

Pathfinder mural: a work in progress

The photographs on this page are examples of how the painting of the mural on the south wall of the Pathfinder Building in New York City is advancing. Work began last fall, and has picked up steadily through the spring and summer.

Artists from Iran, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Canada, and other countries are contributing their talents to the six-story mural, which depicts the role of the Pathfinder publishing house in getting out the ideas and experiences of revolutionary leaders, past and present, around the world.

The centerpiece of the completed mural will be a painting of a huge printing press being run by two press operators. Coming from the press are sheets of paper bearing portraits of revolutionary leaders whose writings and speeches are published by Pathfinder, including Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, V.I. Lenin and other leaders of the Communist International, Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela, Carlos Fonseca, Che Guevara, and Fidel Castro.

Around the press are scenes depicting struggling workers and farmers of the world. Included in these scenes are many smaller portraits of individual working-class leaders and victims of repression.

Going clockwise, from bottom left: scaffolding along

wall on which artists work; Marcos Byrd's portrait of Emiliano Zapata, peasant leader of Mexican revolution that began in 1910; Iranian artist Nickzad Nodjoumi paints portrait of Sattar Khan, a leader of 1905-11 revolution in Iran against monarchy and foreign domination; Lydia Serrano, a Salvadoran-born artist living in Canada, paints portrait of Commandante Ana María, murdered leader of liberation struggle in El Salvador; portrait of Mother Jones, organizer of Appalachian coal miners and other U.S. workers in late 19th and first decades of 20th century, painted by muralist Eva Cockcroft, executive director of Artmakers; and Nicaraguan artist Arnoldo Guillén beside his portrait of Augusto César Sandino, leader of guerrilla struggle against U.S. military occupation of Nicaragua in 1920s and 30s.

The mural was designed by Mike Alewitz, who also directs work on the project.

The Pathfinder Mural Project is now seeking to raise \$30,000 to finance completion of the project, including legal fight against harassment by city authorities.

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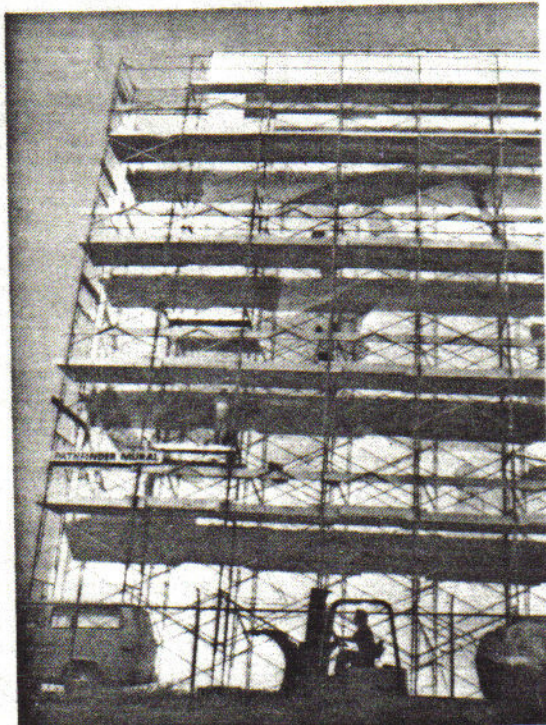
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