Following the massacre, on April 17, 1996, of 19 landless workers during a march in Brazil for agrarian reform, Brazil’s Landless Workers Movement (MST) in conjunction La Via Campesina declared April 17th the International Day of Peasant Struggle.

APRIL 17, 2012
STAND UP CHICAGO TAX DAY ACTION: Meet at 3:30 PM at Federal Plaza (Adams and Dearborn) for a rally against tax handouts to corporations and the 1%, followed by a march to the Board of Trade. Rally and march against wealthy corporations not paying their fair share of taxes, including the $665 million tax dodge by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY POTLUCK: 6:30 PM, Jane Addam’s Hull House, 800 S. Halsted. Come and share food with local activists and learn about the food sovereignty movement and the International Day of Peasant Struggle. Presentations by Family Farm Defenders and Friends of the MST.

APRIL 18, 2012
PROTEST AGAINST THE FOOD GIANTS AND COMMODITY SPECULATION: Noon at Chicago Mercantile Exchange, 141 W. Jackson St. Rally against speculation in food commodities that produces adulterated food, immense profits for speculators and ruin for family farmers. Includes a press conference revealing a notorious food price speculator.

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