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Venezuela forum debates prospects for revolutionary change in U.S.

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CARACAS, Venezuela—A five-day rolling panel discussion on “United States: A possible revolution” was the central event at the third Venezuela International Book Fair, which took place here November 9-18.

...presentations by **Mary-Alice Waters**, a member of the **Socialist Workers Party** National Committee and president of Pathfinder Press; **Eva Golinger**, a Venezuelan-American lawyer and author of *The Chávez Code*; Chris Carlson, a contributor to the venezuelanalysis.com website; and **Tufara Waller**, cultural program coordinator of the Highlander Center in Tennessee... In addition to the forum panelists mentioned below, others included **Bernardo Álvarez**, Venezuela’s ambassador to the United States; former University of Colorado professor **Ward Churchill**; August Nimtz, a University of Minnesota political science professor; **William Blum**, an author who has written a number of books opposing U.S. foreign policy; ex-Maryknoll priest **Charles Hardy**; and **Dada Maheshvarananda**, yoga instructor and founder of the Prout Institute. Several panelists are active in work to expand rights for immigrants in the United States. These included **Diógenes Abreu**, a Dominican-born community organizer who currently lives in New York; **Luis Rodríguez**, a Chicano activist in California’s San Fernando Valley; and **Gustavo Torres**, an organizer for the immigrant rights group **Casa de Maryland**. Several of them gave a vivid and accurate picture of conditions of life for immigrant workers in the United States and the **growing resistance and confidence manifested in strikes and ongoing street mobilizations against raids and deportations.**