loss of life caused by US supported Israel. The continuing actions by Israel and the US to allow these war crimes have led to the death of over 8,000 including thousands of children by the US supported Israeli military. They also condemned the Democratic Party politicians in California and nationally who have supported the continued terror and war crimes by Israel and the US government.

Trade unionists including Brenda Barros, SEIU 1021 San Francisco General Hospital Chapter president and Lisa Milos a member of CWA UPTE UCSF talked about the fight at the SF Labor Council on a labor boycott of Israel and the shutdown of discussion by action of AFL-CIO president Liz Schuler who sent a letter to the Council ordering them not to talk about a boycott of Israel. The leadership of the SF Labor Council also colluded with the Zionists to stop any solidarity action by San Francisco trade unionists. Speakers talked about what what healthcare workers in the US need to do about it.

