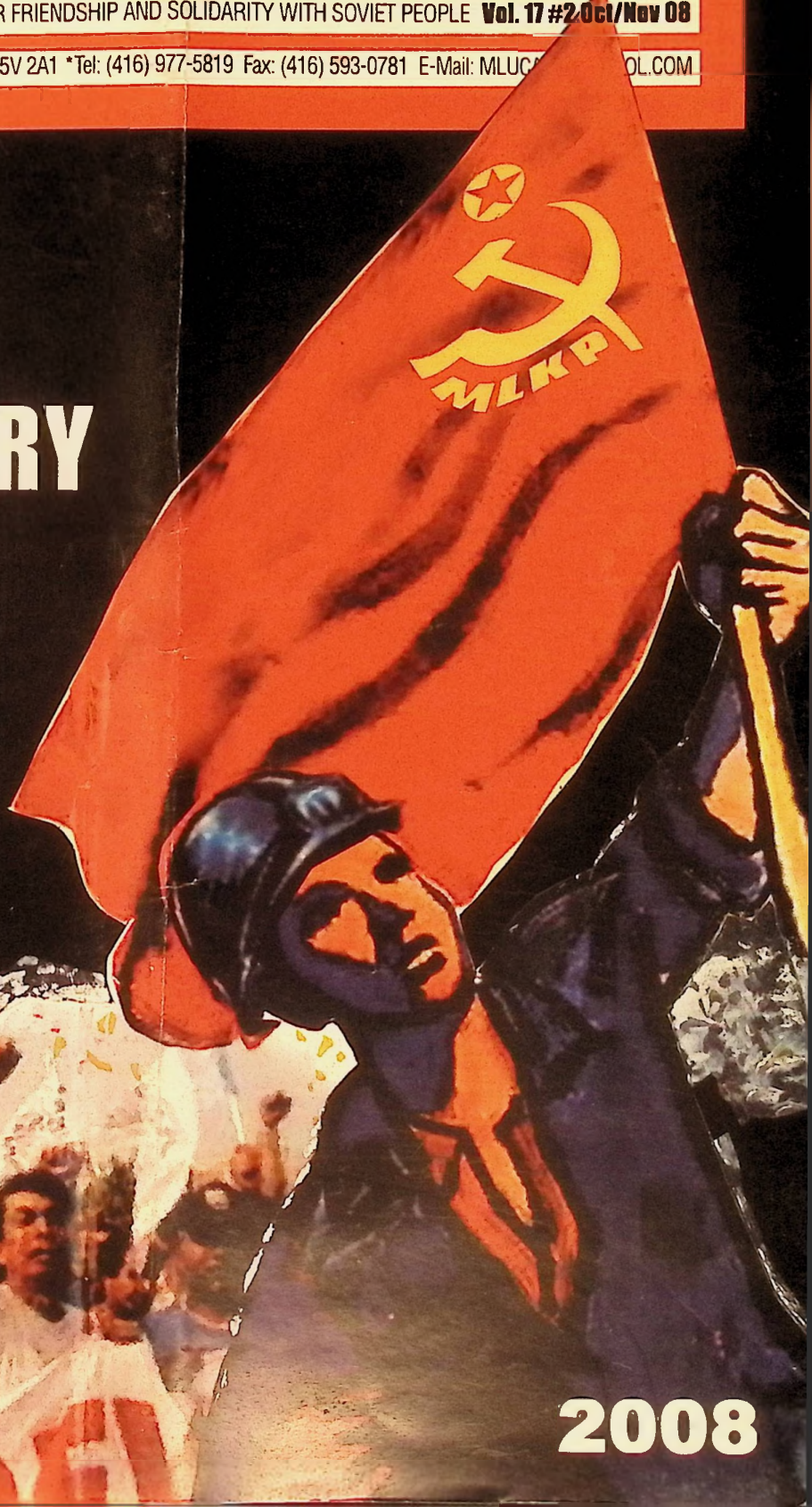


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EDITORIAL



THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE- A BIG STEP FORWARD

Dear comrades:

The success of the recently held Conference and the many proposals that were made for our future work is a sign that our work now is needed more than ever before. You will read in this special October/November combined NSC issue: Minutes of all the 3-day proceedings; all of the proposals sent from many countries; all of the resolutions that were discussed and adopted, after some heated exchanges of opinions on the question of interpretation and policy.

Even though the Canadian government refused visas to many of our delegates and thus we did not get their participation and knowledge of the struggles. Nevertheless the Conference was lively, productive, and charted our road ahead until the Third World Congress in 2010.

There were weaknesses that were pointed out in the work of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, which must be corrected and improved upon in order for us to be more effective. There was comradely criticism of some of the work by the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries as well as Northstar Compass – English and Russian editions.

It is only logical that a Friendship Society has to deal with different political interpretations that are held by its members and delegates that attend our Conferences and Congresses.

Regarding the holding of the Third World Congress, there was discussion on the proposal made by the Soviet Friendship Society that it should be held in Moscow in 2009. The problem of finances for such an event was discussed and the Soviet side let it be known that under the present political and economic situation in Russia, they would not be able to handle the Congress without financial support from the International Council.

There was a proposal by the Chilean delegate that they would be ready to host the Third World Congress in April of 2010 in Santiago, Chile. This excellent suggestion by the Chilean delegate Eduardo Artes Bricchetti will be discussed by the Executive Committee of the International Council and everyone will be informed officially when the decision will be made.

One of the Resolutions that was adopted unanimously by the delegates was ***"The Workers and Oppressed Peoples of the World Need a New Communist International."***

Yes, there will be some criticism of our Friendship Society and of our unanimous approval for the adoption of this very important resolution-appeal! The criticism will not come from the right-wing forces – because they know where we stand since 1918 when there were established "Hands Off Russia Committees" to help the young Soviet State to repulse the intervention and the beginning of building a Socialist Soviet Union.

Some left-wing and communist and workers parties will of course criticize the adoption of this Resolution But they should ask themselves this cardinal question: ***"Since the dismemberment of the USSR in 1991 and the yearly get-togethers of many communist and workers parties in many meetings and conference and also their excellent analyses and interpretations of Marxism-Leninism - why is there no unified stand and policy implemented against the deadly enemy of progress, which is Imperialism?"***



Capitalism – Imperialism is united in struggles against progress and communists all over the world. They look at us as their enemy! Why cannot communists-anti-capitalist elements struggle united against the enemy – Capitalism-Imperialism as unified force?

The **ONLY** answer in our struggles is **UNITY** against our common enemy! Time has long past to put an end to squabbles amongst the progressive movements, trying to prove that they are more Marxists-Leninists than Marx and Lenin were!

The weapon of Imperialism was always and is today - **Divide and Rule!**

Our weapon should be **Unite and Rule!**

That is why, as dedicated friends of Soviet People, of Socialism and of Unity we adopted this Call at our International Council Conference and are sending it all over the world!

It is much better and more productive to face each other around the table, eye-to-eye contact and see whether words that are written match the personal feelings when meeting face to face!

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Frank Trampus, Chairman of CFSP, Toronto Branch





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BY LARISA SCHIRBA
Conference Recording Secretary

Day 1 of the Conference, October 10, 2008

The Conference was opened by Frank Trampus, the Chairman of the Toronto branch of the CFSP. In his concise speech Trampus reminded the delegates that the goal of the Conference is the improvement of its work and its publication and that the founding principles of the organization would not be touched. Comrade Trampus quoted by heart from Lenin's "What is to be done?" and reaffirmed that the Conference would not compromise at the cost of ideology. The presidium of the Conference introduced the delegates and those who could not attend either due to personal or financial reason or because they were denied visas to Canada.

This introduction was followed by the Main Report of the Chairman of

the ICFSSP and Editor of Northstar Compass Michael Lucas. Among the many issues comrade Lucas addressed were the reasons for cancelling the congress in Moscow, NATO's role in the former Soviet and neighbouring territories, also the expansion of the West, the event and causes of war in South Ossetia, the importance of the Caucasus region to the West, past arson of the Friendship House and hate mail received shortly after, there not being enough written contributions from the NSC subscribers to the magazine, the suggestion to rename the organization and a possibility of organizing the 3rd Congress in Moscow on Lenin Hills, and the call for financial help for Russian organizers of such Congress. Michael Lucas called upon the readers of NSC to submit more articles and to recruit more subscribers. He also called upon the delegates to discuss the possibility of

relocation of the Council to Europe, and if so, the need for a new Chairman in Europe.

The report by Victor Bourenkov was read in absentia. The report consisted exclusively of the CC of the Russia Communist Youth League (Bolshevik)'s statement on the war in South Ossetia and did not include any evaluation by the Chairman of the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries of the Council's or the magazine's work or plans for the future. The League's position was that this war was a result of the clash of imperialist powers, the USA and Russia, driven by their desire for oil and gas transportation routes. The author highlighted Russia's role in the conflict as a provocateur of Georgia into an armed conflict and a state which "did not even think of protecting its citizens". The reading of the report was followed by discussion, in which it was brought

A view of the Conference in session at the Friendship House, which was very colorfully decorated.



up that Russia is an imperialist state, Canada is an imperialist state as well, the USA, Turkey and Israel have contributed weapons to Georgia for this war, and complains that Russia was not a step closer to the revolution after this little victory, as well as others expressing their support for Russia protecting South Ossetia, and concluding with the call not to support any imperialism, including Indian imperialism which is preparing aggression against Nepal.

The delegates received warm revolutionary greetings from their colleagues from far away countries, including Turkey and Chile. The delegate from Chile Eduardo Artes Brichetti, Editor of Spanish Edition of NSC. With gratitude and respect he spoke of the work of the Council and Comrade Lucas. For Chilean Marxist-Leninists, he emphasised, it is important to learn how socialism was constructed and how it collapsed. He reminded the delegates of Lenin's words that conflicts between the imperialist countries for markets will always be there, but that we must maintain an independent proletarian line. To this Marina, a Soviet delegate from Canada, emphasised that the South Ossetian conflict was not a simple conflict for markets and cannot be viewed simplistically. She stressed that Russia was led into this US arranged conflict and the only decision it could make was to protect the people of South Ossetia.

Professor Mirko Svoboda from the Slav Committee of the

Czech Republic brought greetings to the Conference and warmly thanked Comrade Lucas for his dedicated work. He also read a poem in Russian which was simultaneously translated by Soviet delegate Peter. Comrade Svoboda described the Czech Republic as a puppet of the USA and referred to the neighbouring conflicts in Kosovo and Georgia. He spoke of the close brotherly relations that the various Slavic nations had developed with the USSR and stressed that this camaraderie goes beyond Pan Slavism. Professor Svoboda said Stalin believed Pan Slavism was a tool of imperialism and that no nation should be oppressed by another nation. He called for condemnation of the oppression of Kosovo, Iraq, Korea, Iran, Cuba, Afghanistan and Palestine. Professor Svoboda said the Slav Committee strictly condemns Georgian aggression and supports South Ossetia and Abkhazia in their independence. "We are for socialism!" concluded Professor Svoboda and together with Jan Minar rewarded Michael Lucas, Michael Celik and Vladimir Chechentsev with the Medal of Palacky, the President of the 1st Slavic Congress in Prague in 1848.

This was followed by the continuation of discussion of the roots and consequences of the conflict in South Ossetia. Dr. Adelard Paquin asked a rhetorical question: what would happen if Russian imperialism did not interfere in South Ossetia?

Responding to various news items delegates cheered two farms in Estonia declaring themselves an independent Estonian Socialist Republic and requesting Russia grant them recognition, yet giggled sceptically about Vermont's discussion of secession led by the Second Vermont Republic.

Fallou Gueye from the USA and representing the Union of African Workers from Senegal thanked the Executive Committee for their work in building a strong organization. He proclaimed that we should not take it easily that Russia is destroying the people of Russia, seeing what this state is doing to its people internally. Therefore, continued Gueye, we cannot say Russia protected its people in South Ossetia. His talk about oil led to a storm of applause. Dr. Raphael Martinez, a scientist from Switzerland who is fluent in Russian and was educated in the Soviet Union congratulated Michael Lucas on his 17-year heroic work of defending Stalin and brought other examples of such committed work he is closely familiar with, Proletarskaya Gazeta and Zashchita Trade Union. He called upon the delegates to continue fighting under the banner of Stalin. Peter, a Soviet delegate from Canada, defined the South Ossetian situation as Russia's fight for life. He classified Russia not as an imperialist state, but as a comprador such as Bolivia or Argentina, on which he further developed in his later presentation. Russia does not gain markets, but sells them cheap. He described Russia as a dependant country with its role in equipping Afghanistan and pointed to its most dangerous enemy, the imperialism of the USA.

The Conference was honoured by the greeting from the political prisoner Nadezhda Raks, which is published in this issue and concluded with the words: "Long live our socialist revolution!" A delegate from Pakistan was not granted a Canadian visa and instead he sent his revolutionary greetings and a poster. A greeting came from Dr. Angelo D'Angelo in the USA. He called upon the delegates to steer the Council into a greater cohesion and to exploit more actively the community of Russian immigrants who demand more Russian

Eduardo Artes Brichetti, Editor of Spanish Edition of NSC from Chile and translating is Dr. Raphael Martinez



newspapers and more Soviet films.

Professor Zbigniew Wiktor from the University of Wroclaw, Poland and a representative of the Communist Party of Poland, made a report about the situation in his country. He stated that Polish finance is not Polish, but internationally owned and controlled. Professor Wiktor especially highlighted the counter-revolutionary role of the Catholic Church and the previous Pope John Paul II. He said the Polish Church is very demoralized and looking for a new doctrine.

The Conference received greeting from a former Soviet citizen and a Nazi prisoner Kathy Swonow who is now very ill and sends donations to NSC from her old age pension cheques. She claims that the Communist International is the only salvation for the Council. The representative of the Slav Committee Jan Minar thanked NSC and its editor for tireless labour of many years. He said Slavs saved Europe from fascism, and they paid a high price for the victory. Now only Jewish people are considered victims of fascism, they forget about the Slavic people who also were the victims. The Czech Republic and Yugoslavia were destroyed and Slavic nations, such as in Yugoslavia, were separated. Now the New World Order is in place. Germany has plans to expand eastwards. Agriculture in Slavic countries is destroyed and unemployment is high. In the Czech Republic 500,000 people and in Poland 3,000,000 people are unemployed or live on the streets. Economic destruction leads to the death of the Slavic people. Ukraine and Georgia are facing NATO membership. All of this is the evidence that we are living in the last and worst state of capitalism.

Greetings arrived from Zdenek Novotny, Czech Republic, and the magazine Dialogue - a progressive publication against all revisionists and opportunists.

Ramon Grajo returned the forum to its main subject of discussion: how can the Council improve its work? He stated that he supports the formation of a Communist International, if it's formed against the revisionist line. He also spoke about the role of the anti-imperialist organizations, such

as ILPS, International Migrants' Alliance and others, which combined are larger in their scope than communist organizations. He reminded that those organizations who are members of the International Council, even though not communist parties, do accept the Council's credo. Delegate Grajo called for anti-imperialist unity. He also suggested that Soviet people organise their migrants abroad as the Filipinos do.

Question 10 of the agenda was discussed - Union of Soviet Friendship Society for Friendship with Countries Abroad - their successes and problems of setting up branches in the former Soviet Republics. How to overcome this problem? Why hasn't there been an endorsement by the leadership of most of these Communist Parties in ex-USSR of the work of the International Council and that of the NSC for 16 years? How can we improve this situation?

Michael Lucas led in the raising of the perennial question: the Soviet Society cannot exist in Russia alone. He complimented the Moscow team on their work with the Russian NSC and in the Moscow branch of the Soviet Society, yet rightfully asked: why is there no or very few branched established in other Soviet republics? He also pointed out that the Council cannot hold a Congress in Moscow if the Soviet Society is not working towards it. Comrade Lucas asked not to criticise or to single out individuals, but to put thoughts together in order to find a solution in this common work. He highlighted that the Council is not blaming anyone personally and that it understands that the financial side of the problem is atrocious.

The former Chairman of the Soviet Friendship Society for Friendship with Countries Abroad Vladimir Chechentsev and AKM-TR Leader and All-Russian Communist Party of Future member Maria

Donchenko responded that the main reason why no communist party in the former USSR has supported the International Council and NSC is because today there is not a single party of the Lenin type on the territory of the former USSR. Only the Latvian Socialist Party is close, but they did not have enough information regarding them. All parties formed after the fall of the USSR have been formed of former CPSU members and their features are clear inability and lack of desire to work for revolution, said Chechentsev and Donchenko. They quoted Lenin on this from "On the Tasks of the 3rd International" saying that there was no party of revolutionary communists and they could not expect their leadership. Chechentsev and Donchenko continued that the decisive role must depend on the working class. These parties have a sectarian character. They are small organizations with weak connections to workers' movement.

Ray O. Light replied that real communists will find ways to involve the masses into the struggle and that not every fighter must be a communist. Fallue Gueye concretized the question to the Russian delegates and asked to describe the situation from the bottom and illustrate what have they tried that did not work. Donchenko clarified that it is a wrongful impression that the Soviet Society's work consists only of publishing the Russian NSC. Their main work is with creating and developing branches. They have three branches now: in Moscow, Saransk (Mordovia) and Donetsk (Ukraine). They have 150 subscribers to Russian NSC, half of them outside of Moscow. They have a subgroup of the Soviet Society called Venceremos working on solidarity with Cuba and its prisoners. They also have a concert studio where performers play, including the group Soyuz. The Russian delegates brought to the Conference's attention the fact that none of the communist parties agreed to participate in the 3rd Congress last time it was being planned in Moscow. Chechentsev was asked about his reasons to resign as a Chairman of the Soviet Society and why political prisoners of Russia and the republics do not get

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as much attention in their work as the Cuban prisoners. Chechentsev also faced the question whether there were any tensions between him and the new Chairman Victor Bourenkov, to which he responded that there were none. The Russian delegates were asked about the hands on role of their new Chairman Bourenkov.

In the discussions, Manik Mukherjee from India pointed out that communists should know how to swim against the current, not find excuses and that the questions asked were not fully answered. Ramon Grajo thanks the Russian delegates for their frankness which was long overdue. He said that the Council is short of information on what is going on in Russia and with the Soviet Society there. Andrey, a Soviet youth living in Canada, addressed the root of the problem being the lack of a youth movement in Russia, Ukraine (the countries he recently visited) and the world (with Canada as an example). He pointed out some of the causes of apathy and ignorance of youth in Canada as affluence and alcohol, while he drew several examples of youth organization in the former USSR, including AKM. A timely question, leading to some solution came from Sonia Boshko from the USA: Tell us why are you different? What brought you to NSC and conscious thinking? Let others follow your example. Andrey thanked first off all his parents for raising him as a Soviet citizen and an independently thinking individual. Andrey also appreciated his abstinence from parties and drinking. "How to achieve this? - A change of culture is needed in Canada. One cannot be an individual. We do not live in a forest. As long as a person lives in a society, he is a social being, not an individual." Ray O. Light picked up on this beautiful speech and suggested that shifting responsibilities to younger people is what may help the Soviets.

The delegates made presentations about the situations and political struggle in their countries. A representative of the Marxist-Leninist Party of Turkey/Northern Kurdistan briefly outlined her parties history and milestones of struggle. In Turkey any social opposition faces brutal

oppression, she said. It is the state policy to negate the Kurdish nation. The national liberation struggle is being led by the PKK. Turkish forces had entered Southern Kurdistan and retreated. Guerrillas recently attacked a police station and Turkish soldiers were killed. The delegate described modern technologies the states are using today such as thermo-cameras. Also recently 5 Kurdish newspapers were banned in Turkey. However, none of this can stop the democratic struggle. She spoke about the Ergenekon trial and the party's call on workers to follow the trial closely and observe it. The delegate stated that in Turkey absolutely nothing happens without the USA. Turkey is part of the USA's Greater Middle East project which is failing in Iraq and Afghanistan where resistance is growing. Without conquering the Middle East it will be hard for the US to keep their hegemonic role. The USA is no longer interested in creating a separate Kurdish state in Iraq. The PKK is an obstacle to US imperialism. As for an attack on Iran, it is not so much on the US' agenda now. The MLKP does not think it will happen soon. They are trying to reach some agreement with the forces there. Revolutionary forces do not support the negotiations of Abbas with Israel. Imperialism will never solve the problems, but only diminish them. Ergenekon is done in agreement of AKP and army together. The delegate also spoke about the dockyard resistance in Turkey. 111 workers died due to lack of safe working conditions on the dockyards. The workers respond with strikes. The delegate stated that NSC is an important platform, which brings together revolutionary forces from different countries. She confirmed that their party will continue their modest contribution with articles. The party recognises the urgent need for anti-imperialist forces to unite on a regional level. The conclusion: "We have a common enemy - imperialism" was saluted with a standing ovation.

This presentation was followed by a myriad of questions and just as many answers. A parallel was drawn between the Turkish dockyard workers strikes and their US counterparts' struggle. The presenter highlighted the importance

of the party standing by its workers and leading them, such as in Turkey where trade unions are often forbidden, there is a lot of subcontracting and it is hard to organise. The delegate spoke highly of the communists of Azerbaijan, where to resist a more militant more proactive role of communists is a must. Old "communist" forces there are passive. As for the more active ones, even a Che Guevara meeting was attacked. She saluted the communists of Azerbaijan who in 2007 took to the streets on May Day for the first time in many years.

Ramon Grajo presented a report about the situation in the Philippines. This country is full of targeted killings and disappearances, especially killing of the leaders of legal organizations. Under such conditions the country's main export is its people. 10% of the population have emigrated. Newspaper distribution is run by criminals. The country may face martial law.

Dr. Adelard Paquin's presentation is being published in full. George Gruenthal, NSC Website Editor, spoke about the USA being the #1 imperialist power. He mentioned the resistance in Iraq and Afghanistan and Latin America being in the process of transformation. Gruenthal discussed the beginnings of the revival of the working class movement in the USA. He recalled the historic May Day in Chicago and the struggle for an 8 hour work day and today's May Day revival by the immigrants. Delegate Gruenthal talked about some very recent developments, such as the \$700 Billion of people's hard earned money being given away and the new round of layoffs about to come.

A new Ethiopian comrade living in Canada greeted the assembly.

The evening ended with a supper masterfully created by John Baby, watching of a video from Moscow about the events of 1993, playing revolutionary and Soviet music, friendly discussions and visiting by some delegates of the CN Tower.

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Day 2 of the Conference, October 11, 2008

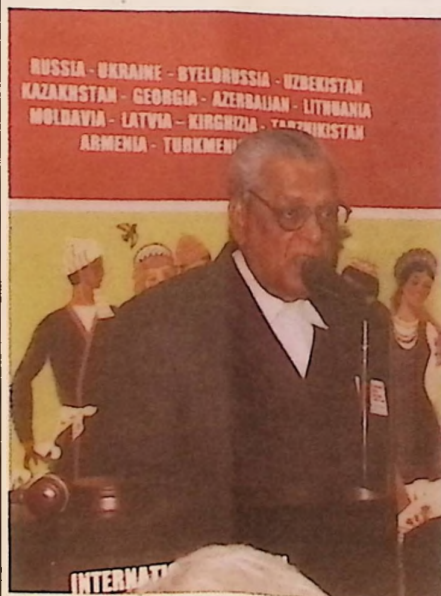
Zbigniew Wiktor made a presentation about the situation in Poland, which is being published as a separate article. Jan Minar from Prague in his presentation noted that the situation in the Czech Republic is very similar to that in Poland. He said the Czech government is the most reactionary. They are servants of US imperialism. 70% of the people are against the US military bases. These bases can lead to a big conflict with Russia and possibly China. They have campaigns in the Czech Republic against them.

Michael Celik proposed creation of an organization "Nations with Socialist Heritage" which would appeal to a broad range of people in China, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and others. They used to live under hammer and sickle systems and they still like them.

Alexander Krashennikov asked Zbigniew Wiktor about anti-Semitism in Poland, oppression of minorities and what the government does about it. This question was not addressed due to the Polish delegate's elaborate attention to other questions, such as the economic situation in Poland. The speaker reported that there are 300,000 homeless people living under the bridges in Poland; 300-500 of them die every winter. He spoke of the rising role of the Communist Party and new trade unions. However, a high percentage of workers do not have a trade union. Wiktor affirmed that it is not a revolutionary situation in Poland today. He expanded on the topic of the Catholic Church exploiting the situation to its advantage. He said there are neo-Nazis and skinheads in Poland, but not many. Most people are against the American military bases. There is a strong peace movement composed of young people from various social, anarchist and peace-loving backgrounds. Helen Lucas raised a concern about all the homeless and dying people and inquired about the role of the Catholic Church in improving their fate. A lengthy response suggested the Catholic Church is not doing much to help the poor. To this Ray O. Light proclaimed that the Catholic Church

has the blood of those dying Polish people on their hands and said not to confuse pacifism with socialism. Raising the socialist banner is important. This is where the International Council plays a role, concluded Ray O. Light. The delegate from Chile Eduardo Artes said Chilean communists solution to the problem of achieving socialism is struggle of the masses. In Chile, they apply historical materialism in their struggle. He noted that lack of real communists and ideas hurts them most. The delegate from Turkey called upon the Conference participants to propagate socialism among the masses, to explain to people what happened really happened in the Soviet Union, to explain why we suffered this defeat. People are looking for an alternative. We have to tell the people that the only alternative is socialism, she continued. NSC plays role in educating people about what happened and happens in the Soviet Union. She said imperialism caused many ethnic tensions on the territory of the former USSR and nationalism. The real brotherhood of the peoples was undermined starting with Khrushchev. All these nations have the same enemy - imperialism. The workers live in different countries, but their destiny is similar. Unity is needed, if not on the International level, than on the anti-imperialist, proclaimed the delegate. This comment was followed by a wild round of applause, exclamations

Manik Mukherjee from All India Anti-Imperialist Forum - India



"She is right!" and kisses by the Presidium.

Adding to the discussion of the role of the Catholic Church, Ramon Grajo illustrated some examples of its activities in the Philippines, such as gambling, romanticising pacifism, poverty, holding evangelical training in military schools and using in its deeds step by step organizing methods the Church borrowed from Lenin.

Michael Lucas called upon Polish and Czech comrades to establish Friendship Societies in their countries and expand work for friendship with the Soviet people. Ramon Grajo supported this direction by calling upon all Eastern European contributors to the work of the International Council to provide the Council with contacts, not necessarily to create Friendship Societies, but to participate in the Council as trade unions, women's organizations and personalities. Fallou Gueye challenged the delegates from Poland and the Czech Republic to expand on what they have done in terms of creating an association and any work towards the Council. Ray O. Light agreed with the Turkish delegate that a united anti-imperialist front is needed, if a socialist one is not possible.

A question was brought to the Council to include in the agenda a discussion on whether the name of the organization should be changed from "Soviet" to "Russian". Since the Soviet Union no longer exists, some contributors and subscribers felt it would be more adequate to name the organization International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Russian People. After an active debate it was moved, seconded and decided by the overwhelming majority for the name of the Council to remain as is: International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People. Among the reasons brought up by the supports of the original name were the following. We have discussed this question before, why come back to it? (Dr. Paquin) A change of name can feed Russian nationalism (Grajo). It would exclude other Soviet republics. "Changing of the name would be the first step towards destruction of our organization. I am Soviet. I was

born in the last years of the Soviet Union" (Andrey). Changing of the name will eliminate all revolutionary content. I was lucky to be born in the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union is alive until the last of the Soviet people lives" (Marina). "The "Soviet" name contrasts us with the nationalist groups in the republics and highlights our socialist character. What is 'the Russian people'? Putin and Medvedev belong to the Russian people too" (Donchenko).

Helen Lucas presented the financial report which had been verified by an accountant. The report covering seven years demonstrated that every year the expenses of printing and mailing NSC are at least 15 times greater than the income from its subscriptions. Most of the issues of the magazine which go overseas are being sent free of charge. NSC goes for free to 78 countries. From the financial perspective, Northstar Compass and the International Council exist due to some donations and the enormous material support of the Carpatho-Russian Society in Canada. The numbers presented in the report did not include the rent – the Carpatho-Russian Society allows the Council to use their expensive building downtown Toronto for free, and the labour of the most committed communists Helen and Michael Lucas.

During this discussion it was mentioned that comrades in Chile print and distribute 2000 copies of NSC in Spanish. 50% of the cost is subsidised by the International Council and 50% the Chilean comrades raise themselves.

Helen Lucas complimented Dr. Paquin's solid work on the French edition of NSC. She also expressed her original astonishment having seen the fantastic Chilean version of the magazine, which she thought was even better than the English edition. She also thanked the Moscow team for their excellent job on the Russian NSC.

The two largest contributors of funds to NSC and to the International Council, Sonia Boshko from the USA and a comrade from India, were each awarded a samovar and thanked for their enormous dedication and generosity. Sonia Boshko also received a gift from Fallou Gueye sent to her from the

workers of Senegal for her regular financial contributions to their anti-imperialist movement. Ramon Grajo pointed out that the donations comrades made are not money fallen from the sky, it is also the result of sweat and hard labour. Boshko is a retired teacher and it is her labour that supports the International Council and its struggle. Michael Lucas honoured other sponsors of NSC, such as Albert Thut and Ed Mirvish, who passed away and shared regarding their relationships with the Council.

Following the financial report, Sonia Boshko pledged \$5,000 to Northstar Compass and called upon delegates to follow her example, which they did. As a result, almost \$9,000 was collected that evening. The most precious contribution came from the second youngest participant of the Conference, a Soviet teenager in Canada, Andrey, who proudly donated all the money he had: \$20.

Eduardo Artes from Chile, Editor of the Spanish Edition of NSC made a presentation about political situation in Chile. He said all the so called democratic governments did nothing but enhance the Pinochet system. The constitution adopted in Pinochet's time is still active in Chile today. Multinationals are making more profit than before only with the pictures of Allende in front of them. The organization Artes represents measures its success not by how many groups it includes, but by their

Andre Kuznetsov from Canada was a Youth delegate



political influence. Their organization translates Northstar Compass under the "Back to the future!" logo. They hand out the 2,000 NSC issues on the streets and in demonstrations. Artes said that NSC is the organ of ideological culture they are for. Donchecko asked regarding the differences between the two main communist parties in Chile. Artes answered that one is revisionist and social-democratic, and his party is Marxist-Leninist.

An email from Michael Opperskalski was read in which he greeted the Conference, expressed his regrets for not being able to participate in person due to the threats received from a Zionist organisation in Canada, proposed several resolutions, spoke against the International Council taking upon the challenge of establishing a new International and against adopting a resolution about it, as well as urging the delegates to explore possibilities of future meetings in Europe or Venezuela. Opperskalski concluded his message with: Long live the struggle for socialism! Long live the struggle against Zionism!

Michael Lucas read greetings to the Conference from Barry Zwicker, a Canadian writer and journalist, former head of Vision TV, whose dedicated work in exposing the 9/11 cover-up is broadly known. Stalin's voice recorded in 1941 was played.

A message of greeting was read from high school students in Chile. They thanked us for receiving Northstar Compass and asked for more articles on Marx and Lenin, on Rosa Luxemburg, Che Guevara, history of the USSR, life of Stalin, history of the 1st International, folklore, cultures of the USSR, more on Latin America and the world.

A message was read from Slovakia which is being published in NSC with all other greetings.

Discussion of Northstar Compass and its Future

A Soviet delegate member from Canada, Marina, spoke about the importance of transition of the magazine to Internet and to using electronic technologies in its distribution. She spoke of the cost of publishing. "Can we afford this cost and labour?" She said a website will expand our audience. She

suggested conducting a survey among the readers about their preference. Internet would be a suitable place for announcements and will keep the connection alive and attractive. Commentaries by the readers after the articles would be helpful, as well as references to friendly websites. As a professional web programmer Marina volunteered her help. Donchenko informed the Conference that in Russia internet connections are not common and many people do not even have computers, especially outside of Moscow. She also said that political etiquette requires an organization to have its printed publication, otherwise it is not taken seriously. She mentioned that a magazine handed to a person is a live link to a recruiter, unlike the Internet. Ramon Grajo stated that the Council should not maintain this level of printing and mailing. He recommended to keep printing for new recruits and put money to other uses. If we are to continue sending free magazines to others, there should be an equal exchange of literature. Ray O. Light insisted there must political leadership decided upon first for this transition to a new media, not merely technical leadership. He also mentioned that Internet access is very restricted outside of Moscow and that the Council would cut out a lot of its audience. People will not visit the site regularly. Both versions are needed. Fallou Gueye pointed out that the magazine is a tool for organizing people around it. He also proposed to ask the readers to pay for the magazine, at least in part. Eduardo Artes highlighted that the goal of the magazine is political struggle, not to take care of ourselves. He urged the Council to continue perfecting the printed version while doing some transition to the Internet. He thanked the Council for financial help to the Spanish edition and said they do not work for themselves, but for the revolution.

This discussion was postponed by the greetings from Garry Shillington from the Canadian Automobile Workers Union (retired). Shillington said in his 30 years in the union the best they could do was promote the NDP (New Democratic Party, Canada's social democratic

party), but he himself is much more left than this. He works in the poorest communities of Canada and contributes to them in many ways.

The discussion on the future of NSC continued. Lucas brought to the delegates' attention that readers in 78 countries receive NSC and do not pay for it, do not say thank you and do not ask to stop sending it. Grajo calculated that with 186 issues going to Russia monthly for free, plus international postage, the Council is spending \$345+ per year per person. Various suggestions were discussed, such as printing in other countries where it is cheaper, mailing NSC as one package for local distribution (which is not cheaper than direct mailing). A package of 60 magazines goes to Australia for \$350, the Australians redistribute it locally. This is not cheaper than sending the NSC individually. A Committee was elected for gradual and partial transition of Northstar

Compass to electronic publishing and more efficient printing and distribution of the magazine. The Committee consists of George Gruenthal, Larisa Schirba, Marina, Michael Lucas, Frank Trampus, Maria Donchenko and Peter.

Greetings were read from the readers in Moldavia who have been reading NSC for ten years. They have contacted Moscow Society, but do not receive Russian NSC.

Peter, a Soviet delegate member in Canada, made a presentation about the role of Russia not as an imperialist power, but as a comprador regime and a back seat semi-colonial capitalist state. This presentation is being published in full. It caused a stir and a lively debate. The debate on whether or not Russia is an imperialist state, developed predominantly along the questions of production and industrial ownership. "Russia is a



Sonia Boshko from USA - receiving a Russian Samovar as a token of great appreciation for her dedication and help to NSC and for Friendship with Soviet People.



A view of the Conference proceedings with delegates who not only listened, but took an active part in discussions and exchanges of opinions. On the right is Fallou Gueye representing Senegal and Momar Sambe who was denied a visa to Canada

victim of world imperialism. We used to be strong. If the destruction of the country continues, in 50 years Russia will be a dependant state like the Philippines," said Peter. Other speakers, such as Mukherjee, Grajo, Ray O. Light, Turkish delegate, Gruenthal and Donchenko disagreed and considered Russia not a victim, but a weak imperialist state.

A Question about the future Congress was discussed.

A message from Viktor Bourenkov was read saying that the Soviet Friendship Society in Moscow will provide the venue for the 3rd Congress if the International Council in Canada covers the cost of this Congress. The Treasurer Helen Lucas said the main sponsor, the Society of Carpatho-Russian

Canadians, cannot help anymore for the Congress to be held in Moscow. Their resources are limited and they have contributed generously so far. If organizations in some countries want to hold a Congress, they should do it with their own efforts. She called upon the Russian delegates to be more independent. Ray O. Light said that if Bourenkov and Moscow comrades are willing to provide venue, if Canada gives money, then something is suspicious about this. Grajo noted that political will and desire is needed to hold the Congress in Moscow. "If the will is not there than what is the point of holding the Congress there?" he added. Chilean delegate Artes said Chilean comrades could hold a Congress for half the cost of what it would take in Moscow.

Donchenko read a proposed appeal to the American people about the Cuban 5. Lucas expressed a concern that the Soviet Friendship Society in Moscow is more concerned and active about Cuban prisoners than about the Soviet prisoners in Russia, Palestinian or other countries' political prisoners.

Ray O. Light called for more work with Soviet immigrants.

Peter announced his start of political seminars on the subject of Socialism and What Happened to the USSR, in Friendship House beginning November 9, 2008, which have been advertised in immigrant newspapers. He expects a few dozen people to attend.

Grajo gave a toast to all political prisoners from Abu Ghraib to India and Turkey. "We will free them!" He also gave a toast to open a new era of proletarian revolution.

The evening ended with another delicious culinary contribution from John Baby, Soviet videos, concert and sing-a-long by Kosta Parousis, his Greek friends, Maria Donchenko and Alexander Krasheninnikov, playing revolutionary and Soviet music, dancing and more discussions and reinforcing of friendships.

Day 3 of the Conference, October 12, 2008

Delegates visited Niagara Falls where they drove in a rented school bus and sang Soviet songs all the way to the falls and back, led by the mighty baritone of Alexander Krasheninnikov and by Vladimir



Prof. Mirko Svoboda (above) addressing the Conference while Jan Minar (below & right) awarded Chairman Michael Lucas and Vladimir Chechentsev a Medal on behalf of the Czech Slav Committee, Czech Republic. Michael Celik, Chairman of the Canadian Slav Committee was also awarded the Medal.



Chechentsev, both of whom can compete in knowing more Soviet songs and still there would be no winner. The youngest participant of this Conference, 11 year old Soviet Canadian Anton, joined the delegates on this trip so he could sing Soviet songs, among them his favourite "Tri Tankista". Political discussions continued on the bus, with the Turkish delegate in particular being bombarded with questions about her party's struggle faster than she could respond to them. The trip strengthened the relationships and newly-born and developing friendships.

Upon return all Conference delegates discussed resolutions and all of the adopted ones are being published in full. Due to lack of time, the resolutions were reviewed and adopted by the entire Conference, instead of the resolution committee doing it. Lucas proposed opened the floor for elections of a new Editor, but there were no nominees and everyone asked him to continue holding the position due to his doing an excellent job.

What used to be the key purpose of this meeting - improvements to Northstar Compass - was shrunk to a hasty discussion towards the end of the Conference. Delegates were given an opportunity to express their thoughts on the improvements of the publication in precisely 2 minutes each. Among many valuable suggestions there were: gradual increase of the publication in the website; distribution of issues or articles in PDF; room for discussion on the site; more international material, not just Soviet; focus on the USSR, not worldwide; focus on anti-imperialist struggle internationally; articles from other progressive movements; direct relation to the struggle of the working class; balance between historical material and contemporary; more articles on Europe; inspiration of more subscriptions; improvement of paper; explanation of abbreviations; avoiding misuse of words; creative distribution; book reviews; provide ideological guideline as to what happened with the Soviet Union; computer support for the Editor; more focus as to the Council's position reflected in the choice of articles; more focus on what is to be done; more articles on practical

actions. These are suggestions from 11-year old Anton who also addressed the Conference with a passionate speech calling upon the adults to take into account children's opinions: better connection to readers through learning their opinions via more interactive website; concrete descriptions, not just slogans; assessments of trends;

political prisoners in the USSR. Donchenko committed to sending the Editor reports and articles with photographs as soon as possible electronically, which was greeted with a round of applause. The conference ended with a festive cultural celebration, singing of the International and many toasts to the victory of socialism.



Professor Zbigniew Wiktor from Poland addressing the delegates. Fallou Gueye from Senegal (living in NY, USA) spoke about Canada refusing visa to Momar Sambe of Senegal



George Gruenthal (US) the Webmaster of Northstar Compass and Denis Vermette of Quebec, Canada.

Below -during entertainment program Maria Donchenko from Russia and Kosta Parousis from Canada joined voices in singing "Katyusha" and other Soviet songs done by Alex Krashennikov from the U.S.



REPORTS GIVEN AT THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

BY MICHAEL LUCAS, CHAIRMAN-EDITOR OF NSC



Dear comrades and friends:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the International Council and of the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass, I welcome you to this very important International Council Conference at this Friendship House that symbolizes our dedication to Socialism and the rebirth of the Soviet Union! Our Slogan is correct, especially at this time – **BACK TO THE FUTURE! BACK TO THE USSR!**

I would especially like all of you to welcome those comrades who are here for the first time in Toronto, Canada, at this Friendship House - from Russia, Ukraine, Brazil, Chile, India, Turkey-North Kurdistan, Byelorussia, Czech Republic, Senegal, North Ireland and Iran. **Dear friends - let us show them a warm welcome.**

This International Conference is extremely important because much has transpired since our Second World Congress was held here in Toronto in 2005 – not only regarding our Friendship work, but in the political, economic and military confrontations all over the world caused by Imperialism in its quest

for complete dominance of this planet.

As you might be aware of the decision that was taken by the Executive Committee of the International Council and also with great cooperation by the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries, to hold the Third World Congress in Moscow in 2007, on the 90th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution. Everyone was enthused at this once in-a-lifetime opportunity and plans were well on the way to accomplish this great event. But what happened? Why was this Third World Congress cancelled? What was the reason? The Soviet Friendship Society was cooperating with the head of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, Professor Dzhohadze who started to organize this event and he was in constant correspondence with the International Council and myself as Chairman. Those of you, who read NSC at that time, would know of the plans being proposed by Dzhohadze. He always called me a Professor, no matter how many times I told him I am not a professor! But I still remained a Professor to him!

Dzhohadze himself then appointed 13 Russian Professors to be in the Third World Congress Presidium, including the revisionist Zyuganov of the CPRF. He did not include anyone else from the International Council members who were elected by the Second World Congress, only myself! In other words, his plans and those behind this scheme was to take over and promote their own political platform at this Third World Congress in Moscow! I immediately informed all of the elected members of the International Council and of the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass of this, and asked for their opinion about holding this Third World Congress under these conditions. The Council and Editorial Board members all agreed **UNANIMOUSLY** to cancel this Third World Congress in 2007.

Of course Professor Dzhohadze

in the Russian press blamed us and myself in particular for this cancellation – overlooking the unanimous decision taken by ALL the elected members who were elected by the Second World Congress!

Dear friends:

The situation in the world now is not only complex and dangerous, but it is also an opportunity for the progressive and anti-imperialist forces to solidify their efforts in this struggle for peace in a more cohesive, meaningful and united way. In this struggle, we as the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People have a big role to play in helping the Soviet people to again become the bulwark for peace and to stand against the growing menace of US-NATO road towards fascism!

Much has been written about the temporary demise of the USSR, and this includes Northstar Compass, which many times is criticized even by some Communist leadership – telling us that we should be only friends and leave the struggles to the Communist Parties. But friends are friends because they care about each other and are trying to help one another! By constructive criticism you are a **real friend!**

I would like to quote a few lines from a leaflet that was issued in the US about forty years ago by the "Youth For Stalin" movement which expresses exactly what the present situation is now: *"Since the death of Stalin, the two main characteristics of the international situation have been the contradiction between the oppressed nations and US Imperialism and the development of a policy in some socialist countries of ongoing betrayal of the world oppressed nations based on the growing ascendancy of the national bourgeois class in those socialist countries."*

These were prophetic words since the socialist camp is no more, and in its place was the birth of exploitative raw capitalism and growing cooperation with US Imperialism at the expense of the oppressed peoples of the world.

But the growing protests, the strikes, the demonstrations and the liberation struggles are ongoing in

many countries of the world and in some they are successful and act as an example to other struggling movements and nations.

Besides Iraq and Afghanistan suffering death and destruction under the heels of US imperialism and NATO, the events and the causes of the conflict in Georgia are fresh in our minds. We know that US imperialism, promised that Georgia would be invited to join NATO, but after the intervention of Russia, this promise has been quietly shelved, even though US-NATO will not admit it. This means that if Georgia does not join NATO, Ukraine will have to think twice. The plan by US imperialism to get these two strategic Black Sea nations into NATO Alliance went up in smoke for now.

This could be a historic turning point for the Soviet people if they manage to join forces and unite in the struggle, not only against NATO but also against the present rulers of Russia, Ukraine, and Georgia as a start.

Since 1991 the West has rapidly expanded its influence ever deeper into former Soviet territory. The importance of the Caucasus is the focal point for this expansion, because (as was pointed out in the September issue of NSC) because of these strategic oil pipelines bringing Caspian oil to the West. Russian troops are within one hour's drive of that pipeline.

Dear friends:

From my point of view, this NATO-Georgian aggression against South Ossetia has another aim – it is to try and consolidate all these traitorous leaders of the former Soviet Republics who declared their “independence” and thus promote ethnic strife amongst the people who formerly were united as the Soviet People. In this way, this is meant to bury any idea amongst these people of the rebirth of the USSR.

The present leadership of Russia is also to blame for this tragedy. They readily opened the door to US imperialism and now are trying to appease their own people who more and more are seeing through this mirage of “capitalist democracy”.

I'm certain that we shall hear from our Soviet comrades their opinion on this question.

What did the International Council and Northstar Compass achieve since the Second Congress?

* We kept in constant touch with elected members all over the world.

* There are now Friendship Societies with Soviet People functioning in Canada, USA, Australia,

Brazil, Slovakia, Italy, Chile and Britain. – although under different names.

Vladimir Chechentsev, Editor of NSC Russian Edition and Maria Donchenko of the Vanguard of Communist Youth

* We now have Northstar Compass being published in English, French, Russian and Spanish Editions.

* Northstar Compass is being quoted and articles republished from it in India, Nepal, Russia,

Byelorussia, Ukraine, Romania, Chile, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Japan,

Syria, Australia, Finland, Iceland and New Zealand.

* There is correspondence with over 36 countries of the world and NSC is being mailed to 78 countries in the world.

* International Council and NSC are constantly asked to attend or send greetings to seminars

or meetings in many countries of the world, but due to finances and time needed, we are not always able to send a delegate, so we send greetings instead.

What are the weak points in our work?

*There is not enough input by members of the International Council to the work of the Council, since most everyone is strapped for time and have other important obligations.

*There is a lack of publicity given to Northstar Compass in most of the newspapers or

Periodicals published with the involvement of the Council / Editorial Board members in their

respective countries – there are exceptions like India, Czech Republic, Russia, Ukraine, Chile and Nepal.

* Members of the Editorial Board of NSC should write more articles on a regular basis so that we get much better world coverage.

* There must be a concerted drive to get many more paid subscribers to NSC.

Dear comrades and friends:

This International Council Conference should try to tackle and solve some of the following tasks. Most of these tasks are listed in the Agenda and I would urge all of you to take part in the discussions.

*How do we try and solve the problem of direct and indirect subterfuge, innuendo and very



serious criticism of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and Northstar Compass for dealing with political issues or criticizing the present leadership of Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia and other former republics? Some comrades tell us that we should not be critical of Russia since we are a Friendship Society – we are not a political party.

Of course the disunity in the Communist movement in Russia (*with 27 Communist -Workers Parties existing there*) affects our work in trying to convince our members and friends and trying to gain new members, and trying to convince them that there is a future when unity will be achieved. **Disunity, fragmentation in all of the Communist-Workers Parties affects the work of friendship, progress and the united struggle against world imperialism.** How was British Imperialism and its Empire built if not on Divide and Rule

The working class has an enemy - Capitalism! To fight it, it must be united!

Imperialism is united against Communism – to them this is the enemy!

Then why are we struggling amongst ourselves instead of against the enemy?

Are we trying to prove to each other that some of us are more Marxists, Leninists and Stalinists than they were! **Who benefits from this internal struggle?**

The answer dear comrades is an absolute need to establish a Communist International! There will be a resolution that will be proposed towards this noble aim.

Another weak point which should be addressed and discussed by us and the Soviet delegates is: What is the reason that up to now the decision adopted unanimously by the Second World Congress was that the Soviet Friendship Society with Foreign Countries should establish Friendship Society Branches in all or most of the former Soviet Republics in order to have a common strategy and, together with the International Council and NSC

to help the Soviet People know that they are not alone in their daily struggles to resurrect the USSR!

So far as we are aware, having correspondence with Ukraine and Byelorussia and other former republics, no attempt was made to establish this Soviet Friendship Society with Foreign Countries. This should be rectified as quickly as possible.

In this regard I would like to point out that Manik Mukherjee from India at the Second World Congress made this Appeal to all delegates from 14 countries present – and this Appeal was adopted unanimously:

*"All Worker's and Communist Parties of different countries, as well as anti-imperialist forces in struggles for developing militant peace movements against war and exploitation, must face the task to quickly develop and promote in their countries the **establishment of Society for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People** to express their fraternity and solidarity to the Soviet people in their struggles against the present counterrevolutionary bourgeois regimes that usurped power and hiding under the cloak of patriotic nationalism and democracy."*

Dear comrades, the criticism by some Communist parties and their leaders aimed at us is this- *"You are mixing into our domain and you*

must be neutral in the struggles" Well, our fathers and grandfathers in 1918 here in Canada and in many other countries of the world in 1918 established *"Hands Off Russia Committee"* and during World War II the *"Aid To Russia Committee"* - history proved that they were correct, even though most of them were not Communists, but they supported the Soviet Union, Socialism, Stalin and looked to the USSR as the only country defending the interests of the working class! This was not only friendship support - **it was real political support! This is what NSC and International Council supports and is working for!**

Dear comrades:

I would sincerely ask all of you to take part in discussing the future of Northstar Compass publication and its English, French, Russian and Spanish Editions.

We have much to be proud of the fact that we were able to publish NSC already going on 17 years. This is due to the voluntary labour and dedication to this publication. This is also due to the very generous help of the readers in financially supporting Northstar Compass. For those of you who are for the first time here at the Friendship House, this building belongs to the progressive organization - Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians without whose help for the last 16 years NSC

Reading the many reports by the delegates from different countries that were translated, printed in English, Russian, French and Spanish.



would not have been able to be published and grow. You will hear all this in the Financial Report to be given by the Financial Secretary, Helen Lucas.

At this time I would like to give special thanks to two members-comrades who over the years have very generously given thousands of dollars of financial support to NSC – please show our thanks to Sonia Boshko from U.S. and Rajendra Wadhawan of Toronto.

There were also suggestions by some members and readers that there should be a name change, such as -

(1) Since there is no Soviet Union anymore that our name should be changed to -

International Council for Friendship with Former Soviet People or "Former Soviet Union."

(2) There were some suggestions that we should be only "Friends of Russia".

(3) Judging by the constant e-mails I receive each day, I will not repeat where some of the e-mailers told me where to go – too many young people here!

FUTURE OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS EDITIONS IN THIS INTERNET AGE

Dear friends:

This question is of extreme importance for us to discuss and arrive at a beneficial answer in our work to influence more and more people, by using the technology that is available.

Now we print and mail all over the world, which involves cost of printing, cost of envelopes, rising cost of stamps, plus physical packaging and delivery to the post office.

Will sending it by Internet reach all people – some of who do not have a computer or do not know how to operate it.

Northstar Compass is being sent to over 60 countries in the world now.

Besides the printed version, NSC has a Web page - where each issue is put on the Web by George Gruenthal of New York, our Webmaster.

Dear comrades:

We should discuss the contents, the quality of printing, and the news that is printed in NSC each month. How can we improve it? How can we get more help from all of you?

There were some suggestions that there should be elected a new editor for NSC, to replace this present 82-year old Carpathian Gypsy.

I sincerely hope that each one of you in concrete terms will discuss the future of NSC, touching upon the above suggestions.

THE HOLDING OF THE THIRD WORLD CONGRESS IN 2009 OR 2010

Our Soviet comrades had let us know that they are striving to make arrangements to hold the Third World Congress in Moscow, in the Lenin Hills in 2009, but they need financial support in order to accomplish this great task.

After the delegates from Moscow report on this proposal, we all should discuss this undertaking very seriously since the situation there could change there for better or for worse.

In this regard, I would ask the Soviet friends to touch upon the latest development that took place in Russia – where the Russian Communist Workers Party headed by comrade Tuilkin united to become the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) headed by

Oleg Shenin.

Is this the beginning of a unified communist movement in former USSR?

If this is the truth, maybe there is a possibility that this unified CPSU will recognize the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and help to sponsor and help to hold this Third World Congress in 2009!

This just might be the opportunity for the joint CPSU to approach the regime of Medvedev-Putin to grant yours truly a visa to Russia for the Third World Congress! Or is this just my wishful thinking?

WHERE IN EUROPE SHOULD THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL BE LOCATED?

This important question was discussed at the First World Congress, at the Second World Congress and no answer was arrived at. Again we have to discuss this question at this Conference – and at least make a concrete suggestion.

Logically, economically, politically the Headquarters should be in Europe for more effective communications, work, travel and get-togethers – instead of flying and expense of travel across the ocean.

We tried to have it in Brussels, Belgium, after the annual Communist Seminars in May there. But this was refused us. We tried also in Greece, but to no avail.

One of the very important reports was given by Dr. Adelard Paquin, Editor of French Edition of Northstar Compass in Canada. His dedication to the Soviet People and Socialism is legend. Many more years of health Adelard!



The new Chairman of the International Council should be located someplace in Europe, not here in Toronto at this Friendship House.

Dear comrades and friends:

I tried to be as brief as possible and to the point in these remarks – I hope that I have succeeded to a small degree.

I am asking all of you to take part in the discussions to follow and to try and help solve some of the problems that need solutions if we are going to help our Soviet comrades to fulfill the slogan that appears in front of you on the wall –

BACK TO THE FUTURE! BACK TO THE USSR!

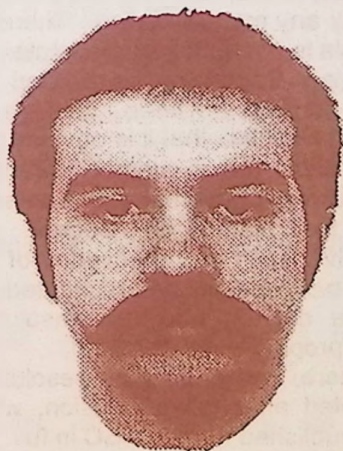
In conclusion dear comrades, may I voice the following with which we ended the ceremonies of the Second World Congress in 2005 –

ANTI-STALINISM IS ANTI-SOVIETISM AND ANTI-SOCIALISM!

Than you for your understanding.

SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY IN ACTION

By VIKTOR V. BOURENKOV-
Chairman



WITHIN THE MOVEMENT FOR THE REBIRTH OF THE USSR AND SOCIALISM

Our Society cooperates actively with all the organizations and movements involved in the struggles. In particular we cooperate with the Russian Communist Workers' Party-The Revolutionary Party of Communists, the CPSU, the RCP-CPSU, the youth organization

RCYL(B) and the AKM-TR. The struggle takes various forms, including involvement in the labour movements and also in the protest movements. This is accomplished, first of all, by the publication of the Russian language Northstar Compass. We also distribute the English language NSC as well as the news from the communist movements and the anti-imperialist struggles.

THE NSC JOURNAL

The publication of NSC is central to our Society's activities. We started to publish NSC in late 2005. We try to keep up the tempo and keep producing about 6 issues per year. By this time of 2008 we have published 4 issues. The financial help we get from the International Council (*This financial help comes from the generosity that is given exclusively of the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians, as was reported to all delegates by the Financial Report at the Conference by the Financial Secretary, Helen Lucas. Editor*)

The input by Irina Malenko from N. Ireland and Marina Donchenko in Moscow has been great, as well as by other members. The journal is then edited and typeset by an enthusiastic team headed by Vladimir Chechentsev.

Most issues are printed by RCWP-RPC in Moscow. Sad to say that the process is slow, but we try to include the most important articles from the English Edition of NSC. We have

got many subscribers in Russia and in some other former Soviet Republics. We have several hundred subscribers.

THE NSC WEBSITE

The Russian NSC website is <http://www.nsc.org> is updated regularly. We make most articles in Russian NSC available on-line.

COORDINATION IN RUSSIA

We keep ties with a number of public organizations in Russia. Apart from the left-wing political parties – Sojuz which is a public movement headed by Georgii Tikhonov, the Venceremos group, the International Union of Slavic Journalists, the Cuban Embassy in Russia, the Soyuz Concert Studio and many others.

While we are developing broad public support, we realize that the input by Communists in the task of re-establishing the USSR is crucial and very central to our movement.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Our Society had been watching actively all of the events around the world, such as supporting the Cuban Five, having pickets and protests and distributing literature. We spoke in support of movements against imperialism. We issued a number of statements against the war, condemning the US aggression in the Middle East.

THE FUTURE

We aim to increase the

Professor Zbigniew Wiktor spoke about China and its development. Presiding over the Conference is Michael Lucas, Frank Trampus and Larisa Schirba of Canada.



international awareness of the new struggle for Socialism where it first materialized as a political power. We see it as an integral part of the revolutionary, anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist struggle around the world.

What we all hope for is that the next Third World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People will be held on the territory of the USSR. There was a proposal to hold it in Minsk, Belarus, but there were no concrete developments. There was a proposal to hold it in Moscow on the premises of the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences in 2007, but there was a lack of support from the Russian Academy of Sciences and from other public organizations.

The Third World Congress can be held in 2009 at Gorky Leninskie, given that the International Council covers all the expenses.

We have discussed this proposal with the Moscow Committee of the RCWP-RPC. The comrades have supported this initiative. The Moscow Committee of the party can take care of the organizational matters.

We have a long way to go, but we are very enthusiastic about accomplishing the tasks set forth. We believe that we will attain victory only if we apply Marxist-Leninist principles to the modern conditions and act as part of the communist movement. Our international ties make our struggle stronger and stronger en route to the world wide triumph of Communism.

Long live the re-established USSR! Socialism is the reality for tomorrow! Long live the new Socialist Revolution!

COMMENT:

In the next issue of NSC there will be a report of the decision as to where the Third World Congress shall be held.

**TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS
ARISE YOU
MIGHTY LAND!**

REPORTING FROM CANADA

BY MARIA DONCHENKO – Moscow



We wrote many times about the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and the Northstar with Soviet People journal, with which we have contacts for many years. At this time I was fortunate to get acquainted personally with this Friendship Society and the Friendship House – as one of a delegation from the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries from which I attended, together with Vladimir Chechentsev the International Council Conference that was held on October 10-11-12, 2008 in Toronto, Canada.

This very important International Council Conference was attended by many delegates from Canada, USA, India, Turkey-North Kurdistan, Senegal, Czech Republic, Poland, Chile, Sri Lanka, and Switzerland. From Russia (former USSR) there was Maria Donchenko (AKM-TR) and Valadimir Chechentsev, Editor of the Russian Edition of NSC. Viktor Bourenkov the Chairman of the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries (RCWP-RPC, RCUY-B) was not able to attend. His Report was sent by e-mail and was read from the Tribunal. (It's published in this issue of NSC Editor). There were many delegates that were refused visa by the Canadian government.

We gathered in a very nicely

decorated hall with Soviet posters – slogans, plus photographs and very many oil paintings by Michael Lucas the Chairman of the International Council and Editor of the English Edition of Northstar Compass. There is a very extensive library of Soviet books, a video library of Soviet Videos, DVD's, CD's and Tapes of Soviet music. As Michael Lucas said: "This is a little part of USSR in far away Canada!"

The Conference was opened by Frank Trampus, Chairman of the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People. The Main Conference Report was given by Michael Lucas, Chairman of the International Council and Editor of NSC.

This was followed by heated discussions about successes and weaknesses of the work from many countries. There were reports by the Russian French and Spanish Editors of NSC. There was very lively and sometimes heated discussions that took place about the present situation in Russia and in other post Soviet republics. There was no unity achieved as far as what is present Russia - a semi colony or an imperialist state. I Defended the first one –Russia is a neo-colony since there is practically a complete elimination of industrial capacity, education, economic growth - all of our raw resources – oil and gas - but hardly any manufacturing. Therefore Russia is not an imperialist state.

In our discussion we agreed that the conflict between Georgia in South Ossetia, that it is obvious that both sides are to blame. Strangely that a few observers just wanted to put the blame on Georgia and absolve Putin and Medvedev of any blame. These observers wanted this to be deleted from the resolution. This proposal was defeated.

There were many resolutions adopted after full discussion, which are published here in NSC in full.

On Sunday October 12th the Canadian hosts arranged by bus an excursion to Niagara Falls for all the delegates and observers. This natural wonder is a worldwide tourist attraction and it is a pleasure to see a rainbow over the Niagara Falls through the mist while the rushing water is cascading from 53 meters above.

In conclusion I would like to say a

few words – that Michael Lucas is not only the Chairman of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and Editor of Northstar Compass, but a musician-orchestra leader and an artist. Two of his paintings were won in a raffle for all of the delegates and the lucky winners were delegates from Poland and the U.S. Two of his paintings were given as a gift to a girl delegate from Turkey *we do not publish her name or photo due to obvious reasons*), two other paintings were given to me for which I want to thank Michael very sincerely for his special gift.

This 3-day conference went by very fast as I flew over the night-lights of the City of Toronto on my way to Moscow.

Ahead is the organization of the Third World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and the daily work to do by all of us in our own countries to make certain that this Third World Congress is a great success!

THE SITUATION IN FORMER USSR- THE LOGIC OF BETRAYAL

BY PAVEL KRASNOV

*Executive member of the Canadian
Friends of Soviet People*

Dear Comrades!

I would like to clarify the current situation in Russia and the former republics of USSR, because our course of action depends on a correct understanding of this situation. Presently there are two prevalent points of view that are aggressively promoted by Russian and Western mass media.

The first point of view is that Russia is currently at the stage of 'young' or 'wild' capitalism, and with the time approximately 50-100 years it should progress to a western-style

capitalist society with all underlying attributes such as 'democracy', trade unions, welfare, a middle class and so on. This model has dominated the media for about 15 years after 'perestroika'.

The other widespread point of view states that Russia is a reincarnating superpower headed by patriotic KGB agents, a-la 'Russia rises from its knees'. This model is being actively promoted in Russia and is also getting popular in the West, since it can be used by western powers to create for a public a demonized enemy, an 'Empire of Evil # 2' of sorts.

Well, I have to disappoint you. The situation is very different. In Russia, power is currently in the hands of an established comprador dictatorship regime. This is not 'young capitalism' as many believe, but a backseat semi-colonial capitalism, similar to the one in the Philippines, Salvador or Nigeria. Situation is a bit more complex because Russia still has nuclear weapon left from the USSR as well as some residues of advanced science and weapon though depredated very fast.

Many think that compradors are a part of the national bourgeoisie. In reality, they are agents of influence of foreign powers who are robbing their country in the interests of their

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masters. In return for their services, they are allowed to keep a portion of the riches they plunder. Compradors keep their money in western banks, educate their children in western institutions and own property in western countries. Living under a constant fear of a national liberation revolution like in Cuba and Iran, these compradors are always ready to escape to the West.

Backseat capitalism is a rule of thieves and bandits who use the dirtiest methods to manipulate the public mind. They pretend to uphold "democracy" and promote pseudo-nationalism, but elections are faked, voting results are changed and the western lifestyle and culture are being forced on the population.

One of the most distinctive features of backseat capitalism is extremely high corruption. The level of corruption in Russia and Ukraine is currently the same as in Honduras, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Nigeria.

In Russia and the other countries of former USSR the comprador regimes were established as a result of so-called 'perestroika', which was a combination of special operations executed by several anti-socialistic and anti-Russian groups that established a temporary alliance. This alliance consisted of several degenerate parts of communist and state bureaucracy, the newly formed mafia and the Western elite. Western secret services and the degenerate branches of KGB played a very active role in these operations.

This was not the first attempt

aimed at the destruction of the Soviet Union. It was preceded by two other "perestroika" attempts. The first attempt, directed by Trotskyists, occurred in 1936-1939 and was routed by Stalin during the so-called "mass repressions". The second attempt was executed by a Trotskyist group lead by Khrushchev, and occurred in 1956-1965. It was suppressed by a group of WW2 veterans under the leadership of Brezhnev. However, Brezhnev only suppressed the "perestroika" attempt and did not eradicate the roots of the problems. I would like to emphasize that "perestroika" happened because of Khrushchev's actions and the inertness of Brezhnev's regime.

The deal that was reached between the traitors and the western powers and which lead to "perestroika" was simple: the traitorous elite wanted all of the advantages of their positions without any responsibilities. They wanted to have the level of life of the western elite, which they could pass on to their children. To achieve this, the Soviet Union had to be destroyed, all its property had to be stolen and sold, and the profits transferred to western banks.

Obviously, the western elite had promised these traitors everything they wanted – a market for the stolen goods and property, support of the western media and acceptance into the western elite club. In advance they even afforded Russia to join to G7 club that in reality means nothing.

In return, these traitors had to destroy the strategic industries of

USSR, its scientific and educational structures, its space program and its army.

However, after the USSR was destroyed and its stolen riches ended up in western banks, it turned out that the West was not going to uphold its promises. The money and property of the Russian compradors that are kept in the West are controlled by the western powers and can be confiscated at any time. Thus, under the constant threat of confiscation, the Kremlin elite is forced to accept any demands set by the West.

The same scheme was used to take over Indian kingdoms 300 years ago, to control China during the Opium wars in the 19th century and destroy Yugoslavia recently.

Western elites have a huge amount of experience in dealing with traitorous powers.

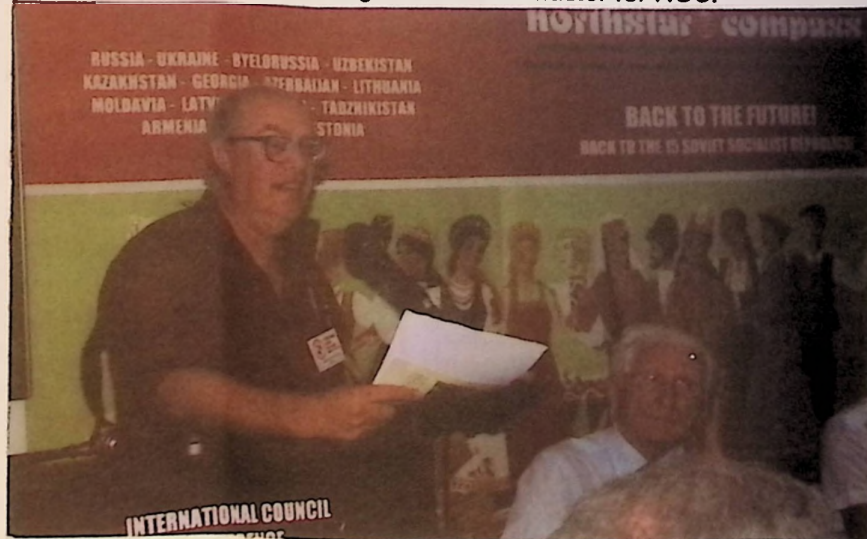
Step by step, the traitors are forced to surrender the strategic positions of their countries, sell their resources and betray allies. In the end, the compradors receive the final

demand, which consist of the complete separation of the country and allows foreign rule. This is the logic of treason. If they try to resist, they will be destroyed by the now superior western forces, how it happened with Milosevic. This is what happened to USSR and is now planned for Russia.

At the same time, the compradors are always under threat of an internal revolution. Thus, they must both fulfill the western demands and try to control their people using force and lies.

Because of this, the surrender of the country is done gradually under the cover of mass media and pseudo-patriotism. Putin and Medvedev are nothing more than puppet leaders of a liquidation team, whose goal is going to be achieved when the country dies. However, they cannot allow this truth to come out, and so they are forced to play the role of patriots. The "restoration" of Russia and its army, the flights of strategic bombers to Venezuela and

George Gruenthal – USA- presenting resolutions on behalf of the US Friends of Soviet People. George is the Webmaster for NSC.



verbal threats to the western powers are nothing more than PR, meant for the Russian people. At the same time, it is an attempt to blackmail the West in order to bargain for better capitulation conditions in the future.

Now the compradors do what any independent state ever does – sell everything that possible to get cash now and not caring how much harm it brings in the future. They sell advanced military technologies as it happens with China and India, including equipment for their production, demolish and sell state-of-the-art soviet machinery to get money now, cleaned uranium to the USA for nuclear weapons ('uranium deal') and so on.

However, what is going to happen to the compradors after the separation of Russia? Originally, they planned to escape to the West, where their money is kept, where they have property and where many of their families live.

When they lose these strategic positions, their property and money are going to be confiscated and they are probably going to be eliminated in one way or the other. This happened to the Iranian Shah Pehlevi and the former president of the Philippines Markos.

The West is in a serious crisis and needs to complete the destruction of Russia as soon as possible. The Russian traitors understand the trap that they are in, but they have no way out of this situation. They are trying to trick their western masters, but it is not so easy to do.

We cannot count on the reincarnation of the treacherous Russian elite. They cannot transform from traitors to patriots – that means they are going to release their riches that stored in the West. Besides that, do you honestly think that Putin, for instance, is going to order a nuclear attack on Germany, where his family is living?

The current events in Ossetia are a quick attempt to finish Russia because it still has potential to rise up, defeat compradors and become an empire that would be a competitor of West that blocks them from the world domination. Moreover, then Russia can transform to the nightmare of imperialists – into Soviet Russia that is especially dangerous for the West that faces very serious crisis.

To avoid that scenario the West powers initiated the plan of finishing Russia. Potentially, the destruction of South Ossetia and its planned betrayal by Russia would have led to anti-Russian rebellion in North Ossetia, which is a part of the Russian Federation. This, in turn, would have lost Russia the Caucasus region, and then a big part of South Russia.

However, the now cornered Russian traitors realized that this was the beginning of the end for them and decided to regain their lost positions and they gave the Russian army the order to attack. Naturally, they were not allowed to finish the fascist Georgian. Now the compradors are trying to recover their relationships with the West.

However it is obvious that the West will not allow this after they have disobeyed their master's orders. The western powers always have a "plan B" and now the destruction of Russia is following a different, longer, path than before.

To understand how much the Russian elite is controlled by the West, it is enough to remember that during the war in South Ossetia, which was inspired and backend by the western powers, Russia continued to transit NATO military shipments to Afghanistan through the Russian territory without the right to inspect these shipments. Recently, the compradors began to understand that they are of value to the western powers only until there is something to destroy in Russia and until they still control the nuclear armaments left over from USSR.

It is obvious that a country with such leadership has no future. In the current situation, the only future that Russia is likely to have is that of a third-world country, a country with the coldest climate on the planet.

At the moment, the Russians are, per se, an occupied and oppressed people. The constant insults aimed at the nation and its history, combined with the people's increasing disappointment with the leadership and the upcoming unavoidable crisis cause a strong feeling of national protest and form a

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potential for a revolutionary situation. Consequently, the ideas of Lenin regarding oppressed people and the connection between social and national liberation can be applied to the Russian people.

However, let us not deceive ourselves. Neither in Russia nor in most other former republics of the USSR there is no base now for a socialistic revolution – an active and poor proletariat or a huge peasant class, suffering from a transition to capitalism. At the moment, Russia is a classical comprador state, just like most countries in Latin America.

The type of the future revolution in Russia will, most likely, be in the form of a national liberation. It could later be transformed into a socialist revolution, just like it happened in Cuba. This means that it is necessary to not only work with communist movements, but to also cooperate with powers that are ready to fight for national liberation.

National movements can be very powerful, but usually they have problem with understanding what they are planning to build after they get to power. Usually the nationalists are acting more 'against' than 'for'. If national liberation forces stay without ideological and intellectual support of socialistic forces they can become a victim of big bourgeoisie or other manipulators and join national-socialists, more known as Nazi, and these forces are already formed in Russia.

I want to emphasize – if we reject dealing with fair and reasonable national liberation forces, well, after

some time we will have deal with Nazi. We can say from history that communication with Nazi is possible only by force and it costs a lot of blood.

So, we need to work with rational and fair national liberation movements. By the way, Fidel had started his way of revolutionary as Cuban nationalist.

Now I want to say a few words about so-called 'communist' parties in Russia, but presently this illness is specific for the entire communist movement in the world. Usually in one country we can see several dozens of tiny groups that names themselves 'truly communists'. These political dwarfs are always in the state of blood feud that never stops.

Even a child can say that union is much more effective than a single unit. No doubts that adult people understand that as well, but at the same time, for the last 20-30 years we hear only appealing to integration but nothing happens.

This phenomenon is permanent

over the time and from country to country. That means that this political fragmentation has objective not subjective reasons. The root reason of this phenomenon is not personal and does not depend on the leaders ambitions.

These political sectarians just pretend they struggle against capitalism, but in reality they do no harm to the declared enemy. They know it and excuse their passivity by their paucity. But Bolsheviks started their straggling when their party consisted of 9 persons! Why are 'modern communists' so passive? Of course, some of them are communists only by name, but not all of them. I think the reason why they do not act in reality is based on their uncertainty about their way. They agree with main ideas in common but they cannot visualize the smaller details and they don't know what to do and where they are going. All of them agree that they want socialism. But which socialism: socialism of Stalin, socialism of Khrushchev, Brezhnev, Mao, Fidel or Kim Ir Sen?

Raffle of a painting by Michael Lucas, Zbigniew was the lucky winner.



Which model?

Only 2 models of socialism are presented now on the planet – Cuba and North Korea. Frankly speaking they are not the models to envy. They don't even come close to the bright image of the 'society of the future' that USSR had.

The soviet model was really stunning with the effectiveness and humanism but it demonstrated serious weakness of this model – the degeneration of its elite into compradors. And people think now – if we build USSR -2 what if we have Khrushchev -2 and Gorbachev # 2. And we don't have the answer now how to avoid that.

If we say the truth, then we should admit that we have a huge gap in our ideology and the image of the future that we are planning to build. It is hard to believe that the last person who really moved ahead the theory of socialism was Stalin, but that was more than a half of century ago!

What happened afterwards – all frozen ideas, even the best ones, covert with the time into sectarian form – according to dialectic – it does not have movement and progress.

That means that one of our main tasks is to move ahead the theory of socialism, the model the society of the future. We should build the upgraded model and attract new people by beauty and fairness of this idea.

Progress of human consciousness has clear rules and history shows that after a temporary standstill on the way, it inevitably

follows a new ascent of ideas and creativity. It is not the end at all, just the very beginning of the way of ideas that are worth living and fighting for humanity is now facing the most threatening crisis in history, and there is only one way out of it – socialism. In the last years there has been developing a great interest in USSR, its experience, socialism and the ideas of communism.

WAR-TORN SRI LANKA AND TAMILS IN CANADA

Report by the Canadian Democratic Tamil Cultural Association on their New Year Celebrations held in Agincourt, Ontario

History has shown time and time again, that though forces of fanaticism, intolerance and extremism may dominate a country in the short term, ultimately its moderation, reasonableness and sobriety will prevail. Because human beings, no matter what their background is are fair-minded and rational – no matter what atrocities are committed – ultimately sanity will prevail. This is what history shows us. Extremism cannot dominate forever!

We of the Canadian Democratic Tamil Cultural Association are unshaken in our belief that this tragic chapter in our history will pass – that the people of Sri Lanka will find a way to resolve their differences.

One of the positive developments in Sri Lanka is that more Tamils are living in peace with the Sinhalese in the South than ever before. In spite of the bloody conflict people of all backgrounds manage to get along in Sri Lanka. That is why we all decided to celebrate the Sinhala Tamil New Year. This festival reflects the fact that we share common cultural bonds.

We have here in Canada taken the first step in this direction. Finally the best tribute we can pay to the ordinary and courageous people in Sri Lanka is learn from them and live in peace.

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GREETINGS RECEIVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

GREETINGS FROM IRAN

Dear comrades attending the International Council Conference!

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that for some security problems, unfortunately we were not able to obtain a visa to participate in this our Conference.

We therefore take this opportunity to announce our unity with all of the participants and we wish you the very best.

Yours and all other participants' solid determination at this historic assembly would and is our pride. These days, without a doubt strengthening the international unity is very important. Therefore we praise your efforts very highly.

With the warmest regards,

**Organization of Iranian People's
Fedai Guerrillas**

GREETINGS FROM AUSTRIA

Dear comrades:

We wish great success and good health to all the participants. It will be you comrades that will make this Conference a success, because capitalism-imperialism world-wide has acted as usual in a dishonest manner and this must make us all even stronger to struggle against this world menace...and this is pushing the need for Socialism to the forefront of our struggles.

Imperialism has wrapped our world in chains of oppression, criminal actions, robbery, wars, genocide, invasions, terror, and in this way they have tried to imprison all of humanity.

Let our actions at this International Council Conference apply in our daily work in order to break these chains! Let NSC be the guiding light in this struggle!

Long live Socialism! Long live the Friendship with Soviet People!

Let NSC and its four different language editions grow in influence!

JERRY MORSE – Austria
NSC Editorial Board member

GREETINGS FROM A FORMER NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP SURVIVOR

Dear comrades and Friends
of Soviet People!

As a former death camp prisoner and a lucky survivor I know what it is to be a Soviet person and Communist and I joined the Canada-USSR Association here in Toronto in 1946 and am dedicated to the work of Northstar Compass and now the Canadian Friends of Soviet People.

I wish great success to your Conference and please make the appeal for the Communist International - the only salvation for the progressive movements.

I am donating \$100 towards the cost of the International Council Conference.

Comradely yours
Katy Swonarrow

GREETINGS THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE FROM A FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER IN RUSSIA

Dear Comrades!

I send my and my newborn son's regards to all the participants and guests at this International Council Conference! I wish all of you fruitful work!

I was born in the USSR. My country was great and it helped many other countries to resist imperialism. I lived in an average Soviet family and together with other Soviet people I had great confidence in our future. We were hardworking, honest, just and selfless people were our heroes. Nowadays, everything is vice versa. Events in the USSR in 1991 were also my private tragedy. Since that time I began to resist the new regime and the enemies of my Socialist Motherland!

I want my small son to be happy and to live in a Socialist State. I know that he will know the real history of our country and will choose the only right way of life – Socialism!

The work of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and Northstar Compass is great!

When I was kept in prison, I also felt your support. It's very important that the Soviet people do not feel that they are alone in their struggle for Socialism!

I'm certain that the International Council will become the next step for unification and for socialist struggles, and I also know for certain that new ways of resistance will be found.

I also greatly support the recommendations by the Donetsk comrades that the International Council start the process for the rebirth of the Communist International

LONG LIVES THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!

Comradely yours

NADEZHDA RAKS – a former
political prisoner

FROM A TURKISH / N.KURDISTAN PRISONER –Tekirdae/Turkey

To the Editors of Northstar Compass

Your letter of support that you sent me was not given to me by the jail administration of the prison, because it had been written in English and not in Turkish. So the administration did not give it to me. I am certain that it contained good wishes and also support.

I receive NSC that you send me, but it is given to me very late – because the jail brass holds on to it, and I then have to apply to the Court and demand that I get that copy...only then do I get it. This I have to do every time.

Please continue to send NSC to me regularly. Many thanks!

Greetings to the Conference from myself and my comrades Arif, Serkan and others who I give NSC to read every time.

I have to write short and in two languages, or it will be blocked.

Yours comradely

ZIYA ULUSOY

GIVE A NSC SUB TO A FRIEND!

GREETINGS FROM CHILE

Dear friends:

We are sending you more than just congratulations, because NSC and you comrades make it possible for us here in Chile to receive Northstar Compass regularly and we appreciate such an excellent publication that we receive in English and in Spanish. You are providing us with knowledge of the present day reality of the peoples that at one time constituted the Great USSR – and now how they organize and struggle for the rebirth of the Soviet Union and Socialism!

Here in Chile, NSC is the only international publication that supports and propagates communist ideology, plus the *Partido Comunista (Accion Proletaria)*. NSC has links with our people and is creating and solidifying the unity of the progressives and revolutionaries in Chile.

NSC is of most importance to us who have maintained a materialistic dialectical conception, that there must be iron unity of theory and practice – and when this unity is broken - it is possible in different ways to obscure the need for profound changes and the necessity for Socialism.

Thank you dear comrades for allowing Chile to get to know Northstar Compass journal, and the ideas for which the people over the world are struggling.

Revolutionary greetings from Chile!

LUIS PEREZ, Ciudad Quillota,
Quite Region of Chile

FROM KOSICE SLOVAKIA

Dear friends:

We greet the International Council Conference that is being held on October 10-11-12, 2008 in Toronto, Canada.

We appreciate your work and the effectiveness of Northstar Compass and know that the Conference Agenda and actions that will be taken are most urgent for the international communist movements, including here in present Slovakia. We have to stand up and defend humanity from the US growing New World Order – fascism.

The future of NSC is to be guaranteed and thanks to its rich contents and it gives us inspiration for our common cause.

We shall await your future publication earnestly here in Slovakia.

Yours truly,
ING. JURAL KOCUTA
DOC. ING. NICHOLAS ONDA, CSc

GREETINGS FROM MOLDAVIA

To the International Council Conference delegates!

Dear friends, brothers and sisters:

We wish you the best in order that this important conference will be successful and that all your plans and decisions will be carried out.

We ask that you support our struggles and expose the attacks against comrades Nikolai Garmash, Peter Dovgal and Svetlana Borisova.

Please express your international solidarity for their struggles and the resurrection of the USSR and Socialism!

With best wishes –

N.N. GASRMASH
Bendery

GREETINGS FROM UKRAINE

Dear comrades-delegates to the International Council Conference!

We greet all of you from Dnepropetrovsk region of Ukraine and wish you great success. We would also like to propose that the next Third World Congress be held in Minsk, Byelorussia.

E. OYAPERV
Communist Party of Bolsheviks of
Ukraine

FROM COWLEY, AB CANADA

Dear Northstar Compass Friends:

Am sending you a donation of \$75 to be used as you see fit – either for NSC or for the expenditures for the International Council Conference. We thank you Helen for the good wishes, and my wife Doris and I wish all of you good health and many more ears of struggle.

We need both of you for NSC and the Council!

Sincerely
Michael Verigin

GREETINGS FROM BELGRADE – SERBIA

Dear comrades:

The most important task for us is to develop in a contemporary man a self-consciousness that will provide humankind with the possibility to survive. We have to point out the increasingly dramatic consequences of the development of the destructive capitalism as a destructive order, as well as the existing objective possibilities for the creation of a new world. At the same time we need to develop political strategies that will become starting points for the creation of global forms of political struggle that will impede the destruction of life on the planet and create a new world – a world of Socialism.

The NATO aggression on Serbia in the spring of 1999 compelled Serbia to become part of the American "New World Order", demonstrates the actual nature of capitalism. More than 32,000 depleted uranium missiles were dropped on Serbia, thus causing a contamination of the natural environment equivalent to the effects of more than 470 atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Seven years after the bombing of Serbia, the number of people with cancer has increased by over 40%, with a tendency towards a dramatic increase in the number of diseases and deaths. In the course of the next 500 years, the life of the people living in the bombed areas will directly be conditioned by the consequences of nuclear contamination of all soil, water, air, animals and plants.

What happened to the people of Serbia occurs all over the world. Their future is predetermined by the consequences generated by the destructive imperialist barbarism of the global totalitarian nature.

Capitalism destroys the emancipators of civil society and establishes a "new fascism". The champions of this contemporary fascism are not the groups of young people "adorned" with Nazi symbols, but the capitalist multinational corporations that generate overall social crisis and generate the fascist ideology. This is the ruling principle of monopoly capitalism!

"Consumer Society" represents the last offensive of capitalism-

imperialism and announces its complete and definitive disintegration. It tries to prolong the life of capitalism by annihilating man as a cultural and biological being, as well as by annihilating nature.

This is what determines a specificity of the contemporary left: *The victory of the left forces became the necessary condition for the survival of all humankind!*

**DESTROY CAPITALISM!
SAVE THE PLANET!**

**LJUBODRAG SIMONOVIC -
Begrade**

AN APPEAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE FOR THE NEED OF A COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

By A.V. HARASYMOV - Ukraine

Dear comrade delegates - guests!

Your letters and NSC that we receive each month is greatly appreciated and utilized to spread the message for unity in our common struggles. Here I am translating the English articles into Russian and spreading them amongst our wide circle of comrades.

Here are our thoughts:

(1) NSC must write even more about the revolutionary struggles all across former USSR for Socialism as well as in other countries.

(2) It is very sad that there are still no steps being taken to establish the Communist International. Everyone here in former USSR talks and talks, and talks and talks about this need, but no results are achieved. This question must be discussed at this conference by you comrades, who are the REAL friends of Soviet people.

We all hope that this International Conference will be the venue where the first steps will be taken to establish this Communist International. You should try also to establish - International Coordinating Committee to support the political prisoners in the world, not just only concentrate on one or two countries.

With all signs showing that capitalism is in great economic crisis the class struggles will intensify and the attacks on Communists and the working class will be more severe. This is why the international

solidarity will be of utmost importance.

I know by my very own experience that international solidarity to all political prisoners plays a very important role in making their life and eventual freedom possible. If the political struggles were led by a united Communist International, the results would be very positive for liberating all of these fighters for Socialism!

Unfortunately these present Soviet Communists are not able to launch an effective solidarity campaign and demands for the release of the political prisoners, because there was and there is no UNITY OF COMMUNISTS in all of the former Soviet Republics!

Our concern and task now is to promote the Russian Edition of Northstar Compass and make it more popular and spread its readership. In this regard I am signing up many comrades to this important task in our Zhitomir Region of Ukraine.

I wish all the participants' good health and energy for our future struggles that lie ahead.

To you comrade Lucas I wish bountiful health, stamina in the work that you dedicated your life to - the resurrection of the Soviet Union, Socialism and the establishment of the Communist International.

With great respect
ALEXANDER HERASYMOV
Political prisoner and a Communist

**WORKERS OF THE WORLD
UNITE!**

**FROM LUMMETIE
FINLAND**

Dear readers:

Although much has been written about that traitor Gorbachev, not only the darling of the West and Imperialism, but according to the latest news, not publicized openly, he was made an Honorary Citizen of Israel. Gorbachev now is paid enormous money to appear anyplace and utter diatribe against Socialism and Stalin.

This constant diatribe about the "repressions of 1930's" and the number that Stalin murdered is growing with every passing year and is running now into millions upon

millions. To have taken these millions of political prisoners, everyone must ask themselves as to how wagon trains were needed - how many wagon trains were needed to house them; how much bread and water to feed them; how many police or Army personnel were needed to get these "prisoners" to that Gulag in Siberia? Lies upon lies. Upon lies never ceases!

In 1967 when I was in German the figure of these "political prisoners" was at 1.5 million. In 1971 this figure rose to 6,1 millions; in 1990 it was at 20,000,000. Now in 2007 it has reached 60,000,000! Nationalist Ukrainians are saying that over 21,000,000 Ukrainians were killed in the Gulag! That means that there should not be any Ukrainians left in the present day Ukraine!

If Bolsheviks were in charge of the USSR since 1953, the world would be in peace and going towards Socialism and there would be the end of exploitation of man by man!

I am here, I am fighting, I am writing and talking about Socialism and I end with these words:

**Bolshevism is the future for
humanity!**

Ali Saiyar Akbar

**FROM CITY OF QUILLOTA
CHILE**

Dear comrades:

The reason for this message is to thank you for making it possible for a country such as Chile to receive such an interesting journal which does an excellent job of letting people know the actual reality of the peoples that made up the Great USSR, as they now are reorganizing and struggling for true Socialism.

Here in Chile, NSC is the only international publication supporting and spreading communist ideas, apart from the publications of the Communist Party of Chile (Proletarian Action), which has relations with the struggles of our peoples and today's needs, of creating new and better spaces for the unity of the Chilean progressives and revolutionaries.

The journal Northstar Compass is an important vehicle of support for those who for a long time have been supporting the dialectical materialist concept, that there must be an iron

unity of theory and practice – and when it's broken – it is possible in various ways to end up hiding the need for profound transformation, the need for Socialism.

Thank you for making it possible for people in Chile to know the NSC journal of those who today are struggling throughout the world.

Greetings and a long-distance revolutionary embrace!

Luis Perez\City of Quillota
Fifth Region of Chile

SUGGESTIONS BY CHILEAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dear comrade delegates:

We're sending you a short list of proposals and we hope that this International Council Conference will be the spark for the setting up of a Communist International.

For a New World!

For the ideas of Marx, Lenin and Stalin!

On behalf of the students
Carlos Opalka Tapia

IDEAS FOR THE NEW COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL –

* What will be the intentions of the Communist Parties of the world to this proposal by the International Council?

* What will be the tactics of this new Communist International?

* Will there be one Central Council or Councils in each country?

* This Communist International should have a goal to set up for short term, middle term and future long-term objectives.

* This Communist International must be the school for the young generations coming up to carry it forward.

* Northstar Compass should become the official organ of the new Communist International.

IDEAS FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

* NSC must have more articles about Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin.

* More articles about Latin America, Africa and Asia.

* More articles about revolutionary leaders like Luxemburg, Che and others.

* More articles about the International Communist movements.

* More about the history of the USSR.

* More about the life of Stalin, Lenin, Molotov, Kalinin and others.

* History of the First International, the fight waged by Lenin against the 2nd and 3rd International and revisionism.

* Open Forum to iron out any differences between the communist parties.

* Differences between Lenin and Bakunin and Trotsky.

* More about culture folklore, economy, philosophy, biography of other leaders like Ho Chi Min, Mao Tsetung and others.

GREETINGS FROM THE WOMEN WORKERS ORGANIZATION OF PAKISTAN

Dear comrades:

We are very thankful that we receive Northstar Compass each month and that the International Council had invited us to be the honored guests at this very important gathering. It would be very beneficial for our WWO to be part of it. As you comrades know very well that workers around the world are facing tremendous challenges and obstacles, but there is sunshine ahead when we all unite. Your gathering and conference is a way to show our resistance against the imperialist powers, as well as to develop further understanding and solidarity amongst the working class.

We sincerely regret that even with our very strong wish to have



participated in this Conference, we are unable to be there because on those same days from October 11 to October 18 our WWO is holding a 7 daylong evaluation exercise that requires our Executive to be present here. Please accept our profound apologies for our absence. I hope that you will understand our circumstances.

Even though we are unable to be present to take part, on behalf of the Working Women Organization of Pakistan I warmly express our full support and very strong solidarity with your significant struggle to protect the rights of the working class. I wish you great success in your work and hope that this International Council Conference will accomplish your set goals.

Best wishes to all comrades here!

In solidarity,
AIMA MAHMOOD
Executive Coordinator of WWO-
Pakistan

GREETINGS FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF NEWSPAPER "DIALOG", PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Dear respectful friends!

Please accept our most sincere greetings on the occasion of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People Conference, best wishes and success in your noble work! Let this Conference become the shining beacon for future work and successes all over the world for the benefit for all peoples on this planet of ours!

We deeply appreciate the work of the International Council and of Northstar Compass journal in defending the great and the glorious chapter in the history of mankind - the Great October Socialist Revolution, to the eternal glory of Lenin and his dedicated follower Stalin in their constant struggles against all revisionists and opportunists who infiltrated then the Communist movements – these were and are the enemies of progress and traitors to Marxism-Leninism. To this time in history there is still not fully understood the significance of this October Revolution for all of

mankind. This great significant event opened the future road for all of mankind.

History has shown us that it was only Socialism that was capable of saving mankind from Hitler's Fascism which was nurtured and supported by Imperialism. In spite of the last minute Allies against Fascism, it was the heroic Red Army of the USSR that defeated fascism and saved mankind from this scourge. Only Socialism as a system was capable to do this heroic deed – and we were witnesses of this heroic moment in the history of the world.

At the present time, we unfortunately witness the attempts and even success of imperialism to belittle, ignore, besmirch and try to obliterate this epoch victory at tremendous cost of life, property and devastation of the Soviet People and of the Soviet Union. They try to

blacken out the leadership of Stalin and the idea of Marxism-Leninism and to prevent the rebirth of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. But we believe that this is a temporary defeat, and with all of our hearts we are for this rebirth of the Soviet Union and also the rebirth and expansion of the Socialist Camp.

We are forever appreciative of those comrades who had to leave their countries of birth before World War II (in this regard we mean also our dear friend Michael Lucas). These immigrants that landed in Canada from many countries had the dedication and the courage to form the Society for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and then spread those wings into many countries of the world.

We sincerely thank the Second World Congress decision that

elected our representative from the newspaper "Dialog" to be a member of the International Council and of the Editorial Board of NSC. We are proud of your dedication to Socialism and the rebirth of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Dear friends!

From our hearts we wish the delegates success. We send our warm and brotherly best wishes in your noble and far-reaching work for the benefit of mankind.

On behalf of the Editorial Board of "Dialog" Questions and Answers"

Chairman of the Editorial Committee

ZDENEK NOVOTNY
Publisher and chief editor
MILAN PAVLICHEK

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

THE WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD NEED A NEW COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL!

We representatives of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People at the International Conference in Toronto, Canada from October 10-12, 2008 hereby declare the following:

1. Our International Council is an organized expression of friendship and solidarity with "Soviet people", i.e. the people struggling to restore the multinational Soviet Union as a Socialist State. This Council, along with our organ, Northstar Compass, is carrying on the traditions of the "Hands Off Russia Committee"(s) which were internationally established in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention.

2. We function as an united front organization to help unity, consolidate and coordinate the anti-imperialist forces of the world with the ongoing world movement to restore the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Our aim is international

cooperation in building socialism and solidarity with all anti-imperialist forces struggling against imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism, the main enemy of all mankind.

3. The current situation includes the continued U.S. led military occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan. It includes the rapidly unfolding economic collapse of Wall Street and the U.S. Empire. And it includes the political brinkmanship of the Bush-Cheney-McCain and Obama forces in support of the U.S. puppet dictator Saakashvili in Georgia, and his unprovoked attack on South Ossetia and in opposition to the defensive actions undertaken by the Russian bourgeois state in response. Bush, McCain, Obama et al. are promoting "fast track" inclusion of Georgia as a member of NATO, which amounts to a declaration of war against Russia. It is clear that with regard to war and peace, justice and injustice, freedom and tyranny, the upcoming U.S. Presidential Election offers no alternative for the workers and oppressed peoples of the USA and the world.

4. The history of the international and communist workers movement in the first half of the twentieth century

demonstrated: **With Leninism and the Communist International**, despite an unfavorable objective situation - **victories** – culminating in the Soviet led defeat of world fascism and the victorious Chinese national democratic revolution. **Without Leninism and without a Communist International**, despite the objectively favorable post Second World War II situation – **defeats** – culminating in the dissolution of the Socialist Camp. Given the above-mentioned facts, **we call upon all proletarian vanguard parties and organizations to get back to their Leninist roots and principles.**

Stalin, the great leader of Socialist construction in the USSR and of the defeat of world fascism in World War II, pointed out in the **Foundations of Leninism:**

"Formerly, the analyses of the conditions for the proletarian revolution was usually approached from the view of the economic state of individual countries. Now, this approach is no longer adequate. Now the matter must be approached from the point of view of the state of the world economy; for individual countries and individual national economies have ceased to be self-

sufficient units, they have become links in a single chain called world economy; for the old "cultured" capitalism has evolved now into imperialism, and imperialism is a world system of financial enslavement and colonial oppression of the vast majority of the population of the earth by a handful of "advanced" countries...

"Formerly, it was the accepted thing to speak of the proletarian revolution in one or another advanced country as something separate and self-sufficient, facing a separate national front of capital as its opposite. Now we must speak of the world proletarian revolution; for the separate national fronts if capital have become links in a single chain called the world front of Imperialism, which must be opposed by a **Common Front** of the revolutionary movement in all countries..."

5. In order for the international working class and the oppressed peoples to avoid being split up, divided and conquered by the imperialist powers and U.S. imperialism in particular; to instead of divide, isolate and smash the enemies of peace, justice, freedom and socialism, we call on the proletarian vanguard parties and organizations to **UNITE the international working class and the oppressed people against imperialism** - headed by U.S. imperialism - on the basis of proletarian internationalism.

In the process, we urge all genuine communist and workers parties not to shy away from but to embrace the challenge of building a **New Communist International**, in the tradition of the outstanding Third International, established under Lenin's leadership and on the shoulders of the Russian Revolution and the Soviet working class.

We the representatives of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People believe, in the words of "The International" -

"The International working class shall be the human race"



RESOLUTION OF PROTEST TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

Whereas the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People held an International Council Conference from October 10-12, 2008 in Toronto;

Whereas Momar Sambe from Senegal and Vijay Singh from India and others were invited to be participants at the Conference;

Whereas as this Conference was hosted by the Canadian Friends of Soviet People, a legally registered Canadian organization;

Whereas the Canadian Government portrays itself as democratic and defender of human rights, including freedom of association and expression;

Be it resolved that the October 10-11-12, 2008 Conference of the International Council denounces the Canadian Government for denying visas to the above mentioned invited guests and depriving the International Council Conference of their association and expression.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY DELEGATES FROM MOSCOW - FREEDOM FOR CUBAN FIVE

We address this International Council Conference and ask that you concur with this Resolution for freedom for the Cuban 5!

It's been over 10 years that these Cuban patriots are being held in American prisons under strict conditions. They did not seek information that was hazardous to the US security - this fact was recognized by the US Court itself.

They were introduced into terrorist organizations in Miami. Their activity was aimed at preventing terrorist attacks on Cuba.

Imagine that some courageous people on this planet managed to inform the White House of preparations for the 9/11 attacks. Would the US citizens not recognize these informers as national heroes? And if in some unfriendly country those people were declared terrorists and given life sentences, would you not require justice and release of these heroes?

Then why are these Cuban patriots given a different treatment? Yes many Cuban immigrants in Miami do

not like the government that exists in Cuba. But does this give them the right to blow up ships, planes, hotels and cultural centers in Havana? Don't the people of Cuba have the right to prevent the violence in their own homeland?

Do you know that 340 Committees in struggle for the release of the Cuban prisoners exist in 109 countries?

Friends, ask your government to demand a fair review of these sentences. For more details see - <http://www.thecuban5.org>

National Russian Committee of Struggle to Release the Cuban Five

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ABOUT THE TRIAL OF POLISH GENERAL WOJCIECH JARUZELSKI



We, the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People strongly protest against the trial of General Wojciech Jaruzelski and many other Polish Generals and also the former First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish Workers' Party, Stanislaw Kania.

General Jaruzelski faces up to 10 years in prison if found guilty as charged. The charges against him are of having "directed an armed criminal organization for the purpose of imposing martial law on December 13, 1981." This trial was launched at the behest of Poland's Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) and is responsible for persecuting what they call the "Nazi and Communist era crimes." The power behind these charges is the Catholic Church of Poland.

It is one of many trials against General Jaruzelski. In the previous

trials the Polish government did not find any evidence or basis for any accusations. Now, these Generals are being accused by the pseudo-fascist forces of the Polish Conservative Party.

There is a growing and vicious anti-communist hysteria campaign in Poland. It is prosecuting all Polish patriots and all people who played a progressive role in the Polish Peoples Republic. This campaign and their hooligans are now destroying war monuments to the Soviet Red Army. They are also taking off the Polish patriots from the lists and taking away their pensions and benefits of the former civil servant. This church supported campaign glorifies the deeds of nationalistic elements and deeds of the Polish and Ukrainian helpers of German Nazism. It is an outright falsification of history of the 20th Century.



In 1981 General Jaruzelski served as Prime Minister of Poland. He was also the First Secretary of the Polish United Workers' Party. On December 31, 1981 General Jaruzelski and the Military Council for National Salvation introduced in Poland Martial Law and in this way prevented an explosion of civil war, not only in Poland, but possibly in Europe and in the world.

The Generals and the Polish patriots must be cleansed from these vial accusations! Moreover, they must be given rewards and glory, respect and recognition, which rightfully belong to them!

Down with the persecution of General Wojciech Jaruzelski and his comrades!

Down with the persecution of communists and progressives of the Peoples' Polish Republic!

Down with the offensive by the reactionary and fascist forces in Poland, Europe and in the world!

**LONG LIVE FREEDOM,
PROGRESS AND SOCIALISM!**

FREEDOM FOR TURKISH PRISONERS

International Council Conference notes that October 24, 2008 is the 4th Court Hearing of the 23 Socialists and Communists in Istanbul, Turkey. They are in prison since September of 2006 for having organized the working class and laborers struggles for freedom and socialism. The Turkish fascist government wants to charge them to a total of 3,000 years in prison.

We condemn this attack on these Socialists and Communists of Turkey and North Kurdistan and demand that they should be released immediately!

FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ALSO ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

1: Whereas the imperialist crisis is intensifying; whereas the anti-imperialist struggles of the world's peoples are intensifying; whereas more and more anti-imperialist international formations are operating;

Be it resolved that the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People calls upon all organizations under its umbrella to join all anti-imperialist, international formations, like the International League of Peoples' Struggles and the International Migrants Assembly to unify anti-imperialist

forces and advance the anti-imperialist struggles.

2: Whereas the migration of peoples from the republics of former Soviet Union has become significant; whereas such migration is the product of the crisis of these societies due to the capitalist restoration; whereas such migration is a very significant factor stabilizing these crisis; whereas these migrants face exploitation and oppression in other countries;

Be it resolved that the International Council calls upon the progressive anti-imperialist movements of former Soviet Republics to organize progressive anti-imperialist migrants' organizations of these migrants and join the anti-imperialist international formations like the International Migrants Assembly.

3: Whereas more than 1000 leaders of progressive organizations in the Philippines have been murdered by forces credibly linked to the Philippine State; Whereas UN Special Rapporteur Philip Alston and other prestigious persons and organizations have denounced the absence of political will of the Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo Regime to investigate these killings; whereas the Philippine regime has regularly promoted Jovita Palparan up the chain of military command up to Brigadier General and to be National Security Advisor despite being regularly implicated with organizing political killings in multiple region of the Philippines;

Be it resolved that the International Council calls upon Gloria Macapagal Arroyo regime to end these political killings and to punish those responsible, no matter how high their ace is in the State.

4: Whereas the Philippine May First Movement (KMU) is a militant and democratic union that sets an outstanding example for workers and unionists around the world; whereas the KMU is staunchly anti-imperialist, anti-fascist and anti-feudal; whereas the KMU regularly organizes international solidarity affairs (IUSA) regularly in May to increase unity between

Philippino workers and workers from other countries;

Be it resolved that the International Council calls upon all organizations under its umbrella to encourage trade unions with which they work to send delegates to KMU'S-ISA.

5: We the delegates and observers of the October 10-11-12, 2008 International Council Conference for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People congratulate the workers and peasants of Nepal for their victory so far achieved by their 10 years of armed struggles against the despotic monarchy and to establish the Nepal Republic.

We wish them success until the final victory of Socialism!

RESOLUTION ON KOSOVO

This International Council Conference condemns the illegal imperialist severance of Serbia's province of Kosovo and the attempt by imperialism to legitimize this territorial theft by using diplomatic recognition of this new Kosovo entity.

We condemn the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia and the occupation of the Serbian province of Kosovo.

Be it resolved that the imperialist forces of occupation must vacate the Province of Kosovo and all of the Republics of former Yugoslavia.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED BY THE U.S.FRIENDS OF SOVIET PEOPLE AND ADOPTED

1: We condemn the wars of aggression and occupation carried out by U.S. imperialism and its allies against the peoples of Iraq and Afghanistan, and by the US client state of Israel against the Palestinian people. These wars only serve the interests of the oil and other monopoly corporations. We support the resistance of these peoples by any means necessary against imperialists and their agents.

2: We condemn the open interference and threats by imperialism and its agents against Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Zimbabwe, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, Iran and all countries that are fighting to maintain

their national sovereignty, to take measures to defend their territory against attack and to control their natural resources. We condemn the support by IUS imperialism to reactionary governments that are trying to repress the resistance of the peoples, such as the Uribe government in Colombia, the Macapagal-Arroyo government in the Philippines and the Erdogan government in Turkey/North Kurdistan.

3: We support the struggles of the peoples of Latin America against imperialism and pro-oligarch regimes; we support the governments of Latin American countries that are defending their sovereignty, such as Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador. The "backyard" of US imperialism is becoming a forward area of struggle against imperialism.

4: We condemn globalization as a form of imperialism. In its fight to control and privatize everything from communications to schools and hospitals and even water, imperialism is condemning the workers and oppressed peoples to a life of poverty and misery as slaves to the multinational corporations.

5: We support the struggles of the working people in the imperialist countries, in Western Europe, Japan, Canada, Australia and also the US in defense of their living standards and working conditions. The working people have been under attack by their imperialist governments who want to take away their pension rights, social security, privatize health care and education. These struggles are an important component of the worldwide fight against imperialism.

6: We salute the new government of Nepal led by the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) and the Constituent Assembly of Nepal, which have rid Nepal of the hundred year old monarchy, as a first step towards a people's democratic republic and socialism in the roof of the world.

7: The collapse of the big mortgage and insurance companies in the U.S. show the crisis of capitalism. Capital in the imperialist countries is more and more based on speculation, while production is more and more being shipped to the dependent countries. We condemn the \$700 Billion Dollar bailout to the big banks

and insurance companies, which demonstrate once again, as the Communist Manifesto stated: "The executive of the modern state is but a committee for managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie."

Further, we wish to point out to the workers of the world that Socialism already has shown its superiority over capitalism when, while the capitalist world was suffering from the Great Economic Depression in the 1930's, the Socialist Soviet Union eliminated unemployment and began building up an advanced economy in the interests of all of the working people.

8: We condemn the recent attack by the reactionary Saakashvili regime of Georgia, with military weapons provided by Zionist Israel, on South Ossetia and Abkhazia. In this attack Saakashvili was acting as a puppet of U.S. imperialism, which is surrounding Russia with states dependent upon the U.S. and NATO. South Ossetia and Abkhazia along with other oppressed peoples have the right to self-determination. Under the Socialist USSR, the different nations and nationalities lived in peace and enjoyed that right.

At the same time, we call upon all the workers and all nationalities of Russia to give no support to the capitalist regime of Medvedev-Putin, which is only trying to consolidate its own imperialist interests in that region.



THE LOGO OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE



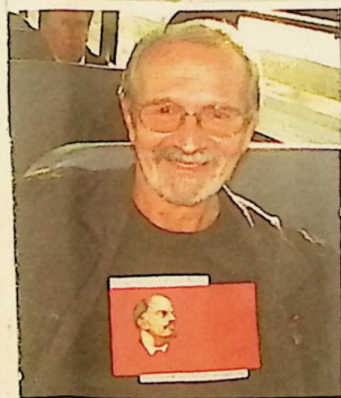
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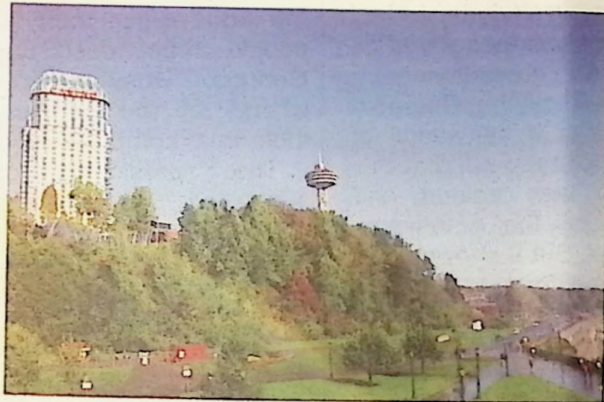
PICTURES SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Thanks to photographers: Maria Donchenko, Mike Celik and, Steve Sajbon.









In this photograph at the conclusion of the International Council Conference, many delegates are missing due to their early departure in order to catch their transportation back home. The Conference ended with many toasts and the singing of the International.



NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

RUSSIAN-GEORGIAN CONFLICT

STATEMENT BY THE ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE OF UKRAINE

By VLADIMIR PRONIN

The serious situation prevailing in the Caucasus for many years has been on minds of people all over the world and this situation erupted into a conflict between Russia and Georgia regarding South Ossetia's people's demand to join Russia and be as they were when they were part of the Soviet Union. This local conflict, although small in comparison to other world conflicts, saw the complete devastation of the Georgian Army that invaded South Ossetia and thus started this conflict in the Caucasus. All this was happening with the connivance of the USA and some other countries who

now want to wash their hands from this conflict in the Caucasus.

The real cause of this conflict lies in the dismemberment of the USSR and in its place the forcible birth of many other small US marionette countries. Georgia in all those years of Socialism lived in peace until Georgian nationalists came to power. The end results are that South Ossetia declared itself independent from Georgia and was recognized as such by the Russian government.

With the attack by the Georgian Army and the loss of thousands of lives, it must be pointed out that this Georgian Army was trained and armed not only by the Americans, but also by Israel. But it showed that even this US-Israel trained Georgian soldiers did not want to die in order to fulfill the wishes of Sakaashvili or Uncle Sam and its wagging dog - Israel.

It is very important to point out that inside of Georgia there were forces who stood up against this attack, like

the Georgian Peace Committee which condemned in no uncertain terms the Saakashvili government for this open carnage against the South Ossetian people. They demanded supreme punishment of the Georgian government and in particular President Saakashvili.

The nationalist elements, which are pro-American like the present leadership of Ukraine, tried to defend the evil deeds of Sakaashvili, stating that "he was defending the territory of Georgia." This only fools idiots in the world, since the South Ossetian people unanimously wanted out of Georgia. Russia recognized the wishes of the people and saved them from complete genocide.

The president of Ukraine supported Sakaashvili, gave them arms and together with the Presidents of Poland and the former Baltic republics supported this attack against South Ossetia by Georgia.

President Yushenko of Ukraine is gung-ho to have Ukraine join NATO and the European Union and that is why it wholly supported this Georgian aggression.

The history of many bloody



conflicts on the territory of former Socialist countries shows that the ethnic-nationalist and religious conflicts are promoted, financed and fanned by Imperialism for their own ends. Thousands of people perished in these conflicts. All this points to the cardinal fact that these conflicts will cease only after the rebirth of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

YUSCHENKO AND SOROS

President Yushenko's of Ukraine Boss is no other than this multi-billionaire reactionary tycoon Mr. George Soros. Actually Mr. Soros in his book brags that he always picks as to who will rule Ukraine.

He took full credit fore installing former President Kuchma. His next step might be to replace Yushchenko with this dirt-bag, this Ukrainian rabid nationalist Yulia!

The situation is long gone when the bad guys hid in the shadows "worked behind the scenes" fearing exposure. Now these US-White House darlings crave and get celebrity status and get "guest appearances" on their own TV network which they completely own in Ukraine and where the Ukrainian Diaspora lives.

This Ukrainian "Diaspora" is a joke now in present nationalist leadership Ukraine. The nationalist Ukrainian World Congress that took place in Kiev last summer was totally ignored by the Ukrainian media!

Very soon these foreign Ukrainian Missionaries, Consultants and Do-Gooders from America and Canada and other places will be surely given the gate in Ukraine and told never to come back!

The sooner, the better!

US WARSHIP LEFT SEVESTAPOL AFTER PROTESTS

From RIA NOVOSTI

The US Coast Guard warship Dallas arrival at Sevastopol was met by thousands of protestors chanting "Yankees Go Home!" and waving banners with the slogan "Stop NATO!" while hundreds of police cordoned off the warship.

But the Ukrainian custom officials

wanted to take the crew to tour the city, but this was abandoned after the thousands of protestors made it known that they did not want these Yankees in their city of Sevastopol.

Tensions between Russia and the West have been exacerbated by the build up in the Black Sea of US and NATO naval vessels. In response Russia sent in a group of warships, including the Moskva missile cruiser to Sukhumi the capital of Abkhazia.

Russia's Black Sea Fleet uses the Sevastopol base under agreement that was signed in 1997. President Yushenko said that Ukraine would not sign an extension beyond 2017.

TWO ESTONIAN FARMS ESTABLISH 'SOVIET REPUBLIC', SEEK RECOGNITION

FROM RIA NOVOSTI



Two farms in northeast Estonia have joined forces to declare an independent "Soviet Republic" and intend to seek Russia's recognition, according to a Communist party organization spokesman, Andres Tamm, in St. Petersburg (Leningrad).

"We no longer want to live in bourgeois Estonia, where nobody cares about the common people...with raging unemployment and unchecked corruption, and where everything depends on NATO and the Americans."

These two farm, plus others that are joining it have formed a "Soviet Government, a police force and have started in demarcating their state borders.

The people living on these farms have charged that the present Estonian Government has sent a "squad of relatives of the Estonian Nazi SS veterans" to try and gain control of these farms and the

breakaway territory.

The residents of this "Republic" have drafted a treaty of friendship and have presented it to the Russian Government.

May this spark start a flame all over former USSR!

STATEMENT BY ALL- UNION COMMUNIST PARTY (B) "The Confrontation in South Ossetia"

This political unrest and danger was developing in South Ossetia for a long time and in August of 2008 there took place a direct military confrontation with Georgian forces that were bombarding cities and towns. This then brought in the Russian Army and retaliation with air and naval attacks and shelling.

The Russian regime's media approved this conflict, stating: *"Russia has been compelled to apply military force to save the peaceful population and that Russia has now gained a brilliant military victory and the Russian military has now revived its strength and potential."*

Even the CPRF (Zyuganov) congratulated the Russian leaders that they defended the small nations and resisted pressure by US imperialism and NATO. No matter how chauvinistic fanfares and enthusiastic reports cannot hide the true state of affairs or hide in the shadows the originators of this conflict.

The AUCP of Bolsheviks condemns President Saakashvili of Georgia, who soiled with blood the Ossetians, Abkhazians, Georgians and Russian people and transformed Georgia into a semi colony of US Imperialism. At the same time this tragedy also lies at the feet of the present Russian rulers. It seems that there was some collusion between leaders of Russia and Georgia,

Why did the Russian regime allow the Georgian Army to devastate the South Ossetian cities and towns, and accomplish mass slaughter and wait two whole days before sending in the Russian Army to defend the South Ossetian people?

Why did not the Russian regime inform the Georgian people that this

conflict would bring in Russian troops? This bravado by Russia that it is defending the small nations and people does not hold water at all, since it allows the Russian population to shrink by over 1,000,000 people yearly, thus placing Russia in the first place in the world in the decline of its population; in the death of children; plus its citizens are forced to slave abroad in slave labor markets because of the drastic economic situation at home.

This so-called "victory" was planned to put the prestige of Medvedev-Putin regime higher in the eyes of the people. The present bourgeois is very happy since there is now need for reconstruction in South Ossetia. This "war" helped put Saakashvili as a victim of Russian aggression. The danger is that the Russian Army has now become a pawn to fulfill the wishes of the Russian ruling class and its multi-billionaires.

Today, Lenin's words are very timely and to the point when he stated: *"Hundred thousand slaves of the capitalists are sent to massacre each other for the sake of the interests of several crowned robbers, for the sake of profits for the bourgeoisie. War with all of its disasters are always generated by capitalism – it aggravates the struggles between nations and transforms slaves to capitalists to use as cannon fodder."*

The AUCP(B) in the name of the vital interests of all workers protests against this crime by the present regimes. We condemn this bloody massacre! We resolutely condemn this sponsored chauvinistic campaign! The AUCP(B) declares that only the overthrow of capitalism can provide free development of Georgia, Russia and other former Soviet Republics.

Long live proletarian internationalism!
Down with war, down with capitalism!
Long live a socialist revolution!
Proletarians of all countries unite!

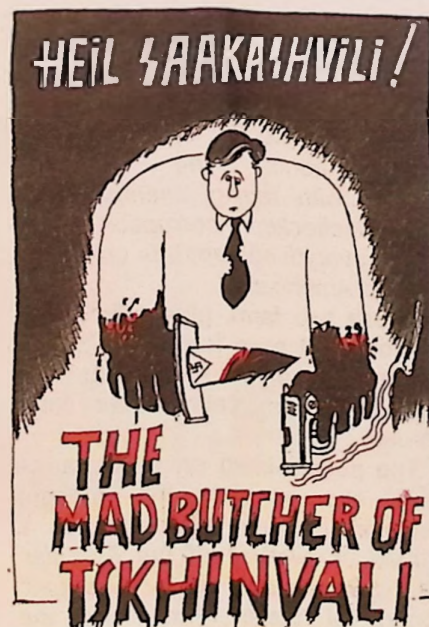
**GET YOUR FRIENDS
TO SUBSCRIBE TO
NORTHSTAR COMPASS!**

PROTEST TO THE MAYOR OF KHARKOV, UKRAINE

The government of Ukraine is committing another act of disgrace to the memory of the heroes that were killed in the Great Patriotic War. The Ukrainian government gave the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (an autonomous church within the Russian Orthodox Church) 47 hectares of land in the Victory Park to build their temple there. This act offends the Soviet veterans and one more time highlights the pro-Western and openly reactionary essence of the present government of Ukraine.

The Church will build its temple in the Alley of Komsomol Heroes – where there stand monuments to Mikola Ostrovsky, Ivan Manailenko, Zoya Kosmodemianska, Oleg Koshevoy, Alexander Matrosov, Galina Nikitina, Lala Ybiwowl, Ivan Manailenko and Alexander Zubarev. The present Ukrainian capitalist regime hates the memory of these young defenders of the Fatherland. They are trying to destroy this memory by the hands of the Church, which is imposing "new values" and completely suppressing in the people any thoughts of resistance whatsoever. Especially repulsing is the idea of making these monuments of the Civil War and of the Great Patriotic War "Road to the Church Temple" and renaming this Victory Park as the "Park of the Newlyweds."

With rage we condemn all these attempts of the bourgeois Ukrainian



rulers and the Church clergy in trying to besmirch and obliterate the heroic deeds of the Great Patriotic War, and the memory of those who died for their Soviet Motherland.

We demand that the work of this Kharkov Victory Park be stopped immediately! We express our support to all the progressive forces of Ukraine that struggle against this government and against the Church. We call upon all left patriotic forces and organizations as well as all brotherly peoples of former Soviet Union to join us in the struggle for the preservation of this Memorial to these Heroes of the Motherland and save this glorious Alley of Komsomol Heroes from this profanity!

No building of this temple on the blood of the Soviet Patriots!

Glory to those who fought and conquered fascism!

A WAR IS HAPPENING IN MY MOTHERLAND-USSR

BY GALIN SAVCHENKO



The war in Chechnya did not settle down yet, as the new one started in the Caucasus. On the 7th of August 2008 on the eve of the Olympic games in Beijing, in the middle of the night, the army of the zoological Russophobe Saakashvili occupied the heights surrounding Tzhenvali, South Ossetia, and having squeezed it as if with the pliers, opened a massive fire onto the sleeping city. Shooting from machine guns and cannons, clutched the rims into the asphalt, Georgian tanks and foot soldiers entered the city and hour by hour, finishing off the wounded, including

women, elderly and children, turned the peaceful city of Tskhinvali into shambles.

The aggressors have bombed the university and theatre. The Georgian "hail" hit squares and the command post of the Russian peacekeepers. Little Vadik Kubaev stepped outside to see if the Russian tanks have come. He anticipated their arrival. However, those were the Georgian tanks. They crushed the boy. The fire prevented people from going to the cemetery to bury their killed relatives. Whenever they could, people buried their loved ones in their gardens. The city was filled with the smell of the decomposing bodies.

The battalion of Russian peacekeepers, 'blue helmets' was the first one to take the hit. 108 soldiers armed with machine guns and grenades only, led by the general Barakevic, shot three Georgian tanks and lost 12 as killed and 35 as wounded soldiers. When the first divisions of the 58th Russian Army entered Tskhinvali people slowly came out of the basements not recognizing their own city.

"Glorious" Georgian Army shamefully ran towards Tbilisi, having abandoned 150 units of armored vehicles, including 65 tanks, 15 Ukrainian machines BMP-2 and 4 units of ZRK 'Osa'. As a result of the act of genocide committed by the Georgian aggressors, 2100 peaceful residents: Ossetians, Russians, Armenians and Jews, were killed and over 35 thousand became refugees. According to the General Staff Commander of the Russian Army Anatoli Nogovitzin? The 58th Russian Army lost 64 people as killed and 322 were wounded.

I admire the courage of the Ossetian people and the militants of the 58th Russian army who stood in defense of their Motherland. Thank you to the Generals Nogovitzyn, Barakevic and Kulahmetov. Thank you to the Russian special correspondent Anton Stepanenko and the camera man Cyril Butyrin for the truthful documentary "The Wounds of Tskhinvali".

The Presidents of Abkhazia Sergey Bagapsh and of South Ossetia Eduard Kokoyti declared in the name of their people that they want

to live with Russia, and not with NATO. They addressed the Russian Parliament with the request to recognize the independence of their republics. On the 25th of August 2008 both Houses of the Russian Parliament unanimously voted for recognition of the independence of Abkhazia and South Ossetia and turned to the President of Russia Dmitri Medvedev for support of their decision.

In addition, the Parliament of Russia demanded that the criminal and murderer, the fascist and dictator Saakashvili be tried by the International military tribunal. Russia declared a freeze on its long-term military agreements with NATO, which will not allow Georgian automated airplanes to spy along the borders of Abkhazia and South Ossetia without facing the consequences.

Who and why wanted to clash in the bother-killing war Christian Georgians and Christian Ossetians? The answer has been known for a long time. Having found support in national-traitors of pro-American puppet states Georgia, Ukraine, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, the reptiles USA-NATO fancied to occupy natural resources of Russia. It is Russia who is the ultimate goal of the foreign policies of these aggressors. USA was, is and will be the enemy of the Russia, regardless of what political system it chooses, be it communism, socialism, fascism, or "democracy". The collapse of this most disgusting country in the world, America, is inevitable. It is a country where every 15 minutes a woman is killed, where every year 700,000 women are raped and 750,000 children go missing, where California is called the 'gay state' and San Francisco is called the capital of the homosexuals of the world. The irreversible process of the demise of the American Empire of aggressors and murders will begin. America will fall!

And as for you, NATO, whose ships stand near the shores of Georgia, I remind you 1612, 1709, 1799, 1812, 1853 and 1945. As always, you will be beaten badly!

WE NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

STATEMENT

BY THE BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE (B) ON THE IMPERIALIST WAR IN SOUTH OSSETIA

BY VIKTOR V. BOURENKOV

The long-running conflict in South Ossetia entered a more violent stage last August 8, 2008, when Georgian troops carried out an open aggression and intruded into South Ossetia, stalling the capital city of Tskhinvali with Grad Missiles. The Georgian bourgeois regime of Sakashvili tried to keep the illusion of Georgia's national unity at all costs, without consideration of how many lives this may cost. The Russian government, which also got involved in this conflict, sent a large number of military resources to the area and started a military action. There were many victims on both sides.

Both the Russian and Georgian governments tried to use this conflict for their own benefit, and this also included the promotion of nationalistic hysteria, drawing the working peoples' attention from the problems and from the ongoing class struggle. As rightly noted in the declaration of the RCWP-RPC that the slogan by both governments was **"Support our country!"** We condemn this attempt to set working people of different countries against each other by using nationalism as a tool. Lenin wrote on this in this way: **"People have always been and will always remain dumb victims of deception and self-deception in a capitalist state in politics, until they learn to discern the class interests behind the various moral, religious, political and social phases, declarations and promises."**

It is obvious that the Georgian government and its capitalist class, who are very dependent on Imperialists and the USA, the EU, wanted to solve this problem urgently in order to become part of NATO and turn Georgia into an alternative route for transporting oil and gas into Europe around Russia.

Naturally the Russian ruling capitalist class was not happy with that scenario. The Russian bourgeois class wanted to have a

presence in that region and a weak Georgia and the unsettled national issues served that purpose very well. Moscow made many "patriotic" statements about protecting the Russian citizens in South Ossetia, but everyone seems to have forgotten that when for a whole week at the beginning of August there was shooting on both sides, the Russian government didn't interfere in the conflict, allowing the Georgian government and its US backers to think that they can take more radical actions. Moreover, the Russian government did not use its powerful economic leverage that it had and that could have had a significant influence on Georgia.

We believe that the current situation, when the government in South Ossetia is formally Georgian, but actually dependent wholly on Russia, this is directly beneficial to the Russian capitalist class. If the Russian government is really interested in solving this problem that was created by dismemberment of the USSR, and Russia is even now engaging in a furtive political game and trying to use this situation for its own gain.

We consider the South Ossetia war an imperialist war, which does not serve the purpose of justice and which was conducted for the benefit and profit of capitalists in different countries. The people of Ossetia became victims of a struggle between two capitalist cliques. Neither Georgia or Russia are really interested in an actual resolution of the issue of South Ossetia for self-determination as South Ossetia enjoyed under Socialism and in the union of the USSR. We do not support either of these countries in that war. We respect the right of the people of South Ossetia to self-determination, which had been expressed in a referendum. National borders should not serve as an interference in the struggles of the working people against capitalists and capitalism!

We condemn the aggressive actions of the Georgian government and it's foreign backers which could have led to a lengthy conflict in the Caucasus. The Russia government is also responsible for this war because of its inconsistent actions.

Once more Lenin's words have been proven true: "In the capitalist

order of things and the sphere of influence can only take place by war" All the responsibility for this war lays with capitalism and more particularly, the government of Georgia, as well as America, European Union and Russian imperialists. "Peace Enforcement" that the present regime of Russia speaks about, is nothing more than "patriotic rhetoric", which is meant to obscure the real interests that the capitalists are pursuing in an imperialist war from which the working people of all countries cannot benefit.

Our Revolutionary Communist Youth League (Bolshevik) called for an immediate end to the war in South Ossetia, the complete withdrawal of all Georgian and

Russian troops from the region and granting South Ossetia inviolability by both countries. The Georgian Government that devastated South Ossetia must restore all villages and utilities. All sides of this conflict must ensure the return of all refugees of all nationalities to their homes.

Russia and Georgia and the UN must recognize South Ossetia as an independent state.

No support for Russia or Georgia in South Ossetia!

We are against imperialist war!

No to the aggression and militarism of the ruling regime of Georgia!

Down with Capitalism-Imperialism which are the reasons for all wars!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SPIT ON HIS GRAVE

By NS READER IN AUSTRALIA

Another traitor, and arguably, the most pampered darling of Capitalism-Imperialism, has been consigned to history's lavatory to keep company with other like-minded cretins like Yeltsin, Rostopovich, Sakharov etc. – who await for him with open arms.

The death of this "writer" Alexander Isayevich Solzhenitsyn in Moscow, was greeted by the vast majority of Soviet Citizens as an end of a festering sore on their collective souls.

Solzhenitsyn was born in 1918, the year after the Great October Socialist Revolution. He was nurtured, raised and educated in the world's first Socialist State, the USSR, while thousands of children in the "democratic" West were dying at birth or in childhood.

During 1930's when the "democratic" Capitalist World, was reeling under the Great Depression, Solzhenitsyn was being educated at the Rostov University and then at the Institute of History in Moscow, where he studied philosophy and History. One wonders if he would have received such a free education in his beloved capitalist world. The possibilities of that happening were very remote. Instead of condemning the Socialist USSR and the Great

Stalin, he should have been eternally grateful. Only honorable and honest people are capable of showing such gratitude. Solzhenitsyn was neither!

Whilst he was studying and enjoying the fruits of others labors, his Western peers were being readied for their wholesale slaughter in what came to be known as the Second World War or more correctly the Great Patriotic War for the Soviets.

During those dark days when the USSR was fighting for its very survival and the liberation of humanity from the scourge of Nazism, Solzhenitsyn found the opportune moment to show his Nazi sympathies, by attacking the Soviet Union and the Socialist system which cared for the world's oppressed and down trodden people. His fifth column tirades against the USSR and Stalin were despised and ridiculed by the people. The Soviet authorities at that time had every right to impose the ultimate punishment on him. Any Fifth Columnists at the time of war are usually dispensed with very quickly by countries at war. The Soviets showed leniency and chose to spare him.

Following the death of Stalin in 1953, every anti-Communist and anti-Stalinist spittoon was immediately elevated to great prominence with the USSR by Khrushchev and his revisionist gang –

Solzhenitsyn was very prominent amongst them.

When his hunger for fame and fortune did not materialize quickly enough within the USSR, like Rostopovich, he turned on his masters as a mongrel dog would do. He left for his beloved capitalist world and ultimately went to the USA, where not a word in the media was mentioned about his pro-Nazi sympathies.

To curry favour with his new master, Uncle Sam his criticisms of the USSR and Socialism knew no bounds. Fame and wealth were heaped on him of course. His mediocre literary works were translated into different languages, praised to high heavens and printed in millions of copies, but not for the literary qualities - but because they were viciously anti-Soviet and anti-Stalin.

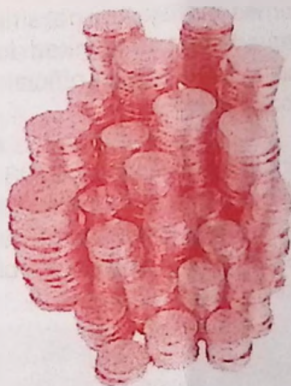
When he returned to Moscow in 1994 he was confronted with the ugly and fearful Yeltsin's "democratic" and "free" Russia. Here was also confronted with a more important and painful truth. The Soviet people did not read or respect his books that were filled with lies and fantasies, which he had penned for his American masters. The complete collapse of his delusions of grandeur that he thought awaited him in his homeland on his return left him completely devastated. His self-conceit was so phenomenal that he had the audacity to try and discredit Mikhail Sholokov's novel "*And Quietly Flows The Don.*"

His admirers and anti-communists have hailed him as the greatest Russian writer of the twentieth century. Thank heavens that they did not include him with that well-known Soviet writer Maxim Gorky! To have placed Solzhenitsyn on a par with Gorky would be an insult, not only to Gorky, but also to the massive and glorious Russian-Soviet literary tradition.

The former Russian President Putin said that the death of Solzhenitsyn was "*a heavy loss for Russia*". What Mr. Putin should have said was that the temporary loss of the USSR is a far heavier loss than the loss of the countless numbers of these Solzhenitsyns.

**YOU HAVE AN OPINION
ABOUT NSC? WRITE!**

THE IRONY OF THE U.S. BAILOUT OF MONOPOLY CAPITALISM



There are only 101 million working Americans. The bailout of over ONE TRILLION DOLLARS means that every working American must fork out \$10,000!

But lately the American corporate daily media have taken to promote this bailout as an "*economic rescue plan*". This is an outright lie! This is using the government to take from your family \$10,000 and send it out to the richest monopolies is NOT going to rescue the US economy.

Just think about it. Taking money out of the American people's pockets and giving them as a gift to the US Bankers who then will lend it back to you and make another profit—by charging you interest.

This is nothing but a SCAM to further consolidate their control over the financial system and into the hands of these Globalists and their New World Order!

PRESIDENT CHAVEZ THREATENED THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE

From *Vebezuelaanalysis.com*

President Chavez of Venezuela threatened to "*sweep off the map*" the Venezuelan Communist Party (PCV) and another leftist party the Patria Para Todos (PPT), because they launched alternative candidates in the coming election. He called these party's disloyal and counter-revolutionaries and that he will throw out these traitors, these deserters etc.

The leader of the Communist Party of Venezuela, Figuera replied to these threats by Chavez: "*We have just completed 77 years in Venezuela struggling for Socialism all of our lives and those that try by*

revolutionary rhetoric to sabotage the building of Socialism are not real communists!"

Both the PCV and PPT remain in the coalition of pro President Chavez parties, called the Patriotic Alliance.

Figuera stated that Chavez will not be able to destroy the Communist Party just as former Chilean dictators could not do!

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS SENDING EAST GERMANS TO KARL MARX

By *ERIK KIRSHBAUM*

BERLIN – (Reuters) After the Berlin Wall was dismantled, Karl Marx's influence is gaining ground in former German Democratic Republic—thanks to the global financial crisis. Marx's "*Das Kapital*" has now become the best seller book in former East Germany.

No one thought that this book would be so popular now – even bankers and managers are now reading "*Das Kapital*" to try and understand what this crisis is all about and who is responsible. Marx is definitely in vogue now! This revival of Marx's treatise has caused a much more broader rejection of capitalism in East Germany now, which is now racked by very high inflation and unemployment and poverty.

A recent survey found that 52% found free market unsuitable, while over 43% said that they wanted socialism to return back rather than capitalism.

Unemployment in former German Democratic Republic is over 14 percent, double the Western levels. Millions of jobs were lost after Gorbachev pushed the reunification. After this forced re-unification Western monopolies bought all the state industries and then shut them down completely.

As Hermann Haibel, a 76-year old retired blacksmith said to us "*The free market is extremely brutal. The capitalists want to squeeze out more and more.*"

The opposition left-wing party, which traces its roots to Erich Honecker's SED Party has now

become the most popular political force there with over 30% of solid support.

After almost 20 years of capitalism in former German Democratic Republic and its "free market economy"- most people can say definitely as to which system is better!

ONGOING LABOUR STRUGGLES

Gathered from the Australia Asia Worker Link

PHILIPPINES -

Trade union and human rights violations have worsened in the Philippines. Since 2001, around 80 trade union members and organizers have been killed. They are part of more than 850 victims of political killings under the present Philippine regime. Amongst those killed were trade union leaders of the multinational corporations and local big business establishments. The Philippine government is trying to stop all trade union actions. At the work places the government brands the trade union workers and organizers as "terrorists" and "enemies of the state." Other actions by the workers, have been met with extreme violence and repression by the police, the army and the special paramilitary groups.



COLUMBIA-

Since the 1990's, Colombia has been the most dangerous country in the world for trade union activists, accounting for over 90% of murders and disappearances of labor activists world-wide.

In the first 6 months of 2008, over 20 trade union activists were assassinated. These murders have been carried out by the paramilitary death squads that are linked to the Colombian government officials, or acting for the employers.

Over 1,100 murders were documented from 1994 to 2006 and only 56 perpetrators have been arrested. The murdered trade unionists come from all sectors of the population,



SOUTH KOREA

The Korean government is trying to increase the casualties amongst the workforce as an attempt to stifle the growing protests. Thousands have been arrested and more thousands are blacklisted.

Many workers committed suicide due to this repression. New laws have been adopted by the government to abolish secure employment. All key industries are now privatized, making it easier to sack the workers and increasing the power of the employers to implement worker lockouts.

The Korean government has allowed these private corporations to seize the assets of the trade unions - in order for the corporations to recover their losses caused by the "illegal strikes".

The Korean militant Migrant Trade Union has recently been targeted with the deportation of its leadership.



CONFRONT ZIONISM - DIVEST FROM ISRAEL

By the International Jewish Solidarity Network (IJSN)

We have launched last September 29, 2008 with our Charter and Week of Action. **Who are we?**

This a growing international network of Jews whose identities are not based on Jewish nationalism but on long histories of Jewish participation in the liberation struggles from Eastern Europe and Iraq to Brooklyn and Mississippi. In this year of the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the colonial State of Israel, we pledge to struggle against both the Israeli occupation of Palestine and the designation of Israel as a Jewish State. For the past two years, the network has been building an international network of anti-Zionist Jews to support existing and seed the new Jewish anti-Zionist Organizing in solidarity with the Palestinian resistance. As with any struggle for justice, working locally or even nationally is not enough.

The enemy we face is international, and what we can do is limited unless we find ways to work together across boundaries and regions. We are building an international force that challenges Zionism and its claim to speak for the Jews worldwide. As an international force, we can contribute to the movement to defeat the US-backed Israeli imperialism. We do this through the following strategies:

(1) Solidarity with the struggle for Palestinian self-determination. (2) Participation in all broader anti-imperialist movements. (3) The extrication of Jewish history, politics, community and culture from Zionism.

From July 31 to August 3, 2008 in Berkeley, California, we gathered anti-Zionist activists from continental Europe and the UK, India, Israel, the USA and Canada. This first international organization meeting was the preparation for the public launch of the network over the 2008 Jewish high holidays. Since that international meeting we have engaged activists in Morocco and Argentina. Our network seeks to expand its work to other parts of

Europe, Canada, South and West Asia, South America, South Africa, Australia and Eastern Europe. We hope that you will join us to move the activities forward.

In the next two-three years this network will engage in public education, art exhibits anti-Zionist activities and protests. We will protest constantly against Zionism and Israeli apartheid.

See us on www.ijsn.net/en/ijsn/C31/.

ISRAELI SOLDIER EXPOSES "DIRTY" OCCUPATION!

From in interview with YEHUDA
SHAUL by Oakland Ross
Middle East Bureau

This 22-year old Israeli soldier and a political gadfly in the Hebron region has conducted tours and provided the actual truth and information of what Israel occupation is doing to the Palestinian population.

Now Israel authorities had put a stop to these "truthful excursions" by a former Israel Soldier. Jewish settlers of course do not appreciate Shaul's expose to the outside world. He is facing a court martial sentence, but he is determined to go on with his four-year campaign to make the Israeli people aware of the very unsavory deeds done in the name of the Israeli people by soldiers in Israeli uniforms.

"We did some very, very dirty and unpardonable things" said Shaul, who heads an organization "Breaking The Silence" whose mission is to tell the true story of the Israel occupation through the eyes of the occupiers, of which Shaul was one.

Since March of 2004, when Shaul completed his 3-year stint in the Israeli military service – including 14 months occupying Hebron – this Israel born son of a Canadian father and an American mother, has been gathering testimonies from the Israeli soldiers and their experiences while Israel enforced this 41-year occupation of Palestinian lands. Shaul and his friends have interviewed more than 570 Israeli

soldiers. These interviews are available in booklets, DVD's and on Internet...and they contain very disturbing materials.

He said that: "As occupiers it's a very dirty business for us, even though we want the Israel people believe that we are different. You're an Israeli occupier and you act as occupier."

"When Israeli soldiers think that there is a suspicious parcel on the street, they do not destroy it with gun fire as it should be done, instead they select any Palestinian man – anyone they pick up – and force him to inspect the parcel. Either he'll blow himself up or he won't."

To gain experience, the rookie Israel soldiers are trained to enter any Palestinian home at gunpoint, take a man away – then release him later and send him home very terrified.

The Israeli soldiers play games on the Palestinians which include Choking game and the "shu" game, neither of them gentle at all. "Here you have absolute power in the hands of 19-year old kids" said Shaul. Such attitude and practice is standard because Israel soldiers enjoys here absolute power.

Yehuda Shaul said it bluntly that Israeli soldiers in the West Bank quickly stop regarding Palestinians as fully realized human beings!

He ended with: "After having such total control over so many lives, you can do anything you want to them. You can steal from them, sleep in their homes, rape the women, or steal their car. You really can do anything you want or desire, with no consequences."

HOW U.S. ORGANIZES AND SUPPORTS FIFTH COLUMNS IN BELARUS

Based on lengthy article by
Stephen Gowans

The US Government has nurtured a fifth column over the past years in order to overthrow President Lukashenko of Byelorussia, because Belarus does not favour U.S. investors plus the many multinational corporations. The US Government in 2007 funded five opposition parties plus having 556

opposition activists on its payroll. Besides this, it has trained and funded over 70 civil society organizations, 71 anti-government journalists and 21 opposition media outlets in Byelorussia. On top of all this, the US enrolled over 900 Byelorussian youth at tuition-free U.S. sponsored and trained European Humanities University in Europe.

According to the CIA, which advises the Washington White House – Belarus is guilty of the following, amongst other crimes:

- *Not enough structural reforms
- *U.S. investors are barred from buying land and industrial enterprises.
- *Basic goods and services are subsidized by Byelorussian State.
- *Retail prices are regulated and do not fluctuate.
- *The government relies on state-owned enterprises.
- *The government will not sell natural resources, waters, forests and all land is under public control.
- *CIA complains that Belarus is a miniature version of the Soviet Union, with a state-run economy.
- Tatyana Golubeva, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Belarus – part of the governing coalition with President Lukashenko, said: "Belarus is still on the Socialist Path of development. We are one of the very few that never gave up!"

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CAPITALISM IN AN ECONOMIC CRISIS

This financial crisis in the US is nothing but a plan for a historic swindle to the tune of over **#11.3 TRILLION DOLLARS!**

These financial-market wise guys, who have been seized with fear, are now suddenly drunk with hope after President Bush announced a financial bail-out to these Mafiosi-run banks will be bailed out from the pockets of the US tax payers! In other words, the capitalist ruling class said to President Bush *"Dump it all on the taxpayers!"*

This will relieve the major US Banks and investment firms of their mountainous rotten assets and make the US public swallow their losses – many hundreds of billions of dollars – or even more – when the truth comes out!

Of course these financial titans are happy because this saves them from extinction.

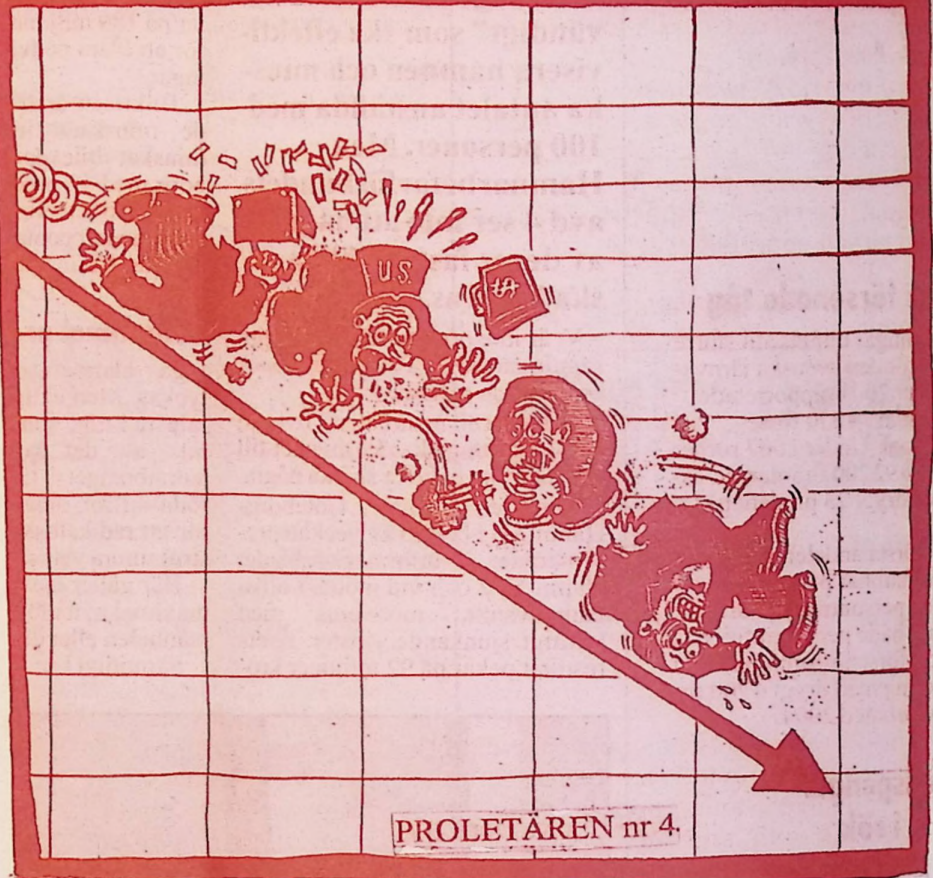
The irony is that this bail out by the White House would place no restrictions on these Banks to pay any money back! This plan is for these Banks to voluntarily just give semi-annual reports to the US Congress – this gives the US Treasury Department unprecedented power in all of US history to buy and resell this mortgage debt.

In other words, these Offshore Banks will be happy, as will these financial swindlers!

Karl Mark was correct!

It is the same scenario that was used by President Bush who got Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell to run around the world warning

THE GREAT TUMBLE OF CAPITALISM



about Saddam Hussein's Weapons of Mass Destruction. This Bush's phony scare tactics got the US Congress to give him authorization he needed to start the Iraq war. Now Bush and his swan-song effort is using the US Congress to give him a blank check for over \$700 billions as a start, to try and save the banks from collapse.

This money will be handled by US Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who had before nearly brought the global financial system to the brink of collapse. This same Paulson presided over one of the most profitable runs on Wall Street as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the huge investment-banking titan, Goldman Sachs & Co. from 1999 until President Bush nominated him on May 30, 2006 to take over the US Treasury Department.

Bush is demanding to install and use *"Authorization for use of US Financial Force."*

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DID YOU KNOW?

WHO REALLY CONTROLS THE U.S. MEDIA?

By SONIA BOSHKO - USA

The list of Zionists in the US Congress and in the US Media is exposed in a book "They dare to speak out" by Paul Findley of the magazine "Washington Report on the Middle East Affairs" This magazine also documented the amount of money donated by the Israel Lobby to support their chosen candidates for the US Congress, and insure favoritism towards Israel by the US Congress and the White House. Here are the names of thee US Zionists and their positions:

*Head of the US Federal Reserve was - Allen Greenspan

*Deputy Secretary of Defense and nominated by Bush to head the Word Bank – Paul Wolfowitz

*Secretary of State was – Madeline Albright

The following are US national watchdog individuals, organizations; can you name any other ethnic group in the USA, which has such powerful influence and commands such control and fear as the following?

- Anti-Defamation League – heads an international (spy) network amassing files on various organizations and individuals

- B'nai B'rith, American Jewish Committee, Hillel Student Union – they distribute and release to the media reports to shape the pro-Israel viewpoints while the student union is a student watchdog group on college campuses to influence the students on their views towards Israel.

Richard Perle – nicknamed the "Prince of Darkness" is the high profile neo-conservative, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, which is the headquarters of neo-conservative think-tank.

Douglas Feith – Under Secretary for Defense. #3 man at the Pentagon; known to have very close links and cooperation with the right-wing Israel Zionist Likud Party. He also served in the Reagan Administration and was Director of the Center for Security Police in 2005.

- William Kristol - Editor of the Zionist neo-conservative Weekly Standard; Chairman of the Project for a New American Century; powerful leader of the neo-conservative movement in the USA.

- John Ashcroft the father of the US Patriot Act, which gave the US government such powers that weakened the US Constitution.

Zionist control over the US Media:

- Mr. Bloomberg owns newspapers, radio and TV stations in New York.

- Walt Disney – his name is on the lips of practically every child. Movies, TV stations, cartoons, publisher of children's books and magazines, plus all the comics and movie magazines, video games, clothing, etc. etc.

- The prestigious Lincoln Center in Washington, DC bestowed their highest awards on the Zionist TV writers, all of them Zionists and pro Israel activists.



-Professor Allen Dershawitz of Harvard Law School demands retractions of any criticism of Israel and Zionism by any known celebrity figure.

What about Zionist Religion?

Imagine that you are a parent of several children. You designate one child as superior, the chosen favorite child. Where does this leave other children? This concept is stated in the Jewish Torah by which Jews are supposed to live by and most believe that they are superior. Is this sane?

Movies and Television control-

Who determines as to who is popular in the movie and entertainment business which is controlled by the Zionist tycoons and who finances the multi-billion movies and the TV productions control who is who. Just check the names of the movie directors, producers, writers, and executive producers.

Then of course there is this Henry Kissinger – the man behind the scenes, a Zionist with immense power and influence – but kept in the background to do his dirty work!

I never apologize for the United States of America, I don't care what the facts are!

George Bush Sr.

EXPOSE

THE \$700 BILLION ROBBERY IN THE USA – AS I SEE IT!

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Let me cut to the chase. The biggest robbery in the history of this country is taking place. Though guns are not being used, 3000 million US citizens are the hostages and are being taken. Make no mistake about it! After stealing a half a trillion dollars to line the pockets of their war-profiteering backers for the past five years, and after lining the pockets of their fellow oilmen to the tune of over a hundred billion of dollars in just the last two years, President Bush and his cronies – who must soon vacate the White House – are now looting the US Treasury of every dollar they can grab. They are swiping as much silverware as they can on their way out of the door.

No matter what they say, no matter how many scare words they use, they are up to their old tricks of creating fear and confusion in order to make and keep themselves and the upper one per cent filthy rich. Just read the first four paragraphs of the lead story last month in the New York Times newspaper and you can see what the real deal is:

"Even as policy makers worked on the details of a \$700 billion bailout of the financial industry, Wall Street began looking for ways to profit from it."

"Financial firms were lobbying to have all manner of troubled investments covered, not just those related to mortgages."

"At the same time, investment firms were jockeying to oversee all the assets that the U.S. Treasury Department plans to take off the books of financial institutions, a role that could earn them hundreds of millions of

dollars a year in fees."

"Nobody wants to be left out of the Treasury's proposal to buy up the bad assets of this financial institutions."

Unbelievable! Wall Street and its backers created this mess and now they are going to clean up like bandits. Even Ruby Giuliani is lobbying for his firm to be hired (and paid) to "consult" in this bailout.

The problem is that nobody really knows what this "collapse" is all about. Even the Treasury Secretary Paulson admitted he doesn't know the exact amount that is needed (*he just picked the \$700 billion number out of his head*). The head of the US Congressional Budget Office also said that he can't figure it out nor can he explain it to anyone.

And yet, they are screeching about how the end is near!! Panic! Recession! The Great Depression! Y2K! Bird Flu! Killer Bees! We must pass the bailout bill today! The sky is falling! The sky is falling!

Falling for whom? **NOTHING** in this bailout package will lower the price of the gas you have to put in your car to get to work. **NOTHING** in this bill will protect you from losing your home. **NOTHING** in this bill will give you health insurance.

Health insurance? They ask me as to why am I bringing this up? What's this got to do with Wall Street collapse?

It has everything to do with it!

This so-called "collapse", was triggered by the massive defaulting and foreclosures going on with people's home mortgages. Do you know why so many Americans are losing their homes? To hear the US Republicans and Democrats describe it - it's because too many working class idiots were given mortgages that they really couldn't afford. But here's the truth: The number one cause of people declaring bankruptcy is because of the **MEDICAL BILLS!** Let me say this simply: **If we had universal health coverage, this mortgage "crisis" would never have happened!**

This bailout's mission is to produce the obscene amount of wealth that has been accumulated in the last eight years. It's to protect the top shareholders who own and control corporate America. It's to

make sure that their yachts and mansions and their "way of life" go uninterrupted, while the rest of America suffers and struggles to pay their bills. **Let the rich Americans suffer for once! Let them pay for the bailout! We are spending \$400 million dollars a day on the war in Iraq. Let them end the war immediately and save us all another half-trillion dollars!**

Wall Street Bankers are staging a financial coup in our country! They are pushing and cajoling the US Senate and Congress to push it through

You need to know that these US Wall Street Fat Cats will make in SALARY. According to Republican Senator Brad Sherman of California, these top managers will continue to receive **Million Dollars a month paychecks under this new bill.** There is no direct ownership given to the American people for the money that is being handed over. The foreign banks and investors will be allowed to receive billion-dollar handouts. **A large chunk of this \$700 Billions is going to be given directly to Chinese and Middle Eastern Banks.** There is absolutely no guarantee that the America will ever see this money again.

As I found out from the people I know in Washington, they told me that the reason that so many Democrats (*led by their candidate for president Obama*) is that Wall Street had put a gun to their heads and told them that either they vote and hand over the \$700 Billions or that Wall Street will pull the plug on the US pension funds and 40% of your middle class constituents. This is not the time to back down. The Democrats had handed over a stolen election to Bush. The Democrats gave Bush the vote he needed to invade Iraq and proceed in Afghanistan. Now that the Democrats have the majority in the US Congress since 2007, they refused to pull the plug and stop the war in Iraq. And now the Democrats have been beaten into submission and are accomplices to the biggest crime of the Century!

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OUTWITTED!

This is an ingenious example of speech and politics that occurred recently in the United Nations Assembly in New York and made the world community smile.

A representative from Palestine began speaking:

"Before beginning my talk, I want to tell you something about Moses.

When Moses struck the rock and it brought forth water, he thought - what a good opportunity to have a bath.

He removed his clothes, put them aside on the rock and entered the water.

When he got out and wanted to dress, his clothes had vanished. An Israeli had stolen them."

Immediately the representative from Israel at the UN jumped up furiously and shouted: **"What are you talking about? The Israelis weren't there then!"**

The Palestinian representative smiled and said- **"And now that we have made that clear, I will begin my speech."**

WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS

**AHA! NOW YOU
REMEMBER
GRANDFATHER
KARL MARX!**



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM SKELMERSDALE
ENGLAND

Dear friends:

I am active in the pensioner's movement locally where I try to give some political education and where I circulate Northstar Compass.

My lifelong commitment to Marxism is well known to all I work with. The problem here in Britain is that there is contempt for politicians, which is reflected in 75% abstention from voting. I retain my party card in the CPGGB, but I am well aware that the policy of "Parliamentary road to Socialism" is the castration for the Party.

I circulate NSC widely and use the information in the discussions I have.

Yours fraternally
Charles Denton

FROM ANN ARBOR
USA

Dear friends:

I study the history and the relations between the CPC and the CPSU. I believe that one of the greatest tragedies of the communist movement was the split in the Socialist Camp in 1963, which had weakened both sides and was the beginning of the temporary end of the Socialist Camp unity. I am interested in the Manchuria videotape.

In honor of NSC I have designed and printed 4 T-Shirts and picture of Lenin and NSC website logo as a way of thanking NSC and the volunteers for their tremendous dedication.

Yours
Stiofan O'Buadhaigh

FROM PERADENIYA
INDIA

Dear friends:

I acknowledge and thank you for sending us each month Northstar Compass that is used always in our Library Collection.

Thanking you sincerely
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FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS -IOWA
USA

Dear comrades and friends:

I thank you for the videotape that you have sent me. This Karl Marx tape fires our mood and lifts our spirit to the heights as never before. This truth is not seen in this part of our world here in the USA. This is unknown to most American people, who are in limbo, selfish greed and material acquisitiveness. Marxism is blacked out here in America. Surplus value and exploitation most American people do not know that Marx had written about and scientifically predicted.

The goal of our Scientists of Communism and the Proletarian Revolutionary Front is to change this situation. We are going to tapes and DVD's.

Workers of the World Unite!

Let us all help to restore the USSR!

Sid B Rasmusson for the
Scientists of Communism

Dear comrades:

I enjoyed the International Council Conference on October 10-11-12th in Toronto and the way we all were all looked after by the Canadian Friends of Soviet People. Having looked through the filled-up delegates materials, I read a report on the work that the Moscow Venceremos

committee is doing to get freedom for the Cuban Five prisoners in US jails.

I congratulate their work of course, but, as a Soviet immigrant to Canada and reading the Cuban press in English and Spanish (*I studied English and Spanish in Soviet schools of course*) and reading that there are Free the Cuban Five committees in over 100 countries, I was amazed to say the least.

I have a cousin in Ukraine who is a political prisoner already in jail 9 years. There are scores of young revolutionaries-political prisoners in Russia, in Ukraine and not to forget in Turkey, Philippines and other countries that somehow NEVER get even a mention in the Cuban Press. WHY?

As Communists, we should be also internationalists. My cousin was beaten up, starved, while Kurdish prisoners in Turkey are tortured or killed!

Aren't all these political prisoners fighting a common enemy - capitalism-imperialism?

Yes, our Cuban media should mention from time to time that there are other political prisoners languishing in jail, not only the Cuban Five patriots!

I was disappointed that the Soviet delegates did not also propose a Resolution to defend the scores of Soviet political prisoners!

It would have been passed unanimously also!

Anatoly M.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE!

Dear readers and members:

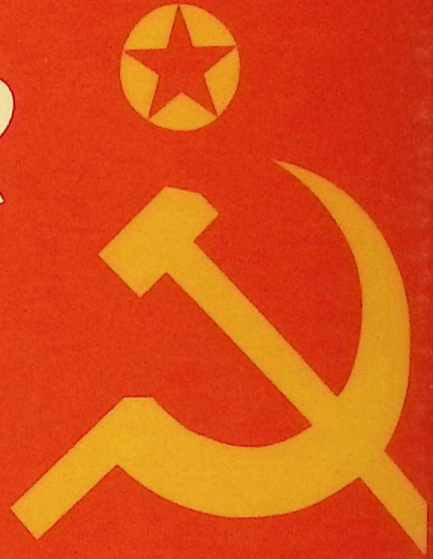
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