

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Happy Labour Day!

Toronto Forum on Cuba, a small community-based organization, would like to wish you a happy and uniting Labour Day! The labour movement has come under attack from all angles and it finds itself in a position whereby it has no choice but to fight back in order to keep hard-won wages, benefits and labour rights. We stand with you through all the ongoing and future struggles.

An Injury to One Is an Injury to All!

Over the past few months international labour movement from Ghana to South Africa and from Great Britain to Latin America have passed resolutions in solidarity with the Cuban Five. We shall follow their example and, in conjunction with the <u>"5 for the 5 Campaign"</u>, on this 5th day of the month, we will join thousands of others from around the globe in continuing to bombard the White House and the Harper government with messages demanding the freedom of the Cuban Five: Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino, René González, Fernando González and Antonio Guerrero.

We shall not remain silent when country after country is being bombed and occupied under the pretence of fighting terrorism, while Five Cuban anti-terrorist heroes are imprisoned in the U.S. since Sept. 12, 1998 for the "crime" of exposing U.S.-based terrorism against Cuba; terrorism unleashed and carried out from U.S territory that has claimed 3478 lives and maimed thousands more.

The International Solidarity Movement will Free the Cuban Five!

Late Jack Layton -leader of the New Democratic Party- along with the Canadian Labour Congress and the affiliated unions in Canada and Quebec have all expressed their solidarity with the cause of the imprisoned Cuban Five in the past.

NOW, <u>MORE THAN EVER</u>, it is necessary to intensify our struggle for achieving their freedom, as this is the year in which their defense team can avail itself of the last possible recourse offered within the U.S. legal system to wage this battle. Only a strong international movement that successfully breaks the walls of silence around this case can achieve the release of the Five. This is why, on this joyous day, we ask that you all get involved and actively participate in correcting the injustice committed against these five young Cuban heroes.

Please, ask your Member of Parliament to raise the issue at the Federal Parliament, in relation to the Cuban Five being in U.S. jails, while a major terrorist organization such as "Alpha 66", is freely allowed to openly celebrate its 50 years of terrorism not only against Cuba but in the U.S., Ecuador, Brazil, Puerto Rico <u>and Canada</u>. We have the right to ask why the Canadian government doesn't demand of its ally to bring to justice Luis Posada Carriles, the convicted and self-confessed terrorist who caused the death of Fabio Di Celmo, a permanent resident of Montreal, who vacationing in Cuba in 1997.

We appreciate all and any support that you can give to this just cause for the freedom of the Cuban Five. Please feel free to request any and all materials you may need in order to break the walls of silence surrounding this case.

For more information, you may contact us at <u>torontoforumoncuba@rogers.com</u> or visit <u>http://torontoforumoncuba.weebly.com</u>.

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