

HAITI: HIDDEN FROM THE HEADLINES

Since police open fired on pro-democracy demonstrators on September 30 several hundred people have been killed and hundreds of Lavalas activists have been arbitrarily arrested without warrants. Popular neighborhoods throughout Port au Prince are under virtual siege. The UN has allowed armed members of the former military to enter Port au Prince threatening to "kill Lavalas bandits" and in the north of Haiti Chilean UN troops are working with soldiers from the former military to suppress legitimate political protest. Union leaders have been intimidated and many of them are imprisoned under horrible conditions.

Even in this climate of violence and repression people continue to take to the streets to demand the return of their democratically elected president and an end to the political repression. **Join us for a discussion with three delegates recently returned from labor, human rights, and fact-finding missions to Haiti.**

Tuesday, November 9th, 2004

6:00 pm

SEIU Local 715 Hall, 2nd Floor Great Room

2302 Zanker Rd., San Jose, CA 95131

Suggested donation \$10 - \$20. No one turned away for lack of funds.

A benefit for the Haiti Action Committee

Pierre Labossiere, Founding member of the Haiti Action Committee. Pierre will provide a historical perspective and share his views of the current situation.

Dave Welsh, San Francisco Labor Council delegate. Traveled to Haiti in March on a fact finding delegation to learn how the coup has affected labor. Dave will speak the relationship between labor and politics in Haiti.

Sasha Kramer, Ecology graduate student at Stanford, recently returned from a human rights delegation to Haiti. The delegation was able to meet with labor leaders, community organizers, political prisoners, and elected officials who have been forced into hiding. Sasha will show a slideshow and share the stories of the people she met.



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