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REMEMBERING CHILE'S 9/11



Workers Party of Ireland

As the bourgeois media remembers only the murderous attacks against civilians in the US on 11 September 2001, the Workers Party of Ireland remembers the brutal and murderous US sponsored coup which commenced in Chile on that infamous 9/11 in 1973.

In the lead-up to the September 1970 election the United States intensified its covert involvement in Chilean politics. Seeking to prevent Salvador Allende's victory, the CIA launched an operation to subvert the outcome through financial and political support for opposition candidates.

Despite the CIA's efforts, Allende was successful. The US immediately ordered the CIA to organize a coup to prevent Allende from taking office. This commenced with a plan to "make the economy scream." The Nixon administration imposed a foreign loan blockade on Chile as part of its economic warfare. In a scene reminiscent of the US economic war against Cuba, then and since, Allende complained to the United Nations in 1972 of "large-scale external pressure to cut us off from the world, to strangle our economy and paralyze trade and to deprive us of access to sources of international financing." In addition to denying foreign loans and exchange resources itself, the United States used its influence in international banks and financial institutions to pressure its allies to do the same.

In the early morning of September 11, 1973, two naval units stationed in Valparaiso seized control of two of the country's three cruisers. The military revolt spread to other Chilean cities and the repression began.

Two days after the coup Augusto Pinochet emerged as head of the military junta and soon assumed the presidency. He immediately dismantled Congress and outlawed Chilean left-wing political parties. Pinochet imposed a curfew and ordered mass arrests, including the arrest of students, social activists, and his political opponents. In a campaign of repression which included permanent centres of torture and assassination, more than 30,000 people were rounded up in Santiago's National Stadium while improvised detention centres appeared across Chile. The use of torture became widespread. In June 1975 Pinochet declared that no future elections would be held in Chile.

The coup was conceived, prepared and executed by the US, acting on behalf of US based transnational corporations and the Chilean bourgeoisie. The democratically elected President, Salvador Allende, together with many others, lost his life.

The coup revealed the reality and necessity of class struggle. Exploitation is not an anomaly within capitalism - it is the basis of the system. The capitalists' and workers' interests is always irreconcilable. They are structurally opposed. The lessons of Chile in 1973 remain as important today. Workers' gains cannot be considered separately from the need for a revolutionary transformation and the establishment of workers' power in a socialist society.

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We believe workers can and should run society, but that hope demands a knowledgeable and informed working class. Corporate and billionaire-owned media often only gives one side of the story - theirs - and social media is filled with misinformation, far-right viewpoints and AI slop. Thankfully, good journalism still exists. We believe it's worth reading, sharing and supporting.

UN CLIMATE REPORT RAISES QUESTION: IS EARTH ALREADY DOOMED?



In this piece for *People's World*, Chauncey K. Robinson covers a new report released by the United Nations Environment Programme, titled *Limiting Overshoot*, which states that is now too late to prevent climate catastrophe - and that the task at hand now is to prepare for and mitigate its effects.

The report states that the world has failed to meet the goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement. which would have prevented the Earth from exceeding a global warming limit of 1.5°C. Now, it says, the most optimistic scenario will see the Earth's temperature peak at 1.8 degrees Celsius.

Despite the inconvenient truths laid out in this report and the failure of politicians and corporations to act on, or even acknowledge, the looming threat of climate catastrophe, Robinson argues that all hope is not lost as long as working people are united, organized and leading the fight.

TRUMP'S LAND GRAB IS THE LATEST CHAPTER OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL GENOCIDE

In July 2026 the Trump Administration announced its seizure of land from Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bear Ears National Monuments in Utah, as well as the Chaco Canyon Heritage Site, an UNESCO World Heritage location, in New Mexico. All of these places hold significant cultural and historical importance to Indigenous peoples in the US today. The land from these sites was seized in order to allow mining, logging, and oil and gas companies to extract massive profits off of the land's natural resources.

These new land seizures have faced significant backlash. Concerns have been raised not just with the desecration of important cultural and historical sites, but also with the environmental harm that these private companies could unleash on these lands' ecosystems. Indigenous Americans have connected these recent land seizures to a longstanding history of the US government violating Indigenous people's cultural spaces, dignity and history. The working class in America must stand in solidarity with our Indigenous comrades in this fight against colonization, imperialism, and capitalism.

THE GHOST OF UPTON SINCLAIR: THE DANGER OF FOOD INDUSTRY DEREGULATION TODAY

In 1906, Upton Sinclair published his novel *The Jungle* which focused on the meat industry of Chicago, Illinois, and the grim working and living conditions of its workers. Sinclair wanted to bring to attention the depravity capitalism had wrought on the lives of working class people in his time. The book had a huge impact and the owners of the meat industry faced significant backlash.

The US government's solution was the creation of federal regulations and agencies like the Food and Drug Administration to ensure cleaner food products. While these efforts did improve the quality of food to which working class Americans had access, it did little to improve the conditions workers faced under capitalism.

Today, the food industry is back in the news largely due to the effects that de-regulation and de-funding of public agencies have had on food products. Outbreaks of various food borne illnesses and product recalls have occurred in many states across the country and working class Americans have been affected the hardest. Much like the early twentieth century, working class Americans are seeing in real time the toll the profit-incentive imposes on working people.

KIDS NEED ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUPPORT, NOT HANDCUFFS

Kennith RaShaun Woods II advocates for restorative justice for kids, as opposed to retributive justice, in this op-ed for *OtherWords*. Retributive justice is most commonly associated with the American justice system, which demands punishment when one is found guilty of having committed a crime.

Proponents of restorative justice say it leads to better outcomes for both the victims and offenders. Woods makes the case that youth incarceration not only fails to reduce problematic behavior, but has a negative outcome on children, teens and young adults' education, employment and overall well-being.

Restorative justice, unlike retributive justice, "positions community as a critical tool for helping kids and keeping t hem on a path toward future success."

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