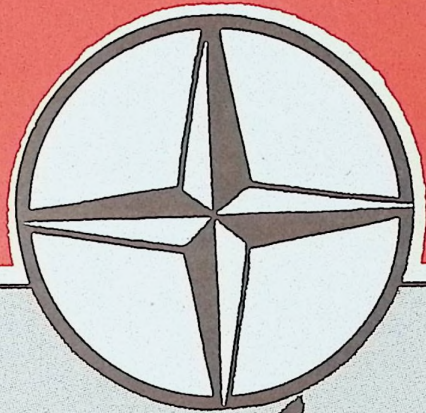
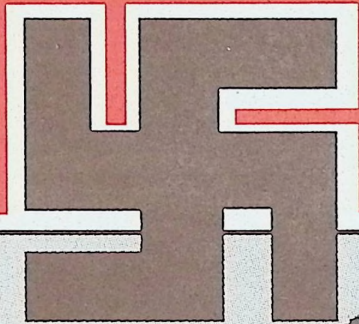


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Dear members:

We are asking each Signatory to the Call for an International Council to elect your delegate to this Council who will be receiving information and documents as a member, responsible to your party, organization, press or movement.

We are in the process of preparing for the Second World Congress in Europe in 2003 and we need your input.

Michael Lucas, Chairman
Executive Committee

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CELEBRATING HISTORIC

MAY DAY

**AS OMINOUS DIVISIONS
IN THE WORKING CLASS
THREATEN ...**

Three generations ago, Ernst Busch and other dedicated anti-Nazis of the German working class, confronting the German monopoly driven horrors of that time, composed and sang a song called the "Arbeiterfront". The words ring with truth as we are celebrating this 116th workers anniversary of the 1886 Haymarket Massacre in Chicago, USA that was the "spark" that ignited international struggle for "eight hours work; eight hours sleep and eight hours leisure time".

Ever since, May Day has been celebrated internationally by the working class of the world. In its full flowering, the day saw massive struggles for the unifying of world labour, and to proclaim international solidarity. The words of the "Arbeiterfront" ring with deep meaning in today's world:

*"So left two three, so left two three
To the workers we must go.
March on in the workers United Front
For you are a worker too.*

*"And just because he is human
And doesn't want a pistol to his head,
He wants no servants under him,
And no boss over his head..."*

*"So lynx zvei drei, so lynx zvei drei,
To the workers we must go,
March on in the arbeiterfront
For you are a Worker too!*

The tragedy of the international working class today as we are celebrating this worker's blood sanctified day of resistance, is contained most dramatically in the fact that in place of a "UNITED FRONT OF THE WORKING CLASS" either holding the line or repelling and destroying the ghastly offensive of monopoly capital in order to embark on the historical

mission to re-create and build a new cooperative and collective society internationally and nationally, in virtually all parts of the world, the working class confronts and is the victim of division, and disunity at the hands of their class enemy, monopoly capitalism.

It is not necessary here to reiterate or underline this frightening state of affairs. Where ever there are descending wars, aggressions, corrupt regimes and governance is apparent, the subjugation of the working class is deepest and most entrenched. Where ever even a modicum or the smallest of unified activity by the working peoples exists, that is where the difficulties of the bourbons of monopoly are greater and they face their greatest difficulties. It also must be said, that is where the heaviest ideological, political and corrupted state measures against the workers are found.

We hail heroic Cuba as the world's foremost example in humanities ongoing struggle on this May Day, to throw back into the teeth of their tormentors, the united will of their people as they march

ERRATUM

In the April issue we unfortunately put the name of the author as "Felix Gorelik" which should have been Mate Zalka, the actual author of "Solidarity with Spanish Political Prisoners". Our sincere apologies!

MATE ZALKA



RAY STEVENSON



forward, erecting their new state. There are no shortages anywhere of heroic peoples fighting for their future and a new and vastly differently constructed existence and to rid themselves of the poisoned throttle-hold of monopoly masters.

Ten years after the fact of counter-revolution and of the dismemberment, we bow our heads in sorrow and frustration at the destruction of the previously mighty working class, led by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. This was and remains the result of interventionist activity from beyond its borders and by internal subversion of ideological, political, economic, social and cultural treachery. In place of working class power, a bureaucracy was in control. At root we believe, was the alienation and removal from the Soviet working class of the historic mission of rebuilding a higher socialist society, and the assumption of bureaucracy that saw the working class as a mere pawn thus was brought the tragedy to all humanity...first of all to the Soviet people themselves.

Today, internationally working class division is rooted deep in rejection and failure to understand, support or accept the long term working class historic mission of erecting and defending the only possible and coherent structure in which the species, homo-sapiens, can survive. Clearly, survival will not be possible if all the powers of Transnational Corporate Power, Imperialism, in the third millenium is permitted to continue its suicidal path to universal destruction. Truly, humanity stands at cross-roads of making a choice of life or death in a historic sense. Acceptance of the world-wide strife and aggressions,

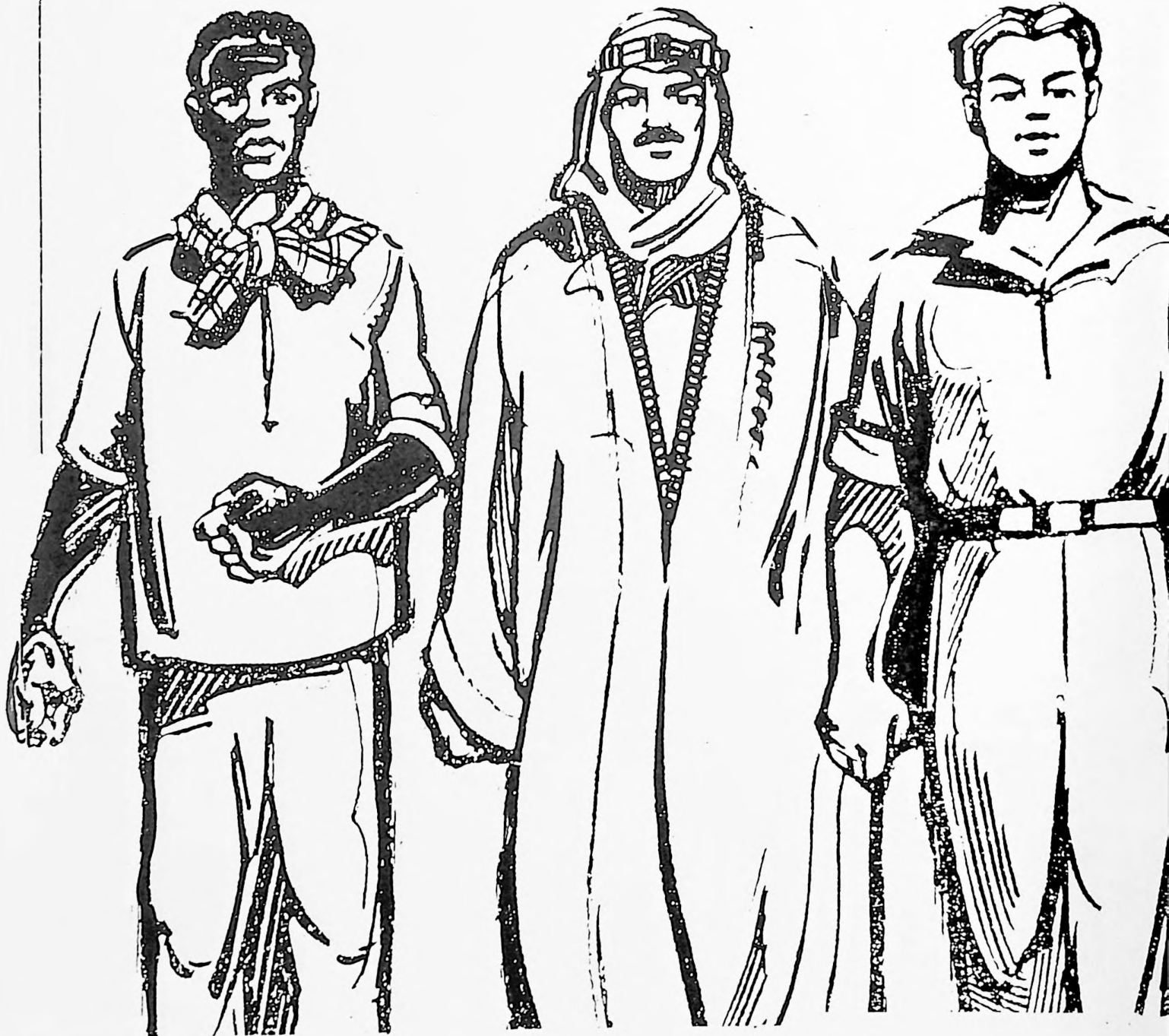
plus the totally insane President George Bush's version of "Star Wars", presents an unprecedented threat of universal calamity.

On this May Day, the central, all embracing task of working people everywhere is to use the powers of production, or non-production to shift humanities course away from those disastrous potentials. We already know that not a single gun, bomb, nuclear fission or fusion capability, let alone the vast and total waste of diversion of the global resources and wealth in armed might could happen without the expenditure of labour. Certainly,

the "non-brain-trust" who have presented humanity with the current disasters of the Middle East, Afghanistan, Africa, Asia, Latin and South America, in fact the entire world, would be totally helpless and without power if the working people demanded a halt and enforced it with universal withdrawal of their power to produce. That is the awesome power that lies potentially within the working class, united and mobilized for their own and humanities salvation from the sorophonic Bush and Blair and their mindless madmen currently in charge in their system of rapacious,

unending and savage exploitation.

A dream or a fantasy? Make no mistake, the mindless class of predators who have in their bloodlust and blindness developed the current suicidal situation, would have working people and citizens everywhere believe it to be "fantastic and unworldly". On this May Day, hidden in the poisonous outpourings of the psychological warriors of monopoly kept media, workers and common people will see or hear nothing, or very little but the "fantasies and dreams" conjured up for them in the interests of the Transnational Corporate self



interests of aggression and war. It is time to "switch stations" to view the realities, the possibilities, the potential of working class and people's needs and demands that can be won by co-operative, coordinated international unity on this historic May Day.

The depths of opportunist corruption that witnesses workers manufacturing weapons of death, that are used to slaughter their fellow workers must be brought to a halt and expunged from the psyches collective bodies, hands and minds of working and common people. But the working people alone can throw

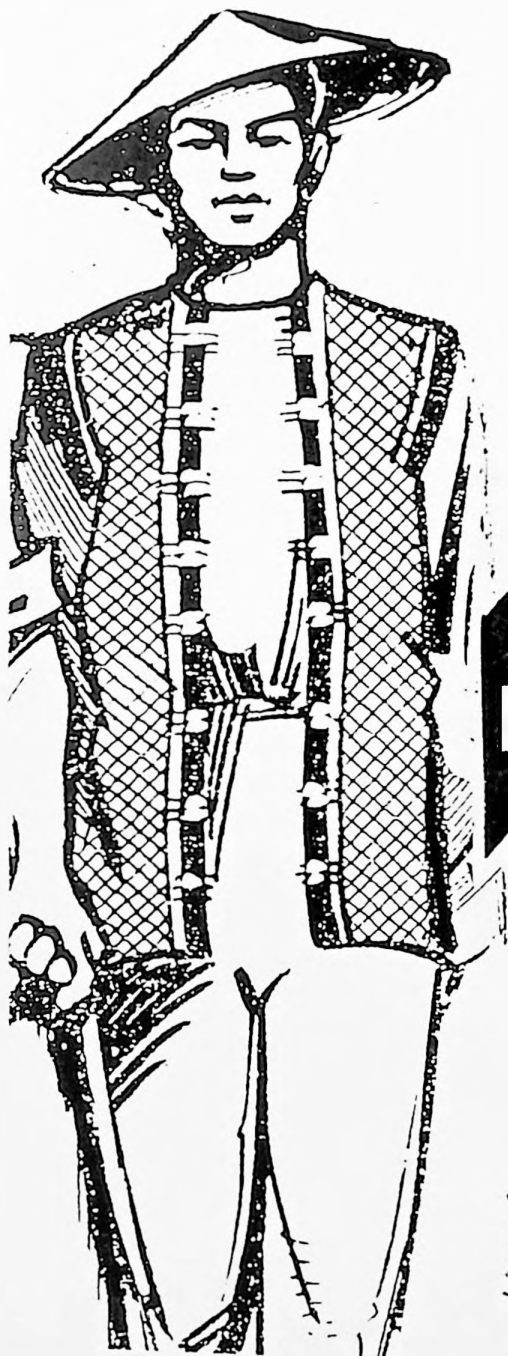
them down. Failure to accomplish that, confronts working people with complicity in the death programs of millenium III's "globalized" monopoly ruling class.

The demand for shifted emphasis and new perspectives of creative labour, of collective ownership of the means of production in properly developed social structures, of ongoing dialogue, discussion and agreements toward those ends we declare, lies at the very heart of working class May Day demands and proposals on this day, 2002. Only a united will and foresight of a new world of free labour and creative development will remove, or even diminish the current horrors all humanity faces today.

Northstar Compass places that call at the very centre of all activities with every sinew and fiber of strength we possess. In doing so, we are acutely aware that this call must reverberate with great power and strength far beyond the circles of our national and international reach. Our appeal is directed universally to all forces of progress on this day.

We are acutely aware also that we are not a "political party", even if our activities for international friendship and solidarity, peace, and the resurrection of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are of the greatest political dimensions and of immense significance to people everywhere. We join with all forces nationally and internationally this May Day, who are seeking to mobilize activity. Our particular appeal is to the national and international working class, who possess the awesome and irresistible powers we have indicated. It is time to open activities and discussions that will lead to use of them everywhere.

We should all take clear notice of the necessity among human beings everywhere that the soul-wrenching words of the old working class anti-Nazi song, must today be implemented and put to work, and those courageous working German nationals sought three generations ago. We salute their memory as we value the more than fifty million humans who perished in a war fomented and prosecuted, because of the stupidity, mindlessness and



LUCAS

voracious ambitions of the "financial oligarchy" of those times.

On this May Day, 2002, let all voices of reason, labour and a future of stability and peace be raised in unison. First must come the voices that call for the "Arbeiereimheitsfront"... the United Front of the working class in every national body and on the international terrain.

LONG LIVE MAY DAY OF THE WORKING CLASS, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY!

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP, SOLIDARITY AND PEACE!

ONLY THE UNITED WILL OF THE WORKING CLASS EVERYWHERE WILL BRING VICTORY!!!

GLOBAL

DEVELOPMENT

BY VIC RATSMA

The world's population now exceeds 6 billion people. Although international migration is said to be relatively steady at about 2%, this means that about 120 million people are moving from one country to another. (1)

According to the UN Refugee Agency, there are approximately 22 million refugees, including asylum seekers, refugees returning home and people uprooted in their own country. Not surprisingly, among this later group are many from the world's trouble-spots, such as Yugoslavia and now Afghanistan.

The large majority of the 120 million migrants however are likely to be those who leave their home country for economic reasons, who seek a better future for themselves and their children in more developed parts of the world.

But what about the huge majority who remain in the less developed parts of the world? What are their chances, if any, of improving their livelihood? In many cases their

living standards are far below what ought to be humanly acceptable. Others eke out only a marginal existence. Isn't it reasonable that they too aspire to obtain a lifestyle which at least approaches that of the majority of those living in America, Europe and other industrialized nations? The reality however soon makes it clear that, at least on the basis of current economic methods, this in fact is not likely to happen.

The living standards of the developed nations have been achieved and are being maintained by means of the use (*plunder- may be a better word*) of the worlds' natural resources, both renewable and non-renewable. However, at the rate of depletion and destruction of these resources, it is unlikely that even the currently developed world will be able to sustain its present living standards indefinitely, let alone share these resources with the rest of the world at the same rate of use. This is simply an ecological impossibility.

The non-renewable energy resources such as oil and gas are said to be near the peak of their development in terms of volume and

are expected to decline in a few years time. Forestry resources are being depleted at a faster rate than their rate of replacement. Fish stocks are substantially reduced. The demand for clean, fresh water is becoming greater than its available supply etc. All of these resources, which have been in natural abundance for millions of years are being threatened by the rapacious appetite for (*profit driven*) consumption, primarily by the populations of the developed world. This is probably best expressed in the measurement of the Ecological Footprint, which is a measurement that equates the actual amount of consumption with the productive land area required to produce these products.

Based on the current world population, there are approximately 1.7 hectares of productive land available for each person (2). However, the ecological footprint on industrialized countries (*resources consumed per person*) requires between 4-6 hectares of land in order to maintain the consumer lifestyle in the North. And this may be a conservative estimate. An article in the Atlantic/Observer (June

STATEMENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE ON THE ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION IN PALESTINE

The International Council condemns very strongly the attack of Israel on Palestinian people, using all brutal weapons of war. Trampling all international protocols, Israelis have laid siege to the headquarters of President Yasser Arafat, confining him to one room, after killing his bodyguards and holding him hostage against all international norms and the decision of the United Nations Organization, demanding that Israel withdraw from Ramallah. Israeli plans are to expel Yasser Arafat from Palestine and set up a lackey leadership that would follow the dictates of Israel and their master, U.S. imperialism.

U.S. imperialism, far from being uninvolved, is responsible for the actions of Israel, and in fact, is supporting Israel with arms and finances, using these Israeli war hawks as the Shock Troops, in their aim of conquest in the Near and Far East, and above all, as a base for the upcoming attack against Iraq.

We urge the members of the International Council and the readers of Northstar Compass to do all in your power to organize protests and demand of your government to protest to the Israeli government to stop this bloodshed and withdraw from the occupied territories as demanded by the United Nations.

Executive Committee of the International Council

2001) showed that the average Nova Scotian (a Canadian province) uses the productive capacity of 8.1 hectares to sustain his/her lifestyle. The U.S. uses 10.3 hectares, the highest in the world.

In fact, there are only nine countries in the world that use less than the 1.8 hectares available, among which we find highly populated countries like India with 0.8 hectares and China with 1.2 hectares per person.

All this is small comfort to the less well-off of our world. Just imagine another 1.3 billion Chinese (3) and over 1.0 billion people in India (not to speak of many other parts of the world) consuming at the same rate as the people of the current industrialized world. We would need an Earth probably three times the present size. Clearly this process cannot take place without disastrous end-results.

We will have to learn to regulate economic development to a substance pace. But it is equally clear that this cannot be done by denying the worlds' less developed nations access to their fare share of the world's resources, much of which is found in their part of the world in the first place.

Is free market capitalism capable to resolve this dilemma?

Not very likely! A system which is based on maximization of private profit, of cut-throat competition and survival only of the fittest, does not lend itself to peacefully reducing its share and raising the share of its competitors. It goes against the very principal of the capitalist system.

Only the democratization of society and the establishment of a system of co-operative relations, where the interest of one is the interest of all, can solve this monumental challenge. In general terms, we know this system as "socialism" and it provides the only hope for greater equality in living standards amongst the peoples of our world.

(1) United Nations Population Fund data

(2) <http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/rio/focus>

(3) U.S. Census Bureau, 2002

YOU HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT NSC? WRITE!

PRESIDENT CASTRO'S SPEECH AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Monterrey, France – Mar. 21, 2002

Excellencies:

Not everyone here will share my thoughts. Still, I will respectfully say what I think.

The existing world economic order constitutes a system of plundering and exploitation like no other in history. Thus, the peoples believe less and less in statements and promises. The prestige of the international financial institutions rates less than zero.

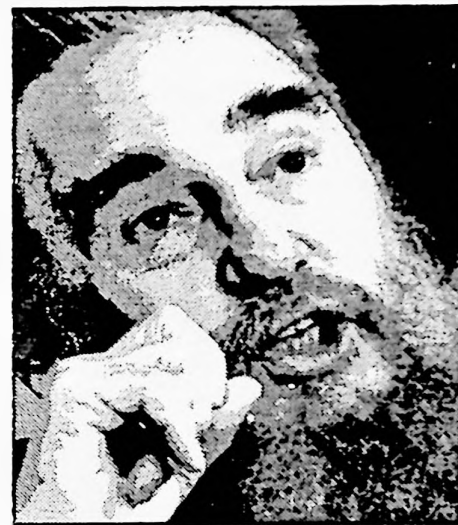
The world economy today is a huge casino. Recent analyses indicate that for every dollar that goes into trade, over one hundred end up in speculative operations completely disconnected from the real economy.

As a result of this economic order, over 75 per cent of the world population lives now in underdevelopment, and extreme poverty has already reached 1.2 billion people in the Third World. So, far from narrowing, the gap is widening.

The revenue of the richest nations that in 1960 was 37 times larger than that of the poorest nation, is now 74 times larger. The situation has reached such extremes that the assets of the three wealthiest persons in the world amount to the GNP of the 48 poorest countries combined.

The number of people in this world are actually starving was 826 million in the year 2001. There are at the moment, 854 million illiterate adults while 325 million children do not attend school. There are 2 billion people who have no access to low cost medications and 2.4 billion lack even the basic sanitation conditions. No less than 11 million children under the age of 5 perish every year from preventable causes, while a half a million go blind for lack of vitamin A.

The life span of the population in the developed world is 30 years



Fidel Castro, President of Cuba

higher than that of people living in Sub-Saharan Africa. This is a true genocide!

The poor countries should not be blamed for this tragedy. They neither conquered nor plundered entire continents for centuries; they did not establish colonialism, or re-established slavery; and, modern imperialism is not of their making. Actually, they have been the victims. Therefore, the main responsibility for financing their development lies with those states that, for obvious historical reasons, enjoy today the benefits of those atrocities.

The rich world should forget their foreign debt and grant them fresh soft credits to finance their development. The traditional offers of assistance, are scant and often ridiculous, are either inadequate or unfulfilled.

For a true and sustainable economic and social development to take place, much more is required than is usually admitted. Measures, as those suggested by the late James Tobin, to curtail the irreversible flow of currency speculation – albeit it was not his idea to foster development – would perhaps be the only one capable of generating enough funds, which in the hands of the UN agencies but not the awful institutions like the IMF, could supply then direct development assistance with a

democratic participation of all countries and without the need to sacrifice independence and sovereignty of the peoples.

The Consensus Draft, which the masters of the world are imposing on this conference, intends that we accept humiliating, conditioned and interfering alms.

Everything created since Bretton Woods until today, should be reconsidered. A farsighted vision was then missing, thus, the privileges and interests of the most powerful prevailed. In the face of the deep and present crisis, a still worse future is now offered, where the economic, social and ecological tragedy of a very increasingly ungovernable world, would never be resolved and where the number of the poor and the starving would grow higher, as if a large part of humanity were doomed.

It is high time for all statesmen and politicians to calmly reflect on this. The belief that a social and economic order that has proven to be undesirable can be forcibly imposed, is really senseless.

As I have said before, the ever more sophisticated weapons piling up in the arsenals of the wealthiest and the mightiest can kill the illiterate, the ill, the poor and the hungry, but they cannot kill ignorance, illnesses, poverty or hunger!

It should definitely be said: *"Farewell to arms!"*

Something must be done to save humanity.

A better word is possible! ■

STAMPS FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

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and want to receive a
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mail them to you,**

WHAT DID FORMER PRESIDENT CLINTON OF USA ADMIT?

On November 24, 1995, Bill Clinton spoke to his US Cabinet the following:

"For the last 19 years our policy and politics regarding the USSR and its satellites showed correctly that our policy of trying to split the Soviet Union and its satellites was correct. We achieved that which president Truman tried to achieve with his Atomic diplomacy and the threat to devastate the mighty Soviet Union. Yes, with one cardinal difference – we now are going to get, not a ruined country, which would have been very hard to rebuild...instead,

we and our allies received in the last four years strategic raw materials worth 15 billion dollars, hundreds of tons of gold, diamonds, nickel, copper and other valuable materials etc. For an unbelievable cheap price we received over 20,000 tons metals, 50,000 tons aluminum, 20,000 tons of other valuable metals etc."

A good question to ask would be this...if all that wealth was given-bought-taken by the imperialist West in only 4 years, what amount were siphoned off in the last 6 years of market reforms? These are the results of the production of Soviet people. You can see where our wealth is going!

So, why have we in the USSR have these Presidents, the Duma or so called multiparty parliament,

Is there a difference between Hitler's and Sharon's Blitzkrieg?

The absolute terror, the killings, the mad rush to occupy as much territory of Palestine as possible by the armored war machine of Israel's war hawk Sharon, reminds one of the attack of Nazi Germany at the beginning of Second World War. The excuse then was for *"living space"* and the reason given by Israel is also for *"living space"*, but covered up with the Bush's words *"fight against terrorism"*.

In spite of the condemnation by the United Nations Organization, the European Union, the outcry of the world people, not to mention the hollow words of the power behind this attack against the Palestinian people by President Bush, telling the hell-bent war machine of Israel to stop...the tanks roll on and Palestinian men, women and children are killed, their homes bulldozed by huge bulldozers, including the orchards of the Palestinian people.

Israel troops are on a rampage and behaving as the Nazis did in their time. International peace activists and observers, correspondents are shot, thrown out and prevented from reporting the carnage being perpetrated by the Israel attackers.

Are the Israelites planning to cleanse Palestine of all Arabs and achieve their dream of Greater Israel? Is this the plan cooked up together with imperialist Uncle Sam?

Suppose that Egypt or Syria was condemned many times by the United Nations for annexation of territory and with resolutions passed by the UN on this question. Would the US have kept mum all these years and blocked all actions by the UN as US is doing for Israel, or would the Yanks and Israel already had their troops there?

The Israeli lobby is very strong both in the White House and Washington!

The Executive Committee of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass condemns the Israeli attacks and it is time that every **country respects** the decisions of the United Nations Organization. ■

which basically acts as rubber stamp for the robbery of the wealth of our people?

*From newspaper "Vpered"-
Byelorussia*

STATEMENT ON THE ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION

By ALL INDIA ANTI-IMPERIALIST
FORUM

The All India Anti-imperialist Forum condemns in strongest terms the barbaric attack of Israel on the Palestinian people, using all of the brutal weapons of war. In an unprecedented manner, trampling all international protocol, they have

laid siege to the headquarters of President Yassar Arafat, confining him into one room, deprived of water, electricity or telephone, cut off from the world. The Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has turned down every offer of peace and negotiation, and is brazenly defying international opinion and the UN resolution that was passed to withdraw from Ramallah.

The Israeli action is to be branded as nothing less than state terrorism. Israel is emboldened by the hypocritical policy of the United States, President Bush and his aides, who, under the guise of advising Israel "to keep a path to peace open", is openly supporting this Israel military action in the name of fighting terrorism.

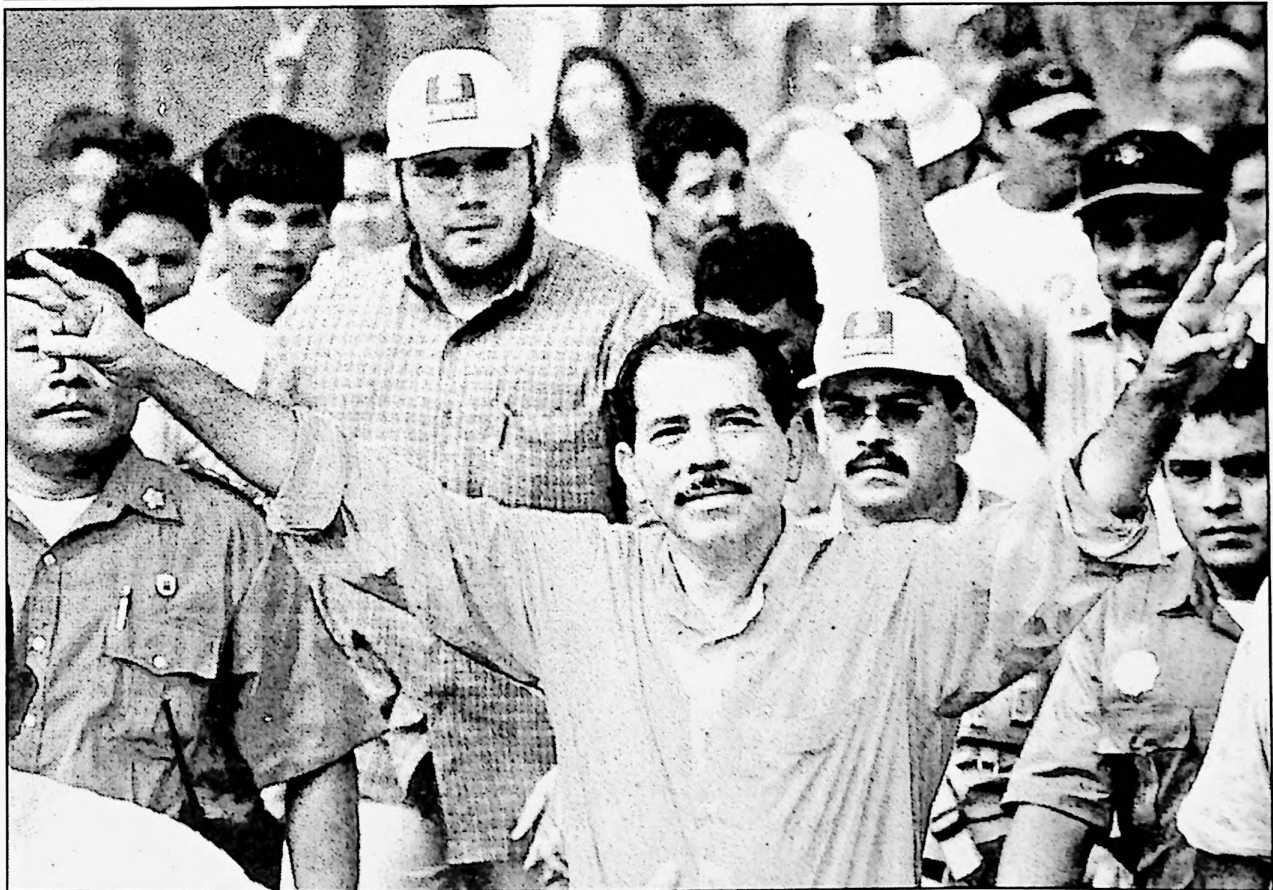
The All India Anti-imperialist Forum voices its solidarity with the struggles of the Palestinian people and expresses its deep sympathy to the victims of Israel aggression. We urge the Indian people to organize movements to force the Indian Government to give up its pro-Israel leaning and we also condemn the despicable role of the BJP-led Union Government of India in the Palestinian crisis. We demand that India support the struggles of the Palestinian people.

The All India Anti-imperialist Forum, calls upon all democratically minded people and organizations all over the world, to build up mass movements in support of the Palestinian people and force the Governments of their respective

ANOTHER JUDAS?

Here we see Daniel Ortega, former head of the Sandanista Front, Nicaragua, who were fighting against U.S. and local imperialists. He is still leader of the Sandinista Front! Here he is shown on the campaign trail last October, 2001. Now, this formerly Marxist-Leninist, whom the progressive people supported with demonstrations against U.S. Imperialism, now claims that Jesus is his saviour and he has seen the light. He now supports U.S. globalization and free trade. We wonder how many U.S. \$\$\$ went into his pocket? Do you notice how many paid bodyguards he has around him?

From Toronto Star newspaper, March 24, 2002, Canada.



countries to denounce the Israeli terror and to take effective steps to stop the acts of aggression against Palestine and resume the peace process.

Manik Mukherjee
Vice president
All India Anti-imperialist Forum

SOLIDARITY DEMONSTRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

With Israel bent on conquering all of the lands that are Palestinian, and as they are butchering Palestinians on their own land, the people of the world are beginning to realize that the policies of Israel and her American masters are the same as those that were held by German fascism as they embarked on their New World Order!

To the State of Israel and American imperialism (even though as a demagogue, President Bush told Israel to stop advancing into *Palestine*) this is a plan to conquer and expand the territory of Israel in Sharon's dream of a "Greater Israel".

The thousands of protesters marched in Paris, Rome, New York, Chile., Bern, Scotland, Australia, Miami Beach, Florida and other cities around the world, where hundreds of police at each demonstration, trying to break up these protests.

Signs such as "Sharon the Assassin", "Arabs, Jews together against Sharon", "We can't keep quiet any longer...Israel is performing genocide now against the people of Palestine." "This is Fascist ethnic cleansing", "Free Palestine" "Sharon is Hitler!" and many others. There were Israel and American flags burnt by the protesters.

In New York, in the Belly of the Beast itself, hundreds of protesters marched across the Brooklyn Bridge carrying signs that "Sharon is another Hitler"

In the predominantly Jewish neighborhood in Miami Beach, Florida, USA, about a couple hundreds of protesters staged a rally in front of the city's Holocaust Monument, calling the Israel treatment of Palestinians as a "preset day holocaust."

COMMENT

In spite of the condemnation by the UN itself, in spite of the condemnation by the European Union, Israel is not going to stop. Why? Because U.S. imperialism is behind it, with the British government acting like lap dogs, hoping that they can rebuild their British Empire, but this time not with Conservative rulers, but, of all things, by the Labour Prime Minister Blair. Even Margaret Thatcher is so very proud of Blair! She tried but couldn't do it herself, she left the role to the Social-Democrat Blair and his Labour Party!

People are asking as to where was China and her veto? Forget now about Putin of Russia, they do not pretend that they are communist or socialist!

CUBA DENOUNCES U.S. SUBVERSION AND ESPIONAGE

From KOMINFORM

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Rogue spoke last month about the U.S. Interest Section in Havana and charged them with carrying out subversive activities that violate Cuban laws and international conventions.

At a very large rally in Havana del Este municipality, the Cuban foreign minister referred to the charges made previously at the roundtable discussion that was televised nationwide.

The panelists on that program stated emphatically that U.S. Interest Section has now stepped up such activities, as part of Washington's redesign of its policy against the Cuban Revolution. They noted that U.S. diplomats are traveling all over Cuba, "to organize, finance and also instruct small counterrevolutionary groups."

"These actions violate the spirit

and the letter of the agreement that led to the creation of that office in 1977, during the President Carter administration," Foreign Minister Perez Rogue warned. The crowd of over 130,000 persons included President Fidel Castro and First Vice President, Minister of Defense, Raul Castro.

"The "The Cubans will defend the Revolution and are not going to permit any conspiring or attempts to subvert order," the foreign minister stated. He tied the U.S. Interest Section's current activities to the arrival of Otto Reich as assistant of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, appointed lately by President Bush.

He condemned the "electronic espionage originating in the headquarters of the U.S. Interest Section, and the continual trips to the island by officers of the CIA and other U.S. special services, under the guise of diplomacy, to carry out internal subversion in Cuba."

Perez Rogue predicted that the United States would step up the blockade it has now maintained against the island for more than 40 years, and pass new measures against the Revolution, thereby increasing tensions between the two countries.

He also stated that Havana expects the United States to include Cuba – unjustly – on the list of countries that allegedly sponsor international terrorism.

"Cuba does not recognize the United States' moral authority to set itself up as judge and jury!"

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NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

AMERICAN IMPERIALISM MAKING STRONGER ITS INFLUENCE IN CENTRAL ASIA

The so-called anti-terrorism fight by America and NATO is not going as well as U.S. deemed at first, with TV screens showing heavy fighting, rockets, bombs, missiles, not able to make it a very quick victory in Afghanistan. But the aim in the first place was to really occupy and hold as a base Afghanistan...and this is now accomplished with America's marionettes in place in Kabul.

The aim of changing the political structures in Central Asia is being slowly accomplished. Russia is being surrounded by bases of US imperialism and NATO, with the smell of oil and gas very near the nose of U.S. imperialism. U.S. has taken under its control all of the main and top airports in former USSR Asian republics. Uzbekistan, Kirghistan, Georgia and the former Central Asian republics are now under control of US imperialism and their NATO allies.

The representatives of the Pentagon and the U.S. State department themselves state that this will be a long occupation and a long struggle wherever Uncle Sam feels that there is a threat.

Even the New York Times on January 10th wrote: *"that even though these former Soviet republics gave permission for a 'short stay' to U.S. and NATO troops and bases, Colonel Bill Montgomery of the Pentagon said that these bases are very long term."* The long-term plans were clearly outlined by George W. Bush when he termed the "axis of evil"... Iran, Iraq, North Korea... now it also includes Russia.

Russian minister of defense Sergei Ivanov, in effect stated that *"We do not have to worry about the U.S./ NATO bases on former Soviet soil, since this is only a temporary arrangement!"*

Even the conservative privately owned newspaper in Moscow, "Komersant" wrote that Sergei

Ivanov beat a hasty retreat from a pre-arranged Press Conference in Tadjikistan, because: *"he had nothing to say about the situation in Central Asia or on any proposed defense actions against U.S.A. expansionism there."*

The present central Asian republic regimes, are ready to sell anything and everything for US dollars.

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According to the pro-government daily newspapers, in Uzbekistan, the meeting in Washington between the leader of Uzbekistan and the US government, a deal was signed with more than \$150 millions that U.S. gave to Uzbekistan now as a start to help in their economic reforms for proceeding with the total market economy.

AS NSC PREDICTED...HERE ARE THE RESULTS OF SUPPORTING PUTIN OF RUSSIA!

DUMA REVOLUTION SWEEPS AWAY COMMUNISTS' STRONGHOLDS

Last month, the Russian State Duma voted to overturn the so-called "package agreement" negotiated two years ago, distributing chairmanships of the lower chamber's committees and commissions.

As expected, the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (Zyuganov) lost control of the seven of the nine committees. The vote was 251 in favor, 136 against. The CPRF chairman of the exempted committees, Viktor Zorkaltsev of the Public and Religious Organizations Committee and Nikolai Gubenko of the Cultural and Tourism Committee, announced their resignations. The CPRF traditional ally, the "Agro-Industrial Group" gave up control of the Nationalities Committee, while group leader Nikolai Kharitonov refused to oversee the Women and Youth Affairs Committee, as well as the Duma Mandate Commission.

Zyuganov (*leader of the CPRF*) said that from now on the CPRF will not boycott the Duma sessions, but will act as the loyal opposition!

Of course the CPRF will attend the Duma session and act as the loyal opposition. That is nothing new, the CPRF was always the Loyal opposition, giving the Putin government a picture of "respectability and democracy". Is this not a wake-up call to the honest and dedicated Communists inside the CPRF to draw proper conclusion as to who is who in the CPRF Duma faction and its leadership?

VIC RATSMA

President George W. Bush wants Uzbekistan to stop all the trade between itself and base itself on U.S. trade only. Even Kyrgyzstan, which previously voiced their position of neutrality, now has welcomed U.S. troops, and as Mr. Kurmanbek Bakaev, Premier of Kirghistan said: "The stationing of 1,000 U.S. troops here is a golden opportunity for our country!"

The broadening of American influence and economic domination and exploitation of all the natural raw resources in all of the former Central Asian republics of the USSR, shows that globalization is a great danger to the whole world. This process of utilizing the air space, airports and natural resources of Central Asian countries, can only be stopped if the mobilization of all the people takes place here, plus the support of the international working class.

changed his name from "Platov" to Putin, and worked in the German Democratic Republic until 1989 and he was discharged with the rank of Major into the reservist ranks. In 1990, the 38-year old Vladimir Putin was chosen by Mayor Sobchak of Leningrad as his assistant... the same mayor who pushed through changing the name of Leningrad to St. Petersburg and, who allowed the demolishing of Lenin monuments in the city.

Before that, in 1996, Yeltsin brings Putin into the Kremlin as his deputy. Putin's career was rising higher and higher in a master plan by these internal traitors within the CPSU...until in August 16th, 1999, Boris Yeltsin appoints him as Prime Minister of Russia

On August 7, 1999 the Chechen and Dagestan fighters start the bombing of homes in Moscow (although this is now being

resigns as President of Russia and he appoints Vladimir Putin as his successor...something that is akin to a royal succession.

On March 27, 2001 the Soviet people found out that they have a new president, and his name. The first act of Mr. Putin was to have a direct meeting in a summer home outside of Moscow with Yeltsin, in which Putin and his cohorts, with direct push by the CIA, guaranteed Boris Yeltsin immunity from any prosecution for his crimes and robbery. This act alone guaranteed that Boris Yeltsin and his amassed fortune in foreign banks, will not be able to be prosecuted.

Putin's many actions, after becoming president of Russia, reads like some horrible horror stories. Examples:

*When the Kursk submarine sank with 118 sailors dead, Putin was not available for comment until after many days passed and then news leaked out that the Russian Navy sold all of its rescue ships for American dollars and thus had to depend on foreign countries to get the bodies out. Putin knew and approved the fact that Yeltsin sold off all rescue vessels for cash.

*On September 20, 2000, Putin visits Solzhenitsyn the biggest enemy of socialism and USSR, but Putin becomes buddies with this vicious enemy.

*Visiting Finland, Putin lays flowers and has very kind words for Mannerheim, the fascist General who was together with Hitler during the Second World War. This Czarist general was given accolades by Putin that "he saved Leningrad from the Germans during the Great Patriotic War!" General Mannerheim was also involved in trying to drown the 1917 Revolution in blood.

*Visiting Poland, Putin laid a wreath to the victims in the Katyn Forest Massacre, saying that the Red Army did this mass murder. Even the United Nations Tribunal proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that all of these Polish officers were massacred by the Germans.

* When Putin took office, he attacked NATO and its march to the East, but now he wants Russia to join NATO, the WTO, European Union etc.etc.

FROM NEWSPAPER
"BOLSHEVIK OF STAROPOLYA"

Who is PUT- IN?



Writing about Boris Yeltsin or Mikhail Gorbachev is easy, but it is scary as to how many enemies and traitors there were inside the CPSU and also inside the KGB of USSR!

One of these hidden traitors was Vladimir Putin. He was born in 1952 in Leningrad. In 1975 he finished his Law Faculty and he was assigned by the CPSU to work in the KGB of the USSR. Until 1985 he served in the counter intelligence department. Here he managed to join the CPSU. In 1985, as a Major, he

disputed, that Putin and his cohorts planted these bombs and thus the war in Chechniya began], with Putin stating that we "shall kill everyone there...!" I thought to myself then, who is it that is ruling Russia?

According to the master plan ala-CIA and the internal traitors, Boris Yeltsin on December 31, 1999

*Now that NATO has troops in every former Soviet republic in the Near and Far East, Putin told the Russian nation that "we have nothing to worry about!"

American imperialism realized that Gorbachev did their bidding well, Boris Yeltsin drowned in blood the uprising of the Soviet people, but, due to his drunken behavior he was now detrimental to the CIA and the U.S. Pentagon...and thus...along comes pre-ordained Mr. Putin, who was put into position to make him more people-presentable and the U.S. media went into Pentagon-inspired raptures in promoting Putin as a very young, very energetic, a sportsman, caring and of course, he was a member of the KGB, thus making him more acceptable to the Russian people. After all, wasn't the KGB responsible to defend the CPSU and the USSR? Yes, Putin is nothing more than a doll which is wound-up, primed and cuddled with U.S. money and great praise by U.S. imperialism...and he does their bidding. Vladimir Putin in actual fact is a terrorist.

Russia and other former Soviet republics can be saved only by another Soviet peoples socialist revolution...that is what dedicated Bolsheviks say.

Victor Mironov
Novokubansk, Krasnodarsk ■

DEMONSTRATION IN MOSCOW ON 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF AGGRESSION AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA

On March 24, 2002 a very large demonstration was held in Moscow in front of the U.S. Embassy where many resolutions were passed unanimously. The resolutions called for the immediate evacuation of U.S. troops and their allies from the territory of Yugoslavia. Also, the demand was made for the release of President Slobodan Milosevic from prison.

The meeting demanded that U.S. imperialism stop its planned aggression against Iraq, get out from all the bases in former republics of the Soviet Union and for

freedom of all political prisoners on the territory of former Soviet Union.

The Resolution against U.S. imperialism and NATO received a tremendous cheer when it demanded that Bush, Clinton, Blair, Albright, all be tried as war criminals.

**Freedom for Milosevic!*

**Down with The Hague Kangaroo Court!*

**US-NATO to be tried by a Peoples Court!*

These were some of the slogans carried by the demonstrators! ■

COMMUNISTS OF UKRAINE LOST THEIR CLOUT IN LAST ELECTION

By VITALY SICH, Kiev Post writer

A large center-right block of President Kuchma emerged as the major players again in the March 31st elections in the Ukraine.

The pro-presidential "For a United Ukraine" bloc, won a total of 119 Rada seats while the center-right bloc received 112 seats, and the Communist Party of Ukraine and their allies, the largest force in Ukraine's parliament since independence, had at that time 113 representatives, but now lost so many that they have only 66 members in the Rada. If we add the 119 and 112 seats of the government and right wing parties, you have 231 Deputies in the Ukrainian Rada...all supporting the policies of President Kuchma.

In the Rada there are 450 seats, but half of them are selected by proportional representation. The communist performed poorly in the single-mandate race, receiving only 7 seats.

The Yulia Tymoshenko bloc won 7.9 % while the Socialist Party won 6.9 % of the vote. The Social Democratic Party received 6.2% of the votes. Women for the Future and the Green Party received 2.1% and 1.3% respectively.

The Communists running received 35% of the vote in Eastern Ukraine while receiving only 4% of the vote in Western Ukraine.

According to the international observers, there were irregularities in voting and many abuses.

Of course there was even an assassination of a candidate Mykola Shkriblyak, vice-governor in Western Ukraine who was gunned down...with no arrests yet. He was from the Social Democratic Party slate. Western Ukraine is the hotbed of Ukrainian nationalists and the birthplace of Ukrainian fascists who were fighting together with Hitler's Germany.

We are waiting for Professor Herasymchuk to write an analyses in the next issue of NSC. ■

RUSSIA UNCOVERS CIA SPY RING

Reuters agency in Moscow reported that Russia accused the USA of trying to steal military secrets, just weeks before President Putin and George Bush are due to meet in Moscow.

The Interfax Agency quoted the FSB, the domestic security service stated that they uncovered a U.S. spy ring. The CIA tried to recruit experts from the secret Defense Ministry plant, but the FSB intervened. The FSB has irrefutable proof that some of the U.S. Embassy staff are involved. After this charge was made, the U.S. diplomat involved was recalled back to the U.S.

The Russian FSB charges add to a growing list of woes likely to crop up at the May 23-26 meeting between Putin and Bush in Leningrad (*St. Petersburg*). There is bickering over U.S. poultry imports, the U.S. funded radio broadcasts to Chechniya, promoting separatism.

In March of last year, 50 Russian diplomats were expelled from the United States.

It seems that the cold war is heating up, with U.S. spies active not only in former USSR, but in Cuba and other spots of the world. ■

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THIRD WORLD WAR?...It is only an absolute amateur in politics or only interested in falsification of the situation who cannot see the process of preparations and fanning the flames of a Third World War that is already on the way. We *are not talking about the "cold war"*, in which the world was on edge of expectations and uncertainty. It was not too long ago that the biggest terrorist- USA – was scared to send its army troops in such numbers into foreign countries, as it is doing now. The Soviet Union did not allow that to happen! The present "limited" wars in Iraq, Yugoslavia, and Afghanistan have surpassed the bombardment that even Hitler in his time was not able to accomplish during World War Two.

What is the prospect in the future for the world? What place in this world scenario will be taken by present rulers of Russia? The strategic plans of U.S. imperialism, were spelled out by many leaders in their time. Let us just look at some examples.

BILL CLINTON:

Former president of U.S. (1995) said: "We accomplished that, which president Truman tried to do to the Soviet Union with the help of an Atomic bomb...in four years, we and our friends received the natural and rich minerals to the tune of 15 billion dollars, hundred tons of gold and other rich and valuable minerals such as diamonds..."

Among other plans to be utilized by U.S.A. the ex-president said: "dismemberment of the USSR into small regions through ethnic strife and wars, as we have done in Yugoslavia;

The main tasks of U.S. Imperialism during these dangerous times, is to have a heavy influence all of the former Soviet Union republics and then to make them their semi-colonies for exploitation. Here is the symbol of Ukrainian Nationalism-fascism –"Communist"

*the complete disintegration of Soviet armaments and its army;
*establishing in former Soviet republics regimes that favor the West;

*we did not allow Russia to be an Empire;

*the only Empire must be the United States of America."

BREZINSKI-

Former assistant to the President of USA: "The world order order is designed against Russia, at all costs to Russia itself and its former territories." (Kiev newspaper "Communist" 1/2/2002)

COLONEL POWEL-

New Secretary of State of USA: "Russia must forget about any interest in its former Republics. USA will not allow Russia to mix into their internal affairs.... Because the resurrection of the USSR is not in plans of USA! (?!)"

The above quotations show very clearly the hegemonic policies of US imperialism and their strategic plans for absolute world domination. But how does the present Russian



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regime look at these dangers? Absolutely it does not care! The leaders in Moscow want what they suggest. President Putin many times stated that he supports "American globalization and the fight against terrorism. In actual fact Mr. Putin supports the absolute dictatorship of the U.S. Pentagon and NATO.

Regarding the U.S. fight against terrorism – this is a paradox. Is not American imperialism Terrorist #1? How many innocent Afghans were killed by U.S. bombs in their quest to find bin Laden? How many Serbs were killed in the U.S. so-called "Serb genocide against Albanians" on their own land? And how many millions of people were "sent away to another world" by the New World Order between the Second World War and this Third World War?

Regarding bin Laden – he is not needed by Bush, nor the Pentagon or by NATO! Americans need Afghanistan...the base for getting at Russia in the future. Is there anyone that questions this? Then let us listen to the former Minister of Internal Affairs of Afghanistan Yakubi, who already in 1989, approaching the Soviet counter-intelligence, said the following: "Please, keep in mind, that everything that is happening here, is aimed at your country. In future the attacks will be on Tadjikistan (For USSR, #9, 2002). Is this not exactly what is happening, with all former Central Asian Soviet republics being inundated with U.S. soldiers and bases? In Uzbekistan, Turkmenia, Georgia and other former Soviet republics?

Yes...these American "fighters against terrorism" are behaving very strangely. They are interested in real terrorists like in Georgia where civil war is raging. But these terrorists openly are fighting against

Russia...is this not for the American dollars?

And what is our Mr. Putin doing, knowing all what is transpiring around the former USSR? Again – nothing! He shamelessly says that the Americans should have told him before they went into the former Soviet Caucasus. The scenario could even be that USA will arrive in Moscow with their bombers and Putin will ask: *“Why didn't you tell me about this?”*

In fighting terrorism, the people cannot depend or support state terrorism...” People of the world!-a plea on behalf of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, Nina Andreeva *“Unite in the struggle against imperialist globalization, and for a guarantee of peoples rights and the right of people of each country to pick the government of their choice! America is on a verge of crisis, which cannot be saved by money manipulation, or even many tons of gold. The task of every person is to struggle in order to bury imperialism”.*

(Workers-Farmers Pravda. #3,2002)

ABOUT THE NATURAL SPIRAL DEVELOPMENT

Already in the XIX century the philosophers came up with a theory of the spiral development of the world (Gegel). Unfortunately, much damage, heartaches and also tremendous devastation this spiral development brought to the world. Here are some examples.

FIRST EXAMPLE: Starting the ill-conceived *“living space”*, for the rule of the Aryan Race, Hitler started to bomb Serbia and other countries of the world.

American imperialism, putting into effect their policy of globalization, took the same steps as Hitler did before, bombing Yugoslavia, Afganistan with more bombs than were used during all of Word War II. In the attacks against Yugoslavia there were also many grandchildren of former Hitler's killers. Bombing Yugoslavia as their fathers and grandfathers did in Europe on behest of the commands of Hitler.

SECOND EXAMPLE: In order to stop the democratic outbursts of people in Germany and to keep their hands free from any binding laws, the Hitlerites burnt the German Reichstag, then blamed

this on the communists.

September 11, 2001 American was attacked by terrorists. All the blame was immediately put on bin Laden. This was just an excuse needed to attack other peoples and countries, in the first part against Afghanistan. This terrorist attack hides many unsolved problems and there are more questions than answers.

Former candidate for the presidency of the USA, Lyndon Lawrush, a well known American economist, millionaire, said this: *“First of all, what took place on September 11th was caused by hidden forces, which to my way of thinking was not caused by outside forces, but by inside forces tied-in to our CIA...the whole operation, was extremely well thought out, well planned...and no one could have done this outside the borders of the United States of America – today, there is no such power that is capable!”*

But in spite of all of these facts, the American bombers were bombing many countries and killing innocent people thousands of miles away from the shores of America. The results of this attack on New York and Washington, as compared to the Reighstag fire in Germany, was more to the liking of USA and NATO, since this did not produce a World War, but without complete war footing and without firing a shot, the U.S.-NATO forces came directly to the borders of former USSR, but they were allowed to put their soldiers and war planes on its territory. And all this was agreed upon by president Putin. Yes, Hitler would be jealous at the success of Yankee imperialism, something that he was not able to achieve, even though it cost the word 50 million lives!

THIRD EXAMPLE: In order to cover up their acts of aggression and the *“new world order”* the Hitlerites organized a court case against Georgi Dimitroff. But this court trial ended up as a farce.

In order to hide the facts as to why USA-NATO allies did attack Yugoslavia, they came up with the U.S. inspired *“New World Order-Globalization.”* and blamed the Yugoslav government of *“genocide against Albanians”*. There is a court

being held in The Hague against the President of Yugoslavia, Slobodan Milosevic. Of course all this is a farce and the U.S. hired lawyers and judges are doing what they are paid to do by Yankee dollars.

...Covering up its global plans of domination and exploitation and outright media lies, Uncle Sam started this campaign and has already designated 7 countries as *“rogue states”*. Even Russia, is now demolishing its missiles and rockets as demanded by U.S. imperialism. But the U.S. itself, according to experts. U.S. imperialism is preparing for all out war by 2006 against the *“axis of evil”* which include: Syria, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan, Cuba. The proposed attacks against Iraq and North Korea are first on Uncle Sam's list for attack. By that time U.S. Imperialism would have already divided Russia into small feifdoms.

Of course all of these war plans and actual conflicts, Imperialism is hiding under the label of *“disarmament”* and the capitalist press slavishly issues stories upon stories as churned out by Public Relations of the Pentagon. U.S. is *“disarming”* but it is storing all of these warheads for future use and producing new versions of these deadly weapons.

How is our Putin looking at this danger? Absolutely as if there is NO danger! All of these *“small and local wars”* are aimed at the final target, the former Soviet Union. Mr. Putin is just happy that he said his piece and asked Uncle Sam to give him notice before he attacked the USSR!

Well,now, Mr. Putin, who are you? Are you the president of Russia, which is now under attack by the rockets and missiles from the banks of the Potomac River? Or are you a president of another country? Facts are facts, they cannot be hidden!

A *“spiral”* is a *“spiral”*...let us name a few of traitors, which are part of this *“siral”* –Krushchev, Gorbachev, Yeltsin, Putin...??!!

No, my dear Messers, the builders of the New World Order! The politics of Bush and Putin are aimed to build in this world, a fascist dictatorship by the USA, this will not pass! Gogel was absolutely correct.

But this "spiral" could bring only tragedy and death. Yes, Yugoslavia was also bombed during 1940's – and now, in our time its Afghanistan. We remember the Reichstag fire also and the September 11th attacks...there was occupation of Poland – now its Afghanistan. Of course, there was Eva Braun then, the concubine of Hitler, now there is Monica Lewinsky. The lessons of the trial of Georgi Dimitroff and now of Slobodan Milosevic...we all remember and will always do so.

But US/NATO leadership should also remember there was also **STALINGRAD!** U.S. imperialism should also remember that the **Soviet Red Flag** was flying over the German Reichstag!

Yes, history is built on spirals, no doubt...Messrs Imperialists!

VENCEREMOS! ■

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CRIMINALS AGAIN TOOK OVER THE MOSCOW DUMA!

By G. GUNKO

The American daily newspaper "Baltimore Sun" took notice of the results of the criminal victory in the election to the Moscow Duma. Actually the cost of getting elected to the Moscow Duma went from \$50,000 per each candidate in 1995 to \$300,000 in 2001. Looking at this, a question begs to be asked: why must any candidate lose all this money in order to get into the Moscow Duma? Some candidates spent even a couple millions of dollars to get into the Moscow Duma. Why...if in return these winners receive only \$4,800 per year, a small office and only maybe a secretary?

The answer is very, very, clear, if they have a shady and criminal background, no matter from which party they are candidates. And, since these elements do not want to change their criminal past, an elected member of the Duma receives immunity from any prosecution...so, there's your clear answer!

Besides, such sums spent are not very hard for most of them to recoup back their money, while in the Duma, they are involved still in their activities without fear of being charged and there, they act as the lobbyists for the criminal and private companies that they were involved in the first place. Most of their expenses are paid by these criminal elements that they lobby for.

This being so, was it necessary for the Communists to agitate their members to take part in such elections?

Today, Moscow is full of these elements who are very well fed bourgeoisie and, the media, being in their hands, they control the airways and thus most of the people are in their media trap. This was clearly shown in the elections in 1996, when even the largest Communist Party of Russian Federation could not gain even one seat in the

Moscow Duma, as opposed to the Russian Duma. Communists should know that taking part in such elections in Moscow is fruitless, and, besides, this brings only confusion and this also supports the illusion of parliamentary victory.

The only answer to this is a boycott of the election while propagating the policy of Marxism-Leninism. Many workers are now understanding this as a "foreign game which will not bring the working class any benefits".

The bourgeoisie wanted very much that there should be a large voter turnout and, they spent billions of rubles towards this end. Very cleverly, the mass media blasted Moscow voters with this argument: "If you do not come to the election to cast your ballot, and if the election is canceled, all the candidates will lose their deposits and money spent on promotion, and you as a citizen of Moscow are taking money out of your own pockets, bringing hard times on your family etc. etc."

Did you want to cry over this?

Let us mathematically figure this financial ploy out. The election cost 120 million rubles from the city budget, this is for 8 million people living in Moscow. This works out to 50 kopeks per family, which the capitalist leaders say would cover your health needs, schooling for children and other community services! Let's go to vote and help the capitalist system survive!"

This Moscow Duma bourgeois propaganda produced the desired results. But was this necessary, could it have been avoided?

Yes, the CPRF in 1993 helped Yeltsin to institute his bourgeois constitution, that was covered in bloodshed, and the same thing happened now in the Moscow Duma election that the leadership of the CPRF promoted so vigorously to their membership, to take part in

elections to the Moscow criminal Duma.

It's a fact, that in spite of all the work, expenses and agitation, the CPRF was not able to elect even one member to the Moscow Duma in 1996 and as it did not now. Did the CPRF leadership know the forthcoming results would happen? If they did, then it is correct to call this policy as traitorous! ■

NATO SUCKS IN TADJIKISTAN

By Rick Rozoff

The BBC story refers to Tadjikistan as the "last former Soviet Republic to join" NATO's Orwellian-named Partnership for Peace military bloc. Presumably the BBC meant that it is the fourteenth former Soviet Republic to do so, as Russia itself is not a member.

A revealing oversight, and also one that indicates the true purpose of the Partnership For Peace: which is to entangle all the non-Russian former republics in a US-NATO dominated military command structure, and one which will dictate not only the foreign policies, but also internal political and economic affairs in all of the affected countries.

Though not mentioned in this report of BBC, the first effect of Tadjikistan joining the (PfP) will be that it has to participate in the US and NATO war in Afghanistan and beyond. With now 19 current full members of NATO and 30 PfP candidate members, there are now almost 50 national units in the constantly expanding bloc, but most nowhere near the Atlantic Ocean, whose name NATO has at the beginning appropriated to disguise the real purpose and mission of NATO.

To understand how Russia and other countries must feel about this open-ended aggrandizement in a world, where there isn't even a pretense of any medium or large rival military alliance, and imagine that in the 1980's every member of NATO in North America and Western Europe, except the United States, had joined the Warsaw Pact,

participated in a Russian war against Guatemala and built military bases in every nation in the Western Hemisphere...except the United States! ■

KAZAKHSTAN

Officials from eleven former Soviet republics met in Alma Ata to discuss their future, Shevernadze of Georgia astonished this Conference by announcing that Americans are being allowed to place their military and the control methods unto the territory of Georgia. Georgia and Russia's Putin welcomed this event.

US specialists will train the Georgians in the art of warfare against terrorists. A partisan from the Tskinali region asked: "Why couldn't instructors be from the former Red Army do that?" We, veterans of the Canadian Army during World War II will give an answer: The US Military-Industrial Complex "really" wants to "protect" Georgia, which in fact means that Shevernadze will do what Uncle Sam tells him to do! Clearly, a very simple deduction.

Of course, under the cover of "friendship and partnership" US wants to get their fingers on all the rich oil resources near the Caspian Sea and establish a buffer zone to keep Russia out of the Caucasus, of course with the consent of Put-in.

Backed by NATO, this is one of the greatest military takeovers in history. These gains, our dear former Soviet Partisans, are what you fought for and spilled your blood as a member of the Red Army, which is now thrown aside as a pair of well-worn boots.

The talk about the Pankisi Gorge in Georgia that Uncle Sam says he will help form and train President Shevernadze's soldiers to defend...you went through it and you defended it against fascists. Now the IMF-NATO is stealing it right from under your feet.

But, we know, what eventually happens to all traitors that are in power now. Justice will be done and it will be swift!

Oh yes...I almost forgot. At that Conference Putin said these words of wisdom as was quoted by the Associated Press:

"US troops in Georgia is no tragedy at all. If US can put troops into Central Asia, why not into Georgia!"

There is no need for any further comment! ■

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AS I SEE IT FROM EUROPE

BY
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It is true, according to the new capitalists in Moscow that the joy of International Banking has caused great sadness to the USA's Big Bankers.

Higher financial laughter rings throughout the Wall Street marble halls. Allan Greenspan, USA's Central Bank chairman of the Federal Reserve, and a few other CEO's from the World Bank, Japan's Big Banks, plus other coupon-clippers toasted to themselves with Golden Chalice. Why? They are raising their glasses to toast the present Russian Banks, because President Put-in had replaced the head of the Russian Central Bank, Victor Geraschenko with Deputy Finance Minister Sergei Ignatieff, who is much more appreciated on Wall Street.

It seems that the Russian Central Bank beats other capitalist banks in the sheer number of employees, and this cannot be allowed at all! This Russian Central Bank has 22 departments and 79 regional divisions and way over 80,000 employees. But the U.S. Federal Reserve has only 11,000 employees while the Bank of England has only 5000 employees.

Wall Street boys are searching for ways and means to maximize the control of this Russian Central Bank and minimize the number of employees... by demanding drastic bank reforms as is done on Wall Street.

Wall Street wants the control in order to be able to launder their own laundered money, thus sidelining any control that might still exist in the USA. They have worked out a plan of security and de-sizing and perks for the top shareholders. Of course the Russian workers have no choice or opportunity to strike at all, since unions are forbidden. Mr. Put-in has the OMON squad ready for such occasion.

Now... it is really time for those ex-Soviet citizens who were mesmerized by "privatization", to wake up and look at the situation realistically.

They should also look at their leaders in the Russian Duma that they elected. This would include representatives of the CPRF (*Communist Party of Russian Federation members of Parliament*) to see whether they are sleeping or, are they also counting that they too (will be the shareholders) when Uncle Sam takes over the Russian Banks? ■

U.S. MILITARISM

U.S. military polices are now part of the Free Trade Agreements. But this requires that these troops be armed with guns, not with trade proposals and agreements. This has caused great confusion in the Pentagon. The U.S. Republican government officials are now rewriting all of the Army Manuals.

Firs of all, they're using the resources of Fort Knox, then troops are gotten from Fort Bragg, Benning and other military holding trade companies. These troops are going to be used to raise U.S. flags at all of the Free Trade Borders, even though these free trade borders were in effect since the war of 1812.

Pages from the original Army Manuals, which described the kind of parts to be carried on the borders of USA had been omitted. They were lost in the U.S. Senate debates. The Senate agreed that on the Canada-- USA border all the flags of U.S. States and each Canadian province should have been flown since 1808, according to the Constitution of USA, article 1, Section 9, Sub-section 1, allowing charge as a tax on duty of Ten Dollars.

Now, the U.S. recognizes another money scheme that should be put into effect, thus it will give the U.S. Free Trade Army money to cover the cost of a 9 mm side-arms, a weapon of great efficiency, (*invented for the use exclusively of the Brown Shirts*), but these will be carried by the border guards. But

more confusion exits at the U.S. Mexican border crossings. Add to this the Central and South America countries, you can see the U.S. Senate and the new Border Guards for the real possibility of unlimited tax revenues.

But this requires that each country should be surrounded by several rings around each of them. Extra troops will be required to erect all of these flag poles. The U.S. financial analysts are viewing these crossings as an advancement in U.S. protection, to help solve unemployment problems, stop all of the migrants who haven't got Ten Dollars, and this in turn will help to enlarge and increase the General Staff of the U.S. International Control.

However, under these new Military Border Trade Agreements, flat-headed screwdrivers will still be listed in the Trade Agreement catalogues at a reasonable price of \$65.00 each, if purchased from the U.S. Border Guards Quarter Master Stores. ■

U.S. THREATENS MILITARY REVENGE FOR CYBERATTACKS

According to Richard Clarke, the U.S. White House technology advisor.

"We reserve the right to respond in any way appropriate: through covert action, through military action, any one of the tools available to President Bush. He also charged that Iran, Iraq, North Korea, China, Russia and many other countries are already training people to use Internet as a warfare tool. A well-planned and well-executed cyber-attack on America wouldn't just mean the temporary loss of e-mail or instant messaging. These cyber-attacks could disrupt our nation's utilities, power grids, air traffic control systems and nuclear power plants."

Now I know as to why the U.S. was not able to catch bin Laden...he is studying the use of Internet as a tool. Of course, the CIA is funding him well, since the next "boogeyman" will be bin Laden the enemy called the "CYBER ZAPPER" ■

U.S. on the road to becoming a “rogue nuclear state”?

Hereby is an article about the recent disturbing developments in the USA, directed by the government of President Bush. I elaborate on this because the situation is more serious than people think.

I do this also as a result of a recent conference of the European Peace Movement, held in the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium that was attended by me. Present at the Conference were a number of American guests who provided us with “inside information” about what is going on in their country and who called upon us for assistance. These Americans organized a huge demonstration in Washington last April 20th. I also provide for the readers some perspective, as to how we Europeans must react to all of this.

American troops are active in Afghanistan, the Philippines, Georgia, Yemen and other regions of East Asia. And if that's not enough, pressures are being exerted on Indonesia to permit U.S. troops to be operational there too. And, not to forget, there is intent to deal with the regime in Iraq. In short, President Bush remains on a warpath.

Moreover, it does not seem coincidental that just now a secret American emergency plan has been leaked for a preventive nuclear strike against seven countries, amongst which, besides Iraq, is also Russia and China. With that, the line separating conventional weapons from nuclear weapons becomes extremely thin. Bush is even prepared to use nuclear weapons if he doesn't succeed with conventional weapons to eliminate the so-called “threat”. This emergency plan also makes clear the ABM treaty. However shortsighted it may be, if you claim for yourself the greatest freedom of action, weapons agreements, then

become an obstacle on the way. New in this emergency plan are the small tactical nuclear weapons. They were not used in Afghanistan, but insofar as their effectiveness and/or war conventions exceeding inhumanity, the Daisy-cutter bombs and the thermobaric bombs (*which suck the oxygen away from people in mountain caves*) are not very different from tactical nuclear weapons. There is no doubt that these weapons will be used —with the support of the British — during the coming attack on Iraq, which will likely take place in the fall of this year. It was already on the agenda during the Gulf War in 1991 — all top ranking Pentagon officers had agreed with its use, including Schwartzkopf, but the supreme commander Colin Powell somehow Managed, to prevent it in the nick of time.

In any event, an account of what is happening now and because of the new nuclear doctrine, the New York Times of March 13th labeled its own country a cynical and a “**rogue nuclear state**”.

The well known columnist H.J.A. Hofland describes Bush as being busy making “*world revolution, involving the whole world in his unilateralism*”, a revolution which, as he sees it, may result in “*a situation of a superpower against the rest of the world*”. (NRC Handelsblad, March 20). Rightfully, a dangerous and precarious perspective.

Is this all a result of the September 11, 2001, or the military reaction to this after October 7th? The use of force certainly has a reinforcing effect. Once started, it results in a phenomena, which at first were thought impossible. But not only that.

The plans of the USA for the militarization of space date back to many months before September 11, 2001.

Recently I attended a congress of the European Peace Movement at

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the European Parliament in Brussels. We pondered the question of how we could awake one another about the developments in the U.S. and how, in view of this, we could extend our network in Europe. Remarkable was that the American guests present at the Congress were also the most critical ones. The “*Quaker*” Joseph Gerson (connected to the American Friends Service Committee in the State of New England) spoke even of a “**pre-fascist**” situation in his country.

All this is not totally disconnected from September 11th, but there's more that's going on. There is also a pre-history. Thus it is known that Americans are very patriotic and that many of them, from an erroneous position of a Protestant “*chosen people ethic*”, think that they are a superior nation. We also know that they act unilaterally and with (*much*) force, like about 35 years ago in Vietnam, later in Central and South America in 1986, also by means of the disputed bombardments of the Lybian cities of Benghazi and Tripoli. We however, still have in our minds the image of the Americans in the roll as liberators during the Second World War, as well as the image of idealistic U.S. presidents such as was Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Carter. That's why we are inclined to quickly forget these things or completely ignore them. A person like former president Clinton, through his media embellished charm, was easily accepted, although there certainly was his very questionable conduct, like in 1998 and 1999 during the bombing of Sudan and Yugoslavia respectively...both of these actions, like Afghanistan and other countries also,, without a mandate from the UN Security Council for the use of

force. This is aside from his scandalous personal behavior.

But that the USA, after Bush's "election" would behave in such an extreme manner with respect to chauvinism and unilateralism is nevertheless remarkable. Equally so, the drastic escalation in the military budget and the war rhetoric against the "axis of evil". The well known Clingendael, (*Institute for International Relations in The Netherlands*) expert, Rob de Vijk recently compared the U.S. to a Pitbull, "strong incalculable, who once in a while comes out of his doghouse" Especially now, under President Bush, the image emerges of a conceited superpower who alone decides the conditions for his actions and who pays no mind to any valid international norms. In the U.S. the genie seems out of the bottle. Certainly, after the defeat of the Taliban regime. It appears as an American success, even if thousands of innocent citizens paid with their lives, and even though the main targets like bin Laden are still free.

In the U.S. Congress, leading Democrats only recently asked

questions about the scope, duration and costs of the war against terrorism, but the Republicans are so determined to exploit the victory in Afghanistan that the Democrats do simply not get their foot in the door. It seems that the Bush administration deliberately wants to exploit the confusion among Americans after September 11th, to create a kind of New World Order, not one aimed at fostering the United Nations. But one aimed at securing the hegemony of the United States in the world, stretching far into the 21st Century. According to vice-president Cheney in "The New Yorker", the U.S. must remain "the dominant political, economic and military power in the world."

For this, one goes back to the doctrine of Zbigniew Brzezinski in which the dominance of U.S. power over Europe and Asia is seen as a precondition for the dominance of America over the world. The active and provocative policy of the Americans toward Russia and the countries which formerly were part of the Soviet Union, as well as the policy of Eastward expansion by

NATO towards the Russian border, is a consequence of this doctrine.

The U.S. through the war of retaliation in Afghanistan, now has for the very first time, ample opportunity to establish itself in the oil-rich areas of Central Asia and the Caucasus. It started at first with airports, needed for the war effort, and that opened the doors to other fields of endeavor. Some, call this a side-effect, others, a hidden agenda for such as Ken Coates, the Secretary-General for the British Russell Foundation, who pointed out during the Conference in Brussels that, besides the Brzezinski doctrine, there is also the doctrine of Colonel Warden of the Pentagon, which states that the battle has to be aimed at destroying the system of the enemy, so that he begins to see "our goals as his goals!"

How should we react to this? The American guests at this Conference in Brussels explained that, during the years from 1945-1947 only a small number of individuals in the U.S. government pressured us into the Cold War and that, now too Bush and a relatively small group of



DEMONSTRATIONS ARE HELD IN MANY COUNTRIES...WE PUBLISH THIS PHOTO FROM SWEDEN, FROM NEWSPAPER "PROLETAREN", AGAINST ISRAEL.

"hawks" around him are putting together an agenda which already has been underdevelopment since 1948. In the aftermath of September 11th, they see internally a return of the ghost of McCarthy and they believe that the Europeans have to re-educate their politicians about democracy and the values of freedom and justice. To hear Quaker Joseph Gerson say it:

"Externally, my country is becoming more and more imperialistic, while internally it stands on the edge of fascism. We need your help to explain to our people how the situation really is. We helped you at the time in your time of the battle against Nazism, now we want your help. All by our-selves, we cannot do it!"

His appeal made a deep impression on all the delegates. In the final declaration of this conference, the call went out for an intensive dialogue with the **"OTHER AMERICA"**, which has to include the exchanges of delegations and individuals across the ocean. Holland too, in the earlier mentioned article of March 20th, points to "the other America that we now have to rediscover."

This last point seems to me, in order not to fall into the trap of fruitless anti-Americanism, an important agenda point for us Europeans. The "other America" remembers how the peace movement arose during the Vietnam War and the Reagan era, by organizing teach-ins everywhere in the country and they want to start doing that again, beginning with the huge demonstration that was held in Washington on April 20th. It would be good to be there, but in a political sense, Europe will have to disconnect itself from its role of America's helper. However, this cannot be done without great pressures from below. The Norwegian polemic, Johan Galtung, is of the opinion, that the European political elites, are too strongly tied to the U.S." and therefore a mass movement of people, has to be built from the bottom up in both North and South, with a central point for anti-globalization, human rights and peace.

Galtung is correct, but such a movement requires time to be built. Meanwhile, other dramas could take place. In a column called "Bush Stampede" by Bert van Duyn for example, he asks at the end: "Who will keep Bush tied down the same way that Kissinger stopped Nixon from carrying out even worst atrocities? In this, the European politicians also have a responsibility. We will have to pursue them in order that they will take creative initiatives vis a vis the U.S. Because, besides human lives and peace, the international order of justice is now at stake. That Europeans don't participate in recent crusades rhetoric with respect to the "axis of evil", nor in the announced wars against one or more countries in the name of fighting terrorism, is good. However, it is not enough. Regarding terrorism, we have to dispense with the one-sided fight against the symptoms. It is time to tackle the real causes with initiatives demanding multilateral conflict solutions and not single-handed (retaliatory) actions by the lone superpower like the United States of America.

In short, Europe has to face up to the dilemma, how to fight unilateralism and hegemonical behaviour of the U.S., without feeling hostile anti-Americanism. I do not think that the answer is found in **"dressing-up Europe"** with a large unified army-many people argue this point in order to play **"Little America in Europe"**. Besides, quite apart from this question, if this is desirable or not, it would also take much too long to make Europe the military equivalent of the U.S. Distancing ourselves from the U.S. however I see as an adequate reaction, bringing to the end the slavish attitude towards the U.S "Big Brother" on the other side of the ocean.

Distancing, but then coupled with a policy of dialog. A Special European-American Summit, as proposed by the Clionhendaal co-workers Peter van Ham and Frans Osinga, seems not such a bad idea. And in the final analysis, Western Europe will have to seek contacts with the Third World, Russia and

China, with respect to the developments in the U.S.

Even if it was only to get the stagnating expansion of this, back on the agenda, so that the unilateral domineering role of a superpower in conflict areas like the Middle East could at last make place for a worthy policy of multilateral conflict solutions supported by a system of international justice.

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From the Belly of the Beast

The Social Props of Bush's Terrorist War

By RAY O LIGHT

In late January, U.S. President Bush delivered his first State of the Union address and shocked the world, if not his fellow U.S. citizens, by targeting three countries—Iran, Iraq, and North Korea— as an "axis of evil", i.e. as new "fair game" for the US imperialist-led global terrorist war. The Bush Administration had already given its word that whatever it says about any particular country may or not be what it is really doing in relation to that country. In other words, you can't believe a word Bush says!

As if to prove this point, at almost the very moment when Bush raised the "axis of evil", U.S. combat troops were landing not in any of these three countries but in two other important countries, totally unmentioned by Bush! 650 U.S. combat troops, including about 150 Special Forces troops, were landing in the Philippines initially to help the Philippine puppet troops to defeat the allegedly terrorist Abu Sayyaf. And additional U.S. combat troops were going to Colombia, now clearly not just to fight a so-called "drug war". For more than a generation in both the Philippines and Colombia popular democratic revolutionary forces have been waging a liberation war for the independence of their countries from foreign and

specifically U.S. imperialist domination. There will be no quick strike victory in these two countries for US imperialism. In the weeks that followed, U.S. troops were also projected to be sent to (former Soviet) Georgia and Yemen. And it became clear that the U.S. led war in Afghanistan was continuing as well.

Yet despite this seeming global madness on the part of the Supreme Court-appointed U.S. "President", the tragic truth is that at present a substantial majority of the people of the USA, even including workers, Afro-Americans, and other sectors of the oppressed and exploited, continue to support the Bush-led terrorist war against the peoples of the world just as they have done ever since the vicious attack on Afghanistan was launched on October 7th. As Ray Stevenson, veteran Canadian communist leader and founding editor of *Northstar Compass* has rightly pointed out, "Without full cooperation and acceptance by the working class of particularly the 'militarized' and 'Westernized' countries... first and foremost of the USA, 'terror-bombing' would be quickly ended." (His emphasis, *Northstar Compass*, February 2002)

It is the political-social-economic phenomenon of "imperialism" so well described by Vladimir Lenin more than 85 years ago that provides the material reasons for this "popular" support. In his brief but profound work, *Imperialism and the Split in Socialism*, Lenin observed that "... [colonial] monopoly yields *superprofits*, i.e., a surplus of profits over and above the capitalist profits that are normal and customary all over the world. The capitalists *can* devote a part (and not a small one, at that!) of these superprofits to bribe *their own* workers, to create something like an alliance ... between the workers of the given nation and their capitalists *against* the other countries."

It is this fact of life that explains why many of the oppressed and exploited in the USA today have acquiesced in or even endorsed Bush's open-ended, multi-decade, declared, undeclared war on any

and every country or people he and his wealthy patrons deem "terrorists". This support for Bush and his global war has withstood the open plundering of the U.S. Treasury to provide multi-billion dollar bailouts for the biggest companies in the land in the midst of the wholesale layoffs of millions of working people. Indeed, the support of "commander in chief" Bush has withstood the Enron scandal, in which Bush's main financial backer and the main supplier of top cabinet secretaries and staff for the Bush Administration, has been caught pillaging the funds of its own employees.

Yet despite the short term support of "their own" imperialists, Lenin did not despair about the long term capacity of the workers even in the imperialist countries to ultimately take the revolutionary path to socialism. This is due to the fact that the imperialist bribery of the mass of the workers in these countries is *temporary*, while the opportunist leadership of the trade unions, the oppressed nationality associations, the liberal-left politicians and media folk, etc. have been *permanently* bought off. Lenin observed: "...economically, the desertion of a stratum of the labor aristocracy to the bourgeoisie has matured and become an accomplished fact; and this economic fact, this shift in class relations, will find political form, in one shape or another, without any particular 'difficulty'".

Thus it is not surprising that the support for Bush has also withstood and even been strengthened by the half-hearted efforts of the Democratic Party and its key links to the masses of workers (the AFL-CIO union leadership) and to the Afro-American people (the NAACP) to wage its loyal opposition struggle against Bush and the Republican Party on the basis of these *domestic economic scandals without* touching upon, or only lightly touching upon, the far more serious *international political-military scandal and war crime* that is the US imperialist led global terrorist war against the peoples of the world. This is the same Democratic Party which humorist Michael Moore reminds us

"couldn't even put their candidate in the White House after he had already won the election."

Indeed, the central point of *Imperialism and the Split in Socialism* is to expose the fact that in the imperialist era a permanent petty bourgeois trend has emerged within the international working class movement and that this trend must be politically struggled against and defeated, if a socialist world free from predatory imperialist wars is to be achieved. By examining the role of the **social props** of Bush-led U.S. imperialism in this period of the war crisis we can see a way forward to stopping the Bush and US imperialist-led global war against the international working class and the oppressed peoples and advancing the cause of socialism in the USA and in the West.

In the aftermath of the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon it is remarkable how quickly, quietly, and unanimously the Democratic Party politicians in Washington, DC got in line behind Bush. Only Afro-American Congresswoman Barbara Lee from California dared to vote against giving Bush sweeping dictatorial powers that virtually surrendered all government power into the hands of the Executive Branch

Even more noteworthy was the conduct of the leaders of the U.S. labor movement, from AFL-CIO President John Sweeney to the National Union Presidents (almost all Democrats), who took their cue from the Democratic Party. They promoted great nation chauvinism in the name of patriotism in each of their unions. The day after the September 11th attacks, Sweeney stated, "I have called President Bush to express the AFL-CIO's full support for him in this time of crisis and offer any and all assistance from the labor movement." Sweeney continued, "America is a democratic and open society built upon universal values of freedom and human dignity. No act of terror will undermine those values. No sacrifice is too great for Americans to defend those values. American workers and citizens are united in

our eternal support for American democracy." (Our emphasis, ROL)

On November 8th, with the criminal US led war against the people of Afghanistan well underway, the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO, representing the top leadership of all the major labor unions in the USA, stated: "We support the president in his decision to use military force ... even as we recognize this struggle may well be long and difficult...." "We will support the United States government in its efforts to defend America and its people, through the just use of military force..." "We will support the American and allied troops who are now engaged overseas in the military response to the terrorists attacks of Sept. 11 ..." While also paying lip service to building "a new, more just world", with one great nation chauvinist voice, they declared their loyalty to Bush and U.S. imperialism in the war against the *foreign* foe.

Once they had put their prestige behind Bush it was impossible for these leaders to defend on the domestic front even the most immediate and partial interests of their own members against the Bush-led corporate pirates with their "economic stimulus" packages of tax breaks for the rich, massive corporate layoffs, the Bush energy policy sponsored by Enron, the fast track vote on the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), etc.

In the Afro-American community, there are many more working people who are opposed to both Bush and the terrorist war he is waging than in the white community. Many Afro-Americans are likewise opposed to the hysterical "racial profiling" against Muslim and Arab men in the USA. Yet, until now, very few Afro-American *leaders* have been willing to take these issues on publicly so as to help mobilize mass, anti-imperialist resistance. Most have taken the same right wing social-democratic path as the liberal-left-progressive labor leadership---willing to "challenge" Bush on the domestic economic issues while touching lightly or not at all Bush's terrorist war against the

international working class and the oppressed peoples of the world.

Here, too, taking its cue from the Democratic Party, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the country's oldest and largest civil rights organization, gave a special recognition "President's Award" (from NAACP President Kwasi Mfume) to Bush's National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice at the 33rd NAACP Image Awards in late February. This provided a much needed "blessing" for the Bush Administration's foreign policy among the Afro-American people.

Not surprisingly, generated by the growing and spreading Bush global war directed against peoples of color in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, there is growing white supremacist violence of all kinds (police brutality, driving while Black, etc.) directed against the Afro-American people throughout the USA. And, like the AFL-CIO among the working class, the NAACP and other right social-democrats in the Black community, having endorsed Bush's war policy, are helpless to defend their own constituents even on these immediate and partial issues.

With regard to such openly social-chauvinist forces as the AFL-CIO Executive Council and the NAACP top leadership, Lenin warned: "...unless determined and relentless struggle is waged all along the line against these parties, groups, trends, etc., it is all the same---there can be no question of a struggle against imperialism, or of Marxism, or of a socialist labor movement."

Thus, Lenin's advice for proletarian revolutionaries in our situation is not just to put forth the positive exposure of the corrupt and bloodthirsty Bush Regime, the Bush-Enron connection, the Bush and bin Laden families' business connections, the Bush-Cheney-Rumsfeld Big Oil connection, the stolen US presidential election, the Democratic and Republican Party duopoly, the CIA web that connects so much of this, etc. etc. No--at the same time we must expose the

social props such as the AFL-CIO Executive Council and the NAACP top leadership which provide support among the exploited and oppressed masses for this corrupt and dictatorial regime.

Among those who identify themselves as the revolutionary left in the USA, failure to expose these social props, excuses for them, silence on their counterrevolutionary actions, efforts at uncritical unity with them, etc. is tantamount to the international trend of Kautskyism in Lenin's time which Lenin characterized as providing a "masked defense of the social-chauvinists".

APRIL 20TH NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON AGAINST WAR & RACISM

Even in the USA, there have been some positive initiatives against the Bush war drive. Most significant, thus far, has been the staunch stand taken in September by New York Labor Against the War (LAW). Over the past five months, about 800 individual trade unionists (half from New York City) have signed this statement. And N.Y. LAW is taking an active part in the mass demonstration called for April 20th in Washington DC with another demonstration scheduled to be held in San Francisco. Concerning this demonstration, it is also positive that among the forces leading the international A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism) coalition there was sufficient political maturity and seriousness to reject sectarianism. They chose to abandon their original April 27th date and combine with the April 20th Coalition so as to avoid a split into two national marches on Washington DC, a week apart, as actually happened during the US-Iraq War eleven years ago.

Finally, it is important that U.S. proletarian revolutionaries and anti-imperialists who participate in the march and rally, make sure that the key international question of **Bush's global terrorist war** is the focal point of our political demands, our political education, our message to the masses of the people both inside and outside the

demonstration. Any effort to bury this cutting edge question under a "barrage of details" about domestic economic injustice and corruption, to make the domestic economic question *primary*, will be an effort to cut the U.S. working class and the

Afro-American people off from our best friends, the rest of the international working class and the oppressed peoples of the world.

Among the slogans for the march that will help give it a sharp anti-

imperialist and proletarian internationalist character are the following:

***STOP BUSH'S TERRORIST WAR AGAINST THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD!**

BILDERBERG PLOTTING TO BUSHWACK IRAQ

Exclusive to
American Free Press – by
James P. Tucker Jr.

When Bilderberg luminaries seat themselves behind armed guards at the Westfields Hotel in Chantilly, VA. USA from May 30 to June 2, a major topic will be that of promoting a new war.

Sources within Bilderberg and its junior varsity partner, the Trilateral Commission, confirmed the war part of the agenda. The Trilaterals are met in Washington April 5-7. These two groups have an interlocking leadership with a common goal.

They believe that the public U.S. outrage over the 9-11 attacks and the new "war on terrorism" make a new war against Iraq, with the intent of destroying the country of Saddam Hussein and seizing Iraqi oil, is now politically palatable to Americans. If the American people back this new war, they reason, a reluctant Europe will be dragged along.

Bilderberg's hand was first tipped March 24 when Jim Hoagland, a Bilderberg regular, called for a predicted all-out war on Iraq in a commentary in "The Washington Post". Every "Post" publisher – now it is Donald Graham – has attended these secret meetings since the elite first called itself Bilderberg in 1954. Hoagland is also a Bilderberg regular.

President Bush has decided to "remove you from power," Hoagland wrote, addressing his words to Hussein. "The Pentagon can now go ahead and draw the war plans

very quietly for the right time, as it did in 1990."

Just how casually the Bilderberg-Trilateral troopers spill the blood of young men, is demonstrated by Zbigniew Brzezinski, former national security advisor under President Jimmy Carter and a longtime Trilateralist. Mr. Brzezinski, in a 1998 interview with the French influential newspaper, the "Le Nouvel Observateur", said that, contrary to the official version of events, the CIA aid to the Mujaheden guerrillas began six months before the Soviet Union, which was honoring its treaty with Afghanistan. This was intended to provoke the invasion, he said. Brzezinski boasted of "drawing the Russians into the Afghan trap."

When he was asked about the wisdom of him supporting the Islamic fundamentalists, Brzezinski offered this chilling dismissal: "What is more important in world history? The Taliban or the collapse of the Soviet Empire?"

Henry Kissinger, a power in both the Bilderberg and the Trilateral, started the war drumbeat on January 13, 2002, also writing in the Bilderberg-controlled Washington Post newspaper: "There is no possibility of a negotiation between Washington and Baghdad and no basis for trusting Iraq's promises to



the international community...

"But if the overthrow of the Saddam Hussein is to be seriously considered, three prerequisites must be met:

- 1) development of a military plan that is quick and decisive
- 2) some prior agreement on what kind of structures to replace Hussein and
- 3) the support and acquiescence of key countries needed for the military plan"- Kissinger wrote.

The Bush administration already is bent on war, according to Republican Lindsey Graham (RSd), who is running for the U.S. Senate Seat, being vacated by Senator Strom Thurmond, a Republican

"Before the end of summer or fall, we'll be in a major engagement with Iraq" Graham was quoted by "The Colombian State" newspaper. "We're looking at going after Saddam Hussein – not to contain him, but to replace him!"

Graham said that he based his predictions on the "intelligence briefings, contact with the Bush administration and his attendance at the recent international conference in Germany," this newspaper reported.

A NAZI BY ANY OTHER NAME

By AKIVA ELGAR

The Israeli liberal left were quick to join the chorus of protests against the Nobel Literature laureate Jose Saramago, for having him draw a comparison between the situation that was in Ramallah and the Auschwitz death camp. People who likened this action with the Nazi behavior are denounced as anti-Semites.

On the other hand, Israeli left-wing liberals find nothing wrong with co-signing a "covenant" with the like

of Brigadier General Effi Eitam, who called the Palestinians a "cancer in the body of the nation." The fact was that the Nazis were especially fond of this metaphor is probably not lost on this General.

By the same token, the women members of the "Kapowatch" – the response of the rightist Women in Green to "Machsomwatch" which was set up to observe the behavior of the Israeli soldiers at checkpoint in the West Bank – know what a "Kapo" is. The Kapos were Jews who acted as police for the Nazis in the death camps (*although in the end, most of them were also murdered*).

And what crimes did these women commit who are watching the checkpoints to be thus branded? "*They are a group of traitors from the "extreme left,"* wrote Nadia Matar, the leader of Women in Green to her colleagues not too long ago. She urged them to stand-up against "*this anti-Israeli organization that supports the enemy under the guise of being a human rights organization that wants to ensure that the Israeli soldiers are nice to the Arabs.*"

Matar reports that she and Yael from the settlement of Tekoa and Jacqueline from the Jerusalem neighborhood of Gilo, visited an Israeli army checkpoint, north of Bethlehem early one morning. She urged the Israeli army men at the checkpoint to stand up to Jewish traitors. "I asked Jacqueline to bring a camera and I started to follow these women and to photograph them. They asked me as to who we were and I replied: "*We are from the Kapowatch, we are photographing Jewish traitors. We are adding your names to the black list of collaborators with the Arab enemy, so that when the time comes, you will be placed on trial for crimes against the Jewish people on its soil.*"

If these Kapowatch members don't understand that they are emulating Samarago, they would do well to have a look at a book by the former Israel Ksennet Speaker, Dov Shilansky, "*In a Jewish Jail: From a Diary of a Political Prisoner.*" On page 18 Shilansky, who was a member of the National Military Organization (*Irgun, led then by*

Menachen Begin) and, afterward a Herut and Likud Member of the Israeli Knesset, writes about the Jewish collaborators: "*Everyone murdered, including the Jews in the service of the Germans, and nearly every Jew who wore a ribbon of a Deputy Kapo on his hand, murdered, with only a very few exceptions.*"

In his book: "*The Seventh Million*", Tom Segev reports how Holocaust survivors lynched former Kapos. On January 9th, 1946, the



daily newspaper "Hatzofeh", the organ of the religious Zionist movement, called on the authorized institutions - "to liquidate these people."

Somehow, there's a double standard. That includes the liberty of likening some Jews as Israel's worst enemies, while at the same time whining about those who liken some Zionist Jews against the playing of Wagner music as an encore to those in the audience who want to stay and hear it. They could also just shrug off as a "*technical mistake*", an Israeli army officer's order to write numbers on the arms of the Palestinian prisoners.

But the silence of so many American Jews in the face of this "Nazi-like behavior" is even more shameful...and disgusting. ■

LETTER TO PRESIDENT

BUSH

BY GEORGE MONBIOT

The Guardian

Dear President Bush:

In commemorating the victims of the attacks on New York and Washington, you called for disputes to be "*settled within the bounds of reason*". You insisted that "*every nation in our coalition must take seriously the growing threat*" of biological and chemical weapons. You assured the people that on this issue "*there is no margin for error, and no chance to learn from mistakes...inaction is not an option*". These are sentiments which most of the world's people would agree with. While many of us believe that attacking Iraq would enhance rather than reduce the possibility that weapons of mass destruction will be used, few would dispute that chemical and biological agents present a grave danger to the world.

So those of us in other nations who have followed this issue are puzzled. Why should you, who claim to want "*a peaceful world beyond the war on terror*" have done all you can to undermine efforts to control these deadly weapons? Why should the congressmen in your party have repeatedly sabotaged attempts to ensure that biological and chemical weapons are eliminated?

In December of 2001, your negotiators tore all of the biological weapons convention to shreds. The 1972 Convention, as you know, was impossible to implement. While the treaty banned the development and production of biological weapons, it absolutely did not contain any mechanism for ensuring that its rules were enforced. So for six years, the 144 signatories had been developing a "*verification protocol*", which would permit the United Nations to examine suspected bio-weapons facilities. In July of 2001, your government refused to sign the protocol. In December of last year, you deliberately scuttled the negotiations by insisting, at the last minute, that the resolution be rewritten. One European delegate,

referred to the commitments your delegation had made before the meeting, observed, *"they are liars. In the many decades of multilateral negotiations, we have never experienced this kind of insulting behavior."* Your destructive actions have rendered this Convention useless, leaving the whole world unprotected from the very weapons you say you want to eliminate.

Four years ago, US Republican members of the Congress, working alongside the Clinton government, voted to inflict similar damage to the chemical weapons convention. This treaty already possessed the means to force nations to open their laboratories for inspection, which is the key determinant of effective weapons control. But in 1998, your party declared that the United States should not be subject to these provisions. By passing US legislation banning the removal of chemical samples from the U.S. by international weapons inspectors; limiting the number of laboratories which the U.S. needs to declare and permitting the United States president to refuse *"any challenge inspections"* of its chemical plants. The U.S. Republican congressmen effectively hobbled the convention worldwide. Under your presidency, even routine inspection has been vitiated, as government officials have told the inspectors which parts of a site they can and cannot visit, just as Saddam Husein has done in Iraq. Other countries have used your intransigence as an excuse for undermining all of the convention themselves.

The United States has also withheld both the money required by the chemical weapons inspectorate, and the funds needed to remove and disable the vast arsenal of warheads loaded with nerve agents that are in Western Siberia. It was your senator Pat Roberts, who argued that the promised funding for Russia should not be issued, on the grounds that these weapons *"pose more of an environmental threat to Russia itself, than a security threat to the United States."* Yet security at the dumps is so lax that no one even knows how many warheads they contain.

You should not be surprised to learn that many of us have been

wondering why your professed intentions and your policies diverge so widely. Nor should you be surprised to discover that some of us suspect that the U.S. might have some deadly secrets of its own, which your government hopes to shield from public view.

In September of 2001, the New York Times reported that *"the Pentagon has built a germ factory that could make enough lethal microbes to wipe out entire cities"*. The factory's only purpose was defensive you said. Your employees wanted to see how easy it would be for terrorists to do the same thing. But it was constructed without or with the congressional oversight or any declaration to the biological world weapons convention, in a direct contravention of international law. We could, perhaps, agree that if the United States discovered similar undisclosed plant in any poor nation, or *"rogue state"* than that country's government, if it survived your initial response, would have a great deal of explaining to do.

But of still more concern is the very recent discovery that your government has been planning to test many warheads containing live microbes in very large aerosol chambers at the U.S. Army's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center in Maryland. Experts in this field say that the scale of these experiments suggests that they are not defensive, but designed to help develop new biological weapons.

It is also clear that some elements of your existing defense programme contravenes both of the treaties your government and your Republican party have sabotaged. The genetically engineered fungus you have developed for spraying in Colombia, plainly qualifies as a non-lethal biological weapon. And, because your strategic aims in that South American country extend beyond the simple eradication of only drugs, but to the elimination of the left-wing rebel forces, the chemical sprays you have been using in the regions they control have also clearly been deployed as weapons, much as U.S. Agent Orange was in Vietnam. Your military laboratories have been developing a brand new *"material-eating bacteria"*, that is designed to

destroy airport runways, engines and also radar-blocking coatings of warplanes. Though they do not directly affect humans, you would be hard-put to deny that they are biological weapons.

Your U.S. Government has also refused to destroy its stocks of smallpox, and has insisted on developing new and more lethal varieties of anthrax. You say that this is also purely for defensive purposes; to study how they might be used by enemy forces, or to develop a new kind of vaccine. But the highly respected Federation of American Scientists warned that some of the new research you are doing and funding heavily, could be categorized as *"dual use"*: it could lead just as easily to attack as to defense. Even if we were to accept your government's assurances that all the research and program is solely defensive in nature, it is certainly very plain that they are generating the very hazards they claim they are confronting. The anthrax attacks in the USA last October appear *(as was reported)* to have been launched by a scientist from within your own biological warfare laboratories, making use of a strain developed by the U.S. Army's medical research institute.

Mr. President, you say that you want to save the modern world from biological and chemical weapons. With or without the help of our own leaders, you seem prepared to go to war in pursuit of that aim. But surely, the first step towards dealing with weapons of mass destruction is the mass destruction of weapons? And surely, your campaign for *"World Peace"*, would be more convincing, if you respected the Conventions designed to destroy them?

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WHAT OTHER AMERICANS THINK

From Toronto Star, March 22, 2002

Harper's editor warns of Post-Sept 11 perils

You'll see no flag-waving, hear no cheering section from Lewis Lapham, the important editor of a very influential **Harper's** magazine in the U.S. He offered his informed thought on 9/11 when he was in Toronto, Canada. He is getting alarmed over this unhealthy American hysteria.

He's worried that then U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, a Christian Fundamentalist, may perceive this battle as a wider crusade against the forces of darkness. He's troubled that many Americans reporters for the daily media are spoon-fed Pentagon Pablum. And, perhaps more than anything, Lapham is distressed that many American citizens just don't seem to care.

Speaking in Toronto, Canada at a luncheon for the University of Waterloo alumni, his comments about certain personalities and media are the following:

*On the U.S. Attorney General:

Ashcroft genuinely frightens me.

*On a recent speech by Ashcroft:

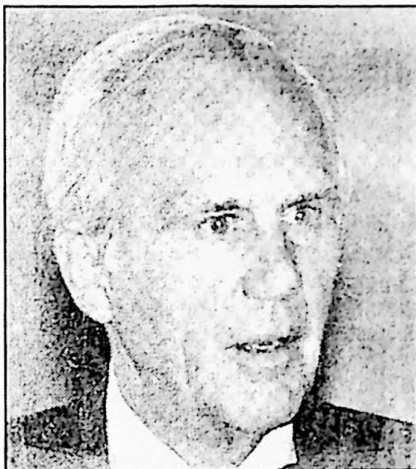
The language was secular...but the tone and voice was evangelical. One gets the feeling the Armies of Darkness on the battlefields of Armageddon.

*On the Washington media spin:

This is even more frightening because there's so little information coming out from the Bush Administration about the way we are conducting the war. The Pentagon is running it like the scenes from the Hollywood movie "*Lord of the Rings*". The mythology is handed out only at the Pentagon Press Briefing. There are very few correspondents in the actual field. Most of what we know comes directly from the White House-Pentagon mill press briefings.

*On the media shock syndrome:

This is the doctrine of American



exceptionalism. On September 11th the commentary for the next few days was: "*unbelievable, surreal, a movie, senseless...*" Now, you can say that the attack was appalling and brutal and murderous, but to say it's unbelievable is to ignore the history of the American foreign policy in the last 50 years.

*On U.S. Foreign Policy:

You can say that the old imperial policy is gunboat diplomacy. As Americans, we practice gunboat philanthropy. We are dropping bombs on the people of Belgrade and Hanoi for their own good. We are teaching them the virtue of democracy, the enduring values of Western civilization.

*Why those policies don't work:

We completely are mistaken as to why these people are angry! We think that they're angry because they envy and resent our big shopping malls. They (*Americans*) think that everybody in the world want our cars like Lexus, the Armani suits, or whatever this success constitutes. But most people of the world don't necessarily want those things. We somehow find that unbelievable!

*On why he has hope:

After September 11th, one thing that happened in the United States was an immense upsurge in the sale of books that has to do with Islam, with other parts of the world... maybe just result of the attack will be to encourage more people to pay more

attention. The whole, has been its blindness and myopia.

In a nutshell. I'm not despairing, but I'm very nervous!

CHUCKLE CORNER

DOUBT

By Dave MATSON

The fool cannot doubt;

he has no mind.

Poor thing!

The slave dare not doubt;

he has no voice.

Shameful thing!

The fanatic will not doubt;

he has no uncertainty.

Dangerous thing!

For the fool –
guidance.

For the slave –

A hammer to break the chains.

For the fanatic –
doubt!

Dare to doubt,

and you are free.

Know doubt,

and you begin to get wisdom.

Attain wisdom,

and you know how little you really know.

All of which,

begins with a doubt.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US pressure on Cuba increases

From KOMINFORM

Among many other things, the right-wing Cuban exile leadership in Florida is frustrated that Bush isn't doing even more to attack Cuba. When Bush left Cuba off the "axis of evil" during his State of the Union speech, they were extremely frustrated. Some are now publicly questioning Bush' support for their reactionary cause. Cuba is now able to purchase large amount of food, these Cuban exiles and their allies are now being driven to a frenzy.

But the Bush administration is just getting warmed up in their anti-Cuba policies. A more assertive policy is soon coming with the appointment of Cuban-born Otto J. Reich as the US State Department's top official for Latin America. Shortly after Reich took office, the State Department began a policy review of Cuba with the purpose to determine Cuba's potential to damage U.S. interests. One issue is what role Cuba plays in international terrorism, since Cuba now has diplomatic relations with countries that the USA considers as terrorist countries. This rationale points to future Bush's pronouncements and adding Cuba to the list of terrorist countries.

It is a known fact that the Cuban exiles in USA have been promoting and carrying out terrorist activities against Cuba for 40 years. US department now is worried that Cuba has developed through the medium of Internet the possibility of interrupting all of the US military communications. U.S. Navy Vice Admiral Thomas Wilson, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, told Congress that Cuba has this potential. Fidel Castro has ridiculed this assertion as "craziness". But farmers and travel tour operators are demanding excess to the rich

Bush has promised that he will fight against the weakening of the sanctions against Cuba. ■

JORDANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY - APPEAL

The Third Legal Congress of the Jordanian Communist Party convened in Amman on March 29-20th and addresses all of the Communist and Workers Parties and all of the progressive forces and their publications, to undertake all possible actions and activities against the Israeli Sharon government, demanding the immediate stop to the horrible massacre that is being committed against the Palestinian people, who are heroically resisting the Israeli occupation and demanding freedom and independence.

It is our duty to call upon you to help stop the massacre in Ramalla, Bethlehem, Beitjala and in all cities and villages of the occupied Palestinian land. This is Israelis new fascism, which is backed by U.S. Imperialism. Palestinians need our support more than any other time.

Long live the struggle of the Palestinian people!

Down with Sharon & the fascist government of Israel! ■

FROM
WORKERS PARTY OF BANGLADESH

We are very sorry that we could not attend the World Congress held in September of 2001, in spite of our willingness and agreement with the resolutions adopted there. Our party

AMERICA'S BIG DIRTY SECRET

By ROBERT JAMES PARSONS

The United States loudly and proudly boasted this month of its new bomb currently being used

discussed them, but our daily media does not give any importance to such important documents. In our newspaper in Bengal, we reported about the Congress. Our newspaper often quote news from NSC and when we write for other press, we quote NSC articles.

Regarding our participation in the International Council. We discussed this question and we would very much like to be represented on the International Council. Ours is a small party and many of us do not have a command of the English language. The question of finances and the problems of obtaining a visa also is relevant for us. However, considering all of these problems, our Party decided and appointed me to represent our party on the International Council.

It is not only a noble task in this present era with the Soviet people in their struggle against the internal and external enemies, but the International Council is also very much needed for our struggle in Bangladesh, as well as for revolutionary unity and socialism. We are hopeful that we shall see the Soviet people again becoming victorious, based on the teachings of Lenin and Stalin. In this regard, the International Council is of much help to all of us.

We are regularly receiving your journal. For security reasons, would you please use the following address.

Comradely yours

H.A. Rano

Member of the Political Bureau
Workers Party of Bangladesh ■

against al-Qaida hold-outs in Afghanistan; it sucks all the air from the underground installations, suffocating everyone inside. The U.S. has also admitted that it has used depleted uranium weaponry over the last ten years against bunkers in Iraq, Kosovo, and now in Afghanistan.

"The immediate concern for the medical professionals remains the threat of very extensive depleted uranium (DU) contamination in Afghanistan." This is one of the conclusions of a 130-page report "Mystery Metal Nightmare in

Afghanistan" by Dai Williams, an independent researcher and an occupational psychologist. It is a result of more than a year of research into DU and its effects on those exposed to it.

Since 1997 the U.S. has been modifying and upgrading its missile and guided (*smart*) bombs. The idea was to replace a conventional warhead with a heavy, dense metal one. It is tungsten and or depleted uranium.

Tungsten poses problems, it's melting point is 3,422 * C), making it very hard to work with, and it is expensive. It is produced mostly by China, but it does not burn. DU is pyrophoric, burning on impact or if it is ignited, with a melting point of 1,132°C. It is much easier to process as nuclear waste, and it is available in the U.S. **FREE** to arms manufacturers. Further (and this should be noted) using it in a range of weapons it significantly reduces the U.S. huge nuclear waste storage problems.

For a few scientific researches, the controversy of the use of DU weapons during the Yugoslav war got side-tracked very cleverly by Public Relations of the Pentagon. Instead of asking what weapons were used against most of the targets acknowledged by NATO, the discussion focused on the 30mm anti-tank penetrator rounds, which NATO had admitted using, but which are ineffective against super-hardened underground installations.

WHO CARES?

In Geneva, where most of the UN aid-agencies are located, most of them did not care about the effects of these deadly depleted uranium weapons. U.S. which is the main sponsor of all these agencies whitewashed the danger and these agencies gave no inkling of the effects not only on the so-called U.S. enemies, but on the U.S. soldiers themselves.

During all of the "investigations" the U.S. sent its own, so-called "independent teams" to study the DU bombs and their effect, but came out with non-committal reports...but, it was interesting that the U.S. security teams, prevented these scientists (*their very own*) from any contact with the DU sub-munitions, even from discovering their existence. These scientists did not undertake an epidemiological study, they did only an academic desk study. But in January 2001, USA, alerted to the imminent publication by the French Le Monde diplomatique, of an article attacking its inaction, the World Health Organization, (*supported by US finances*) held a press conference and announced a \$2 million fund, then raised it to \$20 millions for research into the DU danger. These reports were just a whitewash and only made some cursory remarks and slight recommendations.

The problems can be summed up by these two facts:

1: Radiation emitted by DU

threatens the human body, once the DU dust has been inhaled, it becomes an internal radiation source.

2: Dirty DU radiation comes from using uranium from atomic reactors, recycled to use in munitions. It contains additional toxic elements, such as plutonium ,1.6 kilograms of which could kill 8 billion people.

In a TV documentary by French station Canal+ in January of 2001, a team of researchers presented the results of an investigation in a gaseous diffusion recycling plant in Paducah, Kentucky, U.S.. According to the lawyers of the 100,000 plaintiffs, who were past and present employees, they were contaminated by the DU used in the missiles that were worked upon and these are the same missiles that were dropped on Yugoslavia.

Report by Williams showed that the US conducted the first real operational tests against Baghdad in 1991. The war in Yugoslavia provided a further opportunity for testing it on impressive hard targets. The Pentagon is mum and non-committal in telling about the deadly effects of these DU armaments. Afghan doctors accused the U.S. of using DU weapons, but the Pentagon dismissed it and said that the contamination was caused by the Taliban, who were using DU weapons!

Last December 5th, 2001, when a friendly-fire bomb hit the coalition soldiers, the media representatives were immediately ushered out of the zone and locked up in a hangar. The bomb was a GBU-31, carrying a BLU-109 warhead. The French TV showed many U.S.A's war armament manufacturers at the Dubai International Fair, just after the Yugoslav war, selling to buyers the BLU-109 warheads and describing its accurate penetration capabilities, explaining that these warheads were recently tested.

Donald Rumsfeld, US Secretary of Defense, on January 16, 2002 admitted that the US had found radiation in Afghanistan. But this was only from the DU warheads used by the Taliban fighters...but he could not explain how these bombs could have been used by al-Qaida since they do not have any planes to drop such bombs!

COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY (TKP)

ORGANIZED A RALLY ON MARCH 17TH IN ANKARA, TURKEY

AGAINST PREPARATIONS FOR WAR AGAINST IRAQ.

THE DEMONSTRATION WAS HELD JUST BEFORE THE OFFICIAL

VISIT OF U.S. VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY TO TURKEY. THE

DEMONSTRATION WAS A SUCCESS.

Message of solidarity was sent on behalf of the International Council and Northstar Compass to the comrades of TKP.



When the UNEP director, Henrik Slotte asked how this \$20 million fund is doing, the WHO spokesman Jon Lidon refused to answer. But Williams urged that studies begin immediately, as victims of severe DU exposure may soon be dead, but their deaths will of course be attributed to the rigours of winter.

In Jefferson County, Indiana, the Pentagon has closed the 200-acre proving ground, where it was used to test-fire DU rounds. The lowest estimate to cleaning up the site was \$7-8 billions of dollars, not including permanent storage of the earth to a depth of six meters and of all the vegetation. The US government, considering that the cost is too high, the Pentagon finally decided to give this tract of land free to the National Park Service for a nature reserve. This offer was very promptly refused by the environmentalists, who knew that it was extremely dangerous for all vegetation, animals and humans.

Now, the only alternative the Pentagon has, is to turn this land into a National Sacrifice Zone and closing it forever.

This gives the world an idea of the fate awaiting those regions of the world where the U.S. has used and will use depleted uranium.

Is this not to be looked upon as perpetrated by U.S. war criminals in Washington and, in future to be tried by an International Court?

THE "NEW WORLD ORDER" HITS EASTERN EUROPE

By Thomas Mellen in Romania

The statistical materials that the United Nations regularly publishes on the conditions of the majority of the people in Romania (and in other countries of the ex-socialist bloc) suggests that the restoration of "democracy" and "freedom" in these countries has been a phenomenon similar to the "humanitarian" bombardment of Yugoslavia or the "human rights" sanctions on Iraq – an ongoing social catastrophe for ordinary people, dressed up by our rulers as a righteous act of progress and liberation.

THE PRICE OF DEMOCRACY

According to the report recently published by the United Nations Development Program, the situation in the ex-socialist bloc is dire. In the last twelve years, economic output has fallen by more than half, poverty rates have risen more than eight-fold, there has been a great escalation of suicides and alcoholism, and the previously conquered old diseases like tuberculosis have had a resurgence. AIDS has spread rapidly, and the life expectancy for both men and women has dropped dramatically – in some regions of Romania by as much as seven years. In the words of the report:

"The "transition" in most of the countries in the former Soviet bloc in Central and Eastern Europe and the present CIS is a euphemistic term for what reality has been a Great Depression. The extent of that collapse in output and the skyrocketing nature of inflation have been historically unprecedented. The real consequence for human security have been calamitous. By conservative estimates, over 100 million people have been thrown into poverty, and considerable more hover precariously just above subsistence." (The United Nations Development Program Report, 1999)

The economic collapse has had a disastrous effect on the living conditions of the vast majority of ordinary people. Before the "reforms" began, the distribution of income was extremely egalitarian by the standards of capitalism. According to the report, the net results of privatization has been to "create a small and wealthy capitalist class and a highly polarized society", with the shift in the distribution of income from "labour to capital".

What about today's Romania, in particular? In the last four years the gross national product per capita has fallen by over 10 per cent, 45% of the population lives below the poverty level, The average monthly salary averages approximately \$100, while inflation is running now at 43%. On top of all this, prices for basic necessities are increasingly "dollarised". As a result, heating, electricity and water have

become too expensive for many.

WORKING CLASS RESISTANCE

After the privatization took place, when socialism fell, this encountered violent resistance of the population. There were countless demonstrations and strikes against low wages, inflation and unemployment. In 1993 the government cut the subsidies for goods and services and thereby. In 1994 over 2,000,000 workers took part in a General Strike. Since that time, strikes, demonstrations have been a constant feature of Romanian life. Perhaps the most famous has been the resistance of the miners.

The Jiu coal fields, which provides 12 per cent of the country's total supply of coal, now has 16,000 unemployed out of 170,000 inhabitants and the unemployment is over 25 per cent. The miners responded by marching 300 km to Bucharest. They got to within 100 km of Bucharest, then the government agreed to meet some of their demands. These miners were constantly attacked along the way by the police. The government met the miners as a ruse, and then arrested the leader of the miners and sentenced him to 18 years in prison.

Miners are not the only one to go on strike. Romania's biggest tractor factory went on strike because it is being driven into bankruptcy. This is on top of the fact that all collective farms have been disbanded and now the question is such that individual farmers are forced to pull their plow by hand, since all the collective farm machinery was appropriated by the private sector.

Teachers are on strike since, according to the UN study, the proportion of children finishing high school is 89% lower than it was in 1989.

A prominent trade union leader, because of his activity on behalf of the workers and farmers was stabbed to death in the city of Iasi. As the news of the murder became known, thousands of workers held mass protests and the mood was such that the workers threatened to blow up the factory if their jobs were not assured. Workers more and more are carrying pictures of former

president Nicolae Ceausescu and chanting that they want the Romanian Communist Party back in power. "During his time, we used to have bread and jobs too. Now we are the laughing stock of crooks, thieves and sellers of the country," the protesters said.

CONCLUSION

Despite all the threats of unemployment, imprisonment, and murder by the hired thugs of capitalism, the working class continues to rebel, both in Eastern Europe, and in the world as a whole. No matter what the ideologues of monopoly capitalism propagate through their daily media; no matter what fantasies the capitalists entertain, history is not over. The struggle against capitalism has just begun.

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IRISH TROOPS IN JOINT NATO EXERCISES

*Statement by the Communist
 Party of Ireland*

The Communist Party of Ireland has become aware that the Irish Army has sent Irish soldiers (*nearly fifty soldiers and officers*) to take part in NATO-Partnership for Peace joint military manoeuvres with 24 other countries.

The exercise of which one is the defense of a NATO country attacked with only conventional weapons, and it will take place in Norway. The other crisis response operation, in which the NATO-led forces are deployed to mediate between two warring countries that are beyond NATO's area of responsibility. This will take place in Poland.

When Ireland joined the PFP, the Government stated that the public

and the Dail would be kept informed as to the extent of our participation. The Irish public was told that Ireland will have nothing to do with NATO. The opposite is true and we can see by these joint manoeuvres.

It is clear that this is just another step away from our traditional military neutrality.

These questions should be answered:

- 1: The Irish Minister of Defense must give details as to the extent of our cooperation.
- 2: Why was the Dail (parliament) not informed?
- 3: Can our government be trusted in what it says in relation to our commitments to NATO-PFP?
- 4: Why is there now so much secrecy about these manoeuvres?

The Communist Party calls for a full statement from the Government and clarification as to why the Parliament was not informed.

Eugene McCartan
 General Secretary

TARGET IRAQ:

More than 10 years of Western attempts to destabilize.

MICHAEL
 OPPERSKALSKI



CONTINUATION FROM
 APRIL ISSUE OF NSC

U.S.-President Bush (Senior) broached this problem as early as May 1989 in one of his first major addresses on the topic of "national security": "The right way to deal with a changing Soviet Union is a challenge of the first order for us (...) But the challenges to our security policy that face us today do not come only from the East. The rise of regional powers is rapidly changing the strategic landscape!"⁴ And in February 1991, Secretary of

Defense Cheney, who serves currently as Vice-President in the Bush Junior administration, approved a secret "Guide-line Document" for the years 1992-1997 which "directs" the U.S. armed forces to give the "Soviet (now Russian, Ed.) threat" a much smaller weight than the preparation for clashes with regional powers of the so-called Third World. Army Chief of Staff General Vuono put it even more precisely in an article: "The United States can not ignore the expanding military might of these countries, and the Army must maintain its potential to neutralize possible threats wherever they may arise. This could mean opposing a well-armed army in the Third World."⁵

As a consequence the USA started already at the end of the eighties/beginning of the nineties to reorganize its military power towards the already mentioned direction, the establishment of so-called "New World Order", in which Washington aims to be the dominating superpower. In a broad policy statement the Defense Department asserted in 1992 that the U.S. political and military mission in the post-Cold War era will be to ensure that no rival superpower is allowed to emerge in Western Europe, Asia, or the territory of the former Soviet Union.

A 46-page document that was at this time already circulating at the highest levels of the Pentagon states that part of the U.S.-mission will be "convincing potential competitors that they need not aspire to a greater role to pursue a more aggressive posture to protect their legitimate interests."

This classified documents made the case for a world dominated by

one superpower whose position can be perpetuated by constructive behaviour and sufficient military might to deter any nation or group of nation from challenging U.S. primacy.

To perpetuate this role, the United States *"must sufficiently account for the interests of the advanced industrial nations to discourage them from challenging our leadership or seeking to overturn the established political and economic order,"* the document states.

With its focus on this concept of benevolent domination by one power, the Pentagon document articulates the clearest rejection to date of "collective internationalism", the strategy that emerged from World War II when the five victorious powers sought to form a United Nations that could mediate disputes and policy outbreaks of violence.

Although the document was internal to the Pentagon and was not provided to Congress, its policy statements were developed in conjunction with the "National Security Council" and in consultation with the President and his senior national security advisers.

Together with attachments on force levels required to ensure the predominant U.S. role, the policy draft was a detailed justification for the Bush administration's "base force" proposal to support a 1,6 million-man military within a period of five years until 1996/1997, at a cost of about 1,2 trillion U.S. Dollars. And in principle this concept has been taken over and continued by the Clinton administration.

The continuation of this strategic goal explains the strong emphasis elsewhere in the document and in other Pentagon planning on using military force, if necessary, to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in such countries as democratic Korea, Iraq, some of the former Soviet republics and Europe.

The document is conspicuously furthermore devoid of references to collective action through the United Nations, which provided the mandate for the allied assault on Iraqi forces in Kuwait. It notes that

coalitions *"hold considerable promise for promoting collective action"*, as in the Gulf War, but that *"we should expect future coalitions to be ad hoc assemblies, often not lasting beyond the crisis being confronted, and in many cases carrying only general agreements over the objectives to be accomplished."* What is most important, it says, is *"the sense that the world order is ultimately backed by the U.S."* and *"the United States should be postured to act independently when collective action cannot be orchestrated"* or in a crisis that demands quick response.

This document sketches a world in which there is one dominant military power – the USA. - whose leaders *"must maintain the mechanisms for deterring political competitors from even aspiring to a larger regional or global role."*

For the first time since the "Defense Planning Guidance" process was initiated to shape national security policy, the new draft states that the fragmentation of the former Soviet military establishment has eliminated the capacity for any successor power to wage a global conventional war. But the document qualifies its assessment, saying, *"We do not dismiss the risks to stability in Europe from a nationalist backlash in Russia or effort to re-incorporate into Russia the newly independent republics of Ukraine, Belarus, and possibly others."*

It says that though U.S. nuclear targeting plans have changed *"to account for welcome developments in states of the former Soviet Union"*, U.S. strategic nuclear weapons will continue to target vital aspects of the former Soviet military establishment. The rationale for the continuation of this targeting policy is that the United States *"must continue to hold at risk those assets and capabilities that current - and future - Russian leaders or other nuclear adversaries value most"*, because Russia will remain *"the only power in the world with the capability of destroying the United States."* Until the Russian nuclear arsenal has been rendered harmless - the document continues - *"we continue to face the possibility*

of robust strategic nuclear forces in the hands of those who might revert to closed, authoritarian, and hostile regimes," the document says. It calls for the *"early introduction"* of a global anti-missile system.

As for Europe, the Pentagon paper asserts that *"a substantial American presence in Europe and continued cohesion within the Western alliance remain vital."* But to avoid a competitive relationship from developing, the draft says, *"we must seek to prevent the emergence of European-only security arrangements which would undermine NATO."*

The draft states that with the elimination of U.S. short-range nuclear weapons in Europe and similar weapons at sea, the United States should not contemplate any withdrawal of its nuclear-strike aircraft based in Europe and, in the event of a resurgent threat from Russian, *"we should plan to defend against such a threat" further forward on the territories of Eastern Europe "should there be an alliance decision to do so."*

This statement offers an explicit commitment to organize the former Warsaw Treaty nations against Russia. It suggests that the United States could also consider extending to Eastern and Central European nations security commitments similar to those extended to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other Gulf States. And to help stabilize the newly emerging capitalist economies and political developments in Eastern Europe, the draft calls on the European Community to offer memberships to East European countries as soon as possible.

In East Asia, the report says, the United States can scale down its forces but must maintain its *"status as a military power of the first magnitude in the area. This will enable the United States to continue to contribute to regional security and stability by acting as a balancing force and prevent emergence of vacuum or a regional hegemony,"* the paper says. In addition, the draft warns that any precipitous withdrawal of U.S. military forces could provoke an unwanted response from Japan. *"We must also remain sensitive to the*

potentially destabilizing effects that enhanced roles on the part of our allies, particularly Japan but also possibly Korea, might produce," it adds. In the event that peace negotiations between the two Korea succeed, the draft recommends that the United States *"should seek to maintain an alliance with a unified, democratic Korea."* This effectively means to support the puppet regime in Seoul to its utmost to undermine democratic Korea and to organize a counterrevolutionary development in this country.

Destabilisation Attempts up to Today

The U.S. strategists are following in principle today those geostrategic, military and economic patterns they had developed – as I have just described – at the end of the Eighties/beginning of the Nineties. The Iraqi people were during the second Gulf War the victims of those strategies aimed at defending and consolidating U.S. hegemony over the whole globe and they are currently the victims of the ongoing U.S. led destabilisation campaign – in which the criminal economic embargo is an integral part of – against Iraq and its people. As already mentioned the ultimate goal of this ongoing campaign is the establishing of a pro-U.S. puppet regime in Baghdad would be a corner stone for a complete Zionist/northamerican control over the Near and Middle East, the Arab people and its resources and wealth. This attempted control is furthermore directed against the Arab National and Resistance movement and the heroic uprising of the Palestinian people against Zionist occupation and oppression.

Please therefore allow me to highlight only some of the most important elements of the ongoing U.S. led campaign of destabilisation against Iraq and its people since the official ending of the second Gulf War– apart from the criminal embargo:

- 1) Since the official ending of the second Gulf War against Iraq British and U.S. bombers are regularly

- 2) bombing and attacking the country under the pretext of "defending" the illegally proclaimed "no-fly-zones". These unjustified acts of aggression are foremost causing civilian casualties; Soon after the official ending of the second Gulf War against Iraq an U.S./United Nations imposed "United Nations

Special Commission (UNSCOM)" systematically inspected and destroyed Iraqi military capacities and was therefore objectively aimed at reducing Iraq's capacities to defending itself against foreign aggression. From the very beginning the Iraqi government had accused UNSCOM of

IS THIS IN A NAZI TORTURE CAMP?

This photo was published by the U.S. Government and is of John Walker Lindh, a U.S. citizen accused of helping the Afghanistan Taliban forces. He was photographed here at Camp Rhino and U.S. lawyers and UN Commission charge that he was mistreated. Isn't U.S. democracy grand? The photograph just shows U.S. imperialism's humanness, Christian ethic and of course let us not forget that **"GOD IS WITH US!"**



being a cover for CIA-operations and an instrument for internationally launched campaigns of disinformation. These accusations have meanwhile been proved correct not only by the former UNSCOM chief weapons inspector Scott Ritter⁶;

- 3) In 1996 a comprehensive CIA plan to overthrow the Iraqi government failed and about 2.500 (!) local CIA-agents had to be airlifted in hurry out of the northern part of the country, Iraqi Kurdistan, to Europe and the United States;
- 4) In February 1998 U.S. Senator Arlen Specter introduced a Senate resolution that called for: a) the creation of a UN commission to establish an international record for criminalising Iraqi politicians, b) an international criminal tribunal for punishing Iraqi politicians according U.S. standards and c) a long-term plan for the overthrow of the Iraqi government. Meanwhile the campaign against Baghdad has become an official law in the United States and the budget for it has amounted

to more than 100 million (!) US-Dollars that do not cover the costs for the ongoing acts of military aggression;

- 5) The disinformation campaign against Iraq continues to be intensive and is masterminded by Washington, the CIA and Zionist MOSSAD. Recent attempts to link Iraq to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on the 11th of September 2001 and to the Anthrax scandal have already crashed and proved to be lies aimed at creating the pretext for a new full-scale attack against the Iraqi people.

The U.S. administration is currently planning a new full-scale military aggression against Baghdad. U.S. President George Bush (Jr) has ordered the CIA and his senior military commanders to draw up detailed plans for a military aggression that could begin within months. According to well-informed sources, the planning is being undertaken under the auspices of the U.S. Central Command at McDill air force base in Tampa, Florida, commanded by General Tommy Franks, who is leading the war of aggression against Afghanistan. Another key player is understood to be former CIA director James Woolsey, ■

the world, the WSF appeared, at first sight, as a veritable challenger to globalisation. But then we became aware of some very compromising details.

Also invited to the WSF were European ministers from France, Belgium and Portugal. Furthermore, revolutionary organizations were deliberately excluded. In their Charter of Principles the WSF says: (10) *"The World Social Forum is opposed to all totalitarian and reductionist views of history and to the use of violence as a means of social control of the State."* Just in case some one is not familiar with the academic mudslinging, that statement means that no Marxist-Leninists are allowed. Similarly, the charter says that (11) *"the meetings of the World Social Forum are always open to all those who wish to take part in them, except organizations that seek to take people's lives as a method of political action"*. The WSF may as well have written *"no revolutionary people allowed, only reformers may enter."*

The World Social Forum and its organizational committee decided to deny participation to the FARC, and the committee explicitly declared in a press statement that they did not agree with FARC giving their presentation. Furthermore, none of our great panelists (*including Mr. Noam Chomsky*) objected. This action only goes to show their true colours.

The guest list is no surprise if we discover as to which were the principal financiers of the conference. They were the local state governments of Rio Grande do Sul. Furthermore, so large was the financial expenditure for this event that the Brazilian newspapers declared that *"...such a forum would not be possible without massive levels of financial and infrastructural support for this event which have been provided by the local and state governments. For this reason, no other countries are prepared enough to embark on this task for the next year and the forum looks set to remain in Porto Alegre for 2003."* In a word, another world is possible as long as you have the support of the rich in Brazil.

The WSF cannot be understood

LETTERS

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE WORLD SOCIAL FORUM

*From the Workers Party of Belgium,
sent in by Comrade Golub*

"Another World is possible, but not with the WSF!" WSF is the largest Bondage Society for Imperialism. The WSF met in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

The World Social Forum (WSF) is said to be emerging as one alternative to globalisation and neoliberalism. Under a slogan of *"Another World is Possible"*, the WSF met in Porto Alegre to map out their program. Even the guest list was very exciting: David Korten (*Corporations Rule the World*), Genevieve Vaughan from the (*Gift Economy*), Vandana Shiva (*Indian Eco-feminist*), Bernard Cassen (*ATTAC & Tobin Tax*), Martin Khor (*Third World Development*) and the star of the evening Noam Chomsky were present. With the above guest list and 60,000 activists from round

without understanding the politics of the region. In Colombia, there is civil war where the FARC and ELN (Marxist organizations) are at the doorstep of taking power. In Peru, the MRTS and the Communist Party of Peru (Sundero Luminoso) are fighting an intense and ongoing guerrilla struggle. In Venezuela Hugo Chavez is defying U.S. imperialism. In Argentina, workers have taken to the streets to fight the austerity measures of the IMF. There are active guerrilla and communist movements in every country of Latin America. It is no exaggeration to say that the region is a cauldron of revolution and could mark the beginning of the very end of neoliberalism. That is why the United States has sent troops (under the guise of advisors to fight narcotics) as well as \$7.1 billion to bail out the corrupt Colombian narcotics infested ruling class. This military, economic, and political package, called "Plan Colombia" is part and parcel of the strategy of

U.S. imperialism's expansion of NAFTA (*North Atlantic Free Trade Association*).

Amidst all of these world historic events "civil society" (as opposed to the uncivil revolutionaries) have drafted a utopian plan to "democratize" the WTO, IMF, WB and Multinational Corporations. They want to "help", advise and pressure our governments to change WTO policies.

We live in a world where the three richest individuals have more money than 600,000,000 people! It should be quiet clear by this time that the system is beyond reform. A joint statement issued by a coalition of the Brazilian unions correctly identified the WSF as a forum concerned mainly with putting a human face on globalisation. But we doubt, whether there is a bandage big enough to hide the destruction caused by rampaging capitalism and imperialism.

the members of the Grenada Central Committee, Cletus St Paul, have never been produced, and it is alleged that this is because the statements conflict with his trial evidence.

*Both the trial and the subsequent appeal were held in special "*courts of necessity*" which were paid for by the United States Government and presided over by contract judges brought from USA just to hear this case. The Court of Appeal judges effectively withdrew their labour before their judgement was known, and they refused to produce a written judgement until extra payments were made to them. Although large payments were made to the judges (*between \$80,000 and \$100,000 each*), the written judgement was never produced.

As soon as this case was over, the Grenadian Government applied to re-join the Eastern Caribbean Court system. When the 17 Grenadians filed a motion in this court, the Government withdrew again, to ensure that they can never appeal to the Privy Council in London, England. A letter exists from the Chair of the Court to the Prime Minister of Grenada, making it clear that they would not be allowed to rejoin the OECS court until the Grenada 17 case has been disposed of.

The main prosecution witness, Cletus St Paul, was under arrest at the time of the U.S. invasion of Grenada, accused of spreading false rumors that Bernard and Phyllis Coard were planning to kill Maurice Bishop. This information was kept away from the trial jury, and a key prosecution witness, whose evidence would have showed that St Paul was lying, was never called even though he was listed on the indictment as a prosecution witness.

The Committee for Human Rights in Grenada requests that you publicize this information and investigate this injustice further.

Alan Scott
Secretary

Many thank to Albert G. Williams,
GB

COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN GRENADA

Dear Colleague:

The following letter was received from Grenada and addressed to Prime Minister of St. Lucia.

This interference in the judicial system is the latest example of a long line of political interference in this case which is designed to deny justice to the 17 Grenada Defendants and ensure that the truth around the unlawful invasion of Grenada by the United States remains hidden.

*Following the U.S. invasion of Grenada, all of the Defendants were detained by the invading armed forces and denied access to any legal representatives for many weeks. The American Human Rights Commission has ruled against the United States on this issue, but the Government has ignored all the recommendations made. An American psychological unit spent millions of dollars on a campaign calling the Grenada 17 murderers, before their trial even started.

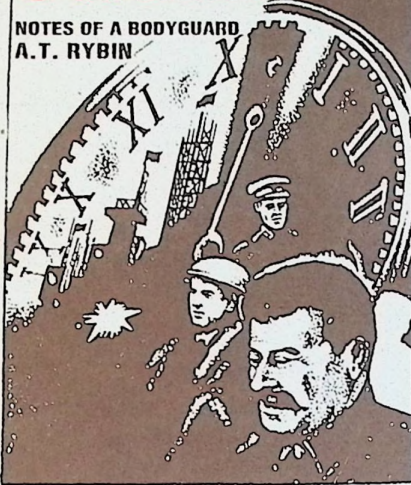
*A number of Grenada defendants were tortured into making confessions, linking the members of the Central Committee to the death of Maurice Bishop. All of these "confessions" were subsequently withdrawn, but the trial judge ruled this evidence as admissible, and in his summing up he told the jury to ignore all of the statements made about the United States.

*The U.S. government removed tons of documents from Grenada and refused to return the documents required by the 17 Defendants for their defense, claiming diplomatic privilege for themselves. An American citizen, Dr. Rich Gibson, has successfully sued the CIA and other security agencies for the production of these documents. To date however, only a handful have been released, but those that have been released showed that the prosecution team were in contact with the political staff at the U.S. Embassy on the island.

*The Grenadian Government has also refused to produce documents required for the defense. For example, the three police statements made by the only witness who gave evidence against

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