

VETS SAY NO

NO WAR | NO CUTS

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY & MARCH

May 25, 2026 | 11:00 AM
Vietnam Veterans Memorial
24 E Wacker Drive, Chicago
(on the Chicago Riverwalk)



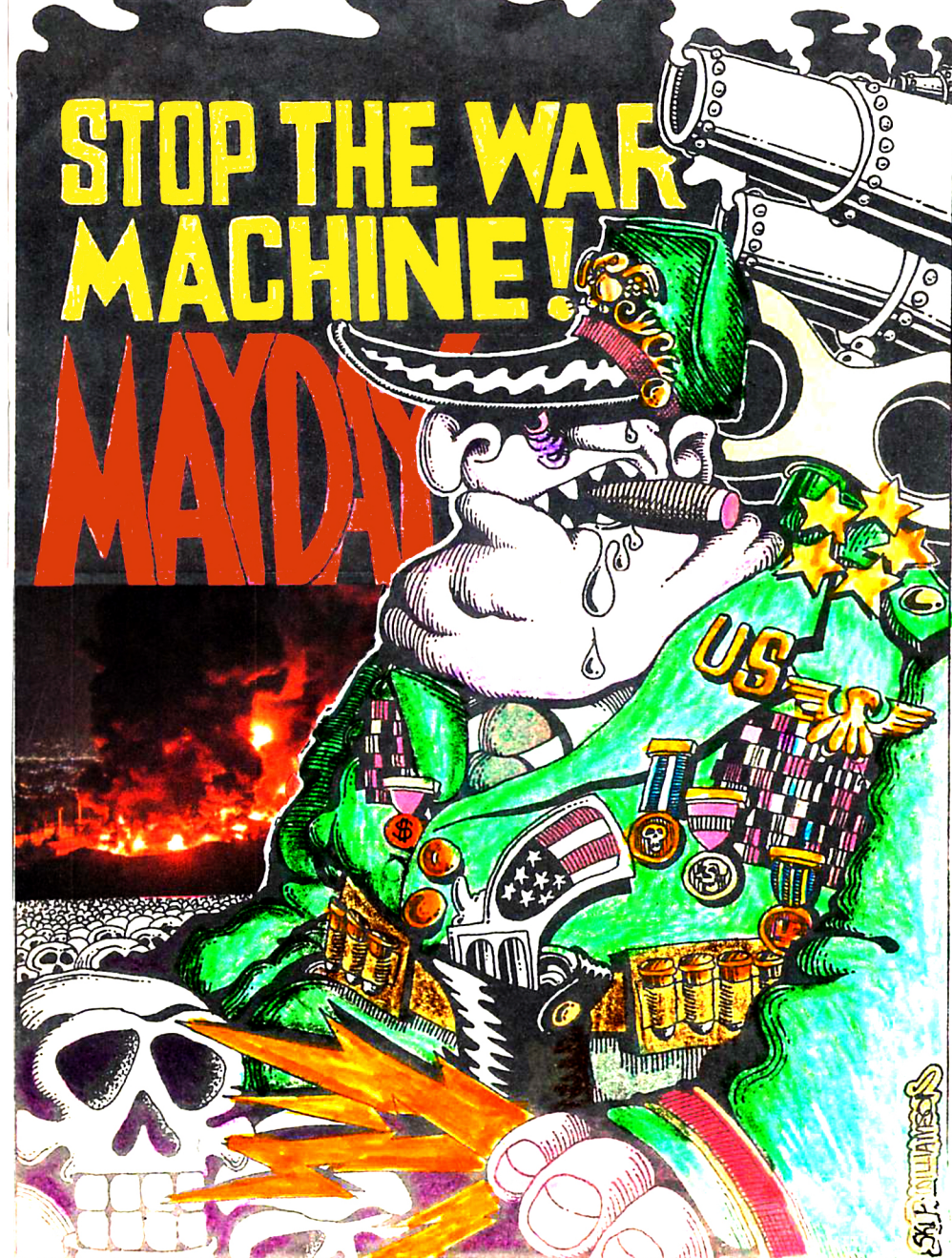
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CHICAGO SEED

STOP THE WAR MACHINE!

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Thousands of Chicagoans marched for workers' rights, peace and justice as part of nationwide actions and general strike.

May Day 2026! Power to the People!

May Day, the International Workers Day came out of the decades long struggle for the 8 hour day and the radical union movement in Chicago that placed workers on the central stage and tried to build an egalitarian and free society.

This tradition and struggle continues across the globe and manifested in the US this year with over 3000 coordinated public events and marches with over a half million participants united around the idea of No Work, No School, and No Shopping on May 1st. There were strikes, walkouts, picket lines and marches. Some called it a general strike.

Much organizing was done by May Day Strong, a national coalition of over 200 organizations that includes several union groups. (Maydaystrong.org) Their demands on May Day:

Tax the Rich: Our families, not their fortunes, come first!
No ICE. No war. No private army serving authoritarian power!
Expand democracy, not corporate power. Hands off our vote!

In Chicago, over 15,000 people marched from Union Park to the Civic Center. Dozens of marches and rallies around the area included feeder marches from neighborhoods and union halls to the main rally. There was a plaque dedication at the Haymarket Monument, the site of the incident in 1886 that marked the workers struggles. Tenants on rent strike marched in Rogers Park.

"We have to summon our history to rise to the historic moment we're in today," explains Stacy Davis Gates, President of the Chicago Teachers Union. "Enslaved Africans broke the back of the confederacy through a general strike and a coalition with abolitionists. We're going to need that organizing and that level of coalition to confront Trump's attempt to bring the confederacy back. It won't be stopped just in the courts or at the ballot box. Authoritarianism and the robbing of our children's future stops when labor and communities organize together to demand a country that works for workers instead of the billionaires."

Stop the US and Israeli attacks on Palestine, Lebanon and Iran!

We demand:

Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire: An end to all hostilities in Palestine and Lebanon, and an end to the imperialist threats against Iran.

Total Embargo: An immediate end to all military, financial, and diplomatic support from Western governments to the Israeli regime.

Dismantle the Siege: The full opening of all borders and an immediate end to the engineered famine in Gaza.

Stop the Executioner State: Universal repudiation of the death penalty for Palestinians and the immediate release of all political prisoners.

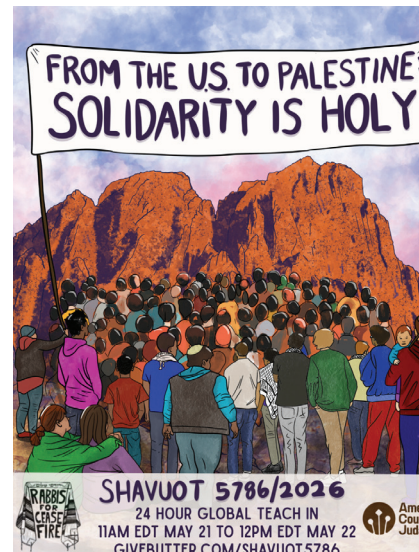
The "peace" of the graveyard is not peace. We will remain in the streets to support the resistance of the people against this imperialist and Zionist barbarism.

In Palestine, the "Trump Plan" ceasefire of October 2025 has proven to be a managed genocide.

Since that "truce" began, over 700 people have been murdered in Gaza, most dying from the agonizing consequences of engineered famine, untreated wounds, and mutilations. Israeli troops haven't withdrawn; they still occupy 54% of the Gaza Strip. The recent murder of Al Jazeera journalist Mohammed Wishah—the 262nd press worker killed—shows the systematic war on truth. Meanwhile, in the West Bank, settler attacks and mass incarcerations of both adults and children have intensified, culminating in the Israeli parliament's abhorrent approval of the death penalty by hanging specifically for Palestinians.

As an internationalist network of 25 anti-Zionist jewish groups, we recognize that the "Greater Israel" project—aiming for expansion into Lebanon, Syria, and beyond—advances through the active complicity of Western governments and passivity of others. In Lebanon, the toll is staggering, with over 7,000 killed since 2023. We oppose this fake ceasefire sanitising a genocidal campaign.

-Global Jews for Palestine



Letter to Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs and the Illinois State Board of Investment:

Divest from the Israeli Genocide and Occupation & Attacks on Immigrant Communities

Israel is an apartheid state that has been occupying Palestinian and Arab lands and systematically oppressing the Palestinian people for decades. Since October 2023, Israel has been conducting a brutal genocide of Gaza, massacring innocent civilians in their homes, hospitals, schools, and places of worship; slaughtering tens of thousands of people, including thousands of children; destroying civilian infrastructure; occupying Northern Gaza; and perpetrating too many more atrocities to name.

Despite this, the State Treasurer of Illinois, Michael Frerichs, has \$100 million actively invested in Israel Bonds and shown no signs of divesting. In fact, Illinois is one of the leading state governments in terms of its material support to Israel. Since the genocide began, Treasurer Frerichs increased active investment in Israel Bonds by \$45 million. The President and CEO of Israel Bonds, Dani Naveh, even said, "At a time when Israel is under attack, we are highly gratified by this meaningful investment, which reflects that the State of Illinois stands with Israel in a powerful way."

On top of Frerichs' investment in Israel Bonds, the Illinois State Board of Investment (ISBI), on which he serves as Vice Chair, has refused to divest from corporations complicit in the Gaza genocide — including corporations like Boeing and Lockheed Martin that produce the very weaponry the Israeli occupation uses to slaughter Palestinians. Israel would not be able to do what it does without the material support of the US.

Frerichs and rest of the ISBI board invest our public funds into companies that profit from the racist tyranny the

Trump administration is unleashing on immigrant communities. These companies have contracts with DHS, CBP, and ICE, and include Palantir, General Dynamics, Boeing, Cadre Holdings, Motorola Solutions, and many more. Frerichs and ISBI have made no commitment or move to divest.

We demand that our tax dollars be invested in life – not occupation, apartheid, genocide, and vicious attacks on immigrants and those who stand with them. Sign your organization onto this letter to demand that Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs immediately and permanently divest all public monies under his control from Israel Bonds and the Illinois State Board of Investment divest from companies profiting from the Israeli genocide, apartheid, and occupation, and attacks on our immigrant communities.

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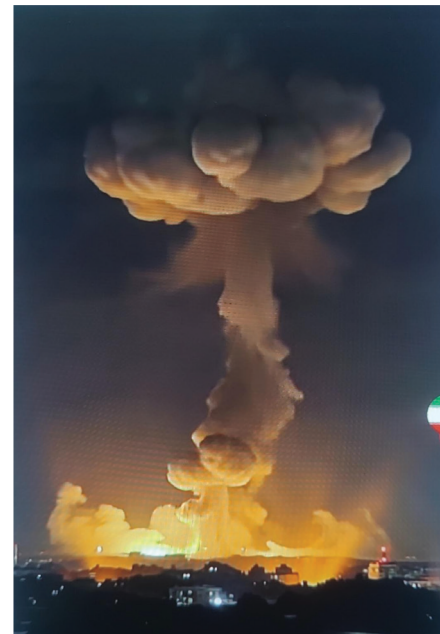
Illinois Divest from Genocide Network



Imperial Folly- Genocidal Rapists Drag the World into Crisis! Reckless Illegal Global War Continues...



Veterans peacefully occupy the Capital Rotunda on April 20, 2026 in protest against the war in Iran. They were zip-tied and removed by Capital Police.



Israel's nuclear facility at Dimona was bombed again by Iran in retaliation for Israel bombing them again.

The price of gas skyrockets, taking everything with it, as seaports are blockaded and energy infrastructure is destroyed. US troops are waging another war of aggression, admittedly in the service of Israel. Big Oil is making a killing.

An unknown number of casualties increases daily. Resources squandered and treasury looted as the list of civilians murdered grows longer in a new series of war crimes. AI killbots are on the battlefield, while drones assassinate children and missiles rain down on schools, hospitals and residences. The war widens and deepens while the topdog war criminal says it is over. Some folks invested in oil have been planning this for a while.

PROTEST! RESIST! SHUT IT DOWN!

Stop the war on Iran!

End all U.S. and Israeli wars and occupations in the Middle East!

End all funding for the war on Iran and all offensive wars!

End all U.S. military aid to Israel!

Nakba Day Rally

Friday, May 15, 12:30PM

University of Chicago Central Quad,
1100 E. 58th St, We commemorate the
78th anniversary of the 1948 ethnic
cleansing of Palestine and rally in sup-
port of Iran and the Resistance!

African Liberation Day

May 15, 3PM-6PM

At University of Chicago,
Hutchinson Commons
5706 S. University Avenue
We'll be joined by Pan-African delegates,
speakers, reps, and other progressive
forces.

Please wear white as a sign of unity as
done in many African Cultures.

Pan-African Student Coalition (PASC)
Eastern African Student Association
(EASA)

All-African People's Revolutionary Party
(A-APRP)

Black Alliance for Peace-Chicago (BAP)
Revolutionary Movement for the Libera-
tion of the Alkebulan (RMLA)

#africanliberationday2026

2026 MEMORIAL DAY MASSACRE
COMMEMORATION

"WORKERS AND IMMIGRANTS
STILL UNDER ATTACK"



SATURDAY, MAY 16TH
11731 S. AVENUE O
CHICAGO
DOORS OPEN AT 12:00 PM
CEREMONY BEGINS
AT 1:00 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ROXANNE BROWN
USW INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT



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Save Our SNAP Block Party

May 16, 12-5PM

Go Green Griot Plaza
1201 E. 63rd St, Chicago

a day of community, creativity, and
collective action grounded in the moral
declaration that no neighbor should go
hungry.

As SNAP cuts take effect this May,
over 150,000 Illinois residents are at risk
of losing access to food. In partnership
with the Save Our SNAP Coalition and
Cedars, the Food for Every Neighbor
campaign is bringing together artists,
community organizations, and leaders to
make sure people aren't left to navigate
this alone.

Performances by Nico Segal, Shawnee
Dez, Heavy Crownz, Zion Ali, DJ Cash
Era, DJ Archibald Wilkins, and more
— along with creative workshops led by
the Muslim Writers Collective and fresh
meals provided by Cedars.

Get support to protect your SNAP bene-
fits, understand what's changing and how
to stay covered, and connect with real
opportunities to take action — whether

that's plugging into organizing efforts,
supporting advocacy work, or stepping
into a role that helps move this campaign
forward.

RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/save-our-snap-block-party-w-nico-segal-shawnee-dez-more-tickets-1988444976452>

-Inner-City Muslim Action Network &
Greater Chicago Food Depository

Eyewitness Palestine 25th Anniversary Benefit

May 17, 3PM-7PM

Bazaar, 3-5 pm, Program, 5-7 pm
Alhambra Palace, 1240 W. Randolph St.

Speakers include the incredible
@nouraerakat @fababs @chris.smalls_,
many others AND our very own Song-
bird supreme @rola.azar.

Tickets are on sale now at this link:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-gala-2419>

**FREEDOM ROAD
CHICAGO LABOR
HISTORY TOUR**

TAKE A TOUR WITH LABOR LEADERS IN FRSO CHICAGO
AND LEARN ABOUT IMPORTANT SITES AND THEIR
HISTORY IN CHICAGO LABOR

FOOD AND DRINK
PROVIDED AFTER
THE TOUR

TICKETS
\$30*

STARTING IN
UNION PARK
MAY 17
11:30 AM

FR SO GET TICKETS AT BIT.LY/FRSOLT

The Big Payback

People's Assembly

May 30th 11AM-3PM

At 5645 W. Corcoran Place, Chicago
It's about justice. We are talking specifi-
cally about Drug War Reparations. We are
using the UN's definition of reparations
to build a clear, powerful path forward
for our community. If you're part of the
informal economy, this assembly is for
YOU. Join the movement, register for the
assembly today and help us define our
future together!

Register at peoplespower.info
#PeoplesAssembly

Honduras Report Back: Building Solidarity With Land & Water

Defenders Sunday, May 24, 2 PM

Pilsen Community Books,
1531 W. 18th St

Hear about the movements resisting dis-
placement, extraction, and imperialism
while fighting for liberation.

Food & drinks provided, Masks required
\$10 suggested donation

Farm Sanctuary's 40th Anniversary Celebration

Sat. Jun. 6, 3-6PM

Tour of The Plant at 2PM

The Plant, 1400 W. 46th St.

Vegan food and drinks, \$25.

The Vegan Museum will be back for
three months in the lobby at The Plant.
Drop by during our business hours to ex-
plore the exhibit, which provides insights
into the history of veganism.

The Struggle Continues-
More Events at
Chicagoactivismhub.org