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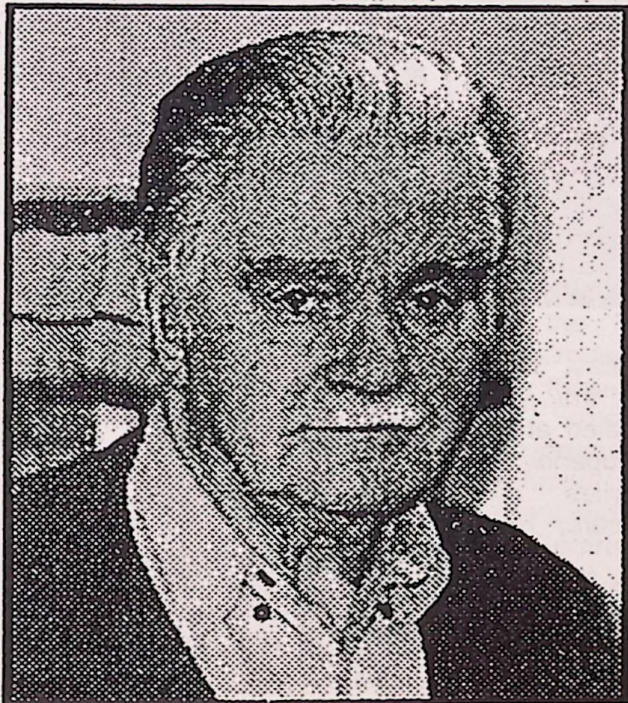
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**ANNOUNCING THE  
RAY STEVENSON'S SUSTAINING FUND  
FOR THE FUTURE OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS AND FOR  
WORKING CLASS INTERNATIONAL UNITY AND STRUGGLE**



A founding Editor and continuing Associate Editor of Northstar Compass.  
Executive member of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People

Dear comrades and friends!

Starting with the \$5,000 donation, this Sustaining Fund provides the means for those who support the aims of Northstar Compass and it will be administered by the Canadian council of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People.

The purpose is to strengthen Friendship Forces everywhere to counter the ferocious assaults of US led Monopoly Imperialism on all the people of the world during the past and present.

Together, the working class and people of former Soviet Union shall triumph, just as when they sacrificed to built the United Nations in 1945.

With new health problems I continue in solidarity and love and admiration for all of you who are doing and have done. It is historic in every sense!

***Mobilize the revolutionary power of the International Working Class!***

With comradely embraces and greetings –

**13 YEARS AGO NSC  
PUBLISHED ITS  
FIRST EDITORIAL**

This will introduce you to Volume 1, # 1 of Northstar Compass, a brand new publication in Canada. It is the official organ of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People, established some months ago as a pro-tem successor to the Canada-USSR Friendship Association.

Our purpose is to provide a monthly news digest of events in the successor republics of the former USSR, and of related events on a worldwide scale. Such news will be

gleaned from far and wide, of European, Asian and North and South American publications. It is our aim to exchange publications wherever possible, including in former USSR. As we present our "News Digest" to you, we will offer brief, and we hope, pointed comment.

We have undertaken this because we are deeply aware that there simply does not exist now any coverage of the world shattering events arising from the dissolution of the former USSR that is not almost universally very hostile, rampantly confusing and widely pro-status quo and supportive of the so-called "New World Order" of Bush, the "Group of

7" and the Gorbachev-Yeltsin betrayal.

Such news (*if it can be called news*) promotes the worldwide aims and fortunes of transnational finance and industrial capital. To the best of our limited abilities, we will seek to provide an antidote, (*perhaps even enema*) to this struggle and expose "the other side" of the news... or some of the multiple sides of the news.

We are aware that you might not accept or sympathize with our views if you have accepted the widespread notions spread about on every side, that only monopoly capitalism, under the guise of the odious "free market economy" clap



trap, has and will continue to provide humanity with "the best of all possible worlds."

Our view is that these transnational corporate forces would have us all entering some kind of new "dark ages" of war, political and economic dictatorships, crisis and social and cultural backwardness. For evidence, we invite you to view the wreckages of states; the current wars and catastrophes, including the ecology of our planet; the destabilizations and wiping out of democratic rights on world-wide basis, and particularly among the majority in the under developed world. Not to be forgotten is the very possible "balkanization" of our own beloved Canada.



It is with growing alarm, therefore, that we seek to establish this one tiny "gleam of light" in the foreboding darkness of corporate domination and unaccountability, to nothing but their profit line.

Who are we? We speak independently of any political party or formation in this or any other country. We are non-partisan and we have no hidden agenda. There are Communists among us, and there are non-Communists as well. There are among us deeply held religious commitments. Each in turn receives the same respect and gives voice on an equal and democratic basis. We believe that "by honest differences of opinion we shall arrive at sound conclusions."

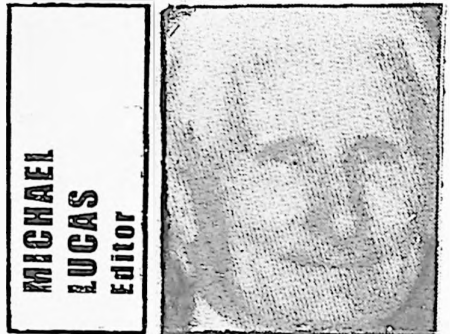
But we are united in our total disagreement with those who insist that only by "privatization" and the total domination of individuals, nations, resources, technologies,

social and physical sciences and development by transnational corporate power, can our species survive and prosper. We hold precise opposite view to be the road ahead, with the powers of the "corporate"

monsters curtailed and controlled, or if necessary, eradicated!

To the extent that you find our work acceptable, to that extent we will succeed. ■

## CPRF SPLIT ASUNDER AND DEAD AS A FORCE IN RUSSIA!



According to the latest news coming from Moscow, the grim predictions that were leveled at the CPRF and Gennady Zyuganov by other Communist parties and movements over the years, have finally come true.

Following the complete fiasco of this social-democratic party that called itself the Communist Party of Russian Federation in the last December State Duma elections, the CPRF had lost more than half of their previous seats. The leadership of the CPRF could no longer deny that it was in deep trouble. The start of rival factions fighting amongst themselves (and who knows which Russian state organs were in the middle of this infighting), supporters of former Russian Duma Deputy Speaker Gennady Semigin blamed this CPRF's failure on Gennady Zyuganov, who had led the CPRF to the last four defeats.

Neither faction had or has a firm Marxist ideology of building Socialism, the battle amongst these members of the CPRF resembled something like a street brawl, with personality insults and behind-the-scenes maneuvers to try and save this - Putin's "favorite Communist party!"

Before the CPRF July Third Congress 2004, events rushed forward at tremendous and unfolding speed of intrigue as each section started to oust from its ranks their opponents and Semigin was also expelled from the leadership of the CPRF. He in turn, with his supporters held their own Congress.

Semigin's party section and its Central Committee Plenum of 156 members removed Zyuganov as the leader of the party and replaced him with the Ivanovo Region Governor Vladimir Tikhonov.

Zyuganov's section expelled all of those that were in the camp of Tikhonov. Both of these sections claimed to have had a quorum.

Now the legal battles begin, with Putin's government looking on and urging the complete collapse of both sections, or supporting the one faction that will be in the pocket of his bourgeois regime.

For 11 years the CPRF has not accomplished anything in order to resurrect the USSR and Socialism, but did everything in its power to diffuse the revolutionary situation, and prevent unity of all the Communist parties and movements, and to eliminate the fervor which the Soviet people showed during the revolutionary situation in 1993, in which Zyuganov of the CPRF played the quisling role of a traitor and eliminated the slogan of the dictatorship of the proletariat from its program and maintained that the "days of revolutions has passed".

Neither of these two "CPRF Congresses" paid any attention to the many youth groups that demanded a revolutionary program or to the demands of the organized labor.

For 11 years Zyuganov and the CPRF leadership did everything possible to disunite all the

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13<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF NSC



progressive forces that based themselves on Marxism-Leninism! Zyuganov was the stooge on whom Putin and before that, Yelstin and Gorbachev depended upon to sow discord, to prevent unity in the progressive ranks.

History has shown us many such "leaders" who went down into the history books as damned traitors, collaborationists and nationalists!



Even Northstar Compass cover, Vol. 7, #4, 1998 - had a cover which showed: "Zyuganov: a Trojan horse inside the Communist movement?"

**SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS**

**STATEMENT**  
**The Executive Committee for the 42<sup>nd</sup> International Anti-War Assembly**  
 August 1, 2004 - Japan

In the name of transfer of the "sovereignty to the Iraqi people", the interim government after Paul Bremer as head of the US Coalition Provisional Authority, now bankrupt in its occupation of Iraq, totally turned down the proposals from Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Advisor to UN Secretary General.

The members of this interim government are all former Iraqi exiles, who are and were also agents of the CIA. So at the request of this so-called "Iraqi Government" the US occupation forces with 138,000 troops has been authorized to continue its presence in Iraq beyond the "transfer of power" under the pretext of "maintenance of security

and stability."

With the US presidential elections coming closer, the following facts have been revealed:

\*that the existence of WMD which was emphasized as the primary cause for the invasion of Iraq, was a total fabrication;

\*that despite Bush's declaration of the "end of major combat operations" the number of casualties now has reached over 1,000;

\*that the targets of the guerrilla attacks have expanded to all "infidels" in the invasion and occupation;

\*that the horrible tortures and murders have been carried out routinely at the Abu Ghraib prison against Iraqi detainees (not treated as prisoners of war as stipulated by international law) even mobilizing a group of torture specialists from Guantanamo Base.

Being aware of the deceptiveness of the "transfer of sovereignty" Muslim people of Iraq are stirring up the flames of battle more than ever to overthrow this "interim government" and to smash the scheme to continue the military occupation.

Comrades all over the world!  
 Fight now for worldwide advancement of the anti-war

struggle, on the basis of proletarian internationalism, in solidarity with the Muslims fighting against US imperialism and its occupation and together with all the people in the Arab world.

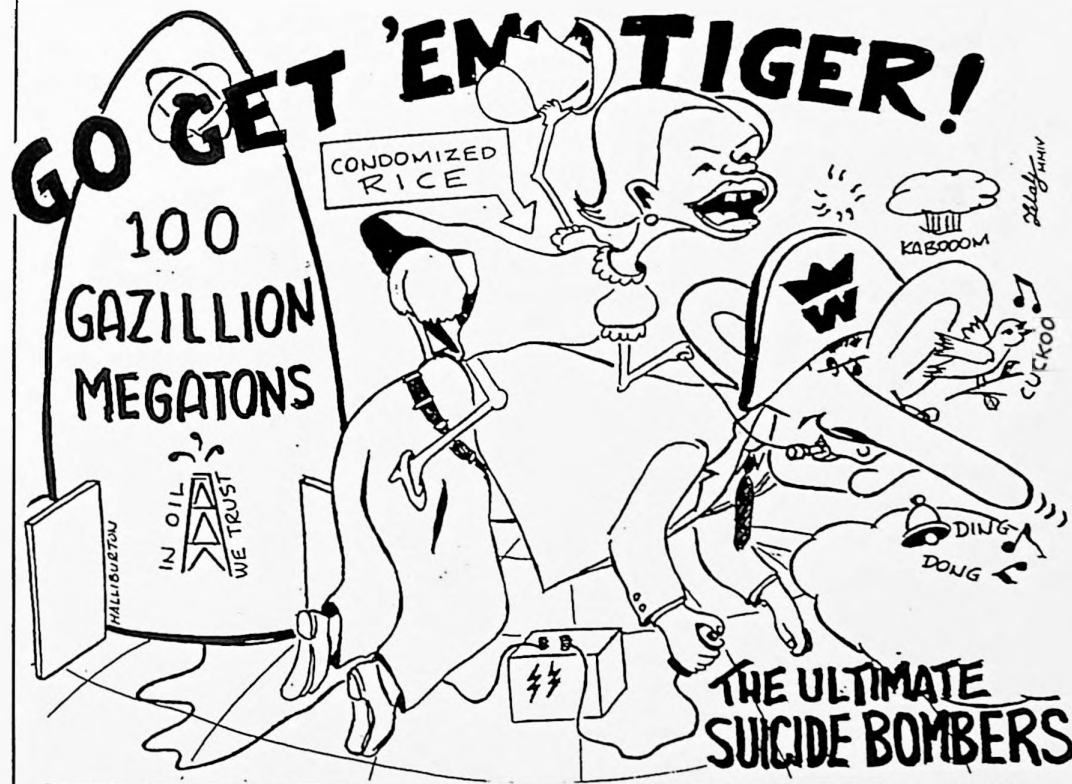
We, the Executive Committee for the 42<sup>nd</sup> International Anti-War Assembly in Japan, call on all comrades all over the world to advance with us in solidarity.

*This statement abridged for space reasons only. NSC has sent greetings to this important Assembly.*

**CONFLICT IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS**

Russian peace keepers are between the Georgian forces and the South Ossetian forces and there are mounting deaths. Russia is demanding that Georgia troops withdraw their forces, but Georgia, backed by USA is threatening to annex South Ossetia.

This could become a serious conflict with US edging on the Georgian government all out! US is shipping in armaments, logistics, advisors and air combat planes. This is meant to probe the underbelly of Russia for further advances!





# GREETINGS ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

FROM  
**WROCLAW**  
POLAND

Dear comrades:

Many greetings to all of you comrades from Poland and I ask forgiveness for not writing sooner, but the demands of work here in the progressive movement in Poland.

I wish you comrades on the Editorial Board of NSC and the International Council the best of health on this the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NSC. We all wish you future successes in the war against capitalism and in the struggle for socialism. First of all for the rebirth of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, for a Socialist revolution not only in Russia, but in Poland and in the whole world.

In Poland when Poland joined the European Union on May 1, 2004, the prices for consumer goods immediately rose by 15-20% average. The price for meat products rose from 30-70%. Therefore the voting for Poland to join the European Union, there was only about 20% of Polish people that bothered to vote!

Happy 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Zbigniew Wiktor  
Member of International Council  
Member of the Editorial Board

FROM  
**LUTSK**  
UKRAINE

Dear comrades Michael Lucas and Ray Stevenson:

On behalf of the members of the "Workers Russia-Canada Society" and on behalf of myself personally I greet all of our foreign friends with the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Northstar Compass. Wishing you health and happiness in our ultimate victory. We greet all of you for the work that you comrades are doing.

Please allow me to greet with our 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary our comrades on the Editorial Board of NSC and on the International Council from-Brazil, Poland, Czech Republic, Congo, Belgium, England, Germany, USA, Spain, Australia, Italy, Hungary,

Russia and all other comrades that I met at the First World Congress.

I embrace all you comrades! We know, that after each night their is daylight. We are bound to be victorious!

Forever yours  
Professor Vladimir Herasymchuk

FROM  
**FLORIDA**  
USA

Greetings on the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Northstar Compass! You are the best source of real information I have been able to find on this planet.

Jon Corlett

FROM  
**PRAGUE**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

Dear friends:

I have the great pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of the Presidium of the Czech Slav Committee and in my own name, warmest greetings upon the occasion of the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Northstar Compass that is being celebrated in September of this year.

The contribution of Northstar Compass to the friendship and solidarity with the people of ex-USSR is a valuable part of the common struggle against the violation of the international law and against the aggressive policy of the US and NATO. The pillory of war crimes and the unmasking of contemporary global imperialism are a support for all of progressive people.

Socialism in the USSR and in other European countries has suffered a transient defeat, but the crisis of capitalism is beyond cure. Victory of Socialism is inevitable!

Docent Dr. JUDr. Mirko Svoboda  
First Vice Chairman of the  
Czech Slav Committee

All other greetings for the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NSC will be published in the September issue, since space was limited in this issue of NSC.

FROM  
**QUITO**  
ECUADOR

Dear comrades:

We would like to thank some comrades from Brazil for sending us copies of Northstar Compass and we in turn would like to inform you that on your 13th Anniversary of NSC we have formed here the Ecuadorian Friends of Soviet People and we would like to be involved with the International Council.

We wish you comrades success in your important and revolutionary work.

Gracia Morero  
On behalf of the Executive

FROM  
**MOSCOW**  
RUSSIA

Dear friends:

As a former member of the USSR-Canada Society and a reader of your journals, starting with "Focus on Friendship" and now "Northstar Compass" and having been in Canada with a delegation from the Union of Soviet Friendship Society, may I wish you friends success in your noble work.

As a member of the CPRF that has now become far from a Communist Party and the splits in its ranks, I as a member am trying to help the CPRF get back to its roots of Marxism-Leninism, but it seems that it is very hopeless.

Eugene Zabrodinov

NEWSWEEK Magazine reported that President Bush, appearing before a right-to-life rally in Tampa, Florida last June 17, 2004 stated: "We must always remember that all human beings begin life as a feces. A Feces is a living being in the eyes of God, who has endowed that feces with all of the rights and God-given blessings of any other human being."

The audience listened in total disbelief as President Bush repeated his error at least a dozen times, before realizing that he had used the word "feces" when he meant to say "fetus".

**We all started as a feces? - speak for yourself George!**



## QUOTES

*"If I am asked, "Could you give from the United Jewish Appeal moneys to rescue the Jews in Europe. I "say No! and I say again No!"*

Izaak Greenbaum, head of the Jewish Agency Rescue Committee, February 18, 1943 in an address to the Zionist Executive Council.

He also said at the Zionist Executive Council: " One Cow in Palestine is worth more than all the Jews in Poland."

Chaim Weizman, the first president of Israel, made this Zionist policy very explicit to the question of the hopes of Europe six million Jews are centered on immigration. Can you bring six million Jews to Palestine?

*"No...from the depths of the tragedy, I want to save the young people for Palestine. The old ones will pass. They will bear their fate or they will not. They are dust, economic and moral dust in a cruel world...Only the branch of the young will survive. They have to accept it."*

Chaim Weizmann reporting to the Zionist Congress in 1937 on his testimony before the Peel Commission in London, July 1937. Cited in Yahya, page 55.

Ben Gurion informed the meeting of Labor Zionists in Great Britain in 1937:

*"If I knew that it would be possible to save all of the children in Germany by bringing them over to England, and only half of them by transporting them to Eretz Israel, then I opt for the second alternative."* Ibid, page 149.

As late as 1943, while the Jews in Europe were being exterminated in their millions, the US Congress proposed to set up a Commission to "study" the problem. Rabbi Stephen Wise, who was the principal American spokesperson for Zionism came to Washington to testify against the rescue bill, because it would divert attention from the colonization of Palestine. This is the same Rabbi Stephen Wise who, in 1938, in his capacity as leader of the American Jewish Congress, wrote a letter in which he opposed any changes in the US immigration laws

which would enable Jews to find refuge in the USA. He state:

*"It may interest you to know that some weeks ago (Summer of 1938) representatives of the leading Jewish organizations in conference...It was decided that no Jewish organization would, at this time, sponsor or support a Bill which would in any way alter the US immigration laws to allow the European Jews to immigrate to the USA."* Ibid.

With thanks to J. Corlett- USA ■

## ISRAEL'S SHARON CALLS FOR FRENCH JEWS TO IMMIGRATE TO ISRAEL

From Al-Jazeera

France denounced strongly the Israeli Prime Minister's call for all of the French Jews to immigrate immediately to Israel because of the so-called anti-Semitism in France.

During his meeting with representatives of all the American-Jewish organizations, Sharon addressed them, saying: "I would like to call all the Jews around the world to come to Israel, but the matter is very important for the French Jews, who have to move as early as possible."

The spokesman for the French Foreign Affairs Ministry described Sharon's remarks as extremely unacceptable. The French Jews high

profile figures condemned Sharon's call to the French Jews. They said that Sharon had no right to speak on behalf of the French Jews and he should know and not ignore that they are French citizens.

### COMMENT:

*This reminds one of Hitler and his Liebestraum for Germans in Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland. It's interesting that Sharon does not demand the immigration of the Jews from USA or England to go immediately to Israel...after all, the Palestinian lands need settlers!!* ■

## HERE WE GO AGAIN!

According to the British Sunday Herald of July 18, 2004. President Bush has promised the American people that if re-elected in November he will make a regime change in Iran. ■

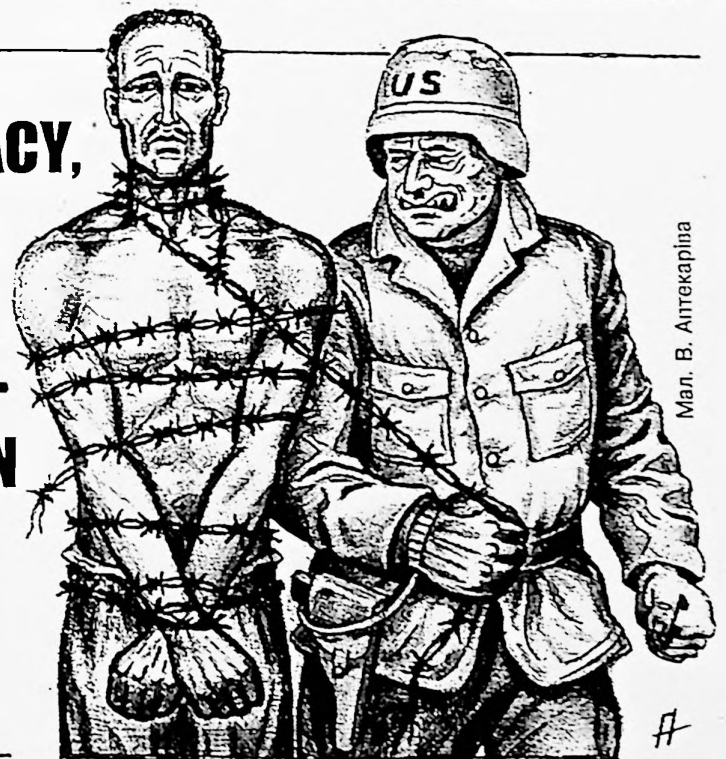
### DID YOU KNOW?

The Hague Court, under the thumb of US-NATO, which is trying Slobodan Milosevic has on its payroll 1,300 employees, who are being paid \$100,000 per year, while Slobodan Milosevic is representing himself? ■

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# DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM, JUSTICE, EQUALITY- AMERICAN STYLE!

From DOSVITNI  
OGNI newspaper  
Kiev, Ukraine



Man. B. Antrekaplia



# NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

FELIX  
GORELIK



## MOTHER OF IGOR GUPKIN

In the novel by Maxim Gorky "Mother", for the first time in history there was given a picture of an ordinary Russian woman – Nilovna, who became a companion-in-arms of her son – Paul Vlasov, who was thrown into the Czar's prison for his revolutionary activities.

"Her son was knocked out of the revolutionary ranks – Mother then took his place" said one of the characters in the novel.

History now is repeating itself. In the victory of the counter-revolutionary forces, which has thrown our Motherland back 100 years, into jails the present regimes are throwing fighters who are struggling for the interests of the working class. In jail there found himself a follower by conviction of Paul Vlasov – Igor Gubkin – one of the most dedicated of the present revolutionary fighters for the rebirth of the USSR. And his Mother, as did Gorky's Nilovna, stood together with her son.

The situation of Igor Gubkin is tragic. He has already spent 8 years in Russian jails. Ahead of him are another 14 years of incarceration on the false charges and accusations. The present authorities hate Gubkin with a passion. Gubkin in his dedication and deep conviction of the necessity to prepare for an armed uprising against the present regime and to liberate all other former Soviet republics from the present occupation regimes. He criticizes vehemently the illusions of some communist parties who think that through parliamentary means they will bring back socialism and the Soviet Union. He calls them "Legal

Marxists". Years behind bars did not break Gubkin's dedication to socialism and communism. He edited newspapers, wrote 5 books and has many dedicated Marxists who collect finances and who publish the materials that he had written.

Gubkin was leader of the underground organization that was called the "Revolutionary Army Council", which was dismembered by the state security forces. There were sent to prison 11 young comrades who were thrown into prison on false charges in Odessa.

"In front of us are years of struggles" writes Gubkin from prison "and we need to stand firm and not be broken – therefore we will stand firm and will not be broken into submission!"

Svetlana Fedorovna (his Mother) is very proud of her son. This is a small woman who was born in Chitinsk region of Siberia and speaks with Siberian character. She is in complete harmony with her son in this revolutionary struggle. She distributes newspapers, collects finances to help all of the political prisoners in ex-USSR.

Across 10 thousand kilometres journey she went from Moscow to see her son near Vladivostok. Along the way across Russia, at every stop people gathered to see her, to talk, to give encouragement, to donate money, products for the political prisoners.

In her article, published in the newspaper "Revcom", she speaks about this across Russia trip as she saw it from the window of the train: "There flew past a terrible ruined land, villages, factories and other structures, all covered over with weeds, in ruin were the collective and state farms...nothing but ruins, ruins, devastation and dullness!"

Her life is now totally dedicated to her son and his freedom. She has

become the dedicated Communist, a revolutionary.

"All of these many meetings - writes Svetlana Federovna Gubkin - had made me even stronger in my dedication, that the work of our sons and daughters is not for nothing." She ended her article with words of a poem:

*"Until we feel the pain of others.  
Until lives within us compassion.  
Until we still dream of the future -  
Our life is truthful and sincere."*



The novel "Mother" written by Gorky was about the first Russian revolution.

The new generation of heroes - like Igor Gubkin and his Mother, the Komsomols who were arrested in Odessa - show us very clearly that the idea and ideals of Revolution, Socialism is not buried forever.

**Today, such heroes -  
individuals,  
Tomorrow - hundreds and  
thousands.  
After tomorrow - millions!**



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Mother of Gubkin – a revolutionary

May Day in Moscow with hundreds of Red Flags.

Avanguard of Communist Youth getting ready to march.

All Union Communist Party (b) gathering.

A young revolutionary selling the youth newspaper. He is a regular of NSC.







## MAY DAY IN MOSCOW

I was in Moscow on May 1 and I have very joyous and vivid memories of that day.

Participants met on the Kalushni Prospect, near the monument to V.I. Lenin with thousands in attendance. All over the square there were being sold Communist newspapers, red flags, buttons and pins. Soviet songs

were heard all over Moscow through countless loudspeakers. At exactly Ten in the morning the marching columns started the march with CPRF, Trudovaya Rossia, Trudovaya Moskva, Komsomol, Avangard communist youth and Muscovites marching in columns.

The bourgeois television of

Russia is always focusing only on pensioners and war veterans, but absolutely avoiding showing the hundreds and thousands of young people in the ranks of the May Day celebrations. Columns upon columns of young Komsomol members were sloganizing "Our Motherland-USSR", "Today with placards- tomorrow with automatic rifles", "Lenin Hero - Putin-scum!" "Capitalism is dirt".

The river was never ending of marchers who marched until they reached Theatre Square near the monument to Karl Marx. Here there took place a meeting where the CPRF had a speaker, chairman of the Union of Workers of Moscow, Union of Students, a member of the Communist Party of Iraq spoke to an ovation. The meeting was opened up with the singing of the "Hymn of the Soviet Union" and ended up with singing of the "International."

In my heart there came the words of Mayakovsky: "I am lucky, that I am part of this mighty force! All that unites - even tears and eyes...!"

No, Gentlemen "Democrats-Reformers"! you are celebrating your victory too soon over the USSR! You were able to with lies and traitorous acts to temporarily destroy our Motherland. But it's not evening yet, gentlemen!

**History is not finished yet - it did not say its final word!**

Competition in Ukraine for the best anti regime graffiti by young patriots and by the Komsomols. The messages are clear and demand for return to USSR and Socialism!





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## ONCE MORE ABOUT THE CAUSE OF OUR CATASTROPHE!

Time does not stand still but rushes on its spiral of development of history. Unfortunately the Book of Eternity is not always full of pages of light and success. Many dark pages emerge that show the spiral of episodes that set mankind back in its striving for a better future.

Such is the very raw and unpredictable law of development. Such is the road of the development of mankind and its striving for the cause of the working class. The triumphant success of the Great October Revolution was stopped by the traitorous acts of the party-government top echelons. This defeat was the signal for worldwide terrorism and the attacks of Imperialism of US and NATO.

But nevertheless - why was there a defeat of the first socialist state in the world? Why did our country, the most dynamic, the one that broke the back of word Fascism, saved the world from the "black death" of Hitlerism - why was it dismembered? Knowing all of the problems, I would like to touch only on some specifics.

The apologists for Imperialism to this day are asking the question as to how was it possible that Russia, that backward country of not too long ago, could have withstood for 70 years the intervention, the attacks, the internal paid enemies, saboteurs, the spies, the provocateurs, the economic embargo, the manipulation of currency etc. - all pushed, planned and promoted and sent by world imperialist powers?

This was only possible because heading the state was none other than Stalin. In reality, it is a fact that there was only 10-15 year period that the Soviet Union had what is called peace in its development! But, what kind of peace was it, when at any moment the USSR could have been attacked and bloody war to follow? We always lived under terror of Imperialism since the Great October Revolution! In reality, our country in such a small time limit did fantastic things in the economy, industry, agriculture, and was also forced to develop the atomic weapons in defense of the planned attacks by Imperialism!

But why did the catastrophe happen anyway? It is because of the enormous energy and unbelievable hardships that had to go into defending the country from attacks and all of the enemies - plus the loss of the leading and dedicated people. During the Great Patriotic War the country lost millions of its best sons and daughters, the most dedicated comrades, the leading Bolsheviks, not to speak of the tremendous loss in the economy and complete devastation. The people thought that after the victory there will be peace and rest - and that the class struggles were done with forever, that the class enemy was defeated once and for all!

This was just a mirage! The class struggle, as was foretold by J.V. Stalin, had adopted new forms of struggles, much sharper and clever than the open struggles. The internal bourgeois enemies were certain that the tremendous loss during the Second World War of the most dedicated Communists-Bolsheviks would weaken the solidarity of the CPSU and of the USSR. Then in the middle of 1950's, after Stalin's death, the opportunism in the CPSU leadership started to manifest itself...culminating in Krushchev's revisionism. The most sever attacks on Socialism was perpetrated by Gorbchev and Yeltsin and now carried on by Putin. Let us also remember that Mao Tsetung also warned about the internal enemies, when he made this statement: *"Carrying on a revolution and leading it, you must know where the former bourgeoisie went. They are in fact right inside the Communist Party, and they will demagogically*

*lead the country into capitalism, if they are not exposed and defeated!"* Were these not prophetic words?

I would ask our readers to look for a moment at the following. The first ten years of building the Soviet state were full of extreme hardships. Class struggles against the remaining enemies, a civil war, a world war did not help to go to socialist democracy as Socialism in peaceful conditions demanded. There had to be instituted war discipline in the life and death struggles. But, leading the nation were dedicated Bolsheviks. They defeated the internal and external enemies - they oversaw the building of industrialization and beginning of socialism. People believed wholeheartedly in the Communist Party leadership, that were building the first stages towards Communism. Obviously the enemies were not at all defeated...they went underground and joined the CPSU and then awaited their moment- meanwhile sabotaging secretly the building of socialism. They waited for close to 30 years in a planned strategy of sabotage in order to gain their counter-revolutionary victory.

The lessons that should be learned by everyone is that the CPSU had let its guard down as well as the Soviet people who believed in the Communist leadership, without some people realizing as to the Trojan horses inside the CPSU.

So that such traitorous acts should not happen again, all Communist parties should always be vigilant and make certain that the dictatorship of the proletariat is maintained until the final victory of Socialism and the beginning of a Communist society. The ownership of the means of production must always remain in the hands of the working class. There is no other way to build socialism - all other means are only demagogic and opportunistic!

Soviet society headed by these opportunists who usurped power after 1953, was not schooled in detecting the break away from Marxism-Leninism by the Trojan horse leadership in the CPSU. This dedication must always be in front, vigilant and ready to defend the socialist ideal and ideology.

As an example of the leadership of the Communist party in Cuba and North Korea, the people of these two



countries are aware and ready to defend their countries from US Imperialism and have taken steps to guarantee their freedom. Even though these two countries are in the grips of an economic and political blockade, they are fighting and defending themselves from the plans sponsored by US imperialism. But North Korea and Cuba need worldwide people's support. We must say loudly "NO!" to the international terrorism as sponsored and promoted by United States of America! The ideals of Socialism and Communism will never be beaten!

## PAY ON TIME = BOURGOISE- IT'S TIME!

By G. ATOMOV -

From July 1-7 of this year in the city of Saratov, Russia - there was taking place protests and marches against the withholding of back pay for workers and the plan to do away with all social benefits. The local All Union of Communist Party of Bolsheviks organization, trade union of air

dispatchers and other trade unions, picketed the regional headquarters of the Duma and against the deputies L. Sliski and V. Tretiakov. There were other organizations and movements that joined these protests. The average age of the protestors was 25 years - this is the new generation of workers.

The total sum of back pay owing the Saratov workers is over half a billion rubles. Some workers did not receive their pay for over two years. These workers tried everything - hunger strikes, letters to Moscow, to other ministries and authorities, even to president Putin himself etc. Thousands of letters did not produce any results at all.

The representatives in the Duma of the "United Russia" faction are gung-ho now to eliminate all of the social services and this whole mess is full of cheating, pay-offs and all sorts of mechanizations to the detriment of the workers.

The protestors used the following slogans:

*\*Remove the government because of back pay!*

*\*Pay - on time, Bourgeois - it's time!*

*\*Hands off the social services!*

*\*United Russia - is a dead Russia!*

This last slogan is against the party of President Putin, called "United Russia" and its policies. ■

### FACTS - JUST FACTS!

Russia is now catching up with USA in the number of people in jail. Russia has 864,590 people in jail, while USA has 2,033,331 people in jail - which is 731 people in jail for each 100,00 Americans.

In present capitalist Putin's Russia there are over 6,000,000 people unemployed and in many localities there is even starvation.

## LANDS BACK TO THE CHURCH

In The Russian Duma last June 5, 2004, there spoke the Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexei II - who demanded that all the church lands that were the property of the Russian Orthodox Church under the last Czar be returned back as the property of the Church, with no taxes to be paid, plus the return of all of their properties, dachas, museums, buildings, villas, estates, etc. ■



# WAS UNITY AMONG THE IMPERIALISTS ACHIEVED?

It is extremely hard to imagine at first sight, that at the UN Security Council vote last June 8<sup>th</sup> - the Council voted 15 to Zero in favour of a resolution endorsing "the sovereignty of the new Baghdad Government". The hypocrisy of these people has no bounds. In spite of opposition to US invasion a year ago, these countries are now endorsing a puppet government put in power by the occupier to serve their own interests!

What kind of Iraq sovereignty can anyone talk about when this UN Security vote gives US Imperialism and its US-led occupation forces until the end of January 2006? It actually authorizes the US to "use all necessary measures" in order to retain control, which means the right to kill and torture the Iraqis in the name of democracy!?

President Putin, not to be outdone in getting publicity and to be in good graces of Bush said: "Without any exaggeration, I would state that this is a major step forward. Naturally it will take a very long time to have any success!"

Putin of Russia, as NSC has said many times, is nothing more than a puppet of Uncle Sam - in spite of his now and then statements to the contrary. Amongst all of the sharks, he looks like a pitiful small cod fish, trying to be heard and seen!

# CAPITALISM = FASCISM

BY EUGENE KOZACHKOV - PSYCHOLOGIST - MOSCOW

I am not a historian or an economist, but I still have not lost all of my senses. Like many, I analyze the information that we get over our TV (*but you must know what is the truth and what is a lie*), plus information gained from your publication, I would like to make some comments for those that will read these few thoughts.

**First:** in a non-communist society all relations are based on money.

**Second:** basing itself only on money (*read: personal property, personal business*) - is the first step towards future fascism. Why so? Why did not Western Europe and the US not open up the Second Front during World War II until 1944?

Is it not because they were selling arms, technical know-how, products and other goods to both sides of the conflict? Why should they have gone into war to curtail such great profits from both sides of the conflict? And why did those leaders of Poland and some other countries in Europe stated that they "would rather lay down before Hitler, then let on their territory the Soviet Army?" Because they knew, that under Hitler and fascism, if they cooperated with him, they will save their private industries

and profits, while under Soviet socialism this could never happen - these would be nationalized. So, it looked as if Communism was more dangerous than Fascism, because Fascism will save private enterprises, while under Communism, this will be taboo. Just try to remember that after the end of the World War II and the colossal loss of millions of its people, the USSR liberated most of Europe but had to keep on paying very high costs for purchases of arms and technical help, which the West was selling to the Soviet Union during the war - which was a life and death struggle with fascism, fighting and being killed by the armaments that the West supplied Hitler in the first place!

Thanks to World War II, Western imperialism managed to build multinational corporations from the profits gained during the war, corporations for:

\*Corporations that were manufacturing, designing war armaments, rockets, missiles.

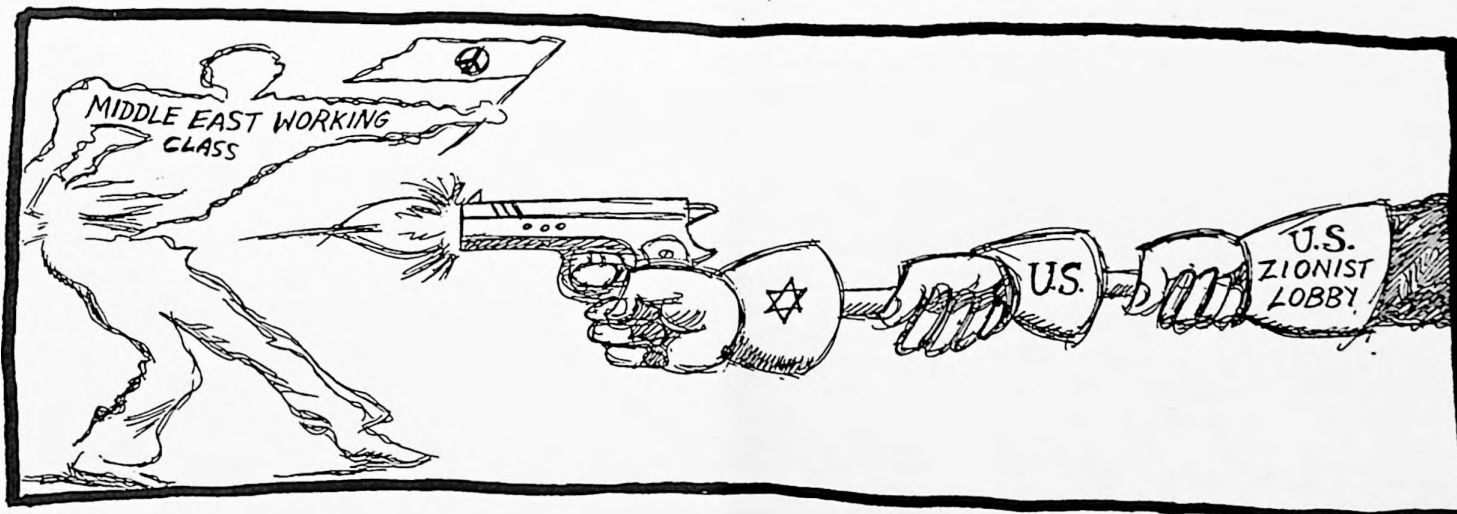
\*Corporations manufacturing food products and derivatives.

\*Corporations that were manufacturing all of the hot-

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lubricating materials.

\*Corporations manufacturing building materials.

\*Corporations manufacturing medical equipment and medicines.

These corporations did not want to lose these tremendous profits they made during the war years, and they made the decision as the "Cold War" was started, that the profits and the markets must be saved and expanded at all costs. This became the new policy, and this former German fascism instituted itself internationally. Money must be made, and the biggest moneymaker of all time, is having wars and thus gain more markets. There are other methods of course and as effective as well. Here is an illustration of these new methods:

During the war year there was lack of food products and there came on the market synthetic Margarine, instead of butter. Yes, yes - this Margarine - which can last for a very long time, as opposed to the short life of butter, and the cost of producing it is practically a few cents. This corporation became extremely rich, selling it to the Germans and to the Soviets during World War II plus expanding its sales practically all over the world. Then in 1950, the corporation decided that the market had to be enlarged even more and went on world-wide falsified promotional campaign, trying to convince the people that margarine can prevent the growth of cholesterol, which is found in butter. But scientific research showed exactly the opposite, that complete lack of cholesterol is dangerous, and also that margarine is the cause of many other diseases that could be prevented if butter was used instead.

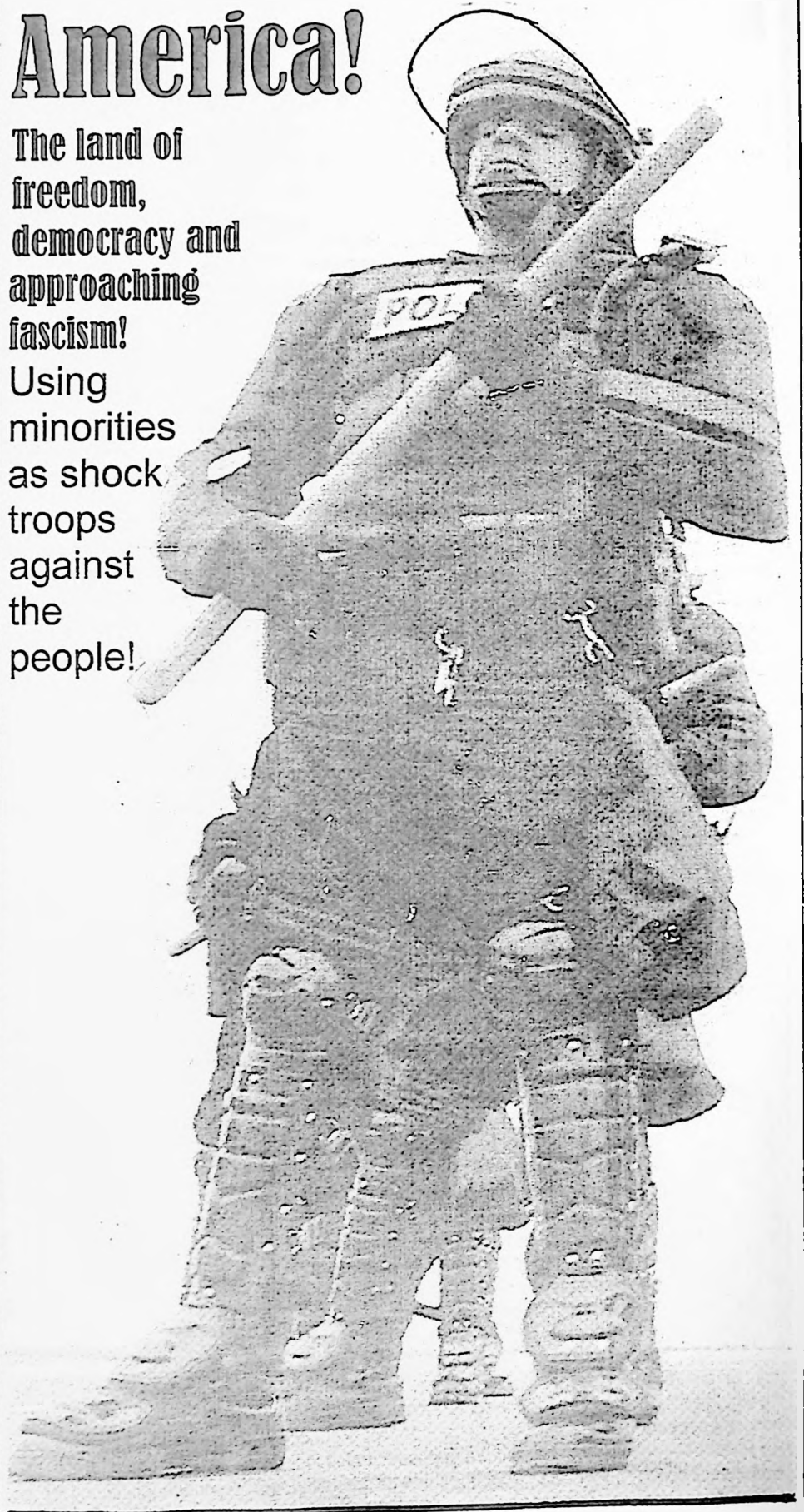
But the billions spent on promotion, advertising did produce the desired results. "You want to lose weight - do not eat cholesterol, but eat margarine." The results are known: More than 60% of Americans after such a diet started to get sick from obesity and atherosclerosis. Is this not fascism But, profit is above all!

The same thing can be said about sugar substitute - saccharin. As is well known - Aspartam - the sugar replacement is found in all cold drinks in America - it's a strong poison. It is like methyl. Methyl is a wood spirit, and using 30 grams

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brings on blindness, and 50 grams brings on death. But since Asparat is 500 times cheaper than sugar, in order to get the maximum profits, the US corporations in the food and drink business decided to include this in all products! Fascism? No, it's just regular business...

I brought up these examples because, my terminology of tying German fascism and capitalism (*universal fascism*) to be more to the point and understood and that the reader should look, think!

Here are additional examples of this fascism-capitalism:

**Yugoslavia** – in Albania (Kosovo) there is established a strong and profitable business of transportation of arms and armament and narcotics for Europe, plus Yugoslav oil.

**Afghanistan** - the growing and distribution of narcotics and the military transport of these narcotics, plus the oil pipeline from Central Asia to the ocean.

**Iraq** – This is the best and most profitable business of the oil magnates, since they control all of the oil wells in Iraq, and they can jack up the oil prices as high as they want to, as we see today all over the world. As the saying goes: *"It's business, it's nothing personal!"*

I want to touch on one aspect of this "business". Some think that the expansion of American style of life – this is just a cultural war. It's unfortunately much more clever and dangerous, because everything goes that can be bought and sold. Their culture is aimed at the most basic human instincts. American advertising about food and drink – a normal thinking person cannot believe in what he is told.

USA was the first to suffer from this capitalism-fascism. Just look at Iraq where the American soldiers are dying. These soldiers are befuddled by American capitalism and the pseudo-American patriotism. The soldiers are not to blame – they are the products of this policy of capitalism right from the day they were born. It's these American multinational corporations that are to blame, using the American Army to do their dirty work. Constant conflicts, wars, crisis – these are a constant source of profits.

#### **What about Russia today?-**

\*It shall be the producer of genetic modified foods for the multinational

corporations – in order to obliterate the Russian agricultural potential. This is being done now on a very large scale.

\*Market for armaments from the West. This demands many local wars and conflicts (*Predniestrov, Chehnyia, Narodny Karabakh and now even Crimea*).

\*Market for users of narcotics, grown and produced in Afghanistan and other places.

\*Market for Western medicines, disused and banned medicines from the West. This is meant to dismember and close off all of the still remaining light industries that still exist in Russia.

The conflicts are before us, with NATO and its armies surrounding Russia. Friends of NATO are our enemies and in order to save capitalism in Russia, NATO is ready

and willing to occupy Russia.

So the war of fascism against humanity is ongoing, coming from the form of nationalism, into capitalism-fascism. Our Motherland was able to defeat Fascism and save the world, now saw capitalism-fascism celebrating the holiday of victory over fascism last May – victory actually over themselves!

Now you can see as to why Capitalism hates the Soviet Union and Soviet people so much and the ideal of socialism-communism! Because it was the Soviet people who defeated capitalism-fascism!

Can we Communists stand up and defeat this menace? What ideals can we bring forth to defeat this onslaught of private gain and profit? We still have the strength and the dedication that is more powerful than riches and money!

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## **DID RUSSIA WIN D-DAY?**

*SOMETIMES FROM A VICIOUS ANTI-SOVIETEER COMES THE TRUTH  
This was written by Eric Margolis of Canada*

If the Soviet Union hadn't chewed up millions of German soldiers and weapons, D-Day would have failed.

It's high time that Russia was accorded recognition, especially during the last June celebrations in France on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the invasion of Normandy, France. Most North Americans believe that the US, Canadian and British invasion of Normandy was the decisive stroke of the war. **Not so, in my view.**

When the Allies invaded France, most of the war-battered German units they met were undermanned, short of armor, trucks, heavy artillery, almost immobile, and reduced to less than 40% combat effectiveness by previous hard fighting on the Eastern Front.

Most important, Germany's once splendid air force was almost extinct. German forces at Normandy had almost no air cover and were pounded by the Allies day and night by thousands of Allied air strikes and bombers. Few of us recall that close to 20,000 innocent French civilians were killed by our bombing raids!

I am arguing that the German Wehrmacht was not defeated in

France, but on the Eastern Front, during the 1941-44. The Red Army destroyed 507 German divisions, 48,000 German tanks and 77,000 German aircraft; 100 divisions of Nazi-allied Romanian, Hungary and Italy; and at least 450,000 Japanese soldiers, 32% of Japan's total military losses.

Of Germany's 10,000,000 casualties in World War II, over 75% came by fighting the Red Army. The German air force lost most of its planes and pilots on the Eastern Front. The gigantic battles on the Eastern Front ground down millions of lives.

Soviet Union lost over 20,000,000 people besides in the Pacific battles against Japan - they lost close to 1,000,000. D-Day was just a diversionary sideshow to tie down German troops while the Red Army pushed towards Berlin.

Some people may dispute this, but it is a historical fact that Germany's military capability was destroyed way before the D-Day ever took place in June of 1944. It is interesting to speculate as to what would have happened to us in the West if Hitler



did not invade USSR and if the Allies decided to land in Normandy to face the intact German machine! **In my view, the Allies would have been beaten.**

I recently saw a plaque in Italy lauding the liberation from the Germans by the "Italian Allied Forces". Excuse me, but I always remember that Italy was on the German side!

This makes you wonder as to who was fighting against the Allies? Everyone who fought against Russia, Britain, US and France now seems to have been anti-Nazi, in the Resistance, or vacationing in South America at the time of the Second World War.

Of course the German Chancellor was at this 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the invasion of France, all smiles. Maybe we'll even see a smiling Japanese delegation at Pearl Harbor next year?

*Comment:*

*An excellent article from an anti-Sovieteer. He could have brought himself to write and admit that it was Britain, US and French imperialism that were pushing Hitler to invade the USSR in the first place. Also, he could have admitted that after the Western Imperialists saw that the Red Army was on the verge of liberating the whole of Europe right up to the Atlantic Ocean, they were forced finally to open up the Second Front!*

*Poor Eric Margolis could not bring himself to admit that the German SS and its Gestapo Secret Service were welcomed with open arms by the USA and sent to holiday in South America (war criminals and all) and then the whole Nazi SS Secret Service's top echelons were hired and became part of the CIA!*

## **BELARUSA FEARS NATO ON ITS BORDER**

Belarussian President Alexander Lukashenko expressed very great concern over NATO troop deployment along the country's border. "We cannot but notice how a huge military strategic potential once again has been concentrating along our border, acting in a manner that's

*far from friendly". Lukashenko told a meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Russia-Belarus Union. President Lukashenko also said: "No one asks weak, amorphous nations who have no allies if they want to go to war or not. The leading powers have been guided by their own interests and using force without hesitation to advance them."*

**COMMENT:**

*Is this the kind of timid language to use against an outright Imperialist NATO threat to Belarus and ex USSR by a President?* ■

## **Russia sends back poisoned corn and potatoes to the US!**

*From Pravda-Ru.*

Russian Federal Services head Sergei Dankvert said that Russia decided to send back 80 tones of American poisoned corn to the United States and 649.5 tons of potatoes back to Israel.

The corn was contaminated with viral agents as were the potatoes from Israel.

*Capitalism is really flourishing in Russia when they have to import corn and potatoes from abroad! So, the control over exports by the US and Israel is really top-notch you said?*

## **GEORGIAN GOVERNMENT GETS A PAYOFF!**

By RICK ROZOFF -heikki.sipila  
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Georgian troops were deployed into South Ossetia and Moscow accused Tbilisi of further escalating tensions in the conflict zone.

Meanwhile, the Russian vessel Tsirkony was seized by the Georgian coast guard in the Batumi port for "violating navigation rules in early hours" of June 16, 2004. The Georgian coast guard had seized

already 11 Russian vessels for "entering Georgian territorial waters."

The Georgian government spokesman said that the vessels will be freed "if they pay \$25,000 US each as ransom".

The European Union (Junior partner of NATO - Editor) is giving \$500,000,000 US to Georgian government, according to Prime Minister of Georgia Zurab Zhvania and he also said that they will do more "reforms" as requested by NATO, World Bank and EU.

The European Union has been steadily strengthening relations with Georgia, seen as the key route to the Caspian Oil to be shipped to the West.

European Union's External Relations Commissioner Chris Patten said that the Georgian government had made good on its commitment to reform as asked by the EU and NATO. "The stakes are high and the challenges ahead are formidable."

For a country of only 4-41/2 million people, the number of police and secret service personnel is way over 56,000 - even EU and NATO asked Georgia to trim this heavy security apparatus!

*It seems that US, NATO, EU are determined to use Georgia as a staging area and as a battering ram against the adjoining countries to get the oil that the West needs and demands! History is repeating itself. US Imperialism took over where British Imperialism has left of!* ■

## **WE EXPECTED BETTER!**

*Below we publish just excerpts from an article which appeared in The Prague Post, June 10, 2004.*

Most of the youth of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union are not very optimistic - the social services have completely collapsed and life expectancy is way down.

As one girl named Katya, who was interviewed said that: "I had everything, my childhood was a Soviet childhood, I had resources for sports, I had education, I had culture, travel and status as a young bearer of the glorious communist future. Now I am destitute, in drugs, sex trade, narcotics in order to make ends meet, no jobs available, moving

from city to city and going into other countries in search of a better future. There is now a rupture of generations."

In Russia, as in all the present CIS and Eastern Europe, old bonds of stability have been broken. Young people who have lost their roots, with the economic shortages, ethnic conflicts and war have driven millions of young people to migration and immigration. Incomes cannot cover the bare necessities. Infections, malnutrition, pregnancy, violence, murder, suicides – all these are typical situations for the young generation.

This gives rise to far right groupings, like nazis, who promise a quick fix and thus these youngsters fall prey to the powers that are behind these Nazi-Fascist groupings that prey on these young people.

The skills and social values that everyone lived under socialism are irrelevant now. The older generation is blamed now by these young people and they do not believe in politics and are mistrustful even of genuine communists who try to explain the situation. These young people feel that they have been failed by the adults who promised them a beautiful future and a bright life under communism, that for most has turned into poverty, fear and loneliness. ■

FROM NEWSPAPER "MOLNIYA"

## IS THE CPSU REALLY REBORN?

It must be a real CPSU uniting all Communists in all of the former Soviet Republics that will lead the young generation. But what kind of CPSU is it that we have today.

Not too long ago there was a Congress of the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU where a decision was made to combine all parties into one mighty CPSU. (*This was written about in the last issue of NSC – Editor*) This sounds great! But where was Oleg Shenin and his Council when Trudovaya Rossia (Victor Anpilov) in 1977 when this unity was proposed? But, the UCP-CPSU was under great influence of Gennady Zyuganov of the CPRF.

### OUR KIND OF DICTATORS

Twenty Six Million people live in beleaguered Uzbekistan, almost the same number of people that live in Iraq. President Islam Karimov of Uzbekistan is a dictator who has perfected many of the techniques of repression developed by Saddam. There are at least 5,000 people unjustly imprisoned in Uzbekistan, many of them for political and religious views. This does not count the number of people just "missing". ■

The Communists were put into a quandary - either you became a member of the CPRF or the RCWP. Other parties were not even recognized. We have to remember that Oleg Shenin was in the CC of Zyuganov's party at that time. Shenin felt that the CPRF is the best party under whose leadership all other parties must join.

But then Oleg Shenin was unceremoniously kicked out of the CC of the CPRF, Shenin then asked Victor Anpilov and Trudovaya Rossia for support. It was agreed that there should start a genuine process to establish the CPSU, headed by Oleg Shenin himself. A Congress took place, but again forces got control and Viktor Anpilov and his party were not allowed to attend this Congress. There was an attempt to brake away the youth section from the UCP-CPSU and thus the whole young Komsomol was liquidated as a unified force.

Again the latest Congress that took place (*that NSC reported*) and the CPSU again is composed of some parties that are from the Union of Russia and Byelorussia and none from other former Soviet Republics. This new CPSU and its spokesman Sergei Udaltsov tried to split the youth section AKM of Trudovaya Rossia. Does Shenin really need people of that kind inside the CPSU?

Y. RUDIK

COMMENT:

*All this is certainly to the liking of the present regime of Putin. It would be good to know as to who is who and on what side of the fence they are on!* ■

## PUTIN TAKES BUSH'S SIDE AGAINST DEMOCRATS ON IRAQ

SEA ISLAND – JUNE, GA. (Reuters) Russian President Putin stepped into US politics in June at the G8 meeting, saying that the Democrats had "no moral right" to criticize President Bush over Iraq.

The Kremlin leader, answering a reporter's question in Sea Island, Georgia, said that the Democrats were two-faced by criticizing Bush on Iraq, since it was the Democratic president Clinton, together with the Republicans that authorized bombing of Yugoslavia. Further on Putin elaborated in defending Bush by saying: "*I am deeply convinced that President Bush's political adversaries have no moral right to attack him over Iraq*".

COMMENT:

*It was said many times before, but it certainly is apropos here : Birds of a feather flock together.* ■

## LATVIA HOSTS NAZI SS VETERANS FORUM

By RICK ROZOFF –HEKKI SIPILA

TALLINN – This capital city of Estonia hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the "Union of Freedom Fighters" last July 6, 2004 - which is dominated by the 20<sup>th</sup> Estonian SS Division. This Congress has the complete approval of the Estonian government.

There will be a large religious ceremony, a march past of these Estonian SS veterans, a concert and the veterans will be given soldiers soup as they had during World War II in the SS Division. They are "*celebrating*" the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1944 defensive battles.

*This really means that these Estonian SS bandits, who together with regular German Army were fighting the Soviet forces which were liberating Estonia. Mot of the casualties sustained by the Red Army was through being shot from the back by these "patriots" who were used by the German SS to fight the Red Army behind the lines.* ■



# FIRST OF MAY AND VICTORY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS IN MINSK, BYELORUSSIA ORGANIZED BY THE AUCPB.

Young people were in the leading role in these demonstrations and were selling the AUCPB newspapers

From newspaper FORWARD.



# SS LEGION MUSEUM BEING BUILT IN ESTONIA

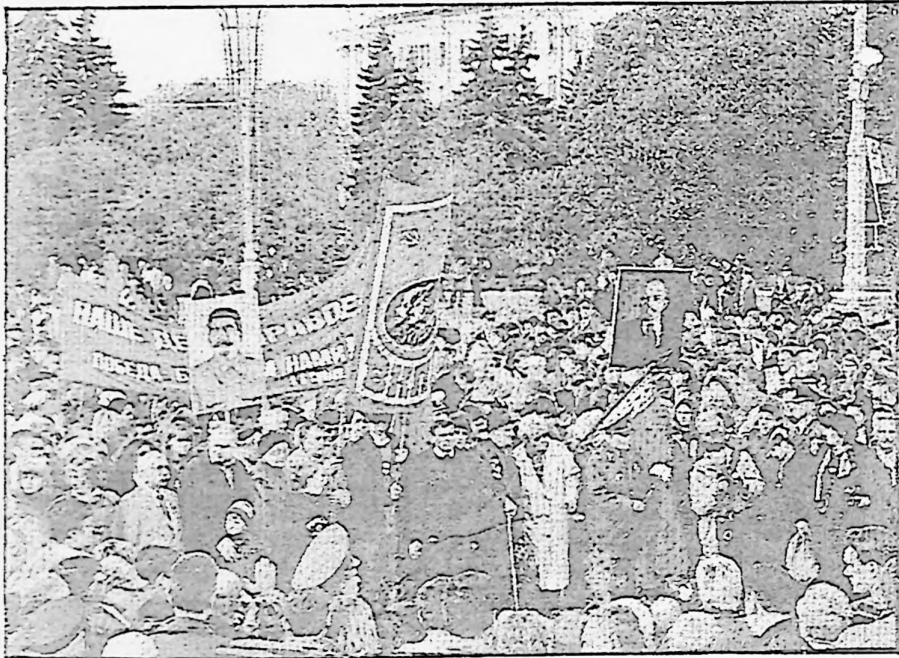
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A museum of the Estonian Nazi SS Legion is being built in Estonia. The site is already bought and the bas-relief in front of the SS Museum features an SS uniform-clad soldier with his arm raised and pointing towards the East.

Another monument in a form of a cross to the commander of the 20th SS Division, Alfons Rebane was recently unveiled in another part of Estonia. Tallinn (*the capital city*) has been rewriting the complete history after Estonia broke away from the Soviet Union in the early 1990's.

The liberation of Estonia from German occupation with thousands of Red Army lives lost in 1944 is now pictured that it was a Soviet re-occupation, and those Estonians who fought on the side of the German Nazis are now called "independence fighters".

In spite of the resolution that was passed by the United Nations last March in Geneva, Switzerland, that it condemns any form of unveiling monuments or museums or holding public demonstrations by former SS members or their supporters and collaborators - the present Estonian regime shows the world that they supported Fascism in the life and death struggle of the Second World War. This is now called "democracy" by these Nazis



# PUTIN-BUSH ARE PALS!

According to an article written by Raushan Nurshayeva based in Astana, Kazakhstan and related by Reuters news agency, it seems that Russia supposedly warned the US that Saddam Hussein planned to hit targets in the US after the 9/11 attacks - Putin relayed this message to the world press last June.

Putin's remarks are certain to help Bush in his election, but the officials in the White House expressed surprise, since they knew nothing of such information from President Putin.

Putin said that the Russia's secret services warned Bush right after the 9/11 that Saddam's regime was preparing attacks on the USA. But the US State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said that: **"Everybody in the White House is scratching their heads about this statement by Putin!"**

Putin's timing of his statement will certainly help President Bush's election campaign in November, since Bush is under great pressure from the Iraqi crisis.

President Bush has been on the defensive at home for insisting – against the finding of his own independent Commission – that

Saddam's link with Al Qaeda, the militant group behind the 9/11 and that propelled the US to attack Iraq was non-existent.

Putin's remarks now are all the more unusual, since Russia had diplomatic relations with Saddam's Iraq and sided with France and Germany in opposing the US invasion of Iraq!

#### COMMENT

*Maybe Putin is expecting a very good pay off if Bush gets elected? But the question is – why only now – two years later – did Putin make this statement, not right after the 9/11 attacks?*

## FRIENDSHIP NEWS

### HAPPY 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY NSC!

*For the editorial board of NSC, I'd like to wish all our readers, and all the signatories to the ICFSSPs a happy 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

Western superstition has the number 13 to be a bad luck number. With apologies to Lenin, I would ask, bad luck for which class? Kidding aside, Northstar Compass has managed to survive thirteen long years despite all its innumerable challenges. That is a feat in itself. On that score, I would like to extend my thanks to all those who contributed in some way to the flourishing of this journal: the editors, the writers, the subscribers, the readers, and those who have raised money for NSC. Special mention should be made of the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians, a Toronto-based mass organization, with seemingly infinite amounts of generosity and solidarity. Their contributions to sustaining this journal are just plain incredible. They have hosted the journal in their building, often subsidized the printing of the journal, and even paying for stamps when this journal has been short of funds. Truly, without the generosity of this society, this journal would have died the death of many progressive journals: financing. This

fortune has indeed been very bad luck for the big bourgeoisie and their lackeys but as all fortunes go, it should not be relied upon.

The last issue was a combined June-July issue covering two months. Such combination is a product of the financial problems of this journal. You will probably see more of such issues in the future. That indeed would be a shame. The journal's financial problems are getting more and more difficult. It is something that we the readers of NSC and the members of the ICFSSP will have to face the sooner the better.

Lest, however, we think that this problem of finances is the main problem facing our journal, let me take this opportunity to disabuse our readers of this notion. Our main problem is political. The financial problems are a mere reflection of this political problem.

What, then, is this political problem? Consider dear reader the statement of unity. Please look at it once more. What do you notice? Is it not the case that almost all the signatories deem themselves to be communist parties, communist groups or other such Marxist-Leninist organizations? Is this not puzzling that given the content of the statement itself, the basis of unity is only anti-imperialist? To be more blunt, except for a handful of the signatories, where are the mass organizations?

This is the essence of our

problem: the signatories to the basis of unity for the ICFSSP have yet to adequately organize or mobilize even a few of the mass organizations in their areas of activity for solidarity with the peoples of the former Soviet Union. The existence of one friendship society in the former U.S.S.R. that is fairly dysfunctional because of local sectarian conflicts between erstwhile communist parties is also symptomatic of the roots of this problem. What then can be the practical political content of this solidarity between the world's peoples and the peoples of the former Soviet Union other than a journal publishing progressive information?

We welcome the commitment of the trade union Zashita to this journal. We laud the efforts of our Brazilian brothers and sisters. But we need more... We can only expand our readership, solidify our financial status, and strengthen real solidarity if we bring more mass organizations into the ICFSSP.

On this 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NSC, let us reaffirm the anti-imperialist basis of the ICFSSP and go all out to mobilizing the mass organizations in our areas to solidarity with the peoples of the former Soviet Union and for those in the former U.S.S.R. with the rest of the world. Until such time that we made some real headway into this problem, maybe another conference is premature.

Redmond Guerrero

#### PRESS RELEASE:

### COMMUNIST PARTY OF SLOVENIA DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE DISMEMBERMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA

We do not recognize the violent and anti-constitutional break up of the SFRY, nor do we admit to the unlawful dismantling of the League of Yugoslav Communists.

The Yugoslav nation never approved or agreed to the dismemberment of Yugoslavia by the fascist imperialists or the divisive



work by the anti-socialist forces from abroad or within Yugoslavia itself.

The CPS is proposing, in the spirit of socialist principle of nations to self-determination, a reunion of all the republics into a single SFRJ in such form and type as the majority of the inhabitants will decide in a democratic form.

During the 1990's, the associated anti-socialist forces, both foreign and inside forces were destroying the SFRY with propaganda, lies and nationalistic establishment of capitalism and against the self-management socialist system that we had. There was no way that the people were allowed to make a choice either for capitalism or socialism. These elements used legal and illegal forms of work, and opposed the international norms of organizing as is enshrined in the United Nations Charter. They interfered in the internal affairs of other republics. They misused and subverted individual and group members of other states in order to destroy them. They gave rebirth to Second World War armed gangs, careerists, profiteers, criminals and all sorts of traitors in order to dismember Yugoslavia.

Their propaganda even surpassed the fascist propaganda during the Second World War. They made false accusations that the Slavic peoples are unequal, they instigated religious and nationalistic confrontations, and their destruction is well known.

These present bourgeoisie carried out total denationalization, wild privatization of all social property and took away all the rights of the workers that were achieved under socialism. Instead there was robbery,

corruption, destruction of morals, great financial debt to foreign exploiters.

All of this has not destroyed the ideas of brotherhood and equality, of morals, democracy, individual and collective happiness that is necessary for the advancement of civilization.

Exploiters always produce all the conflicts, severe crisis, chaos, confrontations, wars and everything else that follows it.

We appeal to all the people, to the working class, to peasants, to use everything in their power, to join us for the safety of the Slavic people, against all forms of misfortune and danger that is caused by the exploiter class.

Central Committee  
Communist Party of Slovenia  
May 30, 2004  
Adriatic Coast

FROM  
BRAZIL

Dear comrades:

After reading the Open Letter in the NSC plus the Statement by the Executive Committee of the International Council, we would like to express our opinions.

(1) We agree with the decision to postpone the Second World Congress until 2005 and that it should be held in Toronto, Canada. In the meantime the pages of NSC should be opened up to receive ideas, proposals, start debates and analyses of the extremely dangerous situation in the world. We also support the idea that all readers of NSC should start organizing in their own countries Friendship Societies with Soviet People.

(2) The ideas expressed by Nina Andreeva of Russia and Tamara Yakubovska from Ukraine, besides many others that we read in NSC, they reveal the serious problems and difficulties in ex-USSR in all frankness - that it would be easier for them if there were existing many friendship societies with Soviet people in the world. Also, we should concentrate on the former socialist countries and those that are still on the socialist path.

(3) Professor Herasymchuk from Ukraine stressed that our actual task should be to unite all of the socialist-

communist movements and that lectures should be given and discussions held in all countries where NSC is read.

(A) We agree with the above mentioned ideas and we suggest that the present name should be changed to:

*"International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Peoples and Movements on the Road to Communism."*

(B) The Second World Congress should be held at the determination of the Executive Committee.

(C) The World Congress should be held every 4 years. Between the Congresses there should be held meetings in those countries where there are members of the International Council. All of these proposed meetings should be attended by comrades from the Executive Committee to discuss the theme of unifying the communists of the world.

(D) The next Congress should be preceded by a Conference of delegates of the nations of former USSR and should be held in ex-USSR.

Comradely  
PEDRO CASTILHO  
Member of the Executive Committee

## EDITORIAL POSITION OF THE PROLETARSKAYA GAZETA ON 2<sup>ND</sup> WORLD CONGRESS

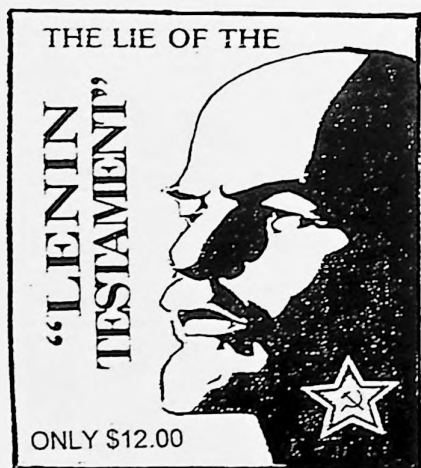
By DMITRY PIROSHKOV

Dear comrades!

We are stating our position regarding the information and the call for holding of the Second World Congress in September of 2005 in Canada.

Of course you are correct that the Soviet Union as a socialist state cannot be resurrected without a revolutionary struggle of the proletariat and the working masses of Russia and of other former Soviet republics. Therefore, a necessary condition for success of such a revolution is to build a new revolutionary vanguard of the proletariat - a Marxist-Leninist Party.

It is a fact that the left forces in



## REAGAN —

**A KILLER, A COWARD,  
CONMAN, GOOD RIDDANCE,  
RONNIE . PROVES THAT ONLY  
THE GOOD DIE YOUNG!**

By Greg Palast

You're not going to like this, because maybe you shouldn't speak ill of the dead. But in this case, some one has to.

Ronald Reagan was a conman. Reagan was a coward. Reagan was a killer.

In 1987, I found myself in a crappy little town in Nicaragua named Chaguitillo. The people were kind, though hungry - except one man whose wife had just died of tuberculosis.



People don't die of TB if they get some antibiotics. But Ronald Reagan, the big-hearted guy that he was, had put a lock-down embargo on medicine to Nicaragua because he didn't like the government the people there had elected.

Ronnie grinned and cracked jokes while the young woman's lungs filled up and she stopped breathing. Reagan flashed his B-movie grin while they buried that mother of three children.

He then decided to invade Grenada. That little Club Med war was a murderous PR stunt so that Ronnie could hold parades for gunning down Cuban workers who were building an airport in Grenada.

I remember Nancy (*his wife*), a skull and crossbones prancing around in designer dresses, some of the gifts that flowed to the Reagan's -

from hats to million-dollar homes - from cronies well compensated with government loot. It used to be called bribery. An all the while, Granpa grinned, the grandfather who bleated about "family values" but didn't bother to see his own grandchildren.

When Reagan died, the New York Times, in its canned obituary, wrote that Reagan projected, "faith in small town America" and "old-time values".

"Values" my ass! It was union busting, and a declaration of war on the poor and anyone else who could not buy designer dresses. It was the New Meanness, bringing starvation back to America so that every millionaire could get another million into his pocket.

And all the while, in the White House basement, as his brain boiled away, his last conscious act was to condone the coup d'etat against the elected US Congress. Reagan's Defense Secretary Caster the Ghost Weinberger with the crazed Colonel, Ollie North, plotted to give guns to the Monster of the Mid-east, Ajatolla Khomeini.

Then the Reagan Roaches mixed their cowardice with crime; taking cash from the hostage takers in Iran to buy guns for the "Contras" - the drug runners of Nicaragua posing as freedom fighters.

I remember as a student in Berkley the words screeching out of a bullhorn, "The Governor of California, Ronald Reagan, hereby orders this demonstration to disburse"...and then came the teargas and police truncheons. And all the while, the smile from this Gipper.

In Chaguitillo, all night long, the farmers stayed awake to guard their kids from Reagan's Contra terrorists. These farmers weren't even Sandanistas, those "Commies" that our cracked-brained President told us were "only 48-hour drive from Texas". What the hell would they want with Texas, anyway?

Nevertheless, the farmers, and their families, were Ronnie's targets.

In the deserted darkness of Chaguitillo, a TV blared. Weirdly, it was that third-rate gangster movie "Brother Rat", that was starring Ronald Reagan.

ex-USSR are split now and that most of these parties are just a carry-over from the revisionist CPSU and some still carry on the policies of the Krushchev, Brezhnev revisionism that held sway since 1953 after the death of Stalin and it officially was put into practice after the 20<sup>th</sup> CPSU Congress. To our way of thinking, anyone who did not struggle against the revisionist CPSU cannot consider themselves really true Communists. There was lack of criticism and self-criticism and even now the lack of this criticism does not allow some comrades to draw the proper lessons and evaluation of the problems that led to the demise of the Soviet Union.

It is absolutely necessary to draw the proper lessons and conclusions in this struggle, especially looking into the documents that were written by Enver Hodzha.

The former Soviet republics, that are now called "independent" will develop differently and crisis that are prevalent in all of former USSR will develop into revolutionary actions and we should support all of these actions - as we should also support the revolutionary actions in all parts of the world. But, all of the struggles must be led by a genuine Marxist-Leninist Party! We are against the resurrection of the Soviet Union as a revisionist state. We must have the dictatorship of the proletariat!

We consider that it is important to your declaration that the publication carries a "non party status". We agree on this that your publication should be independent from any party structure. But your political line should be as it is, to help the movement to resurrect the Soviet Union based on Marxism-Leninism. We agree that there cannot be any ideological peace between Marxism-Leninism and revisionism of any sort or type, or the bourgeois and semi-bourgeois nationalism.

The success of the Second World Congress will depend upon the class position taken and it will give new perspectives to the Editorial Board of NSC and to the International Council.

With Communist greetings

Editorial Board of  
Proletarskaya Gazeta

Article condensed for space reasons only. ■



Well, my friends, you can rest easier tonight: that Rat is dead.

Killer, Coward and Conman. Ronald Reagan - good-bye and good riddance.

*Greg Palast is the author of the New York Times best seller, "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy."* ■

## **NATO TRAINING CENTRE OPENED IN POLAND**

*By Rick Rozoff -  
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A training centre for top NATO soldiers was opened at Bydgoszcz in northwestern Poland in June, the PAP new agency said.

*"This centre will help the armed forces to face up to modern day challenges such as terrorism and the global threat that hangs over democracy and civil liberties",* the Polish agency quoted Defense Minister Jerzy Szmajdzinski at the opening ceremony of the Joint Forces Training Centre.

This Centre will be tasked to prepare top soldiers for joint missions and will be commanded by Danish General Peter Kuehnel, with Polish General Bronislaw Kwitkowski serving as his deputy.

*We're just wondering as to what US Advertising Agency wrote this statement for the Pentagon to be given to and read as his own by this Polish General in charge of these Soldiers of Fortune - all being paid in Yankee dollars, thanks to the US taxpayers?* ■

### **IN THE LAND OF THE "FREE"!**

## **MISSISSIPPI HANGING EXPOSES BLACK STRUGGLE FOR LAND** *By Minnie Bruce Pratt*

Roy Veal, a descendant of African American farmers who was fighting to hold on to his family's land, was found hanging on April 23 of this year from a tree in Woodville, Mississippi. Woodville is in the Wilkinson County just south of Natchez. It was the childhood home of Jefferson Davis, president of the slave-owning Confederate States,

and the site of his plantation, Rosemont.

His family knows that it is always: *"They hang one and scare the rest, that's the way they do it in Mississippi."*

Veal had returned to his home from Seattle to help his family fight a land-grab attempt by the whites who alleged their right to title and timber rights to acres that had been in Veal's family for three generations, since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

But the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Warren Stein declared that the death was *"a suicide"*. But there are serious and troubling contradictions and explanation, including the fact that Veal had been hooded and tied with a pillow case on his head before death!

There is a very long history of white vigilante group violence against the Black economic independence and land ownership - since the end of the Civil War. ■

## **THE GREAT ESCAPE:**

### **300 SAUDIS IN 55 PLANES**

*By Craig Unger - New York Times*

**...new evidence shows that the evacuation of Saudis after the 9/11 took place on 55 planes with a total of 300 Saudis leaving the USA with the approval of the Bush administration, far more than was pointed out by the Commission investigating the 9/11.**

Americans who think the 9/11 Commission is going to answer all the crucial questions about the terrorist attacks are likely to be sorely disappointed - especially if they're interested in the secret evacuation of the Saudis by plane that began right after the 9/11.

We were told that 15 out of 19 hijackers were Saudis. We knew that bin Laden was behind this, then why did we not conduct a police-like investigation of the departing Saudis, of whom two dozen were members of the bin Laden family.

Unfortunately we might never know the full story, since the Commission has already said that

there is *"no credible evidence that any chartered flights of Saudi nationals departed the USA before the opening of the air space."!?*

In addition, new uncovered evidence shows that the evacuation involved more than one departure of 142 Saudis on six charter flights with the approval of the Bush administration, there was a total of 300 Saudis who departed immediately. The Commission said that it is interesting that the FBI did not check the manifests of the departing airlines against its terror watch list.

These passengers should have been questioned because US knew that the Saudi rulers were linked to bin Laden and that Prince Ahmed bin Salman was the official intermediary between Al Qaeda and the House of Saud and that he boarded one of these evacuation planes in Kentucky. Why was he not interrogated by the FBI before he left?

This has to be answered, election year or not. But if it does not, we risk something far worse - the betrayal of the thousands of people who lost their lives on that day, not to mention the millions of others who want the truth.

*Craig is the author of the House of Bus, House of Saud: The Secret Relationship Between the World's Two Most Powerful Dynasties."* ■

## **BUSINESS IS BUSINESS!**

According to The New York Post 6/13/04 - dozens of US firms are still doing business with Saudi Bin Laden Group, despite US companies public relations denial to the contrary.

General Electric said that it is working with the bin Laden family through Beemco Enterprises. GE also issued a statement that it is involved *"in many different projects"* with the bin Laden group.

There are at least a dozen Wall Street multinational corporations doing business, such as the Freemont Group founded by Bechtel. There is also the Citigroup Private Banking, Goldman Dachs and Deutsche Bank.

More than 600 families in USA of 9/11 victims are suing bin Laden group.

*It would be much better and more correct if these families were suing the US State Department instead of bin Laden, seeing that it is Washington which gave birth, supported and is supporting bin Laden even now!* ■

## **TORTURE IN IRAQ AND A LESSON FROM THE PAST**

By William Loren Katz

A US lightning battlefield victory over tyranny, then a messy, prolonged occupation that led to massive civilian deaths, and the torture of people that the US came to free. The US armed forces did exactly that in the Philippines in 1898 and atrocities continued there for another ten years.

In the Philippines the American torture of choice was the "water cure" that forced water into victim's stomach. Future US president, the Governor of the Philippines, admitted under oath that US troops used "water cure" to extract information or as punishment of prisoners, and President Teddy Roosevelt told a friend that it was an "old Filipino method". The torture was sanctioned by the US Army's top brass, as the way to deal with "the Malay mind" and officials made no attempt to blame "bad apples in the army". It was proven that one soldier admitted that he had applied the "water cure" on 160 prisoners of whom 134 died.

By 1900, published letters from US soldiers and reports from US journalists exposed these crimes that riveted Spain's despotic rule of the islands. A Philadelphia Ledger newspaper reporter wrote that US soldiers "have been relentless in killing men, women, children, prisoners and captives, active insurgents and suspected people, from lads of ten years and up." The Baltimore American newspaper wrote that "the US had aped and surpassed Spain's depravity and we went to war to banish the Filipino people into extinction."

During a public tour of the US, the USA's war hero Colonel Frederick Funston boasted that he personally hanged 45 Philipinos without trial, and insisted that even greater barbarities were necessary to achieve victory, and he also suggested to the US people that they should seize and hang any US citizen who opposed the US occupation of the Philippines.

Funston was considered a US war hero, and never faced a trial for murder. The US Army was forced to charge 54 soldiers for murder, rape and other war crimes, but the sentences that were handed out were so light that the US credibility was further damaged before the world public opinion.

The US occupation dragged on for eleven years, cost over 200,000 civilian lives and took the lives of more US soldiers than died in the war to end Spain's control of the Philippine people.

President Bush launched a war against Iraq with a promise to "bring freedom" and close down Saddam Hussein's "torture chambers and rape rooms". But the new conquerors kept all these rooms operating. Today the Abu Ghraib prison stands for an ill-considered, poorly-conducted, falsely reported invasion and occupation, that is costing and thousands of innocent lives and changing the world's view of the United States. ■

*This article appeared in the Financial Times of London on June 15, 2004*

## **Democracy is an evolutionary journey, not a commodity that can be exported to Arab states!**

By Ambassador Ali Muhsen Hamid,  
Head Office  
League of Arab States,  
London, England

Sir: Thank you for your previous Editorial: "Arab Democracy; These words will mean little unless Iraq and Palestine are settled." (June 11, 2004) I wish to stress that Arabs do not oppose democracy. Unbeknown to many, Egypt had its own parliament and parliamentary elections way back in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Many

Arab states have parliamentary elections with different political parties aims and divergent views. It is true that democracy is not a home-grown concept in the Arab world, originating as it did in ancient Greece, and neither is it a commodity that can be exported.

It is a result of the economic and cultural evolution and of a supportive social environment. I feel that the relatively new interest in democracy in the US is quite unrelated to any real concern for the welfare of the Arab people, who feel that Washington wishes to defer a solution to the Palestinian question indefinitely.

The late Arab Summit in Tunisia produced new political discourse which for some reason nobody in the West seems to have paid any attention to, with all of the Western commentators and the analysts continuing to insist that we oppose women and have a democratic vacuum, and expecting from us a particularly Western brand of democracy to become current like some item on the menu of a fast food restaurant, which doctors remind us is more often than not bad for our health and can lead to early mortality. As Arabs, we ask the West in general and the US in particular to call on Israel to carry out real and deep reforms in its systems and ideologies that are currently justifying its expansionism at Palestinian expense and its invasion and oppression of the Palestinian people.

It is said that the state of Israel is a democracy, but it is democracy only for its Jewish citizens alone. The reality of the matter is the driving force behind Israel and its policies is not the democratic aspiration, but none other than a Zionist ideology, which is the only political ideology we and the West are suffering from – terrorism.

Does Israeli expansionism and invasion deserve to levy such a heavy price paid not only by the Palestinians and other Arabs, but by the West as well, on an almost daily basis? Putting an end to the Israeli invasion will save the Palestinians, the Arabs and the West greater part of their suffering as a result of terrorism.

The US interest to establish democracy in the Arab world is not for the benefit of the Arab citizens,



but rather for the benefit of viewers, listeners and readers in the West, who are increasingly beginning to ask why is it that no pressure is being put on Israel to withdraw from the occupied lands, so that peace can reign in the region and so that terrorism we all suffer from can cease, and the fabricated idea that there is conflict between the West and the Arabs and Islamic world can also be put to rest.

The US initiative is uttered not for the benefit of the Arabs, but for the benefit of those in the West who are also asking why there are troops in Iraq - why was Iraq invaded and why is that there seems to an intention to maintain the invasion in other forms, which is the presence of permanent bases and of NATO forces to be stationed in these bases? The answer is provided by the Western leaders is that democracy has to come to the Middle East before there can be peace, and that the invasion of Iraq was only for democratic reasons.

But democracy is a very long evolutionary journey and has many forms and variety of expressions, **and there is no truth in the pretext for this invasion of Iraq!**

## THE ISRAELI SPY RING IN THE US

FROM EDITIONS DEMOCRITE-FRANCE

**"Israel does not spy on the United States of America."**- Mark Regev, spokesman at the Israeli Embassy in Washington.

Prior to 9/11, the FBI discovered the presence of a massive Israel spy ring inside the United States, run by the government of Israel. This seems a harsh gratitude from a nation that obtains more than 10% of its annual budget from the American taxpayer - \$ 3 billion per year. This does not include arms, technology or millions being sent to Israel by different US agencies.

What Israel has done was to set up Israeli government subsidized telecommunications companies which operate in the US. One of these companies is **Amdocs**, which

provides billing and directory assistance for 90% of the telephone companies in the USA. Amdocs' main computer center for billing is actually located in Israel and allows those with access to what intelligence agencies call "traffic analyses", a picture of someone's activities based on a pattern of who they are calling and when. Another Israeli telecom company is the large company called, **Comverse Infosys**, which subcontracts the installation of the automatic tapping equipment now built into every telephone system in America. Comverse maintains its own connections to all of these telephone tapping equipment, insisting that it is for maintenance purposes only. However, Comverse has been named as the most likely source for leaked information regarding telephone calls, by law enforcement that derailed several investigations into not only espionage, but drug running as well. Yet, still another Israel telecom company is **Odigo**, which provided the core message passing system for all the "Instant Message" service. Two hours before the attacks on the World Trade Towers, Odigo employees received a warning. Odigo has an office only two small blocks from the former location of the World Trade Towers.

Let us be clear here! There is nothing benign about Israel spying on the United States. Remember when Jonathan Pollard of Israel stole our nuclear secrets (*which US taxpayers taxes paid to develop*) he sent them to Israel. Israel did not hesitate to trade these secrets to the USSR, after 1953 Krushchev took power, and it was agreed in exchange for these secrets for the Krushchev regime at that time to enlarge and increase the emigration quota of Jews into Israel.

The implication of these facts is that billions of US tax dollars sent to Israel (*while women and children sleep in America's alleys and eat out of trash bins*) have bought and paid for a monstrous phone tracking and phone tapping system that can eavesdrop on almost any phone call in America. Even the White House phones were open to such tapping by listening in on the other end, outside the White House itself.

This actually happened! The Ken Starr report on the Whitewater

describes how Bill Clinton, former US president informed Monica Lewinsky that their phone sex conversations had been recorded. But at the same time, Clinton ordered the FBI to **cease** the hunt for an Israeli mole known to be operating inside the White House itself. **Who put the pressure on Clinton?**

*"I think there is very compelling evidence that at least some of the terrorists were assisted, not just in financing, although that was part of it - but by a sovereign foreign government (Israel)...It will become public at some point when it's turned over to the archives, but that's 20 or 30 years from now."*

-US Senator Graham as quoted in Senator: At least one foreign country assisted the 9/11 terrorists.

So, here we have a foreign nation able to listen in on most phones at will, using taps that cannot be found because they are built into the phone system itself, and willing to use the information gleaned from these phone calls to blackmail Americans into any desired course of action. This may well be what Ariel Sharon meant when he stated that *"the Jewish people control America."*

The information gained from these taps is being used to coerce the behavior of key US government individuals and media is illustrated by the manner in which the US government and US media have handled the scandal of the largest spy ring ever uncovered inside the United States, and of telephone taps on all of the phones. They are downplaying it. Actually, the media is burying it. This is a better word.

**FOX NEWS**, alone of all the US media, actually ran the story as a four-part broadcast and put the story up on its web site. Then, without explanation, **Fox News erased the story from their web site and have never mentioned it again.** A US official at the White House was quoted by Fox News saying that - there is hard evidence linking the events of 9/11 not to Arab Muslims, but to some of the more than 200 Israeli spies arrested both before and after 9/11, but this evidence has been **classified!**

Since then, any and all mention of the Israeli spy ring and phone tapping scandal has resulted in a

barrage of shrill screams of "hate" and "anti-Semite", two well worn and frankly over used devices to try to silence discussion on any topic unfavourable to the nation which owns the spy ring in question.

The US media is trying to bury this story. They are spiking it, erasing it from their web sites in a chilling real-life Orwellian rewriting of history

The actions of the main US media are those of traitors to the American people!

*"Investigators within the DEA, INS and FBI have all told Fox News that to pursue or even suggest that Israel is spying...is considered a career suicide."*

- Carl Cameron, as quoted in The Spies who came in from the Art Sale.

*"While I agree with you, if I say anything about US geopolitical interests with Israel, I might as well clean off my desk."*

-Unnamed reporter as quoted by the American Media Censorship and Israel

*"Evidence linking these Israelis to 9/11 is classified. I cannot tell you about evidence that has been gathered. It's classified information."*

-US White House official quoted in Carl Cameron's Fox News report on the Israeli spy ring and its connections to the 9/11.

**In conclusion**, in a chilling life version of the plotline from "The Net", it actually turns out that the majority of the firewalls on the US corporate and on all US Government computer systems are provided by just one company, Checkpoint Systems, which like Amdocs, Comverse Infosys and also Odigo, is headquartered completely in Israel. ■

## STATEMENT BY THE CP OF IVORY COAST

By RAFAEL MARTINEZ

Last March 24th scores of people were killed by the army and police in a demonstration against the regime of President Gbagbo in Abidjan, capital of the Ivory Coast. There are there now over 4,500 French soldiers

and 1,500 troops from other African countries that are stationed in the Ivory Coast, supposedly to "ensure peace in the country". In fact however, these troops have once again have acted more as accomplices of the murderous gangs of Gbagbo. Below we publish the Statement by the Revolutionary Communist Party of the Ivory Coast.

About 350 people are dead, hundreds have disappeared, hundreds are injured and many homes were broken into and destroyed. Such is the scale of the repression by the authorities against the demonstrators of certain parties who had signed the Linas-Marcoussis Accord (1) who wanted to express their discontent with the manner in which the president of the republic is carrying out these accords.

This march of protest was prohibited on the grounds that it was an insurrection. This is the way the present bourgeois authorities succeed one after another and regroup themselves in our country. In fact, since 1990, it is rare when the authorities do not consider demonstrations as an attempt at "destabilization of the institutions of the republic". The gagging of fundamental liberties remains the main trend of political practice in the Ivory Coast and the promises of democracy and freedom for the people of Ivory Coast are far from being realized.

The Revolutionary Communist Party of the Ivory Coast is deeply saddened by this slaughter, which is totally unjustified and shocks the human conscience. We bow before the memory of these young people who have been killed for simply wanting to enjoy their rights as citizens and taking part in a peaceful demonstration. It wishes a quick recovery to the hundreds of injured and expresses its support to all those who were brutalized and attacked in one way or another.

To avoid the continual betrayal of promises, the people of the Ivory Coast must be vigilant to insure that the proposed investigation into this slaughter that it be effectively carried out. We demand an International Commission to be set up to oversee this investigation.

The Revolutionary Communist

Party of the Ivory Coast considers that freedom, democracy and human rights are being undermined day by day in the Ivory Coast. This repression affects every free citizen, every household, every ethnic or religious community. The only way to avoid this repression is to support the authorities of the FPI (2) or to keep silent. Thus the Ivory Coast fully is a State with no rights. This demands that all democrats and all who care about justice and freedom organize themselves to win the right of freedom to think and organize, for the defense of democracy and human rights, as they did in 1990.

Therefore the RCP of the Ivory Coast condemns the repression carried out last March 25 and launches an urgent appeal to all democrats, the masses of workers and peasants, to the youth, that they come and join with it in the fight for a democratic and modern republic.

For the Central Committee  
Achu EKISSI

(1) Linas-Marcoussis – locality near Paris at which parties involved in the Ivory Coast civil war signed peace accords on January 24, 2003, with French mediation.

(2) FPI – Popular Front of the Ivory Coast, in power since 1995. ■

## ISRAEL & 7 OTHERS OFFERED TO JOIN NATO

By AMIR OREN –HAARETZ

**INSTANBUL** – NATO leaders have decided to upgrade relations with the seven countries by offering them membership in NATO. The countries, besides Israel are Jordan, Egypt and others that do surround the Mediterranean Sea. This represents another step towards making the Middle East and Central Asia the central theatre of NATO operations.

NATO leadership shows the increased readiness to engage in military operations in the region with its "rapid response forces".

**COMMENT:**

*Just in case some readers forgot, NATO means North Atlantic Treaty Organization – how did North Atlantic Ocean wound up in the Mediterranean* ■



# PALESTINE: RESISTANCE WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS ISRAELI OCCUPATION REMAINS

From heikki.sipila @saunalsahti.fi

Last June 20, 2004, as quoted by Al-Jazeera – The senior political leader in the Islamic Resistance movement (Hamas), Saeed Siyam, asserted that the resistance will continue as long as Israeli occupation remains in the Palestinian territories, pointing out that the withdrawal by Israel from, Gaza was not the end of things.

Siyam told IPC correspondent that even if a complete Israeli withdrawal from Gaza strip took place, the Israeli occupation would remain in most of the occupied Palestinian territories, pointing out that many other issues, such as Jerusalem, refugees, settlements and the Apartheid Wall remained unsolved and suspended. There is nothing officially confirmed by Israel and Israel just referred to a vague withdrawal without any specific timetable.

Hamas said in statement, that *"We are talking about partnership, not alternatives. We are not seeking to replace others or expel them as they are doing to us, and this we are speaking about a true partnership, involving all of the Palestinian people, because our people need all the possible efforts to reach a better political life."*

Siyam also further said: *"Hamas welcomes the liberation of every centimeter of the Palestinian territories and the establishment of a Palestinian State on what has been liberated, but this must not continue at the expense of the rest of the lands of Palestine, which means that we are in favour of the provisional solution, but without recognition of the Zionist entity on the lands of Palestine."*

As for Hamas on the international arena, the political leader of Hamas said that everybody knew of the pressures being exerted on all of the European countries and the international community by the

United States to take a position against Hamas.

*"We are a Palestinian movement engaged in a legitimate resistance against the Israeli aggression, sanctioned by all international conventions, and we did not and do not interfere in the affairs of any other country and have not practiced any military actions outside Palestine – so what the Western countries did by placing our movement on the list of terrorist organizations contradicts common sense, but unfortunately the balance biased towards Israel by the United States is pressing in that direction", Siyam concluded.* ■

## U.S. CONGRESS ENDORSES SHARON'S ANNEXATION PLANS

By STEPHEN ZUNES

On June 23, 2004 the USA House of representatives in Washington, in an overwhelming bipartisan vote, endorsed the right-wing Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's efforts to colonize and annex large sections of the Palestinian West Bank, seized by Israel in the June 1967 war.

This is not just another "pro-Israel" resolution, but an effective renunciation of the post-World War II international system based upon the premise of the illegitimacy of the expansion of a country's territory by military force.

House Concurrent Resolution 460, sponsored by the right-wing Republican leader Tom DeLay, *"strongly supports the letter by President George W. Bush to the Israeli Prime Minister supporting his "disengagement" plan."* This would incorporate virtually all of the illegal settlements in the occupied Gaza Strip, but far more significantly – would incorporate virtually all settlements of the West Bank into Israel, leaving Palestinians with a series of non-continuous and also economically unviable cantons, each surrounded by Israeli territory, collectively constituting barely 10% of historical Palestine. In this plan Israel would control all borders, all ports, all airspace, as well as having the right to conduct military operations inside Palestinian territory

at will.

The vote in the US Congress was 407 in favour of the resolution and only 9 opposed!

*Which power lobby in the US controls the US Congress decisions?*

## VIA COMPESINA'S FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE DECLARATION

June 14, 2004, Itaici, Sao Paulo, Brazil

We, members of the Via Compensina, a world-wide organization of rural women, peasants, small farmers, rural workers, indigenous people and Afro-descendants, from Asia, Europe, America and Africa, met on Itaici, Brazil for our Fourth International Conference. We were welcomed warmly, fraternally and in a combative spirit by our hosts, the members of the organizations of Via Compensina in Brazil.

We gathered there to confirm our determination to defend our cultures and our right to continue living as peasants and peoples with our own identity. We had the participation of 240 delegates from 76 countries, representing millions of peasant families. We also had the joy of convening the Second Via Compensina Women's World Assembly and the First Via Compensina Youth World Assembly, which emphasized our commitment to continue our struggle in future generations. More than 40 peasant organizations joined Via Compensina during this conference as well as members of the more than 80 civil society organizations that Via Compensina recognizes as friends.

We reaffirm our opposition to neo-liberalism, the WTO, the IMF and the World Bank. We also reject the use of their instituted embargoes as a political and economic tool, and we are committed to building peace in all the countries.

We are also planning many conferences and events until the end of 2004 and asking all to mobilize all of the forces against the WTO meeting, to held in Hong Kong, China in June of 2005.

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

All of the participants of the Fourth International Conference of the Via Campansina are committed to continue struggling for the well-being and the dignity of our peoples. We will link all of the struggles and movements from global and local areas, and create new forms of alliances that will strengthen us to demand the respect and protection of our rights and our cultures. ■

## **U.S. UNION LEADER URGES AFL-CIO TO REFORM**

By THOMAS B. EDSALL  
*Washington Post, June 22, 2004*

The AFL-CIO has failed to keep up with the changing workplace and must be radically reinvigorated – or replaced – if the labour movement is to survive, the president of the nation's largest union said in late June of this year.

A loose federation of 13 million union workers, the AFL-CIO wields little control over the 65 individual unions that are its members and has not been effective in creating a single, powerful voice for American organized labour, Andre L. Stern, president of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), told a national convention of his union in San Francisco last June.

*"Our employers have changed, our industries have changed, they have become mega-transnational corporations, but the labour movement's structure and culture have sadly stayed the same. Trade union activists must either transform, the AFL-CIO or build something stronger that can really change workers' lives"* Stern said.

The AFL-CIO's loose structure *"divides workers' strength...it has no enforceable standards to stop a union from conspiring with employers to keep another stronger union out of the negotiating contracts with lower pay and standards."*

Stern's speech was an unusual display of displeasure with the AFL-CIO and some labour leaders are displeased that Stern should be so outspoken just months before the presidential election in which labour leaders are lining up behind John

Kerry.

Stern also noted that when the American Federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged in 1955, more than one in three US workers were union members. Over the past 49 years, that has declined to one in eight for the entire labour force, and one in 12 in the private sector.

Union strategists are exploring the possibility of funneling millions of dollars in order to start an unprecedented union drive to organize the workers at the Wall-Mart Empire - the biggest exploiter of workers.

With 1.6 million members, SEIU is the nation's largest health care union, largest building services union and second-largest public employees union. According to Stern, the SEIU had added another 357,000 members since year 2000, and he expects that there will be 1.8 million members by the end of 2004. ■

## **RED TIDE OF VENEZUELAN SWEEPS AWAY CHAVAEZ'S ENEMIES**

By BERTA JOUBERT-CECI  
*Via NY Transfer News*

Last June 6, the eight-lane Bolivar Avenue in central Caracas was the scene of a colossal red tide of Venezuelans supporting President Chavez – and affirming their determination to advance the Bolivarian Revolution in the face of the so-called Recall Referendum. This is the Venezuelan oligarchy's latest attempt to overthrow Chavez.

Most of the over 1 million people who converged on the avenue were from the poor barrios. They wore red berets, a symbol of the pro-Chavez forces.

The National Electoral Commission had eliminated more than a half a million signatures due to the fraudulent actions by the opposition at the last referendum. The referendum is to be held this month. *(This is as was done by Bush's brother in Florida during the last election- Editor)*

The enemies of Chavez, knowing full well that they are the minority in the country where over 80% live in poverty, have used every trick and in some cases inconceivable ones, to

impose a recall referendum that is being rejected by the masses. The Venezuelan oligarchs are not alone in this, US imperialism is in there like a dirty shirt, with propaganda, money, spies and the direct involvement of the US Embassy personnel.

This outpouring of the people in this red tide shows that they are more aware of what us being prepared and the dangerous situation that it presents. ■

## **DEMONSTRATION IN ISRAEL AGAINST THE OCCUPATION**

The Communist Party of Israel organized the demonstration in Jerusalem last June 5<sup>th</sup> that marked the 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the outbreak of the Six Day War and its bloody aftermath from which both Israeli and Palestinians greatly suffered. We are reminded that there was a time when we did not occupy another people, and so we demonstrated against all Israeli Governments who over the years have elected to snatch bitter defeat from the jaws of victory.

The demonstration in Jerusalem started at the Zion Square and the participants marched to the Prime Minister's Home near the Paris Square. All participants wore black dress and carried black flags to signify the black flag flying over the occupation.

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Coalition of Women for Peace  
Hadash- The Democratic Front for  
Equality and Peace  
Communist Party of Israel  
Refuz – Refusnik's Parents  
Organization  
Ta'ayush ■

## **The world's largest private army**

By Pratap Chayyerjee-CorpAtch

At the end of June when a new government will be handed over in Iraq by the US, the world's largest private army is being set up by



Lieutenant Colonel Tim Spicer, a former British commando, who has been investigated for illegally smuggling arms and planning military offensives to support mining, oil, and gas operations around the world.

United States taxpayers will pay up to \$293 million for a contract to Aegis Defense Services of London, England, a new company created by Spicer, to create an "Intergrator" or a coordination hub for all the security operations for every single reconstruction contractor and sub-contractor throughout Iraq, creating in effect a private army that can and will attack Iraqi protestors at anytime and anywhere in the country.

There are now dozens of companies in Iraq that now provide private security for both the military and the private sector, with over 20,000 employees. The companies include Erinys, a South African business, that has more than 15,000 employees charged with guarding the oil pipelines; Armor Group, a British company that provides security to US Bechtel and Haliburton corporations; and a North Carolina-based Blackwater Consulting firm, which does provide everything from back-up helicopters to body guards for Paul Bremer, the US Ambassador in charge of the Iraqi occupation.

The US military will pay all of Aegis' expenses, plus a pre-determined percentage of whatever they spend, which is a license to over-bill - comprised of eight men each - for the high level staff of companies, that are the running the oil and gas fields, electricity and water services in Iraq. The company has been contracted by the US military to also provide specialized "75 close protection teams."

Spicer, a former officer with the Scots Guard, an elite regiment of the British military, was the first executive officer for Sandline, which first made the headlines in the British media when Spicer was jailed in Papua, New Guinea in 1997 for attempting to mount an invasion of the island of Bougainville and later for his role in smuggling arms to country of Sierra Leone in 1998 in violation of the United Nations embargo. ■

## BRUTALITY – A SYMPTON OF WESTERN VIEW OF THE ARABS

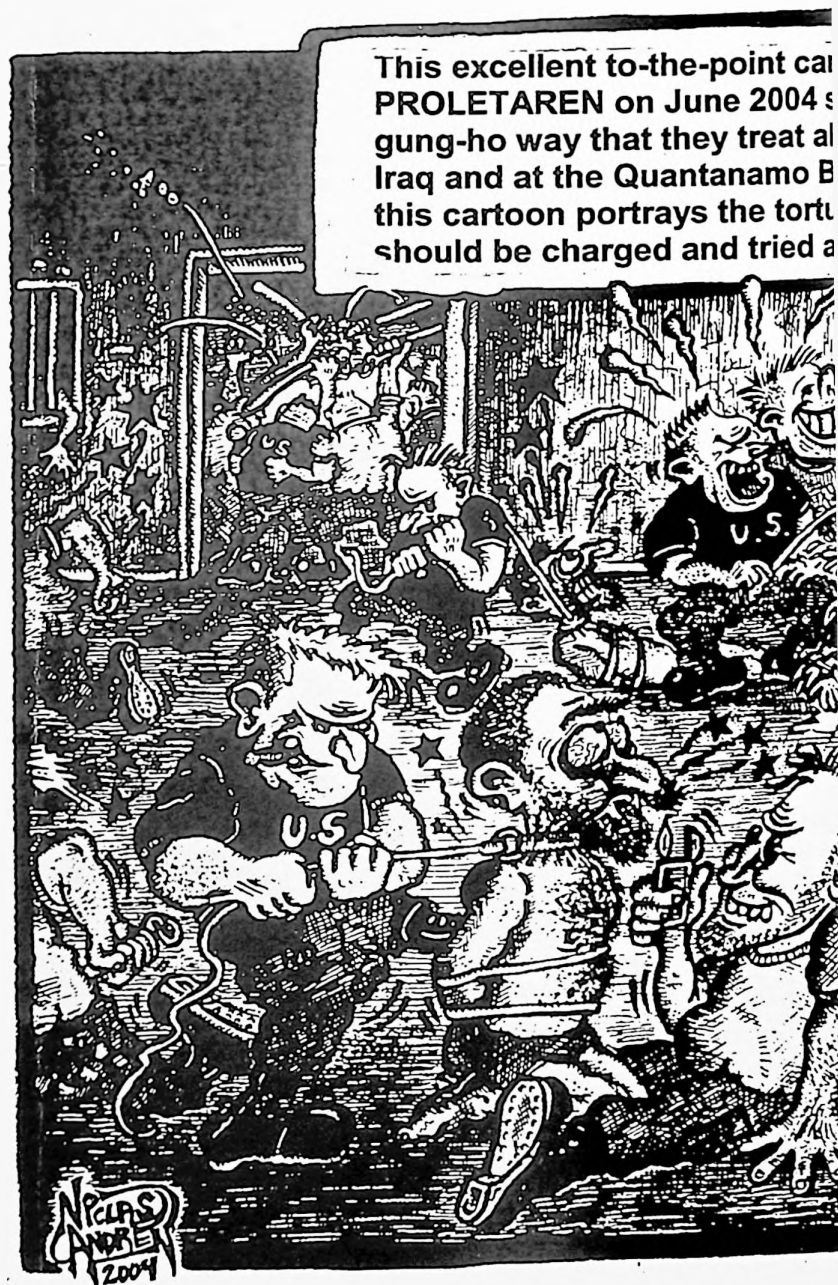
By ROBERT FISK – THE INDEPENDENT

Why are we surprised at the racism, the brutality, the sheer callousness towards the Arabs? Those American soldiers in Saddam's old prison at Abu Ghraib, those young British squaddies in Basra came – as soldiers often come – from towns and cities where race hatred has a home: like Tennessees and Lancanshire.

How many of "our" lads are ex-jailbirds themselves? How many support the right-wing Nazi, British

National Party? Muslims, Arabs, "Cloth heads" "Rag heads", "Terrorists", "Evil". You can see how the semantics break down.

Add to all this the poisonous, racial dribble of a hundred Hollywood movies that depict Arabs as dirty, lecherous, untrustworthy and violent people – and soldiers are addicted to movies – and it's not difficult to see how some British scumbag will urinate into the face of a hooded



man, how some American sadist will stand a hooded Iraqi on a box with wires tied to his hands.

The sexual sadism of US soldiers – a bobby sox US girl soldier who points at a man's genitals, the mock orgy in Abu Ghraid prison, the British soldiers' rifle in the prisoner's mouth – might be as a crazed attempt to balance all those lies about the Arab world, about the desert warrior's potency, the harem, the polygamy.

Even today, we still show the revolting Ashanti film on our television screens, a feature film about the kidnapping of a wife of an English doctor by Arab slave-traders, which depicts Arabs as almost exclusively child-molesters, rapists, murders, liars and thieves. This film stars top stars – heaven spare us – Michael Caine, Omar Sharraf and

Peter Ustinov and was made mostly in Israel.

Indeed we now depict Arabs in our films as the Nazis depicted Jews. But Arabs are now fair game. They're potential terrorists to a man – and a woman – they must be softened up, "prepared" – humiliated, beaten and tortured. The Israeli used torture in the Russian Compound in Jerusalem. Now we torture in Saddam's old jail outside Baghdad and it is here that the British soldiers beat a young Iraqi to death last summer. Didn't the British officers know that their soldiers were beating an Iraqi lad to death?

Of course they did. The last time I saw US Brigadier General Janis Karpinski, commander of the 800th Military Police Brigade in Iraq, she told me that she had visited Camp X

in Guantanamo Bay in Cuba and found nothing wrong there at all. I should have guessed then that something had gone terribly wrong in Iraq.

And there you have it.

We are all victims of our high-flown morality. "They" – the Arabs, Muslims, "cloth heads", "rag heads" "terrorists" – are of a lesser breed, of lower moral standards. They are people to be shouted at. They have to be "liberated" and given "democracy".

But we, little band of brothers, we dress ourselves in uniforms of righteousness. We are marines, soldiers, military police or a Queen's regiment and we are on the side of good. "They" are on the side of "evil". So we can do no wrong.

So it was this picture that was promoted from our side all over the world. But those torture photos of last month that circulated the world tore apart the whole bandwagon and proved that race hatred and prejudice is an old historical inheritance of ours. We used to call Saddam the Hitler of Iraq.

But wasn't Hitler one of "us", a Westerner, a citizen of "our" culture? If he could kill millions of people (WW II killed over 50,000,000 people) why should we be surprised that "we" can treat Iraqis as animals? Last month, all those photographs of torture proved that we can.

## The multibillion robbery in Iraq which US calls "Reconstruction"

By Naomi Klein. *The Guardian*

*In an excellent article, which we condensed for space reasons, the expose of USA robbing Iraq is shocking, brutal and should be called for what it is – outright robbery and war crimes!*

After invading Iraq, after destroying its infrastructure and leaving the country in ruin, the US has assigned more than 18.4 billion dollars for its "reconstruction". But the Program Management Office (US front organization-Editor) has contracted a

tion from the Swedish newspaper  
shows exactly the brutal American  
of the Arab prisoners and detainees in  
y compound in Cuba. As brutal as  
e by US soldiers, it is true and Bush  
a war criminal





British mercenary firm Aegis to protect its employees from "assassination, kidnapping, injury and" – get this – "embarrassment".

We don't know whether Aegis will succeed in protecting PMO employees from attacks, but embarrassment? This mission is already accomplished. The people put in charge by the USA of rebuilding Iraq can't be embarrassed, because, clearly they have no shame.

The so-called handover last June 30 to Iraq by the US authorities, have been unabashed in their efforts to steal money that is supposed to aid the war-ravaged country and its people. The US State Department has taken \$184 million earmarked for drinking water projects and instead gave it to the budget for building the lavish US Embassy in Saddam Hussein's former palace. Richard Armitage, the deputy secretary of state, said that he might have to "rob from Peter in my feifdom to pay Paul!"

In fact the US appointed overseers are robbing Iraq's people, who, according to a recent study by the consumers group Public Citizen, are facing "Massive outbreaks of cholera, diarrhea, nausea and kidney stones from drinking contaminated water."

The financial scandals that are there make this pretty mortifying. Iraqis see the jobs that they were promised going to the Americans, Europeans and South Asians, with foreign goods pouring in while the Iraqi plants are shut down or dismantled altogether. This is an extension of the occupation by economic means.

The foreign contractors are behaving towards Iraqis more like an invading army – building elaborate fortresses in the sparse green zones of Iraq, surrounding themselves with hired foreign mercenaries. According to the latest study the security costs of these foreign contractors that the US taxpayers are paying for, are eating over 25% of the reconstruction costs. The US insurance brokers are having a money bonanza coming in from providing sudden-death insurance at extremely high prices. Also, according to the US National Public Radio Marketplace "at least 20% of US spending in Iraq now is lost in

**corruption."**

Meanwhile US government is also trying to get immunity for US contractors from prosecution...this request is from the new Iraq Prime Minister, Lyad Allawi.

Allawi will agree to all this and to US foreign bases, since he is also a contractor and a former CIA spy. He has already declared martial law in Iraq. His defense minister said that "we will cut off their hands, and we will behead them - all those who protest."

*There is no need to comment at all!*

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## CUBA IS READY TO DEFEND SELF! CUBAN ENVOY

Cuban Ambassador Ana Vilma Vallejera has said that her country is ready for a US attack. She made this known at the conference in Gaborone, Africa last month, since Cuba is concerned by the latest US pronouncements, which seek to further undermine the government of President Fidel Castro.

Last month Bush announced high pressures and measures on Cuba, after the 45-year old blockade. The new measures include the availability of \$59 million to Cubans who oppose the Cuban government over a two year period. US is now creating an International Fund to develop a civil society in Cuba and is gathering volunteers from the Third World countries who will be assisted to travel to Cuba to provide assistance to US mercenaries.

In actual practice, the Ambassador said: "this means that US will be organizing a messenger corps to supply financial and logistic support to the Cuban counterrevolutionary insurgents and to train them in America. US is also going to control as to how much the Cuban Americans can spend while visiting Cuba, to see their relatives".

She also said that: "if the US invaded Cuba, Cubans have the will to resist to the last consequence. Cuba will defend herself with the law and weapons if necessary. We are waiting for them anytime to invade Cuba. Our people are ready and well

trained and we will fight to our last drop of blood!"

She also said that if Fidel is killed in the process, another leader will take over. Cuba has weapons, very well kept for any eventuality! Cuba prefers diplomatic methods and seeks international solidarity from friendly countries like Botswana.

The Ambassador ended her speech with these words: "People say that Cuba is not democratic. But we might be more democratic than many other countries. At the last election 98% of the population voted for Fidel Castro's government. We have one of the best health care systems in the world."

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## SECOND WORLD INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

From November 10-14, 2004, over 200 mass organizations from every region of the globe are set to gather at the International Struggle's Second International Assembly in The Netherlands.

Under the theme of "Advance the people's solidarity and struggle against imperialist wars and plunder", the League expects to bring together hundreds of participating organizations along with interested observers and individuals. Their aim will be to tackle the important task of strengthening the people's resistance against unjust wars and its imperialist underpinnings.

The speakers will include the internationally renowned, relevant and respected personalities like Professor Jose Marion Sison, author of "US terrorism and war in the Philippines" - he will be the keynote speaker. Others are Samir Amin and Michael Chossudovsky, author of "War and Globalization: the truth behind September 11."

Individuals and organizations not affiliated with the League are welcome to attend such sessions and workshops throughout the Assembly.

Registration for the Assembly is open until October 1, 2004.

For more information, contact the Conference Secretariat at: [ilp515@runbox.com](mailto:ilp515@runbox.com)

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# NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

## VENEZUELA WILL NOT BECOME ANOTHER CHILE!!!

By CRISTINA FERNANDEZ

As a Chilean living in exile due to the coup d'etat there, which violently overthrew the democratically elected President Salvador Allende, I can't help but feel enraged by the flagrant and indeed obscene attacks by the US-backed so-called opposition to the Bolivarian process of President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela.

On August 14, 2004 the Venezuela voters will decide in an imposed referendum, the future of Venezuela. The US imperialist state is mobilizing all of its organizational resources to defeat Chavez. In addition to the Carter Center, the National Endowment for Democracy (George Soros), Human Rights Watch (HRW), and a small army of NGOs (local and international), are all active on behalf of the US-orchestrated anti-Chavez campaign.

The referendum in Venezuela is yet the most blatant example of US intervention in addition to violent tactics of the elite, the rule or ruin strategy of the opposition and the unbridled totalitarian propaganda of the privately owned media. The opposition there backed a violent coup, which was defeated; it organized a bosses' lockout that almost destroyed the economy, which also ended in defeat; it organized a contingent of over 130 Colombian military force with the aid of active Venezuelan officers to sow violence that was aborted by the Venezuelan intelligence. Equally destabilizing now, is the campaign to secure signatures for the

referendum. Fraudulent identity cards were massively produced and distributed. Tens of thousands of deceased, incapacitated and coerced had their signatures forged and many thousands of people's signatures were written by a single hand. Opposition, corruption and fraud was and is rife, but the unofficial international observers urged the Chavez government to accept all of them and proceed with the referendum.

We should focus a bit on the presence of ex-president of USA Carter in Venezuela. What is Carter doing in Venezuela? Does he represent the "human face of imperialism?" And if so, why? The "soft sell" of electoral frauds, Jimmy Carter is presented as "the Quiet American" of Graham Greene fame, intimidating diplomacy and democratic blackmail. Jimmy Carter legitimates voter fraud, blesses corrupt elections, certifies murderous rulers, encourages elections, in which the opposition is funded by the US state and by many semi-public foundations, and the incumbent progressive regime suffers violent disruption of the economy (*sounds frighteningly familiar, as these were indeed the tactics used to overthrow Salvador Allende government on September 11, 1973*). Jimmy Carter is a life-long partisan of the US Empire. He is dangerous. The US is providing millions of dollars to the anti-Chavez opposition via the National Endowment for Democracy and other "foundations". And the Carter Institute is sent there to legitimize fraud and deceit.

So, what has the so-called opposition and their Allies in Washington been barking rabidly at? It is, for example, a fact that President Chavez has dedicated a portion of the oil wealth to improving the lives of the poor, the marginalized and also the disenfranchised in society. In the past six years Venezuela had doubled the spending on health care and tripled the education budget. Infant mortality has fallen; life expectancy and literacy has increased. The Barrio Adentro program of health is a collaboration between the Cuban government and Venezuela. Thousands of Cuban Doctors are currently in Venezuela giving free clinics throughout the country and in far-away, almost

unreachable rural areas providing health care to millions who had never had access to health care before. Land titles have been given to landless peasants. The Venezuela's First Bolivarian University was opened where students can attend higher education free of charge. For the first time in Venezuelan history First Nations and Black Communities have access to all levels of education and health care. President Chavez is the strongest opponent of ALCA – the Free Trade Treaty. Venezuela has become one of the largest oil exporting countries in the world – the fourth largest supplier to the United States.

Chavez is the best thing that has happened to Venezuela's poor people in a very long time. His government has actually delivered on some of its promises, with improved literacy rate and more students getting school meals, a program similar to that of the Allende government in Chile during 1970-1973. Under Allende school children had free meals and a liter of milk per day. Public spending in Venezuela has quadrupled. The government is promoting the most ambitious land-reforms programs seen in Latin America in decades. Most of this has been under conditions of economic sabotage, lockouts, capital flight, but the economy is growing at 12% this year.

The minute that a half decent government in Latin America begins to reverse the order of and give the have-nots a break from grinding poverty and wretchedness, the usual suspects in El Norte rouse themselves from slumber of indifference and start barking furiously about democratic norms. It happened in Chile in 1973; we saw it again in Nicaragua in the 1980s; and here is the same show as a summer rerun in Venezuela, pending the August 15 recall referendum of President Chavez.

The end of this new episode is yet to be seen. The left here and elsewhere in North America can make a difference if it got off its ass and threw themselves into the fray. The threat facing Venezuela today should be a concern for all progressive minded people; we must denounce and expose the lies and the US imperialist plundering and pillaging of the world.

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## AS I SEE IT!

# EUROPEAN UNION –

*Who is behind it?  
What is it's future?*

The European Union is tied in to Imperialism and under the influence of US reactionary forces who are hoping that this will be the Trojan Horse to achieve the aims and purposes of the New World Order. That does not mean that there isn't developing ongoing interstate rivalries between these capitalist states for markets, raw resources and political ambitions. Far from it!

The vicious competition for the cushy jobs on the EU governing bodies is reaching the boiling point and deals are being made, inside and outside the doors of the EU to juggle the unemployed work force from one country to another, with unemployment rampant in most of the member states - plus the hunt for cheap labour in order to feed the profit mills of the Transnational corporations who are pushing the European Union – meaning more super profits at minimum cost!

The European Union Parliament will have 732 members and competition of the 25 countries that are members of the EU is unbelievable.

COUNTRY	VOTES	POPULATION
GERMANY	99	82.3 million
FRANCE	78	59.2 million
U.K.	78	58.8 million

ITALY	78	57.9 million
SPAIN	54	41.1 million
POLAND	54	38.2 million
NETHERLANDS	27	16.0 million
GREECE	24	10.6 million
BELGIUM	24	10.3 million
CZECH RE.	24	10.2 million
HUNGARY	24	10.1 million
PORTUGAL	24	10.0 million
SWEDEN	19	8.9 million
AUSTRIA	18	8.9 million
DENMARK	14	5.4 million
SLOVAKIA	14	5.4 million
FINLAND	14	5.2 million
IRELAND	13	3.8 million
LITHUANIA	13	3.5 million
LATVIA	9	2.3 million
SLOVENIA	7	2.0 million
ESTONIA	6	1.4 million
CYPRUS	6	0.7 million
LUXEMBURG	6	0.4 million
MALTA	5	0.4 million

This makes a total of 460,000,000 people, so that the market is the most important criteria for the multinational corporations.

Now the move is afoot to establish hundreds of thousands of soldiers. **For what reason?** If all these 25 countries are part of the EU, against whom are those soldiers going to be deployed? Can't you see – another force to help NATO and to help American Imperialism for their New World Order! But, there is no love lost between crooks, is there? The future will see these splits developing as each capitalist country with Imperialist ambitions trying to divide and rule!

Let us go back a bit in history.

On May 30, 1778 Voltaire died. If he could have been alive on May 30, 2004, he surely would have drawn bars across the actions of the Bush administration. Voltaire was aware of the enemies of the working class very well.

Voltaire, near death, was visited by a religious fellow. "From whom do you come", asked Voltaire. "From God himself!" was the answer.

"Your credentials, my good man, since you blessed the soldiers to go and kill each other! War is the greatest of all crimes, and yet there is no aggressor that does not cover these crimes with justification and justice and says that God is on his side." said Voltaire.

The same is true with EU- which has just expanded and already it is

rocked by financial scandals. Although the opposition to the attack on Iraq is strong in the EU, it is slowly evaporating under pressure and the economic and financial manipulations and promises of heaven on earth for this NEW EU EMPIRE – which makes NATO and Washington very happy for now!

But robbers, crooks and villains have no code of conduct amongst themselves. It's a dog eat dog style of Imperialism – digging its own grave!

### WASHINGTON, DC –

The Supreme Court of the USA is a key component in the functioning of the Military Industrial Complex. It enacts only protective justice, reconstructs statutes to benefit the top brass. It also elongates the cover-up rules similar to the way the Mafia use their weathermen. As an example the ruling on the My Lai massacre, Lt. Calley was released after only three years in jail for a horrific military massacre in Vietnam that shocked the world, while the politicians and the Generals that ordered this massacre **got off free!**

Yet the US Supreme Court decrees prevent Vietnam to sue the US government for this crime, amongst others!

Many such incidents happened in World War II where treasures were siphoned off and stashed and salted away abroad.

NATO now is doing the same thing for the military-industrial complex. The perfect example is the robbery in Iraq of museums, historical treasures, priceless objects of art, besides the genocide of its people. Of course some of the lower echelons will probably get slapped on the wrist, get some time of confinement, while the top dogs get off altogether.

The US Supreme Court will not take any steps as required even by US law itself, to start any proceedings against the White House or the Pentagon, since this is an election year. This will be submerged in a mountain of red tape, while the Dame of Justice will be stripped and put into a bikini, holding her scales even so that Bush and company will again get in by fraud. She will be holding her scales in the deep legal waters of the US Supreme Court swimming pool. ■



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## **U.S. BUILDING SIX PERMANENT BASES IN IRAQ!**

According to the latest information from the resistance forces in Iraq, the American Army is building six permanent bases in Iraq, three surrounding Baghdad, one in the South, one in the East and one in the North of Iraq. The other three bases are the Ali base near Nasryya, Al Walid base in the north near Falluja and the other at Al-Mosul. These six bases are the cancer in the new Iraq.

*So much for the "liberation of Iraq" and the "New Government"!*

Where is the United Nations? Or should it really be called the United States Nations? ■

### **BUSH IS A "POST TURTLE"**

While suturing a laceration on hand of a 70-year old Texas rancher, the Doctor was talking to the old man about George W. Bush being in the White House.

The old Texan said, "*Well, ya know, Bush is a post turtle.*"

Not knowing what the old man meant, the Doctor asked him what a post turtle was. The old man said, "*When you're driving down a country road and you come across a fence post with a turtle balanced on top, that's a post turtle.*"

The old man saw a puzzled look on the Doctor's face, so he continued to explain, "*You know, he didn't get there by himself, he doesn't belong there, he can't get anything done while he's up there, and you just want to help the poor stupid bastard get down!*"

## **QUOTES**

"You have neither the morality, nor the right, non whatsoever, to speak of freedom, democracy and human rights when you hold enough power to destroy humanity and are attempting to install a world tyranny, sidestepping and destroying the United Nations, violating human rights of any and every country, waging war of conquests to take over world markets and resources, and installing decadent and anarchonistic political and social systems which are leading the human race into the abyss.

There are many other reasons why you cannot mention the word democracy: among those is the fact that everyone knows that you became president of the United States through fraud. You cannot speak of freedom because you cannot conceive of a world other than one ruled by fear of the lethal weapons that your expert hands might rain down on humanity."

FIDEL CASTRO RUZ – Granma ■

## **SALT & PEPPER ON WRY**

**Frank  
Ray Davis**



*Our reader and contributor from  
Mexico.*

**ANYTHING TO SELL A BOOK:** Bill Clinton, late of Monica Lewinsky fame, thinks Dubya did just the right thing to bomb out Iraq, though he might have been more neighbourly and wait till the UN investigators got their report written. Considering the mess Bill made of Serbia and Somalia, it'd be downright illogical of him to think otherwise. And we just don't want the present White House Occupant to be illogical, do we – *present company excepted* – of course.

Bill is proud of having defended Dubya from critics of the "left". The Left? Hmm. Guess that'll be you and me and most of the world...

### **THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES:**

Ronald Reagan, alias Gut-Rob-Ron, has gone the way of all flesh – up to his blessed reward or down to his just deserts, depending on whether he put his money in his pockets or took it out. He cheated my mother-in-law out of \$200 each month, her only income, by robbing her of her pension. He cheated me out of effective union representation, hence thousands of dollars, decent working conditions, and dignity on the job.

Because of the mess of his voodoo economics made of the US economy, he is sometimes called – by charitable souls scratching around to find something nice to say of him – a revolutionary. I guess that's right. He sure revolutionized my mother-in-law's household budget!

The only great thing the Great Communicator ever communicated to me is that he, like the present White House occupant, hated poor people and loved those who, by hook or crook, had made it big.

Whatever happened to "*Liberty and Justice for All*"? Is it frozen so hard in the Pledge of Allegiance that it's beyond the reach of reality?

**NOT BY A DAM SITE:** Cardinal Sandova of Mexico, with all due pomp and publicity, had declared his opposition to building the Guadalajara's huge new dam in one place instead of another. City officials have wondered out loud why the Cardinal doesn't stick to his religioneering and leave the engineering to those who have the know-how.

Ah, but those smart-lippers are overlooking and important religious truism: "*Faith can move mountains*" So, if faith can move mountains, it sure as heck can dig a big hole in the ground to puddle water into.

Only one thing bothers me about this solution though: Why do so many civil engineers waste their money on excavators and motor power, when all they need is a good strong dose of faith power?

**PR WITH A BANG:** 11 kids, 14 women, and 15 men were bombed to death at a wedding party in Iraq by American pilots, whose commanders steadfastly insisted that the dead were terrorists! Maybe! But for sure hundreds of their friends, families and fellow Muslims will be after this genocide! ■

# DID YOU KNOW?

## TOP 10 SIGNS THAT YOU'RE A CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALIST

By IRINA MALENKO

10: You vigorously deny the existence of thousands of gods that are claimed by other religions, but feel outraged when someone denies the existence of yours.

9: You feel insulted and "dehumanized" when scientists say that people evolved from other life forms, but you have no problem with the Biblical claim that we were created from dirt.

8: You laugh at polytheists, but you have no problem believing in Triune God.

7: Your face turns purple when you hear of the "atrocities" attributed to Allah, but you don't even flinch when hearing about how God/Jehovah slaughtered all the babies of Egypt in "Exodus" and ordered the elimination of entire ethnic groups in "Joshua" – including women, children and trees!

6: You laugh at Hindu beliefs that defy humans, and Greek claims about gods sleeping with women, but you have no problem believing that the Holy Spirit impregnated Mary, who then gave birth to a man-god who got killed, came back to life and then ascended to the sky.

5: You are willing to spend your life looking into loopholes in the scientifically established age of the Earth (4.5 billion years), but you find nothing wrong with believing the dates recorded by Bronze Age tribesman sitting in their tents and guessing that the earth is a couple of thousands years old.

4: You believe that the entire population of this planet with the exception of those who share your beliefs – though excluding all those in all rival sects - will spend Eternity in an infinite Hell of Suffering. And

yet you consider your religion the most "tolerant" and "loving".

3: While modern science, history, geology, biology and physics have failed to convince you otherwise, some idiot rolling around on the floor and speaking in "tongues" may be all the evidence you need to "prove" Christianity.

2: You define 0.01% as a "high success rate" when it comes to answered prayers. You consider that to be evidence that prayer works. But you think that the remaining 99.99% a failure and it is simply the will of God.

1: You actually know a lot less than many atheists and agnostics do about the Bible, Christianity, and the church history, but you still call yourself a Christian.

### US MOTHER PROTESTS SON'S DEATH IN IRAQ

US Army National Guard Spc.

Patrick McCaffrey was killed in Iraq near Balad on June 22, 2004. His mother, Nadia, 59, un-reconciled to his death and to the Iraq war, registered her protest this week by inviting the US media to film the return of his flag-draped coffin to Sacramento. The Mother said that her son lost faith in the US invasion of Iraq.

His mother said that: "He called me one evening, his voice was very heavy and he told me that he doesn't understand as to why he is there. In all small towns and villages the Iraqi people would throw things at us, scream at us to get out and there is great resentment against us! We have no business to be here in Iraq!"

*These are just some excerpts from The San Francisco Gate 6/20/04.*

In the last US presidential election in year 2000 over 1.9 million black votes didn't count. It's not too hard to get your vote lost – if some white or even black politician want it to be lost. "Spoiled Votes" is the technical term used.

This year, the results could be even worse.

These ugly racial statistics are always well hidden away in the mathematical thickets of the appendices to the official reports coming out of the investigation of the ballot-box monkey business in Florida from the last go-around. One in 8 votes cast in Florida by the black voters was not counted. In Florida, a Black citizen was 10 times likely to have a vote rejected as a white voter.

It has now come out officially that in Florida in year 2000 election the white technicians manning the voting procedure had warned the Governor Jeb Bush's office well in advance of the November 2000 election of the racial bend in the vote-count procedures, since more than 90% of the Black Americans usually vote for the Democratic candidate.

### FACTS-JUST FACTS!

According to a Reuters news dispatch of June 16, 2004, there are almost 82,000,000 million US citizens under age 65 who have no insurance policies. This means that one in three US citizens fall into this category.

Hispanics, the nation's largest minority group, have the highest rate of uninsured, about 60% while 43% of Blacks lacked insurance. California has the highest number of people without insurance – 11,9 million people. Texas was second with 8.5 million and New York with over 5.6 million.

This is according to the US Census Bureau.

### HUMAN RIGHTS OF A CHILD IGNORRED BY THE USA!

According to the United Nations General Assembly, every country in the world except for the United States and the collapsed state of Somalia had ratified the Convention of the Rights of Children and pledged to uphold its protection for children. In 1999 this Convention stood as the single most widely ratified treaty in existence. This Treaty was adopted on November 20, 1989 and it included children's right to life; to be free from discrimination; to be free from military recruitment and to be protected in armed conflicts; to be



protected from torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.

These attributes as agreed by the UN for children were refused to be signed by the United States and Somalia!

*There's no need to comment at all*

## US PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WANTS TO MOVE U.S. EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM

*By Khalid Hasan -Daily Times, Pakistan*

Senator John Kerry said in July that he supports Israeli retaliation against the Palestinians and if elected would move the US Embassy to Jerusalem. He sent this message to the US Democratic Party activists in the Jewish community, outlining his position on Israel.

### COMMENT

*As we stated before in NSC, the idea that he is a "progressive alternative" to Bush is a lot of hogwash. It is extremely sad that some left-wing parties in the US seem to push the idea that "anyone is better than Bush!"*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM N.Y.  
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Dear Editor:

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BRAZIL

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## AT LAST, IT'S HAPPENING

According to Los Angeles Times on June 13, 2004 there is a group of 26 former US ex-diplomats, military officials, Ambassadors who issued a Statement arguing that President George W. Bush had damaged America's national security and should be defeated in the November presidential election.

This group calls itself "*Diplomats and Military Commanders for Change*"

Some of the signatories were former Ambassador to Mexico, Chairman President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Commission, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Ambassador to Soviet Union, Retired Air Force General, Ambassador to United Nations etc

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On this occasion, we also want to express our high appreciation for his work in the Executive Committee of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

Yours truly  
JEFF BOSSUYT

FROM  
SURREY, BC  
CANADA

Enclosing a donation towards NSC Sustaining Fund since this journal is certainly an eye opener, with the turn of every page.

I have this booklet by Bill Hughs "*The Secret Terrorists*" which is about a powerful religious society of Jesuits who are devoted to the destruction of all religions. But their is the only one that shall rule the world - meaning by the Pope in Rome

Unbelievable! So, who promotes wars?

Olga Knowlson

FROM  
BUCHAREST  
ROMANIA

Dear comrades:

On behalf of the Communist Party of Romania, allow me to thank you very much for sending us Northstar Compass regularly. We appreciate it very much and read it with great interest. We find very interesting the international news and information about the communist and workers movements around the world.

With great thanks.

Pantazi Alexandru  
General Secretary of  
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