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Ocupar, resistir, producir, conmemorar: worker cooperatives and justice in Argentina

ROCLA's September program
Wednesday, September 7, at 7 p.m.
Downtown Presbyterian Church, 121 Fitzhugh St.

[Ed. note: Michele Spring-Moore, former ROCLA steering committee member and editor of the newsletter, who is our speaker for the evening, has written the following introduction to her talk.]

As those of us in the Latin America solidarity movement know, an enormous amount of the devastation in the region in the past several decades has been fueled by neoliberal economic policy – what I like to call “capitalism on steroids.” My talk will feature a presentation about a recent study trip I took to Buenos Aires with professors and students in the University of Massachusetts Labor Studies program to look at the rebuilding of civil society in the wake of dictatorship and neoliberal “deform.”

We toured several plants that are part of Argentina's recuperated factories movement, which began when owners closed down businesses at the time of the 2001 economic crisis without paying their employees back wages. Workers in several provinces formed cooperatives and re-opened their factories and shops.



Weekly march of the Association of the Madres de la Plaza de Mayo, Buenos Aires, May 2011. Photo by Michele Spring-Moore

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Worker cooperatives and justice in Argentina *(continued)*

Argentina had thriving labor and leftist movements in the 1970s until the brutal military junta seized power in 1976 and tortured and disappeared tens of thousands of people. The dictatorship ended in 1983 after the Malvinas/Falklands War, and a fragile democracy began to emerge. The leaders of the junta were sentenced to prison, but after the military threatened another coup, the government halted its efforts to prosecute other represores, leaving the Madres de la Plaza de Mayo, children of the disappeared, and other human rights groups to pursue justice.

Impunity continued in the 1990s, when President Carlos Saúl Menem continued the neoliberal policies of the dictatorship, privatizing state-owned businesses and throwing tens of thousands of people out of work. In 2001, Argentina's economy crashed and the country defaulted on its IMF debt. Poor, working-class, and middle-class citizens responded by organizing neighborhoods, community soup kitchens, recycling cooperatives, and other grassroots efforts. The economic situation began to improve, and Néstor Kirchner, president from 2003 to 2007, was able to pay the IMF debt, restructure the Argentine Supreme Court, and revoke the laws guaranteeing immunity from prosecution for the perpetrators during the dictatorship years. His widow, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, is running for her second term as president as the ROCLA newsletter goes to press.

In addition to the fábricas recuperadas, our group also visited the headquarters of the Madres, met with members of labor organizations and groups of unemployed workers, and took tours of sites dedicated to the disappeared. I was also able to attend a portion of one of the trials of a number of military men accused of crimes against humanity during the dictatorship.

Argentina is moving forward in some exciting ways, and can serve as a model for recovery after repression without the inequalities that Chilean students and their parents have been protesting recently in the streets. I'll be showing some of these methods of recovery in a multi-media presentation.

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Cutting Edge Issues Facing Latin America

Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 PM

ROCLA is pleased and honored to have Grahame Russell of Rights Action speaking on Cutting Edge Issues Facing Latin America.

Grahame is an international speaker, journalist, lawyer, human rights advocate, and co-founder and Director of Rights Action. A former ROCLA White Dove award winner (2001), he has devoted his life to presenting information on Latin America that is not found in the regular media. A recent sampling from the Rights Action newsletter:



Grahame Russell in the La Union community of Mayan Qeqchi people, El Estor, Guatemala.

August 10, 2011

**GUATEMALA - MINING IMPUNITY & JUSTICE WATCH
HUBBAY MINERALS SELLS NICKEL MINE IN GUATEMALA
LAWSUITS IN CANADA AGAINST HUBBAY MINERALS,
REGARDING MURDER AND GANG-RAPES, WILL CONTINUE**

August 8, 2011

**HONDURAS - Canadian Investment & Business Alert
CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER STEVEN HARPER TO VISIT
HONDURAS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2011**

- The rhetoric will be: Praising Honduras' so-called return to democracy and respect for human rights
- The reality is: Harper is going to Honduras to promote the expansion of Canadian business and investment interests, despite the fundamental lack of democracy, despite on-going State repression and human rights violations

August 6, 2011

**NO MORE 'POLITICS & BUSINESS AS USUAL' WITH WAR
CRIMINALS IN GUATEMALA**

Guatemalan Presidential candidate, General Otto Perez Molina, is charged with torture, genocide and other war crimes

August 2, 2011

HONDURAS - Emergency funds needed for Rigores Community, burnt to the ground

- **Documentary Film & Updated Information:** Link to 10 minute documentary film about the Rigores Community - "Honduran Police Burn Community to the Ground": http://therealnews.com/t2/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=31&Itemid=74&jumival=7111
- July 1, 2011 Urgent Action - "This Is How The Global Economic Order Works": Rigores Community attacked and burned to the ground, to make way for production of African palm and sugar cane, for diesel bio-fuel production.

If you want the latest front line information on what is happening in Latin America be sure to attend the meeting on October 5th at 7 p.m. at the Downtown Presbyterian Church, 121 Fitzhugh St. in Rochester. Free parking (after 5 PM) across the street in the City Hall lot. Wheelchair-accessible and looped for those with hearing loss.

Cuba Friendshipment 2011

— by Henrietta Levine

[Ed. note: Late in the afternoon of August 1, 2011, “the 22nd Pastors for Peace Friendshipment Caravan to Cuba successfully crossed back into the US, completing the ‘reverse challenge’ border crossing...After the crossing was completed, the seven computers that were seized by US officials when the caravan crossed from the US into Mexico were returned, and a group of caravanistas promptly walked them back across the border into Mexico, from where they will be shipped to Cuba.” ifconews.org]

On the evening of July 8 old friends joined new-to-the-event friends as volunteers from the Rochester Committee on Latin America prepared for the send-off of the Cuba Friendshipment, an event that has taken place for the past twenty-two years in the Rochester area. Organized by Pastors for Peace founder, the Rev. Lucius Walker, who died in 2010, the Cuba Friendshipment is a direct challenge to the US economic blockade and an effort to bring public attention to a policy that is indefensible.

This year the planning committee concentrated on medical supplies and equipment for children; and all joined hands to pack and label boxes that were put on a truck that had traveled from the Chicago area, collecting materials from supporting groups along the way.

When the loading was completed, Peter and Gail Mott hosted a pot-luck dinner which was followed by a talk and slide presentation by Bill Hackwell, a widely-published social documentary photographer who has been involved in Pastors for Peace projects since the earliest Caravan in 1992.

CALLS URGENTLY NEEDED TO PERSUADE SENATE TO CLOSE DOWN GUANTANAMO

When the Senate reconvenes in September they will be voting on whether to keep Guantanamo open. President Obama backed down on his promise to close Guantanamo after immense Congressional pressure. Now we must put pressure on the Senate by speaking out – **ALL OF US**.

Please call Sen. Gillibrand (263-6250; 202-224-4451) and Sen. Schumer (263-5866; 202-224-6542) with these key points from Amnesty International:

- I am calling to urge the Senator to oppose provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 (H.R. 1540) that would keep Guantanamo open.
- **The Guantanamo detention facility must be closed.** Indefinite detention and military commissions must end.
- Detainees must either be **charged and fairly tried in US federal courts, or be released** to countries where their human rights will be respected.
- **I don't want our government to sacrifice human rights in the name of security.**

Theologian and writer Walter Wink reminded us that the **power we have as people is to act together for the common good**. Now is the time!

“El Campo: La Crisis En Silencio/Rural Mexico’s Silent Crisis”

[Ed. note: ROCLA member Joseph Sorrentino photographs families and workers in rural southern Mexico whose lives have been inextricably changed because of US neoliberal policies. He says on his website sorrentinophotography.com, “El Campo is in crisis, but it’s a silent crisis. The poorest people often attract the least amount of attention until it’s too late.” ROCLA members won’t want to miss his powerful and moving new exhibit.]

“My photo exhibit, “El Campo: La Crisis En Silencio/Rural Mexico’s Silent Crisis” will be at the Link Gallery in City Hall, Rochester from July 26th through September 12th. There will be a number of new photos in this exhibit, mostly of Serafina, a single mother I photographed working in her fields. Her photographs are part of a new project I’ve begun documenting what is being called the feminization of rural Mexico. As more and more men leave their villages for extended periods, women are having to take on additional work and responsibilities.”



Serafina: End of the Day
Photo by Joseph Sorrentino

Come to Twenty Second Annual Labor Film Series

— by Marilyn Anderson

ROCLA is again proud to be a sponsor of the Labor Film Series, now in its twenty second year, running from September 2 through to October 28 at the Eastman Dryden Theater, 900 East Avenue. All films are shown on successive Friday nights at 8 p.m. except on when they appear a second time on Sunday nights (September 4 and October 9) Tickets are available at ROCLA meetings and before each film in the lobby from Marilyn Anderson who will have tickets to give you.

The film relating to Latin America this year will be **EVEN THE RAIN (TAMBIEN LA LLUVIA)** shown on Friday, October 14 (Icár Bollain, Spain/Mexico 2011, 103 min., Spanish with subtitles). It is drama set against the background of the actual instance when a former Bolivian government in 2000 gave an international company permission to privatize water but which nationwide protests prevented. It becomes the story of farmer and worker resistance to corporate theft of water resources. But the film also offers a critique not only of colonialism and global capitalism but also of the movie industry invading the third world.

Nine other great films comprise the Series. Check www.rochesterlabor.org for descriptions of each. Please come!

Outrage?

— by Peter and Gail Mott

“Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have the exact measure of the injustice and wrong which will be imposed on them.”

—Frederick Douglass

Where is the anger? The outrage?

- Why no public outrage when we read that very little of the promised US funding has yet been received by victims of the earthquake in Haiti? Why no outrage about the 50-year US embargo of Cuba?
- Why no outrage about the US role in overthrowing the democratically-elected president of Honduras – as documented by WikiLeaks?
- Why no outrage when the US government militarizes our borders?
- Why no outrage about the hundreds of Mexicans who risk their lives crossing a barricaded border and deadly desert in their desperation to find jobs after Monsanto and NAFTA have denied them even a meager livelihood?
- Why no outrage about the ICE raids here in the Rochester region – raids that separate parents from children and keep the workers, who provide us with the food we eat, in a constant state of fear?

We CAN do something about all this. There ARE outlets for our outrage. Some of them you can find in this issue: Urging our Senators to shut down Guantanamo; writing for an Amnesty International Urgent Action; supporting Gov. Cuomo on S-Comm; showing up on October 6 in DC, and in November at Ft. Benning, GA (and writing on behalf of Fr. Roy Bourgeois). Let's not quietly submit!

Stop the Machine! Create a New World October 6, 2011, in Washington, DC

A gathering of thousands from across the country for non-violent action at Freedom Plaza. “There are two components to the action. One part is stopping concentrated corporate capital through sustained nonviolence. The other is educating and empowering people so that we can implement solutions to our current crises.” (Margaret Flowers). Join Bill Moyer, Bill Quigley, Chris Hedges, Coleen Rowley, Cornel West, Dave Rovics, David Cobb, David Himmelstein, Elaine Brower, Ellen Barfield, Harvey Wasserman, Howie Hawkins, Margaret Flowers, Medea Benjamin, Paul Glover, Rabbi Michael Lerner, Ray McGovern and many others. Rochester activists soon will be announcing plans for buses and carpooling. For more information: <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=33602bebb8fb7dd6e71fb413&id=90d971ea1c&e=9cffe7a812>

And watch a short video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjXARZDKdHk>

SOA-Watch founder and White Dove Award recipient Fr. Roy Bourgeois threatened with expulsion from Maryknoll Community

From Bill Quigley, Attorney for Fr. Roy Bourgeois, Quigley@loyno.edu. Sent on August 8, 2011.

Dear Friends:

Our brother, Fr. Roy Bourgeois, needs your immediate solidarity. The Maryknoll community has taken another step towards expulsion of Fr. Roy for speaking out in favor of the ordination of women priests. Fr. Roy has said that, as a matter of conscience, he must speak out against the exclusion of women from the priesthood both because it defies faith and reason and because the exclusion is rooted in sexism. Despite the threats to expel him, Fr. Roy refuses to recant.

It is time for people of good will to take action. Please contact Fr. Ed Dougherty, the Superior General of Maryknoll, and ask him not to expel Fr. Roy Bourgeois for advocating for women priests. Here is how to contact Fr. Dougherty:

Fr. Edward Dougherty
Maryknoll Fathers
PO Box 303
Maryknoll, NY 10545-0303

There is still time to write in support of Fr. Roy. Below is Sally Matlin's response, printed with her permission.

Dear Rev. Father Edward Dougherty,

I write you with concern that you have threatened to excommunicate Fr. Roy Bourgeois from the Maryknoll Society for speaking out on the issue of the ordination of women. Excommunicating Fr. Roy would not only hurt Fr. Roy, but it would also harm the image of the Maryknoll Society.

I first met Father Roy when my local peace organization, the Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace, presented him with our Peacemaker Award more than 10 years ago. In my introduction of Father Roy, I recall explaining to the crowd that Father Roy was a Maryknoll Brother, which meant he was a part of a progressive religious team that worked for justice. I extolled the virtues of Father Roy, the Peacemaker, the leader of the peaceful Davids against the war-loving School of Assassins Goliath. Without his leadership, the School of the Americas Watch would never have gained its strength and clarity of purpose.



My familiarity with the Maryknolls began much earlier in 1989, when I met the Maryknoll sisters working for peace and development in Leon, Nicaragua. (I recognize that your mission is separate from the Sisters', but I hold your mission to be part of the same religious and cultural family.) During the early years of my 23-year commitment to solidarity in Nicaragua, the Maryknoll sisters showed me a positive, progressive image of religious women. In 1992, while living in Nicaragua, I was stricken with Dengue, and Sister Rita and Sister Elizabeth allowed me to stay in their home to recuperate. Once I recovered, Sister Rita brought me to a bible study and leadership skills workshop in a poor, rural community. Sister Rita's words and the event she organized cemented in my mind that the Maryknolls had chosen to recognize and multiply Jesus' preferential option for the poor. Sister Rita no longer organizes the poor on this earth, but her lessons of progressive community change remain.

Father Roy, Sister Rita, and so many others have taken the open-minded spirit of the Maryknolls as an inspiration to speak out about controversial issues. Should the Maryknoll Mission silence Father Roy, I would have to revise my image of your Mission to reflect a reactionary, close-minded fear of openness and honest debate. You will take from Father Roy his status as a religious leader and hobble his ability to organize people of conscience to close the School of Assassins. I urge you to reconsider expelling Father Roy Bourgeois. Instead, preserve the Maryknolls' role as a progressive community of peacemakers and protectors of the poor.

Sincerely,

Sara Matlin, Esq.

S-COMM (Secure Communities) UPDATES

From White Dove Award recipient Lory Ghertner, (Migrant Support Services of Wayne County):

Our President and his disingenuous team have again cast doubt about their efforts to combat human and constitutional rights violations within our own borders.

After meetings across the country between state governments and activist organizations (both having asked for termination of S-Comm) and representatives of the Department of Homeland Security, the President has chosen to proceed with Secure Communities. It is understood that information from local jails eventually flows through the FBI to DHS, but the effects of Secure Communities cannot be denied:

First and foremost, it sets a dangerous tone of aggression against an entire population of citizens and noncitizens alike. Is it not unprecedented that a program aimed at arresting criminals has the effect of frightening 10 million noncitizens and millions of Hispanic citizens?

Second, it reveals the basis of a plan by the FBI to follow the actions of everyone in this country including citizens and diplomats. Secure Communities, as we recently learned, was developed by the FBI as an initial stage in its Next Generation of information gathering. We are already being tracked by our cell phones and email. Where will this lead and for what reason?

And third, does this not tell us where our President Obama really stands on the issues of privacy, personal property, and freedom? As S-Comm has proven, the federal government will not give information to us, but they will take all of our personal information at will.

From Adam Luna, Political Director at America's Voice – an organization for comprehensive immigration reform:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced a plan to stop Governor Andrew Cuomo's principled decision to pull New York out of the dangerous "Secure Communities" (or S-COMM) program.

S-COMM was supposed to focus only on serious criminals, but instead, the program has cast its net so wide that it's deporting an unbelievable number of good people and destroying entire communities.

But none of this seems to matter to officials at DHS, who have proven yet again they will fight at any cost to force this broken program on every community in America.

Will you co-sign the letter showing your support for Governor Cuomo and stand behind his decision to opt-out of S-COMM? <http://americasvoiceonline.org/page/content/GovernorCuomo>

Community leaders sounded the alarm and organized, police leaders testified that victims are now afraid to report crimes for fear of deportation and that S-COMM has made communities less safe, and Governor Cuomo responded. Now, the Obama Administration is undercutting the decisions New York's own leaders have made in the best interest of the state.

Shut Down the SOA and Resist U.S. Militarization in the Americas

November 18-20, 2011: Converge at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia
STAND UP FOR DIGNITY, JUSTICE, SOLIDARITY AND SELF-DETERMINATION

NOW IS THE TIME to push Congress and the White House to cut spending in the right places. The U.S. Army School of the Americas (renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation), the Pentagon's flagship training school for Latin American militaries in Fort Benning, Georgia, continues to train the military muscle to protect the status quo for the elites. Over the past several years, the Pentagon has all but taken over U.S. foreign policy towards Latin America and the Caribbean. The U.S. military is building new military bases and "military solutions" are being propagated for everything from gang violence and the drug trade to "radical populism," the term used by the U.S. Southern Command to describe democratically elected left-leaning political leaders in the Americas. The U.S. Southern Command (SouthCom), which is responsible for all U.S. military activities in Latin America and the Caribbean has more people working on Latin America than the State Department, the Department of Commerce and the Treasury combined.

The November Vigil includes a massive rally at the gates of Fort Benning, concerts, workshops, a solemn funeral procession to commemorate the victims, nonviolent direct action, a vigil at the Stewart Detention Center (an immigrant prison), a veterans-led march, films, trainings and more. See you at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia.

This information comes from www.SOAW.org.

Artes y Artesanías Mayas de Guatemala Coloring Book in Fourth Printing

—by Marilyn Anderson

Recently, word came from our 501-C3 sponsor, Rights Action, that a Puffin grant has been received to help in reprinting the coloring book for children in Guatemala, *Artes y Artesanías Mayas*, which appears in eight Mayan languages and Spanish. We plan for a printing of 3000 copies. Anderson created the book, writes grants and raises funds to produce it, while colleagues in Guatemala use it in educational workshops and take charge of distribution.

Artes y Artesanías Mayas de Guatemala, first appeared in 2001 and altogether 12,500 copies have been distributed to children mainly in Maya bilingual schools. It also has been used in teacher training and special programs as well as going to over 700 libraries in many parts of the country. It is the only book of its kind about traditional Maya arts and crafts traditions. We are a small project but we have made some impact. Xeroxing pages, possible in middle size towns, also helps to extend the use of the book.

Arts and crafts form a vital part of indigenous Maya culture. They serve an economic purpose but perhaps even more important they are a reflection of their ancient culture and reinforce a sense of identity while their use remains a part of day to day life.

If you would like to help in the reprinting please send a check to Marilyn Anderson, 34 Nicholson St., Rochester N.Y. 14620. Write your tax-deductible check to Rights Action with Pro Arte Maya on the "For" line. (I send them on to R.A). Each book costs about \$1.30 and they are given free of charge to children of limited means. Thanks for any help you can give.

Please go to my website: www.proartemaya.org to find out more about this project.

Henrietta and Max Levine featured in Mark Hare's Column

Democrat & Chronicle, July 24, 2011.

When the 22nd annual Pastors for Peace Friendshipment Cuba Caravan arrived in Pittsford last week, volunteers from the Rochester Committee on Latin America, as they do every year, packed a truck with medical supplies bound for Cuba in violation of the 50-year-old U.S. boycott of the island nation and its communist government.

It's not that hard to send materials to Cuba anymore, says Henrietta Levine, one of the organizers, perhaps because the government isn't all that interested in enforcing a boycott that Levine and her colleagues see as pointless and heartless.

For Henrietta and Max Levine, the caravan is an expression of the commitment to justice they made as teenagers.

Their friends at ROCLA honored them for a combined 150 years of peace and justice work. That may be a slight overstatement, but Henrietta, 90, and Max, 92, have been at it a long, long time.

It started with a blind date on Thanksgiving eve 1938. She was invited to a dance in Newburgh, Orange County, about 20 miles from her home. Neither Henrietta nor her driver (Max), hit it off with their dates that night, but they did like each other.

It snowed, and Henrietta found herself with Max's family on Thanksgiving Day. Her family, she says, was apolitical, but "Max's father was a socialist and his brother was an organizer for the fur workers union."

The talk was spirited and very political.

"It was like somebody struck a match," she says, "and opened my eyes." She was just 17, "but suddenly I knew what I wanted the world to be" — a place where people cared for and looked out for each other.

In the early years of their marriage, the Levines lived in Schenectady, where they bought their first home — and rented half of it to an African-American family. The "for sale" signs popped up along the street immediately. "But that's the world we wanted to live in," Henrietta says of their personal step toward integration.

The Levines were outspoken opponents of the Vietnam War, and Max was arrested at a 1971 Rochester protest rally. Six years earlier, Henrietta, as secretary of the local chapter of the Women's Strike for Peace, had tried to rent the East High auditorium for a speech by U.S. Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., an early and longtime war critic. They were denied a permit, and Louis Cerulli, then a school board member, chided the group: "A loyal citizen goes along with what his country is doing." Wow.

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Henrietta and Max Levine

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Henrietta made her first visit to Cuba in 1969 as a guest of the Women's Federation of Cuba. Upon her return, she reported on progress made during Fidel Castro's early years — comments that drew the criticism of Cuban-Americans in Rochester, who picketed the Levines' home for three days. "We were in Maine," Max says, "so we missed all the action." Years later, she visited Cuba again, with the Friendshipment group.

But she also had the chance to visit China in 1972 — and while she found positive and negative aspects to life there, she was glad to give voice to impressions not filtered through official channels.

Over the years, after their two sons were grown, she and Max temporarily housed refugees from Guatemala and later helped form Rochester's Sister City relationship with El Sauce, Nicaragua.

On trips to Mexico, Max had helped repair sewing machines — often the key to employment for many poor women. He also repaired typewriters in Nicaragua during trips there.

Their activism has invigorated them all their lives. It's always been for them a combination of big picture (stop the wars) and little picture (sending medicine to Cuba) work. "The little things keep you going," Henrietta says. "You're doing something for someone who has so much less."

Yes, indeed. The struggle for justice should be a part of every life in a free society.

Max and Henrietta Levine are still holding up their end.

ROCHESTER COMMITTEE ON LATIN AMERICA (ROCLA)

ROCLA for many years has sought to be a bridge between the Rochester community and the people of Latin America. Monthly meetings on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Downtown United Presbyterian Church provide an opportunity to learn more about what is going on in that part of the world. In addition to providing information, ROCLA is committed to working for systemic justice and supports numerous organizations that are on the front line of this endeavor. School of the Americas Watch, the Mexico Solidarity Network, Rights Action and the Rochester Labor Film Festival are among the many groups that receive assistance and encouragement.

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Principal speakers:

Peter Kornblugh,
National Security Archives, DC

Pedro Marta,
Torture survivor, Peace Park, Santiago

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Torture survivor, Santiago

"They have threatened us with Resurrection, because we are more alive than ever before, because they transform our agonies, fertilize our struggles..."

—Julia Esquivel