

MILITARY INSURRECTION IN NIGER

By Antonio Artuso

The Military coup d'État:

From the 26th to the 28th of July 2023, a revolutionary military coup d'État overthrew president Mohammed Bazoum and his puppet government serving the interests of French capitalism-imperialism. Bazoum was overthrown by his guard, which detained him at the presidential office. The leader of the guard, General Abdourahamane Tiani, was declared head of state.



Niger was left without education, health, jobs in absolute poverty.

In Niger, France imperialism had the Arlit Uranium Mines, operated by the French multinational company "Orano"; three military bases with 1500 soldiers, five Reaper drones, at least three Mirage jet fighters.

The US and European allies present Niger as a key base in the struggle against armed ji-

The insurrection against the puppet regime serving the interests of France was organized by the National Council for the Salvation of the Motherland, which created the Military Junta, and carried out by the Presidential Guard.

The revolutionary coup had as its models the recent coups d'État of Mali and Burkina Faso against French neo-colonialism.

The situation in Niger:

Niger is the world's largest sources of uranium. It is very rich country not only in uranium, but also in gold, in diamonds and other mineral resources.

The country was plundered by France's multinational companies, which were making immense profits, while the people of

hadist groups in the Sahel, to justify the military presence of foreign forces.

The support of the people of Niger to the military insurrectionists:

The coup d'État in Niger was supported by the mass demonstrations in the streets.

A few placards said: "Down with France! Long live Putin!". This is because the Nigerian people know that Russia, as well as China, destroyed completely the Islam terrorist groups in their territory, while France never destroyed completely such groups in Niger to justify the presence of French military bases in the country.

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Lahaina tragedy

By Stephen Paulmier



Maui, Hawai'i is an island in the Pacific whose town of Lahaina was leveled by a wildfire on the 8th of August killing at least 115 people. The result of a century of private capital priorities trumping a millennia of

generational stewardship this tragic catastrophe exposes the present system as irreparably corrupt. Another of the Hawaiian Islands just west of Maui named Kahoolawe suffered for half a century as a target for the occupying military, their polluted waste still rendering it uninhabitable. It's fate is a part of the Maui wildfire narrative...

"...After all, Lahaina in Olelo Hawaii [language of Hawai'i] means "cruel sun."

Other mo'olelo [stories] speak of how South Maui used to be greener. The forests and vegetation on Kahoolawe would trap moisture and produce rains in the afternoon that kept South Maui from being so susceptible to drought.

Our islands are not "islands." Our islands are interconnected. Kahoolawe kept Maui green. But Kahoolawe today is a hellscape. The clouds, rain and water table were bombed away..."

Naka Nathaniel
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The capitalist-imperialist powers are preparing for a military intervention in Niger.

The 15-nation regional bloc Ecowas [Economic Community of West African States / Communauté économique des pays de l'Afrique de l'Ouest] – Nigeria, has threatened to use force to put down the coup in Niger after giving an ultimatum to those behind it to restore Mohamed Bazoum as president and reinstate the constitution and democratic institutions.

They use many justifications: [1] West Africa's regional political and security; [2] the need to defend the foreign nationals [a massive exodus has already started]

The UN special envoy for west Africa and the Sahel, Leonardo Santos Simão, told a virtual briefing late on Tuesday that "different member states are preparing themselves to use force if necessary".

The beginning of a staunch anti-imperialist resistance against the neo-colonial control of Africa by France:

An anti-imperialist front of patriotic African countries and movements was created. They rejected the ultimatum sent by Ecowas threatening to use force against the junta if it did not release and reinstate the president within a week. Among these

countries are Mali, Burkina Faso and Guinea, which toppled their governments.

Mali and Burkina Faso's leaders said a military intervention in Niger "would be tantamount to a declaration of war" against them.

The Russian position:

Russia called for an urgent national dialogue in Niger. It said threats of intervention were unhelpful. "It's very important to prevent a further deterioration of the situation in the country", said Maria Zakharova, a foreign ministry spokesperson of Russia, to reporters.

The military coup d'État in Niger is not a socialist or communist revolution:

The Niger coup d'État could encourage countries like Chad, Ivory Coast, Guinea Conakry, Algeria of the Sahel and the rest of Africa to join the existing anti-imperialist zone constituted by Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso. This would break part of the chains of capitalism-imperialism, and prepare the region for a struggle to put an end to capitalism and to build socialism.

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Russia and America / An Interpretation Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois 1950

Chapter I – A Quest for Clarity (continued)

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Then came the unthinkable First World War, which tore at the moorings of all my historical knowledge and economic foresight; and at its edge, the Russian Revolution of 1917. I was bewildered at what was happening and tried for ten years to withhold final judgment. With students and audiences and on paper, I maintained that I did not know what was really happening in Russia or how it would, result. I certainly believed Russia needed radical reform and was encouraged at the Menshevik effort under Kerensky. When the Bolsheviks came to power, I hesitated; was this Thermidor or something more permanent and fundamental? Was Marxian Communism possible or a wild, perverted dream? I again relapsed into silence; but I did believe that the Russian people had a right to experiment and that the United States ought to recognize the new government. We had certainly recognized worse in the past.

I had succeeded in circulating the *Crisis* magazine widely and could now give some attention to broader aspects of social reform; and one symbolic occurrence after the Russian Revolution fastened my attention. We had gone to live in an apartment in lonely Canarsie, outside New York City, when one day a stray dog came to us; he was young, scrawny, and dirty, but had evidence of breeding. So my little daughter kept him for her own and he grew sleek and beautiful. Then one day two Russians appeared, a man and his wife. They pointed to the dog and said he had run away from them.

"It is our dog," and "Larrabee!" they called; and he went, wagging his tail. But my wife came quietly to the door and said, "Steve!" and leapt back in joy and wriggled on her and kissed her. Then there was parleying and tales of his beautiful wolfhound mother and "will you take him?" asked my wife, her voice soft with fear. The Russian woman petted the dog tenderly and said, "No, we go back to Russia, now that Revolution has brought Freedom; and leave him with you, for he loves you and you are kind."

Meantime my attention was diverted. In the peace negotiations following World War I, I conceived the idea that the emancipation of Africa from colonialism might begin. I first tried to have German Africa set up as an international domain ruled by world science and philanthropy with representation of the educated Negro world. I think this idea had some effect in implementing the final Mandates Commission. I went to France in 1918, to advocate my ideas through a Pan-African Congress which was held in Paris with the consent of Clemenceau and was followed eventually in 1921, and 1923 by further meetings in London, Paris and Brussels. Here extraordinary opposition developed among the Colonial Powers and I was accused openly in Brussels of being financed by Russia, which again called my attention to the Revolution there.

I made my first visit to Africa in 1923, visiting Liberia and few English and French colonies on the West Coast. I became vividly aware of a Negro Problem far greater than I had envisaged in America, and my mind leaped further; more or less clearly I found myself asking: Is the problem of color and race simply and mainly a matter of difference in appearance and cultural variation, or has it something in common with the industrial organization of the world? With Poverty, Ignorance and Disease? Has Revolution in Russia something fundamental for the Negro Problem in the United States and the Colonial Problem in Africa?

But despite questionings and faith, I continued puzzled about Russia and what was happening there. The papers were flooded with tales

which I did not want to believe and yet found no answer. I realized that wartime propaganda had begun to dominate newsgathering and that it was difficult to get the truth on many matters. How far this would eventually go, I did not then dream. Claude McKay took me to task in 1921, for not appreciating the meaning of the Russian Revolution. I replied in July:

"Mr. McKay is wrong in thinking that we have ever intentionally sneered at the Russian Revolution. On the contrary, time may prove, as he believes, that the Russian Revolution is the greatest event of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and its leaders the most unselfish prophets. At the same time, *The Crisis* does not know this to be true. Russia is incredibly vast, and the happenings there in the last five years have been intricate to a degree that must make any student pause. We sit, therefore, with waiting hands and listening ears, seeing some splendid results from Russia, like the cartoons for public education recently exhibited in America, and hearing of other things which frighten us.

"The editor of *The Crisis* considers himself a Socialist but he does not believe that German State Socialism or the Dictatorship of the Proletariat are perfect panaceas. He believes with most thinking men that the present method of creating, controlling and distributing wealth is desperately wrong; that there must come and is coming a social control of wealth; but he does not know just what form that control is going to take, and he is not prepared to dogmatize with Marx or Lenin. Further than that, and more fundamental to the duty and outlook of *The Crisis*, is this question: How far can the colored people of the world, and particularly the Negroes of the United States, trust the whole working classes?

"Many honest thinking Negroes assume, and Mr. McKay seems to be one of these, that we have only to embrace the working class program to have the working class embrace ours; that we have only to join trade Unionism and Socialism or even Communism, as they are today expounded, to have Union Labor and Socialists and Communists believe and act on the equality of mankind and the abolition of the color line. *The Crisis* wishes that this were true, but it is forced to the conclusion that it is not.

"The American Federation of Labor, as representing the trade unions in America, has been grossly unfair and discriminatory toward Negroes and still is. American Socialism has discriminated against black folk and before the war was prepared to go further with this discrimination. European Socialism has openly discriminated against Asiatics. Nor is this surprising. Why should we assume on the part of unlettered and suppressed masses of white workers, a clearness of thought, a sense of human brotherhood, that is sadly lacking in the most educated classes?

"Our task, therefore, as it seems to *The Crisis*, is clear: We have to convince the working classes of the world that black men, brown men, and yellow men are human beings and suffer the same discrimination that white workers suffer. We have, in addition to this, to espouse the cause of the white workers, only being careful that we do not in this way allow them to jeopardize our cause. We must, for instance, have bread. If our white fellow-workers drive us out of decent jobs, we are compelled to accept indecent wages, even at the price of 'scabbing.' It is a hard choice, but whose is the blame? Finally, despite public prejudice and clamor, we should examine with open mind in literature, debate, and in real life the great programs of social reform that are day by day being put forward."

Translation in English of an e-mail message sent in French to Ms. Annie Koutrakis, a Member of the Parliament of Canada

City of Laval, province of Quebec, Canada, June 26, 2023

On the criminal responsibility of the Canadian Parliament in supporting the catastrophic United States proxy war in Ukraine

I am writing to tell you that the peoples of Canada and the world are increasingly aware of the criminal responsibility of the Parliament of Canada in providing our tax dollars, weapons and military training in support to the United States proxy war raging in Ukraine.

The current government of Canada blindly follows the policies of the United States, which leads the U.S. capitalist-imperialist bloc, of which we, Canadians, are unfortunately a part. The Canadian government supports policies that are contrary to the interests of the Canadian people and of peoples of the world, such as the support to Israel against the Palestinian people, to Guaidó, self-proclaimed president, against the Venezuelan people, to Zelenski against the Ukrainian and Russian people, among other catastrophic policies.

The Canadian people, like all people, need and want policies of good governance (affordable prices of food, housing, decent jobs, etc.) both (1) internally to Canada and (2) externally, for the other countries of the world. The world needs good governance policies that serve the interests of the whole mankind and not the interests of a handful of capitalists-imperialists, who are growingly smaller and smaller in number and richer and richer in profits. The world needs policies of peace, sustainable development, social justice, application of international law. But the Canadian State, institutions, alliances and policies are led by the criminal capitalist-imperialist class. In Ukraine, they support the U.S. proxy war "to the last Ukrainian", by sending weapons, technicians, training teams. Supporting criminals by supplying weapons is a punishable crime.

Canada must join the numerous countries, such as Brazil, Mexico, etc., which demand an immediate end to this catastrophic war. The Canadian people, the progressives and the communists urge the Canadian government:

- 1-to stop immediately its criminal support the United States, NATO, certain countries of the European Union, in this U.S. proxy war which aims to dismantle Russia;
- 2-to withdraw immediately from NATO, the fascist war machine of the United States;
- 3-to denounce immediately the real causes of the U.S. proxy war in Ukraine, and the U.S. support to the Nazi regime in power in Kyiv led by Zelenski, The causes of the war are the following:
 - 1-Since the fall of the Soviet Union [1991], the United States wants to dismantle Russia, as it dismantled Yugoslavia [1999].
 - 2-Russia did not want war, but despite the [verbal] promises made by the United States not to add more members to NATO, the encirclement of Russia grew with the addition of new NATO countries, armed with powerful weapons;

-3-In the winter of 2013-2014, the Ukrainian far-right, the United States and their allies in the European Union, carried out the Maidan (a central square in Kiev) neo-Nazi coup d'État and put in place a fascist regime in Kiev, the capital of Ukraine, with its catastrophic consequences;

-4-During the subsequent eight years, between the Maidan coup and today, a genocide of Russian-speaking Ukrainians was perpetrated. Millions of people who can only count on Russia to stop this genocide;

-5-to stop the neo-Nazi genocide by the Kiev regime now led by Zelensky, the Russian-speaking Ukrainians took arms and carried out:

-1-the liberation of Crimea by the May referendum and

-2-the partial liberation of Donbass and the creation of the Donetsk People's Republic and the Lugansk People's Republic.

Note: The Donbass is a coal basin in eastern Ukraine bordered on the south by the Sea of Azov. It is an important economic and cultural region whose populations want their liberation and their integration into Russia.

-6-On February 24, 2022, Russia launched the "Special Military Operation" in Ukraine. On that day, Russian President Vladimir Putin explained the reasons for this operation:

The Russian troops invaded part of Ukraine with the aim of

- (a) overthrowing the neo-Nazi regime in Kiev,
- (b) putting an end to the genocide perpetrated by the Kiev regime against Russian-speaking Ukrainians which has been going on for eight years and which is supported by NATO, the United States and their allies.

Putin recalls the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945) of Stalin's Soviet Union against Hitler's Nazi Germany, and the heroic victory of the USSR. Putin said that "With the approval of the Security Council, I have decided to carry out a special military operation. Its aim is to protect people who have been victims of intimidation and genocide by the Kiev regime for eight years. And for this we will fight for the demilitarization and denazification of Ukraine."

Madam Member of Parliament, I received the e-mail message you sent to the citizens of your constituency asking for suggestions, and I wrote to you this letter, that you will maybe read if you have some time. Madam Member of Parliament, tell the other members of the Canadian government that we are a small group of concerned citizens who know what is happening and who are resisting the disastrous policies of the Canadian government.

-To be silent is to be an accomplice!

-Unity and struggle against fascism and war!

Cordially,

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Port-au-Prince, 07 August 2023

**His Excellency, Mr. Dmitry Polyanskiy,
Representative of the Russian Federation to the
United Nations Security Council**

Dear Ambassador,

We, the organizations and personalities who have signed this letter, would first like to congratulate you and thank you for having thought to consult Haitian actors on the ground in order to gather their opinions on the issue of sending an armed occupying force which, as announced, would have the mission, among other things, to fight armed gangs and restore a climate of security in Haiti. We appreciate your remarkable approach aimed at a better understanding of the reality on the ground, thus avoiding being crushed by this giant political propaganda machine used against Haiti with the specific objective of sowing confusion and engulfing it in silence.

Your initiative will certainly contribute to stopping the U.S.-UN drift, assimilated to a criminal conspiracy to impose, by all means and for the defense of their exclusive interests, a new foreign occupation in Haiti. To achieve this, the current US administration and the Secretary-General of the United Nations are trying to erase the particularly painful, tragic and catastrophic historical experiences of the various military occupations already carried out either by the US government directly or under cover of the UN.

In this sense, it seems appropriate to draw your attention to the following points:

1. Armed gangs, tools for legitimizing foreign occupation

To prepare national and international public opinion to accept the unacceptable, the current de facto government and armed gangs are actively and daily being mobilized to help reinforce the manufactured chaos that would serve as a justification for the occupation. In the same vein, a certain national and international press devoted to their cause is also mobilized to operate the big propaganda machine intended to ensure what Edward S. Herman and Noam Chomsky call the manufacture of consent.

2. Official UN support and its shocking and repeated complicity with a de facto government

We wish to inform you that the illegal demand for military intervention that serves as a pretext for UN Secretary-General António Guterres and the Biden administration was made by a de facto and decried Haitian government. This government is ready to do anything to ensure its maintenance in power and thus continue to oppress the Haitian people for the benefit of its international supporters, the bosses for whom it works. Such solicitation is likely to further penalize the Haitian people and hinder the enjoyment of their legitimate right to self-determination recognized by the Charter of the United Nations itself. Moreover, the current de facto Haitian government has no title, no capa-

city, no legitimacy, no legal provision authorizing it to engage our country in this dangerous adventure. Such a request, under the Haitian Constitution, represents a crime of high treason punishable by article 21.1 of that Constitution. Moreover, the presence of an occupying force reflecting foreign interference on national soil constitutes a violation of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (Art. 14).

3. Non-compliance by the United States of America with Resolution 2653 (2022) adopted since October 2022 by the Security Council on the prohibition of arms trafficking to Haiti

A survey by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) attests that the weapons and ammunition used by gangs for terrorist purposes against the population come mainly from the United States of America. It is enough to obtain an immediate halt to the supply of arms and ammunition to the gangs that spread terror with impunity and peace of mind to quickly block their criminal actions. If the US government finally agrees to effectively apply the necessary control measures at its border customs, ports and airports, particularly Resolution 2653 (2022) adopted by the Security Council on October 21, 2022 prohibiting the trafficking of arms from UN Member States to Haiti, the gangs will be inoperative. Once their main sources of supply of weapons and ammunition are cut off, once their financiers are paralyzed, the gangs will certainly be unable to continue to sow terror. They will also be unable to continue kidnapping, massacring the population, unable to strategically control all the urban working-class neighborhoods and the richest rural areas. If this is really achieved, there is no need to consider foreign military intervention to supposedly thwart their criminal actions.

4. What about the technical support repeatedly announced for the Haitian National Police when powerful gang leaders are protected by the highest authorities in place, including the police authorities?

According to information gathered from reliable sources, the gangs are at the service and operate on the orders of the powers that be, as well as the US-led Core Group. The National Network for the Defense of Human Rights (RNDDH), in this sense, reports in a press release dated July 26, 2023 that: "since January 15, 2023, Vitelhomme INNOCENT – presented by more than one as the protégé of the Director General of the Police, Frantz ELBE and several other high-ranking officers of the PNH – circulates in a procession composed, among others, of two (2) vehicles bearing respectively State Service and Official license plates and a vehicle of the Toyota Double-Cab Pick-up Police Institution registered 1-01191 clearly identified as belonging to the PNH."

And the RNDDH continues: "On July 16, 2023, around 20:00 hours [8:00 PM], twelve (12) vehicles bearing

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license plates Service of the State and Official, went to the stronghold of Vitelhomme INNOCENT where a meeting of several hours was held. Since then, Vitelhomme INNOCENT's attacks on the populations of Croix-des-Bouquets, Delmas, Pétion-Ville and Tabarre have intensified."

This information confirms that the current government and the Chief of the National Police of Haiti, Frantz ELBE are in collusion with the gangs that sow terror, increase insecurity on command. This corrupt and criminal government rejected by the Haitian people is strongly supported by the UN, the USA, France etc. Therefore, if the UN Secretary-General and the Biden administration are serious about fighting gangs and restoring security, they do not need an occupying force. They know perfectly well what should be done.

It must be admitted that in seeking by all means to impose foreign occupation, the United Nations and the United States have no will to help the Haitian people eliminate armed gangs to restore security, but rather seek to give themselves another way to better dominate the Haitian population.

Haitian people, submit them to their dictates and obtain the free way for the exploitation of the country's wealth in peace and impunity.

5. The cry of the Haitian people: rejection of foreign interference and respect for their right to self-determination

Mr. Ambassador

In conclusion, we wish to emphasize to your attention what we already indicated in a letter addressed to the Secretary-General, namely, that the Haitian people expect the United Nations and the entire international community to show active solidarity that respects their political independence, sovereignty and right to self-determination.

In this dynamic, we cannot ignore the words of a Special Envoy of the US government in Haiti, Daniel Foote, who saw fit to raise his voice in the face of the observation of interference leading to the incessant trampling on the sovereignty of the Haitian people by the various U.S. administrations. According to the American Emissary: "Since the beginning of the Haitian nation, racism has made it difficult for whites in the United States to accept the independence of a former slave nation... but here in the United States there is still racism... Haiti continues to be viewed differently compared to other countries in the region, in Latin America or Caribbean countries. I don't know how to fix this other than to promote the self-determination of Haitians." He further stated: "This cycle of international political interventions in Haiti has consistently produced catastrophic results."

In short, the unjustly requested military intervention to which the current UN Secretary General and the US cling can in no way guarantee peace and security or combat armed gangs on mission...

Haiti has already known various painful experiences of military intervention that have only worsened its situation. Tens of

thousands of Haitian families still retain the bitter taste of the heavy toll left by the various UN occupation missions, particularly the one called MINUSTAH, which introduced the deadly scourge of cholera in 2010. Moreover, this armed intervention is part of an imperialist project of consolidation of power in place that is unbearable and rejected by the people. In particular, it is part of a strategic and Machiavellian plan to strengthen the tutelage imposed by the imperialist powers with a view to achieving systematic political control of Haiti in order to better reinforce foreign interference and ensure the plundering of its wealth.

The Haitian people, who are suffering but struggling, demand the unconditional departure of this corrupt, criminal, discredited government team and a sovereign Haiti, free from the interference of the imperialist powers. They no longer want Mr. Ariel Henry, who has already rejected because of his incapacity, insensitivity, inhumanity, betrayal and the servility with which he executes, to the detriment of national interests, the fatal dictates of the Core Group that installed him, against the popular will, at the head of our country.

They also call for an urgent dispatch to the field of an independent commission of inquiry including, among others, representatives of Russia and China for an assessment first of the level of complicity between the armed gangs, the Core Group and the power in place and then for an evaluation of these eighteen years of UN support that led to the current chaotic situation. It will thus be responsible for evaluating the concrete results of the various UN occupation missions already sent to Haiti and in particular the latest, BINUH.

Also, the UN and the United States, in order to restore their ethics, morality and humanity, must no longer enter into the logic of adding evil to the Haitian evil. In this perspective, they must immediately abandon this illicit and Machiavellian project of international military intervention in Haiti, which risks further poisoning the situation on the ground.

You therefore have a crucial role to play by refusing the path of complicity in the destabilization of Haiti and by opposing, for the greater good of our country, the criminal US-UN project of occupation.

We remain available for a deepening of the file and to answer your additional questions, including before the Security Council.

Thanking you in advance for the attention you will give to this letter, we signatories ask you to accept, Mr. Ambassador, the expression of our highest consideration.

For the list of organizations signing, please see the French text:

Port-au-Prince, le 07 Aout 2023

**Son Excellence, Monsieur Dmitry Polyanskiy,
Représentant de la Fédération de Russie auprès du Conseil
de Sécurité des Nations Unies**

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Nous, Organisations et Personnalités signataires de cette lettre, voulons en premier lieu vous féliciter et vous remercier d'avoir pensé à consulter les acteurs haïtiens sur le terrain afin de recueillir leurs opinions en ce qui concerne la question de l'envoi d'une force armée d'occupation qui, comme annoncé, aurait pour mission, entre autres, de combattre les gangs armés et rétablir un climat de sécurité en Haïti. Nous apprécions à sa juste valeur votre remarquable démarche visant une meilleure compréhension de la réalité du terrain évitant ainsi de se laisser broyer par cette machine géante de propagande politique actionnée contre Haïti dans l'objectif précis de semer la confusion et de l'engloutir en silence.

Votre initiative pourra assurément contribuer à enrayer la dérive américano-onusienne, assimilée à un complot criminel consistant à vouloir imposer, par tous les moyens et pour la défense de leurs intérêts exclusifs, une nouvelle occupation étrangère en Haïti. Pour y parvenir, l'actuel gouvernement américain et le Secrétaire général des Nations Unies tentent de gommer les expériences historiques particulièrement douloureuses, tragiques et catastrophiques des différentes occupations militaires déjà effectuées soit par le gouvernement américain directement ou sous couvert de l'ONU.

En ce sens, il nous paraît opportun d'attirer votre attention sur les points suivants :

1. Les gangs armés, outils de légitimation de l'occupation étrangère

Pour préparer l'opinion publique nationale et internationale à accepter l'inacceptable, le gouvernement de facto actuel et les gangs armés sont activement et quotidiennement mobilisés en vue d'aider à renforcer le chaos fabriqué devant servir de justification à l'occupation. Dans la même optique, une certaine presse nationale et internationale acquise à leur cause est également mobilisée en vue de faire marcher la grosse machine de propagande destinée à assurer ce que Edward S. Herman et Noam Chomsky appellent la fabrication du consentement.

2. Le support officiel de l'ONU et sa complicité choquante et répétée vis-à-vis d'un gouvernement de facto

Nous tenons à vous informer que la demande illégale d'une intervention militaire qui sert de prétexte au Secrétaire général de l'ONU, M António Guterres et à l'administration Biden a été formulée par un gouvernement haïtien de facto et décrié. Ce gouvernement est prêt à tout pour assurer son maintien au pouvoir et continuer ainsi à opprimer le peuple haïtien au profit de ses supporteurs internationaux, ses patrons pour lesquels il travaille. Une telle sollicitation est de nature à pénaliser encore plus le

peuple haïtien et à entraver la jouissance de son droit légitime à l'autodétermination reconnu par la charte même de l'ONU. De plus, l'actuel gouvernement haïtien de facto n'a ni titre, ni qualité, ni légitimité, ni provision légale l'autorisant à engager notre pays dans cette aventure dangereuse. Une telle demande représente au regard de la Constitution haïtienne, un crime de haute trahison puni par l'article 21.1 de ladite Constitution. En outre, la présence d'une force d'occupation traduisant une ingérence étrangère sur le sol national constitue une violation de la Convention de Vienne sur le Droit des Traités (Art. 14).

3. Le non-respect par les Etats-Unis d'Amérique de la Résolution 2653 (2022) adoptée depuis octobre 2022 par le Conseil de Sécurité relative à l'interdiction du trafic d'armes vers Haïti

Une enquête de l'Office des Nations Unies contre la Drogue et le Crime (ONUDD) atteste que les armes et munitions utilisées par les gangs à des fins terroristes contre la population proviennent surtout des Etats-Unis d'Amérique. Il suffit d'obtenir l'arrêt immédiat de l'approvisionnement en armes et munitions des gangs qui sèment la terreur en toute impunité et en toute quiétude, pour parvenir rapidement à bloquer leurs actions criminelles. Si le gouvernement américain accepte enfin d'appliquer effectivement au niveau de ses douanes frontalières, de ses ports et aéroports les mesures de contrôle nécessaires et particulièrement la Résolution 2653 (2022) adoptée par le Conseil de Sécurité le 21 octobre 2022 interdisant le trafic d'armes des Etats-membres de l'ONU vers Haïti, les gangs seront inopérants. Une fois coupées leurs principales sources d'approvisionnement en armes et munitions, une fois leurs financeurs-euses paralysés, les gangs seront certes incapables de continuer à semer la terreur. Ils seront également dans l'impossibilité de continuer à kidnapper, massacrer la population, dans l'impossibilité de contrôler stratégiquement l'ensemble des quartiers populaires urbains et des zones rurales les plus riches. Si on y parvient vraiment, point n'est donc besoin d'envisager une intervention militaire étrangère pour soi-disant contrecarrer leurs actions criminelles.

4. Quid d'un appui technique annoncé à répétition en faveur de la Police Nationale d'Haïti alors que de puissants chefs de gangs sont des protégés des plus hautes autorités en place y compris les autorités policières ?

Suivant des informations recueillies de sources fiables, les gangs sont au service et opèrent sur commande notamment du pouvoir en place, ainsi que du Core Group dirigé par les USA. Le Réseau National de Défense des Droits Humains (RNDDH), en ce sens, rapporte dans un communiqué de presse en date du 26 juillet 2023 que : « depuis le 15 janvier 2023, Vitelhomme INNOCENT – présenté par plus d'un comme le protégé du Directeur General de la Police,

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Frantz ELBE et de plusieurs autres haut-gradés de la PNH – circule dans un cortège composé, entre autres, de deux (2) véhicules portant respectivement des plaques d'immatriculation Service de l'Etat et Officiel et d'un véhicule de l'institution policière de marque Toyota Pick-up double cabine immatriculé 1-01191 clairement identifié comme appartenant à la PNH. »

Et le RNDDH de poursuivre : « le 16 juillet 2023, vers 20:00 heures, douze (12) véhicules portant des plaques d'immatriculation Service de l'Etat et Officiel, se sont rendus dans le fief de Vitelhomme INNOCENT où s'est tenue une rencontre de plusieurs heures. Depuis, les attaques de Vitelhomme INNOCENT à l'encontre des populations de la Croix-des-Bouquets, de Delmas, de Pétiou-Ville et de Tabarre se sont intensifiées.»

Ces informations confirment que l'actuel gouvernement et le Chef de la Police Nationale d'Haïti, Frantz ELBE sont de connivence avec les gangs qui sèment la terreur, augmentent l'insécurité sur commande. Ce gouvernement corrompu et criminel rejeté par le peuple haïtien est fortement soutenu par l'ONU, les USA, la France etc. Par conséquent, si le Secrétaire Général de l'ONU et l'Administration Biden entendent véritablement combattre les gangs et rétablir un climat de sécurité, ils n'ont nullement besoin d'une force d'occupation. Ils savent parfaitement bien ce qu'il conviendrait de faire.

Force est d'admettre qu'en cherchant par tous les moyens à imposer l'occupation étrangère, l'ONU et les USA n'ont aucunement la volonté d'aider le peuple haïtien à éliminer les gangs armés pour ramener la sécurité mais de préférence cherchent à se donner un autre moyen de mieux dominer le peuple haïtien, le soumettre à leurs dictats et obtenir la voie libre pour l'exploitation des richesses du pays en toute quiétude et impunité.

5. Le cri du peuple haïtien : rejet de l'ingérence étrangère et respect de son droit à l'auto-détermination

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur

Pour terminer, nous voulons souligner à votre attention ce que nous avons déjà indiqué dans une lettre adressée au Secrétaire Général à savoir que le peuple haïtien attend de l'ONU et de toute la communauté internationale une solidarité agissante qui respecte son indépendance politique, sa souveraineté et son droit à l'autodétermination.

Nous ne saurions, dans cette dynamique, faire l'économie des propos d'un Envoyé Spécial du gouvernement américain en Haïti, Daniel Foote, qui a jugé bon d'élever la voix face au constat de l'ingérence conduisant au piétinement incessant de la souveraineté du peuple haïtien par les différentes administrations américaines. Selon l'Emisnaire américain : « Depuis les débuts de la nation haïtienne, le racisme a fait qu'il était difficile pour des Blancs aux USA d'accepter l'indépendance d'une ancienne nation d'esclaves...mais ici aux Etats-Unis il y a encore du racisme...Haïti continue d'être vu différemment par rapport à d'autres pays dans la région, en Amérique latine

ou des pays de la Caraïbe. Je ne sais pas comment réparer cela sinon que promouvoir l'auto-détermination des Haïtiens ». Il a, en outre, déclaré: « Ce cycle des interventions politiques internationales en Haïti a constamment produit des résultats catastrophiques ».

En résumé, l'intervention militaire injustement sollicitée et à laquelle s'accrochent l'actuel Secrétaire Général de l'ONU et les USA ne saurait en aucune manière garantir la paix et la sécurité ou combattre les gangs armés en mission...

Haïti a connu déjà diverses expériences douloureuses d'intervention militaire qui n'ont fait qu'empirer sa situation. Des dizaines de milliers de familles haïtiennes gardent encore le goût amer du lourd tribut laissé par les diverses missions onusiennes d'occupation particulièrement celle dénommée MINUSTAH qui a introduit le fléau meurtrier du choléra en 2010. De plus, cette intervention armée s'inscrit dans un projet impérialiste de consolidation du pouvoir en place insupportable et rejeté par le peuple. Elle entre, en particulier, dans un plan stratégique et machiavélique de renforcement de la tutelle imposée par les puissances impérialistes en vue de parvenir à un contrôle politique systématique d'Haïti pour mieux conforter l'ingérence étrangère et assurer le pillage de ses richesses.

Le peuple haïtien en souffrance mais en lutte exige le départ sans condition de cette équipe gouvernementale corrompue, criminelle, discréditée et une Haïti souveraine, libérée de l'ingérence des puissances impérialistes. Il ne veut plus de Monsieur Ariel Henry qu'il a déjà rejeté à cause de son incapacité, de son insensibilité, de son inhumanité, de sa trahison et de la servilité avec laquelle il exécute, au détriment des intérêts nationaux, les dictats funestes du Core Group qui l'a installé, contre la volonté populaire, à la tête de notre pays.

Il réclame en outre, l'envoi en urgence sur le terrain d'une commission d'enquête indépendante incluant, entre autres, des représentants de la Russie et de la Chine pour une évaluation d'abord du niveau de complicité entre les gangs armés, le Core Group et le pouvoir en place et ensuite pour une évaluation de ces dix-huit années d'accompagnement de l'ONU ayant conduit à la situation chaotique actuelle. Elle sera chargée ainsi d'évaluer les résultats concrets des différentes missions onusiennes d'occupation déjà envoyées en Haïti et notamment de la dernière en date, le BINUH.

Aussi, l'ONU et les USA, pour rétablir leur éthique, leur moralité ainsi que leur humanité, ne doivent plus rentrer dans la logique d'ajouter du mal au mal haïtien. Dans cette perspective, ils doivent abandonner sans délai ce projet illicite et machiavélique d'intervention militaire internationale en Haïti qui risque d'empoisonner un peu plus la situation sur le terrain.

Vous avez donc un rôle crucial à jouer en refusant la voie de la complicité dans la déstabilisation d'Haïti et en vous opposant, pour le plus grand bien de notre pays, au projet criminel américano-onusien d'occupation.

Nous restons disponibles pour un approfondissement du dossier et pour répondre à vos interrogations additionnelles y compris devant le Conseil de Sécurité.

Vous remerciant à l'avance de l'attention que vous porterez à la présente, nous signataires, vous prions d'agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, l'expression de notre haute considération.

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XXVIII BRIGADA LATINOAMERICANA Y CARIBEÑA DE SOLIDARIDAD CON CUBA

DECLARACIÓN FINAL – Del 16 al 29 de julio de 2023

Desde la Universidad de Oriente, ubicada en Santiago de Cuba, los 111 delegados de catorce países de Latinoamérica y el Caribe, nos pronunciamos para solidarizarnos con el pueblo cubano.

Las y los brigadistas de organizaciones de solidaridad, movimientos sociales, sindicales y políticos que participamos en la XXVIII Jornada de Solidaridad con Cuba; de Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Martinica, México, Panamá, Perú, Puerto Rico, Quebec, República Dominicana, y Venezuela, inspirados en los mártires y el líder histórico de la Revolución Cubana, Comandante en Jefe Fidel Castro Ruz, así como en el 70 aniversario de los asaltos a los cuarteles Moncada de Santiago y Carlos Manuel Céspedes en Bayamo.

CONSIDERANDO:

- Los cambios próximos en el orden mundial derivados de la pérdida de hegemonía de los Estados Unidos, visibilizados en el contexto bélico internacional, así como en el debilitamiento global del dólar estadounidense.
- El avance de las fuerzas fascistas en distintos países de América Latina, el Caribe, así como en otros países del mundo.
- Que el acoso económico, financiero y mediático por parte de la maquinaria propagandística estadounidense, así como los intentos de desestabilización política contra Cuba se han recrudecido.

DECLARAMOS:

- Nuestro apoyo irrestricto a los principios de la Revolución Cubana, fundamentados en un sistema socialista, basado en el trabajo, la dignidad, el humanismo, la ética, la libertad, la equidad, la igualdad, la solidaridad, el bienestar y la prosperidad individual y colectiva, ejemplos para América Latina y el Caribe.
- Nuestro rechazo a la inclusión de Cuba en la lista de Estados patrocinadores del terrorismo por parte de la política injerencista de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica.
- Nuestra solidaridad con Cuba contra el criminal y genocida bloqueo de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica, pese a las reiteradas

condenas de la aplastante mayoría de países expresados en los espacios de diálogo de la ONU.

- Que apoyamos la proclama del Foro de Sao Paulo que resuelve declarar a Cuba “Patrimonio Universal de la Dignidad”
- Nuestro apoyo a la realización de un Tribunal Internacional contra el Bloqueo a Cuba, a celebrarse los días 16 y 17 de noviembre de 2023 como fue expuesto en la Cumbre de los Pueblos en Bruselas.
- Nuestra adhesión total a la Declaración Final de la Cumbre de los Pueblos Latinoamericanos, Caribeños y Europeos.
- Nuestro rechazo a la continuidad de todos los medios de agresión imperialista contra el pueblo cubano.

PONDERAMOS Y APLAUDIMOS:

- Los grandes avances y aportes de Cuba en la medicina, biotecnología y otras disciplinas pese a las limitaciones en el acceso a insumos y otras necesidades para el desarrollo de las investigaciones.
- Todos los actos de solidaridad de Cuba con la humanidad en materia de educación, deporte, tecnología entre otras, en congruencia con el pensamiento martiano “Patria es Humanidad”.
- El invaluable aporte de Cuba a los países del mundo y en especial a los de Latinoamérica y el Caribe, en temas de salud con la brigada Henry Reeve, quienes han estado presentes en más de 50 países este año, destacando su participación en Turquía y Siria, víctimas de un terrible terremoto a principios de 2023.
- La formación de cientos de miles de estudiantes originarios de países de todo el mundo en distintas disciplinas, en particular de América Latina y el Caribe.
- La promoción de la paz, la defensa de la soberanía y la libre autodeterminación de nuestros pueblos, luchando siempre por la no injerencia del imperialismo en nuestros países.
- Apoyamos las acciones que promueven a Latinoamérica y el Caribe como zona de paz, al tiempo que respetamos la política de multilateralismo y la soberanía de cada una de las naciones en la pretensión de dejar de ser el patio trasero de los Estados Unidos y otros países colonialistas.

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DENUNCIAMOS Y RECHAZAMOS:

- Los actos de provocación por parte del imperialismo, como el despliegue de un submarino de propulsión nuclear en el territorio ocupado de la Bahía de Guantánamo y la falsa noticia de la existencia de una base militar china en territorio cubano.
- EL pronunciamiento del Parlamento de la Unión Europea como instrumento para proclamas injerencistas en contra de Cuba.
- Las acciones contrarrevolucionarias de grupúsculos de cubanos y personajes latinoamericanos de ultraderecha, contra las misiones diplomáticas de Cuba en el exterior que intentan distorsionar la realidad que se vive en el país y aislarlo de la comunidad internacional.
- La intimidación contra los brigadistas participantes en las Jornadas de Solidaridad por Cuba a través de las autoridades migratorias estadounidenses.
- Las permanentes campañas mediáticas de descrédito contra Cuba, porque en las jornadas de esta Brigada de Solidaridad, hemos experimentado y vivido una realidad distinta a la que muestran las grandes cadenas informativas, alineadas y financiadas por el capital transnacional.
- La manipulación de la justicia, la criminalización de la política, la corrupción e impunidad con la que se enriquecen algunos gobernantes en nuestros países.

NOS COMPROMETEMOS:

- Al acompañamiento, promoción y difusión de la conformación del Tribunal Internacional contra el Bloqueo a Cuba.
- A denunciar ante el mundo entero, a los gobernantes de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica por los inaceptables daños sociales y económicos generados contra Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela y otros países, producto de la guerra emprendida por el Imperio contra sus pueblos.
- A compartir en nuestros países los logros de la revolución cubana próxima a cumplir 65 años de la victoria del movimiento iniciado por Fidel, el Che y de más revolucionarios, misma que sigue en pie y fortaleciéndose cada día.

- Como brigadistas a realizar una mayor difusión de las Brigadas Internacionales de Solidaridad con Cuba, con el objetivo de incorporar cada vez más compañeras y compañeros, especialmente jóvenes, en las próximas brigadas.
- A fortalecer la Red Continental Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Solidaridad con Cuba, una mayor difusión entre nuestros compatriotas migrantes residentes en el extranjero, especialmente aquellos en los Estados Unidos, quienes juegan un papel fundamental en el combate contra las políticas imperialistas estadounidenses.
- A desarrollar un mayor esfuerzo comunicacional para difundir la verdad de lo que se vive en Cuba, a través de la organización y ejecución de la defensa de la revolución en todos los espacios mediáticos, especialmente a través de los nuevos medios digitales de difusión masiva como las Redes Sociales.
- A continuar con las campañas de solidaridad con Cuba en nuestros países, recordando fechas conmemorativas de la Revolución Cubana en eventos culturales y políticos.
- A difundir en las juventudes y en los militantes de los movimientos de la izquierda Latinoamericana y del Caribe, las ideas de Fidel y el Che Guevara, así como de otros líderes históricos que dieron ejemplo de vida.
- A lograr la unidad entre los países latinoamericanos, teniendo a Cuba como el mejor ejemplo a seguir.
- A solidarizarnos con la lucha de otros pueblos que están buscando la emancipación y la soberanía en sus decisiones y en el manejo, uso y disfrute de los beneficios de sus recursos naturales estratégicos.

¡Viva la amistad y lucha de los pueblos!

¡Viva la unidad y hermandad entre los pueblos de nuestra América!

¡Sin lucha, no hay victoria!

Dado en la ciudad de Santiago de Cuba, provincia de Santiago de Cuba, 25 de julio de 2023.



27TH LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN BRIGADE OF SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA

FINAL DECLARATION — July 16 to 29, 2023

From the Universidad de Oriente, in Santiago de Cuba, the 111 delegates from 14 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, we stand in solidarity with the Cuban people.

The brigade members from solidarity organizations, social, trade union and political movements who participated in the 27th Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba; from Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Martinique, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Quebec, Dominican Republic, and Venezuela, inspired by the martyrs and the historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, Commander in Chief Fidel Castro Ruz, as well as the 70th anniversary of the assaults on the Moncada barracks in Santiago and Carlos Manuel Céspedes in Bayamo.

CONSIDERING THAT:

- The upcoming changes in the world order, due to the loss of hegemony of the United States, made visible in the international war context, as well as in the global weakening of the US dollar.
- The advance of fascist forces in different countries of Latin America, the Caribbean, as well as in other countries of the world.
- The economic, financial and media harassment by the US propaganda machine, as well as the attempts at political destabilization against Cuba, have intensified.

WE DECLARE:

- Our unrestricted support for the principles of the Cuban Revolution, based on a socialist system, based on work, dignity, humanism, ethics, freedom, equity, equality, solidarity, well-being and individual and collective prosperity, are examples for Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Our rejection of the inclusion of Cuba in the list of State sponsors of terrorism by the interventionist policy of the United States of America.
- Our solidarity with Cuba against the criminal and genocidal blockade of the United States of America, despite the repeated condemnations of the overwhelming majority of countries expressed in the dialogue of the UN.

- We support the proclamation of the Sao Paulo Forum that resolves to declare Cuba a "Universal Heritage of Dignity"
- Our support for the holding of an International Tribunal against the Blockade of Cuba, to be held on November 16 and 17, 2023, as stated at the People's Summit in Brussels.
- Our total adherence to the Final Declaration of the Summit of Latin American, Caribbean and European Peoples.
- Our rejection of the continuation of all means of imperialist aggression against the Cuban people.

WE CONSIDER AND APPLAUD:

- The great advances and contributions of Cuba in medicine, biotechnology and other disciplines, despite the limitations in access to inputs and other needs for the development of research.
- All acts of solidarity of Cuba with humanity in education, sports, technology among others, in congruence with Marti's thought "Homeland is Humanity".
- Cuba's invaluable contribution to the countries of the world and especially to those of Latin America and the Caribbean, in health issues with the Henry Reeve brigade, which exist in more than 50 countries this year, especially their participation in Turkey and Syria, victims of a terrible earthquake at the beginning of 2023.
- The training of hundreds of thousands of students from countries around the world in different disciplines, particularly from Latin America and the Caribbean.
- The promotion of peace, the defense of sovereignty and the free self-determination of our peoples, always fighting for non-interference of imperialism in our countries.
- We support actions that promote Latin America and the Caribbean as a zone of peace, while respecting the policy of multilateralism and the sovereignty of each of the nations trying to cease being the backyard of the United States and other colonialist countries.

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WE DENOUNCE AND REJECT:

- The acts of provocation by imperialism, such as the deployment of a nuclear-powered submarine in the occupied territory of Guantanamo Bay and the fake news of the existence of a Chinese military base on Cuban territory.
- The declaration of the Parliament of the European Union as an instrument for interventionist proclamations against Cuba.
- The counterrevolutionary actions of small groups of Cubans and Latin Americans of the extreme right, against the diplomatic missions of Cuba abroad, who are trying to distort the existing reality in the country and to isolate it from the international community.
- The intimidation against the brigade members participating in the Meetings of Solidarity with Cuba through the US immigration authorities.
- The permanent media campaigns to discredit Cuba, because in the days of this Solidarity Brigade, we have experienced and lived a reality different from that shown by the big news networks, aligned and financed by transnational capital.
- The manipulation of justice, the criminalization of politics, the corruption and impunity by which some rulers in our countries enrich themselves.

WE ARE COMMITTED:

- To accompany, promote and disseminate the formation of the International Tribunal against the Blockade of Cuba.
- To denounce before the whole world the rulers of the United States of America for the unacceptable social and economic damages created against Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela and other countries, a product of the war waged by the Empire against their peoples.
- To share in our countries the achievements of the Cuban revolution, about to celebrate 65 years of the victory of the movement initiated by Fidel, Che and other revolutionaries, which continues to stand up and be strengthened every day.

- As brigade members, to carry out a greater spreading of the International Brigades of Solidarity with Cuba, in order to incorporate more and more comrades, especially young people, in the next brigades.
- To strengthen the Latin American and Caribbean Continental Network of Solidarity with Cuba, a greater diffusion among our migrant compatriots living abroad, especially those in the United States, who play a fundamental role in the fight against U.S. imperialist policies.
- To develop a greater communicational effort to disseminate the truth of what is going on in Cuba, through the organization and carrying out of the defense of the revolution in all media, especially through the new digital media of mass dissemination such as Social Networks.
- To continue with the campaigns of solidarity with Cuba in our countries, remembering commemorative dates of the Cuban Revolution in cultural and political events.
- To disseminate among the youth and militants of the movements of the Latin American and Caribbean left, the ideas of Fidel and Che Guevara, as well as other historical leaders who gave an example of life.
- To achieve unity among Latin American countries, with Cuba as the best example to follow.
- To stand in solidarity with the struggle of other peoples who are seeking emancipation and sovereignty in their decisions and management, to use and enjoy the benefits of their strategic natural resources.

Long live the friendship and struggle of the peoples!

Long live unity and brotherhood among the peoples of our America!

Without struggle, there is no victory!

From the city of Santiago de Cuba, province of Santiago de Cuba, July 25, 2023.



180,000 UPS part-timers left out of Teamster's deal

By Mike Elk for Payday Report
July 25, 2023

Biden pressured Teamsters to settle early

Earlier today, the Teamsters announced they had reached a “historic” tentative agreement. The Teamsters have not released the legal language contract, but only a few highlights.

“We changed the game,” tweeted the Teamsters. “Today, the Teamsters reached the most historic tentative agreement in the history of UPS.”

The news shocked many, who expected the Teamsters Union would hold out until their contract expired on July 31st before reaching a deal. This past weekend, Teamsters President Sean O’Brien declared at a rally this weekend, “We’ve organized, strategized, now it’s time to pulverize.”

However, President Biden pressured the Teamsters to settle nearly a week before the deadline to avoid any shocks that uncertainty of the strike could cause the economy.

“Today’s announcement moves us closer to a better deal for workers that will also add to our economic momentum,” President Biden said in a statement.

Not wanting to upset the White House, the Teamster’s leadership agreed to a tentative contract, according to interviews with various people involved in the union. While the agreement contains \$2.50-an-hour raises for full-time Teamsters drivers and \$7.50-an-hour for Teamsters drivers with more than five years of experience.

The contract leaves over 180,000 part-timer UPS workers with no path to making full-time status or wages equivalent to what full-timers earn, maintaining a sub-category of part-time, precarious workers at UPS.

Part-time workers will start at \$21 an hour. Only 7,500 part-time workers will be converted to full-time; less than 10,000 part-time workers converted to full-time status during the 1997 strike.

“I petitioned with [Teamsters for a Democratic Union] call for a \$25/hr base wage. I’ve been telling that to my coworkers for five months,” Chicago-based UPS part-timer Peter Lynsgo told Payday Report. “The part-time activists I’m plugged into are furious. I feel betrayed.”

Other part-time workers said the contract, which only guarantees part-time drivers 3.5 hours a day, does little to eliminate the



problem of part-time workers being forced to work full-time hours at much lower wages.

“If I still can’t get full-time status with 24 years seniority, that’s a problem,” Virginia-based UPS part-timer Zach Callahan told Payday Report. “I’m in a precarious position because I need the 40+ hours I get, but since I’m part-time, I’m only guaranteed 3 hours a day. Now it will be 3.5, which is still weak. They can always cut my hours without notice.”

Over the next three weeks, Teamsters will vote on whether or not to approve the new contract, announcing their results in late August.

While the Teamsters hailed this tentative agreement as a “historic” victory, it’s unclear if the deal will even be able to pass.

Already, there is significant resistance to the contract among part-timers. However, given the big raises for many full-time workers, those workers may vote against the interest of part-timers.

Stay tuned as Payday continues to cover the fight for a fair contract at Teamster.

Today, many top labor “reporters” immediately praised the tentative agreement reached by the Teamsters. Their stories featured no quotes from workers, just praise from nervous Teamsters leadership, pushing a “victory narrative” in the hopes that the tentative agreement would be passed by a workforce that was eager to strike.

Payday, though, went out and talked to workers, mainly part-time workers. We are finding very different feelings about the contract.

