

EDUCATIONAL/ACTION CONFERENCE

Join the Fight Against

VEOLIA

Stop Privatization, Defend Labor, Human Rights & the Environment

SAT • FEB 8 12:30 PM - 6 PM
7:30-10 PM FILM & ENTERTAINMENT

Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts

2868 MISSION STREET • SAN FRANCISCO

\$10 Sliding scale (No one turned away)

THE VEOLIA GROUP is a French multinational, which plays a growing role in the world economy, pushing privatization of water resources, transportation and other public services. In the Bay Area, Veolia has pushed for the privatization of water treatment in Richmond, which has led to union busting and environmental degradation.

Thomas P. Hoch, Vice President of Veolia Transportation Services was hired to represent BART management in recent negotiations and he attacked the ATU 1555, SEIU 1021 and AFSCME 3993 union locals. Veolia is also involved in privatizing transportation services and attacking unions such as the Boston School Bus Drivers USW 8751, where they have blatantly violated their union contract and fired four of the union leaders. They are still fighting for their jobs back.



Globally, the Veolia/ Transdev group is the largest water privatization company and various environmental groups have tracked its record of destruction and corruption. In the occupied West Bank, subsidiaries of the group operated segregated buses to illegal Israeli settlements; they operate an illegal settler dump and run a light rail system that sustains the Israeli settlements around Jerusalem. Communities all around the world have organized against Veolia and managed to get their cities and unions to pass anti privatization resolution declaring their cities "Veolia Free".

In light of the importance of their role in the United States and internationally, we will be having an international education conference. Topics will include Veolia's labor, environmental and human rights record and what poor and working people can do about their activities.

We invite you and your union or organization to attend and endorse this conference.

For registration, endorsements & contact: call 415-282-1908 missionculturalcenter.org/events.html



REGISTRATION 12:30 p.m.

OPENING PANEL 1 p.m.

- ▶ **George Figueroa** BART ATU 1555*
- ▶ **Charles Smith** AFSCME 444,* delegate Alameda Labor Council
- ▶ **Steve Gillis** VP USW 8751*, Boston School Bus 5

INTERNATIONAL PANEL 2:15 p.m.

- ▶ **Omar Barghouti** Co-founder of the Boycott National Committee, Palestine
- ▶ **Hugh Lanning** Fmr. General Secretary Public & Commercial Services Union, UK, Chair, Palestine Solidarity Committee
- ▶ **Dalit Baum** Middle East Program, AFSC

REGIONAL PANEL 3:45 p.m.

- ▶ **Erin Diaz** Director, Public Water Works! campaign, Corporate Accountability International (Boston), The St. Louis Coalition to Dump Veolia
- ▶ **Rebel Fagin** N. Coast Coalition for Palestine
- ▶ **Mikos Fabersunne** Chair, Davis Committee for Palestinian Rights
- ▶ **Clarence Thomas** ILWU Local 10 Executive Board*
- ▶ **Nancy Murray** The Boston Coalition for Palestinian Rights.

WORKSHOPS: EDUCATION & ACTION 5:15 p.m.

Labor and Privatization
Organizing in Local Communities

REPORT BACK: PROPOSALS & ACTION 6:30 p.m.

FILM SCREENING 7:30 p.m.

'Even the Rain' and Jack Hirschman 2006 San Francisco Poet Laureate and music by Dave Welsh

(* for identification only)



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