



IW & HS 2023 Conference: Greetings from CUPE Ontario Climate Justice Committee

CUPE Ontario's Newest Committee

The mandate of the Climate Justice Committee is to advance CUPE Ontario's member education, public policy and action to combat the impact of the global climate crisis on Ontario workers, communities and our places of work. Climate change is real and happening now. We need a healthy, clean, and green environment to have good jobs and strong communities.

Intersections: Climate Justice, Injured Workers, Health and Safety



Common Struggles and Common Enemies

As Texas swelters, local rules requiring water breaks for construction workers will soon be nullified

Gov. Greg Abbott approved a law this week that will eliminate city and county ordinances like Austin's and Dallas' mandated water breaks.

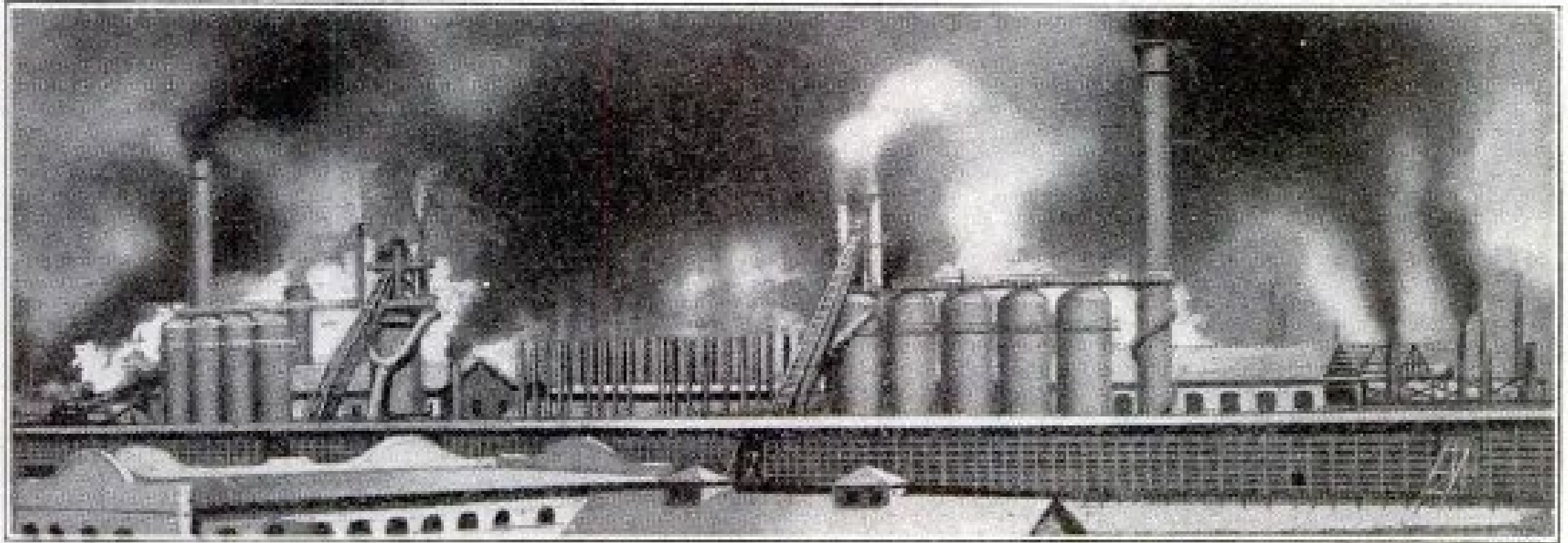
BY FRANCISCO URANGA AND ERIN DOUGLAS JUNE 16, 2023 1 PM CENTRAL

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Construction laborers work in downtown Austin on June 29, 2021. 📷 Sophie Park/The Texas Tribune





The furnaces of the world are now burning about 2,000,000,000 tons of coal a year. When this is burned, uniting with oxygen, it adds about 7,000,000,000 tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere yearly. This tends to make the air a more effective blanket for the earth and to raise its temperature. The effect may be considerable in a few centuries.

How Did We *Really* Get Here?



Enclosure of
the commons
(Britain, 1500s)

Herbert responded by organizing an armed gang of 200 men, “who by his order attacked the commons and slaughtered them like wolves among sheep.”^[1]

Enclosure of the Global Commons



What's Good for Them is Bad for Us

Big Oil doubles profits in blockbuster 2022

By Ron Bousso

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STOP SAYING THAT WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT.

**WE'RE ALL IN THE
SAME STORM.**

**BUT WE'RE NOT
ALL IN THE
SAME BOAT.**



The super-rich 'preppers' planning to save themselves from the apocalypse



📷 Time to bunker down ... if you've got the cash. Photograph: Terravivos/Observer Design

Tech billionaires are buying up luxurious bunkers and hiring military security to survive a societal collapse they helped create, but like everything they do, it has unintended consequences

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Israeli troops encircle Gaza

What's the Way Forward?

THE WORLD

India Just Had the Biggest Protest in World History

Will it make a difference?

BY NITISH PAHWA DEC 09, 2020 • 4:13 PM



Protesters scuffle with police during a rally in support of the nationwide general strike called by farmers against the recent agricultural reforms in Allahabad, India, on Tuesday. Sanjay Kanojia/AFP via Getty Images



Winnipeg General Strike, 1919

Struggle for Land Back



1492 Land Back Lane. Haudenosaunee face off against Foxgate Development (North Shore, 2020)



Wet'suwet'em face off against Coastal Gaslink. (National Observer, 2022)

From Turtle
Island to
Palestine



Palestinian Youth Movement

@palyouthmvm

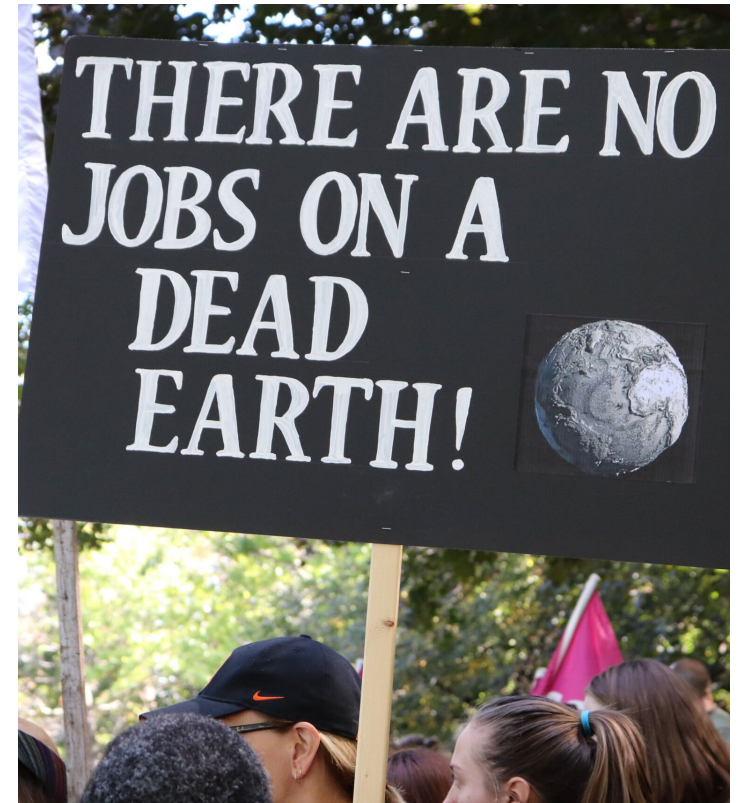
We the Palestinian Youth Movement, along with @nationalsjp, @answercoalition, @peoplesforumnyc, and @peoplesassembl_ are calling on movements, trade unions, youth, students, media, healthcare workers, and all members of society to #SHUTITDOWN this Thursday, Nov 9th for Palestine!

SHUT IT
DOWN!
FOR PALESTINE

THURS. NOVEMBER 9

Building the Struggle for Climate Justice

- Bring the CUPE National Climate Emergency Declaration to a local meeting to pass as a local.
- Add climate related health and safety issues to your JHSC agendas.
- Join the CUPE Climate Activist Facebook Group.
- Educate yourselves and members about Ford policies, such as the paving of our Greenbelt and cancelling green energy projects.
- Educate yourself & members about how corporations and military are most responsible for climate change.



Building the Struggle

- Look for the Climate Justice Action Toolkit. This toolkit has resources on how all union activists can get involved in saving our planet.
- Listen to the CUPE Cast podcast episodes on Climate Justice.
- Start a local Green Team.
- Invite a member from the Climate Justice Committee to speak with your local.

