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EDITORIAL

MICHAEL
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Editor



On behalf of the Organizing Committee of Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People I am informing all readers of Northstar Compass, all the parties, organizations, trade unions and publications that have signed the Call, that the World Congress shall be held on September 21-22-23, 2001 in Toronto, Canada, at the Friendship House, 280 Queen St. W.

Over the past year we have explored possibilities of holding the World Congress in countries of Europe, more specifically in Minsk, Byelorussia, but, due to the political climate and other circumstances beyond our control, this venue proved to be unrealistic...even with all of the great help being offered by our friends there.

Therefore the Organizing Committee, together with the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass, Canadian Friends of Soviet People, and, above all, by the generosity and comradely dedication of the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians who are giving us their premises for the Congress, plus offices and of course the very generous help that is very much appreciated by all of us.

The delegates that shall arrive at this Congress will have lodgings provided for, plus the meals and transportation within Toronto. Further information will be sent to everyone as soon as all the details are worked out.

Registration forms shall be sent to all the mailing list after the September conference in Toronto and all other pertinent details for the presentations, resolutions and the proposed agenda ...which is a culmination of many suggestions from many comrades all over the world.

The events in the former Soviet Union are changing very rapidly. The struggles are intensifying and many alliances are being formed in many spheres of Soviet life. At this very moment there are very healthy signs that the Communist and Workers parties are discussing the **unity question**, due to the extremely treacherous role of the present regime, which is going full speed ahead to implement the Yeltsin program which in turn is being pushed by Western imperialism, together with the internal reactionary bourgeoisie.

Unfortunately there are some voices amongst the progressive movement in some countries who are trying to deride and maybe derail this upcoming World Congress. Their message seems to say that at this time there is no need for this "*International Unity*" since it is only the communist and workers parties of the world that need to be the first to unite around the question of trying to help the Soviet people! That is what is absolutely needed now more than ever...**no one in their right mind shall oppose it!** But, the unfortunate situation now is that their **IS NO UNITY** in all of the Communist and Marxist parties in former Soviet Union, and, the same goes for the Communist and Marxist movements all over the world, and no Communist International. There are many world groupings, seminars, conferences that meet very regularly, discuss many questions, make wonderful

decisions... but no unity!

Unfortunately these are the facts and their many objective and subjective reasons for this disunity, but the wishful thinking, awaiting the "*proper moment*" for unity shall not solve the dangerous fact of US imperialism's drive for world domination and to make certain that no unity is achieved inside the former USSR or for that matter, in the International Communist movement!

When this International Council will be elected at the World Congress, it will not take away the effectiveness and dedication that is now being waged by all parties and movements in their very own countries for Socialism and for the resurrection of the Soviet Union!

This upcoming International Council shall be a **United Front** of all those who know that there is a desperate need for helping the Soviet people achieve their goal of overthrowing the present, corrupt, filthy and rotten regime of the Russian Mafiosi and their imperialist backers.

The upcoming World Congress shall not be used as a forum for ideological debates as to the many causes of the demise of the USSR and other European socialist countries. Our purpose shall be to carry on the traditions established in many countries of the world in 1918, called the "**Hands Off Russia Committees**"!

While it is incumbent on our comrades in all of the territories of the Soviet Union to strive with every ounce of their energy for the restoration of the Soviet Union, their task will be facilitated by fraternal solidarity and friendship from abroad.

All those that call themselves friends of the Soviet people and adherents of Socialism and Communists, who profess and cherish the memory of the the once glorious Soviet Union, have a duty to render every assistance.

THE QUEST FOR UNITY

The ongoing quest for unity within the Communist movement in the world is constant, with conferences, seminars, symposiums and interchanges of ideas every year. This is as it should be and must be if Imperialism shall be stopped in its tracks to exploit and dominate the world.

There are at least 3-9 Communist, Socialist, Marxist-Leninist and also Workers Parties in most countries of the world (*depending upon the country's size*) besides other small splinter groups that also call themselves Marxist-Leninist, while serving Imperialism as the Trojan horses inside the working class. It is extremely beneficial and also necessary for the bourgeoisie to have all these "revolutionary parties" to split any potential unity...divide and rule is a tried and very successful tool of Imperialism.

We at Northstar Compass have been receiving scores of publications weekly from the former Soviet Union - from all the sections of the existing left forces in practically every former Soviet republic, except the Baltic states of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia. Constant flow of letters, statements, policy programs and other materials come to us. After close to ten years, we feel that we can make an analysis and dissect the anti-bourgeois forces in former Soviet Union into 4 distinct categories. This is based on reading the Russian, Ukrainian, Byelorussian and other language publications emanating from the former Soviet Union.

We feel that we are correct in our assessment of the political cleavages that exist there, and which, we might add, have their counterparts in other communist and workers parties in the world. Northstar Compass is a monthly

publication, promoting the upcoming World Congress for an elected International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, carrying out the legacy of our parents and also our grandparents, when in 1918 in many countries of the world they established the "Hands Off Russia Committees". We, as dedicated friends of Soviet people have a duty to make our feelings known, not as a political party (*which we are not*) but as friends of people who lived, struggled and fought for Socialism and defended mankind from Fascism!

Here is what we feel are some of the main currents inside of the Marxist-Leninist, Communist and Workers parties in former Soviet Union now and, how they look at the question as to whether there was Socialism in the USSR.

FIRST GROUP:

Yes, there was Socialism, there were shortcomings due to the external and also internal causes, which brought the country into a crisis. We have to resurrect the Soviet Union, as it was, but clear up the problems and the shortcomings.

SECOND GROUP:

Yes, we had socialism, but not very good socialism, it was dictatorial and state socialism. We should not resurrect it as it was, we must build another one, more humanitarian, democratic etc. etc.

THIRD GROUP:

We did not have any socialism, there was only a state capitalist system, a conglomerate of different economic tendencies, a neo-Asiatic form of production.

FOURTH GROUP:

Socialism is fine, but we need a market economy in order to build "more socialism". It was Stalin who was the cause of our woes.

Of course there are other tendencies, from Anarchist, Trotskyite, Social Democratic and even Nationalist Bolsheviks!

Internal bourgeoisie and their overseas master, US Imperialism plus NATO, WTO, IMF, World Bank are extremely happy to sup-

port any or every "Communist party or group" that proclaims that it's "communist". They even go as far as to praise Lenin, but these "parties-movements" cooperate with the capitalist regime in power.

With billions being poured into former USSR...Soros Foundation, religious missionaries, American TV monopoly of films, pornography, gangsters, Mafia and terrible conditions for a majority of the working class...these conditions cry out for **UNITY OF ACTION!**

Because there is this desperate lack of unity amongst the Communist and Workers parties, in spite of the attempts at unity, we feel that the need for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People is very much needed NOW!

The upcoming World Congress for an International Council shall take place in Toronto, Canada on September 21-23, 2001 and it will bring together many representatives from countries of the world in order to set up this International Council and start to help the people living in former USSR to regain their freedom from the bourgeois exploiters.

Fascism is ready and waiting in the wings! We must make this World Congress one of the turning points in the struggle to help resurrect the Soviet Union, while people living on that immense territory themselves shall decide what kind of socialism they will have.

Some of the materials are from the publication "Enlightenment" in Moscow.

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**DISCUSSION ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL
CONGRESS
FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH
SOVIET PEOPLE**



**ON THE 9TH
ANNIVERSARY**

BY DR. VERA BUTLER

*Australian International Studies
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Northstar Compass holds a special place in the struggle for socialism: - it also serves as a bridge between people, who not long ago, were part of the Soviet orbit, and their comrades and all their supporters from abroad. Northstar Compass journal overcomes the language barrier to tell the world of all the ravages of robber capitalism, which makes a mockery of human rights and democracy.

The formation of an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People has given notice that the cries for help of Soviet people have not gone unheard. However, the need now is so great, and the task so enormous, that it cannot succeed without the cooperation of all the progressive forces of the world. The first step is, therefore, unity of purpose and the sharing of tasks and costs. The forthcoming Conference will test this resolve.

Regrettably, the unity of purpose and of action has eluded the various parties of the left which operate in Russia. The outcome has been electoral defeat of the left in both the Duma elections of 1999 and the presidential elections of 2000. It is a further step towards the destruction of Russia's fragile parliamentary democ-

cracy, which started with Yeltsin's murderous onslaught of October 1993 against the 'White House' and continues with the emasculation of the Duma itself. Clearly, personal ambitions and ideological self-righteousness stand in the way of a united front that would inspire great confidence and consolidate the vote. In the course of infighting it is forgotten that the common enemy is capitalism.

But are things different here in Australia? Rather than analyzing the present and planning for the future, the multitude of left-wing groupings often appear to hate each other more intensely than capitalism that they claim to oppose. The necessary common goal is drowned amidst all of the ideological rhetoric. Fighting battles of the past will not provide a forceful and cogent challenge to a powerful and sophisticated system of influence which daily spreads its propaganda over the global communications networks.

At a time when world capitalism strives towards the totalitarian command over all countries, people, and resources, when even apolitical young people stand up to multinational institutions and their unaccountable technocrats, it is the left which remains sidelined, unable to provide political leadership and articulate guidelines for action.

It is here that Northstar Compass has an important role to play - possibly, in the first instance, as an (*uncensored*) platform for discussion?



"NEVER EVER AGAIN!"

What happened in the Soviet Union and its Eastern European allies has caused us and all of progressive mankind considerable anguish. We believe that a thorough analysis of what went wrong within the socialist world and the criminal actions of US imperialism and its allies to destroy the socialist camp, should be carried out by our projected International Council.

We should publish a very carefully prepared and researched document that would be a "**Stand Alone Document**" that will withstand any challenge to it. The mistakes made, the criminal behavior of some of the so-called "*leaders*" in the socialist camp that made it so vulnerable should be exposed.

In the re-building of a world communist movement and our own future International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, we should have a slogan "**NEVER EVER AGAIN**".

Our thoughts are with all the old stalwarts who made the sacrifices for a socialist world, maybe they're now turning over in their graves over this tragedy. We congratulate all of you comrades on your noble work and your tireless dedication. We certainly need the International Council quickly.

Dough & Julia Townsend
Mud River, Canada

SUPPORT FROM HUNGARY

We have in Budapest a "Karl Marx Society" and I'm a member of the Editorial Board of our newspaper called "Dialogue". We have interesting materials on Soviet Union, called "Revolutionary and counterrevolutionary Soviet Union" by the Editor Dr. Erwin Rozhnian. We shall send you this book. We are very interested in your work and your future plans as contained in Northstar Compass. Enclosed please find a subscription to NSC.

Benedikt Svetlana

GREETINGS FROM CUBA

Dear friends:

The commemoration of the 9th Anniversary of NSC is an event to celebrate due to the fulfillment of the goals for which NSC was established. As a Cuban member of the Board of NSC know that it is playing a very important role in bringing solidarity and hope to the millions of people in the former Soviet Union and in the other countries of the world who dream of the resurrection of the ideals of socialism.

All the revolutionary and progressive people worldwide support our publication and all of the preparatory work that is being done for strengthening the work for the 2001 upcoming International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

It is necessary that NSC keeps on going by publishing articles about the struggles in the former Soviet Union and also in all of the other former Socialist states of Eastern Europe. The articles reflect the many hardships and misfortunes that the people are enduring and will suffer unless socialism is restored again.

We, the Cuban people have now been fighting successfully the strongest and the most criminal blockade the USA has applied to any country. It is practically an economic war by the USA. gov-

ernment for more than 40 years, but we still hold high the banner of socialism. We have just won lately one of our hardest battles in which all of the Cuban people have been involved for almost 7 months, 24 hours a day. Battles are won not only with courage but also with intelligence and determination. If one knows the enemy, one can find his point of weakness. We know by heart the benefits of Socialism and also the evils of Capitalism. We have access to education, health care, employment and also housing. We suffer lots of scarcities, but we enjoy rights that no one can enjoy in a capitalist society.

These are some of the reasons why we, as living witnesses of all the benefits of Socialism brings to our people, think that Northstar Compass journal struggles for the resurrection of the mighty land of the Soviets, and this shall yield the expected results.

It is a great idea and event to come that all of the activities of the pro-Soviet people around the world will be coordinated by the soon to be formed International Council in 2001. It would have been a very good venue in Minsk, Byelorussia for the World Congress, but the situation being as it is, City of Toronto, Canada on September 21-22-23, 2001 will also be an excellent location for participants from all over the world to come to discuss, make plans and elect an International Council.

I wish all of you success in our noble effort.

Comradely yours
Professor Vilma Paez
University in Holguin

FROM INSTITUTO BRASILEIRO DE CULTURA SOCIALISTA BRAZIL

Dear friends:

To us it's been a great pleasure of receiving and reading this socialist publication for over 5 years. The articles have the aim in a clear way, informing readers

all over the world of the plans of neoliberalism and globalization and what they mean for the working class and the people in general, as well as the crimes committed by this inhuman social, economic and political system of capitalism and its higher stage which is Imperialism. The issues published and written about in Northstar Compass have a great importance to us and, we await each issue eagerly.

Regarding the question of our thoughts for the discussion of the World Congress in 2001...we here submit what we feel are the "targets" to be achieved:

FIRST -

To hit at the "heart of the beast" - namely the capitalist system and the fascist regime, by exposing the naked truth of all their injustices and falsehoods, cynicism, pharisaism and the immorality of their actions against the working class and the trampling of the peoples rights. This includes the unmasking the lies and distortions of facts that are shouted daily by the bourgeois media. People must be made aware of all the dirty-underhanded things that are being perpetrated daily by imperialists. The tremendous gouging of people, the enormous profits made from instigated wars that imperialism promote in practically every corner of the globe. The consequences are deaths, suffering and innocent victims in these conflicts. The plunder of the world countries should be exposed even more; the exposé of the support to the rightist-Fascist elements by US imperialism...all in the name of "God and Democracy" of course. Besides all of the above, the daily corruption of children; drug trafficking, assassinations of political opponents, trade unionists, leaders of peoples movements and deaths of millions of people from hunger or disease.

SECOND -

Taking all the above into account,

urgent measures must be taken in order to fight neo-liberalism, globalization and imperialism within and outside each country. There should be coordinated efforts such as seminars, conferences, lectures and mass actions such as (rallies, demonstrations and meetings) to be undertaken everywhere for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and also against the plans of the multinational corporations, the IMF, World Bank, World Trade Organization and the constant plots of the USA, CIA, NATO which are on the march to conquer the world. It is no doubt" Fascism is on the rise again!!!

THIRD -

Northstar Compass and its untiring struggles in the 9 years should keep on acting further as the organ of the upcoming International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. We believe that the delegates at the September 2001 Congress shall share our thoughts and proposal.

FOURTH -

People, movements, political parties, publications, magazines which will take part in the Congress in Canada, should undertake upon themselves of getting at least two (2) new subscribers to Northstar Compass.

FIFTH -

We agree and support the idea of having an international campaign for finances, through monthly membership fee, so that a permanent Sustaining Fund can be available whenever necessary.

We are informing you that I have been translating several NSC articles for already three years which have been printed in the Rio de Janeiro weekly newspaper "Inverta".

Giovani G.Vieira
Secretary General of the
Instituto Brasileiro de Cultura
Socialista ■

FROM
TAMIL NADU

INDIA

Dear comrades:

We thank you for the invitation to your 2001 World Congress. We know that you are collecting finances amongst our well wishes and friends. We shall send you a donation since it is our international duty! We are with you comrades and we shall continue our mutual cooperation.

Greetings to the Editorial Board of NSC.

N.Mohan Kumar ■

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

The fate of Afghan Women

Yes, U.S. imperialism, Muslim Fundamentalism and the help of Pakistan government helped to defeat the Afghan elected democratic government which was beginning to lay the foundations of socialism and bring this backward country into the 20th Century.

After the Soviet Union pulled out its forces (*which were invited by Afghanistan Government in accordance with a pact that was signed*) in 1989, the already bourgeois Gorbachev government following the diktat of US imperialism, saw the world bourgeois press proclaim that now Afghanistan shall be "*free with market economy*" plus freedom for all, including women.

Now the situation is too shocking to write about and unbelievable that such things are possible in year 2000!

The Taliban students, trained in Pakistan (*with US connivance*) started to come back to Afghanistan and now they have practically destroyed all human, social and cultural values. As a result of all of this action, women are now nothing but chattels while beg-



a product of Imperialism and Fundamentalism

ging in the streets of Kabul is a growing tragedy..

Forced marriages, trafficking in women and prostitution is a growing epidemic. The ignorant and extremely fanatic present ruling Afghan Islamic Fundamentalists regard all education for women and girls an anti-religious act. UNICEF in 1999 reported that there were no educational facilities at all in 90% of Afghanistan's territory. Male and female adult literacy stands at only 15% and 5% respectively.

Hardly any public health service is available or even clean water for the vast majority of Afghanistan people. Women are discriminated against when it comes to health. The Taliban have made it impossible for women getting any health care. The modern diseases and other ailments that can be easily cured now by medicine is forbidden for the Afghan women. Male doctors cannot treat female patients while the female medical professionals are now forbidden to practice and work outside their homes.

Material based on journal
"Spectre", Belgium ■

NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

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ABOUT THE "DICTATORSHIP OF LAW"

Analyzing the situation in today's bourgeois republics that were formed on the territory of the USSR, shows more and more the essence of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. It tries through the powers available to it to solidify its rule on the pedestal of state power. This is happening in Ukraine, in Russia and in Central Asia. Let us closely look at some moments, the characteristic process of the totalitarian ruling regimes.

"PUTINIZATION" OF RUSSIA

No matter what one might say, Putin is supported by the average elector. This is confirmed not only by the results in the election, but also by the carefully nurtured mass media attitude towards him.

Yes, President Kuchma of Ukraine also received by hook and crook enough votes. This was the result of trickery and cheating, besides all the threats. Anyway you should listen as to what the Ukrainian people are saying about him on the streetcars, buses and the subway! Kuchma does not have authority amongst the people. Namely the masterful Mafiosi structures were able to organize a great "theatrical extravaganza show" under the slogan of "democratic elections". But in reality, Kuchma is Kuchma and

it is a well known fact that Washington controls Ukraine and they do not need anyone else but Kuchma. "He was sent by God!"- proclaimed the Russian oligarch Berezovski.

But Putin - he is a very different personality and more cunning. The average voter has a higher regard for him than it did for Yeltsin. He was and is promoted as "I shall keep order", "I will defend the interests of Russia". Is this really the "peoples" President? He, like Yeltsin is a product of the Mafiosi structures. The Russian people are tired of destabilization of its "leaders" that came on the scene after the death of J.V. Stalin in 1953. People are tired of all the chaos and anarchy since the times of Krushchev. The highest point, the peak of the chaotic situation was reached under Mikhail Gorbachev, although the powers behind the scene helped this General Secretary of the CPSU. He was just carrying out his work on behalf of Uncle Sam as the "pusher" of this devastating process. The center of this destabilization process was across the ocean. On this process of dismemberment of the USSR and of the CPSU there worked scores and scores of foreign philosophers, ideological gurus, psychiatrists, spies, diversionists and all other secret services of USA. In Ukraine these plans were carried out first by Krawchuk and now by Kuchma.

ABOUT THE "FISHERMAN" AND THE "FISH"

The "process went" as Gorbachev told the world, pushed by the internal counterrevolutionaries and the might of US imperialism...all stemming from the renegades within the CC CPSU. As the saying goes, it is much easier to catch a fish in murky waters. The people were caught in a colonial imposed net. Here's just an example of Ukraine's present policy...Ukraine has now lost over

3,000,000 people?! The historical fairy tale of Soviet "genocide" of Ukraine now has become a reality in Ukraine. The traumatic economic situation in Ukraine is unbelievable. The average monthly wage now is about at \$35.1 if you're lucky to be working. The same situation is in other former republics.

Finding itself in the "net" the fish has now to be served "for lunch". And the hungry bourgeoisie are ready and waiting, and many more than a few. The Mafiosi structures in Russia, such as Berezovsky, Gusinsky, Chubais, Chernomyrdin (plus other lesser players) while in Ukraine there are Zviagilsky, Krawchuk, Kuchma plus Lazarenko. There is now taking place a sharpening of contradictions. They are now no longer satisfied to have caught this "fish" in murky waters. No one wants to share the profits. That is why these crooks-robbers cry out daily that there's a need for only "dictatorship of law" (of course it's to be instituted by them!). It is likely that even the "fish" will eventually understand into what kind of a net it was taken. The water will start then to boil in foam and shall take under water in order to drown not only the net but also these fishermen. But this will not satisfy the powers behind "perestroika". They feel that the "fish" must always be in view. The water must be always crystal clear. But, the fishermen must always be ready with a net, just in case. Therefore they demand a "dictatorship of law". What kind of laws do they want? In whose interest?...

This process is happening in Russia and Ukraine, as also in other former Soviet republics. As

CORRECTION

The latest figures for prisoners are: United States has 2,000,000, China has 1,500,000. (U.S. per capita has 6 times the number as China). USA and Somalia are the only countries in the world where children can be executed!

an example, Mr. Kuchma, organized the so-called "referendum". This in actual fact gave him the dictatorial powers to rule without any input from the elected parliament. Kuchma only listens to one state - the dictate of Washington, its NATO and International Monetary Fund.

MEANING OF "DICTATORSHIP OF LAW"

Putin is existing more or less in limbo. There is much that is unknown about him by the people but he immediately stated that private property is untouchable. With this, everything else is said. What he really means is as follows "Dear Messieurs Russians! Leave the Mafia alone! Their private property is sacred!" The policy of other presidents, including Kuchma of Ukraine. But in Ukraine, Kuchma just believes in the laws that guarantee private enterprise profits and the overseas oligarchs.

Putin made also a declaration that "I support only one dictatorship - the dictatorship of law!" This clever slogan fooled much of the population. Viva the Dictatorship! Viva Putin! Russian messieurs...was it the "dictatorship of law" when Boris Yeltsin bombarded from cannons and tanks the Supreme Soviet in Moscow?! Where was the Constitution, where as an example in Ukraine, when, Kudyukin under the direction of former CC CPSU member and president of Ukraine Krawchuk, sold off the Black Sea Fleet?! Why was this "law" quiet when Lazarenko of Ukraine undertook to sell off the riches of Ukrainian industry and deposited all the profits into foreign banks?! Where was this "Constitutional guarantee" when in Ukraine "no one knows who" is robbing from Russia the natural gas?!

But, as Alexander Moroz, the leader of the Ukrainian Socialist Party stated that the robbers are well known. They are in the top echelons of the present government. As a result of all of this robbery, by the beginning of year

2000 Ukraine owes Russia over 600 million U.S. dollars. More was taken by a private company, than three-quarters of this sum set up by Leonid Kuchma, called "Neftegaz Ukraine". Kuchma appointed as president of this new private company the former Premier of Ukraine, Pustovojtenko.

What about this "law" - as a Slav saying goes "Wherever it turns, there it goes!" Even in 1918 V.I.Lenin wrote as to the "bourgeois law and who it serves" - all aimed at robbing the working class.

But Putin - he's no Kuchma. But the bourgeois law remains the same, no matter what leader of capitalism reigns. There is always a struggle between classes, from the past epochs to the present...it was always the struggle for private ownership. "Billions of dollars always rule. The changing of laws is only a changing of the form of its rule". (V.I.Lenin, PSS, v.28 ,p.1546). Is this not a question that is pertinent now in our time?...

WHAT MUST BE DONE?

Without any question the working class in their struggles must utilize maximum effort to exploit the laws that do exist - the constitution. Our ideal - is of course, through peaceful means to develop the people and the country. But what must we do in a critical situation, at a critical moment, when the bourgeois state says and proclaims that it follows the laws, but in actual fact it abolishes the laws and tramples them under foot and the people are thrown to the bourgeois mercy of the "leaders" and left to suffer and die?

Here again we turn to V.I.Lenin. In the Thesis towards the 2nd Congress of the Comintern he wrote: "During such moments and in such situations, the communists cannot follow or respect or believe in the bourgeois constitution or laws. They are bound by the necessity to structure parallel illegal apparatus, which at the crucial moment could help the

Communist party to fully fulfill its promise to the people before the revolution.(PSS, v.41, page 206). The workers must learn and realize what is actually happening now in the country, organize ourselves for the political-economic struggles and their rights. In place of the governing bourgeois laws there must be a law that declares the "Dictatorship of the Proletariat" over capitalism.

COMMENT

Yes, unity of purpose, unity of methods and above all, unity of dedication by the many Communist parties in former Soviet Union will fulfill the revolutionary behest of Lenin and Stalin!



UKRAINIAN BOLSHEVIKS ARE VERY ACTIVE

During the May 9th 55th Anniversary Victory Day celebrations in Kiev, many active members of the "Movement For USSR" during the march held a demonstration with Soviet flags which were seen and appreciated by many thousands of marchers, including the Ukrainian nationalist-fascist elements (the Banderites) who tried to throw Galina Savchenko from the top of the platform, overlooking the parade of Great Patriotic War veterans who were marching below.

You can see on the photograph Galina Savchenko and Vitaly Bli-nov on top of the high obelisk platform over the Grave of the Unknown Soldier, (but unfortunately the photo of a Soviet soldier during World War II with a machinegun, shooting at the Germans is not seen) giving out copies of a Soviet newspaper



called "Union of Officers". The sign proclaimed: "Open fire on the Kuchmas, Krawchuks, Tarasiuks, Kuzmuks!" This message made the present day enemies of the people boil with fury and

rage, but hearkened those who defended the USSR and Europe from the scourge of Fascism. The names on the sign mean: Tarasiuk - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kuzmik - Minister of Defense

of Ukraine, both of them are pro NATO.

The other photograph shows a demonstration against NATO and Zionism, with Galina Savchenko in the center of photo in Kiev. ■

Third Conference of Citizens of USSR

From newspaper

"Communist of Krevbassa"

There took place the Third Conference of Citizens of USSR, which was called by the movement "For a Soviet Union" in Moscow.

There were delegates to this Conference from the Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Moldavia, Azerbaijan and also Georgia. The delegates represented over 20 different organizations plus political parties such as the Communist Party of Russian Federation, Communist Party of Soviet Union, Communist Party of Ukraine, All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks and others.

The Conference was opened and headed by the former chairman of the Supreme Soviet of USSR, A.G.Kozlobaev. During the conference there were over 40 speakers discussing and analyzing the present situation.

The consensus was that the parliamentary elections held in

Russia and also in Ukraine absolutely did not change anything and the bourgeoisie is further entrenched so that the elections shall not change the present capitalist system. The parliamentary elections is just another venue for the capitalist class to put a cloak of legality upon themselves, as they devastate and rob the country. A change without a peoples revolution is impossible.

The 3rd Conference adopted many important documents. A new Supreme Soviet was elected and a decision was made to elect a new Government of USSR that will take over after the overthrow of the present bourgeois regimes. Unanimous in their decision was the proposal that there must be only one united Communist Party of the Soviet Union and it must be a revolutionary party and not opportunistic. Without such a **United Communist Party** there is no chance of liberating the peoples of former USSR from foreign domination and internal capitalists.

V. Liapkalo ■

MONGOLIA CHOSE COMMUNISTS!

All the bourgeois newspapers gave this surprising news great coverage. The defeat of Socialism in Mongolia was accomplished in 1996 when the bourgeois party gained the government with great promises. Mongolia, is a country with a population of less than 2.4 million people, a country with the economy based solely on animal husbandry, where goats and cattle outnumber the population by 15 to one.

For 70 years Mongolia was going on a socialist path, but inside of 4-5 years it became the most impoverished country in the far east. Even Western diplomats called the attempt at capitalism as "a merry band of freemarketeers" who have brought Mongolia to its knees.

COMMENT

We just hope that the policy of socialism shall not be deluded by market economy tendencies which the new government is proposing now. ■

AN APPEAL!

We're asking our readers in other Soviet republics to write to NSC.

FROM NEWSPAPER
"WORKERS ISKRA"
TULA, RUSSIA



This is the regional party newspaper of the (Russian Communist Workers Party), edited by V. Reguzov who sent us the photographs published here showing the acceptance of Tula school children into the Soviet Pioneer Organization. More and more Pioneer organizations are springing up all over former Soviet Union, with veterans of the Great Patriotic War pinning the Pioneer badges on the Russian young school children.



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YOUR SUB?**

**FELIX
GORELIK**



PUTIN TOOK OFF HIS MASK

A true secret agent-spy must be an ultimate actor. In order to infiltrate any foreign country, he must play many roles that is attached to this "legend". He must hide-away his true face, so that he would not be recognized. Being a former professional secret agent, Putin has a gift of a great artistic talent.

Millions of citizens going to vote, in most cases they do "vote with their hearts", as was daily demanded at the last election by Yeltsin's propaganda machine. They vote for a person that the Media presents as having good manners and also appearance... in other words, for the one who tries to be one of the crowd. Before, this mass of voters went to vote for Boris Yeltsin, who promoted himself as "one of the boys!"

Putin realized what the people want, how he should present himself in front of the peoples eyes. In all of his efforts he tried to present himself as an opponent of Yeltsin and all what Yeltsin stood for... who had become a laughing stock in the eyes of the Russian people. Putin looked as a sportsman, healthy, very sober and was promoted with an image as the "Father Czar" who will make everything better. He played the role of a simple and dedicated lover of his Russian people. With a very low voice and simple words he asked: "You want law and order? It shall be!" He then immediately agreed to send the Russian army into Chechniya and declared that he will "liquidate the terrorists!" During all of his election campaign he hid his real plans, and he got elected without even any

plans or program for the electorate to know what he stood for!

He only stated this: "We are not going to eliminate private property!"

This tactic was also used by his assistant Mr. Kasianen, demanding from the Russian Duma that they appoint him as the Premier. Putin, very cleverly for the time being played with the leadership of the CPRF by supporting the candidature of the proposed CPRF's (*pseudo-communist*) Seleznev. These tactics proved correct and Putin and the bourgeoisie were successful. As was reported by "Unity" (*Union of Left Forces*) who jumped into the Duma under the slogan of: "We support Putin!"

His mask as the "peoples defender" Putin took off only when he formed his government. Who will believe now in the future of Russia? The faces are all familiar! Chubais, proudly stated at the Congress of Right Forces that "Two thirds of all the government ministers are from the right election block and the composition of Putin's government was as was demanded by Yeltsin's 'family'."

These are the same corrupt enemies that were there before, in the former government of Stepanshin. The financial minister Kudrin was the choice of Chubais and Berezovsky! Gaidar, Greh and others...these are the power brokers in Putin's government. They are passing the "New Labor Law" which will set the working class back 100 years!

Putin has torn away his mask as a "democrat". He is appointing his very own stooges as governors, district administrators who depend fully on the whims of "Czars rule". In actual fact, the illusion of elections is going down the tube. Plans are in the works that shall eliminate local authority from all elected officials. Putin states that all these upcoming laws are needed in order for him to cope with economic unrest and push through the "economic reforms" and also to liquidate the so-called "Red Governors and Mayors". The law courts are at

the beckon and call of Putin's government since they have no authority.

Putin wore the mask of the "State Patriot", which brought him the votes. But he has took off this mask also. Russia has now only two friends left - Serbia and Milosevic and Byelorussia and Lukashenko. Milosevic of Serbia did not sink on his knees in front of NATO, he defended the rights of Yugoslavia-Serbia. He was sold-out at first by Yeltsin, who, instead of need for realistic help, put pressure on him to capitulate and give up Kosovo. Now, Putin has struck another blow at Serbia by supporting the opposition to Milosevic, which is now demanding (*urged on by Imperialism*) to get rid of Milosevic, to open up the road to NATO. Putin, also, together with the so-called Byelorussian "democrats" are trying to dig the grave for Lukashenko. From one end he (Putin) is demanding the privatization of industry in Byelorussia, copying the method of Gaidar-Chubais, on the other hand - over the Russian ORT TV he lets one of the main Byelorussian "democrats", promote the idea that Byelorussia should join NATO and break the ties with Russia. All this is necessary for Putin in order to show the West, that he, like Yeltsin is "theirs"! It's not by chance that Thatcher of Great Britain in her time welcomed and praised Gorbachev...in this way, Tony Blair the "Laborite" brought under his wings Putin. President Clinton has already stated that: "you can do business with Putin!"

All this means that Russia under Putin will become a semi-colony of the West...who are now covering the whole of Russia under their web of control

(Is this why Putin is proposing to carve up Russia into 8-9 separate districts? Editor).

All these actions and laws that are now going into effect show the true face of Putin. He wants to legitimize and make solid his counterrevolutionary dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and to finally

liquidate all or any rights that the Soviet working class gained under socialism which some remnants still remain in place. Russian and Western right-reactionary forces are gleeful with Putin. His dedication to the new bourgeoisie is beyond question.

The Communists of Russia must open their eyes quickly and recognize who Putin really is. The Russian people got elected an unremitting enemy. No amount of playing with and hobnobbing by CPRF's Zyuganov and Seleznev with Putin shall save them. There is a desperate need for unity with a clear and principled class strategy and tactics for struggle with the present Russian ruling bourgeoisie and the resurrection of Soviet Union and Socialism. ■

OUTRIGHT FALSIFICATION OF ELECTION IN UKRAINE!

Tell me, is it possible to be elected for a second term as President, a man who has overturned all of his pre-election promises, brought the economy into ruin, and the people to despair? Yes, it can be done if he has the mass media in his hands, plus all finances, all the police and security apparatus and the army...while the people have the right only to cast their ballots in the ballot box. Ukraine has again demonstrated that all this is possible in a "democracy". President Kuchma gained a "victory" as was proclaimed as the "choice of all the people".

(Felix's article goes on to explain what Kuchma wanted and received as far as the government structure... NSC covered this in detail in the last issue-Editor)

In the Communist newspaper "Communist" published in Kiev, readers described under what atmosphere the elections were held: falsification, threats, manipulation and all other forms of skullduggery. Here is just a sample letter from Lugansk, written

by G. Venediktova: "The authorities of the city council threaten all of their subordinates that, unless they guarantee a positive response for Kuchma they will be fired..." and further in her letter she writes of very typical scene. "Days before the actual referendum, the Kuchma machinery delivered (*against the law*) posters into the election booths and all the premises and streets leading into the election polling booths. Then they went into every house and asked that the people mark "yes" on the Kuchma bulletin. If anyone marked "no" they crossed it out and overprinted "yes".

From Odessa, another letter to the "Communist" newspaper was by A. Ivashenko who wrote: "I know most of my friends who see through all of this manipulative smokescreen, they did not go to vote at all. The polling booth was empty and the officials were manipulating the ballots, even my very own ballot was already marked "yes". I counted the number of people that actually came to vote...there were only 5 that voted. But the Odessa TV proclaimed that in this district over 90% of people came to vote for Kuchma!"

One of the TV stations called "Freedom" in Ukraine and their TV program "Democratic Steps in Ukraine" reported as to what happened in Lvov in the Western Ukraine. In one popular Cafe, a singer was singing songs in Russian. The young nationalists came up to him and demanded that he sing only in Ukrainian. The artist-singer refused then to oblige... then these hoodlums shot him dead right in front of the audience...with no consequences!

This is just one episode of the ongoing war against the Russian speaking population (which comprises more than 50% of the population of Ukraine) to speak only Ukrainian.

Even Russian classics are made to be taught in Ukrainian as a foreign language! Now in Kiev, where on the streets, on the buses and streetcars plus subway you constantly hear the Russian

language spoken by nearly everyone, there is not even one school remaining where the Russian language is taught to schoolchildren!

This is what is meant by Ukrainian "democracy"! ■

DRACONIAN LABOR CODE BEING ENACTED IN RUSSIA

On June 7th there was the first reading of the new labor code which is called in Russian "K-zot" being pushed through by Putin. This dangerous legislation will put back the labor laws a hundred years and its a fact that nearly 90% of the Russian population is not aware of its meaning or consequences. The Russian mass media is keeping an absolute silence on it.

The Russian Committee for the Defense of the Workers called "Defense" states that it's the IMF which is imposing this new labor legislation on all of Russia...the prerequisite if Russia wants anymore IMF loans. The leader of the trade union "Defense", Oleg Shein told the progressive press that this law being enacted is aimed directly at outlawing any trade union activity to keep the 8-hour day and a 40 hour week. With the new proposed law, workers will be expected work 12 hour days and 56 hour week.

The new law gives the privatized industries complete control over all production, working conditions, pay, without any consultations with the trade unions who are representing the workers. The employer can fire at will any worker. All employees will be on contract only for 2-3 months on end and thus the employer is not liable to any signed agreements that might be worked out. Thus the workers are completely at the mercy of the employer.

The Soviet law which guaranteed the women different work schedules to look after the children is now only history. The women and pregnant women shall be made to work at night. The

employer has the right to dwell into employees personal life, their political beliefs or their trade union activities. The time of black lists by employers will be a fact of life. Overtime will be demanded even if the worker is unable to do so due to studies or illness in the family. The workers will be under constant threat of dismissal if a workers refuses to sign such an agreement.

This drastic legislation was prepared by the ex-Prime Minister Kerilenko and the ex-director of Central Bank, Dubinin - as part of the global plans of IMF, following the financial crisis of 1998. All of the workers organization of Russia are firmly opposed to this legislation. Will their voices be heard in the Kremlin?

*Translated from French by
Dr. Adelard Paquin
from "Editions Democrite"* ■

ON THE UNITY QUESTION IN RUSSIA

At the meeting of the communist parties held in Moscow, the representatives of the Russian Communist Workers Party, Russian Party of Communists, Russian Communist Party-CPSU and the All Union of Communist Party of Bolsheviks, the General Secretary of AUCPB, Nina Andreeva outlined her party's proposal on the unity issue.



Nina Andreeva - AUCPB

After reviewing the reasons for the disunity amongst the anti-regime forces, and after analyz-

ing the positions of all the Communist parties in Russia that formerly constituted the **Russian Communist Union (Roskomsojuz)** Nina Andreeva General Secretary of the AUCPB proposed the following as the first step towards unity.

"It is only through unity of actions that can we arrive at a unified political position, then onwards to a unified ideology, and only then can complete unity take place and the birth of a unified CPSU.

In the meantime, the AUCPB proposes setting up as Coordinating Committee or a Consultative Council where every Communist party or movement that is struggling against the present regime can have an equal voice and plan concrete actions against the regime. These actions will help to solidify the unity desire in practice. These joint actions will also show as to who is it that is indeed dedicated to the abolishing of the present regime. All our joint programs and well planned joint actions will speak much louder than words.

Over the last 10 years we were disunited in our actions and this is not by chance, the bourgeoisie were very adapt in the method of "divide and rule". We must work with the working class, we cannot just talk to our selves or just act during these bourgeois elections. The working class sees this disunity and that is why their attitude to communists is as it is now, thanks to Zyuganov and many others like him. Overlooking some unhealthy attitudes by some comrades towards the AUCPB, we must work and plan actions together, not separately, but together. *There is no other course!*"

LENIN MONUMENTS BEING REMOVED

The present Ukrainian nationalist-fascist government is destroying all the monuments that were

erected to V.I.Lenin by the people. In the city of Suma in Western Ukraine, under the direction of local authorities and with the full connivance of the present Kuchma government, the Lenin monument, which was erected in 1980 on the 110th anniversary of Lenin's birth, was removed and destroyed.

During the night of May 11-12th the governor ordered huge cranes to come to take the Lenin monument away from the center of the city, where thousands of people always gathered to protest the present economic and political situation in the Ukraine. This deed was protested by thousands of people who besides also gathered thousands of signatures and appeals to the authorities, but all this proved of no use.

All over Ukraine the Kuchma government is on a campaign of demolishing all the monuments to V.I.Lenin

This is a sign of neo-fascism of the present Ukrainian nationalist regime. Adolph Hitler did the same thing during the Second World War in the USSR. You can destroy the monuments to Lenin but you cannot and will never destroy what Lenin stood for!

During these two nights the authorities closed off all the streets in the center of Suma, cordoned them off then surrounded them by three rows of riot police.

Then with batonswinging plus pepper spray, water cannon and countless arrests they dispersed the multitude of people, including veterans of the Union of Ukrainian Officers who with their medals bloodied were handcuffed and taken outside the city limits.

This criminal destruction of Lenin monuments are done especially so that the Ukrainian protesting working class would not have a symbol around which they can gather.

COMMENT

How long are the Ukrainian people going to suffer this humiliation? How long will it take the communist and socialist parties to join forces in order to defeat the present bourgeois regime of Ukrainian nationalists?

Here you see the Lenin monument in Suma during many meetings in the center of the city. Photo and story taken from the newspaper "Communist" organ of the CPU. ■



CAUCASUS - MORE BLOOD FOR



The following is gathered from materials published by Karen Talbot in USA.

Western Imperialism is the main cause of conflicts in the Caucasus together with the present connivance of the bourgeoisie in Russia and in all of the former Soviet republics.

AZERBAIJAN:

This oil state is on the west shore of the Caspian, and it is the very source of tremendous oil reserves. In order to transport the enormous amount of oil, it uses the pipeline built by the Soviets through Georgia and into Supsa Port in Turkey. The present Azerbaijan bourgeois government is building another pipeline, its destination is Turkey at Ceyhan. All of this involves building another pipeline to circumvent Russia. The Azerbaijan Minister of Defense Safar Abijev stated that: "NATO will resolve our conflict with Armenia!" Azerbaijan now is partner with NATO and held maneuvers within the "Partnership for Peace."

DAGESTAN:

Since the transport of oil through Chechniya has been interrupted by all the fighting, the Caspian oil has stopped flowing - giving the American and other imperialist states the open door to "solve" this bottleneck.

KARACHASY-CHERKASS:

Because Western oil interests are active here, they are sponsoring a growing movement that Karachasy-Cherkass should secede from Russia. And the fact that since the Cherkass have a large Diaspora in Turkey, Turkey is now very urgently stirring animosity and nationalism.

ARMENIA:

It is strategically situated in the shipment of oil and gas from the Caspian Sea.

Up till now, Armenia has been Russia's greatest ally and a move is afoot to halt this long-standing alliance and thus bring Armenia into the fold of Turke's ambitions and influence...the country that murdered over a million Armenians.

KAZAKHSTAN:

It has very huge petroleum deposits. Western oil companies are heavily involved here. Not wanting to transport the oil via existing pipeline going through Russia, there is feverish activity by Western oil interests to build a pipeline underneath the Caspian Sea which will make it possible to bypass Russia. US is pushing for this project very strongly.

TURKMENISTAN:

It has very large gas reserves. Another gas pipeline is going to be constructed to end up in-where else- but Turkey! Between these states there is also going a struggle of how to divide all the spoils...of course, USA interests are there to fan the flames.

China is involved also, having invested huge sums of capital in Turkmenistan, because China is now facing a shortage of gas in the very near future and has put its financial claim to the Caspian Sea deposits.

TADJIKISTAN:

This former Soviet republic is made up of many nationalities, with Tajiks having only 65% of the population. In 1992 turmoil, the Islamic Party of the Resurrection seized power and was supported by Iran. Then the Tadjik farmers revolted and took power in 1992 while the Islamic supporters fled next door to Afghanistan. These Islamic fanatics returned later, but this time supported by Pakistan in very neat American uniforms and all of the latest US technology. Civil war that followed took the lives of 200,000 casualties and 500,000 refugees.

This border is a major route for Afghan heroin and other contraband that flows into USA.

KYRGHYSTAN:

This former Soviet republic borders on China. Civil wars are now raging there, supported by mercenaries from Afghanistan and they include also Tajiks, Arabs, and Uzbeks.

UZBEKISTAN:

Internal and external conflicts with its neighbors regarding the important Fergana Valley. Uzbek soldiers are already training with US Paratroopers and troops of NATO. Large military maneuvers are held yearly by Uzbekistan and NATO.

The US role in Central Asia can be understood by this statement: "Stability is already a thing of the past in the strategic Fergana Valley (*extending through Tadjikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan*) -which is Central Asia's largest population center"- observed Barnett R. Rubin of the US Council of Foreign Relations. He made this statement to the Soros Institute web site:

"The international community, and the US in particular, are already engaged in Central Asia and Fergana Valley, looking for oil and gas, planning and building pipeline routes, pressuring the governments on their economic policies, trying to establish a security structure, trying to cooperate or displace Russia in many fields, including the military one!"

It is also interesting that China sponsored an important meeting with the heads of states of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tadjikistan in order to come to some understanding regarding territory, oil and gas.

The Group of Seven countries on the other hand are drawing up plans for their offensive for the Caucasus and the main key to their plans are Turkey with Georgia and Azerbaijan in its sphere of influence, plus Afghanistan and Pakistan which act as the basis for all Islamic fundamentalists whose main goal is to "chase the Russians from all of the Cauca-

sus"...this also now includes the Chechen separatists.

With many thanks to Pedro Castilho - Brazil

COMMENT

Another reason for the immediate unity of all the present progressive forces in Russia and for a common unified struggle of all the left-wing forces in the former Soviet Republics. Time has come for the constant disunity to cease... talk is very cheap...action brings results!

PUTINS REFORMS

By Victor Bourenkov
Russian student studying in
Wales, England

President Putin has announced an increase in the monthly minimal wage in Russia, from the current 83 rubles to 123 rubles per month and maybe other increases later on.

How generous of him! This is an act of total jeering at the Russian working class. These rates are below the subsistence minimum of even 1995. The annual inflation rate has been between 15 and 40 per cent in 1994-97, but during the 1998 crisis, the inflation rate rose by over 200 per cent.

There is going to be a new spiral of inflation, so that the announced increases will not reflect on the real value of wages at all,

The major focus of the left opposition movement is the new anti-labor legislation that is trying to be enacted by the present government. This new labor code is going to increase the work week from 48 hours to 56 hours per week and practically takes away all the trade union rights. Putin shall continue Yeltsin's reforms. With the current wages, the workers are forced to work more than 48 hours in order to subsist. This new legislation will transform the

workers into slave labor.

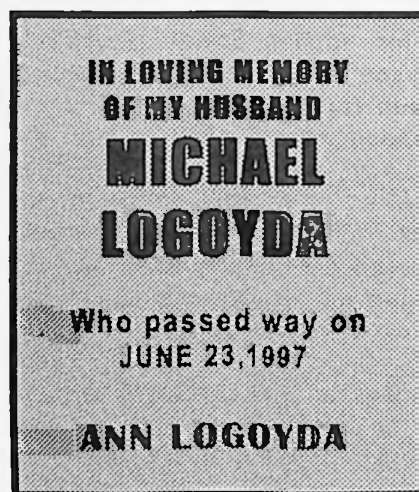
Besides all of this, the present government is ready to set a fixed rate of taxation of 13% regardless of income on all. This is outright robbery, making certain that the new bourgeoisie gets away with not paying taxes for the accumulated capital.

Another attempt by the Putin government is to raise the retirement age from the Soviet levels of men at 60 and women 55. Now they want to increase this to 65 years of age while male life expectancy has fallen down to 58 years. Should the pension age be increased to 65 years, the pensioners place in the pyramid will become unnoticeable.

Present reformers promised to achieve very high living standards. When the first dramatic drop in living standards in decades occurred in 1992, the bourgeoisie said that it was the "fault of the communists". When no improvement followed in 1993, they said that it was now due to the "transition". All the years that followed were the worst ever. They cannot explain it now in any words.

It will take the Russian proletariat to awake from its slumber and overthrow this oppressive regime!

With thanks to New Worker News ■



FROM NEWSPAPER
BOLSHEVIK STAVROPOLYA
RUSSIA

PSEUDO- COMMUNISTS

G.A.ZYUGANOV - CPRF LEADER

Pseudo-communist Zyuganov did not fulfill one election promise that he gave to the electorate. Even the reactionary bourgeois Chubais stated many times that Zyuganov does not want to be president. He sold out to Yeltsin in 1996 elections and lost all credibility in the impeachment of Yeltsin farce in 1999. Zyuganov could not win even if he tried since the IMF, WB and also NATO would not allow him de-facto to win...his use is to be presented as "loyal opposition". All the Yeltsin's media as once stated that "Communists shall never get into power through elections!" according to (ORT- TV program, 15.05/99).

Zyuganov is on par with Gorbachev and Yeltsin who sold out the USSR. Zyuganov, under Gorbachev was the Ideological Director of the CC CPSU.

Zyuganov supported in the Duma all the candidates that were proposed by Yeltsin.

Zyuganov is a great gift to Yeltsin and also to Putin. Yeltsin and Putin and the IMF needed Zyuganov as a sham candidate to present to the people that they have an opportunity "two candidates."

Doesn't Zyuganov know that in the USA you cannot be elected or run if there is no money or a force behind you and that a great majority of US workers do not go to vote? They already know the results. Zyuganov's appeal to the voters to come and vote was just a ruse - done in order to save the present bourgeois regime. People are beginning now to see through this clever charade of

Zyuganov, who is in cooperation with the present bourgeoisie regime. Mr. Gennady Zyuganov's authority after each election is going down. The results of the Russian Duma elections in 1999 and the presidential election in 2000 was a prime example.

GOVERNOR OF KEREMOVSK REGION, A.G.TULEEV - MEMBER OF CPRF

Pseudo-communist Tuleev in 1996 was a candidate for president of Russia. The aim was to guarantee the victory of Yeltsin against the candidate Zhirinovskiy and thus take away votes, crucial for Yeltsin's victory.

In 1997 Yeltsin brings Tuleev (*a communist?*) into the government in the Kremlin, as the Minister of Internal Affairs. It was a time of many great strikes by the miners, the barricades on roads and railways - the Russian militant miners were struggling and they were joined by other professions, including doctors and teachers. These strikes spread fast all across Russia and this movement was gaining speed as the wind for the Impeachment of Yeltsin

Yeltsin's government was in trouble and if it continued to go on, it was certain that his government would have fallen, since the campaign started by the miners involved the great majority of the Russian working class. Yeltsin immediately appoints Tuleev (*pseudo-communist*) as the Governor of that striking Kemerovo Region. The aim now was for this "*communist*" to diffuse the growing striking movement which was becoming more and more revolutionary. For the sell-out services of Tuleev (*who managed to undermine the Russian striking miners militancy*) gets a medal and financial gift from Yeltsin.

Tuleev also put his name up as a presidential candidate as a political ploy. Making a deal with powers that be, Tuleev was asked

after he withdrew his candidature, as to who is he going to vote for if a second round is necessary? He replied: "*Of course for Putin!*" Being a member of the CC CPRF and a great political buddy of Zyuganov...you can see that this arrangement between pseudo-communists Tuleev, Zyuganov and Zhirinovskiy plus Seleznev was really meant to fool the people.

G.N.SELEZNEV, CHAIRMAN OF RUSSIAN DUMA

During 1997 the Russian DUMA members started a campaign to not support Yeltsin's cronies such as Chernomyrdin. Vote was to be on October 21-22. At the motion by Zyuganov, this question was taken off the agenda of the Duma for discussion, even though before that it was adopted by a majority of votes in the Russian Duma vote. The main role played was by Seleznev, the Speaker of the Duma. Yeltsin of course appreciated this sell-out by awarding Seleznev a high medal plus-money remuneration. Looking on with vodka glasses in their hands were of course Messrs. Ryzhkov, Zyuganov, Nemtsov, Chubais and all with *smiles on their faces*.

On the 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution...these Zyuganovites sold their country again and the voters also.

After that victory, Yeltsin removed Mr.Chernomyrdin from the government, to be instead in charge of the privatized oil conglomerate. Yeltsin then appointed Kirienko as the Prime Minister. His candidature was twice defeated by the Duma, but on April 9,1998 Seleznev again came to the rescue of Yeltsin by demanding that everyone votes for Kirienko!

What is or was the lesson? These pseudo-democrats were only concerned about their personal welfare not about Soviet people! The authority of Seleznev after these events dropped sharply. He was

asked to be the Governor of the Moscow Region...and who do you think promoted his candidature? Putin of course! He knew a good "*pseudo-communist*" very well! But then again, Seleznev got promoted as the Speaker of the Duma by Putin and Yeltsin. He served Yeltsin loyally and now he serves Putin in the same way.

Well, Zyuganov, Tuleev and Seleznev fooled the people who believed that they were Communists! They now sit in their cushy chairs and help the bourgeoisie push through their policies, giving people the lying idea that the "*communists of the CPRF*" are agreeing and supporting these drastic measures.

As long as such pseudo-communists of Russia are in power, the genocide of the people shall proceed. To throw them out of the Russian government can only be done by a socialist revolution.

V.Mironov

Novokuban region of Krasnodon province



Is there "Such a Party?"

In June of 1917, Lenin, in answer to the statement that there is no party at that time that is ready to take over the reigns of government, answered: "*There is such a Party!*" Can the Communists of Ukraine today make such a statement? You can judge by the documents adopted by the XXVIII Congress of the Commu-

nist Party of Ukraine, which took place at the end of June.

In the main report, the First Secretary Peter Simonenko said that a new epoch has arrived for Ukraine, by this he meant the counterrevolutionary putsch which saw the coming to power of Kuchma to the post of president and the formation of the bourgeois Ukrainian nationalist regime and the last falsified referendum gave Kuchma absolute dictatorial powers. The raw and wild capitalism is now ruining the country. These Kuchma bourgeois reform have brought the Ukraine to its knees. Ukraine has now become a neo-colony of the West. Its a fact that in corruption, Ukraine is in third place in the world after Colombia and Bolivia. The underground private capitalist economy is gathering in 70% of all production and the outflow of capital to offshore banks is astronomical.

In death per capita of its population, Ukraine has the honor of being first in Europe. Every second person dying in Ukraine does not reach the given retirement age. Only during the years of the reign of Kuchma, the population of Ukraine has already dropped by 3,000,000 people.

The Communist Party of Ukraine is finding itself in a information media blockade, as do all other communist and workers parties. All the daily mass media is under the control of Kuchma, blackening all communists and socialism plus the former history of Ukraine during the time of the Soviet Union. In Western Ukraine (*the Ukrainian nationalist stronghold*) the communist parties are illegal. The elections are so manipulated and the buying of voters' so blatant and the terror and the informational terror is constant.

This makes the robbed masses afraid, disorientated, fooled, and trying to survive. Thus the attacks upon workers, trade unions, and the lowering of the standard of living is constant.

**Tell me who is your friend,
and I will tell you who you are.**

At the Congress, the guest-greeting speech came from Genady Zyuganov, leader of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF).

Simonenko's main report came under some criticism. The Second secretary of the Kharkov Regional CPU, Perepelitsa, stressed that our task is no to concentrate only on the election campaign but take steps towards a socialist revolution, not just preparations for many new elections. The chairman of the All Ukraine Union of Workers, Bondarchuk, emphatically stated that the government shall not be overthrown without a socialist revolution. The revolution in 1917 was successful because Lenin foretold that the idea of a socialist revolution must be united with the working class. Ukrainian workers are now only demanding economic payments. He also pointed out that without a revolutionary theory there cannot ever be a revolutionary movement. The vice-chairman from Moscow of the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU Lopatin said, that he was surprised that there was great lack of criticism or critical analyses of the main report by Simonenko of the CPU. He ended off by stating that it is not enough just to change the course, but the format must be different - a socialist format.

The struggle was also waged by the All Ukrainian Union of Workers who wanted the struggle to be carried out against all of the market economic reforms and involve the CPU internationally and in international solidarity against Imperialism. He urged that Communist Party of Ukraine should be active in the international movement against American imperialism, since just having socialism in one country is practically not possible in todays uneven fight against globalization.

In the discussion of the "*Political Statement*" there took place a bitter debate regarding private ownership of the means of production since in the Statement of the CPU, this private ownership was guaranteed. Neverthe-

less all of these proposals and resolutions were thrown out by the majority of delegates of the CPU.

To defeat the present bourgeoisie regime can only be accomplished by a socialist revolution! Is the Communist Party of Ukraine ready for this step? The Congress showed that the CPU is not that kind of a party. Simonenko in his attitude and his quality is a far cry from Lenin but very, very close to the policies of Zyuganov. It seems that the majority of the CPU members and the leadership is afraid of being forced to work semi or illegally. The privileges of the deputies to the Ukrainian Parliament from the CPU is fought for personally for the safe cushy jobs plus the high pay and perks. They want to just try to only improve capitalism by "*constitutional means*". Revolution will not guarantee these CPU deputies their soft and cushy parliamentary jobs. Kuchma threatens to disband parliament if they vote against any of his demands and he threatens to ban the party.

The left wing in the Communist Party of Ukraine is yet very weak, and is not supported by the majority of its members. It is under constant pressure and expulsion by the Kuchma clique.

Why does the Communist Party of Ukraine have such a character and overlooking the catastrophic situation of the Ukrainian people? This is due to the people themselves who haven't yet come out of their fog-like stupor of manipulation by the former CPSU leadership and also of the dismemberment of the USSR...which dispelled most of the revolutionary fervor from the people. Without a revolutionary zeal of the people there's no revolutionary party. But without a revolutionary party there are also no revolutionary masses. The understanding of the people shall produce leaders who are dedicated and who shall dedicate their lives to the people and the future of the Motherland. These coming leaders shall take into their hands the flag of revolution, they shall win and shall

organize the masses for the victory of socialism. A day is coming when in Ukraine and also in Russia there will be a slogan heard by all the people: "Yes, there is such a Party!"

Five years of struggle for the resurrection of the Motherland

The important part of the struggle for the resurrection of the Socialist Motherland is played by the press. One of the newspapers carrying on this constant struggle in Ukraine today is called "Soviet Volyn". Its materials often find their place also on the pages of "Northstar Compass" journal. Our newspaper just lately celebrated its 5th Anniversary. The name itself says it all as to what its policy is. We support and struggle for the principals of a Soviet State, we're fighting for the resurrection of our Socialist Motherland.



A newspaper - is not just only an information vehicle. On its pages the newspaper proceeds top talk and discuss with its read-

ers and also promotes Communist ideology. We also carry on a polemic with all those who take a stand against communist ideals. We are a tribunal from which our party talks to the readers who at this time are under constant attacks by all of these so-called "reformers".

Thanks to our readers the Volyn people of Ukraine do not forget the glorious history of the Soviet epoch. The newspaper is being published in the most difficult of conditions. It has no permanent office or the needed materials for publishing. The present bourgeois state made it more difficult to publish the newspaper due to great financial crisis. All of these ills are done especially against the opposition press. That is why we thank our volunteer workers who help to publish the newspaper.

We publish the statements and documents issued by the Communist Party of Ukraine and its leader Peter Simonenko. We also make available the pages of our newspaper to the First Secretary of Volyn district, V.Vorobey, and comrades such as P.Brel of Lutsk, A.Podkamennyk who is in Kovel, S.Litviniuk in Gc'ngov, V.Kulik in Ratno, M.Medvenko in Turijsk, P.Bushik in Liubeshvo and other comrades.

The photo shows the newspaper collective of "Radianska Volyn". Editor is on the right - V.Nakonechnyj



Our newspaper receives much valuable material from scientists, professors and historians such as V.Maslovsky, V. Herasymchuk, I. Grishaj and many others.

We also like to thank the Editorial Board: Editor V.Nakonechny, I.Kuzminsky, N.Lelikova, V.Pjatin, L.Denisiuk, V.Urin, M.Gasvriiuk, L.Sokol and G.Formaziuk.

We want to thank all of the Editorial Board of "Northstar Compass", especially its Editor Michael Lucas and Helen Lucas for her office expertise in dealing with subscribers and exchanges. We appreciate all the dedication of NSC towards the Soviet people and Socialism. We are very proud that we are in constant touch with our comrades.

If there are readers of Russian and Ukrainian who would like to receive regularly our newspaper "Soviet Volyn", you can just write to us at the following address:
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"Radianska Volyn".

Igor Kuzminski
Journalist and secretary of the newspaper

III CONVENTION OF RUSSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY-CPSU

On May 21 of this year the Third Russian Conference took place where the main report was given by A. Prigarin and the delegates discussed many problems and gave analysis of the present disastrous situation in Russia.

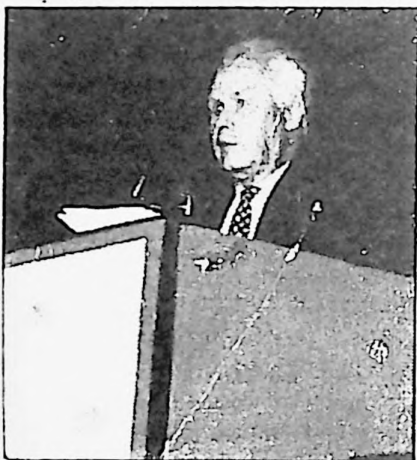
We herein give a condensed summary of the main points regarding the attitude of the RCP-CPSU to the Communist Movement inside of Russia.

* In the last two years the situation inside the Communist movement did not improve at all. We must admit that the communist movement is in a deep crisis. It is now divided ideologically; more

splitting tendencies; in great loss of membership and the fact that the Communists did not manage to get the majority of people to believe in the Communist program. Only about one third of the 80-85% of the voters vote for the Communist candidates

* The process of splits and new party formations in the communist movement has increased sharply. We feel that this splitting of the parties could be overlooked if into the party ranks would be a steady flow of new people, youth, trade unionists etc.

A. Prigarin, Leader of RCP-CPSU



* There is a very large outflow of members from the CPRF as also from the RCWP and others.

*The demand for Communist unification is heard from all quarters, but in our view we must start from "0" and that each party in this forthcoming Union must be guaranteed to carry on its own specific program.

*This Convention feels that the RCP-CPSU can play a vital role in this very necessary unification process. All the delegates of this Conference appeal officially to the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU (headed by Oleg Shenin) with the following requests:

-To allow into the membership our RCP-CPSU and other communist parties who wish to join, which up to now do not belong to this Union.

-To form a Bureau of the Council of UCP-CPSU including the leadership of the UCP-CPSU.

-To form in these parties a federate type format which would mean that each party that joins this Union shall be able to have its own autonomy. ■

FROM

COMMUNIST NEWS JOURNAL
KRIVVOJ ROG

We publish just a snippet from this theoretical journal which was part of the Statement by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union

"...In all of the former Socialist countries, where there took place a movement to "make better" socialism with capitalism, started by the local "nomeklatura" (which was a sign of a crisis), there is always unstoppable danger of a return to capitalism. This was the case and we see the present day results. Marx foresaw this development in the Communist parties if they are taken over by revisionists and enemies of socialism.

Therefore, Soviet communists and all communists of the world, must put on their agenda the rebirth of the CPSU, as a Leninist party of revolutionary action, the follower of the party of Bolsheviks and without any nomeklatura revisionists. Only such a party, born from the bottom up, must and will carry out its historical role - the resurrection of the Union of to the path of Socialism, because "to get out of the crisis cannot be done without going unto the road to socialism!"

What must we put on the road to block globalization in the third century? The answer is to have a globalized unity of the communist parties who struggle for socialism, taking lessons for our successes and also from our failures. After that, we should take a step forward towards coordination of all our work, mutual help, learning from each other and from lessons learned by the old Bolsheviks and their comrades.

Together we shall win, because there is no alternative to Socialism! ■

PRESENT DAY BOURGEOIS UKRAINE



-I do not eat meat, I do not drink, I don't smoke... I think that I will have to stop even eating bread...I cannot afford it!

From "Village News", Ukraine #53.

If you act like there is no possibility for change, you guarantee that there will be no change."

Noam Chomsky.

HOW TRUE!

FASCISM ON THE RISE

Below we reprint information that was on the Internet from Antifa Information Bulletin, J. Corlett, Kominform, Germany Alert 200, The Times magazine, The Guardian, The Sunday Telegraph and. Green Left Weekly

Alarms should have by now sounded throughout all of Germany long before the present German Nazi apologist Ernst Nolte was given the Konrad Adenauer Prize, one of the country's highest honors. Very thick file folders and burgeoning computer databases have for years been accumulating piles of facts that demonstrate that the German extreme right's increasing control over the former "center".

When the "center" reacted to the murderous attacks on foreign workers by German young people wearing swastikas, it was by deporting increasing large numbers of immigrants and changing the constitution to weaken the rights of asylum. When the tiny extreme right parties increased their share of the vote, the "center" reacted by adopting anti-foreign slogans and then passing still more laws against asylum seekers.

When voices both at home and abroad reacted to this coming out of Nazi German extremism, the "center" which included the main media, hissed with indignation. And when it was revealed that the Bundeswehr was being used as a forum for all the National Socialist apologists, the significance of this extremely disastrous development within the German armed forces was horrendously played down.

So when this Ernst Nolte was awarded the Adenauer Prize following his bizarre analysis that concluded that Nazi anti-Semitism had a "rational core" and also that Hitler served as a necessary opposition to Soviet "Bolshevism".

Warning came from some but, once again as before, no alarms were sounded. Germany's once praiseworthy weekly Die Zeit went to extraordinary lengths in playing down the outrageous award given by the Christian Democrat Deutschland Foundation, asserting even that Nolte's winning of the prize is evidence that Nolt is being pushed "a further step into the background." Does Die Zeit mean that if Nolte had not won the Adenauer Prize he would be even more center stage than he is now?

The timing of the prize was particularly delicate because this is a period of some intellectual ferment in Europe. The success of the Austrian rightist Jorg Haider in steering his own Freedom Party into the government has emboldened the right.

A few days after receiving the prize, Nolte was greatly applauded in Paris where he again explored the thesis about Hitler and the Jews.

The emerging boldness and activity of the German right extremism is seen when the German police seized pipe bombs and explosives and thwarted an attack against the offices used by the German communists and left wing groups.

Before, neo-Nazi groups concentrated on beating up or killing foreigners, such as Alberto Adriano, 39, from Mozambique who was attacked by the skinheads and kicked to death. More than 100 foreigners were killed since Germany was reunited.

Some bars frequented by left wing students and Communists are targeted by these neo-Nazis with bombs or with clubs, such as happened in a Berlin pub called the Plague Dog.

Neo-Nazi literature is more and more frequently distributed, calling for an "armed struggle for the

capital of the Reich". The German neo-Nazis are now combining their operations with other Nazis in Sweden, Britain's Combat 18 and other European and American right-wing groups.

Sweden seems to be the model for neo-Nazi tactics. They target activists, like the trade unionist of the IG Metal Engineering Union. A picture of the trade union leader was hung over the bridge on a main highway saying: "Reward DM 10,000-dead or alive". The trade union leader now is wearing a bullet-proof vest. They (these neo-Nazis) urge their followers to become "martyrs" such as Michael Berger, who killed 3 German policemen before shooting himself. Police found machine guns, rifles, grenades, ammunition in his flat.

In Austria, the right-wing politician Jorg Haider is credited with pushing through parliament a bill that allows the Austrian government to control all television and radio networks and allow snooping on private citizens by the security services and the military.

Just lately the Russian police had to disperse over 150 young Nazi hoodlums wearing swastikas and attacking the left in Moscow.

COMMENT

The above is a warning sign which the progressive movement the world over cannot ignore, including all the Communist parties inside of the former Soviet Union. Squabbling as to who is more "pure" in Marxism is a luxury that no one can afford. The signs of danger are there, fueled by Imperialism and, to ignore it is tantamount to treason!

WARNING TO LABOR TRAITORS!

Agust Bebel, famous German Social-Democratic labor leader said in 1867:

"When I hear reactionary press giving praise to a labor leader, I at once ask myself a question: "What crime have I committed against my fellow workers that the enemy should praise me?"

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

By CHRISTOPHER BLACK

Christopher Black is a well known Canadian lawyer who concludes that the "ICTY is itself a crime against peace, as its main purpose is to justify war...this is not a judicial body worthy of any international respect but a kangaroo court, a bogus court, with a political purpose, serving very powerful and identifiable masters....."

The indictment of Slobodan Milosevic for the alleged war crimes raises important questions about the impartiality and, also ultimately, the purpose of the International Criminal Tribunal. For many centuries, the independence of judicial bodies has been considered one of the fundamental precepts of the question of justice. As Lord Hewart stated in 1924, it is "...of fundamental importance that justice should not only be done, but should manifestly and undoubtedly be seen to be done." It also has been said that there is nothing more important than public administration of

justice. But in the case of the International Criminal Tribunal a compelling argument can be made that private justice has replaced public justice, that even the appearance of fundamental justice has been replaced by an open contempt for justice.

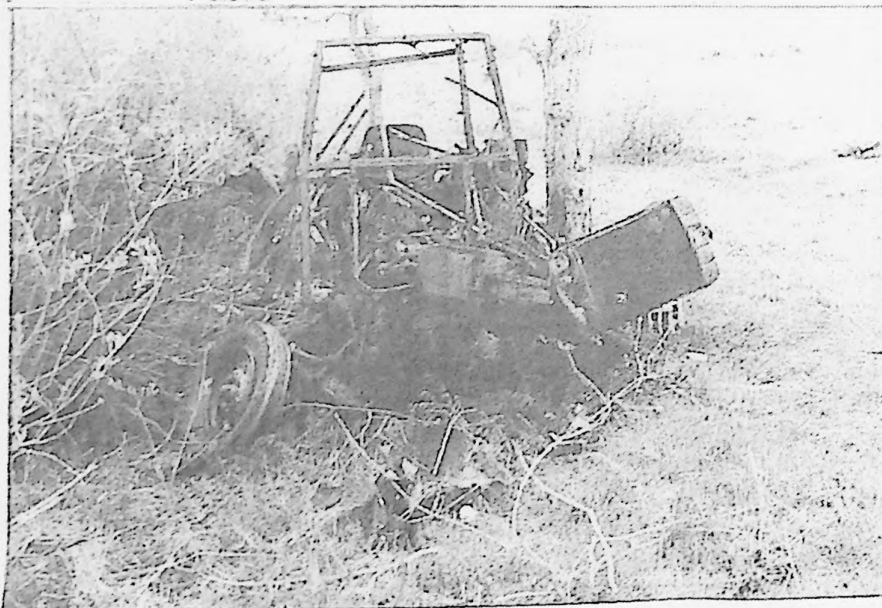
It is clear that at the beginning the American, British, French and German interests were behind the creation of the Tribunal and worked behind the scenes in order to help create it. They first considered doing so in regards to Iraq and Saddam Hussein, during the Gulf War. The idea apparently originated with the United States Department of the Army, which fact alone should tell you something about its true purpose. The rhetoric used to justify

The photographs in this article are taken from the "NATO Crimes in Yugoslavia" Book 1, 1999, published in Belgrade, as a Documentary Evidence.

such a body to the general public was of course heavily seasoned with concerns for "human rights": the "dignity of the individual", "genocide" and "democracy".

However, they had a problem. It was generally agreed that no such tribunal could be created without the mechanism of a treaty which had to be ratified by all those affected by it. There was no time to create such a treaty with respect to Hussein so other methods were used to put pressure on the Iraqi government. But between 1991 and 1993, the use of an international criminal court as a means of affecting policy was to be created by the members of the Security Council, instead of a signed treaty, it was pushed by those four countries. A draft treaty to create a truly international criminal court, one which applied to all states, the last in a long list of attempts dating way back to 1890's, was put together. But its ratification has not taken place as several important world powers and particularly the United States, refused to sign it for fear of being caught in its web. For thirty years the United States has tried to block such a treaty. It opposes universal jurisdiction and it opposes an independent prosecutor. It wants any prosecutions to go through the Security Council which is subject to its right of a veto. In fact, Jesse Helms, the rabid conservative US senator said that such a treaty, if presented to a US Congress for ratification, would be "dead on arrival". It would seem that the treaty is itself nothing more than a window dressing to satisfy the

Farmers on tractors were targeted plus animals in the fields.





general public that the nations of the world really care about human rights and war crimes in order to complement the rhetoric about it. For without ratification by the major powers it is a dead letter. The United States remains stubborn in its opposition to this treaty, but then it has more to worry about than most countries.

The next opportunity to try this experiment was on Yugoslavia. In order to accelerate the break up of that country into quasi-independent colonies, principally of Germany and USA, it was necessary to discredit its leadership. An effective propaganda weapon in such an exercise is of course a tribunal with an international character which the public will accept as a neutral instrument of justice but which is controlled for political ends.

The Tribunal was created by the UN Security Council in the Resolution 808 and 827 in 1993. Both resolutions stated that the situation in Bosnia at that time, constituted a threat to international peace and security and that a tribunal to prosecute war criminals would help to restore peace. It all sounds very nice until one realizes that there was no basis for the characterization of the situation in Bosnia as a threat to international peace. It

was a civil war (*partly controlled by the very same countries which wanted to control such a tribunal*). But the members of the Security Council had to characterize it that way, otherwise the members of the Security Council had no justification to act. The setup for this UN characterization was Resolution 688 in 1991 which the Security Council stated... that disregard for human rights constitutes a threat to international security and can no longer be treated as an internal matter. This reinterpretation, this revision of the UN Charter, which in fact undermines the very basis of the Charter itself, was forcefully advocated by the German rightwing Foreign Minister Genscher in many speeches he gave to the German parliament and to the Canadian parliament in Ottawa and by the British, French and of course American ministers, in the speeches and memorandums to each other.

The role of Russian and Chinese representatives in the UN Security Council was a very shameful capitulation to Western imperialists...instead of using their Veto power, they willingly succumbed to Western manipulation!

Take a look at these photographs!. Mangled bodies, private homes, schools, cultural centers were targeted. The documented photo evidence shall be used to sentence the war criminals responsible. Humanity cannot let these crimes go unpunished!

Chapter VII of the UN Charter requires that there has to be a threat to peace or an act of aggression before the Security Council can make use of its special powers that is set out in that Chapter. It meant a threat to international peace not to national peace. In that document there is nothing mentioned of all of this, just a vague reference of the collapse of the socialist block and the imperative to establish a new world order. The Chapter of the UN states that the UN cannot authorize any intervention that is within the domestic jurisdiction of any state. It is now a fact that the permanent members of the UN Security Council (USA, England, France, Russia and also China) hold an opposite view to that of the UN Charter. Russia and China voted for the creation of the International Tribunal in return for promises of economic consideration and with a view in future to control the smaller states within their own spheres of interest.

In light of these facts the Security Council's authority to create such a tribunal is in my view more than questionable. That it was created is to be credited to Madeleine Albright, who used some effective persuasion with the Russian and Chinese members to vote for the creation of this Tribunal.

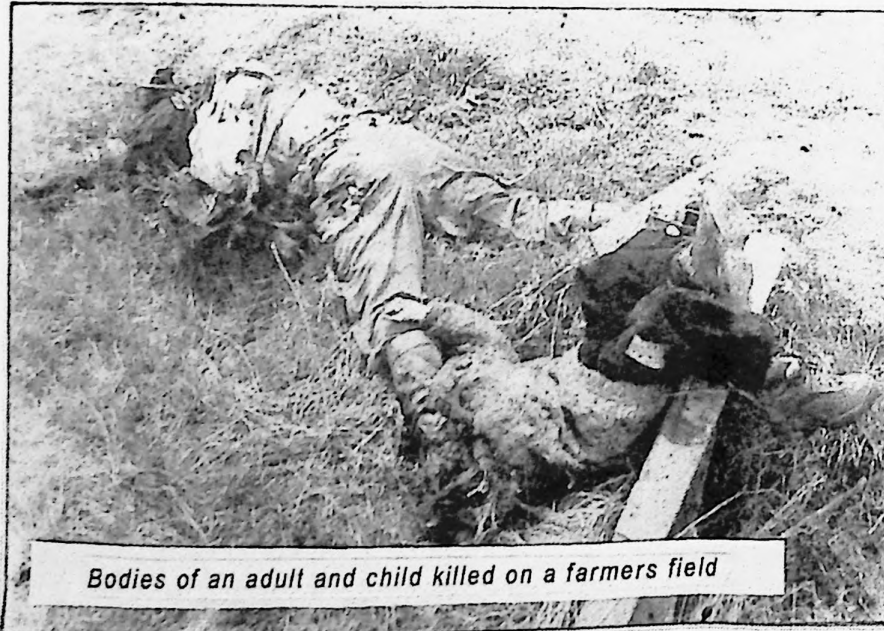
Yugoslavia thus became the first experiment in using the quasi-judicial international body to attack the principles of sovereignty. As the Americans have learned so well in the past, the



The body of Milica Stojanovic killed by a cluster bomb in village of Ljubiste



Bodies pulled from the debris of a house #27, on Vuk Karadzic St. in the town of Aleksinac

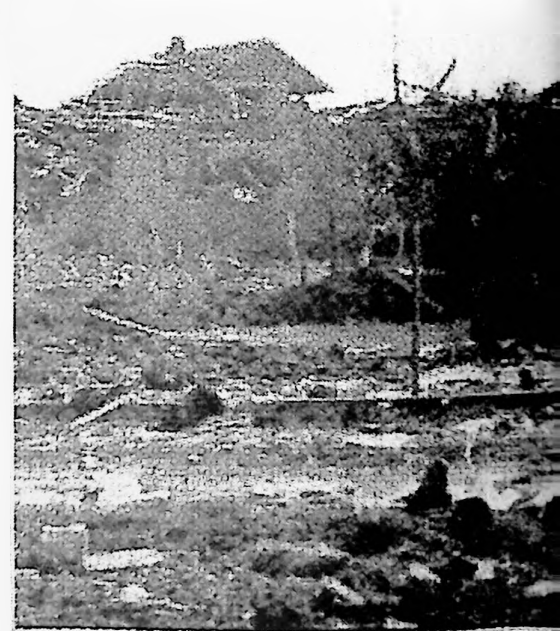


Bodies of an adult and child killed on a farmers field

best way to get your people behind you as you proceed to break up another country, economically and militarily, is to get them to hate all those in power in that country. The Serb leadership was targeted, and then transformed into caricatures of evil. There were many comparisons to Hitler, a comparison used with surprising frequency by the United States against a long list of nations it has attacked in the last 50 years. Hussein was compared to Hitler, also declared a madman, all at the same time.

The Tribunal was the creation of these particular governments.

In a Statement to the Secretary General of the United Nations at that time, Mr. Boutros-boutros Ghali on January 21, 1994 by Antonio Cassese, which stated the following: *"The political and diplomatic response (to the Balkans conflict) takes into account the exigencies and the tempo of the international community. The military response will come at an appropriate time."* In other words, the Tribunal considered a political response. He went on to state, *"Our Tribunal will not be simply "window dressing" but a decisive step in the construction of a new World Order"*.



We often hear the referral to Madeleine Albright as "*Mother of the Tribunal*"... then Bill Clinton is the "*Father*". Louise Arbor the appointed Prosecutor reported to Bill Clinton two days before a public announcement was made that the Tribunal has indicted Milosevic as a war criminal, which is a very blatant violation of her so-called "*independence*". Albright and Arbor both have stated that they rely on NATO for support, financing and investigations, whose governments have a great interest in undermining of the Yugoslav leadership.

This "*impartial*" Tribunal has received substantial funds from individual states, private foundations and also corporations in violation of Article 32 of the UN Charter. Most of the money has come directly from US government, such as cash donations, logistics, computers and staff.

That same year (1996) the Open Society Institute, established and funded by the billionaire George Soros, to bring "*openness*" to the former Eastern Block countries, gave hundreds of thousands, plus the money from Rockefeller family, through their Rockefeller Foundation plus corporations like Time-Warner, Discovery Products and others. It is also important to know the facts that Mr. Soros funds the Albania KLA newspaper in Pristina.

The Tribunal also received huge funds from USA's Institute for Peace and its Outreach Proj-

ect...and this Institute for Peace was established already in 1984 by President Ronald Reagan and all of its Board of Directors is appointed by the President of United States. Besides, funding is also done by the American Bar Association which is promoting the replacement of Socialist legal system with that of free market ones.

The new Prosecutor of the International Tribunal, Carla Del Ponte, on September 30, 1999 thanked the director of the US FBI for assisting the Tribunal. Of course this Tribunal shall not in-



Residential homes such as these were bombed in city of Cuprija

investigate or prosecute the crimes committed by NATO or the war crimes committed by such as Clinton, Schroeder, Chirac, Blair, Chretien etc! Why not?

We speculate correctly when we consider that the last prosecutor, the Canadian Louis Arborwho was asked to investigate the NATO leaders for their war crimes, accepted a job from one of them, the Prime Minister of Canada. Jean Chretien made her a member of the Supreme Court of Canada, a great lifetime appointment as her earned reward for handing down the indictment against Milosevic, despite any lack of evidence. This lack of evidence was even confirmed by the Spanish and also the Canadian RCMP officers who recently returned from Kosovo where they found not a shred of evidence to indict Milosevic!

Any "prisoners" that this Tribunal gets into their hands are considered guilty first...the arrest is automatic and this Tribunal has its very own jails and prosecutors. There is absolutely no bail. The rules that this Tribunal has installed would be thrown out from a law court in any country's civil and even a criminal case.

Perhaps the most dangerous rule of this US supported Tribunal is the Rule 92 that states that any "war criminals" they catch, all the confessions shall be presumed to be free and voluntary unless the contrary is established (by the prisoner). Just think - presumed to be free and voluntary after 90 days at the mercy of the military police and prosecutors? Almost every other court in the world presumes the opposite or, because of the very notorious unreliability of confessions made in police custody they are moving to prohibit their use entirely. The present Tribunal goes back to the days of the State Chamber and the justice

of the 13th century.

There is even a section which permits the NGO organizations and supporters of this Tribunal, such as those sponsored by Soros, to give their own version of "evidence:" in order to gain a conviction!

No citizen of the world would consider themselves fairly tried by such a Tribunal or under such laws!

Will Slobodan Milosevic receive a fair trial if he is taken? Will the leaders of NATO, ever be investigated or indicted for war crimes committed in the brutal attack on all the civilian population of Yugoslavia, as my colleagues in Canada, South and Central America, Spain, Norway, Greece, Britain, United States have requested? As the English say...the proof is in the pudding. Our requests to this Tribunal have met with empty words and no action. We made the request in order to bring to the attention to the world of the world crimes committed by NATO. We believe that we have succeeded in that. If we have not succeeded in bringing to justice the war criminals of NATO, it is because we have exposed the political nature of this Tribunal instead. It is all of us to act on this knowledge.

COMMENT

It is heartbreaking to read what is being manipulated in all of the capitalist daily media in order to hoodwink the people of the world about the tragic situation in former Yugoslavia. It is also unbelievable the actions of the Russian and Chinese representatives on the UN Security Council. Also, are there no lawyers in these two countries that have the guts and dedication to join the other world lawyers who are exposing this NATO-USA criminal action and the terrible farce of this International Tribunal?

POLISH FARMERS DECLARE WAR ON EUROPEAN MEMBERSHIP

Thousands of Polish smallholders claim that they are being pushed to the wall in the Warsaw government's rush to negotiate with Brussels on entry to the European Union.

Polish politicians are embracing this entry but the farmers are furious since it will wipe out their livelihoods.

"Polish agriculture is already ruined" said one farmer, Stanislaw Bojkovski, 67, who tills now 50 acres near Augustow.

The European Union Commission finalizes the plans for entry of Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Estonia, Slovenia and Cyprus. Most of the Polish fields around Augustow are now nearly a wasteland.

"Farming was worthwhile under Communism, but Warsaw's European Union madness is driving us out of farming business" continued Stanislaw Bojkovski. He is not alone! According to estimates compiled by the Polish Peasant's Party, only 600,000 of the country's 2,000,000 farms will survive the process of joining the EU. Yet, Warsaw's present liberal-conservative government is adamant that Poland must join EU as soon as possible.

"The money I get from selling wheat and potatoes hardly makes it worthwhile. The bulk of my income comes mostly from my old age pension" he said again.

Another farmer, Mieczyslaw Suchocki told the reporter that: "In the 1980's my 74-acre farm was subsidized by the state. A single tobacco crop I produced made me enough money to buy a new car." Now the terms of how much can be grown by Polish farmers will be set by the multinational British and American Tobacco Company. All of our drying equipment for the tobacco crops must be bought from this com-

pany at extremely high prices. The collapse of all small-scale farming (*instead of collective or state farms, as it was before*) is a dilemma faced by all the EU candidate countries, but very acute in Poland, where over 26% of the working population is in agriculture.

The Peasant Party spokesman, Roman Jagielinski demands that the farmers be subsidized by Poland and also by EU in Brussels. But Brussels so far has turned a deaf ear to this plea.

The anger of the Polish farmers boiled over last year, when the militant agricultural worker's union (*Self-Defense*) staged country-wide militant protests against the flood of cheap EU imports. This persuaded Warsaw to temporary ban all imports and raise the amount paid to the home-grown products.

"Poland is not being treated as a partner by the EU. We are simply being used by the transnational corporations as a dumping ground for all of their surplus products", said Andrej Lepper, who is running as a presidential candidate this fall in Polish elections.

Two-thirds of all the farmers said that they will take part in future militant actions of protests.

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NAZI CRIMES ON THE RISE IN GERMANY

FROM
"GEGEN DIE STROMUNG"

Revolutionary Communist Party of Germany

Nearly unnoticed by the public, the Nazis today in Germany are committing all of their murderous crimes. The Nazi movement has gained strength and has consolidated its activities in the last few months and years and the future for Germany is bleak if all this racist nationalist Nazi terror in

Germany is not stopped.

The state apparatus of German imperialism with its huge array of policemen, judges, attorneys and the bourgeois press...they all hush up and play down all of this. The fact that in Germany now, the Nazis beat to death, slay, stab or even burn people alive whom they consider as their "enemies", that they again and again desecrate Jewish cemeteries and sully the synagogues - all of this is barely worth a headline anymore.

All of these maneuvers have proven to be not without effects, unfortunately even among the progressive forces and all of this terrible "habituation effect" is making itself felt.

In order to break this vicious circle, all of the revolutionary forces must face the task and declare total war to this "German condition" and fight against this terrible power of partial acceptance, passivity and resignation.

WORKERS OCCUPY PLANT FOR FIVE WEEKS!

When the workers of the Alcatel Kabelwerk (cable factory) in Berlin/Neukolin learned at the end of August that their factory with 170 employees is to closed at the end of 1999, the workers got fed up at this latest attack on their families and they occupied their factory, took all of the finished products and sold them on the open market. After nine months of struggle the workers won and above all, gained the experience for all of the future struggles.

Considering the weakness of organized labor in Germany all of the Communists in such conditions must be very effective in explaining that the owners cannot just dispose of the workers at will. ■

MICHAEL
MOUNAYER



The USA & Israel Two Faces of the Same Coin

The terrific American-Zionist media campaign is now trying, as it usually does, to purposely misguide the world public opinion, in general, and also the Arab public opinion in particular, by labeling Syria as the party who aborted the Geneva Summit. The Imperialist-Zionist mass media apparatus and the American and Zionist officials are still alleging that "the ball is in Syrian playing ground".

But Syria, who declared her national stand and invariables and always clung to them, knows well the style of the rejected accords and deals imposed by improvisation or yearning for any solution, or even by disregarding the original cause of the conflict and the enemy nature, or the great admiration shown to the "sponsor or mediator" plus the supposition that such improvisation and yearning shall be rewarded, maybe just for the colour of their eyes? But bitter reality taught us that the USA attached importance only to those who cling to their national rights. But such clinging augments the USA grudge against them and makes its endeavor to hit them with all means, open or clandestine.

This Syrian national firm stand,

backed by the masses, might be the reason for the Imperialist-Zionist constant calumny campaigns against Syria who stopped a series of concessions by the Arabs in such a way that deservedly became the defender of the legitimate Arab rights in spite of the destabilization of the balance of forces that Syria is facing on both regional and also international levels.

On the eve of the Geneva Summit, the Syrian people didn't have any illusions at all about the American stand. The Syrian people know, more than any other people, that since the creation of the Zionist entity, all of the American administrations, and now particularly Bill Clinton Administration, were, still are, and shall always remain, very close or even similar to any government in the Zionist Israel State. In case of variations between the stands of Washington and those of Tel Aviv, such variations are limited to tactics but not strategy. They are almost a miniature of the differences between the: "Likud, the Labour and all of the so-called "left and right" forces now in Israel.

Therefore, the Syrian people will not grieve for the failure of the Geneva Summit. Such failure was due to the blackmail that the USA President Bill Clinton, exercised on behalf of the Barak government in order to budge the Syrian party from its national interests, and to open a gap in the Syrian steadfastness wall, then strike at any resistance to the occupation and make all the Arab masses disappointed from the futility of the steadfastness slogans, land liberation and determination to confront the Imperialist-Zionist alliance. When such an alliance is dedicated for weakening the Syrian people's steadfastness which is rejecting the separate deals policy, under the pre-

text of "good faith", showing, it is normal that the Syrian reply on what President Clinton presented, on behalf of Barak of Israel, was that *"Syria absolutely rejects to concede a single atom of the Golan soil or any national rights. Israel should know that there shall be no peace, no deliberations and no dialogue without the acceptance of returning the whole land occupied completely"*.

The Syrian national policy rightly deserves our support because it asserts that the national sovereignty concept does not mean only the return of the occupied territories, but it also includes also other factors pertaining to security, economy, culture, history and geopolitics. Therefore, Syria's insistence on simultaneity in discussing all of the disputed elements, all at once (*giving central priority to the file of the full Israel pull back to the 1967 borders, according to the Syrian formula: "Full withdrawal for Full Peace within the framework of the international legitimacy and international law without imposing any form of normalization on the masses of our people"*) was and still is supported by the peace loving forces all over the world.

The major aim of the American-Zionist alliance is to achieve a comprehensive hegemony over the region, politically, militarily and also economically. Therefore, there is no room for any possibility of a neutral or honest role by Washington for solving the Arab-Zionist conflict. Thus, our people realize that the Syrian negotiator is dealing with a two-headed opponent. The two heads are combined by one strategy that should be aborted on the Arab level by:

1. Establishing a minimum limit of Arab solidarity and backing the Syrian effort for activating the Arab-Islamic coordination to face Americanization dangers such as

(*globalization*).

2. Halting all forms of normalization with the Zionist enemy and exposing all of the forces which promote the so-called "Cultural Dialogue" between the Arab and Zionist intellectuals.

3. Extending unlimited support to the Lebanese Patriotic Resistance and to steadfastness of the free people of the Golan and in the occupied Arab Palestinian lands. Ehud Barak's compulsion to withdraw from South Lebanon will form a political, diplomatic and military victory for the brave Resistance, supported by Syrian unlimited and declared support.

4. The popular masses are the base for the Syrian steadfastness against the Imperialist-Zionist alliance. These masses are the means for triumphing over the enemy, by war or by peace, today and forever. No one has the right to confiscate the future of the present Arab generations and the posterity and their right to obtain their legitimate rights whatever the sacrifices are.

The reason of the Racist-Zionist malice against Syria is that she repeatedly asserted, before the Arabs who are trotting towards a settlement, that *"if we can not achieve victory now, we are not going to bequeath defeat to the posterity"*.

The reason for the calumny campaigns and black mail against Syria, after the Geneva Summit, is the rejection by His Excellency President Hafez al-Assad of Syria to Barak's new conditions, conveyed by USA President Clinton, and, consequently, Syria's rejection to join the club of Arab trotters and capitulatists who gave and continue giving the enemy everything without any limit! But the Arab masses assert, by our martyrs blood and the steadfastness of the fighters and resisters in the Arab homeland, that the trotters concessions cannot solve

the Arab-Zionist conflict and its quintessence, which is the Palestinian cause. But they will drive the region to calamities no one knows all of their dimensions. With such calamities, all compliance agreements, sponsored by Uncle Sam, and their signatories will go down.

The American-Zionist alarmism of the dangers of Geneva Summit failure will not intimidate the heroic Syrian people because they, throughout all times were, and still are, well aware of their unmasked and also declared enemy. They also know how to resist and triumph in the most ferocious fights against the forces of oppression and old and new forms of colonialism.

From Nidal Al-Sha'abu (People's Struggles) Organ of the CC of The Syrian Communist Party



SITUATION IN ECUADOR

By RAPHAEL MARTINEZ

The Ecuadorian reality is viewed within the framework of the objective conditions of the whole Latin America.

First, there is an economic crisis. The economies of all of these countries are dependent on the American dollar. This makes it very hard for them to fight against globalization. According to The Economic Commission for Latin America, it foresees a 2.5% fall in the National Internal Product of the region for year 2000. The gap between the rich and the poor is worsening. The working class has been badly hit, the middle class also, while the youth have no future even with education. Now the emigration is extremely high amongst the poor. Unemployment is horrendous in Latin America. Official figures state that Ecuador

has over 18% unemployment. The main problem is underemployment which embraces over 50% of all the working population. Teachers have an average wage of \$80 per month, workers about \$70. The poverty level (officially) is set at \$170.00 monthly.

In Ecuador 6 children per thousand die at birth. Life expectancy is only 66 years. The population in large cities are packed into inhuman-like conditions. Diseases that were cured in the 19th century have now reappeared and are devastating the population.

The peasants migrate to all the cities, exasperating the already serious conditions there.

The indigenous people in Ecuador are the poorest of the poor and the most humiliated...this is prevalent in all the Latin American countries.

In the past, fascist military regimes were established there, but now they were supplemented by the new bourgeois parties. The

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crisis is very profound because the Oligarchy is incapable of ruling directly and openly, they have to conceal themselves and avoid confrontation with all of the popular masses.

The natural resources have been sucked up by the foreign imperialists. The national bourgeoisie supports globalization, assisting all international capital against the national capital. This has now resulted in the de-industrialization of Latin America. Free trade, the operating of national markets have ruined the national industry and the economy overall. The national industry has been taken over by international monopolies.

The Indian (indigenous) movement in Latin America and especially in Ecuador is standing up and ready to fight. The trade union movement is bearing led by dedicated people. The industrial working class is very small here, but it is not true in Brazil, Mexico or Argentina.

The student movement in Ecuador, Venezuela and Brazil is unified. In Havana a Latin American congress was held of students with over 6,000 delegates. The working class movement is weaker due to the anti-Communist propaganda. Political struggles on a mass scale have become a reality.

The collapse of the Soviet Union seriously affected not only the revisionist parties, but also the popular movement in general, since the real essence of the Soviet state was not perceived by everyone. The bourgeoisie tries to convince the popular movements that socialism has collapsed. In Ecuador the revisionist party has collapsed. Almost all revisionist parties have collapsed or are very weak. One example is the Chilean party. In the Dominican Republic the revisionist party has renamed itself, etc. The collapse of the Soviet Union has had an ideological confusion. In most Latin American countries there has arisen a movement for the unity of the popular movement. One of the main reasons as to why

the uprising in Ecuador failed, was the lack of unity. Unity is also badly needed in Colombia.

This January was the crucial climax of the struggles in Ecuador. All political forces were active. The demands of the masses were very militant and advanced, demanding the resignation of the president and for new elections. The Patriotic Front proposed a government of national unity made up of all forces of the popular movement, the left political parties, the unions, sectors of the army and the church that sided with the people, besides representatives of the middle class and petty producers in the countryside.

The weakness was that this Popular Front was convinced that they would take over. Unfortunately the leaders did not think that there would be shootings, tortures, assassinations, death threats plus administrative sanctions...organized on a Fascist-type militia units to destroy the results of the election.

Despite all of the above, the people are increasing their mobilization every day, gaining confidence and their will to win. The political consequences of all of this is the deepening of the chasm which separates the rulers from the ruled. The lesson learned will be remembered for the future struggles.

FEATURE ANALYSES

SOCIALIST CUBA: THE HOPE OF THE PLANET

By DAVE SILVER

The nature of the relentless and continuing colonial and imperialist domination of Cuba by Spain and the United States, especially since 1898 changed dramatically with the triumph of the Cuban Revolution in 1959. The imperialist culture to the North was driven out militarily, economically, politically and culturally. However the imperialists, fearing that a new humane and just model for the overwhelming masses of the Cuban people would not be good for exploitation and their super profits, used new methods of destabilizing the new Cuba. On October 8, 1987, on the 20th anniversary of the death of Ernesto Che Guevara, Fidel said that Che "was totally opposed to using the developing capitalist economic laws and categories in building socialism." Che advocated that the "building of socialism and communism is not just a matter of producing and distributing wealth, but is also a matter of education and consciousness."

It then becomes apparent why

Cuba, a beacon of internationalist solidarity for oppressed peoples worldwide, became anathema not only to the transnational corporate ruling class and their political puppets in Wall Street, Western Europe and Tokyo, but also to those who rejected Marxism for more pragmatic philosophies; liberals, neo-liberals, neo-Marxists, anarchists and various trends within social democracy. Those who have never recognized a really existing socialism, who have embraced opportunism, were not prepared for the Defense of the Revolution, the People's Assemblies, the voluntary work or the use of moral incentives which were later modified under the pressures of the USA's imperialist Blockade - an act of war - according to international law. No these folk could not accept Revolutionary Cuba's attempts at creatively applying Marxism-Leninism.

The revisionists and opportunists plus the terrorist acts, over flights, besides the CIA funded

Radio Marti, assassination attempts of Fidel and the support for counter-revolutionaries in and outside of Miami. No, they call for "free elections" bourgeois style, which offers the lesser of 2 evils to the masses. Or they call for freedom for "dissidents", another careful code word that masks their counter-revolutionary acts within Cuba and connections to the western imperialist sources. Some, like the former Chief of the US Interests Section in Havana, Wayne Smith, calls for an end to the "embargo" (a more benign term) not because Cuba is a sovereign state which first and foremost means the right to self determination, including the right to build socialism. NO! He and his ilk want to end the Blockade for ulterior motives, namely to bring a little bit of Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" and "glasnost" to the island. In short, they, like the gusanos, look to a smooth "post Castro transition", meaning a post socialist Cuba.

Cuba's nationalization and collectivization under the guidance of the Communist Party was a political and economic declaration of war against all of the capitalist countries and their financial representatives at the IMF and World Bank. Cuba's very staunch international solidarity includes supporting the armed struggles in Angola, to providing doctors and training university students from many other countries. This too is deeply hated by those who would like to bring the "benefits" of gangsterism, corruption and poverty now "enjoyed" by the Russian people. All those whom Brecht called the "intellectual pimps" for the bourgeoisie belittle the heroic accomplishments of a Socialist Cuba under siege, such as safeguarding the high standard of health, total education and literacy services, while seeing to it that no one goes hungry or is homeless.

Does this mean that this beacon and alternative model to the "free market" has solved all basic social, political and also economic questions? Of course not!

In his eulogy honoring Che, Fidel asks: "what are we rectifying?" Self-critically, including his own mistakes, he says that "We're rectifying all those things - and there are many - that strayed from the revolutionary spirit, revolutionary work, and revolutionary responsibility; all those things that strayed from the spirit of solidarity among people. We're rectifying all the shoddiness and mediocrity that is precisely the negation of Che's ideas, his revolutionary thought, his style, his spirit, and his example." Of course Fidel had in mind a developing bureaucracy and as well as technocrats plus some intellectuals that never appreciated the fact that while there may be some compromise in dealing with other states and Parties, there could never be a compromise of the fundamental ideological underpinning of the Cuban Revolution - Marxism-Leninism!

Cuba is a multicultural mix of Spanish, African and Indigenous people. Yet, quiet legitimately, many comrades and friends have questioned Havana's policies and efforts toward bringing in more people of colour into higher government, Party and professional positions. The Central Committee of the Party acknowledged this problem 15 years ago and made many necessary decisions accordingly. About three years ago I had the privilege of attending an important meeting arranged by some Black comrades, who invited a member of the Department of International Relations of the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party. Our guest Adelina, is a Black woman who was in the USA on a Fellowship to study the institutionalized racism in the USA. There were many hard and challenging questions to her as to the proportionate representation of people of colour and particularly those of a very dark complexion in all spheres of Cuban society. Our guest provided data and policy decisions of the Party in the social, economic and political areas whose goal was to significantly improve this situation. The

results of this truly affirmative action by the Party and government more than doubled the number of people of colour in all of the leading bodies of society. This was accomplished in less than 5 years. Comrade Adelina indicated that the Party has made this an ongoing priority.

Unlike China, who, while professing socialism and also the supremacy of the Party, is well on its way to dismantling its socialist infrastructure and accepting the IMF version of US promoted globalization, meaning an entry of transnationals into their economy, using extremely very cheap labor, while few become wealthy. The Socialist Republic of Vietnam is at a crossroads and seeking most favored nation status, while Nike manufacturing monopoly sets up an outpost for capital accumulation. It is too early to tell whether North Korea will travel the same path.

Of course there are enormous contradictions between these countries and the developed nations. Very frequently, the former are forced into taking anti-imperialist positions which should be fully supported. Cuba does have joint ventures with Canada, Germany, Italy, Spain and Mexico for instance, but under conditions that guarantee benefits to its economy. We must be very crystal clear that there is no hybrid third way. While certain compromises and even retreats are necessary at a particular historical juncture (such as Havana's need for hard currency and the development of a mini parallel economy around tourism) the fundamental course is either socialist or capitalist. Solidarity with and material and ideological support for Socialist Cuba deserves the highest priority from all those who seek to better human relations.

*David Silver is a WWII veteran who fought fascism at the Battle of the Bulge. He is also a life-long supporter of the USSR, Stalin and the world Communist movement. He is a member of the US Friends of Soviet People. ■

LETTERS

FROM
LOS ANGELES
USA

Thank you comrades for publishing NSC. It is truly one of a kind. I enjoy reading the articles, letters and just seeing the designed covers. The NSC cover of May 2000 issue is one of my favorites.

Kim O'Brian

FROM
BOSTON
USA

We're sending our revolutionary greetings to Northstar Compass on its Ninth Anniversary! Our participation on the NSC Editorial Board is a reflection of the importance we attach to this fine publication in the service of restoration of socialism in the former USSR as well as in the service of the cause of national independence from imperialism headed by US imperialism and for socialism worldwide.

In this same proletarian internationalists spirit, we are supporting the efforts of the Canadian led initiative conference in September of 2000 and World Congress to be held in September of 2001 around the establishment of an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. We intend to participate in both of these events.

Best wishes to all our Canadian friends

RAY O LIGHT

FROM
HAVANA
CUBA

Dear comrades:

I want to let you know that I enjoy NSC and I am a great admirer of comrade Joseph Vissarionovich Dzyugashvili (Stalin) since 1948, after I read the biography of him written by George

Murphy. One year later I became a member of the Popular Socialist Party (a Marxist-Leninist Party) at that time.

During the Batista dictatorship I was a fighter against that dictatorship, an active member of the Communist party and I also shared tasks with the 26th of July Movement.

Looking at the photograph in NSC of Stalin seating in the chair during the meeting in Potsdam, I remember being in Berlin where I had my photo taken behind the chair where Stalin sat. The April issue of NSC was excellent and I enjoyed the many articles. Every time I visited Moscow, USSR, I never missed going to the Lenin Mausoleum.

Enclosed please find an article

in Spanish for future issue of Northstar Compass.

I certainly appreciate the important work that you comrades are doing. I have worked in the Workers General Trade Unions of Cuba (CTC) where I was in charge of relations with Soviet Trade Unions. I was the head of this department for 30 years.

I was also the representative of the CTC in the World Federation of Trade Unions in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Being retired now I help voluntarily with the Cuban Peace Movement.

Jose Manuel Perez Rodquete

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With comradely best wishes
Wm. Logan

We appreciate your donation and your spirit, despite all the ills of capitalism and the very hard road that the progressives have to travel.

FROM
LONDON
ENGLAND

As a new subscriber, I would like to make a few suggestions:

*NSC is a real gold mine of information

*NSC should cover in more details other former socialist countries

*There are many more communist and also workers parties in these countries that should be aware of NSC

*I agree with Konstantin Kolontsev's article about the real economic growth position in the USA as opposed to the figures we get here in the bourgeois press.

Dermot Hudson

Dear comrades,

China is no longer a socialist country. No one should therefore expect it to fulfill its proletarian internationalist duties.

Unfortunately, amongst our readership and even in our editorial board, such illusions and misplaced hopes exist. For example, in *NSC*, vol. 8, no. 11, Stephen Paulmier, an editorial board member, leaps to the defence of China as a socialist society in response to the article by the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), "The enslavement of workers in China," from *Ang Bayan* (September-October 1999), that was excerpted and paraphrased in *NSC*, vol. 8, no. 9.

This CPP article, and two others, "On the 50th Anniversary of the victory of China's democratic revolution" and "The socialist transformation of the countryside and its reversal," from the same issue of *Ang Bayan*, concisely explain many aspects of the revisionist betrayal of the Chinese revolution and the process of capitalist restoration while also illustrating the latter's horrendous effects on the Chinese proletariat and peasantry. These three articles are available for everyone's perusal from the web page: www.redrival.com/ang_bayan. I recommend them to anyone as an antidote to any illusions about post-Mao China.

As for cde. Paulmier, he is one such person. Cde. Paulmier marshals various statistics available from the web pages of many Chinese embassies to defend China's socialist characteristics. Contrary, however, to what cde. Paulmier believes, these statistics do not in any way "reveal the struggles of a people steeped in socialist activity and science." Instead, they caution us on the dangers of taking anything at their face value.

Cde. Paulmier's defence of China's socialist characteristics basically rests on three arguments. According to him, China is socialist because: a) its people exercise state power via the National People's Congress (NPC); b) the average Chinese person is less poor off now than in the early days of the new China; and, c) "the rights of workers have been realized to the full" because there now exists a basic social safety net. Let us examine each in turn.

1. The Chinese people exercise state power via the NPC.

Paulmier's evidence is basically this: "Of the 2,979 deputies elected to the Ninth NPC in 1998, 18.9 percent were workers and peasants, 21.08 percent were intellectuals, 33.17 percent were cadres, 15.44 percent were representatives of various democratic parties and non-party patriots, 9 percent were representatives of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), 1.17 percent were representatives from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and 1.24 percent were returned overseas Chinese." [N.B., *There are errors in the transcription of Paulmier's article in NSC vol. 8, no. 11. These are the correct figures.* — RG.]

These figures, however, hardly evidence for Paulmier's view that the Chinese people exercise state power via the NPC. On the contrary, they show the NPC dominated by the bourgeoisie. Right of the bat,

we can see that 38.93 percent are outrightly allocated to the bourgeoisie and their petty bourgeois tails (intellectuals, representatives of various democratic parties and non-party patriots, representatives from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and returned overseas Chinese who are nothing if not investors). Compare this with the 18.9 percent allocated to workers and peasants. In other words, the workers and peasants who make up the overwhelming majority of Chinese nominally get less than half of what gets outrightly allocated to the Chinese bourgeoisie and even around 10 percent less than for just the intellectuals.

The situation is in fact worse than what these figures would let one to believe, for included in the 18.9 percent allocated to workers and peasants are those for: a) the rich peasants whose number, power and influence have grown with Deng's destruction of the communes; and, b) on account of the fact that the official trade unions of China are now largely neither schools of communism nor even basic mass worker's organizations for economic struggle but both social service institutions for ensuring social peace and devices for tricking the Chinese proletariat into aiding in their own exploitation; the typical worker in the NPC is not likely to be a proletarian but a petty-bourgeoisified labour aristocrat.

As for the 9 percent allocated to the PLA, everyone is aware that the PLA is no longer the red army of days gone by. The PLA essentially consists of two parts: an extensive network of businesses run principally on the profit principle or bureaucratic corruption, and an army whose modernization drive is essentially a drive to finish its conversion to a standard bourgeois army: a barracks army, reliant on high tech weapons, with a professional officer corps and manned by mercenaries. That 9 percent thus belongs to the bourgeoisie.

Finally, there is the 33.17 percent allocated to the cadres. Who are these cadres? They are Communist Party members since non-party patriots and representatives from the democratic parties are allocated their separate seats but not just any party members either but those not in the PLA, workers, peasants or intellectuals, nor from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, or overseas. Thus these cadres are from the pool of party persons running the state enterprises or intermediate or senior party functionaries. They are, as I said, nominally Communist Party members. But the Chinese CP's line, summarized by them disingenuously as "socialism with Chinese char-

acteristics", is essentially what is characterized in the CPP's article "On the 50th Anniversary of the victory of China's democratic revolution" as "nothing but bureaucratic corruption, bourgeois comprador exploitation and collaboration with imperialism." As the article "The enslavement of workers in China" explains:

Workers are made to toil for the benefit of bureaucratic corruption and to support the private sector's drive to amass profit. They no longer have a role in organizing production because the latter is premised once more on the extraction of the surplus value created by workers and geared towards foreign markets. This runs counter to the socialist principle that workers should work based on a centralized plan that addresses the needs of the whole society; and that workers should be organized and enjoy benefits and subsidies from the socialist state.

The 33.17 percent allocated to the cadres thus represents an allocation to the bourgeoisie.

All in all then, over 80 percent of the NPC seats at minimum are allocated to the bourgeoisie. The Chinese proletariat and people therefore hardly exercise state power through the NPC. On the contrary, it is the bourgeoisie.

2. The average Chinese person is less poor off now than in the early days of the new China.

Cde. Paulmier's second argument essentially consists of the statistical trick of comparing some statistical facts about the average person in the early days of the new China with those of today. Shame on you cde. Paulmier.

First, the use of averages and the average person are a poor way to judge the socialist character of any society for the simple reason that it glosses over class differences. The averages can pretty well go up with specific figures for workers and poor and middle peasants going down. Instead of talking about urban and rural residents (i.e., average persons), cde. Paulmier would have done better to look into the situation of workers and poor and middle peasants. Look even at one figure that cde. Paulmier quotes: "At present, over 95 percent of rural people in China have enough to eat and wear, and about 25 percent of them live well-off lives." They do not reveal what he

thinks they reveal. They reveal that 5 percent of the rural Chinese are so destitute that they can't even afford enough food and clothes. That latter figure alone hardly speaks for about 50 years of socialist construction. Of the well off, that represents 23.75 percent of the rural Chinese, a figure that is just about what one would expect to be the number of upper middle peasants, rich peasants, and rural bourgeoisie combined. The rest include those just getting by to eat and go clothed to those with a just a little comfort, i.e., the poor to middle middle peasants, and the rural workers.

Second, cde. Paulmier should not be comparing today's state with the early years of the new China, which was just beginning to tackle the monumental problems left over by the long period of semi-feudal/semi-colonial depredation, but with the mid 1970s, namely the intervening period after almost two decades of socialist construction and right before Deng took over since the point at issue is whether China is still socialist or no more. Even then what has to be compared is not just the end points but what was accomplished given the different starting points.

Third, the changes in the Engel coefficient, i.e., the changes in the proportion of food expenditure in consumer expenditure, that cde. Paulmier quotes proves nothing unless figures and coefficients for other goods and services consumed, not by the average person, but by workers and peasants are also provided for comparison. The Engel coefficient for the average could go down just because the cost of various other things and services have gone up faster than food or because the conspicuous consumption of the rich peasants, labour aristocrats and the bourgeoisie and other well to do parasites rises.

Fourth, it is pointless to state that China leads the world in the absolute number of people removed from the ranks of poverty. China is a gigantic country. Thus by her sheer size, she should always be near the top in any of these absolute numbers. For example, I bet that China is near the top or at the top in absolute numbers of commercial speculators and in number of people impoverished. This is where the rate of poverty reduction would have been better evidence. Now, as for cde. Paulmier's quote of "the proportion of poverty-stricken people in

the total rural population has decreased from 30.7 percent to 4.6 percent," this smells fishy. China's per capital GDP is low, given the problems in wealth distribution only getting worse, its hard to believe that China's rural poverty rate is at figures comparable to those of many imperialist countries. I am reminded of the Philippine government's accomplishment of poverty rates equivalent to Canada's through the statistical ruse of defining down poverty, as in excluding those who smoke, drink or have any furniture from the poverty numbers. This is precisely the kind of subterfuge involved in the use by the Chinese authorities of figures such as 95 percent of rural residents having enough to eat and weak and a quarter of them being well off. Sorry, cde. Paulmier, the rural poverty rate of 4.6 percent just doesn't wash. The Chinese embassy duped you on this one.

Last, growth and poverty reduction (assuming no statistical shenanigans) is not inconsistent with capitalism. In many imperialist countries, there is proportionally less poverty now than before the second imperialist war. There is no law of the absolute emiseration of the masses in capitalism. Capitalism only requires a *tendency* for the rise of the rate of the *relative* emiseration of the masses. [My emphases. — RG.] Of course, the Chinese economy grew after 1978 and thus the average poverty numbers went down. That's easy to explain. Most imperialist investment to non-imperialist countries went to China. And why not with state ensured cheap labour and a gigantic market, China is one of the best places to invest low value added production. That does not however mean that the Chinese proletariat and peasantry is not worse off.

3. "The rights of workers have been realized to the full" because there now exists a basic social safety net.

Surely cde. Paulmier jests. Continued unemployment is not full realization of workers' rights. Added to that, cde. Paulmier's use of unemployment statistics can only cause one to raise one's eyebrow in puzzlement. From figures of unemployed workers in China, cde. Paulmier switches to figures for employed people and *registered* unemployed in 1998. Sure, cde. Paulmier is aware of the difference between the registered unemployed and the actual unemployed and underemployed. I'm willing to wager that the figures for registered unemployed do not include the millions forced from the rural regions to the urban areas in

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search of work. What a good way of reducing poverty figures: don't count all poor people! As for the three security systems referred to by cde. Paulmier, a social safety net as he knows is no stranger to capitalism. In fact, they function in capitalism to ensure minimal social stability in a situation in which labour power is a commodity. The Chinese efforts at building such a social safety net is just that, the last rungs in the ladder transforming labour power into a commodity. The Chinese authorities have made it clear how worried they are about social instability. It is to their credit that the Chinese proletariat and peasantry have shown such fighting spirit against capitalist restoration even as they are leaderless and the Chinese revolution has basically already been defeated. This is the main factor delaying the liquidation of most unprofitable state enterprises.

No, cde. Paulmier, China is no longer a socialist society. Your defence of China's socialist character is factually wrong, badly reasoned and politically counterproductive. Such defence only can perpetuate the misplaced hopes that China will stand up to imperialism for the sake of the international proletariat. It also blurs the difference between our enemies and our friends. The Chinese proletariat needs to re-establish a revolutionary party and to wage a new socialist revolution. We do not aid them nor other proletarians by equating socialism with the current revisionist social system in China. It also only makes it harder for us to recognize revisionism here, there and in other lands like those of the former Soviet Union.

Thank you,
Redmond Guerrero

FROM
BELGOROD
RUSSIA

In NSC you had an article on Chechniya written by a comrade from Spain, "Let's denounce Russian Imperialism" by Francisco Brotons, of the Communist Party of Spain (r).

The former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was a country of Soviets which kept the country from falling apart. The present modern parasites dismembered the glue that held the Republics together. Under the present state

of Russia, the Chechens, Ingushi, Tatars on one side and Russia on the other, did not sign an agreement since they all are fighting amongst themselves as to who is more important.

What is needed now is a Confederation Agreement between all of the former Soviet republics. Russia now is a federation itself, comprising of many nationalities. Our Russian state now resembles a "Matroshka Doll" with other dolls fitting into one big doll. There are many autonomous regions, autonomous districts and territories, just like in Spain.

Former Soviet Union or now present Russia has no colonies, while Spain has. While Spain is in Europe its many colonies are in Africa...no matter under what name they go under. Is Spain independent? Spain is a member of NATO, the European Union, World Trade Organization and also European Union etc. Spain has signed a protocol of mutual defense with USA. And this was done in 1982 when the president of Spain was a member of the Spanish Socialist Workers Party!

Comrade Francisco Brotons calls Russia as imperialist and as it concerns Chechniya. Imperialism is also one of the forms of a country ruled by a monarch.

Let us now compare: Russia is not a monarchy, in spite that we see monarchist flags flying. Russia has no colonies outside its borders... while Spain is a monarchy and it has colonies outside its borders. The answer is that Russia is not an Empire, Spain is an Empire!

USA is an Empire and imperialist since it invaded and has under its control many other countries of the world. Russian Federation, in spite of its capitalist regime is governing on its own territory. Chechniya was never a sovereign country, its people by plebiscite decided overwhelmingly to join

Russia as a Federative State. The Constitution, before and now: article 65 states that Chechniya (as under Socialism also) constitutes part of the Russian Federation, which, before USSR was dismembered constituted a part of the 15 Soviet Socialist Republics.

You, Mr. Lucas, as Editor, in your articles call upon a one united front on the territory of former USSR. But at this time there is no possibility of this happening. As in our Russian land, in the Czech or Slovak republics there wasn't even a referendum as to whether people want to separate. Somehow you Mr. Lucas want to unite all former Soviet and socialist countries! I wish you patience!

I advice you to go and teach all the people of former USSR, Czechoslovakia, South and North Korea, Somalia and Eritrea, North and South Ireland to live in peace and to agree to form one Socialist Union of Republics!

I would like to have some replies to my letter through the pages of NSC.

Good-bye, Uncle Lucas!

Boris Shevtsov

We ask our readers to reply to this well-meaning(?) but confused letter that doesn't take the political situations into consideration.

FROM
MADRID
SPAIN

I'm subscribing to NSC because, considering the lack here of news about the struggles of the working class in the former Soviet Union, the opportunity offered by NSC is excellent for those that are interested, but are unaware of what is going on.

Luis Tejero Gonzales

Welcome aboard! Truth must be told and NSC is doing it!

NSC EDITORIAL ANALYSES

Viewing the "Head of the Gorgon"...or Workers of all countries - BEWARE!

The Gorgons of Mythology were empowered to turn to stone any living creature that looked them in the face. That was pretty frightening, for the ancients subjected to such fables.

In our allegedly "post modern" world, Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board assumes similar stature. He is the Guru of all "walking dollars", and their servants, the financiers and splendidly attired "Red Suspender" crowd of gamblers of the "new" Technology whizzing dollars hither and yon for greater and spiraling (valueless) profits. His every word carries the threat of turning their monopoly "Yahoo" society into stone. You don't even have to look at him. Clearly he is a very special Gorgon.

The Wed., July 12th, International Herald Tribune in a front page story of modest proportions, makes the case for Greenspan's Gorgon-like stature. A Convention of State Governors in Pennsylvania heard him warn that the hyper-technological(so-called"new") economy may not be what their dollar driven dreams led them to believe. "...it was still not clear whether U.S. productivity gains driven by informational technology would be sustainable..."he said. In other words the technological "REVOLUTION" might not be the "wave of the future" of trillions of paper money sitting out there to be pocketed. Now there's a thought to turn over the hardest of the hard to pure "stone". After all, everybody who was anybody in the highest echelons of sordid money grubbing, (in or out of Government) knows as surely as they know the moon is made of unripened cheese, that "The New Economy" of whizzing technological dollar production in the "post-

modern age and the end of history" worlds will create a future with minuscule .0000001% of the world population just rolling in quantities of greenbacks with (pardon the pun) unlimited "span" and "let the rest of the world go by"...as they sang during WW1.

Contrariwise, the "Old Economy" based on the simplistic notion of the production of commodities, goods and serviced for USE and EXCHANGE (as Adam Smith and Karl Marx revealed quite a while ago) is simply DEAD-A VERY DEAD, turkey gobbler. Such an old fashioned notion is simply too moldy for our technology driven "post-modern" and "historyless" existence. We should "smarten up" as some bought-and-paid-for hacks have suggested.

But of course under the tutelage of Gorgon-Gurus such as we are "blessed" with, the U.S. idiot-money parade should not fold up just yet. Do these folks realize that they will be much better off than their fellow "idiot-money" cohorts of Japan and, even Europe according to this same "story" of IHT? Hold up on the "pollywog to mosquito switch or "transmogrification". Do not yet turn to stone...because in the good old USA, the corporate crowd of financial whiz kids et al, have learned something their Japanese and European cohorts have been slow to pick up:

"U.S. companies are getting more out of high-tech revolution than are their counterparts in Japan and Europe, largely because it is less costly for U.S. employers to fire workers...", Gorgon Guru Greenspan tells us.

In a direct quote, Gorgon-Greenspan says: "The relatively inflexible, and hence MORE COSTLY LABOUR MARKETS OF

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THOSE ECONOMIES APPEAR TO BE...THE TRUE EXPLANATION. Because our costs of dismissing workers are lower, the potential COSTS OF HIRING AND THE RISKS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH EXPANDING EMPLOYMENT ARE LESS" he said.

We can only surmise that Greenspan sees an acute shortage of Gorgon-Gurus every where except in the U.S. where he fits the bill and, that the road to the future for all, (particularly in the Transcorporate world of class and money power) is to increase such fabled presences, lest it be forgotten, this is the same huckster who short years ago came up with the hundred years old "theory" that increased earnings by workers was dangerous and inflationary, but unlimited profiteering was really a "patriotic" practice. That is of the same substance as we hear from today's Gorgon-Guru - "Sermon from the golden mountain." He was simply reflecting the widely held view by U.S. officials and the IMF that Europe (and we assume Japan.RLS) must soon liberalize its labour markets "to MAKE IT MUCH EASIER, AND ALSO LESS EXPENSIVE FOR EMPLOYERS TO HIRE AND FIRE..."(emphasis added..RLS)

So... now we all must say "WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES BEWARE!!!! " The Gorgon-Gurus and the Transnational Corporate power that holds them on the leash, wherever they may be found, and whoever they may be gouging and / or shooting to death are deep in schemes, international in character, in order to forge more binding chains on THE WORLD'S WORKING PEOPLE. It

should be added clearly, that by "technological" means all sorts of new-fangled instruments of communication and information (or are these "instruments of misinformation and brain washing?") are in the greedy hands of the TNC masters and are used incessantly, attempting to turn people's minds into a kind of mindless "mush", sans history, sans knowledge, sans experience and sans a future of common sense and collective goals. That is the "human condition" and milieu in which Gorgon-Gurus are known to operate most "efficiently". Their aim is to mutate, smokescreen and hide the TNC overt and accelerating drive towards total domination of the world and its people...by whatever means.

A later article should examine the costs to humanity that the world wide tensions, confrontation and war have thrust on the human species.

First of all, such costs have been placed on the working people, they who are first to do the dying, first to line up to pay for all the monstrous TNC actions and work under the banners imposed by their "Gorgon-Gurus". We know already that incalculable profits have always flowed into the coffers of the war makers that are now well grouped under something called "globalization" in the TNC dominated world...and NATO.

It is a short step from there to understanding, and is well proved by history, that it is in an atmosphere of the MINDLESS CHAOTIC ANARCHY OF MISINFORMATION AND PUBLIC DISFORMATION THAT THE GORGON-GURUS PLY THEIR DIRTY TRADE THE BEST. Shades of Herr Goebels et al, who today would be a piker. But the magic of ordinary, common sense, based on the true history of our beleaguered world can and must prevail. "Louis Quinze" of France uttered the warning death rattle of his time "Apres moi la deluge" and it need not be repeated. It is time to rally and remove forever the filthy influences that prevent and sunder the forward cooperative march

of all the worlds "working people". Greenspan wants, first of all, to make more powerful the bosses "hiring and firing" and that can only mean the destruction of the working class organization. So, we repeat..."Workers of All countries, Beware of the Chains being prepared for yours and your children's future." Remember Percy Bysshe Shelly and his advice to the downtrodden of his day...

"Rise like Lions after slumber,
In unvanquishable number,
Shake to Earth your Chains like dew,
That in Sleep had fallen on you,
For we are many...THEY ARE FEW. "

A REPORT:

Israel's nuclear program

In an article by Eric Margolis, an anti-Communist and a very pro-Zionist columnist for the Toronto bourgeois newspaper "The Sun", writes the truth that is up to now denied by Israel and USA alike. In a dispatch from London, England, Margolis writes:

In 1986, Vanunu, a former technician at Israel's Dimona reactor center in Israel, revealed to the *Times of London* that Israel has secretly developed 100-200 nuclear warheads, using French and also American supplied technology.

Vanunu was lured to Rome in a classic "honey trap" and there was kidnapped by Israeli agents. He was convicted of treason and has been held already in solitary confinement for 14 years.

In early June, the *Sunday Times* broke a second major story about Israel's covert nuclear program. Israel has secretly now used a newly acquired Dolphin-

class submariner to test a hitherto very secret missile designed to carry a nuclear warhead.

This cruise missile can hit a target 900 miles from its launch and was tested off the shore of Sri Lanka in the Indian Ocean. Israel has now become increasingly involved in Sri Lanka's civil war, supplying the embattled Colombo government with weapons, munitions and military advisors to combat Tamil Tigers rebels.

The state-of-the-art, 1,750 ton Dolphin submarines were supplied to Israel by Germany. Revelations that Israel is using the \$440 million (each) submarines as nuclear launch platform, has deeply embarrassed German's ardently anti-nuclear government?!?

This also asks an embarrassing question as to where were these Dolphins modified to accept missiles? This suggests full German cooperation in Israel's covert nuclear program - in spite of Berlin's constant anguished denials. The USA pressured Germany to supply all of these submarines and missiles, in fear of people's firestorm of protests by its Arab oil clients.

Israel now has a complete nuclear triad: air-delivered bombs; plus intermediate - range Jericho missiles; and now she has the sea-launched cruise missile. Israel has now a counter-force nuclear capability.

Israel claimed that Iran has the nuclear capability, but U.S. intelligence estimates that Tehran will not have this capability until after 2012-13 - if ever.

This bombshell has provoked a storm of protests and outrage in the rest of the Mideast, at a delicate time when the peace negotiations are in progress.

This latest revelation about Israel's nuclear arsenal... now the world's fourth most powerful... will spur the Arabs to match this Israel arsenal.

This also comes at a time when the UN is pressuring Israel over its nuclear weapons. Israel is the only Mideast nation that refuses to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Egypt insists that Israel must sign this NPT.

The United States is somehow quietly backing Egypt's demands and showing its displeasure because Israel is now selling arms to many countries of the world, even to China, while at the same time having its *espionage agents spying inside the U.S. itself.*

The first battery of Israel's "Arrow" anti-missile system is now operational; THEL, a new laser anti-tactical missile system, follows soon. Now, sea-launched cruise missiles. *What's next? An Israeli landing on Mars?* □

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FEUDALISM: You have two cows. Your lord takes some of the milk.

FASCISM: You have two cows. The government takes both cows, hires you to take care of them, and sells you the milk.

PURE COMMUNISM: You have two cows. Your neighbors help you to take care of them, and you all share the milk.

DICTATORSHIP: You have two cows. The government takes both and shoots you.

MILITARISM: You have two cows. The government takes both and drafts you.

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY: The government promises you two cows if you vote for it. After the election, the president is impeached for speculating in cow futures. The press dubs the affair "Cowegate". The cows sue you for breach of contract.

EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY: You have two cows. At first, the government regulates as to what you

can feed them and when you can milk them. Then it pays you not to milk them. After that, it takes both, shoots one, milks the other, and pours the milk down the drain. Then it requires you to fill out forms accounting for the missing cow.

CAPITALISM: You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull.

HONG KONG CAPITALISM: You have two cows. You sell three of them to your publicly-listed company, using letters-of-credit that was opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with associate general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax deduction for keeping five cows. The milk rights to six cows are transferred via a Panamanian intermediary to a Cayman Islands company, secretly owned by the majority shareholder, who sells the rights to all seven cows' milk back to the listed company. The annual report says that the company owns eight cows, with an option on one more. Meanwhile, you kill the two cows because of bad feng shui.

REPUBLIC: You only need one cow. The real question is who should elect it, the pigs or the sheep.

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OPEN FORUM

*Dedicated to Victor Perlo,
US Marxist and Communist*

TRAITORS

Dr. William Bunge
Arthabaska, Quebec

To be a traitor one must do treason! So, how is treason defined? It is an act of group betrayal, that is, betrayal of a group

with the potential of forming a counter group, and thus breaking unity. The worst act of treason is to think it. Those of us that are pretentious enough to call ourselves "*intellectuals*", as if all of us are not, know full well the courage it takes to think thoughts that are prescribed. "*Dangerous thoughts*" are those that lead to "*dangerous acts*" "What did I do? What did I do?" is the cry of those being slowly tortured to death as if "*doping*" were their problem. They never say "*What did I think? What did I think?*", but Fascist regimes know that is precisely the problem. Fascists try, and correctly from their point of view, to control thought itself. They call all dangerous thinking by various names, such as "*impure thoughts*" and we all have those, of course. If we do confess all of our impure thoughts, then those who encourage our confessions can turn us immediately into secret torture police. Indeed those people are an official part of the thought police.

What is the most treasonable thought one can have? It is Victor Perlo's specialty, his question is "*What is the nature of value?*" How come some things cost one price and another thing another price? This question was answered long before Marx, by none other than the historical hero of capitalist economics, Adam Smith who knew and simply blurted it out as if he was saying "*the world is round*", that labor is value. Karl Marx, pedantically improved on Smith by amending it to say "*labor power is value*". Why is this thought the worst treason possible? If the workers built the factories, and if the owners did not lift a finger, not even attaching the huge signs to their buildings, then who did build them? Workers! Then how come they do not own it? Piracy! Detroit (USA) is the city the workers built. Marx

said that the workers should "expropriate the expropriators". But more directly, the workers should take all that is rightfully theirs. Slave owners in the United States, in The South, wanted compensation for all their slaves. What about the compensation owed to the slaves for their centuries of unpaid labor? They never got their promised "forty acres and a mule". The result till this very day is that while Blacks get sixty per cent of the wages the Whites get, but they own only eight per cent of the wealth. The popular US-TV personality Opra, a Black American is dirt poor compared to The Queen, in spite of comparable salaries.

In Zimbabwe (Africa) today a thousand of the four thousand European farms are to be seized and distributed to landless peasants who fought for the liberation from the Fascistic rule there. The Southern Rhodesian Air Force flew en masse for Fascist South Africa, the very day of their liberation. As the African national hero Mungabe put it recently: "Why should the Europeans get compensation when they paid nothing to the Africans when they seized their lands?" Six Europeans have been killed and you would think that six H-bombs have gone off. How many Africans are being killed today for profits? Right now we have Canadian imperialists in Sudan massacring tens of thousands there for the Talisman oil profits which have reached now obscene levels. Right now, we have Shell Oil in Nigeria, profiting and setting up gasoline stations, even two stations in a small town, while encouraging Nigerians to massacre each other. What happened to those states that were Socialist but have now sunk into exploitative regimes?

Look at the holy horror of Ethiopia! If imperialism in this world do not want to take credit

for their victory there, surely African socialists, such as Mungabe, sees what happened to the former socialist states and what might happen to his as well.

At the global scale who would want to live in the crime ridden Moscow today? Who also in crime ridden Washington, D.C. would not be better off in crime free Cuba? Not the tiny white apartheid ring around the White House, but the vast Black population surrounding it. No wonder that Black congressmen and congresswomen supported Elian to return back with his father to Cuba! So, once we comrades achieve local state power, what will be the rulers fate? Traditionally we would do "education through labor"...so why not assign today's rulers of Detroit, USA, to the labor dismantling of all the exploitative names from all the factories and replacing them with true patriotic names, such as "Victor Perlo". The former owners can work in the newly liberated factories at whatever level of work skill they possess...mostly as sweepers.

But is this not bourgeois individualism, one man alone thinking his subversive thoughts? No! Individual revolutionaries are never alone on some deserted island, never hermits even when in solitary confinement. They are in a world revolutionary context. The masses are stirring and thinking revolutionary thoughts. Worldwide revolution is in the air. In this mass context, all the most advanced and all "fearless" thinkers think. Philosophy is not adversities milk, it is our deepest revenge. ■

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AS I SEE IT!

By JERRY MORSE

KOSOVO

NATO officials are coming closer now to what Milosevic was saying all along about the Albanians and the province of Kosovo. There are hints that NATO wants to pull out because of criticism by Europeans about the costs and the extremely high salaries of "peacekeepers" who are not doing peacekeeping. US wants to control the air while it pushes other countries to go fighting on the ground and, if any casualties occur, then it's not the US troops who are at the receiving end of it.

ATHENS

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