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MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL - WHICH IS THE MOST DANGEROUS IMPERIALIST COUNTRY NOW?



SYMBOL OF NATO ALLIANCE



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EDITORIAL

WAKE UP RUSSIA- BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

The Upcoming NATO military exercises will envisage an attack on Poland. These military exercises are repetition of the Cold War era. NATO's present agenda is to completely isolate former USSR (Russia) and total military domination of the world. This is because the total collapse of the Warsaw Pact countries (*thanks to the traitorous policy of the internal traitors such as Gorbachev and this includes the present*

Kremlin leadership - Editor)

NATO should have been disbanded after the collapse of the Warsaw Pact. But Imperialists knew that the revisionist leadership of the Soviet Union and now of Russia will not raise any **OPPOSITION** to NATO's expansion and control. - which has made NATO the single largest and most powerful military power in the history on the world.

NATO - and especially President Obama are gong-ho to expand and consolidate its military influence in all of the former Soviet Republics, as well as other countries that have borders with Russia.

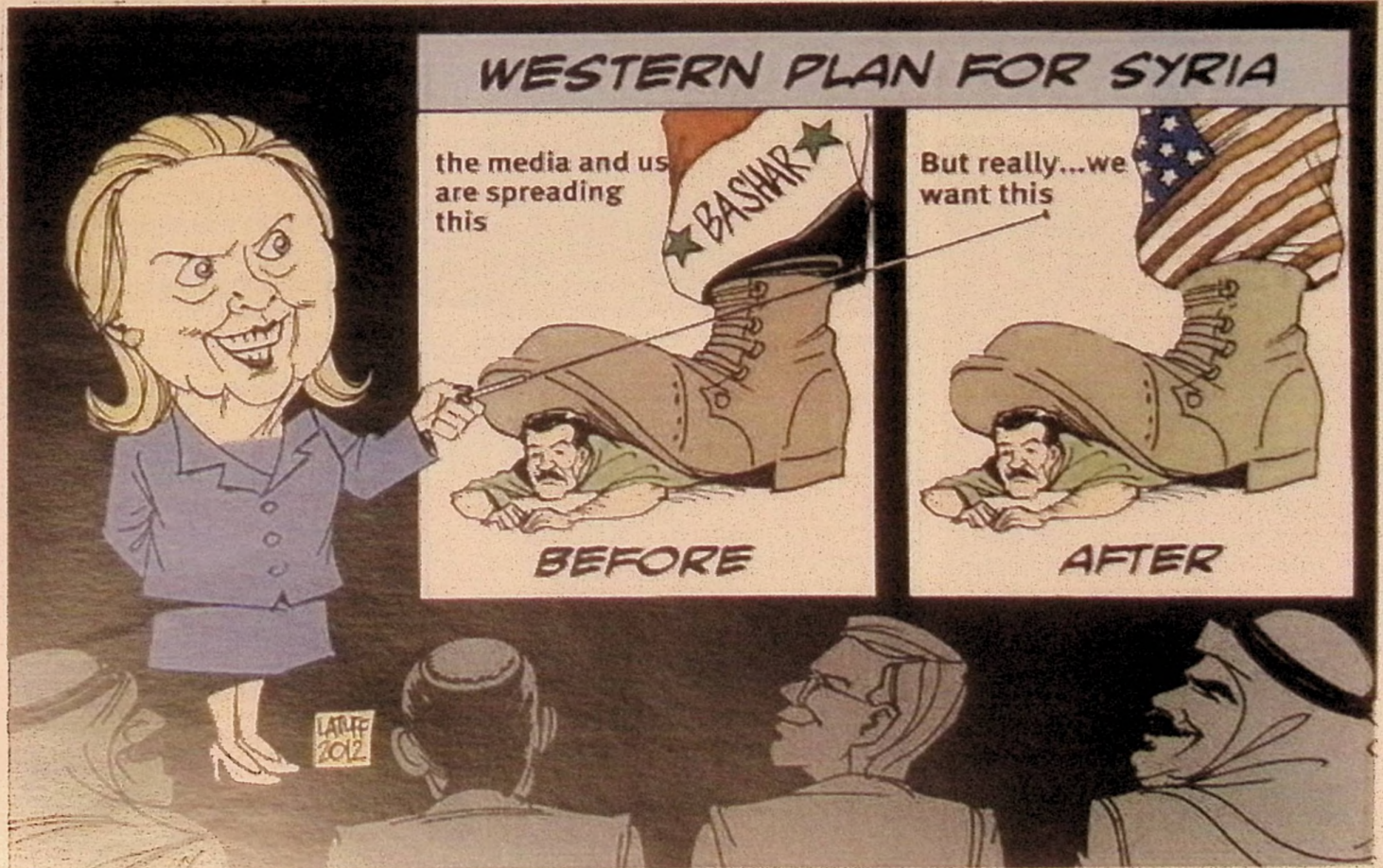
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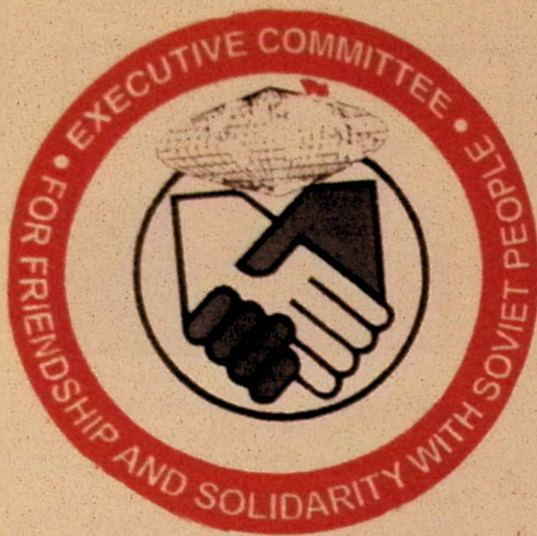


**HEY MR. PUTINI!
ARE YOU AWAKE TO
THE DANGER OF
YOUR RUSSIA?**

**NATO WILL MAKE
SURE THAT RUSSIA
IS AN ENEMY!**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA'S POLICY
CAN LEAD TO WW III**





Since 9/11/2001, the U.S. government has been on a campaign of constant wars to "take out" regimes no to its liking, particularly in the Middle East, Central Asia and North Africa. Beginning with the invasion and continuing occupation of Afghanistan, the invasion and overthrow of Saddam Hussein in Iraq, the bombing of Libya and the brutal murder of Muammar Gadhafi in Libya, the U.S. is now poised for open and direct military intervention in Syria. Further ahead, it has its sights set on the Islamic Republic of Iran.

What all these countries have in common is that, to one extent or another, they have all exercised a degree of independence in their economic policies and their foreign affairs. This is intolerable to the U.S. government which, whether under Bush or Obama (or of course earlier), is an obedient servant of the U.S. monopolies, particularly of the oil companies.

In each of these invasions the U.S. government has used a different excuse. In the case of Syria, it claims that the Bashar al-Assad government has carried out a poison gas attack against its own people. Never mind that even pro-Western sources, Carla del Finò, a member of the United Nations independent commission of inquiry on Syria, stated last May that they had evidence that the rebels had used gas (Reuters, May 5, 2013). The justification for an attack on Syria is already being prepared by Western intelligence agencies (as with Iraq's "Weapons of Mass Destruction"). And if the U.S. government was so concerned about supporting human

NO TO US INTERVENTION IN SYRIA!

Statement issued by the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass

rights and opposing governments that attack their own people, why did the U.S. supply billions of dollars annually to the 30-year Mubarak dictatorship in Egypt, and why is it continuing this aid after the military coup (which is against U.S. law) and the continuing massacres by the military in that country.

No, Assad's "crimes" in the U.S. eyes are of an entirely different nature. He continues to oppose Israel's 36-year occupation of the Golan Heights, which is part of Syria's territory. He has stood by the progressive forces in Lebanon, led by Hezbollah. And he has defended the Islamic Republic of Iran against threats of U.S. intervention.

The U.S. has already been interfering militarily in Syria for a long time. It has been sending military aid to the "rebels" through Saudi Arabia, the reactionary Gulf sheikhdoms and the A.K.P. regime in Turkey. It has been doing this even while it acknowledges that the leading forces among the disparate groupings that make up the rebels are linked to Al Qaeda, a group that it supposedly opposes as "terrorist" and because of its carrying out of the attacks in New York and Washington on 9/11.

One of the main reasons the U.S. has held off on direct military intervention in Syria has been the threat of countermeasures by Russia. Putin has warned against U.S. intervention for its own geo-political reasons - Russia has its only naval base in the Mediterranean in Tartus, Syria. Russia's reasons are no more progressive than were those of France when it opposed the U.S. attack on Iraq in 2003 - France had good relations with Hussein's government and was able to import oil from there. But this does show that small countries can to a certain extent make use of big power rivalries to defend their independence.

We must remember that those who now are preparing military action against Syria, are the same countries that launched bloody wars -without a mandate

from the United Nations Security Council - on the deliberate lie about the existence of "Weapons of Mass Destruction" - which caused deaths of innocent people, including children and destruction - which US Imperialism qualified - as "collateral damage."

No matter what excuses are given by NATO and its Allies for the attack on the people of Syria, we condemn OUTRIGHT this US Imperialist intervention.

The lack of outright diplomatic condemnation as well as countermeasures to be taken by the leadership of Russia and China is to be deplored!

Michael Lucas, Chairman of the International Council
Editor of Northstar Compass

THE BITTER TRUTH...

Why do those US citizens who provide us with transparency get prosecuted. But, why do those US Government officials who lie to US citizens under Oath, in order to conceal the truth - get immunity ?



NEWS FROM FORMER USSR



**ONGOING STRUGGLES
CONTINUE ALL ACROSS
FORMER SOVIET UNION!**



REGARDING THE RUSSIAN "ELECTIONS"

TAKEN FROM AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE AUCPB

The present clique governing Russia at present, is strong but cowardly. This Kremlin clique still needs to cover its tracks under the banner of "democracy" - still they must have "elections" as a cover-up to present the idea that they are the "source of democracy in Russia" and that a majority of Russian people support them - and for this they use the daily media (which is in their hands- and what they says the truth!

Time has come to end these daily lies!

Struggle for Russia that is free, that is Soviet and Socialist!



GEORGIAN DEFENSE CHIEF GETS ORDERS FROM U.S. COMMANDERS

From Trend News Agency
August 15, 2013

TBILISI - Georgian Defense Minister Irakli Alasania met with NATO-US forces in Europe - Lieutnant General Donald Campbell and General Richard Tryon.

The two sides agreed of the importance of Georgian forces to more active participation in NATO campaign in Afghanistan and in Iraq - as well as ongoing Georgian participation and cooperation in future NATO missions.



SAUDIS OFFER RUSSIA SECRET OIL DEAL IF IT ABANDONS SYRIA

They offered sweeping deal to control the global oil market and thus safeguard Russia's gas contracts, if Kremlin backs away from Assad regime in Syria. It's a fact that Saudis control and support Chechen terrorists.



PROTESTS ARE ONGOING ALL ACROSS UKRAINE

The newspaper "Rabotche-Krestianskaja Pravda" is published in Uzhgorod, Carpathian Region of Ukraine by the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks: (AUCPB). The Editor is A. Maevsky, a long-time reader of NSC.

We received two issues unfortunately too late to publish the events they organized on May Day and Victory Day.

There is one photograph and write-up on the **nine Soviet political prisoners** who are in jail already for many, many years - who are being brutally tortured by orders of the present Ukrainian Government, for crimes that they did not commit.

As Soviet Komsomols they are true to their convictions of Socialism, USSR, Lenin and Stalin.

FREEDOM TO THESE SOVIET KOMSOMOLS!



REPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES AND REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS, Quito, Ecuador, July 2013

By Dr. Zinaida Smirnova - Executive Member of the All Union Communist Party (Bolsheviks)

Dear Comrades! Brothers and sisters in our common struggle against imperialism and reaction!

This is the fourth time a representative of the All-Union Communist Party (Bolsheviks) has the high honor to speak from the tribune of this forum. The fourth time a member of our party has the great honor to share with you their attitude to the problems facing today, the problems that can be reduced to the question: "Modernization of capitalism or Revolution?" Answering this question, I turn to the problems of my country and what capitalism brought it - especially during the reign of the one Russian official propaganda has since described as the "Great Leader of the Nation", "Man who raised Russia" - namely, during the reign of Mr. Putin.

Today's Russia in many ways has made huge strides and created world records. Today's Russia occupies:

- * First place in the world in absolute decline in population. During the Putin years - since 2000 - Russia has 20 million fewer people. In the Russian regions there have been two-and-a-half to three times more deaths than births! If this is called "revival of Russia", then what is called genocide?

- * First place in the world to supply slaves to the international black market. According to the International Organization against the slave trade - 75% of modern slaves in the world are of Russian origin. Another 15% - Ukrainian,

- * The first place in the world in drug trafficking,

- * First place in the world in the number of dollar millionaires

- * First place in the world according to the riches of Deputies.

- * First place in the world in infant and child mortality.

And many other disgusting statistical numbers.

The mention of capitalism is not by chance. We Communists are well aware that it is not only Putin's personality, even though it represents the sorrow and misery of our country in the last thirteen years. But let us imagine that tomorrow or next year Putin will be replaced by some Ras Putin or Two - Putin that the Russian ruler will sit in the chair in any activity or pseudo Kremlin team. The essence of the capitalist system will not be replaced. There may be some course corrections, but capital will remain a power that, like a vampire, will continue to suck the blood of the working people and suck the blood out of Russia, turning it into a gold mine. We Communists Bolsheviks, say that to save the people from genocide Russia needs a change of system, the replacement of capitalism by socialism, which is impossible without a socialist revolution!

We Communists Bolsheviks are well aware that some conspirators do not carry out a revolution; no, it is the party and the class. The class that has risen to the consciousness of the need for radical change and the seizure of power. This means that we first need to strengthen the work on the formation of class consciousness!

We Communists Bolsheviks are well aware that the revolution arises when there are objective conditions for it. But in order for the revolution to be accomplished, requires not only the objective conditions, but also the judgment. Today in Russia and the Ukraine there is a pre-

revolutionary situation. This means that we have to increase our efforts tenfold to create such a factor, the most important component of which is not only the willingness of the masses to storm the old world, but also a strong party. This means that we need in the near future to make Herculean effort to transform our party into an influential force in



society. This means that we need to work on all fronts of confrontation with the power of capital, which means that we need to combine all forms and methods in the fight!

We Communists Bolsheviks know perfectly well that in any political situation one must find the main link to pull on by which you can pull the whole chain. Today, this link is the union of all those who are willing to fight against the regime of genocide in a wide front of Socialist Russia. I emphasize that it is - a united front. The Front of Socialist Russia must be a machine, which is the motor of the AUCP (b) operating parts - our supporters, and the organization of Socialist Russia - the transmission belt from the party to the masses. And since we are talking about the fact that the AUCP (b) must be this engine, it is necessary that this engine work without failure and crashes. This means that we need strict discipline and cohesion in the party itself.

Under the Red Banner of the AUCB (b), among the supporters of Socialist Russia there is no place for

those who are considering a policy solely as a means of a career and making money. In this last there is no place, if only because our Party and Socialist Russia would never agree to enter into power as an appendage of the capitalist state machine. We do not need separate authority under the current system, we need to scrap the system and place all power in the hands of the proletariat! Our party, and this is different from all the other parties, we do not offer our comrades and the people any revenue. We can offer those who come into our ranks a destiny, which is the most beautiful in the world - to devote himself to the struggle for the liberation of the motherland!

I know about the debate being waged today in the international communist movement - whether Russia is an imperialist country or not. Our party has the answer to this question. Neither of which the Russian imperialism cannot say today, because capitalism in our country, which arose as a result of first departure from the principles of Bolshevism, the ruling Communist Party, and then - as a result of the defeat of socialism - this Russian, Ukrainian capitalism, as in the other so-called "newly independent states" in the whole of Eastern Europe has a distinct dependent, being a function of the needs and interests of the leading imperialist states to whom the servility to Putin's clique. However, Putin and his team of associates for the destruction of the people of Russia and the plunder of our country can hardly be called lackeys or robbers. This is a gang of coyotes who feed on carrion pick scraps of feasting predators attack the weak and squabbling with each other over a piece of meat, or rather, in this example, because of the pieces of gold. Capitalism in general is death. The people of Russia today experienced firsthand that Russian capitalism - that genocide in the square and cube that Russian capitalism - a death in the square and cube. But life is always stronger than death! As we say in Russia, "the rainbow triumphs over the storm, and life triumphs over death!". We Communists are

fighting for the lives of our people, for the life of our country, for the life of our beloved Russia!

Today, when capitalism was doomed to failure, our people and our Fatherland, when the enemy is ruling your funeral feast in our father's house, and feasted on digging up the graves of our fathers and our national heroes, we Communists appeal: "For our Soviet Motherland!," "For Socialist Russia!"

Long live Socialist Soviet Russia!

Workers of all countries, unite!

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U.S. GOVERNMENT STANDS REVEALED AS A COLLECTION OF WAR CRIMINALS AND LIARS

By Dr. Paul Craig Roberts - Global Research - Sept.6, 2013

Does the American Public has the strength of character to face the fact that the US Government stands before the entire world as a collection of war criminals who lie every time they open their mouth? Will the US Congress and the American people buy this White House lie that they as Americans must support these war criminals and liars or "America will lose face"?

These Obama's lies are so transparent and blatant and so transparent that President Putin of Russia and (some other world leaders-(Editor) lost patience that Obama's protégé John Kerry is a liar.

How can the American a people tolerate these war criminals in the White House?

If Mr. Obama has hard evidence on Syria, why doesn't the White House release this evidence to the United Nations?

Because this criminal US regime has NO EVIDENCE!
Are the American people and the rest of the world just going to stand there, sucking their thumbs, while the new Nazi State rises in Washington?

**THESE ARE THE WORDS
SPOKEN BY TRAITOR-JUDAS
GORBACHEV IN 1991 AT THE
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN
TURKEY**

**"THE ONGOING AIM OF MY
ENTIRE LIFE WAS THE
COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF
COMMUNISM, THE BRUTAL
DICTATORSHIP OVER THE
PEOPLE. IN THIS I WAS FULLY
SUPPORTED BY MY WIFE,
WHO SAW THE NEED TO DO
THIS WAY BEFORE I DID.**

**IT IS THIS ROAD I UTILIZED
AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF
THE CPSU AND IN THE
COUNTRY!"**

**UNITED NATIONS HAS NOW EVIDENCE
THAT THE SYRIAN REBELS USED CHEMICAL
WEAPONS ON THE PEOPLE!**

From Voice of Russia, September 10, 2013

US and NATO having failed miserably in their attempt to overthrow the Syrian Government, US Imperialism is now in its final stage to launch an unprovoked attack on Syria and their lawful and popular government.

Despite the attempts by their gigantic daily media propaganda campaign all over the world and the staging provocations by their proxies of sarin gas on its people, to give US-NATO an excuse to attack Syria... Imperialism is finding opposition from American people and most of its allies.

**HUMANITY MUST DEFEAT US- IMPERIALIST WAR ON SYRIA!
DEATH TO IMPERIALISM AND ITS ZIONIST AND ARAB
STOOGES!**



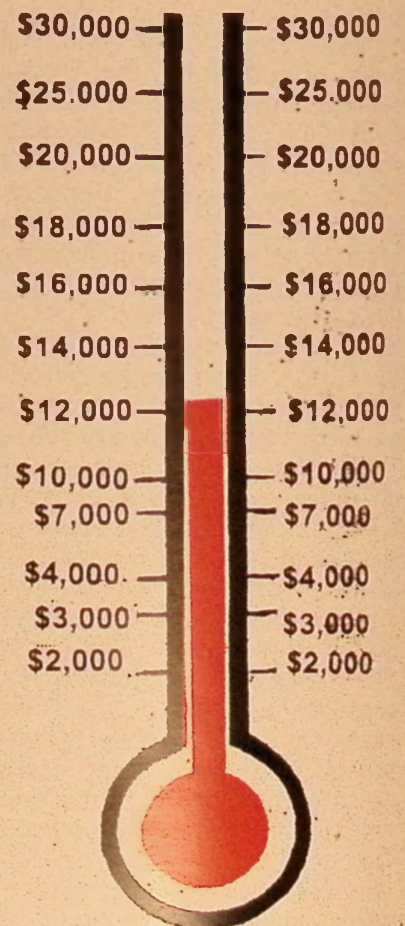
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Kiev, Ukraine

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SOONER OR LATER SWEEP IT AWAY
WITHOUT A TRACE"**

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FRENCH, RUSSIAN AND SPANISH
EDITIONS!**



THE SOURCE OF FASCISM IS CAPITALISM

From MOLODOGVARDIETS newspaper-Voronezh - Russia

In the last while the Russian government with huge fanfare all over the TV, newspapers and radio that Kremlin honors- May Day, Victory Day, Leningrad Blockade, Stalingrad battles, Kursk battles etc. But this is a false assumption.

A few weeks ago I went into book store where all the shelves were full of books - promoting "Second World War" books...with titles such as "Why did Hitler lost the War?" - "Stalin- the grave digger of the Red Army", "Red Army soldiers never went to battle yelling For Stalin "For Stalin" The "Bloody Red Army", "Victory in spite of Stalin", "Unforgivable 1941" and many, many more such books. The schools are filled with such books that teachers teach from (forced to teach from - (Editor)

I felt that I am not in Moscow, but in some undefeated Nazi Germany who even now cannot understand how come that they were beaten by the Soviet Red Army.

Can you believe that these are the kind books that are officially published with help from the present leadership in the Kremlin?

Russia is now in "Present day Nationalism". (In actual fact this is Russian chauvinism and Great Country nationalism - the birth of uncontrolled capitalism.

How is this possible? Did not the USSR, the Soviet Red Army defeat German Nazism?

Even Winston Churchill, the most vicious anti-communist and anti-Soviet gave praise to Stalin and the Red Army for saving the world from the scourge of fascism.

By Sergei Soloviov
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THE RICHNESS OF CHURCHES AND OF THE PRIESTS LUXURY



These two photos taken in Russia show the life style of these religious parasites, plus the following anecdote.

SON -Father - why is that in church they always collect money from the believers?

FATHER - Well, how can I tell you - you see, God has no personal money, but the priest decided to let him live in the church, but his wages have to be paid, since he does not bless the people and serve God without getting money.

'OBAMA - IS THE PRESIDENT OF WAR'



MOSCOW - Sept. 7, 2013

"Due to his support for militaristic actions and militaristic future in the world, President Obama has become the President of War, following in the footsteps of former President George W. Bush " stated the Chairman of State Du.ma's International Affairs Committee - Alexei Puskov - who questioned his plans to undertake another military action, this time against Syria.

Russia deplores the action taken by the US Congress in outright rejecting to receive an official Russian Parliamentary delegation with the mission to analyze the actual situation in Syria.

IMPRIALISM BREEDS - SUPPORTS PRESIDENTS WHO LISTEN AND OBEY!



NEWS, DIGEST, COMMENTS

ACCUSATIONS BY WEST CONTINUOUS AGAINST SYRIA - BUT WITH NO EVIDENCE

Neither the United States nor the European Union have the "smoking gun" to prove that President Assad's troops used chemical weapons in the attack against the Syrian People. At the same time the absence of undeniable proof hasn't stopped the Pentagon and President Obama to start planning to target a list of possible air strikes against Syria - while the Western Press is gung-ho accusing President Assad of genocide.

When will this NATO madness stop?

When will Moscow and Peking wake up from their s-kissing policies?

When will the American people realize the danger that this madness by President Obama can lead to unforeseen catastrophe.

WAKE UP AMERICA!

EVERYDAY RACISM IN ISRAEL - HOW THE AMERICAN JEWS TURN A BLIND EYE TO IT

By Larry Derfner-The Jewish Daily Forward - August 12, 2013

The Jewish American community must refocus anti-Semitism outrage on its own "dirty laundry". The "Jewish Daily Forward" goes after anti-Semitism with a **fi**st, but it goes after Israel racism with a **si**gh. When the Jewish State of Israel is riddled with racism - its foreign advocates abroad should be less outraged over the offences of the gentiles - be more humble and less hypocritical!

The Anti-Defamation League and the rest of the Jewish American establishment should look at the kind of racist remarks by Israeli leaders, senior government officials, chief rabbis - who without having to make an apology or without being punished in the slightest.

Here is just one example: The right-wing Orthodox Judaism Cabinet Minister Naftali Bennett, said at the Israeli Cabinet meeting the following-

"I do not approve of the release of any of those Palestinian prisoners, since they are terrorists on our Israeli land of Palestine. When we catch these Palestinian terrorists -we must just kill them!"

THIS IS AMERICA TODAY!

"Four out of five U.S. adults struggle with joblessness - near poverty or reliance on welfare for a large part of their lives. This is a real sign of the deteriorating economic security of the elusive American Dream."

Associated Press - July 29, 2013

**WAR, WEAPONS INVASION, LIES AND MORE LIES, AND
THREATS - US IMPERIALISM IS AGAIN ON A WAR PATH!**

**US SPENDS ONE BILLION DOLLARS
PER YEAR ON MAINTAINING
GUANTANAMO BAY IN CUBA.**

Hey Mr. Obama, you received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009 when you promised to close the Guantanamo Prison in 2009.

ISRAEL, SYRIAN NEIGHBOURS ARE ON HIGH ALERT

From Voice of Russia

Israel Army placed on High Alert and Turkey is placing its Incirlik Air Base for US use. This base is one of the most strategically important NATO bases in the world - if US will decide to attack Syria.

US-NATO used this before for the invasion of Iraq as well the attack on Kosovo.

Other countries round Syria were laced on high alert by US-NATO.

ISRAEL ACCUSED OF INVOLVEMENT IN EGYPT

Prensa Latina - Aug. 20, 2013

The Turkish Government, basing themselves on their intelligence sources formally accused Israel of being behind the events in Egypt where 800 deaths and also over 4,000 people being injured. Territorial expansion and natural resources are the plans of Israel in cooperation with US ambitions.

U.S. Aid to Israel jumped to \$11 Million Dollars Per Day. The absolute strength of the Jewish Lobby in Washington has been demonstrated again and again - and it got the approval of President Obama. Previously the U.S. taxpayers sent only \$8 millions every day.

Military funding to Israel by U.S. Taxpayers over a ten year period was \$30,000,000,000

FIFA THREATENS ISRAEL FOR INERFERENCE

From schatrakreporty@gmail.com

The President of FIFA, Sepp Blatter, threatened to suspend Israel because of Israel's government interference in football. The threat came after Israel denied visas to representatives of the West Asian Football Federation (WAFF) Football associations including 12 Arab nations, to enter Palestinian territories to play in the WAFF under 17's Age Championship.

WHY ARE U.S. TROOPS COMMITTING SUICIDE?

Prensa Latina-
August 8, 2013

United States troops serving overseas (Afghanistan - Iraq) are committing suicide at an alarming rate, according to research done by the U.S. Department of Defense.

This relates to the number and the exposure to the number and exposure time spent on the battlefield as well as the depression of individuals and their attitude to the policies of promoted justification of the reasons for the wars and the consequent tragedies on the population and the destruction caused. Doctors have noticed the growing number of manic depressions.

According to the released figures, over 235 suicides were recorded in 2012 among the active US Army soldiers.

TURKEY'S UPRISINGS RUN DFEEP

The unrest that is gripping Turkey now has less to do with struggle against head-scarves and Islam than with the political and economic situation now in Turkey. The situation in the country is also fueled by a growing discomfort with the policies of the AKM'S (present government) policy of privatization, and its onward push to centralize its authority in the hands of the

country's Executive Branch -as well as to silence all of the media in Turkey.

These three policies are interrelated and are the cause of the unrest and uprisings in Turkey.

THE SYRIAN REBELS MASSACRE 450 KURKISH WOMEN AND CHILDREN

ITA-TASS -August 6, 2013

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov that Russia is calling on Syrian Government and opposition forces to exert all efforts to out the terrorist from Syrian territory. These Syrian terrorists had massacred 450 Kurdish civilians, including over 100 children! In Northern Syria.

Where is the outcry from the UN, US, and other so-called "democratic countries?" Or are the Kurdish women and children expandable in the eyes of US imperialism that supports, arms and funds these terrorists?

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT GIVES GRANTS TO ITS STUDENTS IF...

The students in Six Universities are given financial grants if they tweet on their cell phones pro-Israel propaganda and send it to foreign audience. Starting on August 13, 2013 this Israel's government campaign is to improve its image abroad - and thus the government's hand is to be invisible. This pro-Israel propaganda is to go viral on Facebook posts and tweets all across the world.

This was revealed by the Haaretz newspaper. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office will be overseeing this programme. It stated that this campaign is meant to "strengthen Israel's mage and diplomacy and make it fit the changes in the means of human consumption."

**FOR THERE TO BE A FUTURE
- IT MUST BE RED!**

OBAMA'S AMERICA TODAY IN 2013

An expose by Patrick Buchanan

On Friday, August 23, 2013, Christopher Lane, a 22 year old Australian in the US on baseball scholarship, was shot and killed while jogging in Duncan, Oklahoma - population of only 23,000. He died on the spot where he fell.

Police has 3 suspects in custody, two blacks and one white. The latter youth said that they were bored and decided to shoot Lane "for the fun of it".

Teenagers who can kill a man out of boredom are moral barbarians - dead souls!

But what system created these monsters? Where did they come from?

Unfortunately because of US capitalism-imperialism the present economic system produces the following results:

- * drugs are readily available
- * because of the economic conditions black male youths ages 18-29, in urban areas, often one third are in prison or jail or on probation.

- *according to statistics 73% of black children are born to single moms.

- *the dropout rate of black children from school sometimes reaches over 50 percent.

- *where do they get the ideas of right or wrong - from films, Hollywood movies that prevail and influence the American society - where shootings, murders, robberies never stop - plus the "street gangs macho" that in most cases is that the youth has ever known.

Unfortunately most journalists do not dig far enough down to expose this truth in America, this country of monopoly capitalism, Imperialism and the builder of the US Fourth Reigh.

Its not God Bless America its God Help America!

<http://bucvhanan.org/blog/dead-souls-of-cultural-revolutin-5770>

DOUBLE - FACED PRESIDENT OBAMA ON KOREAN WAR

Global Research - July, 2013

President Obama's latest exaggeration of American military prowess took place in Washington on July 27, 2013 at commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Armistice that temporarily halted ended hostilities of the 1950-53 Korean War. Obama either is out of touch with reality or intentionally dishonest in its praise as well as other US instigated wars.

The Korean war at best was stalemate for the US - and it certainly was not a victory, in spite of the overwhelming military power of the US and its allies.

Even given the destructive power of US militarism, the Korean War was a stalemate - Vietnam (1961-1973) was a humiliating defeat - the 12-year old war in Afghanistan against a very weak foe, with very much lack in weapons - weapons is now at a stalemate. The seven year war in Iraq that began in 2003 against a small sanction-wrecked country without any heavy armaments is another stalemate.

North Korea has been insisting on a peace treaty since the Armistice of an armistice and with US stationing over 28,000 troops in South Korea for over 60 years - and Washington is refusing to directly negotiate with North Korea - this is the main reason for the tension on the Korean Peninsula.

If President Obama so easily can transform these stalemates into "Victories" - what harm will come from converting This Armistice into a Peace Treaty on the Korean Peninsula?

**WHY NOT GIVE A NORTHSTAR
COMPASS GIFT SUBSCRIPTION
TO YOUR LOCAL
LIBRARY?**

BACK TO THE FUTURE - BACK TO USSR

THE TRUTH FINALLY LEAKED OUT

August 4, 2013 - www.legitgov.org

The US Government has awarded in Afghanistan \$150,000,000 in contracts to companies and individuals that do support the terrorist Taliban movement... according to the US spending watchdog. Multimillion contracts have been given in the past to 43 companies that do support the Taliban and have close links to these insurgents that President Obama is supposed to be fighting. These companies that are given these contracts are supplying materials, financial support and supplying arms to fight the US forces in Afghanistan.

*Double-dealing is the method of US
Imperialism!*
Editor

HOW HOLLYWOOD HELPED HITLER AND THE GERMAN NAZIS

By Ben Urwand -
The Hollywood Reporter July 30,
2013

Beginning with changes made to Universal's 1930 released film- "All Quiet on the Western Front" (about World War 1) - Hollywood regularly script and movies were sent to Germany for their approval. When German Nazis objected to any scene or dialogue that made Nazism look bad or dwelt on any mistreatment of Jews by the Nazis - Hollywood made cuts that the Nazis demanded.

"Victory is ours!"
The Goebbels newspaper
proclaimed/ **"We have forced
Hollywood to their knees!"**

Historians have long known about American companies such as IBM, General Motors and other US Corporations that catered to the German Nazis until the beginning of World War II.

**It's business above all else -
the motto of US Imperialism!**

DPRK WARNS ABOUT U.S. AND SOUTH KOREAN PROVOCATIONS

PRENSA LATINA - Aug. 29, 2013

PYONYANG- The National Defense Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) warned about the continuation of provocations by the US Pentagon and South Korea, despite Pyongyang's gestures to ease the tension on the Korean Peninsula.

The DPRK Statement said that if Washington and Seoul wants to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula, they should stop blackmailing the DPRK and South Korea should not accept placing atomic armaments on its territory.

All of these initiatives is hindered by the intentions of the United States and South Korean authorities, who are bent on confrontations.

SYRIAN TERRORISTS KILL TWO TEENAGE BOYS

PRENSA LATINA

DAMASCUS - August 16, 2013

These two teenage boys of 15 years in Aleppo were assassinated, after the attempts to exchange them for rebel prisoners failed.

A video that was taken by these terrorists showed one of them reading a statement which said: "It is our duty to execute them!"

After reading the statement, the leader steps aside as other terrorists are shown chanting "God is great!!" The two teenagers are shown as they fell to the ground with bullet holes in their heads.

These two teenagers came from Shiite teenagers came from Shiite majority towns of Nubul and Zahra which are definitely supporting President of Syria - Bashar al-Assad.

These Western organized and supported terrorists are trying to create a Caliphate state ruled by Islamist law.

**This is the plan of NATO-US
Imperialism.**

AMERICA'S TEEN TRAUMA

The United States remains one of only three countries in the world that refused to sign the United Nations 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child - the other two are Somalia and South Sudan. Below is the statistical portrait of the US High School classes of 2013 - compiled by the Child Trends research group.

71 percent of these students experienced physical assault in the past year.

16 percent were caught carrying weapons to school in the past year.

21 per cent had sexually transmitted infections

29 per cent felt very hopeless and sad in the past year.

22 per cent are living in extreme poverty.

TUNISIA'S LARGEST TRADE UNION DEMANDS RESIGNATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

July 31, 2013

They called for the dissolution of the present Islamist Government during the present political crisis which is worsening. This 600,000 Trade Union of the public and private sector is demonstrating on the streets of Tunisia and demanding its resignation.

The General Secretary of the 600,000 Trade Union (UGTT) said: "We consider this government incapable of continuing to govern and to do its work anymore in containing the Islamist terrorism."

OPPORTUNISM IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IS A VERY VALUABLE SERVANT OF US IMPERIALISM!



MAJORITY OF US CITIZENS OPPOSE AGGRESSION AGAINST SYRIA

PRENSA LATINA, SEPT. 4, 2013

This Poll was done by the Washington Post Daily newspaper and showed that over 59 per cent surveyed are against any military action by the US Government.

About seven out of 10 Americans consider that Washington and its allies should not supply weapons to the rebel forces in Syria who are trying to overthrow the present Government of President Assad. The US White House must have the United Nations authority before carrying out any military action.

Even the UN says that it is untrue and meant to besmirch President Assad as US did against Iraq and the so called Weapons on Mass Destruction.

MAJORITY FRENCH CITIZENS OPPOSE ANY ATTACK ON SYRIA

Prensa Latina News

Over 70% of French people in an official survey opposed the demand by President Obama for US-NATO to attack Syria

SECOND PRINTING OF THESE VERY IMPORTANT BOOKS!

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The Last "Resignation" of Stalin
The Alliance of OUN-SS
I knew that Kirov would be assassinated
Was Krushchev's son shot?
Katyn Forest Massacre expose
The destruction of security around Stalin

NEXT TO STALIN

Story of Stalin's body guard

SECRET DOCUMENTS \$ 20
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OBAMA IS EXPOSED AT G-20 SUMMIT IN RUSSIA

So high were the expectations of Obama as the first Black President in the US that he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. But his policies are a copy of President George Bush.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

The British government has finally been forced to admit that its colonial administration in Kenya tortured, mutilated and murdered hundreds of thousands of citizens suspected of membership of, or sympathy for, the Land and Freedom Army; Kenya's 1950s liberation movement, dubbed the 'Mau Mau' by British occupation forces.

These horrific crimes were carried out on a vast scale by the colonial authorities in a ruthless attempt to suppress the popular uprising against the occupation of Kenya, and the continuing land thefts that had left many hundreds of thousands of Kenyans dispossessed, poverty-stricken and starving in their own country - despite the fact that Kenya has arable land of the highest quality and many other natural riches besides.

Today's 'fair-minded' government has tried every trick in Britain's inhuman crimes, even going so far as to claim that all liability had been transferred to the new Kenyan government after independence! For once, this spurious bit of truth-twisting was rejected even by a British court, as were the ludicrous claims that "there couldn't be a 'fair' trial of those responsible as they were mostly dead and couldn't defend themselves", or that "no evidence" survives relating to events in Kenya 60 years ago.

In fact, not only has much evidence come to light revealing the horrific details of British colonial crimes, but the evidence also makes it clear where ultimate responsibility for those crimes lies: "The documents showed that responsibility for torture went right to the top - sanctioned by Kenya's governor, Evelyn Baring, and authorised at cabinet level in London by Alan Lennox-Boyd, then secretary of state for the colonies in Harold Macmillan's Conservative government." (NYT, 12 June 2013)

So William Hague has been forced to make a mealy-mouthed statement of 'recognition', 'sorrow' and 'regret' (but no actual apology), while still denying any real responsibility. The words of the sincerely insincere Mr Hague reveal the chagrin felt by our ruling class at having to make even this small and belated concession to the truth:

"I would like to make clear now, and for the first time, on behalf of Her Majesty's government, that we understand the pain and grievance felt by those who were involved in the events of the emergency in Kenya ... The British government recognises that Kenyans were subjected to torture and other forms of ill-treatment at the hands of the colonial administration ... The British government sincerely regrets that these abuses took place and that they marred Kenya's progress towards indepen-

dence."

Hague went on to announce that the government will pay a £19.9m out-of-court settlement to 5,228 victims - around £3,000 per victim. This 'liar-gesse' applies only to the still-living survivors of colonial abuses. No recompense has been offered to the families of those who were murdered, or who died after a life of pain and incapacity resulting from their torture and mutilation by British forces.

Not surprisingly, this case has been carefully followed by other victims of the profit-hungry British imperialist ruling class around the world. It is to be hoped that these victims and their families - whether in Ireland, India, Aden, Malaysia, Zimbabwe, Afghanistan, Iraq, or anywhere else that British imperialism has placed its bloodied boot - will form an endless stream through Britain's courts.

There can be no real justice for these victims through paltry compensation payments - only the death of imperialism itself and the ending forever of all exploitation by Britain's elite can come anywhere within a million miles of that - but public recognition of some of the crimes committed will be an important part of setting the record straight, and may yet help British workers to recognise our rulers for the murderous scum that they are and have been, both at home and abroad, today and

THE ROLLING PEBBLE THAT MAY START A LANDSLIDE

From PROLETARIAN ISSUE 55 - AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2013

Having put all his troops to use guarding the hysterical settler population and 'interrogating' any Kenyan who hadn't fled, Baring let loose the RAF on the forests. From June 1953-October 1955, his Lincoln bombers conducted over 900 raids and dropped nearly 6m bombs.

Bad as it was in the forests, it was much worse for those who didn't run. Baring set up the 'village' system to deny any aid to the rebels. This consisted in rounding up even more Kenyans, stealing their land and livestock as he did it, and forcing them into concentration camps and work camps ('villages'), where mass 'screenings' took place to try to 'root out' the 'insurgents' and their 'sympathisers'.

Violent interrogations and hideous forms of torture were used to extract 'confessions' from prisoners. The unsanitary conditions gave rise to inevitable outbreaks of disease, made worse by overcrowding and a complete lack of care. Of the 50,000 deaths that can be attributed to the 'emergency', half were of children under the age of 10.

Of those who didn't die of disease or malnutrition, the British likely killed in excess of 20,000 'Mau Mau' or suspected 'Mau Mau'. For their part, the liberation fighters killed fewer than 2,000 Kenyans (overwhelmingly agents of the British government), while 32 Europeans and 26 Asians were also killed.

throughout their history.

Meanwhile, the armed forces that are used and controlled by this bloodthirsty class must be seen as the monstrous agents that they are and no longer adorned with the misty veil of 'hero'. Many of the young people who join the imperialist armed forces may do so as a result of poverty, or even with 'good intentions', but, regardless of their motives, they are still shaped into monsters and given bloody and bestial tasks to perform.

In the case of Kenya, documents and contemporary accounts consistently show that the British occupiers were extremely sadistic and careless of the lives of those they had robbed. The colonisers' attitude was perfectly epitomised by Sir Arthur Hardinge: "these people must learn submission by bullets - it is the only school ... In Africa to have peace you must first teach obedience and the only person who teaches the lesson properly is the sword."

After the killing of a single white settler, the colonial authority under governor Evelyn Baring went into a genocidal overdrive of rounding up 'suspects' and torturing 'confessions' out of them before carrying out mass executions. Not surprisingly, hundreds of thousands of Kenyans fled into the vast forests to escape the British death squads.

WILL THE ETHICS OF WAR BECOME COLLATERAL DAMAGE AS AMERICA'S USE OF DRONE TECHNOLOGY TAKES

Joseph Camilleri - BEACON-Australia

In an important speech delivered last week President Barack Obama has defended the use of drones by invoking the just war doctrine.

This much awaited justification rests on two fallacies: that the United States is formally at war; and that it can be just to kill someone for a crime in the absence of a fair trial.

Why did the US president feel compelled to offer this lengthy but belated explanation of America's drone policy? Put simply, because the use of drones is now increasingly contentious as it becomes the favoured response of the US military and intelligence establishment to the terrorist threat - from Afghanistan to Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia and beyond.

A number of terrorists have no doubt been killed, but so have many others, including civilians. One estimate puts the death toll since 2004 at between 1,963 and 3,293. Republican Senator Lindsey Graham estimates the number to be 4,700.

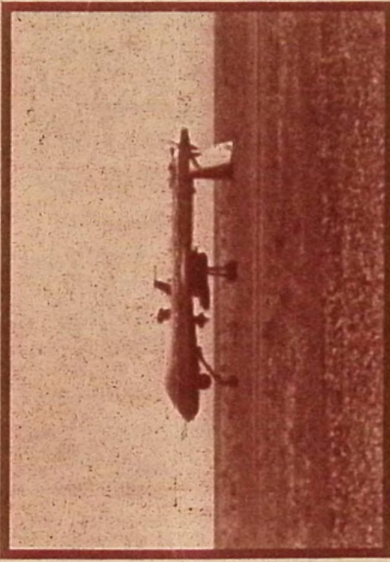
The great attraction of the drone is that the killing appears risk free. The need to deploy US troops on distant and dangerous terrain is greatly reduced, while those who direct the drone are safely ensconced thousands of miles away at CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

The CIA has been flying unarmed drones over Afghanistan since 2000. Drones were actually used during the air war against the Taliban in late 2001, but it was not until February 2002 that the CIA first used a drone for a pure CIA 'kill operation'.

Since then covert unmanned target killing has become commonplace.

The defence of drone strikes offered by Obama boils down to three key propositions:

- Terrorism is a serious and ongoing threat, therefore the US remains 'at war'.
- When detention and prosecution of terrorists is not possible, target killing becomes legitimate.
- Assassination by drones is the lesser of two evils, reducing the likely number of military and civilian casualties.



This line of argument is deeply flawed. Countries and communities are subject to all kinds of threat, including serious loss of life and property - whether it is at the hands of deranged individuals or criminal groups of various kinds. The narcotics trade and human trafficking are just two examples.

But a country is not at war with such groups except in a symbolic or metaphorical sense. In these instances, countries are not strictly speaking engaged in war. They are not taking military action against the military threat posed by another state - action which is clearly subject to the laws of armed conflict.

Obama's predecessor, George W Bush, launched the 'war on terror' precisely because it offered the United States a way of dealing with suspected terrorists outside the confines of the rule of law.

As a consequence, enhanced interrogation techniques (generally classified as torture), 'extraordinary rendition' and indefinite detention at Guantanamo became integral to the 'war on terror'.

Now in the fifth year of his presidency, Obama is still trying to distance himself from the Guantanamo fiasco, only to find himself ensnared in another can of worms - covert targeted assassinations also conducted in the name of the 'war on terror'.

But is targeted killing 'war' and, if so, is it in accord with the laws of war?

What is clear is that targeted killing does not engage the enemy in battle, since drone attacks occur in times and places where there is no armed conflict.

How, then, can we be confident that those designated for death pose an imminent, dangerous and violent threat? Who is authorised to make these decisions? And, what

if the designation proves to be mistaken - something which is known to have happened more than once? Who then bears responsibility? And what are the processes by which those responsible for those mistakes can be brought to account?

It is difficult to see how surreptitious and riskless killing can be in any way regarded as war in a conventional sense, and how it can be subjected to the most basic rules of armed conflict, including hors de combat immunity and the possibility of individual surrender. But this is just the beginning of the dilemma.

Who are these suspected terrorists? They do not represent an enemy state. They have no fixed address, and often have no clear organisational links.

While some may be thought to have prominent leadership roles in Al Qaeda, the majority do not. Some may be members of state-sponsored networks, but most are likely to be members of autonomous shadowy cells and extremist groups.

How can such a disparate and elusive group be engaged in anything approaching what we normally regard as 'war'?

All of which has another far-reaching implication. By virtue of their mobility and effective statelessness, these suspects can move rapidly from one country to another. What happens when a particular country is opposed to the use of American drones over its territory? Will the US accept that judgment? Or will it pursue its targeting regardless, in defiance of that state's sovereignty?

The US president cannot but be aware of these pitfalls. This is why he has attempted to limit the hostile fallout by stipulating that there must be near-certainty that no civilian casualties will result. He has also called for a review leading to additional oversight of drone attacks.

But key questions remain unanswered: Who is authorised to make these decisions? Will the decision process be transparent? Who is to bear responsibility in the event of mistaken decisions? In what sense, if any, will US actions be subject to the international rule of law?

Beyond this, the United States needs to consider the political and strategic fallout of drone attacks. The use of the drone has already created enormous ill will towards the United States in both Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Does President Obama intend a drone arms race to become part of his legacy?

FEATURE ANALYSES

PRESIDENT OBAMA SET FOR A HOLY WAR

By PETE ESCOBAR

The "responsibility to protect" (R2P) doctrine invoked to legitimize the 2011 war on Libya has just transmogrified into "responsibility to attack" (R2A) Syria. Just because the Obama administration says so.

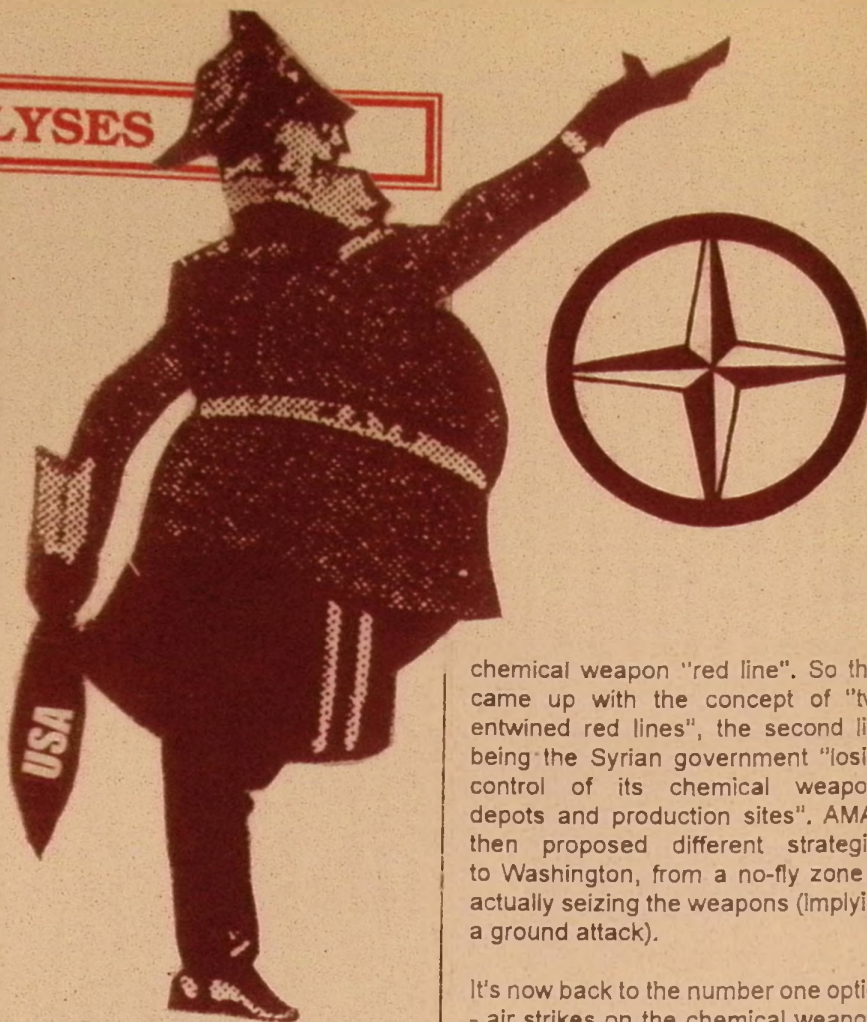
On Sunday, the White House said it had "very little doubt" that the Bashar al-Assad government used chemical weapons against its own citizens. On Monday, Secretary of State John Kerry ramped it up to "undeniable" - and accused Assad of "moral obscenity".

So when the US bombed Fallujah with white phosphorus in late 2004 it was just taking the moral high ground. And when the US helped Saddam Hussein to gas Iranians in 1988 it was also taking the moral high ground.

The Obama administration has ruled that Assad allowed UN chemical weapons inspectors into Syria, and to celebrate their arrival unleashed a chemical weapons attack mostly against women and children only 15 kilometers away from the inspectors' hotel. If you don't believe it, you subscribe to a conspiracy theory.

Evidence? Who cares about evidence? Assad's offer of access for the inspectors came "too late". Anyway, the UN team is only mandated to determine whether chemical weapons were deployed - but not by who, according to UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon's spokesman.

As far as the Obama administration and UK Prime Minister David "of Arabia" Cameron are concerned - supported by a barrage of corporate media missiles - that's irrelevant; Obama's "red line" has been crossed by Assad, period. Washington and London are in no-holds-barred mode to dismiss any facts contradicting the decision. Newspeak - of the R2A kind - rules. If this all looks like Iraq 2.0 that's because it is. Time to fix the facts around the policy - all over again.



Time for weapons of mass deception - all over again.

The Saudi-Israeli axis of fun

The window of opportunity for war is now. Assad's forces were winning from Qusayr to Homs; pounding "rebel" remnants out of the periphery of Damascus; deploying around Der'ah to counterpunch CIA-trained "rebels" with advanced weapons crossing the Syrian-Jordanian border; and organizing a push to expel "rebels" and jihadis from suburbs of Aleppo.

Now, Israel and Saudi Arabia are oh so excited because they are getting exactly what they dream just by good ol' Wag the Dog methods. Tel Aviv has even telegraphed how it wants it: this Monday, the Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper headlined with "On the Way to Attack" and even printed the ideal Order of Battle. (see photo)

Months ago, even AMAN, the Intelligence Directorate of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) concluded that Assad was not a fool to cross Obama's

chemical weapon "red line". So they came up with the concept of "two entwined red lines", the second line being the Syrian government "losing control of its chemical weapons depots and production sites". AMAN then proposed different strategies to Washington, from a no-fly zone to actually seizing the weapons (implying a ground attack).

It's now back to the number one option - air strikes on the chemical weapons depots. As if the US - and Israel - had up-to-the-minute Intelligence on exactly where they are.

The House of Saud had also telegraphed its wishes - after Prince Bandar bin Sultan, aka Bandar Bush, was appointed by King Abdullah as head of Saudi General Intelligence. Abdullah's hard on is explained by his mother and two of his wives coming from an influential, ultra-conservative Sunni tribe in Syria. As for Bandar Bush, he has more longevity than Rambo or the Terminator; he's back in the same role he played in the 1980s Afghan jihad, when he was the go-to guy helping the CIA to weaponize president Ronald Reagan's "freedom fighters".

Jordan - a fiction of a country totally dependent on the Saudis - was easily manipulated into becoming a "secret" war operation center. And who's in charge? No less than Bandar's younger half-brother, and deputy national security adviser, Salman bin Sultan, also known as "mini-Bandar". Talk about an Arab version of Dr Evil and Mini Me. Still, there are more CIA assets than

Saudis in the Jordanian front.

The importance of this report cannot be overstated enough. It was initially leaked to Lebanon's Al-Safir newspaper. Here's Bandar's whole strategy, unveiled in his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, already reported by Asia Times Online. After trying - for four hours - to convince Putin to drop Syria, Bandar is adamant: "There is no escape from the military option."

Mix Kosovo with Libya and voila! Former president Bill Clinton resurfaced with perfect timing to compare Obama's options in Syria to Reagan's jihad in Afghanistan. Bubba was right in terms of positioning Bandar's role. But he must have inhaled something if he was thinking in terms of consequences - which include everything from the Taliban to that mythical entity, "al-Qaeda". Well, at least al-Qaeda is already active in Syria; they don't need to invent it.

As for that bunch of amateurs surrounding Obama - including R2P groupies such as Susan Rice and new Ambassador to the UN Samantha Power, all of them liberal hawks - they are all suckers for Kosovo. Kosovo - with a Libya add-on - is being spun as the ideal model for Syria; R2P via (illegal) air strikes. Right on cue, the New York Times is already frantically parroting the idea.

Facts are, of course, absent from the narrative - including the blowing up of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade (a remix in Syria with the Russian embassy?) and getting to the brink of a war with Russia.

Syria has nothing to do with the Balkans. This is a civil war. Arguably the bulk of the Syrian urban population, not the country bumpkins, support Damascus - based on despicable "rebel" behavior in places they control; and the absolute majority wants a political solution, as in the now near-totally torpedoed Geneva II conference.

The Jordanian scheme - inundating southern Syria with heavily weaponized mercenaries - is a remix of what the CIA and the Saudis did to AfPak; and the only winner will be Jabhat al-Nusra jihadis. As for the Israeli solution for

Obama - indiscriminate bombing of chemical weapons depots - it will certainly result in horrendous collateral damage, as in R2A killing even more civilians.

The prospects remain grim. Damn another coalition of the willing; Washington already has the British and French poodles in the bag, and full support - in air-con safety - from the democratic Gulf Cooperation Council petro-monarchies, minion Jordan and nuclear power Israel. This is what passes for "international community" in the newspeak age.

The Brits are already heavily spinning that no UN Security Council resolution is needed; who cares if we do Iraq 2.0? For the War Party, the fact that Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey said Syrian "rebels" could not promote US interests seems to be irrelevant.

Washington already has what it takes for the Holy Tomahawks to start flying; 384 of them are already positioned in the Eastern Mediterranean. B-1 bombers can be deployed from Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar. And bunker-busting bombs will certainly be part of the picture.

What happens next requires concentric crystal balls - from Tomahawks to a barrage of air strikes to Special Ops commandos on the ground to a sustained air campaign lasting months. In his long interview to Izvestia, Assad gives the impression he thinks Obama is bluffing.

What's certain is that Syria won't be a "piece of cake" like Libya; even depleted on all fronts, Gaddafi resisted for eight long months after NATO started its humanitarian bombing. Syria has a weary but still strong army of 200,000; loads of Soviet and Russian weapons; very good anti-aircraft systems; and full support from asymmetrical warfare experts Iran and Hezbollah. Not to mention Russia, which just needs to forward a few S-300 air defense batteries and relay solid intelligence.

So get used to how international relations work in the age of newspeak. General Abdel Fattah al-Sisi's army in Egypt can kill hundreds of his own people who were protesting against

a military coup. Washington couldn't care less - as in the coup that is not a coup and the bloodbath that is not a bloodbath.

No one knows for sure what exactly happened in the chemical weapons saga near Damascus. But that's the pretext for yet another American war - just a few days before a Group of 20 summit hosted by Putin in St Petersburg. Holy Tomahawk! R2A, here we go.

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FINAL DECLARATION BY 17th SEMINAR OF PROBLEMS OF THE REVOLUTION IN LATIN AMERICA

*July 26-August 1, 2013
En Marcha #1621*

Final Declaration of the 17th International Seminar Problems of the Revolution in Latin America

Our Goal Is Socialism; We Fight For an Authentic Social Revolution!

Modernization of Capitalism or Social Revolution?

After five years since the economic crisis of the capitalist system broke out, its effects are still present in the different countries of the world, with greater or lesser intensity in some than in others.

The most outstanding thing, in recent months, is the response by the workers, youth and peoples to the economic measures implemented by the governments and international financial institutions that had the supposed aim of overcoming it. The bourgeoisie finds it increasingly difficult to place the burden of the crisis on the

backs of the workers, because these workers have a better understanding that those who caused the crisis should pay for it.

Europe is a living example of the enormous and sustained social mobilization against the neoliberal economic programs; the working class and youth are playing momentous roles in this. This is not the only place in the world where the governments in office and the ruling classes in power are targets of the protest; northern Africa, Asia and Latin America are also the scenes of important struggles. In general, we can state that dissatisfaction with the status quo is spreading throughout the whole world and the desire for change is encouraging the actions of the peoples.

On our continent, after a period of decline of the social struggle particularly in countries ruled by regimes labeled as "progressive," we are witnessing a reawakening of the struggle of the working masses that transcends national boundaries and encourages the struggle of the fraternal peoples.

They are fighting for decent wages, for education, for health care, for bread, for democracy, for political rights, in defense of sovereignty, of natural resources, against corruption; in short, they are struggling for life, for freedom!

These contests are taking place both among the peoples of the countries in which the openly neoliberal bourgeoisie still remains in power and as well as in those ruled by so-called "progressive" governments. And in each of these governments, beyond the evident differences that we cannot lose sight of, there are also many aspects that coincide. It is difficult to differentiate, for example, between the Colombian Law of Public Safety and the similar Ecuadorian law or the reforms to the Integral Criminal Code in that country that criminalizes social protest; little or nothing distances the labor reforms of obvious neoliberal content implemented in Mexico from those in Brazil, or the so-called anti-terrorist laws that are being carried out in Argentina, Peru, etc..

Both the "progressive" governments

as well as the neoliberal ones are relying on extractive industry (plunder of natural resources) as the road to development, progress and well-being that history teaches us well is the way for the consolidation of foreign dependence, pauperization of the peoples and the irreversible affect on nature.

These governments also agree on promoting legal and institutional reforms in favor of a revitalization of bourgeois institutions necessary for the new processes of capitalist accumulation and also oriented towards social control and the criminalization of popular protest.

From different but not irreconcilable political conceptions, the >bourgeois factions heading those governments agree on the processes of modernization of capitalism, with which they aim to create increased levels of accumulation for native oligarchies and improvements in their participation in the global capitalist market.



The changes that are taking place in Latin America and the Caribbean are nothing other than a development of capitalism itself; in some cases they go beyond neoliberalism but in no way a negation of the prevailing system, since they do not affect private ownership of the means of production, they do not affect the rule of the bankers, businesspeople and landowners, they do not harm foreign dependence.

The dangerous thing about this process is that there are governments such as that of Rafael Correa in Ecuador or of Dilma Rousseff in Brazil which promote it in the name of supposedly revolutionary processes, pretending to be anti-imperialist and even socialist. There are also those who act under the signboard of national and popular

regimes, such as those of Cristina Fernandez in Argentina or Danilo Medina in the Dominican Republic.

The so-called progressive governments are causing serious damage to the consciousness of the workers, the youth and people. The significant social and material programs and the abundant and efficient government propaganda have created the fiction, internally within the respective countries and on the international level, that in fact they are creating processes of structural change. But the reality is different; their economic and political programs only serve to affirm the ruling class in power and foreign dependence.

The modernization taking place is going hand in hand with foreign capital, whether of the United States, Europe or Asia, which has made Latin America and the Caribbean a scenario of intense inter-imperialist dispute in the economic and political fields. We note the rapid growth of Chinese investment in the region and the loss of positions by U.S. imperialism, which does not make it less dangerous for the peoples.

The organizations participating in the 17th International Seminar Problems of the Revolution in Latin America agree on the need to confront, with the same frankness and energy, the neoliberal governments and the so-called "progressive" governments, because they both represent the economic and political interests of the bourgeoisie and of imperialist finance capital.

We call on the workers, the youth and the peoples in general to close ranks against the ideological and political currents that are supposedly leftist, revolutionary or progressive that manipulate the consciousness and desire for change existing among the peoples and that act against the organized popular movement and against the forces that represent genuine positions of the revolutionary left.

We support the peoples who choose the path of struggle to make their voices heard and win their demands; we encourage the peoples, and particularly the youths, of Turkey, Brazil, Chile and Egypt who, with

energy and initiative in the streets, have won significant victories.

We stand with the people of Ecuador who are facing a demagogic government that is resorting to repression and fear to prevent social unrest from taking the form of open and continuous struggle. We reject the prevailing criminalization of social protest, we support Mery Zamora, Clever Jimenez, the Cotopaxi 7, the 12 Central Technical College students and more than 200 social leaders and activists who face criminal proceedings on charges of sabotage and terrorism.

We applaud the Venezuelan people who are fighting to prevent the right wing and imperialism from reversing the political process begun by Hugo Chavez, while we also encourage the demand that radical measures be taken to move the process forward.

Our goal is socialism! We are fighting for a genuine revolutionary process, therefore we base ourselves on the unity of the workers, peasants, youth, women, indigenous peoples in the tradition of liberation of the Latin American peoples. We are directing our energies against foreign domination and against exploitation by the local ruling classes; only by putting an end to their oppression will we win freedom. This is our commitment.

Quito, July 19, 2013

Revolutionary Communist Party of Argentina
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Union of Rebellious Youth – Brazil
Movement for the Defense of People's Rights – Colombia
School of Peace Foundation – Colombia
Popular Democratic Youth – Colombia
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US SENATE POSTPONES ATTACK AGAINST SYRIA

September 13, 2013

The US Senate postponed without specifying another date of a Bill to authorize President Obama to attack Syria - due to no majority in the US Senate and the majority reaction of the people of the USA.

Also because of the following actions of Russia...

* Russian Navy is ready in case of armed conflict on Syria's shore

* Russian Foreign Minister received a false videos on Chemical Weapons

* Russian allies in CELAC call for political solution in Syria

* Brussels, Belgium backs Russian proposals on Chemical Weapons

* Syria is ready to defend itself

* Over 60 per cent of American people do not support US initiative, following the costly wars in Afghanistan and in Iraq.



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U.S. IMPERIALISM'S CRIME AND GENOCIDE OF THE CENTURY

By H. PATRICIA HYNES - August 6 and August 8

On the Anniversary of Atomic Bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki

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The top military commanders concurred that the decision to use the atomic bomb was political, not military.

August 6 and August 9 mark the dropping of atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, an act that launched the perilous era of nuclear weapons and nuclear power. After the first atomic blast, which killed 100,000 residents of Hiroshima immediately, the grievous radiation sickness of survivors was not anticipated, nor was it believed when reported. Without any reconsideration, the United States dropped a second bomb - this one plutonium - on Nagasaki, killing 70,000 citizens outright. The American military censored all documentation and photo images of the two bombs' unparalleled human devastation, sheltering Americans from the horrors of what our government perpetrated on Japanese civilians: women, men, and children instantly reduced to ash. Likewise, the post-war U.S. occupying authority forbade Japanese citizens, under penalty of law, to own pictures of the atomic bomb destruction of both cities.

American military leaders from all branches of the armed forces, among them Generals Eisenhower, Arnold, Marshall and MacArthur, and Admirals Leahy, Nimitz, and Halsey strongly dissented from the decision to use the bombs - some prior to August 1945, some in retrospect - for both military and moral reasons. Japan was already defeated and in peace negotiations with the Soviet Union; surrender was imminent. Moreover, the Soviet Union was willing to enter the war against Japan, if necessary. Bombing dense human settlements was barbarous and would shock world opinion; and a demonstration bombing away from residential areas (also suggested by many atomic bomb scientists) could be used instead to force immediate surrender. The top military commanders concurred that the decision to use the atomic bomb was political, not military.

Dropping the atomic bombs in World War II launched an arms race in nuclear weapons, now spread to nine countries, with the ever-present

specter of their use or their theft by terrorists. In the May 2012 Vienna meeting on the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the nuclear-armed countries explicitly stated their intention to maintain a nuclear arsenal for security. The same month, NATO countries convening in Chicago pronounced, "Nuclear weapons are...essential...for defense and dissuasion." And yet, paradoxically, the threat of nuclear weapons in North Korea and Iran brings some nuclear-armed countries, namely the U.S. and Israel, to the brink of war - as if the existential threat is not the weapons themselves but the hands they are in.

Stepping away from aggressive power politics of nuclear nations to the real security needs of their citizens, the June 2013 U.S. Conference of Mayors, including Mayor William Martin of Greenfield, unanimously adopted a resolution calling for U.S. leadership in eliminating nuclear weapons globally and for redirecting excessive military spending to the needs of cities and towns. The mayors' statement contrasts the cuts to Section 8 housing vouchers, Head Start, federal grants to cities and towns, food stamps and delayed infrastructure projects with the \$68.2 billion military budget in 2012 and the Administration's request for a 23 percent increase for nuclear weapons research, manufacture and maintenance over the next 5 years.

They cited President Obama's 2009 speech in Prague declaring that, "as the only nuclear power to have used a nuclear weapon, the United States has a moral responsibility to act...to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons." Indeed, the mayors implored the Administration to reduce nuclear weapons and military spending and to redirect those monies to create jobs, retrain displaced workers, invest in new technologies for a sustainable energy future, and restore and maintain vital public services.

More than 30 mayors sponsored this resolution for a nuclear weapons-free world; and 197 U.S. mayors are members of Mayors for Peace, the leading international organization with 5600 member cities in 156 countries devoted to protecting cities from the scourge of war and mass destruction. As their citizens' first responders, we honor their public commitment to a genuinely secure world.

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**DOWN WITH U.S. IMPERIALISM, THE ISRAELI SETTLER STATE, AND ALL OF THE REACTIONARY ARAB REGIMES!
ONWARD TO SOCIALISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST!**

40 YEARS OF CAPITALIST DISASTER IN DETROIT - MEGA CAR MANUFACTURING CITY IN THE U.S.

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Over the past 40 years, capitalism turned that success into the abject failure culminating now in the largest municipal bankruptcy in US history.

The key decision-makers - major shareholders in General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, etc, and the boards of directors they selected - made many disastrous decisions. They failed in competition with European and Japanese automobile capitalists and so lost market share to them. They responded too slowly and inadequately to the need to develop new fuel-saving technologies. And, perhaps most tellingly, they responded to their own failures by deciding to move production out of Detroit so they could pay their workers lower wages.

The automobile companies' competitive failures, and then their moves, had two key economic consequences. First, they effectively undermined the economic foundation of Detroit's economy. Second, they thereby dealt a major blow to any chances for an enduring US middle class. The past 40 years have displayed those consequences and the capitalist system's inability or unwillingness to stop, let alone reverse, them.

Real wages in the US stopped growing in the 1970s, and have not grown since, even as workers' rising productivity generated even more profits for employers. Rising consumer debt and overwork postponed for a few years the impacts of stagnant real wages on consumption. But by 2007, with wages stagnant and further consumer borrowing capacity exhausted, a long and deep crisis arrived. Employers used the resulting unemployment to attack job security and benefits and the public sector built up in the 1950s and 1960s to support the middle class (for example, by low-cost public higher education).

Auto industry capitalists took the lead and Detroit exemplified the economic decline that resulted. In the deep crisis since 2007, General Motors and Chrysler got federal bailouts, but Detroit did not. The auto companies got wage reductions (via the tiered wage system) that assured Detroit's wage-based economy could not recover, even as auto company production and profits did. The failures of private capitalism thus drew in the complicity of the federal government.

Despite what the heroic sit-down strikes and other actions of the United Auto Workers had earlier won for their members, the auto companies' decision-making powers remained in the hands of major shareholders and their boards of directors. They used that power to evade, weaken and eventually undo what union struggles had won. The unions proved incapable of stopping that process. Detroit's capitalists thus undermined

the middle-class conditions workers had extracted from them - and thus destroyed the "capitalist success" city built on those conditions.

Detroit's decline, like the parallel decline of the United Auto Workers, teaches an inescapable lesson. The very contracts that militant unions win with employers give those employers great incentives to find ways around those contracts. They usually do.

The top-down structure of capitalist enterprises provides major shareholders and boards of directors with the resources (corporate profits) to cut or remove the good conditions unions can sometimes win. That's how this system works. Detroit has "been there and done that". The solution is not more contracts.

If the autoworkers had transformed the auto companies into worker co-operatives, Detroit would have evolved very differently. Worker co-operatives would not have moved production, thereby undermining their jobs, families and communities, including especially Detroit. Workers would not have destroyed themselves and their communities that way. Moving production, a distinctly capitalist strategy, was key to Detroit's population dropping from 1.8m in 1950 to 700,000 today.

Workers co-operatives would also have searched and likely found alternatives to moving that might have saved Detroit. Workers co-operatives, for example, would likely have paid less in dividends to owners and salaries to managers than was typical at Ford, General Motors and Chrysler. Those savings, if passed on in lower automobile prices, would have enabled better completion with European and Japanese car makers than Detroit's Big Three managed.

We cannot know how much more Detroit's auto industry might have benefited from technical progress had it been organized as a workers' co-operative. We can guess that workers have greater incentives to improve technology in co-operatives they own and operate than as employees in capitalist enterprises. Finally, worker co-operatives would likely have switched to producing (and helped to promote) mass-transit vehicles or other alternatives to the automobile to retain jobs and well-being once they saw that continued automobile production could not secure those priorities for worker co-operatives.

What kind of a society gives a relatively tiny number of people the position and power to make corporate decisions impacting millions in and around Detroit while it excludes those millions from participating in those decisions?

When those capitalists' decisions condemn Detroit to 40 years of disastrous decline, what kind of society relieves those capitalists of any responsibility to help rebuild that city?

The simple answer to these questions: no genuinely democratic economy could or would work that way.

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A Brief History of U.S. Interventions 1945 to the Present

EXPOSE

THIS IS AN APPEAL TO ALL READERS - IF AT ALL POSSIBLE - SPREAD THIS EXPOSE OF US IMPERIALISM'S INTERVENTIONS IN ALL OF THESE COUNTRIES. THIS BRIEF HISTORY IS URGENT TO INFORM PEOPLE THAT US-NATO WILL NOT STOP THESE INTERVENTIONS UNLESS PEOPLE PUT A STOP TO THIS NEW WORLD ORDER!

The engine of American foreign policy has been fueled not by a devotion to any kind of morality, but rather by the necessity to serve other imperatives, which can be summarized as follows:

- * making the world safe for American corporations;
- * enhancing the financial statements of defense contractors at home who have contributed generously to members of congress;
- * preventing the rise of any society that might serve as a successful example of an alternative to the capitalist model;
- * extending political and economic hegemony over as wide an area as possible, as befits a "great power."

This in the name of fighting a supposed moral crusade against what cold warriors convinced themselves, and the American people, was the existence of an evil International Communist Conspiracy, which in fact never existed, evil or not.

The United States carried out extremely serious interventions into more than 70 nations in this period.

China, 1945-49:

Intervened in a civil war, taking the side of Chiang Kai-shek against the Communists, even though the latter had been a much closer ally of the United States in the world war. The U.S. used defeated Japanese soldiers to fight for its side. The Communists forced Chiang to flee to Taiwan in 1949.

Italy, 1947-48:

Using every trick in the book, the U.S. interfered in the elections to prevent the Communist Party from coming to power legally and fairly. This perversion of democracy was done in the name of "saving democracy" in Italy. The Communists lost. For the next few decades, the CIA, along with American corporations, continued to intervene in Italian elections, pouring in hundreds of millions of dollars and much psychological warfare to block the specter that was haunting Europe.

Greece, 1947-49:

Intervened in a civil war, taking the side of the neo-fascists against the Greek left which had fought the Nazis courageously. The neo-fascists won and instituted a highly brutal regime, for which the CIA created a new internal security agency, KYP. Before long, KYP was carrying out all the endearing practices of secret police everywhere, including systematic torture.

Philippines, 1945-53:

U.S. military fought against leftist forces (Huks) even while the Huks were still fighting against the Japanese invaders. After the war, the U. S. continued its fight against the Huks, defeating them, and then installing a series of puppets as president, culminating in the dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos.

South Korea, 1945-53:

After World War II, the United States suppressed the popular progressive forces in favor of the conservatives who had collaborated with the Japanese. This led to a long era of corrupt, reactionary, and brutal governments.

Albania, 1949-53:

The U.S. and Britain tried unsuccessfully to overthrow the communist government and install a new one that would have been pro-Western and composed largely of monarchists and collaborators with Italian fascists and Nazis.

Germany, 1950s:

The CIA orchestrated a wide-ranging campaign of sabotage, terrorism, dirty tricks, and psychological warfare against East Germany. This was one of the factors which led to the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961.

Iran, 1953:

Prime Minister Mossadegh was overthrown in a joint U.S./British operation. Mossadegh had been elected to his position by a large majority of parliament, but he had made the fateful mistake of spearheading the movement to nationalize a British-owned oil company, the sole oil company operating in Iran. The coup restored the Shah to absolute power and began a period of 25 years of repression and torture, with the oil industry being restored to foreign ownership, as follows: Britain and the U.S., each 40 percent, other nations 20 percent.

Guatemala, 1953-1990s:

A CIA-organized coup overthrew the democratically-elected and progressive government of Jacobo Arbenz, initiating 40 years of death-squads, torture, disappearances, mass executions, and unimaginable cruelty, totaling well over 100,000 victims -indisputably one of the most inhuman chapters of the 20th century. Arbenz had nationalized the U.S. firm, United Fruit Company, which had extremely close ties to the American power elite. As justification for the coup, Washington declared that Guatemala had been on the verge of a Soviet takeover, when in fact the Russians had so little interest in the country that it didn't even maintain diplomatic relations. The real problem in the eyes of Washington, in addition to United Fruit, was the danger of Guatemala's social democracy spreading to other countries in Latin America.

Middle East, 1956-58:

The Eisenhower Doctrine stated that the United States "is prepared to use armed forces to assist" any Middle East country "requesting assistance against armed aggression from any country controlled by international communism." The English translation of this was that no one would be allowed to dominate, or have excessive influence over, the middle east and its oil fields except the United States, and that anyone who tried would be, by definition, "Communist." In keeping with this policy, the United States twice attempted to overthrow the Syrian government, staged several shows-of-force in the Mediterranean to intimidate movements opposed to U.S.-supported governments in Jordan and Lebanon, landed 14,000 troops in Lebanon, and conspired to overthrow or assassinate Nasser of Egypt and his troublesome middle-east nationalism.

Indonesia, 1957-58:

Sukarno, like Nasser, was the kind of Third World leader the United States could not abide. He took neutralism in the cold war seriously, making trips to the Soviet Union and China (though to the White House as well). He nationalized many private holdings of the Dutch, the former colonial power. He refused to crack down on the Indonesian Communist Party, which was walking the legal, peaceful road and making impressive gains electorally. Such policies could easily give other Third World leaders "wrong ideas." The CIA began throwing money into the elections, plotted Sukarno's assassination, tried to blackmail him with a phony sex film, and joined forces with dissident military officers to wage a full-scale war against the government. Sukarno survived it all.

British Guiana/Guyana, 1953-64:

For 11 years, two of the oldest democracies in the world, Great Britain and the United States, went to great lengths to prevent a democratically elected leader from occupying his office. Cheddi Jagan was another Third World leader who tried to remain neutral and independent. He was elected three times. Although a leftist-more so than Sukarno or Arbenz-his policies in office were not revolutionary. But he was still a marked man, for he represented Washington's greatest fear: building a society that might be a successful example of an alternative to the capitalist model. Using a wide variety of tactics-from general strikes and disinformation to terrorism and British legalisms, the U. S. and Britain finally forced Jagan out in 1964. John F. Kennedy had given a direct order for his ouster, as, presumably, had Eisenhower.

One of the better-off countries in the region under Jagan, Guyana, by the 1980s, was one of the poorest. Its principal export became people.

Vietnam, 1950-73:

The slippery slope began with siding with ~ French, the former colonizers and collaborators with the Japanese, against Ho Chi Minh and his followers who had worked closely with the Allied war effort and admired all things American. Ho Chi Minh was, after all, some kind of Communist. He had written numerous letters to President Truman and the State Department asking for America's help in winning Vietnamese independence from the French and finding a peaceful solution for his country. All his entreaties were ignored. Ho Chi Minh modeled the new Vietnamese declaration of independence on the American, beginning it with "All men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with ..." But this would count for nothing in Washington. Ho Chi Minh was some kind of Communist.

Twenty-three years and more than a million dead, later, the United States withdrew its military forces from Vietnam. Most people say that the U.S. lost the war. But by destroying Vietnam to its core, and poisoning the earth and the gene pool for generations, Washington had achieved its main purpose: preventing what might have been the rise of a good development option for Asia. Ho Chi Minh was, after all, some kind of communist.

Cambodia, 1955-73:

Prince Sihanouk was yet another leader who did not fancy being an American client. After many years of hostility towards his regime, including assassination plots and the infamous Nixon/Kissinger secret "carpet bombings" of 1969-70, Washington finally overthrew Sihanouk in a coup in 1970. This was all that was needed to impel Pol Pot and his Khmer Rouge forces to enter the fray. Five years later, they took power. But five years of American bombing had caused Cambodia's traditional economy to vanish. The old Cambodia had been destroyed forever.

Incredibly, the Khmer Rouge were to inflict even greater misery on this unhappy land. To add to the irony, the United States supported Pol Pot, militarily and diplomatically, after their subsequent defeat by the Vietnamese.

The Congo/Zaire, 1960-65:

In June 1960, Patrice Lumumba became the Congo's first prime minister after independence from Belgium. But Belgium retained its vast mineral wealth in Katanga province, prominent Eisenhower administration officials had financial ties to the same wealth, and Lumumba, at Independence Day ceremonies before a host of foreign dignitaries, called for the nation's economic as well as its political liberation, and recounted a list of injustices against the natives by the white owners of the country. The man was obviously a "Communist." The poor man was obviously doomed.

Eleven days later, Katanga province seceded, in September, Lumumba was dismissed by the president at the instigation of the United States, and in January 1961 he was assassinated at the express request of Dwight Eisenhower. There followed several years of civil conflict and chaos and the rise to power of Mobutu Sese Seko, a man not a stranger to the CIA. Mobutu went on to rule the country for more than 30 years, with a level of corruption and cruelty that shocked even his CIA handlers. The Zairian people lived in abject poverty despite the plentiful natural wealth, while Mobutu became a multibillionaire.

Brazil, 1961-64:

President Joao Goulart was guilty of the usual crimes: He took an independent stand in foreign policy, resuming relations with socialist countries and opposing sanctions against Cuba; his administration passed a law limiting the amount of profits multinationals could transmit outside the country; a subsidiary of ITT was nationalized; he promoted economic and social reforms. And Attorney-General Robert Kennedy was uneasy about Goulart allowing "communists" to hold positions in government agencies. Yet the man was no radical. He was a millionaire land-owner and a Catholic who wore a medal of the Virgin around his neck. That, however, was not enough to save him. In 1964, he was overthrown in a military coup which had deep, covert American involvement. The official Washington line was...yes, it's unfortunate that democracy has been overthrown in Brazil...but, still, the country has been saved from communism.

For the next 15 years, all the features of military dictatorship that Latin America has come to know were instituted: Congress was shut down, political opposition was reduced to virtual extinction, habeas corpus for "political crimes" was suspended, criticism of the president was forbidden by law, labor unions were taken over by government interveners, mounting protests were met by police and military firing into crowds, peasants' homes were burned down, priests were brutalized...disappearances, death squads, a remarkable degree and depravity of torture...the government had a name for its program: the "moral rehabilitation" of Brazil.

Washington was very pleased. Brazil broke relations with Cuba and became one of the United States' most reliable allies in Latin America.

Dominican Republic, 1963-66:

In February 1963, Juan Bosch took office as the first democratically elected president of the Dominican Republic since 1924. Here at last was John F. Kennedy's liberal anti-Communist, to counter the charge that the U.S. supported only military dictatorships. Bosch's government was to be the long sought "showcase of democracy" that would put the lie to Fidel Castro. He was given the grand treatment in Washington shortly before he took office.

Bosch was true to his beliefs. He called for land reform, low-rent housing, modest nationalization of business, and foreign investment provided it was not excessively exploitative of the country and other policies making up the program of any liberal Third World leader serious about social change. He was likewise serious about civil liberties: Communists, or those labeled as such, were not to be persecuted unless they actually violated the law.

A number of American officials and congresspeople expressed their discomfort with Bosch's plans, as well as his stance of independence from the United States. Land reform and nationalization are always touchy issues in Washington, the stuff that "creeping socialism" is made of. In several quarters of the U.S. press Bosch was red-baited.

In September, the military boots marched. Bosch was out. The United States, which could discourage a military coup in Latin America with a frown, did nothing.

Nineteen months later, a revolt broke out which promised to put the exiled Bosch back into power.



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Cuba, 1959 to present:

Fidel Castro came to power at the beginning of 1959. A U.S. National Security Council meeting of March 10, 1959 included on its agenda the feasibility of bringing "another government to power in Cuba." There followed 40 years of terrorist attacks, bombings, full-scale military invasion, sanctions, embargoes, isolation, assassinations...Cuba had carried out The Unforgivable Revolution, a very serious threat of setting a "good example" in Latin America.

The saddest part of this is that the world will never know what kind of society Cuba could have produced if left alone, if not constantly under the gun and the threat of invasion, if allowed to relax its control at home. The idealism, the vision, the talent were all there. But we'll never know. And that of course was the idea.

Indonesia, 1965:

A complex series of events, involving a supposed coup attempt, a counter-coup, and perhaps a counter-counter-coup, with American fingerprints apparent at various points, resulted in the ouster from power of Sukarno and his replacement by a military coup led by General Suharto. The massacre that began immediately-of Communists, Communist sympathizers, suspected Communists, suspected Communist sympathizers, and none of the above-was called by the New York Times "one of the most savage mass slayings of modern political history." The estimates of the number killed in the course of a few years begin at half a million and go above a million.

It was later learned that the U.S. embassy had compiled lists of "Communist" operatives, from top echelons down to village cadres, as many as 5,000 names, and turned them over to the army, which then hunted those persons down and killed them. The Americans would then check off the names of those who had been killed or captured. "It really was a big help to the army. They probably killed a lot of people, and I probably have a lot of blood on my hands," said one U.S. diplomat. "But that's not all bad. There's a time when you have to strike hard at a decisive moment. "

Chile, 1964-73:

Salvador Allende was the worst possible scenario for a Washington imperialist. He could imagine only one thing worse than a Marxist in power-an elected Marxist in power, who honored the constitution, and became increasingly popular. This shook the very foundation stones on which the anti-Communist tower was built: the doctrine, painstakingly cultivated for decades, that "communists" can take power only through force and deception, that they can retain that power only through terrorizing and brainwashing the population.

After sabotaging Allende's electoral endeavor in 1964, and failing to do so in 1970, despite their best efforts, the CIA and the rest of the American foreign policy machine left no stone unturned in their attempt to destabilize the Allende government over the next three years, paying particular attention to building up military hostility. Finally, in September 1973, the military overthrew the government, Allende dying in the process.

They closed the country to the outside world for a week, while the tanks rolled and the soldiers broke down doors; the stadiums rang with the sounds of execution and the bodies piled up along the streets and floated in the river; the torture centers opened for business; the subversive books were thrown into bonfires; soldiers slit the trouser legs of women, shouting that "In Chile women wear dresses!"; the poor returned to their natural state; and the men of the world in Washington and in the halls of international finance opened up their check-books. In the end, more than 3,000 had been executed, thousands more tortured or disappeared.

Greece, 1964-74:

The military coup took place in April 1967, just two days before the campaign for national elections was to begin, elections which appeared certain to bring the veteran liberal leader George Papandreou back as prime minister. Papandreou had been elected in February 1964 with the only outright majority in the history of modern Greek elections. The successful machinations to unseat him had begun immediately, a joint effort of the Royal Court, the Greek military, and the American military and CIA stationed in Greece. The 1967 coup was followed immediately by the traditional martial law, censorship, arrests, beatings, torture, and killings, the victims totaling some 8,000 in the first month. This was accompanied by the equally traditional declaration that this was all being done to save the nation from a "Communist takeover." Corrupting and subversive influences in Greek life were to be removed. Among these were miniskirts, long hair, and foreign newspapers; church attendance for the young would be compulsory.

It was torture, however, which most indelibly marked the seven-year Greek nightmare. James Becket, an American attorney sent to Greece by Amnesty International, wrote in December 1969 that "a conservative estimate would place at not less than two thousand" the number of people tortured, usually in the most gruesome of ways, often with equipment supplied by the United States.

Becket reported the following: Hundreds of prisoners have listened to the little speech given by Inspector Basil Lambrou, who sits behind his desk which displays the red, white, and blue clasped-hand symbol of American aid. He tries to show the prisoner the absolute futility of resistance: "You make yourself ridiculous by thinking you can do anything. The world is divided in two. There are the communists on that side and on this side the free world. The Russians and the Americans, no one else. What are we? Americans. Behind me there is the government, behind the government is NATO, behind NATO is the U.S. You can't fight us, we are Americans."

George Papandreou was not any kind of radical. He was a liberal anti-Communist type. But his son Andreas, the heir-apparent, while only a little to the left of his father had not disguised his wish to take Greece out of the Cold War, and had questioned remaining in NATO, or at least as a satellite of the United States.

East Timor, 1975 to present:

In December 1975, Indonesia invaded East Timor, which lies at the eastern end of the Indonesian archipelago, and which had proclaimed its independence after Portugal had relinquished control of it. The invasion was launched the day after U. S. President Gerald Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger had left Indonesia after giving Suharto permission to use American arms, which, under U.S. law, could not be used for aggression. Indonesia was Washington's most valuable tool in Southeast

Asia.

Amnesty International estimated that by 1989, Indonesian troops, with the aim of forcibly annexing East Timor, had killed 200,000 people out of a population of between 600,000 and 700,000. The United States consistently supported Indonesia's claim to East Timor (unlike the UN and the EU), and downplayed the slaughter to a remarkable degree, at the same time supplying Indonesia with all the military hardware and training it needed to carry out the job.

Nicaragua, 1978-89:

When the Sandinistas overthrew the Somoza dictatorship in 1978, it was clear to Washington that they might well be that long-dreaded beast-"another Cuba." Under President Carter, attempts to sabotage the revolution took diplomatic and economic forms. Under Reagan, violence was the method of choice. For eight terribly long years, the people of Nicaragua were under attack by Washington's proxy army, the Contras, formed from Somoza's vicious National Guard and other supporters of the dictator. It was all-out war, aiming to destroy the progressive social and economic programs of the government, burning down schools and medical clinics, raping, torturing, mining harbors, bombing and strafing. These were Ronald Reagan's "freedom fighters." There would be no revolution in Nicaragua.

Grenada, 1979-84:

What would drive the most powerful nation in the world to invade a country of 110,000? Maurice Bishop and his followers had taken power in a 1979 coup, and though their actual policies were not as revolutionary as Castro's, Washington was again driven by its fear of "another Cuba," particularly when public appearances by the Grenadian leaders in other countries of the region met with great enthusiasm.

U. S. destabilization tactics against the Bishop government began soon after the coup and continued until 1983, featuring numerous acts of disinformation and dirty tricks. The American invasion in October 1983 met minimal resistance, although the U.S. suffered 135 killed or wounded; there were also some 400 Grenadian casualties, and 84 Cubans, mainly construction workers.

At the end of 1984, a questionable election was held which was won by a man supported by the Reagan administration. One year later, the human rights organization, Council on Hemispheric Affairs, reported that Grenada's new U.S.-trained police force and counter-insurgency forces had acquired a reputation for brutality, arbitrary arrest, and abuse of authority, and were eroding civil rights.

In April 1989, the government issued a list of more than 80 books which were prohibited from being imported. Four months later, the prime minister suspended parliament to forestall a threatened no-confidence vote resulting from what his critics called "an increasingly authoritarian style."

Libya, 1981-89:

Libya refused to be a proper Middle East client state of Washington. Its leader, Muammar el-Qaddafi, was uppity. He would have to be punished. U.S. planes shot down two Libyan planes in

what Libya regarded as its air space. The U.S. also dropped bombs on the country, killing at least 40 people, including Qaddafi's daughter. There were other attempts to assassinate the man, operations to overthrow him, a major disinformation campaign, economic sanctions, and blaming Libya for being behind the Pan Am 103 bombing without any good evidence.

Panama, 1989:

Washington's bombers strike again. December 1989, a large tenement barrio in Panama City wiped out, 15,000 people left homeless. Counting several days of ground fighting against Panamanian forces, 500-something dead was the official body count, what the U.S. and the new U.S.-installed Panamanian government admitted to; other sources, with no less evidence, insisted that thousands had died; 3,000-something wounded. Twenty-three Americans dead, 324 wounded.

Question from reporter: "Was it really worth it to send people to their death for this? To get Noriega?"

George Bush: "Every human life is precious, and yet I have to answer, yes, it has been worth it."

Manuel Noriega had been an American ally and informant for years until he outlived his usefulness. But getting him was not the only motive for the attack. Bush wanted to send a clear message to the people of Nicaragua, who had an election scheduled in two months, that this might be their fate if they reelected the Sandinistas. Bush also wanted to flex some military muscle to illustrate to Congress the need for a large combat-ready force even after the very recent dissolution of the "Soviet threat." The official explanation for the American ouster was Noriega's drug trafficking, which Washington had known about for years and had not been at all bothered by.

Iraq, 1990s:

Relentless bombing for more than 40 days and nights, against one of the most advanced nations in the Middle East, devastating its ancient and modern capital city; 177 million pounds of bombs falling on the people of Iraq, the most concentrated aerial onslaught in the history of the world; depleted uranium weapons incinerating people, causing cancer; blasting chemical and biological weapon storage and oil facilities; poisoning the atmosphere to a degree perhaps never matched anywhere; burying soldiers alive, deliberately; the infrastructure destroyed, with a terrible effect on health; sanctions continued to this day multiplying the health problems; perhaps a million children dead by now from all of these things, even more adults.

Iraq was the strongest military power among the Arab states. This may have been their crime. Noam Chomsky has written: "It's been a leading, driving doctrine of U.S. foreign policy since the 1940s that the vast and unparalleled energy resources of the Gulf region will be effectively dominated by the United States and its clients, and, crucially, that no independent, indigenous force will be permitted to have a substantial influence on the administration of oil production and price."

Afghanistan, 1979-92:

Everyone knows of the unbelievable repression of women in Afghanistan, carried out by Islamic fundamentalists, even before the Taliban. But how many people know that during the late 1970s and

most of the 1980s, Afghanistan had a government committed to bringing the incredibly backward nation into the 20th century, including giving women equal rights? What happened, however, is that the United States poured billions of dollars into waging a terrible war against this government, simply because it was supported by the Soviet Union. Prior to this, CIA operations had knowingly increased the probability of a Soviet intervention, which is what occurred. In the end, the United States won, and the women, and the rest of Afghanistan, lost. More than a million dead, three million disabled, five million refugees, in total about half the population.

El Salvador, 1980-92:

El Salvador's dissidents tried to work within the system. But with U.S. support, the government made that impossible, using repeated electoral fraud and murdering hundreds of protesters and strikers. In 1980, the dissidents took to the gun, and civil war.

Officially, the U.S. military presence in El Salvador was limited to an advisory capacity. In actuality, military and CIA personnel played a more active role on a continuous basis. About 20 Americans were killed or wounded in helicopter and plane crashes while flying reconnaissance or other missions over combat areas, and considerable evidence surfaced of a U.S. role in the ground fighting as well. The war came to an official end in 1992; 75,000 civilian deaths and the U.S. Treasury depleted by six billion dollars. Meaningful social change has been largely thwarted. A handful of the wealthy still own the country, the poor remain as ever, and dissidents still have to fear right-wing death squads.

Haiti, 1987-94:

The U.S. supported the Duvalier family dictatorship for 30 years, then opposed the reformist priest, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Meanwhile, the CIA was working intimately with death squads, torturers, and drug traffickers. With this as background, the Clinton White House found itself in the awkward position of having to pretend-because of all their rhetoric about "democracy"-that they supported Aristide's return to power in Haiti after he had been ousted in a 1991 military coup. After delaying his return for more than two years, Washington finally had its military restore Aristide to office, but only after obliging the priest to guarantee that he would not help the poor at the expense of the rich, and that he would stick closely to free-market economics. This meant that Haiti would continue to be the assembly plant of the Western Hemisphere, with its workers receiving literally starvation wages.

Yugoslavia, 1999:

The United States is bombing the country back to a pre-industrial era. It would like the world to believe that its intervention is motivated only by "humanitarian" impulses. Perhaps the above history of U.S. interventions can help one decide how much weight to place on this claim.

William Blum is the author of *Killing Hope: US Military and CIA Interventions Since World War II*. Portions of the book can be read at: [http://members.aol.com/bblum6/American holocaust.htm](http://members.aol.com/bblum6/American%20holocaust.htm).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM CHESHIRE,
ENGLAND

Dear Michael:

Many thanks for the DVD "Incident at Map Grid 36-80". The storyline is very well acted and the special effects are excellent. I was particularly impressed with the Soviet vertical take-off Jet fighter taking off from the deck of the Soviet Aircraft Carrier. We are always led to believe that only NATO nations had the vertical take off jet technology.

Sorry for the delay of this letter, but my wife Patricia and I were on a wonderful holiday in Portugal.

Hope that you and Helen are in good health.

Cliff and Pat Roe

FROM ST. MICHEL-BELLECHASE
QUEBEC - CANADA

Dear Helen and comrades:

Sorry that I'm so far from Toronto. Good health to you, to Michael and to all the comrades. I'm so happy to have known you. I'll drop in one of these days. Enclosed is a donation of \$50.

Dick Piper

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CA
USA

Dear friends -

I am sending you a \$25.00 NSC subscription to send to People's World newspaper in the USA.

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Sincerely
Betty Kallo

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FROM CARPATHIAN REGION
MUKACHEVO - UKRAINE

Dear esteemed comrade Lucas:

I am sending the book that I have written (via computer variant) published by our newspaper "Workers-Peasants Pravda". This is the first book about the Zionist-American Imperialism, the future struggles for world domination by starting the Third World War.

This 400-page book in Russian contains factual analyses of the military might of United States and (their allies).

This book shows that in 5-6 years maximum US-NATO will start a war with Russia - at present the aggression against Syria - then it will be Iran - and the next step is the invasion of Russia to divide and exploit the natural resources.

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With great sincerity

Anatolij Arkadijevich Majeovsky
Officer- Colonel. Secretary of CC of
All Union Communist Party of
Bolsheviks



FROM DONETSK
RUSSIA

Dear comrades on NSC:

I am sending you a booklet of satire cartoons done by Gerrardo Nordelo, one of Cuban in US jails in Russian and Spanish. It would be nice if some of them were to be published in NSC and a copy sent to Nordelo. I'm certain that he would appreciate this gesture.


Here in Ukraine the In Defense of Cuban 5 Committees are active in many cities and we distributed many to people at our Cuban 5 meetings. Sorry for this short note but our political work is keeping us very busy.

With all my love
Tamara Goroshkova



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