

Stop Plan Colombia!

Defend Colombian Trade Union and Human Rights

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DePaul Students Center Atrium, 2250 N. Sheffield

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In Colombia, two to three trade unionists are murdered by paramilitary death squads every week. As the U.S. wages war in Iraq for control of oil, Colombia becomes more important as an oil producer for the U.S. empire. Under Plan Colombia, the United States has sent over \$3 billion to the Colombian government which supports terror against the Colombian people and workers. Yet, despite ten years of intensifying repression, the unions continue to organize, struggle for human rights and dignity, and to improve wages, benefits and working conditions.

We will hear from the courageous trade unionists and activists, who confront the repression every day. The conference will bring together activists, students and scholars to learn about the grave situation facing Colombia directly from the experiences and analysis of these trade unionists and leaders of the movements for social justice and freedom. The Conference will also host U.S. trade unionists, students, lawyers and solidarity activists from the Boycott Coca-Cola Campaign and other work promoting solidarity and human rights for the Colombian people. Our goal is to empower participants to defend, more effectively, trade union rights and to "Stop Plan Colombia" before no one is left to silence. "No Blood For Oil" in Iraq OR Colombia!

Friday, February 25th, 7:00 PM

- **Luis Adolfo Cardona**, Coca-Cola death squad survivor and Colombian trade unionist.
- **Javier Correa**, President of the Coca-Cola Workers Union SINALTRAINAL, speaking on violation of Trade Union and Human Rights under Plan Colombia.
- **Dan Kovalik**, USWA, speaking on Oil, Terror, and U.S. Intervention in Colombia
- **Meredith Aby**, Colombia Action Network, speaking on how to Stop Plan Colombia!

Saturday, February 26th, 8:00 AM

- **Coca-Cola Panel:** Luis Adolfo Cardona (SINALTRAINAL), Javier Correa (SINALTRAINAL), Dan Kovalik (Steel Workers' lawyer who brought the Coke lawsuit), Tom Burke of Colombia Action Network and SEIU, and student activists leading the "Campaign to Boycott Killer Coke"
- **No Blood for Oil Panel:** Martin Sanchez the Venezuelan Consul General, Jhony Meneses (Colombian Taxi Drivers' Union), Suzanne Adely (Arab American Action Network), Meredith Aby (Colombia Action Network)
- **Workshops:** World Youth Festival in Caracas, Venezuela; Solidarity trips to Colombia; Campus activism, Colombian music and dance, Colombian food, and more!

Co-sponsored by the Colombia Action Network, DePaul University Alliance for Latino Empowerment, and the Activist Student Union of DePaul.

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