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SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 8, 2000

Membership Meeting - 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Eyewitness Guest Speaker on
"NATO, Yugoslavia and Ukraine" - 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Brecht Forum
122 W. 27th Street - 10th Floor (between 6th & 7th Ave.) in Manhattan

UNPRECEDENTED PROSPERITY DIALECTICALS IN RUSSIA AND OIL AT \$40 A BARRELL (By Ana Lucia Gelabert)

If two entities A and B each has \$10, and A robs B of its \$10, then B sees sudden poverty while A enjoys "unprecedented prosperity", even after deducting the costs of robbing B.

In 1982, comparatively speaking, the U.S. had \$20 for each \$10 the USSR had: richer and more advanced technologically, especially as regards production of household and consumer products. But clearly the USSR was also a world superpower, even if comparatively weaker and less affluent than the USA.

From 1980 to about 1993, with the underlying strategic goal of bankrupting the USSR, which they calculated would be compelled to follow suit, the Reagan and then Bush administration engaged in an unprecedented arms buildup, "Star Wars" and all that, huge even by Cold War Standards, and to finance it had to increase the U.S. national debt from

\$908 billion in 1982, to \$4412 billion in 1993, in just 12 years, 385% higher than in the previous 204. Cutting taxes to big corporations and the very rich helped a bit to build the deficits, while cutting social services to the working class and poor reduced them a bit, but no doubt the bulk of the massive fiscal deficits was due to the massive weapons program.

The Reaganomics arms buildup should have bankrupted the USSR but did not, because contrary to calculations, the USSR did not follow suit. Instead, going overboard, with Gorbachev, with one weapons reduction proposal after another. All rejected. ...In the end the USSR collapsed, partly due to internal contradictions [and partly due to the Reagan-Bush military build-up - *Editors.*] and by the demoralization after decades of revisionist leaderships.

(End of Part 1)

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Send Elián Home — NOW!



**Help End the Abuse and Exploitation of this Child
Send Him Home to Cuba with his Father and
Grandparents — NOW!
Let Your Voice be Heard!**

PLEASE CONTACT:
Attorney General Janet Reno
Pres. Clinton and VP Gore

PHONE:
202/514-2001
202/456-1111

FAX:
202/307-6777
202/456-2461

URGENT: Contact your senators and representative in Washington, switchboard: (202/225-3121)
Tell them that justice delayed is justice denied; Elián must be protected from further abuse and exploitation. that the child belongs with his father, his grandparents, and his familiar surroundings in Cuba.

For more info: Contact the Committee to Send Elián Home to his Father in Cuba
IFCO/Pastors for Peace: 212/926-5757; email: ifco@igc.org web: <http://www.ifconews.org>

Membership Application/Renewal

New Renewal

- I want to become a member of USFSP. Please enroll me as a member in the following category
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Name	<input type="radio"/> Student—\$5.00	<input type="radio"/> Contributing—\$25.00
Address	<input type="radio"/> Senior Citizen—\$5.00	<input type="radio"/> Patron—\$50.00+
City	<input type="radio"/> Individual—\$10.00	<input type="radio"/> Donor—\$100
State Zip	<input type="radio"/> Family—\$15.00	
Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Please call me, I'd like to volunteer.	

- Put me on your mailing list and send me a free sample copy of Northstar Compass
- Send me a special 3-months subscription to Northstar Compass for \$1 (enclosed)
- Send me a full year subscription to Northstar Compass for \$20 (enclosed)

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