

# Events planned for WTO anniversary

The world's most famous protest against corporate-led globalization will be 10 years old Nov. 30. Few people had ever heard of the World Trade Organization (WTO) until tens of thousands of labor, environmental and community activists marched and rallied in Seattle, shutting down a summit of trade ministers.

To look back at that occasion, and re-commit to the struggle against

NAFTA-style trade pacts, activists have been meeting to plan 10-year anniversary actions in Seattle, Portland, and Geneva, Switzerland (where the WTO is scheduled to hold new talks the week of Nov. 30 - Dec. 4.)

In Portland, labor and community activists have been meeting since Spring at the offices of Oregon AF-SCME to plan an event Dec. 5. Supporters will gather at Governor Tom

McCall Waterfront Park under the Hawthorne Bridge, march through downtown Portland, and conclude with an indoor rally and concert at Portland State University's Hoffman Hall.

Plans are afoot for rallygoers to bus and caravan to Portland from Ashland and Eugene. The event has the backing of 10 local unions and three central labor councils. For more information, call 503-736-9777.

## History committee puts out call for WTO photos

The Northwest Oregon Labor Council's Labor History Committee is in need of photographs, testimonials, and other paraphernalia related to the 1999 World Trade Organization (WTO) march in Seattle to use in its Labor History Month presentation at the NOLC delegates meeting on Monday, Nov. 23.

November is Labor History Month, and every year the council's Labor History Committee presents a program

looking back at major labor events.

Labor History Chairman Jim Cook, along with Jerry Fitzsimmons of the National Association of Letter Carriers, are developing a PowerPoint presentation of the WTO protest. Photographs from the Seattle event are needed for scanning to include in the presentation.

The program also will include reflections of the protest by Arthur Stamoulis of the Oregon Fair Trade Cam-

paign, and Don McIntosh, associate editor of the Northwest Labor Press, who spent five days in Seattle reporting on the event. Songwriter Paul McKenna also will perform songs that he wrote about WTO in Seattle.

Photos and items of interest should be sent to NOLC via e-mail at [nolc@qwestoffice.net](mailto:nolc@qwestoffice.net) or to their office at 1125 SE Madison St., Suite 100-D, Portland, OR 97214.

## Centralia Tragedy to be commemorated Nov. 13-14

CENTRALIA — A commemoration of the Centralia Tragedy of 1919 — a major event in labor history in which four Legionnaires and one member of the Industrial Workers of the World lost their lives — will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13-14, at Centralia Community College (CCC).

Members of the Pacific Northwest Labor History Association, staff and faculty from Centralia College and The Evergreen State College, and rank-and-

file union workers from Lewis County are organizing the commemoration.

The event kicks off at 7 p.m., Nov. 13, at CCC's Corbet Hall, with a screening of the documentary "Lewis County: Hope and Struggle," by Anne Fischel. The film examines the events of 1919 and interviews community residents about economic changes in Lewis County.

The screening will be preceded by a musical performance from folk singer

Mark Ross. It is free to the public.

The commemoration continues at 10 a.m., Nov. 14, at Washington Hall with several workshops and panels discussing unions and workplace issues.

A walking tour of historic Centralia Tragedy sites starts at 1:30 p.m.

All events are free to the public.

For more information, contact Peter Kardas of The Evergreen State College Labor Center, at 360-867-6526 or at [kardasp@evergreen.edu](mailto:kardasp@evergreen.edu).

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