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VICTORY 1945

Much has been written about the Second World War in the Western world, but unfortunately the thread running through these stories – now coming to the 60th Anniversary of the ending of World War Two – is full of many falsehoods, rewriting the history to suit the present drive by US Imperialism for its New World Order – trying to go on where Hitler failed to do so from 1939 to 1945.

It will be 60 years in May that the world saw the end to the bloodiest terror and murder since time began. Over 50,000,000 people perished in those years and, the Soviet Union lost over 25,000,000 of its population, in order to save humanity from the scourge of fascism!

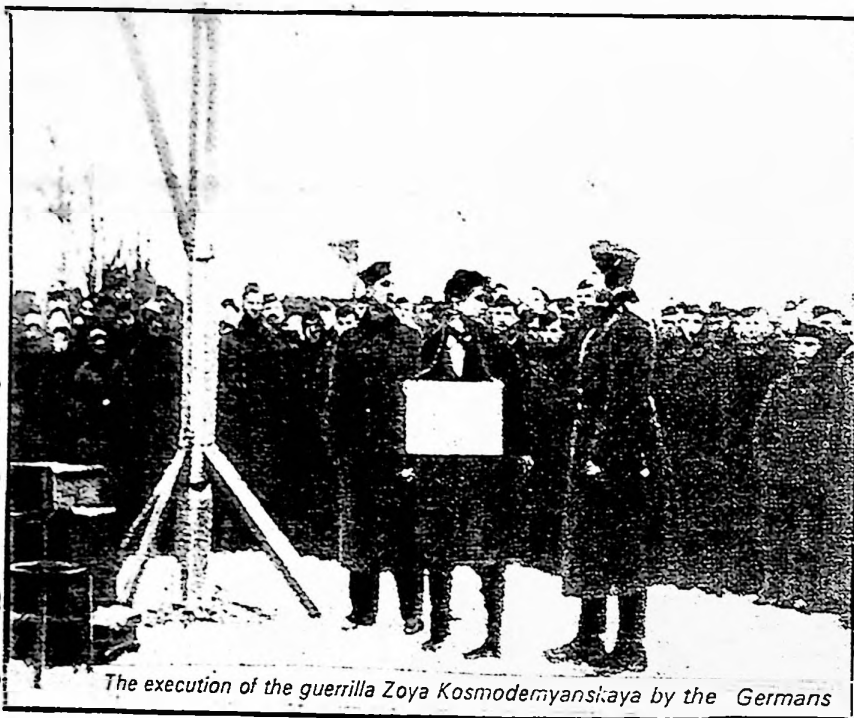
NSC readers are well aware as to who it was that built up the German,

Italian and Japanese war machine. Readers know that Western powers were goading and pushing Hitler to march East against the Soviet Union! Much dirt, lies, propaganda was written and is being written now on the eve of the 60th Anniversary about Marshal Stalin and about the Soviet people and its glorious Red Army. These so-called “historians” are rewriting history, since they feel that the present generations, born during or right after the war will not know the difference. These scribes for imperialism, writing for those that pay large sums of money, unfortunately could be found in Russia and other

former Soviet republics, who now have turned around and changed sides in order to heap abuse, dirt, lies and are subverting history to please their new masters, who are attempting to do what Hitler was not able to accomplish, thanks to Stalin, the CPSU and the Soviet Red Army!

The question of outmost importance then was “Why did not





The execution of the guerrilla Zoya Kosmodemyanskaya by the Germans

there had not been the Red Army, the Partisans, which forced Hitler to move his best divisions and most of his divisions, to be exact, from the Western Front to the Eastern Front, and thus hoping that it would be the Americans and British troops that would enter Berlin first.

Churchill begged Stalin to time their offensive in Germany in order to help the Western powers who were stuck, Stalin and the Red Army obliged, and thus eased the situation on the Western Front.

Sometimes words that come from the "horses mouth" tell the story much more effectively than this Editorial.

US General Albert C. Wedemeyer of the General Staff had this to say, (although diplomatically), but its there, on the occasion of the re-enactment of the invasion of Normandy in June of 1984: "The idea was to land in Normandy and rush as quickly as we could to reach Berlin before the Russians did. Then we, the Anglo-American forces would be able to control all of Europe and stop the Russians from going any further or influence the European situation for Communism!"

Who knows as to what might have happened if the war in Europe lasted for a few more months, as London and Washington had hoped, so that the atomic bomb would have been developed and used, as it was used on Japan, even though the war was over. The dropping of atomic bombs

the Western Allies open up the Second Front earlier, instead of the summer of 1944 when the Soviet Army was chasing the German Army who were in flight and liberated most of Europe? The Second Front was opened only then because Western leaders knew that the German Army was beaten and if they did not at least show some force, their own peoples would draw the proper conclusion as to why this stalling and this planning behind the Soviet backs - plans to join with the remaining Nazi forces and attack the Soviet Union! Yes, dear readers - this was the plan as facts show in the archives of both the West and the East.

A question has to be asked, as was asked and written about by Alexander Borisov, a well known Soviet expert on the Second World War and author of the book "Lessons of the Second Front" in Europe. The politically motivated procrastination by the Western Allies, USA and Britain, as it concerns the decision to land their troops in Western Europe. This could have had very tragic circumstances, as is shown below.

Both Germany and the United States - both of them had long term plans for the world - were making vigorous efforts to produce an atomic bomb. Having fought the war with conventional weapons, this atom bomb could have had the same fate on Europe as Hiroshima and Nagasaki. US and Britain would have used it on the Soviet Union in order

to stop the Red Army reaching the English Channel. Archives and information available through the Freedom of Information Act, do not lie! Imperialism had plans before World War Two, during World War Two and right after! Their enemy was always the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Socialism, no matter what Roosevelt, Churchill or General Charles DeGaulle said.

So, the history that is being pushed through all Western history books for the past 60 years, is that America came to the rescue of war-ridden Europe and brought the long liberation of Europe! As though

At the Teheran Conference of 1943 the leaders of the USSR, the United States and Great Britain coordinated further plans in continuing the war against the Nazi invaders



on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was meant strictly to warn and scare the USSR with this new horrific weapon, since the Soviet Union had not yet developed the bomb.

The Cold War was on even as the World War Two ashes were still burning and people were still dying.

Let everyone learn and remember from history of the Great Patriotic War, that the tragedies that have not yet occurred in human history, deserve as much care and contain as many lessons as the ones that mankind has had to suffer!

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GUEST EDITORIAL

The oil factor in Bush's 'war on tyranny'

By F. William Engdahl

[From: Asia Times]

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In recent public speeches, President George W Bush and others in the US administration, including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, have begun to make a significant shift in the rhetoric of war. A new "war on tyranny" is being groomed to replace the outmoded "war on terror". Far from being a semantic nuance, the shift is highly revealing of the next phase of Washington's global agenda.

In his January 20 inaugural speech, Bush declared, "It is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world" (author's emphasis). Bush repeated the last formulation, "ending tyranny in our world", in the State of the Union address. In 1917 it was a "war to make the world safe for democracy", and in 1941 it was a "war to end all wars".

The use of tyranny as justification for US military intervention marks a dramatic new step in Washington's quest for global domination. "Washington", of course, today is shorthand for the policy domination by a private group of military and energy conglomerates, from Halliburton to McDonnell Douglas, from Bechtel to ExxonMobil and ChevronTexaco, not unlike that foreseen in president Dwight Eisenhower's 1961 speech warning of excessive control of government by a military-industrial complex.

Congress declared World War II after an aggressive Japanese attack

on the US fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. While Washington stretched the limits of deception and fakery in Vietnam and elsewhere to justify its wars, up to now it has always at least justified the effort with the claim that another power had initiated aggression or hostile military acts against the United States of America. Tyranny has to do with the internal affairs of a nation: it has to do with how a leader and a people interact, not with its foreign policy. It has nothing to do with aggression against the United States or others.

Historically Washington has had no problem befriending some of the world's all-time tyrants, as long as they were "pro-Washington" tyrants, such as the military dictatorship of President General Pervez Musharraf in Pakistan, a paragon of oppression. We might name other befriended tyrants — Ilham Aliyev's Azerbaijan, or Islam Karimov's Uzbekistan, or the al-Sabahs' Kuwait, or Oman. Maybe Morocco, or Alvaro Uribe's Colombia. There is a long list of pro-Washington tyrants.

For obvious reasons, Washington is unlikely to turn against its "friends". The new anti-tyranny crusade would seem, then, to be directed against "anti-American" tyrants. The question is, which tyrants are on the radar screen for the Pentagon's awesome arsenal of smart bombs and covert-operations commandos? Rice dropped a hint in her Senate Foreign Relations Committee testimony two days prior to the Bush inauguration. The White House, of course, cleared her speech first.

Target some tyrannies, nurture others

Rice hinted at Washington's target list of tyrants amid an otherwise bland statement in her Senate testimony. She declared, "in our world there remain outposts of tyranny ... in Cuba, and Burma and North Korea, and Iran and Belarus, and Zimbabwe". Aside from the fact that the designated secretary of state did not bother to refer to "Burma" under its present name,

Myanmar, the list is an indication of the next phase in Washington's strategy of preemptive wars for its global domination strategy.

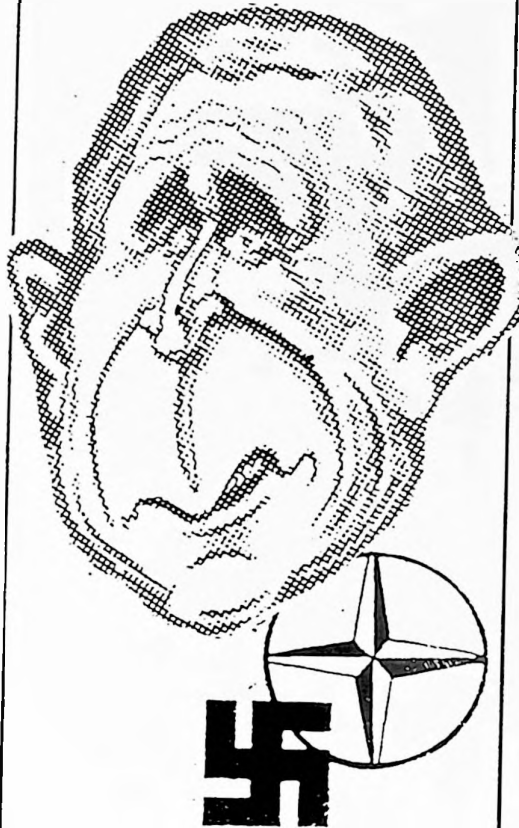
As reckless as this seems given the Iraq quagmire, the fact that little open debate on such a broadened war has yet taken place indicates how extensive the consensus is within the Washington establishment for the war policy. According to the January 24 *New Yorker* report from Seymour Hersh, Washington already approved a war plan for the coming four years of Bush II, which targets 10 countries from the Middle East to East Asia. The Rice statement gives a clue to six of the 10. She also suggested Venezuela is high on the non-public target list.

Pentagon Special Forces units are reported already active inside Iran, according to the Hersh report, preparing details of key military and nuclear sites for presumable future bomb hits. At the highest levels, France, Germany and the European Union are well aware of the US agenda for Iran, on the nuclear issue, which explains the frantic EU diplomatic forays with Iran.

The US president declared in his State of the Union speech that Iran was "the world's primary state sponsor of terror". Congress is falling in line as usual, beginning to sound war drums on Iran. Testimony to the Israeli Knesset by the Mossad chief recently, reported in the *Jerusalem Post*, estimated that by the end of 2005 Iran's nuclear-weapons program would be "unstoppable". This suggests strong pressure from Israel on Washington to "stop" Iran this year.

According also to former US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) official Vince Cannistraro, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's new war agenda includes a list of 10 priority countries. In addition to Iran, it includes Syria, Sudan, Algeria, Yemen and Malaysia. According to a report in the January 23 *Washington Post*, General Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), also has a list of what the Pentagon calls "emerging targets" for preemptive war, which includes Somalia, Yemen, Indonesia, the Philippines and Georgia, a list he has sent to Rumsfeld.

While Georgia may now be considered under de facto North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or US control since the election of President Mikheil Saakashvili, the other states are highly suggestive of the overall US agenda for the new "war on tyranny". If we add Syria, Sudan, Algeria and Malaysia, as well as Rice's list of Cuba, Belarus, Myanmar and Zimbabwe, to the JCS list of Somalia, Yemen, Indonesia and the Philippines, we have some 12 potential targets for either Pentagon covert



destabilization or direct military intervention, surgical or broader. And, of course, North Korea, which seems to serve as a useful permanent friction point to justify US military presence in the strategic region between China and Japan. Whether it is 10 or 12 targets, the direction is clear.

What is striking is just how directly this list of US "emerging target" countries, "outposts of tyranny", maps on to the strategic goal of total global energy control, which is clearly the central strategic focus of the Bush-Cheney administration.

General Norman Schwarzkopf, who led the 1991 attack on Iraq, told the US Congress in 1990: "Middle East oil is the West's lifeblood. It fuels us today, and being 77% of

the free world's proven oil reserves, is going to fuel us when the rest of the world runs dry." He was talking about what some geologists call peak oil, the end of the era of cheap oil, without drawing undue attention to the fact.

That was in 1990. Today, with US troops preparing a semi-permanent stay in Iraq and moves to control global oil and energy chokepoints, the situation is far more advanced. China and India have rapidly emerged as major oil-import economies at a time when existing sources of the West's oil, from the North Sea to Alaska and beyond, are in significant decline. Here we have a pre-programmed scenario for future resource conflict on a global scale.

Oil geopolitics and the 'war on tyranny'

Cuba as a "tyranny target" is a surrogate for Hugo Chavez' Venezuela, which is strongly supported by Russian President Vladimir Putin, via Cuba, and now by China. Rice explicitly mentioned the close ties between Cuban President Fidel Castro and Chavez. After a failed CIA putsch attempt early in the Bush tenure, Washington is clearly trying to keep a lower profile in Caracas. The goal remains regime change of the recalcitrant Chavez, whose most recent affront to Washington was his latest visit to China, where he signed a major bilateral energy deal. Chavez also had the gall to announce plans to divert oil sales away from the United States to China and sell its US refineries. Part of the China deal would involve a new pipeline to a port on Colombia's coast, which avoids US control of the Panama Canal. Rice told the Senate that Cuba was an "outpost of tyranny" and in the same breath labelled Venezuela a "regional troublemaker".

Indonesia, with huge natural-gas resources serving mainly China and Japan, presents an interesting case, since the country has apparently been cooperative with Washington's "war on terror" since September 2001. Indonesia's government raised an outcry in the wake of the recent tsunami disaster when the Pentagon dispatched a US aircraft carrier and special

troops within 72 hours to land in Aceh province to do "rescue work". The USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier, with 2,000 supposedly Iraq-bound Marines aboard, together with the USS Bonhomme Richard from Guam, landed some 13,000 US troops in Aceh, which alarmed many in the Indonesian military and government. The Indonesian government acceded, but demanded that the US leave by the end of March and not establish a base camp in Aceh. No less than deputy defense secretary and Iraq war strategist Paul Wolfowitz, former US ambassador to Indonesia, made an immediate "fact-finding" tour of the region. ExxonMobil runs a huge LNG [liquefied natural gas] production in Aceh that supplies energy to China and Japan.

If we add to the list of "emerging targets" Myanmar, a state that, however disrespectful of human rights, is also a major ally and recipient of military aid from Beijing, a strategic encirclement potential against China emerges quite visibly. Malaysia, Myanmar and Aceh in Indonesia represent strategic flanks on which the vital sea lanes from the Strait of Malacca, through which oil tankers from the Persian Gulf travel to China, can be controlled. Moreover, 80% of Japan's oil passes here.

The US government's Energy Information Administration identifies the Malacca Strait as one of the most strategic "world oil transit chokepoints". How convenient if in the course of cleaning out a nest of tyrant regimes Washington might militarily acquire control of this strait. Until now the states in the area have vehemently rejected repeated US attempts to militarize the strait.

Control or militarization of Malaysia, Indonesia and Myanmar would give US forces chokepoint control over the world's busiest sea channel for oil from the Persian Gulf to China and Japan. It would be a huge blow to China's efforts to secure energy independence from the US. Not only has China already lost huge oil concessions in Iraq with the US occupation, but China's oil supply from Sudan is also under increasing pressure from Washington.

Taking Iran from the mullahs would give Washington chokepoint control over the world's most strategically important oil waterway, the Strait of Hormuz, a three-kilometer-wide passage between the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Sea. The major US military base in the entire Middle East region is just across the strait from Iran in Doha, Qatar. One of the world's largest gas fields also lies here.

Algeria is another obvious target for the "war on tyranny". Algeria is the second-most-important supplier of natural gas to continental Europe, and has significant reserves of the highest-quality low-sulfur crude oil, just the kind US refineries need. Some 90% of Algeria's oil goes to Europe, mainly Italy, France and Germany. President Abdelaziz Bouteflika read the September 11, 2001, tea leaves and promptly pledged his support for Washington's "war on terror". Bouteflika has made motions to privatize various state holdings, but not the vital state oil company, Sonatrach. That will clearly not be enough to satisfy the appetite of Washington planners.

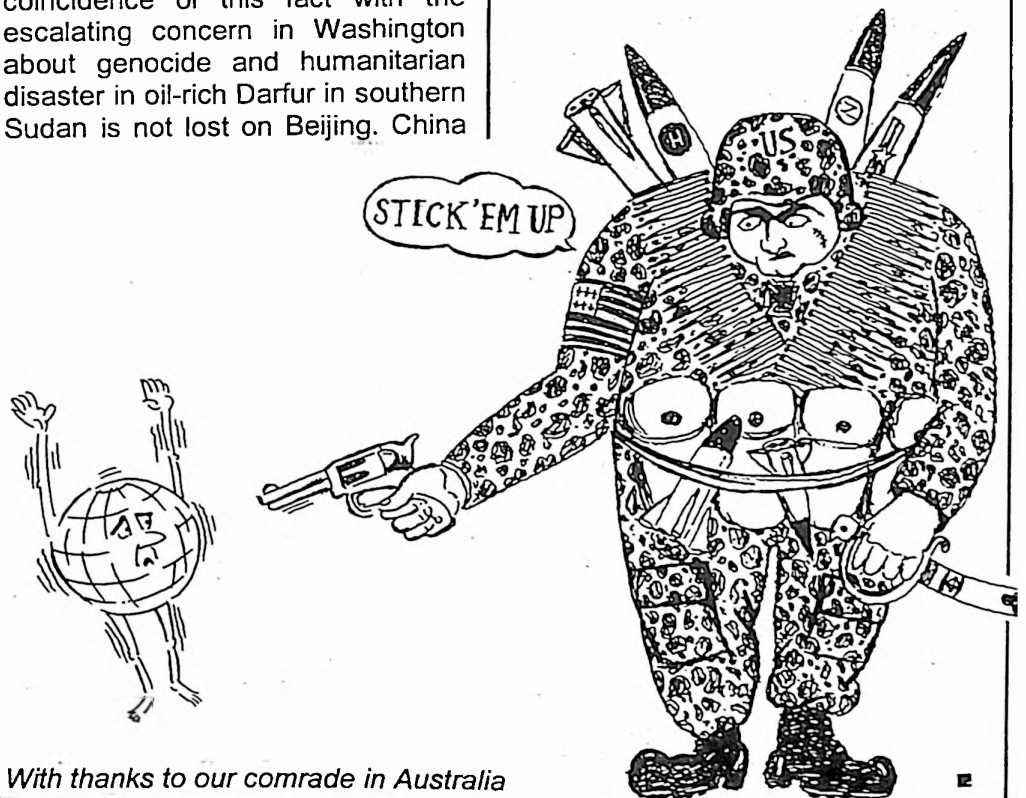
Sudan, as noted, has become a major oil supplier to China, whose national oil company has invested more than US\$3 billion since 1999 building oil pipelines from southern Sudan to the Red Sea port. The coincidence of this fact with the escalating concern in Washington about genocide and humanitarian disaster in oil-rich Darfur in southern Sudan is not lost on Beijing. China

threatened a United Nations veto against any intervention against Sudan. The first act of a re-elected Dick Cheney late last year was to fill his vice-presidential jet with UN Security Council members to fly to Nairobi to discuss the humanitarian crisis in Darfur, an eerie reminder of defense secretary Cheney's "humanitarian" concern over Somalia in 1991.

Washington's choice of Somalia and Yemen is a matched pair, as a look at a Middle East/Horn of Africa map will confirm. Yemen sits at the oil-transit chokepoint of Bab el-Mandap, the narrow point controlling oil flow from the Red Sea with the Indian Ocean. Yemen also has oil, although no one yet knows just how much. It could be huge. A US firm, Hunt Oil Co, is pumping 200,000 barrels a day from there but that is likely only the tip of the find.

Yemen fits nicely as an "emerging target" with the other target nearby, Somalia.

"Yes, Virginia," the 1992 Somalia military action by George Herbert Walker Bush, which gave the US a bloody nose, was in fact about oil too. Little known was the fact that the humanitarian intervention by 20,000 US troops ordered by father Bush in Somalia had little to do with the purported famine relief for starving Somalis. It



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had a lot to do with the fact that four major US oil companies, led by Bush's friends at Conoco of Houston, Texas, and including Amoco (now BP), Condi Rice's Chevron, and Phillips, all held huge oil-exploration concessions in Somalia. The deals had been made with the former "pro-Washington" tyrannical and corrupt regime of Mohamed Siad Barre.

Siad Barre was inconveniently deposed just as Conoco reportedly hit black gold with nine exploratory wells, confirmed by World Bank geologists. US Somalia envoy Robert B Oakley, a veteran of the US mujahideen project in Afghanistan in the 1980s, almost blew the US game when, during the height of the civil war in Mogadishu in 1992, he moved his quarters on to the Conoco compound for safety. A new US cleansing of Somali "tyranny" would open the door for these US oil companies to map and develop the possibly huge oil potential in Somalia. Yemen and Somalia are two flanks of the same geological configuration, which holds large potential petroleum deposits, as well as being the flanks of the oil chokepoint from the Red Sea.

Belarus is also no champion of human rights, but from Washington's standpoint, the fact that its government is tightly bound to Moscow makes it the obvious candidate for a Ukraine-style "Orange Revolution" regime-change effort. That would complete the US encirclement of Russia on the west and of Russia's export pipelines to Europe, were it to succeed. Some 81% of all Russian oil exports today go to Western European markets. Such a Belarus regime change now would limit the potential for a nuclear-armed Russia to form a bond with France, Germany and the EU as potential counterweight against the power of the United States sole superpower, a highest priority for Washington Eurasia geopolitics.

The military infrastructure for dealing with such tyrant states seems to be shaping up as well. In the January 24 *New Yorker* magazine, veteran journalist Seymour Hersh cited Pentagon and CIA sources to claim that the position of Rumsfeld and the

warhawks is even stronger today than before the Iraq war. Hersh reported that Bush signed an Executive Order last year, without fanfare, placing major CIA covert operations and strategic analysis into the hands of the Pentagon, sidestepping any congressional oversight. He added that plans for the widening of the "war on terror" under Rumsfeld were also agreed upon in the administration well before the election.

The *Washington Post* confirmed Hersh's allegation, reporting that Rumsfeld's Pentagon had created, by Presidential Order, and bypassing Congress, a new Strategic Support Branch, which co-opts traditional clandestine and other functions of the CIA. According to a report by US Army Colonel (retired) Dan Smith, in *Foreign Policy in Focus* last November, the new SSB unit

includes the elite military special SEAL Team 6, Delta Force army squadrons, and potentially a paramilitary army of 50,000 available for "splendid little wars" outside congressional purview.

The list of emerging targets in a new "war on tyranny" is clearly fluid, provisional, and adaptable as developments change. It is clear that a breathtaking array of future military and economic offensives is in the works at the highest policy levels to transform the world. A world oil price of US\$150 a barrel or more in the next few years would be joined by chokepoint control of the supply by one power if Washington has its way.

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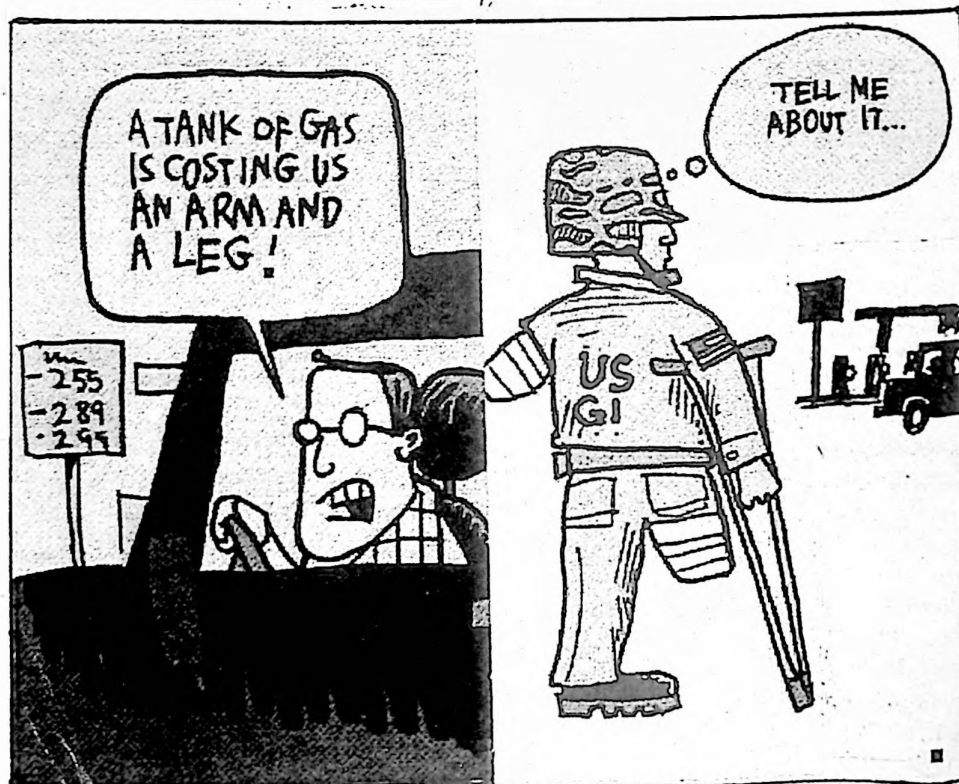
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THE CRIMES OF GORBACHEV

Much has been written about Gorbachev and Perestroika. We just publish excerpts from this article, since last month (March) was the 20th anniversary when this Judas came to power in the Soviet Union.

History of mankind does not know a bigger traitor of his country, an enemy of his own people, as was Gorbachev and his gang of traitors. As the General Secretary of the CPSU, he used his power to destroy the country and lay the foundation for the restoration of capitalism. His "pluralism", his "democratic values", his "socialism with a human face" were the deadly mines laid underneath the society in order to destroy that society.

Only five years after he took power, he managed to cripple the economy, started the privatization process, befuddled the Soviet society under slogan of "**dedication to Leninism**". Soviet people could not believe that this person holding the post of the General Secretary of the CPSU would be capable of these traitorous acts. The enthusiasm built up since 1917 amongst the workers, peasants and the intelligencia started to wither away, due to the policy of Gorbachev.

Imperialism, which was behind Gorbachev, knew that the arms race will be the final nail in the coffin of the USSR. Thus, together with Gorbachev, Yakovlev and others, they started the process in a rush to build capitalism, assuring the people that "**the market will satisfy all the needs of the people.**"

People were beginning to realize what was happening, but the process was rolling out of control. The

economic situation became worse with every month, until the situation became such - that people finally began to organize and demonstrate. But all of these demonstrations were ruthlessly put down by Yeltsin and his traitors in power.

Why does Putin now not arrest Gorbachev and Yeltsin as the enemies of the people, and traitors to their country? Because they are "*close brothers in crime*". President Putin is the representative of that bourgeoisie that was established at the time of "*perestroika*" and is now carrying out that program. Gorbachev, Yeltsin, Putin - they are the carriers of robbery and capitalism and imperialism.

But, remember that "**it is not yet evening!**" Your sentence will be forthcoming, whether while you are alive, or after death. Your bodies will be unearthed and burnt, while your ashes will be scattered to the wind! ■

LATVIAN SS WAFFEN VETERANS MARCH!

By YURI GURALNIK - NOVOSTI

RIGA - Veterans of Latvian SS Waffen, together with Latvian ultra-nationalists have been given permission to parade through the center of the streets of Riga and in other cities of Latvia. Meanwhile the Russian people of Latvia and their organization "Rodina", who have repeatedly asked for permission to protest this "*glorification of fascism*", were denied permission by the present Latvian regime.

Marches of these fascist SS veterans have been allowed to march regularly since the early 1990s. These Latvian SS Waffen veterans keep in touch with their counterparts who ran away after World War Two from justice, and are now residing in large numbers in USA, Australia and Britain.

During the Nuremberg Trials after World War Two, Waffen SS was declared as a criminal organization, as were also all units that were incorporated into it. The SS Waffen formations were manned strictly by

volunteers, -- not conscripts - from all the countries that the Nazi Germany occupied. In 1944, according to the Nuremberg Trials documents, out of 37 SS Divisions, only 12 were German-only. Other divisions were composed of volunteers from Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Denmark, The Netherlands, Ukraine and even Sweden.

Latvians, according to German Nazi Aryan standards of purity were considered not pure. Himmler, did not mind them serving, since he said that they will make good allies in fighting the Red Army. There were over 150,000 Latvians fighting against the Red Army and on the side of German fascism. They were used as counterintelligence soldiers and used as saboteurs, and in the counter-guerilla warfare against Latvian civilians, plus assassinations of leading Red Commissars and Soviet Officers. They fought on the territory of Russia and Byelorussia. Germany wanted the Latvians to be the largest Baltic formation. They were even worse in dealing with their own people who fought the Germans, than the German SS. ■

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM VLADIMIR PUTIN

After complaining and giving heck to his government and regional authorities that the economic growth is not going good, according to the Associated Press, he then said: "*Everyone who opens up a private business in Russia should be given a medal for his or her personal bravery!*"

But, Mr. Putin, we all thought that your capitalism is working wonders! ■

RUSSIANS DO NOT LIKE THE RUBBER-STAMP DUMA

The Moscow Times reported that a new poll by the All-Russian Center for the Study of Public Opinion, has found that the public disapproval of the Russian State Duma, which is dominated by the pro-Putin "*United Russia*" party, is at an all time high of over 64 per cent. This is a 15 point drop since April of 2004. ■

THOUSANDS MARCH IN DONETSK AGAINST NATO

Thousands marched in the Ukrainian city of Donetsk on the initiative of the Ukrainian Progressive Socialist Party. The slogans were carried, such as: "No to NATO!", "Revive the Union of Ukraine, Russia and Belarus!", "Down with the Bandera Regime of Ukraine!", "State status for the Russian Language!" and "Forever with Russia!"

Party leader Natalia Vitrenko said that they would wait until Viktor Yanukovich's Party of Regions "defines their ideology of struggle."

The ex-candidate for president of Ukraine and his supporters "are realizing the problem. The party that has never been in opposition and does not know how to be such, had found itself in a very difficult position", Vitrenko said. "We are waiting for them to define their ideology of struggle, so that we can determine spheres of our interaction."

RUSSIAN YUKOS MAFIA MONEY IN LAUNDERING SCHEME

From CBC NEWS

MARABELLA, SPAIN: Spanish police have arrested 41 people suspected of laundering more than \$400,000,000 Canadian in the largest scheme of its kind ever discovered in Spain. Spanish police charged that this operation has links to the troubled Russian Yukos Oil Company, owned by Russian Zionist citizens who have also Israeli citizenship at the same time. Yukos is being dismantled in Russia to pay back taxes.

Spanish police have arrested Russian, Spanish French and Ukrainian citizens, all under control of these Russian Zionist oligarchs. They also released photos of items that these crooks bought with the laundered money – such as 42 expensive top-of-the-line cars, Ferraris and Rolls Royces, private jets, yachts, works of art and choice coastal properties.

These crooks were heavily

involved also in prostitution, murder and trafficking in drugs and illegal arms.

Spanish police also charged that this Yukos Syndicate, diverted some money to a Dutch company and then reinvested it in Spain. ■

RUSSIA PAID \$10 MILLION TO TRACK DOWN CHECHEN LEADER

CBC NEWS – MARCH 2005

Russia's Secret Service said that it paid \$10 million to informers to track down and kill Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov.

The Russian authorities would not reveal as to who received the award, and that these informers would get money to relocate to another region of Russia for protection. Maskhadov is blamed for many deadly attacks, including the tragedy at Beslan last September in which more than 350 hostages, half of them children died.

He led the Chechen separatists in two wars against Russia, in 1994 and 1996. The Russian authorities refused to give his body to the family, since under the present law, terrorists can be buried in unmarked graves. ■

GOVERNOR REJECTS DEMANDS FOR RETURN OF KARELIA TO FINLAND

The Karelian Governor Sergei Katanandov said in a conference on March 10, that official calls by Finland to return parts of Karelia after the 1939-1940 Russo-Finnish war are unacceptable – Interfax reported. These are demands by the right-wing movement in Finland and the Governor said that "one should not try to rewrite history."

A recent study termed Katanandov as the guarantor of the political stability in Karelia. It therefore seems probable that Putin will reappoint him, when his term expires in 2006. ■

APARTHEID IN LATVIA

FROM ITAR-TASS

Russian-speaking population of Latvia, most of them born there, comprise about 40% of the whole country and over 60% in the city of

Riga. According to the law passed by the Latvian regime, most of them are unable to vote and they are considered and discriminated against as "non citizens."

Meanwhile, citizens of European Union countries, for example Sweden or the Netherlands, have the right to vote in Latvia, since it is enough for them to live in Riga for three months to have the right to vote.

There were demonstrations by the Russian-speaking Latvians against this outright segregation! ■

CIA PLOTTING AGAINST RUSSIA AND CHINA

From PRENSA LATINA-Havana

A change in the CIA Foreign Service strategy envisages launching a policy of force against Russia and China, political analysts agree. This scheme hides behind the newly announced government strategy that foreign intelligence services and spies from "terrorist" groups must be attacked by USA before they act against the US.

The US "Washington Post" newspaper quoted US intelligence agent Michelle Van Cleave as announcing the news and targeting Russia and China as increasing threats.

"We will no longer wait to act. To face threats, counterintelligence needs to take the offensive, and changes are required," she said during a conference at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University.

According to this official, the new move will favor systematic attacks against foreign services with strategic operations. Previous work was aimed at arresting spies, but now, secret services of countries allegedly supporting terrorism will be attacked – she noted.

President Bush approved this new doctrine on March 1, 2005 with an official guide to be provided for the CIA, FBI, and other security agencies.

Analysts say that the US intelligence services are the most extensive worldwide, so, the idea that its agents and officials could be victims of similar actions in the future cannot be discarded. ■

PUTIN OFFERS ASYLUM TO DEPOSED KIRGHIZIAN LEADER – while at the same time giving his blessings to the new leadership of this Yellow counter-revolution. The overthrow of Akayev a relatively liberal in the mainly autocratic leaders, followed weeks of protests. US government immediately recognized the new leadership, which is a loose one, infighting among themselves.

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS!

At massive demonstrations last month by the people against the policy of the present regime to do away with social benefits for the workers and the elderly – the police were used to manhandle and rough-up the elderly. Just take a look at this photo of two elderly Soviet women being hustled and manhandled by the police! Were these two women a risk to the present Russian regime!

Photos from the newspaper "Trudovaya Rossia."



KYRGYSTAN PRESIDENT IS OVERTHROWN

The President fled the "Tulip Revolution"! The upheaval in this former Soviet republic had all the elements that were orchestrated outside the country and followed the pattern of Yugoslavia, Georgia and Ukraine. Last month the President Akayev and his regime fled.

The turmoil culminated in looting of shops and other enterprises. An unruly crowd surrounded a team of reporters and cameramen from the Moscow Russian TV channel and they were attacked. Their cars were broken into and mobile phones were stolen. There were many injuries with the crowds going crazy and there were agitators egging them on to more attacks and looting.

It's interesting that the power of Western agencies in organizing these overthrows – with even colour coding these counter-revolutions as "orange, blue, yellow" – and no stand being taken by the present Russian regime! Doesn't Putin and company know that they are next on the list? Or, are they a part of this whole scheme of dismembering even Russia into 7-9 colonies, all serving Uncle Sam in their quest for the New World Order?

We wonder what colour code will be given to this dismemberment of Russia! Maybe "slimy green"! ■

MOLDOVA'S COMMUNIST PARTY WINS PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

Last March 7, Moldova's ruling party won the Parliamentary elections, with a comfortable majority, according to the statistics from the Moldovan Central Election Commission, reliable sources reported.

The party scored 46.1% of ballots, leading the Democratic Moldova Bloc with 28.41% and the Popular Christian Democratic Party with 9.7%.

A total of 11 independent candidates, nine political parties and two blocs were contending in the parliamentary election.

Nearly 2.3 million Moldovans were eligible to vote last March 7, 2005 ■

IRINA
MALENKOV



THE WEST IS REWRITING HISTORY

The recent ceremonies to mark the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp by the Soviet Red Army brought into sharp focus the nature of the Nazi genocide war machine. And as the people of Europe were preparing to mark this important event, we saw the offspring of British Royalty ruling class holding a party in which one of these infantile layabouts dressed up as a Nazi, wearing a swastika armband. Well, that sort of politics runs in that particular family.

Then, we had the German neo-Nazis running amok in Leipzig, Germany, while other neo-Nazis walked out in protest at the minute's silence for those who died in the death camps. These actions brought revulsion and a demand that the wearing of Nazi Swastika armbands be made illegal.

Not to be outdone, the belly-crawling cronies of US imperialism in the European Parliament from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania and Slovakia – demanded that the proposed ban be extended to cover all Communist symbols as well. It is remarkable that all of these countries either had strong fascist governments before the Second World War and greatly admired Hitler, or had very strong collaborationist forces that fought alongside the Nazis in fascism's efforts to crush the Bolsheviks, the Red Army and smash the Soviet Union.

In May of this year, we will mark the 60th Anniversary of the defeat of fascism in Europe. Of course Western TV screens will be full of pictures of old films showing how the British and the Yanks really beat

Hitler themselves. These are nothing but Hollywood dream-factory productions. Yes, the Western Allies eventually opened up the Second Front, but only when it was clear that the Soviet Union was not going to collapse. But the fact was that it was defeating German fascism itself, with great human losses and suffering.

Of course the West will have a string of Second World War veterans and experts being paraded at meetings, on TV screens, in the press, in order to play down the Soviet Union and the struggles on the Eastern Front. They will of course equate Hitler with Stalin as evil twins, with twin-ideologies. Much will be said about the German-Soviet Pact, but nothing about the Soviet-Czechoslovak agreement, nor, about the efforts of the Soviets to sign an anti-fascist pact with the British, which was turned down flat.

Once the Soviet Union and Stalin could no secure political agreement with the British and the French, in relation to the threat of fascism that the Western powers were building up and agitating Hitler to invade the USSR – the military priorities became dominant for the Soviet Union. That was the reason for the pact between the Soviet Union and Germany: it bought the necessary military time for the Soviet government to prepare for the attack, which Stalin foresaw coming.

To this day, together with all the myths perpetrated by the capitalist ruling class of Eastern Europe in order to cover their own tracks and the extent of their collaboration with the Nazis, the Soviet-German Pact has been dragged up over and over again. No doubt, the ultra-left will also carry forward these myths in their never-ending search for the "Never, never land" of the ideal socialism, the ideal revolution. That is all that it is, removed from the factual material world!

The ruling class might ban the symbol of the hammer and sickle, or the red flag, or posters of working-class heroes – but they will never bury the struggle for social justice, for national liberation, or for peace and socialism.

They can erase inconvenient facts from the history books, but they cannot ever erase the debt of gratitude the whole world owes the Soviet Union, its people and

the Red Army!

The Soviet Union lost over 26,000,000 people in the Great Patriotic War of the total 50,000,000 people that were killed during the Second World War! ■

U.S. USING ANTI-TERROR WAR TO GAIN OIL RESERVES

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"The US has usurped the right to attack any part of the globe on the pretext of fighting terrorism. With military bases in Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan, the US has already established control over the Caspian region – one of the world's largest oil reserves", was said by Leonid Shebarshin, ex Chief of Soviet Foreign Intelligence Service who now head the Russian National Economic Security – in an interview to the "Vremya Novost" newspaper.

"Al-Qaeda is not a group of terrorists, but a notion. The fight against that almighty ubiquitous myth, deliberately linked to Islam is of great advantage to America, as it targets the oil-rich Muslim regions" – Shebarshin emphasized. ■

KALININGRAD FACES BLOCKADE BY EUROPEAN UNION

Kaliningrad is a territory that was part of the USSR until the break-up of the Soviet Union, and it was the only outlet to the North Sea. But, since the destruction of the Soviet Union, the Baltic countries as separate capitalist and reactionary regimes like Lithuania now, are blocking this territory and not allowing thousands of Russian citizens to cross this so-called "border" without paying duty and other costs.

Children from Kaliningrad orphanages will have trouble going to Moscow since the European Union has agreed to visa and documentation procedures and expenditures, plus applications. The procedures instituted by Lithuanian authorities and supported by the European Union will make it very

expensive to have the Russian people travel this short distance to visit their families or to take part in the life in the Russian Federation.

COMMENT:

Isn't this "democratic nationalism" great in Lithuania and in other former Baltic republics? The question is – what is Mr. Putin doing about this? ■

CHECHEN LEADER MASKHADOV KILLED

Western and Russian sources reported that this leader was killed. President Putin announced that "the FSB troops carried out a raid on the settlement of Tolstoy-Yurt where this terrorist was killed". This was confirmed by the Western press and by the Chechen rebel envoy in London, Akhmed Zakayev. ■

YANUKOVICH FORMS A "SHADOW GOVERNMENT" IN UKRAINE

BY ITAR-TASS

KIEV: Ukraine's former Prime Minister and the leader of the opposition Party of Regions, Viktor Yanukovich, said that he was forming a "shadow government". This new shadow government will include some of former ministers, but there will be many new ones as well.

This "shadow government" will watch the new Prime Minister Yulia Timoshenko's government, analyze its work and take other steps to correct any policies that are detrimental to the Ukrainian people. ■

ABOUT UNITY IN THE COMMUNIST RANKS

From newspaper "WORD OF A COMMUNIST" – CPSU-UKRAINE

Comrades Communists!

Vladimir Ilyich Lenin devoted all of his life to the cause of unity amongst all of the communist movements. Regarding the present situation in the communist movements in Russia Ukraine and in Byelorussia, it is

necessary openly and correctly to give objective reasons for the split in the communist ranks.

The disunity in the communist ranks has become the vehicle to propagate and push forward the bourgeois policies of the present regimes. This split helps the regime in their criminal activity to confuse the people in some of the most elementary ways. It disorients the people from the case as to who is the real enemy? This prevents a unified forum for the most important task – the return of the belief of the people in the scientific aspects of Marxism and Communism and in the Marxist-Leninist ideology. Knowledge and experience tells us that the existence of countless communist parties with different ideological leaning and understanding makes it almost impossible at this stage to have unity of actions!

To defeat this criminal bourgeois regime, this needs a unified, well organized working class, armed with the ideology of Marxism-Leninism and led by a united Communist Party.

Let us reflect that for fifteen years there was and is complete disunity in these movements. It was enough time for the parties and their leaders to have learned the basic lessons and needs for a united front action, show the weaknesses and expose those leaders who are in the pocket of the present regime.

The cause of this was shown by V.I. Lenin in 1913, in an article "Who benefits?" *It's not important as to who supports this or that ideology (all could have been bought or is bought), It is important as to Who Benefits?*

Today the main parties such as the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and the Communist Party of Ukraine are the ones who are disuniting the people and show no leadership or initiative to promote any united action and unity of cause. They abandoned the working class, even though they always promote themselves as the party of the working class. – and, also as the only opposition parties to the regimes. They are mostly responsible in preventing the unity of the communist parties.

We call upon all Communists to struggle for the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the aims of which

is to give rebirth to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and to Socialism!

We are dedicated to the cause of Lenin and Stalin and give our oath to work that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union shall be one and united!

Reskom UKRO CPSU

COMMENT:

This disunity is seen all over the world, not only in former Soviet Union - because Imperialism always finds traitors who mask themselves as "communists" and thus do what Imperialism cannot do openly, but these stooges are there to collect their "30 pieces of silver." ■

ALIYEV CHOOSES SIDES IN ASIA

Azerbaijan, an important former Soviet Republic and extremely rich in oil, is drifting closer politically to China, away from Russia and former republics of USSR. The president, Ilhan Aliyev, went on a two-day official visit to China in order to expand trade and economic cooperation ties between Baku and Beijing. They decided for greater integration with China, as opposed with Russia. In turn, Aliyev agreed with the Chinese ant-session laws regarding Taiwan and he gave China the go-ahead signal for China buying heavily into the oil industry in Azerbaijan. ■

LET'S PUT AN END TO THE BARBARIC AGGRESSION IN IRAQ

BY VLADINIR PRONIN

On March 19th, there took place World Wide Peace Protests against the continuing aggression against Iraq, this being the second anniversary of American and British imperialism when they started the bombardment.

Here in Ukraine, such actions were held in the main cities and was organized by the All Ukrainian Anti-War Committee. Such action took place also in Kiev, on the main central avenue of Kiev.

Taking part was the Communist Party of Ukraine, Ukrainian organization "For USSR", Union of Workers, Union of Soviet Officers, Union of Working Women "For the future of children in Ukraine", Slavic Committee of Ukraine and some others.

Signs were carried by protestors, such as: "No War In Iraq!", "Stop the aggression against Iraq!", "Ukrainian land is NATO's Firing Range?", "Dismember NATO!", "Bring back our children from Iraq!" and many other slogans.

Many speakers spoke very effectively against this American aggression, demanding that Ukraine get its troops out of Iraq and demanding also the rebirth of the USSR, which guaranteed peace and freedom for countries. All agreed that Ukraine must not be drawn into NATO. Everyone spoke that people will not allow Ukraine to be a vassal country of US imperialism.

Many speakers touched on the criminality and aggression of Zionism and support for the Palestinian people. The meeting also condemned the aggression and dismemberment of Yugoslavia. Crowds also chanted in unison "Down with NATO!" and "Yankee, go home!"

At the conclusion of the meeting a Resolution was adopted unanimously, called "We shall defend this Planet from wars!" This resolution condemned Bush and Blair for the deaths of thousands of Iraqis and also of the aggressor troops, besides the Ukrainian casualties. There was also a demand that the United Nations condemn this aggression and help to resurrect the devastation in Iraq.

The meeting demanded that President Yushchenko immediately fulfill the wishes of the Ukrainian people and withdraw the Ukrainian contingent from Iraq! The people agreed that they shall not allow Ukraine to be used as a pawn for imperialism!

Of course the Ukrainian capitalist mass media and television could not find even a minute to report on these mass actions in Ukraine or over the whole world.

People again were shown that this regime and its mass media is not objective press. ■

SOVIET WORLD WAR II VETERANS "WRITTEN OUT OF THE WAR"

By **MURDO MACLEOD**

*The Scotsman newspaper -
March 14, 2005*

Dear reader! On the eve of the 60th Anniversary of the ending of World War II, we shall print now and in future issues accounts about the exploits of the Red Army, the USSR, and Stalin's leadership, that now is purposely being overlooked, lied about, dismissed and being thrown out of history!

One of Soviet's most senior Second World War veterans has accused the West of trying to ignore the role that the Soviet Union played in World War II.

Filipp Bobkov, who joined the Red Army in 1942 when he was just 16, and who later became a General, has claimed that the West has written the Soviet Army out of the history of the war, which cost the Soviet people over 25,000,000 lives and devastation of large part of the Soviet Union.

Scottish veterans have backed their former comrades-in-arms, and blamed the West instigated Cold War for downplaying the role of USSR that defeated Nazi Germany.

In an interview with the Russian news agency RIA Novosti, General Retired Bobkov said: "The role of the Soviet Army played in liberating Europe from the Nazis was deliberately played down in the postwar years as well as during the Second World War itself. This was shown in the much-delayed opening up of the Second Front, also in the inconsistent and often superficial coverage of the events of the Eastern Front, or the Soviet extended front.

"Our allies, particularly, Great Britain and Churchill personally, sought to show that the main role in the victory belonged to them alone, and to Britain in particular."

After the war Bobkov joined the Soviet intelligence and rose to the rank of a General in the KGB.

Railing against Western amnesia, he said: "We the Soviet Red Army liberated Romania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Austria, most of Yugoslavia, Poland and some of Greece, Germany, Denmark and Northern Norway."

"The Soviet Red Army lost over 69,000 soldiers in Romania, 600,000 in Poland, 8,000 in Yugoslavia, over 140,000 in Hungary, about 25,000 soldiers in Austria and over 102,000 in Germany."

The USSR and Stalin as its head, were frequently at odds over when the British and Americans would launch an invasion of the Nazi-occupied mainland. Marshal Stalin urged that the invasion should be launched as early as possible, so that the Germans would be forced to split their resources between the Eastern and Western fronts.

The Soviets were angry about the delays in launching the Second Front, and not only suspected, but were convinced that the West really wanted the Germans to completely wear out the Red Army. Everything pointed to this policy.

General Bobkov continued: "The real Second Front was not opened until after the 1943 Tehran Conference. Only then did the Anglo-American troops land in Normandy, France in 1944! It was at that time that the Allies realized and were afraid that the Soviet Red Army could liberate all of Europe without them."

Bobkov contrasted the failure of the Western Allies to open up the Second Front with Stalin's willingness to change the timing of Soviet attacks in order to relieve the pressure by the Germans on the Western Allies during the Battle of the Bulge, the last German offensive in the West.

Bobkov also criticized the Western Allies for failing to bomb the railway lines to Auschwitz and other concentration camps. The West is now denying as it did right after the war that it was the Soviet Red Army that liberated the camps!

"People tend to forget, for example, that it was the Soviet soldiers who liberated Auschwitz. You will remember as how the Allies bombed Dresden to the ground! Why then did they not drop bombs on the railway lines leading to Auschwitz, knowing full well that people were

being sent to Auschwitz along that particular railway to be killed?"

Commemorations in the USSR and even now are held and are major events. That war killed a quarter of the population of Ukraine and Belorussia. Veterans are revered and satire about the war as was done in England, called "British Dad's Army" would never be allowed. Few Soviet families were left unscathed.

Scottish War Veterans said that they agree that the Soviet Red Army's role in the conflict has been played down. They recalled that the Britons thought highly of the efforts made by the Red Army during the war years, but that these feelings changed after the onset of the Cold War. The Scottish veterans said that they owed them a tremendous debt of honour that the British should never forget.

Gerard DeGroot, Professor of Modern History at St. Andrew University agreed with the Soviets that the West underplayed and is underplaying the efforts and successes of the Red Army. He said that: "Growing up in the United States. I barely knew that the Soviet Union was on our side during the Second World War, let alone they played such a decisive role. ■"

IN MOSCOW, CONSPIRACY THEORIES OVER IRAN

Mounting American concerns over Iran's nuclear aspirations are a very clever ruse intended to separate Europe, Russia, Ukraine, China and India from a key source of global energy and limit their foreign policy horizons, according to a new analyses published officially in a leading Russian military paper.

"Now that Iraq is seized and its oil production and oil reserves, an operation against Iran is being prepared. Washington intends to put the Malak Strait under its control and thus take over the "oil valve", wrote Vladimir Karnozov of the "Voyenno-Promyshlenny Kurier". "A successful US offensive against Iran will make the United States the regulator of all industrial development of the Asian-Pacific region." ■

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REMEMBERING STALIN, FONDLY-

Russian news sources on the anniversary of Stalin's death last March 5, 1953, reported that a recent survey of the leading polling groups, the All-Russian Institute of Public Opinion, had found that more than 50% of Russians believe that Stalin played a very positive role. Asked whether Russia needs another leader like Stalin, over 42% people answered yes. It is important to note that these polls are based solely on Moscow and St. Petersburg. Outside of those two cities, other polls show that a majority of the Soviet people would prefer another leader like Stalin. But...this is not published in the main Russian media. ■

ZOYA

KOSMODEMYANSKAYA

By TATIANA A SHVETSOVA

Dear readers:

On the occasion of the important 60th Anniversary of the ending of World War II, we're going to print stories of some of the individual heroism of Soviet people in fighting Nazis and thus helping to save the world from the scourge of Fascism. This is a heartrending tragic tale about a heroic Soviet Komsomol.

At the beginning of December 1941, in the village of Petrishchevo in the Moscow region, the Nazis executed an 18-year old Moscow girl. She told the Nazis that her name was Tanya. Her real name was Zoya Kosmodemyanskaya.

Those were very grim days, when the threat to Moscow was most grave. Fighting continued in Moscow's countryside, where many Muscovites had their summer cottages. In Moscow, the bravest volunteers were selected and sent across the German lines to help the Soviet partisan units fighting in the enemy rear.

Once the Germans arrested a partisan, who had cut all the field telephone lines of the Germans in Petrishchevo and was about to set

fire to a horse stable of the Germans. The circumstances of the arrest of the partisan, pieced together from various accounts by the local peasants, were as follow: a man, wearing a fur cap, fur-lined jacket and fur-lined trousers and felt boots, and carrying a shoulder-bag, made his way to an important military objective, took a bottle of benzene from his bag, poured it over the wall and was just bending down to set a match to it, when a German sentry crept up behind and grabbed a hold of him.

The partisan managed to push the German soldier away and draw his revolver, but that was as far as he got. The sentry knocked it out his hand quickly and raised the alarm.

The partisan was taken to a house where the officers were billeted, and then to their astonishment, the Germans saw that the partisan was a girl, a very young girl, tall and slim, with big dark eyes and dark haircut very short.

The owners of the house were ordered to go into the kitchen from where they could not hear the German officer's questions and the girl's quick unhesitating answers: "No, I don't know.", "I won't tell you". Then the owners of the house heard the unbuckling of the leather belts and the swishing noise striking the girl's body. A few moments later, a German officer, a very young man, came rushing out of the room and sat down in the kitchen, until the interrogation was over, his eyes shut tight and his hands over his ears to drown out the noise.

There was not a sound from the girl, however. After the interrogation was over the interrogation resumed, but the only words the captive girl pronounced was: "No, I won't talk". In the same deliberate tone, except that her voice sounded very hollow now.

After the interrogation, the girl was led to the house of the Kuliks family. She was wearing only a scant chemise, and was made to walk barefoot in the snow. She had bruises all over her body, with scores of welts on her back, legs and arms from the buckles. Her lips were swollen from the beating, plus from biting her lips and not uttering a sound or a scream.

The Germans would not allow the Kulik family to give her any water...they were threatened with a

beating also. The German soldiers that were quartered in the house surrounded the girl and made cruel fun of her. Some of them pummeled her with their fists, others held lighted

Zoya took her chance now and called out to the peasants that were forced to come and watch this execution.

"Hey comrades, why do you look



This is yet another photograph of hundreds of young Komsomol Partisans that the German Nazis hanged and tortured because they were in the front ranks with the Red Army defending their Motherland!

matches under her chin, while one officer ran a handsaw across her back!

When they had had their fill, they went to sleep. The German sentry waved his rifle at her and ordered her outside. He walked behind her, fully clothed in the bitter cold, the tip of his bayonet almost touching her back. He kept Zoya walking back and forth in bare feet with no clothes, only a scant shift on her, until he himself was frozen through and decided it was time to go indoors.

Zoya was taken out in the bitter cold for 15-20 minutes each hour. This torture lasted all night...

In the morning the interrogation began again. The owners were ordered out of the house, so that they could not hear anything.

Then the soldiers began to erect a gallows in the center of the village...

The Kuliks then put her in trousers and a jacket. The Germans hung the bottles of benzene they had found in her bag and a sign hung over her neck with the word "Partisan" and then walked her to the gallows.

Two packing cases were placed one on top of the other under the noose. Zoya was lifted unto the top of the case and a noose was placed around her neck. One of the German officers trained his camera on the gallows - the Nazis were notoriously fond of taking pictures of executions and punishments. The commandant made a sign to the hangman, bidding them to wait.

so glum? Show more courage! Fight and kill the Germans!

I am not afraid to die, comrades. It's happiness to die for you and our Motherland!

German soldiers! Surrender before it's too late. Victory will be ours anyway! My death will be avenged. Yes, you are going to hang me, but I am not alone. There are two hundred million of us, you can't hang us all!"

Goodbye comrades! Don't be afraid - fight!"

The hangman kicked at the bottom case and it slipped down the icy slope. The crowd backed away in horror. People screamed and the echo of those screams rolled over the forest...

Zoya Kosmodemyanskaya died in enemy captivity, on the Nazi gallows, betraying neither her suffering, nor her Partisan comrades, not so much as a sound. She died a martyr's death - she died like a hero, like a true daughter of the great people who will never bow to any conqueror.

**NOW IN CAPITALIST RUSSIA,
THERE'S 30 SATANIC SECTS
THAT ARE ACTIVE**

Russian Parliamentary Committee is investigating and found out that there are over 2,000 active members. Satanic sects are joined by the neo-Nazis in their activity.

PERESTROYKA- MILITARY ULTIMATUM OR CAPITULATION OF THE USSR

By Vanya Kalishnikov

Beginning of the 1980s brought decisive superiority in military capacity of the USA. This was due to the general use of electronics in the military service, weapon systems, surveillance and espionage that the Soviet Union was unable to match.

Gorbachev, in an effort to overall military confrontation and because of his hate for Socialism, as he himself confessed, he gave up and abandoned the Soviet Union to US and world imperialism.

Historically, the world has an example. Munich! As it was then, it is now, peace was saved for a while. Not for generations as was promised.

The farce of President Clinton and Monica, the suckling pig that hit all the news and TV all over the world - this was just a diversion, while Clinton ordered the pulverizing of Yugoslavia.

But, for US imperialism Perestroika of Gorbachev and Yakovlev was not moving fast enough. It had to be prodded into action. And here comes the Chernobyl Disaster in Ukraine. Does anyone believe now the story about an unauthorized experiment conducted by some Soviet scientists? Hardly! At least not those scientists who know the risks involved. The safety controls at the Chernobyl Power Station were crippled by a USA satellite hanging above Chernobyl.

The story about that "experiment" was made up a year after the disaster and then some minor and obscure "scientists" were put on trial and symbolically sentenced. The real story will surely come out sooner than later and the world will judge the

real criminals in this Chernobyl Disaster.

Oh yes, but the way, how come we do not know the whole truth about the Three Mile Island disaster, which is still spilling poisonous radiation? Is it not patriotic for the US citizens to know what happened and who was responsible?

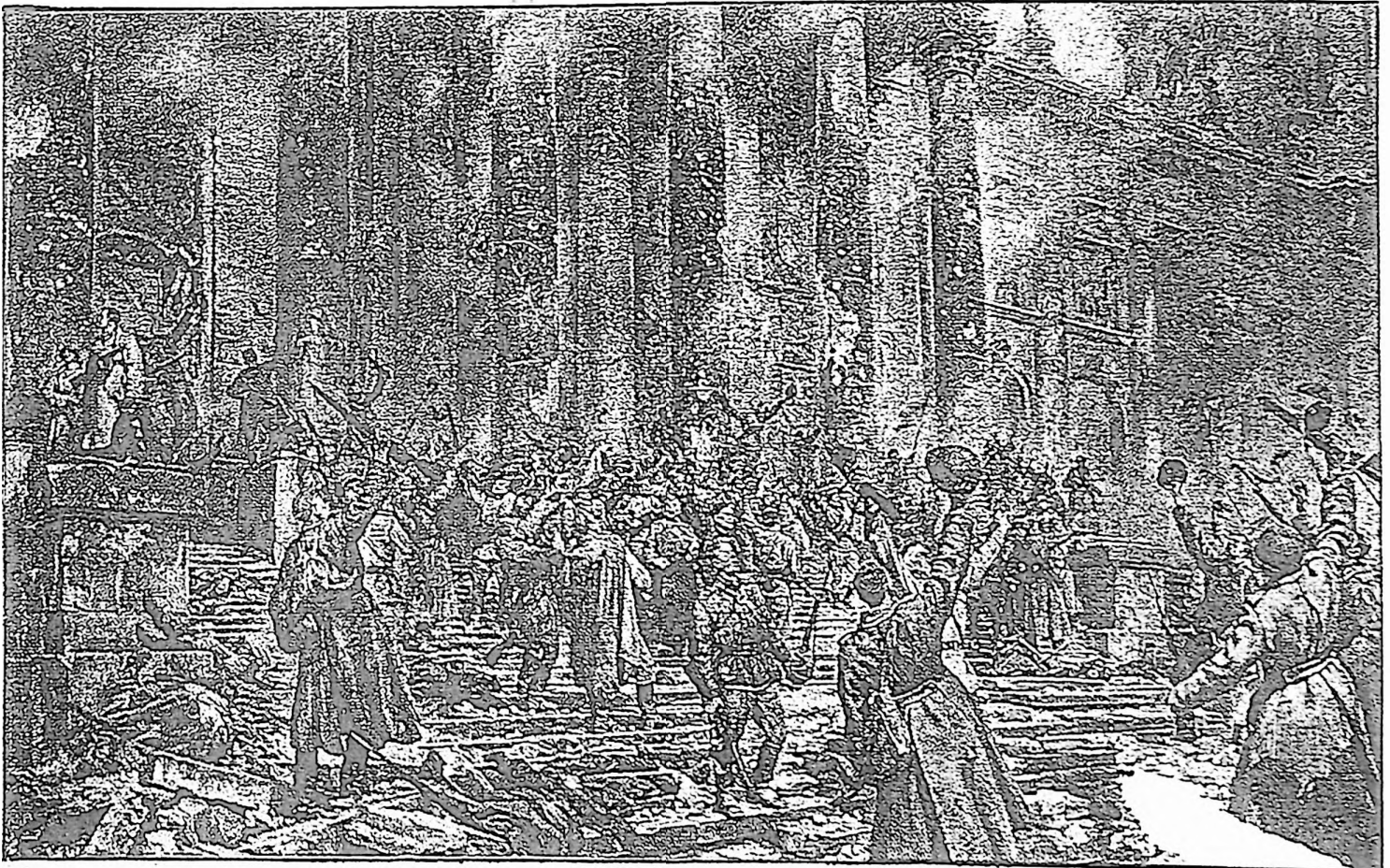
So, Gorbachev's Perestroika started to move again, getting rid of factories, enterprises, collective and state farms - destroying the whole economy build up by people and hardships for millions upon millions of people.

Knowing the Russian and Soviet peoples sturdiness and resilience (remember Napoleon, The Czar, Hitler - all of these tyrants found that out!) So will Bush find this out.

It seems that there is some recovery and international standing of Russia now. We just hope that the present leadership of Russia will not follow the path of previous satraps.

Now, when United States promoted Globalization turned ugly,

RED ARMY SOLDIERS CELEBRATE THE TAKING OF REICHSTAG, BERLIN, IN 1945



the West needed allies, and for their plans, everyone was good enough. Any satrap who was willing to stick their national flags and souls besides the US Stars and Stripes was a friend.

As was the case in London in 1980s of Gorbachev, so now President Putin was called to Bratislava, Slovakia, to have a friendly chat with that war criminal President Bush. So, after some previous huddles in Brussels and Berlin, came the meeting in Bratislava. It is interesting as how these two leaders addressed each other. For Bush, Putin was called "Vladimir", while Putin addressed Bush as "Mr. President". Lord and Servant!

Whatever was negotiated we do not know for certain, we can only guess. But apparently for once Putin rejected the US-NATO Diktat. The sale of uranium fuel to Iran was signed by Putin the very next day, after the Summit. Russia is also building nine more nuclear reactors in Iran in the near future. That is at least, on the surface symbolic opposition to Uncle Sam.

During the meeting in Bratislava, it was interesting to follow the local media, gloating about the importance of Slovak position in world affairs. This whole affair reminds us of times after Munich diktat. Then, as know, these satraps of Hitler's Third Reich dragged the Slovak nation into the Second World War alongside Hitler, at that time a powerful leader. As then, and now, the history will repeat itself and these criminals will stand trial as the others did at Nuremberg. They will get their deserved punishment. Remember that Mr. Bush! History will judge you. That day will come!

Dear readers:
In the next issue of NSC we are going to publish an in-depth analyses by "Revolutionary Democracy" which is published in India, called "The Thorny Way to Freedom: The Chechen Problem, the attacks on Moscow and Beslan and the Contemporary Russian State."



FRIENDSHIP NEWS

PROPOSAL FOR A CHANGE IN THE POLICY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE *By PEDRO CASTRO - BRAZIL*

In the Vol. 12 #6, April 2004, of Northstar Compass, the Editorial Board had the kindness to publish my letter in answer to the Open Letter published in the former number of this periodic, taking into consideration the perspectives of the future accomplishment of the 2nd World Congress. On that letter, among other things, I asserted:

"Indeed, since my participation in the preparatory Conference in year 2000 and the 1st World Congress in year 2001, in Toronto, I had doubts about the best way to be engaged in a movement with the goal to establish and develop friendship and solidarity with the Soviet people". The question was, if it was the best idea for this. Our task should be a struggle for the revival of the international communist friendship and solidarity movements, with an exclusive focus on the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

Despite large distances between all of those movements around the world and, more closely the experiences of my country Brasil, I already perceived that the international communist friendship and solidarity is more and more necessary, not only in relation to the ex-Soviet Union, but also for other countries and all the movements that are oriented towards socialism and/or communism.

Such ideas led me on that occasion to submit to the Executive Committee of the International Council, a suggestion that in this 2nd World Congress, there should include an item on the agenda to discuss a proposal of change of the International Council's orientation and consequently a name change, from the International Council of Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People to the "International Council of Friendship and

Solidarity among the Peoples and Movements Oriented towards Communism."

In this article I reaffirm that conviction and the respective proposal, with support to this change by the following reasons:

(a) the former socialist nations must analyze their disappearance and to fight their present ransom position. Today they border the ex Soviet Union, but they must analyze their previous position of their "actual socialism" such as existed in Rumania, Poland and also Czechoslovakia.

(b) support and help other countries that are led by communists, for instance Cuba, Vietnam, North Korea, experimenting in practice towards the socialist path. We must help all of these countries as well as the ex-USSR since they require dedicated communists, friendship

and solidarity;

(c) besides these countries, led before by "socialists", there are certainly in all of the ex-socialist countries and in that other countries, movements that are orientated towards communism.

(d) the Imperialist globalization, the intensive internalization of capital today requires the resistance of fighters to counter the real configuration of events of more and more global imperialism - meaning the need for growth of anti-imperialist forces - together with closer union of this struggle.

(e) we must defend and adopt the ideas defended in the articles by Nina Andreeva (*All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks*), Tamara Yakubovska (*Ukraine*) and also of Professor Vladimir Herasymchuk, (*Ukraine-Canada Society*) and others, published in the same Vol.12 # 8, Apr. 3004, of NSC. This appears to me, in some dimension, to come nearer the ideas that I defend here. ■

EDITORIAL FROM THE KOREAN COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORLDS PEOPLE

April 15 marks the 93rd birthday of President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994) of the DPR Korea. The international community remembers him as the leading light of the world's political circles in the 20th century. He represented the aspirations of the Korean people, while the past and the future of Korea is unthinkable without him.

When the Korean people stood at the crossroads of life and death, President Kim Il Sung held high the banner of national liberation.

After the national liberation of the country from Japanese occupiers, he founded the Worker's Party of Korea and then the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea was established.

The whole period of his leadership, he adhered to the Juche idea that occupied a special place in the life if the people.

Deeply realizing the importance of economic independence, the President advanced the line of building an independent national

economy and led the efforts to carry it out. Because of the war deterrent of North Korea, the country would have by now suffered the horrors of war again due to America's reckless policy of hostility to North Korea.

Because the President worked hard all of his life for the independence and prosperity of the country and the welfare of the people, the Korean people reverently look up to him as the "father leader" and the "eternal President."

The policy known as "Songun" means giving top national priority to military affairs and making the Korean People's Army the backbone of the revolution, so as to beef up the driving force of revolution and vigorously promote national defense and socialist construction as a whole.

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FROM SPANISH POLITICAL PRISONERS

Dear comrades:

We are writing to you on behalf of the political prisoners of the PCE(r), who are serving prison terms in the jail of Sevilla, Spain. We wish to ask you for information about the campaign to free the political prisoners in former Soviet Union. We have been told that due to the Spanish post office negligence, the information has not arrived. The policy of isolation by the Spanish government towards political prisoners, effects us in many ways, and, one of them is not receiving information we ask for, in time.

In the Vol. 13, #3 of Northstar Compass 2004, there was some information about the political prisoners in ex-USSR - however, we have not received the status of this campaign as yet.

We await your response, so that we can keep in touch.

Please accept our fraternal greetings.

Luis Che Vigo Galicia

We did and do send updates to you comrades, but it looks as if you do not receive them. We are giving your name to the friends in Moscow and they will be in touch with you on a regular bases as to the results of their campaign. ■

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Albert Einstein Condemned Israeli Nazis

Letter to the New York Times:
New Palestine Party Visit of
Menachem Begin and Aims of
Political Movement
Discussed

Prominent Jews' December, 1948
Letter To New York Times

Below is a copy in its entirety of a very important letter to the New York Times from Jewish intellectuals including Albert Einstein, Hannah Arendt and Sidney Hook that appeared on December 4, 1948. While it is quoted from in brief on several web sites, it appears nowhere in its entirety, and it deserves to be disseminated as it originally appears.

John Wheat Gibson
August 2, 2002

Letters to the New York Times
December 4, 1948

New Palestine Party Visit of
Menachem Begin and Aims of
Political Movement Discussed

TO THE EDITORS OF THE NEW
YORK TIMES:

Among the most disturbing political phenomena of our times is the emergence in the newly created state of Israel of the "Freedom Party" (Tnuat HaHerut), a political party closely akin in its organization, methods, political philosophy and social appeal to the Nazi and Fascist parties. It was formed out of the membership and following of the former Irgun Zvai Leumi, a terrorist, right-wing, chauvinist organization in Palestine.

The current visit of Menachem Begin, leader of this party, to the United States is obviously calculated to give the impression of

American support for his party in the coming Israeli elections, and to cement political ties with conservative Zionist elements in the United States. Several Americans of national repute have lent their names to welcome his visit. It is inconceivable that those who oppose fascism throughout the world, if correctly informed as to Mr. Begin's political record and perspectives, could add their names and support to the movement he represents.

Before irreparable damage is done by way of financial contributions, public manifestations in Begin's behalf, and the creation in Palestine of the impression that a large segment of America supports Fascist elements in Israel, the American public must be informed as to the record and objectives of Mr. Begin and his movement.

The public vows of Begin's party are no guide whatever to its actual character. Today they speak of freedom, democracy and anti-imperialism, whereas until recently they openly preached the doctrine of the Fascist state. It is in its actions that the terrorist party betrays its real character; from its past actions we can judge what it may be expected to do in the future.

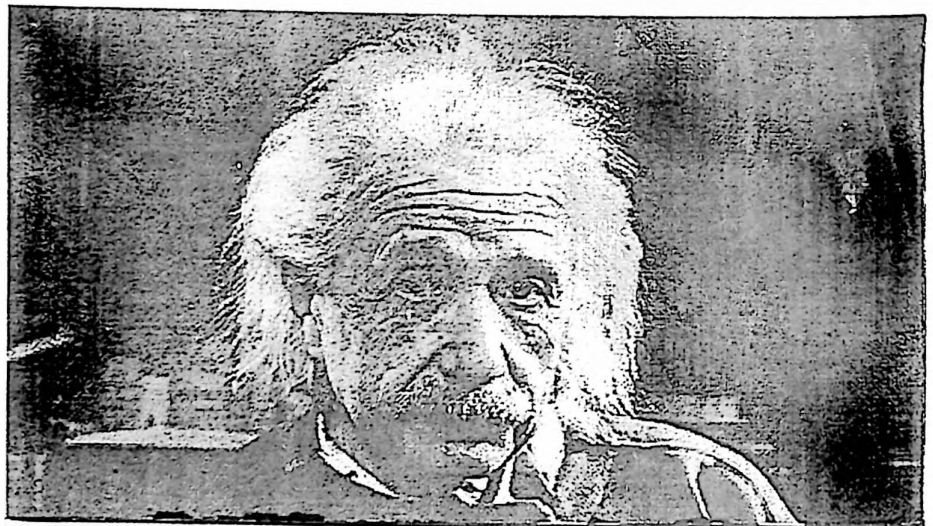
Attack on Arab Village

A shocking example was their behavior in the Arab village of Deir Yassin. This village, off the main roads and surrounded by

Jewish lands, had taken no part in the war, and had even fought off Arab bands who wanted to use the village as their base. On April 9 (THE NEW YORK TIMES), terrorist bands attacked this peaceful village, which was not a military objective in the fighting, killed most of its inhabitants -- 240 men, women, and children -- and kept a few of them alive to parade as captives through the streets of Jerusalem. Most of the Jewish community was horrified at the deed, and the Jewish Agency sent a telegram of apology to King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan. But the terrorists, far from being ashamed of their act, were proud of this massacre, publicized it widely, and invited all the foreign correspondents present in the country to view the heaped corpses and the general havoc at Deir Yassin.

The Deir Yassin incident exemplifies the character and actions of the Freedom Party.

Within the Jewish community they have preached an admixture of ultranationalism, religious mysticism, and racial superiority. Like other Fascist parties they have been used to break strikes, and have themselves pressed for the destruction of free trade unions. In their stead they have proposed corporate unions on the Italian Fascist model. During the last years of sporadic anti-British violence, the IZL and Stern groups inaugurated a



reign of terror in the Palestine Jewish community. Teachers were beaten up for speaking against them, adults were shot for not letting their children join them. By gangster methods, beatings, window-smashing, and wide-spread robberies, the terrorists intimidated the population and exacted a heavy tribute. The people of the Freedom Party have had no part in the constructive achievements in Palestine. They have reclaimed no land, built no settlements, and only detracted from the Jewish defense activity. Their much-publicized immigration endeavors were minute, and devoted mainly to bringing in Fascist compatriots.

Discrepancies Seen

The discrepancies between the bold claims now being made by Begin and his party, and their record of past performance in Palestine bear the imprint of no ordinary political party. This is the unmistakable stamp of a Fascist party for whom terrorism (against Jews, Arabs, and British alike), and misrepresentation are means, and a "Leader State" is the goal.

In the light of the foregoing considerations, it is imperative that the truth about Mr. Begin and his movement be made known in this country. It is all the more tragic that the top leadership of American Zionism has refused to campaign against Begin's efforts, or even to expose to its own constituents the dangers to Israel from support to Begin. The undersigned therefore take this means of publicly presenting a few salient facts concerning Begin and his party; and of urging all concerned not to support this latest manifestation of fascism.

(signed)

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New York, Dec. 2, 1948

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US CONFIRMS PLANS FOR US BASES IN BULGARIA AND ROMANIA

By GEORGE DURAVETZ

WASHINGTON : The top US and NATO military commander in Europe, General James Jones, told the US House of Representatives last March 9th, that negotiations on establishing US military bases in Bulgaria and Romania are on their way. The Pentagon is now at the "launching point, as opposed to the conceptual point" in its re-deployment plans.

Total rotating brigades of between 3,000 and 5,000 troops will be deployed to the Balkan countries as part of the Pentagon's plans to restructure deployment of NATO troops around the world.

General Jones praised Bulgaria and Romania as "extraordinarily accommodating" and expressed a strong desire to have part of NATO's European Command troops on their soil.

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THE TRUTH COMES OUT!

EX-US MARINE SAID PUBLIC VERSION OF SADDAM CAPTURE IS FICTION

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

A former US Marine who participated in the capture of ousted Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said that the public version of his capture was a fabrication.

Ex-Sergeant Nadim Abou Rabeth, of Lebanese descent, was quoted in an interview in the Saudi Arabia daily al-Medina last month as saying that even the date that Saddam was captured was faked. He was captured December 12, 2003, and not the day that the Pentagon announced.

"I was among the 20-man unit, including eight of Arab descent, who searched for Saddam for three days in the area of Dour near Tikrit, and we found him in a modest home in a

small village and not in a hole as was announced," Abou Rabeh said.

"We captured him after fierce resistance during which a US Marine of Sudanese origin was killed," he said.

He said that Saddam himself fired at them with a gun from the window of a room on the second floor. Then we shouted at him in Arabic: "You have to surrender...there is no point in resisting."

"Later on, a military production team, on the instructions from Pentagon, fabricated the film of Saddam's capture in a hole, which in fact, was a deserted." Abou Rabeh said.

Abu Rabeh was interviewed in Lebanon. ■

MODERN DAY CRUSADERS

By Eric Walberg

A spokesman for the US occupation forces in Iraq announced that in order to boost the morale of the American occupation troops, hundreds of Christian Clergymen and Jewish Rabbis have been flown to Iraq to hold services with the troops.

A US officer told the Mafkarat al-Islam that last February and March, there had been a flood of more than 400 Christian clergymen and Jewish rabbis brought to Iraq via Saddam International Airport, where the US has one of its main bases in the country. These clergymen and rabbis are to give sermons and hold religious services for the US troops. ■

WOLFOWITZ TO HEAD WORLD BANK

By JEANNIE AVERSA
Associated Press

President Bush last month tapped the US Deputy Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, who has been a lightning rod for criticism, of the US invasion of Iraq and other defense policies, to take over as Head of the World Bank. Bush said that Mr. Wolfowitz (*the war hawk-Editor*) was "a compassionate, decent man who will do a fine job at the World Bank. That's why I put him up!"

Wolfowitz, a veteran of six administrations, has earned a reputation for being a foreign policy

war hawk – his view is that US as a super power can and should push reforms in other countries to suite the interests of United States.

The Bush Administration is pushing for many reforms in how the World Bank operates, especially in controlling how the World Bank doles out aid. (*with strings attached of course- Editor.*)

COMMENT: Obviously there are deep cracks appearing and there is infighting between the imperialist powers in the World Bank itself for position of power and for expansion ■

MEETING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ISRAEL, THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF JORDAN

The joint communication at the March 13, 2005 meeting stated the following points- (*condensed for space reasons*).

The meeting stressed that the coordination and cooperation in the struggle against imperialist American strategy of the "Greater Middle East", in other words – war and occupation, the theft of natural resources, privatization and the enslavement of the people as a cheap work force for the multinational corporations. We, the three parties offer a political and social alternative, based on a socio-economic class outlook, which serves the interests of all the peoples, and strives for peace and democracy and social justice.

The three parties affirmed that the primary struggle in the region is between American imperialism and the peoples of the region.

It is the role of the forces of social change to expose the dangers and the hypocrisy of the Bush and Sharon's governments. Sharon's plans are based on using the announced evacuation of some settlements from the Gaza as a cover for massive expansion of other settlements in the occupied West Bank and the continuation of the Barrier Wall. The main thrust of Israel is not evacuation, but to stop the creation of conditions of an independent Palestinian State in all of the territories that were occupied in 1967, including East Jerusalem. ■

US-NATO EXPANDING TOWARDS THE NEW WORLD ORDER

By RICK ROZOFF

Europe's five remaining neutral countries – Sweden, Finland, Austria, Ireland and Switzerland – are being increasingly dragged by US imperialism into NATO's global military network - in order to send more cannon fodder to the Balkans, Afghanistan, Iraq and more locations to come.

NATO has expanded to 27 current members, 20 Partnership for Peace adjuncts, 7 into the Mediterranean Dialogue (*Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia*). There are now three in the Adriatic Charter (*Albania, Croatia and Macedonia*), with Bosnia-Hercegovina and Serbia-Montenegro soon to follow as primed candidate members.

Besides the above, there are six Gulf Cooperation Council members, (*Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates*) to follow very shortly.

This is a world Military Bloc of 60 countries at the current moment – this is the most disturbing and dangerous issue of our time.

NATO must be dismantled and demilitarized, if there is ever to be a hope of peace in our time! ■

Playing the Democracy Card: How America Furthers Its National Interests in the Middle East

By Dilip Hiro

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<http://tomdispatch.com/index.mhtml?pid=2268>

The United States flaunts the banner of democracy in the Middle East only when that advances its economic, military, or strategic interests. The history of the past six decades shows that whenever there has been conflict between furthering

democracy in the region and advancing American national interests, U.S. administrations have invariably opted for the latter course. Furthermore, when free and fair elections in the Middle East have produced results that run contrary to Washington's strategic interests, it has either ignored them or tried to block the recurrence of such events.

Washington's active involvement in the region began in 1933 when Standard Oil Company of California bid ten times more than the British-dominated Iraq Petroleum Company for exclusive petroleum exploration rights in Saudi Arabia's eastern Hasa province.

As a leading constituent of Allied forces in World War II, the U.S. got its break in Iran after the occupation of that country by the British and the Soviets in August 1941. Eight months later President Franklin Roosevelt ruled that Iran was eligible for lend-lease aid. In August 1943, Secretary of State Cordell Hull said, "It is to our interest that no great power be established

Demonstrations were held all over the world on the 2nd Anniversary of attack on Iraq!

on the Persian Gulf opposite the important American petroleum development in Saudi Arabia."

The emergence of Israel in 1948 added a new factor. Following its immediate recognition of Israel, Washington devised a military-diplomatic strategy in the region which rested on the triad of Saudi Arabia, Iran, and the new state of Israel, with the overall aim of keeping Soviet influence out of the Middle East. While each member of the troika was tied closely to the U.S., and links between Iran and Israel became progressively tighter, Saudi Arabia and Israel, though staunchly anti-Communist, remained poles apart. Nonetheless, the overall arrangement remained in place until the Islamic revolution in Iran in 1979.

Besides pursuing the common aim of countering Soviet advances in the region overtly and covertly, each member of this troika had a special function. Being contiguous with the Soviet Union, Iran under the Shah helped the Pentagon by providing it with military bases. By inflicting a lightning defeat on Egypt and Syria — then aligned with Moscow — in June 1967, Israel proved its military value to the U.S. This strengthened Washington's

resolve to get Israel accepted by its Arab neighbors, a policy it had adopted in 1948 and implemented soon after, even though it meant subverting democracy in Syria.

In March 1949, following Brig.-General Husni Zaim's promise to make peace with Israel, the CIA helped him mount a military coup against a democratically elected government in Syria. After Zaim had signed a truce with Israel on July 20, he tried to negotiate a peace treaty with it through American officials. A month later, however, he was ousted by a group of military officers and executed. The military rule that Washington triggered lasted five years albeit under different generals.

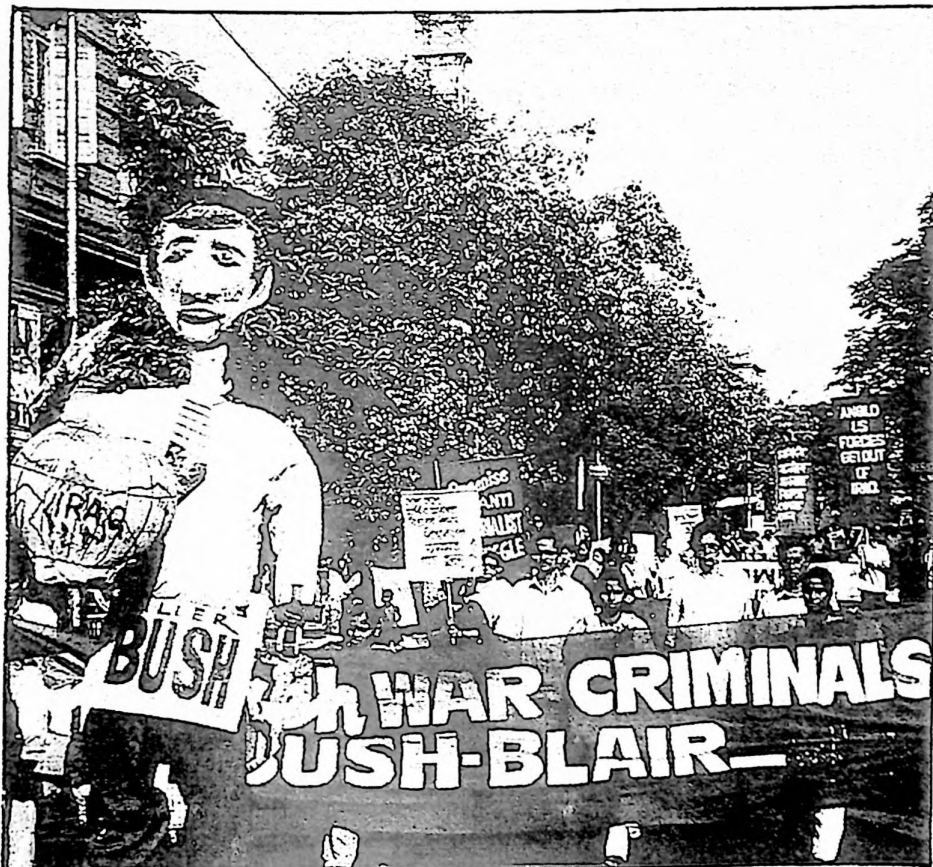
As the possessor of the largest reserves of petroleum in the region, Saudi Arabia helped the U.S. and its Western allies by keeping oil prices low. Furthermore, as a powerful and autocratic monarchy Saudi Arabia played a leading role in helping to suppress democratic movements in the small, neighboring, oil-rich Gulf States.

American clout increased when Britain — the dominant foreign power in the region for a century and a half — withdrew from the Gulf in 1971. The British Withdrawal allowed the U.S. to expand its regional role as the Four freshly independent Gulf States — Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Oman — struggled to adjust to the new reality. But instead of pressuring these sheikhdoms to institute democracy, Washington either opted for secret defense agreements with them or let the House of Saud implement an anti-democratic agenda in the region unhindered.

The Saudi Anti-Democratic Mission

In 1962, during a severe crisis in the House of Saud, Crown Prince Faisal promised political reform, especially the promulgation of a written constitution specifying a Consultative Council, with two-thirds of its members elected. But when he ascended the throne two years later he reneged on his promise.

Washington said nothing. It also remained silent when Riyadh helped suppress democracy in neighboring countries.



After its independence from Britain in 1961, Kuwait acquired a constitution which specified a National Assembly elected on a franchise limited to males belonging to families domiciled in Kuwait since 1921 — in other words, about a fifth of adult citizens. Despite its limited nature, the Assembly evolved into a popular forum for expressing the aspirations and grievances of several important constituencies. Stung by criticism of official policies by its representatives, and encouraged by the Saudi monarch, Kuwaiti Emir Sabah ibn Salim al Sabah suspended the Assembly in 1976, accusing it of "malicious behavior," and then dissolved it. Its revival in 1981 lasted a mere five years.

At no point did Washington criticize the ruler's undemocratic actions.

Since 1992, when limited parliamentary elections were restored, voters have returned more Islamist MPs than pro-Western liberals. Emir Jabar ibn Ahmad al Sabah's efforts to extend the vote to women have failed, while he has made no move to extend the vote to the remaining four-fifths of adult male citizens — nor has America pressured him to do so. He and the Americans fear, of course, that a universal adult male franchise would bolster the strength of the Islamist bloc in the Assembly.

Bahrain: Limited Democracy Derailed

In Bahrain, Saudi Arabia's anti-democratic mission melded with America's military needs. Bahrain became independent in August 1971. Its constitution, drafted by a constituent assembly (half nominated, half elected on a limited franchise), specified a National Assembly of 42 deputies, 30 of whom were to be elected on a restricted franchise. The first Assembly convened in December 1972 while Saudi Arabia watched warily.

As in Kuwait, however, the elected representatives criticized the government, angering the ruler, Shaikh Isa al Khalifa. This — combined with pressure from Riyadh — led the Emir to dissolve the Assembly in August 1975 and

suspend the constitution.

Once again, Washington said nothing about the quashing of limited democracy in Bahrain. Why? In 1971, after the Pentagon leased naval facilities previously used by the British, Bahrain became the headquarters of the American Middle East Force. In 1977, the ruler extended the US-Bahraini agreement; and in 1995 Bahrain became the headquarters of the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet.

Jordan: An Election Law Altered by Decree

Jordan provides another telling example of how American administrations have dealt with democracy in the Middle East. In an uncommonly free and fair election in November 1989, the Islamic Action Front (IAF), the political wing of the Muslim Brotherhood, won 32 seats in the 80-member House of Representatives. It joined the government and ran five ministries.

During the 1990 Kuwait crisis which culminated in the 1991 Gulf War, the Jordanian king took into account popular opinion, both inside and outside parliament, which was opposed to joining the US-led alliance against Iraq, and advocated a negotiated solution to the crisis. By so doing, he acted as a constitutional monarch.

Instead of praising this welcome democratic development, the administration of George Herbert Walker Bush pilloried Hussein as "a dwarf king." Unable to stand the pressure, King Hussein crawled back into Washington's fold after the 1991 Gulf War. To thwart the possibility of the IAF emerging as the leading party in the next election, he altered the election law by decree. In quietly applauding his action, the elder Bush's administration showed its cynical disregard for democracy.

Egypt: Supporting the Autocrat

While King Hussein manipulated the Jordanian political system with some sophistication to achieve the result he wanted, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt blatantly used the government machinery and state-run media to produce a pre-ordained electoral result to endorse his signing of the U.S.-brokered bilateral peace treaty

with Israel in 1978-79 after he had broken ranks with the Arab League.

The depth and durability of popular antipathy towards peace with Israel, while it continues to occupy the Palestinian Territories, is highlighted by the fact that a quarter-century after the peace treaty, relations between the two neighbors remain cold. While remaining firmly under American tutelage, President Husni Mubarak has continued to spurn offers to visit Tel Aviv.

As in Jordan, the Muslim Brotherhood, the oldest political party in the Middle East and long outlawed in Egypt, offers a credible challenge to the semi-dictatorship of Mubarak (in power since 1981). His regime has continued to be the second largest recipient of the U.S. aid after Israel under both Democratic and Republican Presidents.

Several months ago, Mubarak mused that democracy in Egypt would mean Muslim Brotherhood rule over the country. The key question now is: Will Mubarak — who recently agreed to hold the Presidential election scheduled for September through "direct, secret balloting" instead of simply rubber-stamping his sole candidacy in a stage-managed referendum — let the Brotherhood challenge him?

The answer will come in the wording with which Article 76 of the constitution will be amended and passed by a Parliament dominated by Mubarak's National Democratic Party. At present, it specifies a single presidential candidate, endorsed by at least two-thirds of parliamentary deputies, to be offered to the voters for approval.

Yemen: Rebuffing Democracy

Another victim of the way American administrations have placed their narrow interests above any program to democratize the Middle East was Yemen. Ever since the creation of Republic of Yemen, following the union of North Yemen and South Yemen in 1991, the country has had a multiparty political system. Indeed, since North Yemen had been governed by the General People's Congress and South Yemen by the Yemen Socialist Party, a peaceful unification could only come about through the

creation of a multi-party system.

In April 1993, the government organized the first general election on the Arabian Peninsula based on universal suffrage. It was for a 301-member House of Representatives and the Presidency. This historic event went unnoticed in the United States where the Clinton administration continued to rebuff the Yemeni government because of its insistence on an Arab solution to the 1990-91 Kuwait crisis and its negative vote on United Nations Security Council Resolution 678 authorizing military action against Iraq.

Encouraged by the Yemeni election, six Saudi human rights activists — professors, judges, and senior civil servants — established the Committee for the Defense of Legitimate Rights (CDLR) in Saudi Arabia. It demanded political reform in the kingdom, including elections based on universal suffrage. Government persecution followed, including job dismissals and arrests. Prof. Muhammad al Masaari, the head of the CDLR, managed to flee first to Yemen, and then to Britain.

Yet Washington did not protest.

Now George W. Bush loudly applauds the local elections held recently in the Saudi Kingdom. His administration ignores the fact that only half of the seats were even open for contest, and so distrustful were Saudi citizens of their government's electoral promise that only a quarter of eligible voters even

bothered registered. Women were, of course, barred from voting.

By contrast, Bush endlessly laments the absence of freedom for the people of Iran, which his Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice recently described as "a totalitarian state." These statements run counter to the facts. Since the 1979 revolution in that country, the Islamic regime has held seven parliamentary, eight presidential, and two local elections — as well as four Assembly of Experts polls — all of them multi-candidate and based on universal suffrage with a voting age of 15.

What explains this blatant myopia? While practicing an Islamic version of democracy, Iran is actively opposing the economic, military, and strategic ambitions of America in the region.

Actually, the historic pattern of American administrations in the Middle East — downgrading democracy at the expense of narrow national interests — is in line with what the United States has been practicing in Central and South America for a much longer period — a phenomenon that has gone largely unnoticed in the United States itself.

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**DID YOU
KNOW?**

THE FLAG OF INCONVENIENCE

BY ROD BOWKER - TORONTO



The law of physics tells us that **two things cannot be in the same place at the same time.** Devine arguments aside; this law applies to temples also. There already is the Al Aqda Mosque at the site of the ancient Jewish temple, which the Jews call Temple Mount. The golden domed Al Aqsa Mosque is the second most important mosque in Islam. A religion for more than a billion people.

The Jews and the Palestinians are not only at each other's throats for the small piece of real estate, called the Temple Mount, but, they both claim Jerusalem as their own capital. Moreover, they claim the same land as their own and call it either Israel or Palestine. The Palestinians have legal documents called "*deeds*", to prove their ownership, while the Jews have their "*bible*" to prove otherwise. This is where making further comparisons becomes unproductive. They are all claims and counterclaims, but the Israelis claim more than anybody in the region, and they are claiming more and more as time progresses. The

Demonstrations in India were in their hundreds of thousands.



extent of the Israeli claims is inscribed in the Israeli flag itself, and, curiously enough, this remains unquestioned and unchallenged by the world at large. In the Israeli flag, the two horizontal blue lines represent the two great rivers, the Nile and the Euphrates, or the lands situated between Cairo and Baghdad. This actually spans two continents, Africa and Asia. It is due to Israeli Zionist arrogance and world ignorance that this appetite for foreign lands by Israel remains unchecked.

Going back to the law of physics and by the pronouncement of George W., Bush, Israel and Palestine should live side by side in



peace. The American president has come up with the so-called "Road Map For Peace", only to be snubbed by Ariel Sharon of Israel, who believes in making his own maps for the Middle East and re-submitting them to the American friends for implementation. Far from wanting to live side by side with the Palestinians, Israel is quite happy and comfortable to live inside Palestine. In fact it is wallowing with joy amongst the mushrooming illegal settlements on the bloody and forcefully expropriated Palestinian lands. In spite of the public relations scheme to pull out some settlements from the occupied lands – while behind this charade, more Jewish settlements are being started on Palestinian lands.

The Palestinian people are being kept out of Israel, by an Apartheid Wall, while Israeli armed forces operate on both sides of it. The best explanation as to how this is possible has come from the mouth of Ariel Sharon himself. As reported by the Israel Hebrew radio "Kol Yisrael" – Sharon and his Foreign Minister Shimon Peres were arguing about possible American reaction to Israel's intransigence with respect to the Palestinians. Below is the actual text quote of that report:

"...at this point, a furious, Sharon responded towards Peres, saying - "every time we do something, you tell me that America will do this and that....I will tell you something very clear: Don't worry about the American pressure on Israel. We, the Jewish people, with our lobby, control America and the Americans know it!"

The Israeli radio reported that Peres and other Israeli cabinet ministers after this blow-up, warned Ariel Sharon against saying what he said in public, because *"it would cause us a terrible public relations disaster."*

(Palestinian Information Centre, October 3, 2001)

It would not be an exaggeration to call the US Foreign Policy as influenced by the Zionist Lobby in Washington. According to the "Washington Post Report on Middle East Affairs," the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has cost the US taxpayers 3 Trillion Dollars (3,000,000,000,000). This does not include the American wars on Israel's behalf – billions of dollars paid annually to Egypt for maintaining a peace agreement with Israel or, propping up of other Israel friendly regimes in the region.

In the United Nations Organization, support for Israel by the United States is absolute, unquestionable and automatic. There is no significant aspect of American life that the Zionists do not have influence over, including the two party system which defend the interests of Israel, wrong and expansionist, as it is. The demolition of Iraq in two wars and the expected attack against Syria, are all designed to create another "Lebensraum" or room for a "Greater Israel". The American soldiers are dying today in

Iraq so that Israel can build more settlements in even more ethnically and religiously cleansed Palestinian occupied lands.

Both Americans and Israelis insist that Israel must reconfigure themselves to be inclusive of others. The US government promotes Israel as *"the only democracy in the Middle East"*. This should not come as a surprise from USA, a country which routinely commits genocide, maintains military bases all over the world, murders Iraqis to create "democracy", bombs apartment blocks for "humanitarian" reasons and has a policy of regime change when its threats are not obeyed.

In 1975 the United Nations General Assembly declared in its passed Resolution that *"Zionism is a form of Racism"*; Zionism, which is the founding principle of the State of Israel and the basis for an apartheid type of regime, lacks all the essential principles of a fair and democratic society. It is based on chauvinism, and Jewish supremacy over non-Jews, and, it is anchored in religious doctrines espoused in the Talmud, Judaism's most sacred scriptures.

In his treatise *"On the Jewish Question"* written in 1843, Karl Marx makes an observation that the Jews have suffered because of their religion and advocated a Society where both Jews and Christians would abandon religion for a harmonious co-existence.

Then same principle as suggested by Karl Marx would serve Israel well today, if its leaders and people would abandon their religious opium, and return to the principles of equality and mutual respect with their neighbors. We call upon the Jewish people, to reconsider Marxism, as an alternative to perpetual warfare and return to humanistic principles of live and let live!

FACT OF THE DAY:

Did you know that Israel allots 85% of the water resources to the Israeli citizens and the remaining 15% is divided amongst all the Palestinians in the territories? **For example, in Hebron, 85% of the water is given to about 400 Jewish settlers, while 15% must be divided among Hebron's 120,000 Palestinians!** ■

**OPEN LETTER
TO
KOFI ANNAN,
SECRETARY-
GENERAL OF THE
UNITED NATIONS**

Toronto, March 4, 2005

**UNITED NATION
Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-
General**

East River, New York, USA

**Re: Visit to Kosovo & Metohija
(SCG)**

Dear Mr. Annan:

The reason we are writing this letter is to deliver an invitation to visit Kosovo & Metohija or, to be more precise, the Serbian enclaves there.

As the representatives of the Canadian-Serbian Association of Poets and Writers "Desanka Maksimovic" in Toronto that have been in existence for 27 years now, two of us Ms Katarina Kostic, President of the Association and myself, Secretary, responded to an invitation to attend in September 2004, annual International Gathering of Writers in Belgrade. This gathering enables foreign writers, as well Serbian writers, like Ms Kostic and myself, living in various countries of the world to meet and work in forums and workshops on issues of interests to writers. On this occasion, writers also attend various literary events organized by the Association of Serbian Writers in Belgrade. Ms Kostic and I were invited to attend a reading event and meeting with school children in one of the schools in Serbian enclaves in Kosovo. We took some of our books and some school supply for the children of Strpce/Brezovica.

Our hostess, Mrs. Vucinic Darinka, a renown poetess born in Kosovo and university teacher of Serbian language and literature in Kosovo & Metohija, organized for us the trip to Strpce/Brezovica. She and her

husband, Mr. Pejcinovic, a retired university professor and a member of former K&M Province Academy of Science, on September 20, 2004 took us by their car first to Leposavic via Kosovska Mitrovica to Strpce and Brezovica. Their car had Serbian licence plates. Originally, from Kosovska Mitrovica, we intended to continue our travel by the only bus leaving at 2 o'clock p.m. Unfortunately, we did not make it in time to board this single daily bus. As our event was planed to occur at 12:00 of the next day, we had to continue our journey by car. But the people of Kosovska Mitrovica advised us not to do so, but if we still wanted to go they thought we would better ask for protection by UNMIC unit in Kosovska Mitrovica.

But UNMIC official from the evening shift told us that the chief of the UNMIC unit who is approving protection would be in the office the next morning. He also added that because of some incidents when several UNMIC cars were taken by Albanians, they were ordered from Pristina not to provide protection escort to travelers through areas populated by Albanians, especially not at night, and especially not for the cars with Serbian licence plates. We pointed out that two of us were Canadian citizens, but he said that it did not matter what we were, if the car we were traveling by had Serbian licence plates. To our remark that Kosovo is in Serbia and Montenegro, and a part of the Republic of Serbia, he said that the area through which we were going to travel is not safe even for the UNMIC personnel. But he encouraged us to come to the UNMIC unit the next morning and talk to his superior. He also thought that we would be much better off to travel by bus.

In the morning of the next day we went again to the UNMIC unit and we talked to the Mr. Willi (as he said his name was), the head of this UNMIC unit in the Serbian part of Kosovska Mitrovica.

We repeated to him that we intended to go to Strpce/Brezovica and asked him if it was safe to travel there on our own. The conversation followed like this:

"Yes, it is safe." was his response. But then he asked us "How are you traveling?" And when we responded

"By car" he asked in turn "Which license plates does your car have?"

"Serbian."

"From what city?"

"From Kraljevo", was our answer

"Oh, then it is a little dangerous?"

"So, what do you suggest?"

"Take a bus."

"But we have to be there at noon, and the bus is due at 2 o'clock in the afternoon."

"You have to take your license plates off then." was his readymade advice.

We were standing in the corridor of the UNMIC facility and we, Canadians, could not believe that we heard and understood well what he said. So we asked him again "Do you really think we should take off the license plates from our car?" His answer was "Yes".

"What will happen then?"

"The Albanian police might stop your car?"

"And then, what happens next?" we insisted.

"They might take you to the police station"

"They can arrest us. Is that what you are offering to us as a solution?"

Good Mr. Willi, paused for the moment obviously unable or unwilling to give a straight answer. Then, after a while he said "But I can give you a letter saying that you are O.K. and that the vehicle is duly registered with valid documents. Then you won't have a problem."

"Oh, in that case we would gladly take your letter and thank you for your assistance!" we responded.

With the letter from UNMIC in three languages Albanian, English and Serbian we left Kosovska Mitrovica and arrived somewhat late for the planned event, because we were stopped several times by Albanian police officers. They were asking us something in Albanian language but after reading the UNMIC letters they let us continue with our journey.

Although we successfully completed our mission to meet Serbian children in one of the schools and read our poetry to them and answered their questions, we felt the aftertaste of the happenings we witnessed.

Serbian people in the enclave we visited lived like in a different country from the one we have always known. They did not complain, although they were not able to travel freely through their own ancestral

land. We, as visitors, were shocked and saddened to see all this, because we believed that the international community took good care of the people of Kosovo and Metohija, regardless of their nationality or numbers.

According to media here in Canada and US, everything was better in this Serbian province since NATO and UN and European institutions like UNMIC administration took care of K & M and since the democratic forces in Serbia prevailed, and the democratic government was in place in Serbia and Montenegro.

On our way to *Strpce/Brezovica* and back we have searched for signs of the Serbian places, cities and villages as well as historic sites we learned about in school long ago in former Yugoslavia. In vain! Luckily, Mr. Pejcinovic, while driving, announced all un-posted names of the places while we were passing them. Here are these names of Serbian places- *Rudare, Smrekovci, Gojbulja, Nedakovac, Svracak, Samodreza, Velika Reka, Babin Most, Novo Selo, Milosevo, Lazarevo, Orlovic, Obilic, Pristina, Caglavica, Laplje Selo, Lukadjija, Lipljan, Srpski Babus, Selo Varos, Grica, Gotovusa, Drajkovci, Strpce and Brezovica.*

Only several signs we saw on our way, and one or two only in both languages, Serbian and Albanian. The opportunity to revisit and to live a moment of our history and heritage in this journey of ours we hoped for so much, was not the opportunity at all. We saw only unmarked roads, crossings, empty fields, and many new Albanian motels, car repair shops, and new businesses. But we all new that we were passing important Serbian historic sites, rivers *Lab* and *Sitnica* became no name rivers in today's Kosovo & Metohija. No wonder. Now we know that this was only introduction into cunning campaign of changing names that is taking place at this moment. All that in spite of the UNMIC's order 2000/43 to keep the names of places and historic sites unchanged. Here are some examples *Kosovska Vitina* became *Dardania*, *Suva Reka - Teranda*, *Podujevo-Besijana, Obilic- Kastriot, Urosevac- Ferizaj*, etc. Even towns with 99% of Serbian population like

Leposavic, is to be changed into *Albanik! Racak*, where alleged and never proved massacre of Albanians happened, is now *Walker's Village (Fshati e Vokerite)* in appreciation of his good work for Albanian cause!

On the way back we wanted to see another enclave, the famous *Monastery Gracanica*, deeply rooted in our Serbian culture and religion, that is about to be announced a World Cultural Heritage. There, we experienced strange scene. And we were very happy to see that *Monastery Gracanica* was still safe in its courtyard. Around *Gracanica*, we saw a very busy market of Serbian people selling and buying practically everything. All the time, while we were there we could see UNMIC armored vehicles patrolling in intervals of approximately 10 minutes. We had a perception that we are in the middle of some science fiction film. These vehicles were totally out of place there but, we were sure there had been a good reason to have them there, in view of all the sad stories about attacks and all reported and unreported destructions by Albanians of many Serbian churches and culturally most significant sites in Kosovo, their and other non-Albanian lives and property, we had been hearing for almost 5 years.

Dear Mr. Annan, we sincerely believe that it is time for you, and also other officials from EU and others involved in K&M tragedy, to go there as simple visitors, like we did, not on a military plane or chopper but in your private vehicle. Only then you could understand the misery and suffering of the Serbian and other non-Albanian people in Kosovo and Metohija today. Please meet people robbed of their country, their freedom and their and their children's future. We sincerely believe that it will be clear to you then why Serbian politicians, old and new, are desperate to have UN Resolution 1244 put in place.

We, as well as many of our friends, Canadians of Serbian origin, and many other Canadians, renown for their support of UN efforts to keep peace all over the world, who love freedom, democracy and human rights, believe that the UN resolution regarded K&M 1422 should have been applied long ago to put an end to this unlawful and biased actions of

so called international community.

Please go to Kosovo & Metohija and see for yourself what is the real face of the "help" foreign troops are giving to people who, in fact, live like prisoners on their own land, in their own villages. People who live in fear for their lives, but who still believe in universal justice, if not any longer in the justice that international community is willing or able to offer. Go by daylight because there is no electricity in the enclaves, even in this harsh winter season.

Please go to Kosovo & Metohija, because as the UN Secretary-General you are responsible also for this part of the world, if the United Nations is the organization you are the head of we believed it was, to protect people in fear for their lives and property, to be on the side of justice at all times, and above all, to provide safety and security to people in constant danger. We think that Serbian people in Kosovo & Metohija, are in constant danger and deserve to be properly protected and to enjoy basic human rights.

If of all these troops and forces sent to create "*multiethnic and democratic Kosovo*", did not succeed, at least the Resolution 1244 your organization passed long ago, should be implemented or annulled. If UN cannot implement its resolutions, we don't think the UN should exist under this name. Maybe this is a time to be honest and admit that UN is turning into emergency service of the only world superpower that is hosting UN on its territory.

If the resolution 1244 cannot be applied, the government of Serbia and Montenegro has every right to establish peace and bring order to this part of their territory, not only for Serbs but for all citizens who live there.

Enclosed are the three UNMIC letters issued to us to secure our safe passage from *Kosovska Mitrovica* to *Strpce/Brezovica* and back.

Katarina Kostic, President
Stojanka Petkovic, Secretary

cc: European Union
European Council
UNESCO
OSCE/OEBS
Media

Who killed Rafik Hariri?

Patrick Seale
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If Syria killed Rafik Hariri, Lebanon's former prime minister and mastermind of its revival after the civil war, it must be judged an act of political suicide. Syria is already under great international pressure from the US, France and Israel. To kill Hariri at this critical moment would be to destroy Syria's reputation once and for all and hand its enemies a weapon with which to deliver the blow that could finally destabilise the Damascus regime, and even possibly bring it down.

So attributing responsibility for the murder to Syria is implausible. The murder is more likely to be the work of one of its many enemies. This is not to deny that Syria has made grave mistakes in Lebanon. Its military intelligence apparatus has interfered far too much in Lebanese affairs. A big mistake was to insist on changing the Lebanese constitution to extend the mandate of President Emile Lahoud — known for his absolute allegiance to Syria — for a further three years. Syria's military intelligence chief in Lebanon, General Rustum Ghazalah, was reported to have threatened and insulted Hariri to force him to accept the extension. This caused great exasperation among all communities in Lebanon. Hariri resigned as prime minister in protest.

Syria appears to have recognised its mistake. President Bashar al-Assad last week sacked General Hassan Khalil, head of military intelligence, and replaced him with his own brother-in-law, General Asaf Shawkat. A purge of the military intelligence apparatus in Lebanon is expected to follow.

It remains to be seen whether

this will calm Syria's opponents in Lebanon, who have declared a "democratic and peaceful intifada for independence" — in other words, a campaign of passive resistance to drive Syria out.

Hariri was not a diehard enemy of Syria. For 10 of the past 12 years he served as Lebanon's prime minister under Syria's aegis. A few days before his murder on February 14 he held a meeting with Syria's deputy foreign minister, Walid Muallim. They were reported to have discussed a forthcoming visit by Hariri to Damascus. Hariri had not officially joined the opposition in Lebanon, but was thought to be attempting to mediate between Syria and the opposition.

If Syria did not kill Hariri, who could have? There is no shortage of potential candidates, including far-right Christians, anxious to rouse opinion against Syria and expel it from Lebanon; Islamist extremists who have not forgiven Syria its repression of the Muslim Brotherhood in the 80s; and, of course, Israel.

Israel's ambition has long been to weaken Syria, sever its strategic alliance with Iran and destroy Hizbullah. Israel has great experience at "targeted assassinations" — not only in the Palestinian territories but across the Middle East. Over the years, it has sent hit teams to kill opponents in Beirut, Tunis, Malta, Amman and Damascus.

Syria, Hizbullah and Iran have stood up against US and Israeli hegemony over the region. Syria continues to demand that Israel return the Golan Heights, seized in 1967. Damascus will not allow Lebanon to conclude a separate peace with Israel unless its own claim is also addressed.

Hizbullah, in turn, is possibly the only Arab force to have inflicted a defeat on Israel. Its guerrillas forced Israel out of south Lebanon after a 22-year occupation. Hizbullah continues to be a big irritant to Israel

because it has acquired a deterrent capability. Israel can no longer attack Lebanon with impunity — as it did for decades — without risking a riposte from Hizbullah rockets.

Iran's nuclear programme threatens to break Israel's regional monopoly of weapons of mass destruction, which is the main reason it is under immense pressure to abandon uranium enrichment.

The US and Israel have been trying to rally international support against Iran, Syria and Hizbullah. The US secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice, has condemned Iran as a prime sponsor of international terror. Syria has been condemned as a "destabilizing" force in the region, and is in the dock because of Hariri's assassination.

The US and Israel have also been urging European governments to declare Hizbullah a "terrorist organization". France has its own quarrel with Syria, and President Jacques Chirac is outraged at the murder of his close friend Hariri, but Paris does not consider Hizbullah a terrorist organisation. For France, and for the vast majority of Arabs, Hizbullah is a national liberation movement as well as a big political actor in Lebanon.

There is far more to this crisis than a struggle between rival clans in Lebanon.

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STATEMENT BY FELIPE PEREZ ROQUE, CUBAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT THE 61ST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Geneva, March 16, 2005

Despite its efforts, the Commission on Human Rights has lost legitimacy. It is not credible. It allows the impunity of the powerful. It is handcuffed. In it there are plenty of

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lies, double standards and empty speeches by those, who while enjoying their wealth, squander and pollute, look the other way in order not to see how millions of human beings endure the violation of the right to life, the right to peace, the right to development, the right to eat, to learn, to work; in brief, the right to live in dignity.

We all know that the Commission on Human Rights was a victim to the political manipulation of its work, because the Government of the United States and its allies have used this Commission as if it was their own private property – and have now turned this Commission into some sort of inquisition tribunal to condemn the countries of the South and, particularly those who actively oppose their strategy of neo-colonial domination.

But in the course of last year some events took place, and one of them was: The European Union's refusal to sponsor and vote in favor to investigate the massive violations committed and being committed on the 500 prisoners held in Guantanamo enclave, that US is holding against the wishes of the Cuban people. The EU did not want to open up the discussions and condemn the US for these human rights violations as shown by the heinous pictures of torture against the prisoners held there and at the prison of Abu Ghraib.

Can a poor US person become President of the United States or a Senator? No, they cannot. The election campaign costs on an

average are some US \$8 millions. Do the children of the rich go to the unjust and illegal war in Iraq? No, they do not go. None of the over 1,500 US youths killed in Iraq is a son or daughter of a millionaire or a Secretary in Washington Cabinet. The poor are dying in Iraq and other places defending the vested interests of a minority rich.

Everyone here in this hall knows that there is no reason to present a resolution against Cuba. In Cuba there is not a single – and there has never been in 46 years of the Revolution – an extra-judicial execution or a missing person, not even one! Let anyone here come up with a name of a Cuban mother who is still looking for the remains of her murdered son or daughter or a grandmother who is searching for her grandchild handed over to another family following the parents' murder! Let anyone here come up with the name of a reporter killed in Cuba – while 20 of them were murdered in Latin America only in 2004! Let anyone come up with a name of a prisoner, bound and on his knees, prey to terror, assault, humiliation, and in front of a dog trained to kill!

It seems that this Human Rights Commission will not touch or expose the violations by US, Why? Are they untouchable?

Cuba will not give up the fight. Nor will we surrender. Nor will we make concessions or betray our ideals!

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events in Iraq, any mention or military victory has become notable by its absence. Tacitly — unnoticed even by the war's critics — the Bush administration has all but given up any expectation of defeating the enemy with whom we are engaged.

In the early days of the insurgency, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez vowed to use "whatever combat power is necessary to win," displaying all the pugnacity of a George Patton or Stormin' Norman Schwarzkopf. "That's what America expects of me," declared Sanchez in December 2003, "and that's what I'm going to accomplish." Senior commanders no longer make such bold promises. Nor do senior civilian officials in Washington.

Indeed, today the Bush administration's aim is not to win but to relieve itself of responsibility for waging a war that it began but cannot finish. Debate in national security circles focuses not on deploying war-winning technologies or fielding innovative tactics that might turn the tide, but on how we



can extricate ourselves before our overstretched forces suffer irreparable damage.

Optimists are placing their hopes on a crash program to create a new Iraqi security force that just might permit us in a year or so to begin reducing the size of our garrison. Pessimists have their doubts. But virtually no one is predicting we will be even remotely close to crushing the insurgency. The decisive victory promised by the war's advocates back in March 2003 — remember all the talk of "shock and awe"? — has now slipped beyond our grasp.

Of course, following the heady assault on Baghdad, the conflict took an unexpected turn — precisely as wars throughout history have tended to do. As a consequence, today a low-tech

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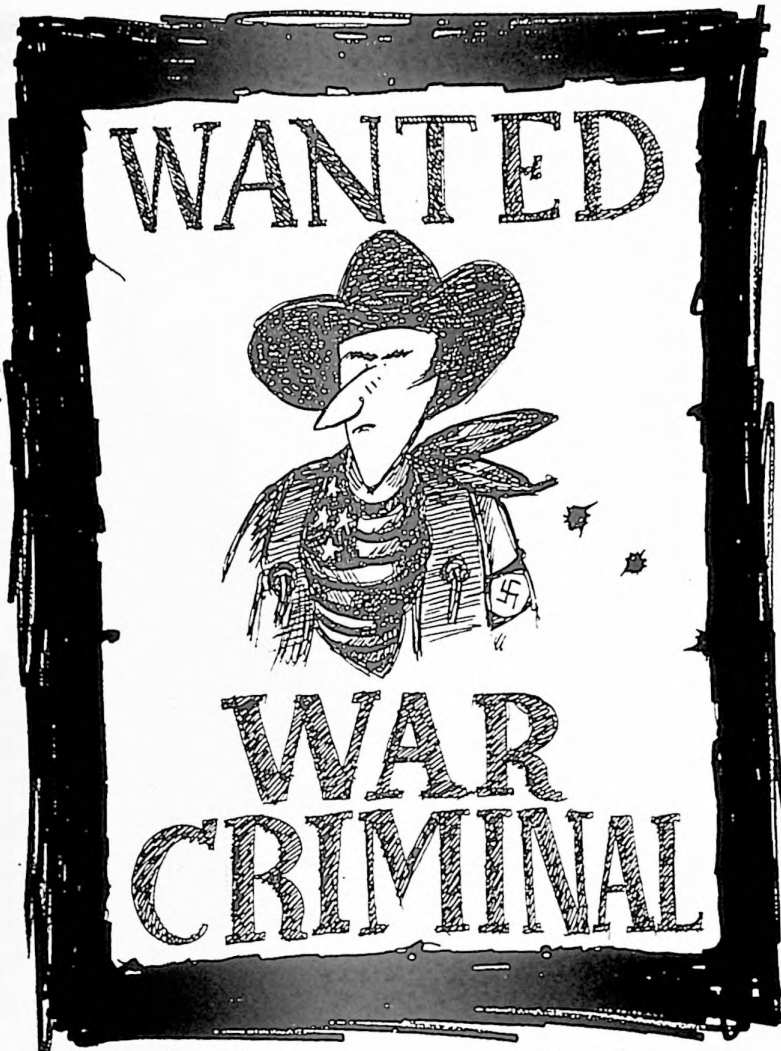
U.S. troops in Iraq are only trying to buy time

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Americans of a certain age will recall Douglas MacArthur's pithy aphorism: "There is no substitute for victory." The remark captures an essential element of our military tradition. When the United States goes to war, it fights to win, to force the enemy to do our will. To sacrifice our soldiers' lives for anything less — as MacArthur charged was the case in Korea and later unambiguously became the case in Vietnam — smacks of being somehow un-American.

But among the various official statements being issued to explain



IS YOUR SUB TO NSC
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Laying the Ground Work for War. First, They Attack the Past

By John Pilger

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How does thought control work in societies that call themselves free? Why are famous journalists so eager, almost as a reflex, to minimize the culpability of political leaders such as Bush and Blair who share responsibility for the unprovoked attack on a defenseless people, for laying to waste their land, and for killing at least 100,000 people, most of them civilians, having sought to justify this epic crime with demonstrable lies? Why does a BBC reporter describe the invasion of Iraq as "a vindication for Blair"? Why have broadcasters never associated the British or American state with terrorism? Why have such privileged communicators, with unlimited access to the facts, lined up to describe an unobserved, unverified, illegitimate, cynically manipulated election, held under a brutal occupation, as "democratic" with the pristine aim of being "free and fair"?

Do they not read history? Or is the history they know, or choose to know, subject to such amnesia and omission that it produces a world view as seen only through a one-way moral mirror? There is no suggestion of conspiracy. This one-way mirror ensures that most of humanity is regarded in terms of its usefulness to "us," its desirability or expendability, its worthiness or unworthiness: for example, the notion of "good" Kurds in Iraq and "bad" Kurds in Turkey. The unerring assumption is that "we" in the

enemy force estimated at about 10,000 fighters has stymied the mightiest military establishment the world has ever seen. To be sure, the adversary cannot defeat us militarily. But neither can we defeat it. In short, U.S. troops today are no longer fighting to win, but simply to buy time: This has become the Bush administration's substitute for victory. Worse, in a war such as in Iraq, time is more likely to work in the other guy's favor.

Whether this reality has yet to fully sink in with the majority of the American people is unclear. No doubt President Bush hopes the citizenry will continue to snooze. Better to talk about Social Security reform and banning gay marriage than to call attention to the unhappy fact that we are spending several billion dollars per month and losing, on average, two soldiers per day — not to prevail but simply to prolong the stalemate. Moreover, if the administration gets its way, we can expect that expenditure of blood and treasure to continue for many months, until there emerges an Iraqi government able to fend for itself or

Iraq descends into chaos.

Pending the final judgment of President Bush's war, this much we can say for sure: Two years after the dash on Baghdad seemingly affirmed the invincibility of the U.S. armed forces, the actual limits of American power now lay exposed for all to see. Our adversaries, real and potential, are no doubt busy contemplating the implications of those limits.

So too must we. Our effort to do so should begin with the admission that the idea, promoted during the heady spring of 2003, that through the aggressive use of military power the United States might transform the Islamic world and cement U.S. global preeminence was a dangerous delusion. It remains a delusion today.

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dominant West have moral standards superior to "them." One of "their" dictators (often a former client of ours, like Saddam Hussein) kills thousands of people and he is declared a monster, a second Hitler. When one of our leaders does the same, he is viewed, at worst like Blair, in Shakespearean terms. Those who kill people with car bombs are "terrorists"; those who kill far more people with cluster bombs are the noble occupants of a "quagmire."

Historical amnesia can spread quickly. Only 10 years after the Vietnam war, which I reported, an opinion poll in the United States found that a third of Americans could not remember which side their government had supported. This demonstrated the insidious power of the dominant propaganda, that the war was essentially a conflict of "good" Vietnamese against "bad" Vietnamese, in which the Americans became "involved," bringing democracy to the people of southern Vietnam faced with a "communist threat." Such a false and dishonest assumption permeated the media coverage, with honorable exceptions. The truth is that the longest war of the 20th century was a war waged against Vietnam, north and south, communist and noncommunist, by America. It was an unprovoked invasion of their homeland and their lives, just like the invasion of Iraq. Amnesia ensures that, while the relatively few deaths of the invaders are constantly acknowledged, the deaths of up to 5 million Vietnamese are consigned to oblivion.

What are the roots of this? Certainly, "popular culture," especially Hollywood movies, can decide what and how little we remember. Selective education at a tender age performs the same task. I have been sent a widely used revision guide for students of modern world history, on Vietnam and the Cold War. This is learned by 14- to 16-year-olds in British schools, sitting for the critical GCSE exam. It informs their understanding of a pivotal historical period, which must influence how they make sense of today's news from Iraq and elsewhere.

It is shocking. It says that under the 1954 Geneva agreement:

"Vietnam was partitioned into communist north and democratic south." In one sentence, truth is dispatched. The final declaration of the Geneva conference divided Vietnam "temporarily" until free national elections were held on July 26, 1956. There was little doubt that Ho Chi Minh would win and form Vietnam's first democratically elected government. Certainly, President Eisenhower was in no doubt of this. "I have never talked with a person knowledgeable in Indochinese affairs," he wrote, "who did not agree that ... 80 percent of the population would have voted for the communist Ho Chi Minh as their leader."

Not only did the United States refuse to allow the UN to administer the agreed elections two years later, but the "democratic" regime in the south was an invention. One of the inventors, the CIA official Ralph McGehee, describes in his masterly book *Deadly Deceits* how a brutal expatriate mandarin, Ngo Dinh Diem, was imported from New Jersey to be "president" and a fake government was put in place. "The CIA," he wrote, "was ordered to sustain that illusion through propaganda [placed in the media]."

Phony elections were arranged, hailed in the West as "free and fair," with American officials fabricating "an 83 percent turnout despite Vietcong terror." The guide alludes to none of this, nor that "the terrorists," whom the Americans called the Vietcong, were also southern Vietnamese defending their homeland against the American invasion and whose resistance was popular. For Vietnam, read Iraq.

The tone of this tract is from the point of view of "us." There is no sense that a national liberation movement existed in Vietnam, merely "a communist threat," merely the propaganda that "the USA was terrified that many other countries might become communist and help the USSR they didn't want to be outnumbered," merely that President Johnson "was determined to keep South Vietnam communist-free." This proceeds quickly to the Tet Offensive in 1968, which "ended in the loss of thousands of American lives 14,000 in 1969 most were young men." There is no mention of

the millions of Vietnamese lives also lost in the offensive. And America merely began "a bombing campaign": there is no mention of the greatest tonnage of bombs dropped in the history of warfare, of a military strategy that was deliberately designed to force millions of people to abandon their homes, and of chemicals used in a manner that profoundly changed the environment and the genetic order, leaving a once-bountiful land all but ruined.

This revision guide reflects the bias and distortions of the official syllabi, such as the prestigious syllabus from Oxford and Cambridge, used all over the world as a model. Its Cold War section refers to Soviet "expansionism" and the "spread" of communism; there is not a word about the "spread" of rapacious America. One of its "key questions" is: "How effectively did the USA contain the spread of communism?" Good versus evil for untutored minds.

"Phew, loads for you to learn here..." say the authors of the revision guide, "so get it learned right now." Phew, the British empire did not happen; there is nothing about the atrocious colonial wars that were models for the successor power, America, in Indonesia, Vietnam, Chile, El Salvador, Nicaragua, to name but a few along modern history's imperial trail of blood, of which Iraq is the latest.

And now Iran? The drumbeat has already begun. How many more innocent people have to die before those who filter the past and the present wake up to their moral responsibility to protect our memory and the lives of human beings?

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Here, There and Everywhere!

By ROD BOWKER

DOWN WITH THE WALL!

Screamed Washington for years against the Berlin Wall.

LONG LIVE THE WALL!

Screams Washington today supporting Israel Sharon's crimes.

LONG LIVE THE WALL!

Screams Washington barricading to stop poor Mexicans from getting back a little bit of what the US multinationals have taken from them.

What is the moral of this story?

That they have no morals. Henry Kissinger (an expert) said: "The great powers don't have principles. Only interests!"

PANSLAVISM IN POLAND

Poland has been always the most hostile towards Pan-Slavism, given its strong nationalistic tendency. The only time in its history when it attempted to create a state with other Western Slavic nations, was in the 11th Century when the King of Poland, Boleslaw Chrobry annexed Bohemia and Moravia, attempting to incorporate them into the Polish kingdom.

It did not work and those entities soon regained their autonomy. Poland very often preferred to ally itself with non-Slavic nations such as Hungary or Lithuania as the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth from 1569 to 1795.

The Polish government had a policy of Polonizing the other Slavic people and non-Slavic populations as well, on

territories it controlled, rather than discuss any potential deals on a possible all-Slavic state.

The 19th Century Pan-Slavism influence in Poland was countered by the nationalistic elements of the Polish resistance and had little impact except for sympathy towards other oppressed Slavic nations. After Poland regained its independence in 1918, no major or minor forces in Poland considered Pan-Slavism as a serious alternative, even despite the constant danger of Germanization.

During Poland's socialist era, the hostility towards the USSR caused an increase in the levels of nationalism, egged on by the Catholic Church. Now, since Poland became capitalist again, Pan-Slavism has completely fallen out of the political agenda.

JAPAN IS WORRIED ABOUT CHINA

China's rapid economic growth, as a supplier for the West of cheaply manufactured goods at minimum wages and, its expanding military spending, has provoked Japan to end its currency loans to China. After a drawn-out negotiating process, one that was initially resisted by the Chinese government, the two countries have agreed that China will stop receiving loans of the Japanese yen in 2009. Japan has been giving aid to China since the 1980's and this has exceeded three trillion yen for the infrastructure projects. But Japanese lawmakers have become more vocal recently, citing the tensions between Beijing and Tokyo over the disputed Daiyou Islands and a potential conflict over Taiwan, as reasons to sever China's aid.

LATIN AMERICA EMERGES AS NEW CHINESE ENERGY HUB

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With the largest oil reserves outside of the Middle East, Latin

America is rapidly becoming a new focal point for Chinese oil exploration, the New York Times reported last month. At the center of all this is the Chinese energy efforts in Venezuela, despite that Venezuela exports roughly 60% of its oil to the United States. Hugo Chavez, leader of Venezuela and his counterpart in China signed 19 cooperation deals while China is already operating two oil wells in Venezuela. It is now in the process of 15 additional oil fields in the country's east, as well as joint ventures.

CHINA AT STRATEGIC CROSSROADS

China must choose now between international responsibility and corrosive hegemonic ambitions, a top US Defense official said. Undersecretary of Defense Douglas Feith said that "Rising powers have understood that their worthy hopes can be realized within a well-defined system, of sovereign states. The US and our allies have an interest in fostering an environment in which China becomes progressively to share that understanding."

COMMENT: We're sure that US Imperialism is not worried that China will go on the path of Socialism at all!
Editor

US SLAMS CHINA ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The US State Department released a Report slamming China for "numerous and serious human rights abuses." China lashed out at the US Administration- "The US should stop using double standards and stop interfering in the internal politics of China under the pretext of human rights." Beijing is planning to issue its own statement in which it shows: "the bad record of the United States concerning invasions of other countries and mistreatment of foreign prisoners, as well as bad records in the aspects of life, freedom and personal security of US citizens."

WHO IS THIS MAN?

_____ is an international outlaw! He has invaded foreign countries and committed mass murder. He possess weapons of mass deception and has used them against his own people and his own parliament. He is a sponsor of Global American terrorism and must be brought to justice!

TONY BLAIR

JERRY MORSE



US Republicans really know how to pick their friends. The US District Court Judge Weinstein, has cleared another path for Bush to avoid impeachment. The Judge dismissed a Class Action Suit against President Bush, and against about 30 US companies who made Agent Orange that US dropped over Vietnam in the war against Vietnam people.

Over 20,000,000 million gallons of this dioxin-based chemical was dropped over Vietnam and it stripped all the leaves off the trees, poisoned the environment and affected over 5,000,000 people of a healthy life in their own country. This does not count thousands who have died from this agent orange – called Mass Destruction Weapon.

This poison is still in the water and soil of Vietnam, and according to scientists, it will be there for hundreds of years. Of course no Weapons of Mass Destruction were found in the pockets of the Vietnamese people, so, in their convoluted reasoning, the US Justice Department clears everyone from any responsibility of manufacturing and dropping this Agent Orange over Vietnam!

Here you have the upside-down mentality of the US Military, Industrial and Financial Complex – when it is profitable to reverse or to protect the New World Order. Attack Iraq because of the so-called WMD, but make sure that the situation in Vietnam shows that the US had nothing to do with WMD – Agent Orange!

Maybe President Bush and his Pentagon Brass will now call for impeachment and sue the Vietnamese victims who are part of this Class Action Suit ?

WASHINGTON-Gaining international control is not the only reason that President Bush set the nest for Paul Wolfowitz to become the head of the World Bank and its Top Hen - he has

a number of things in mind. He wants to control (*if not already in fact*) the United Nations, World Bank, World Trade Organization and if he can get it, the International Monetary Fund.

Paul Wolfowitz is called a "*skilled diplomat*", while the other 185 members of the WB use the phrase "*skillet diplomat*", where the art of cooking the books and other schemes that are too numerous to mention. But this cooking is only the frosting on the cake. WB and this Top Hen is concerned with Asian countries, China and Indonesia, who are on the verge of changing and pegging their own currency from the US dollar to the Euro – besides, selling their large caches of US Treasury Bonds, which keep the US economy afloat. Of course, Dubya did not think of this himself! Paul Wolfowitz set forth the menu for this New Deal Banquet.

SALT 'N PEPPER ON WRY

By **FRANK RAY DAVIS**

A SICK LICK OF COLONIALISM-

Dubya Bush says we can't bring the US troops home till the Iraqis have learned to defend themselves from their enemies. Which is what the empire builders used to say in the good old colonial days about their prosperous colonies when the natives grew restless with dreams of independence. Which is roughly translated as: Don't let them near the water until they learned to swim.

But all ancient fairy tales aside, if the Iraqis are as slow-learners as Dubya, our troops will die of old age, before they scoop up a lungful of American smog.

Incidentally – *Iraq's enemies*? What more enemies do Iraqis need than the guy Dubya smirks at in his mirror?

FAILED PLAN STILL PADDLED-

Dictator Pinochet's phony Social Security Plan was sparked by his bosom buddy and anti-union secretary of labor, Jose Pinera. And where is Jose Pinera comfortably ensconced right now? In his very busy and very prosperous office in

Santiago, Chile. Busy from advising Bush and other Social Security chiselers all over the world, and prosperous from same. Hm, hungry dogs have long tails.

WORTHWHILE QUOTE-

Bush has spent as many dollars in aid for the millions of Tsunami victims in Asia as he spends in just four hours on killing people in Iraq. More money on his inauguration party than he spent on aid to the worst national disaster in history. More money in one hour in Iraq than he spends on relief to the AIDS epidemic in Africa!

CHUCKLE CORNER

AN ODE TO A SCAB

BY **JACK LONDON**

After God had finished the rattlesnake, and the vampire, He had some awful substance left with which He made a SCAB. A SCAB is a two-legged animal with a corkscrew soul, a waterlogged brain, and a combination of a backbone made of jelly and glue. Where others have hearts, he carries a tumor of rotten principles.

When a SCAB comes down the street, men turn their backs and angels weep in heaven, and the devil shuts the gates of hell to keep him out. No man has a right to SCAB as long as there is a pool of water deep enough to drown his body in, or a rope long enough to hang his carcass with. Judas Iscariot was a gentleman compared with a SCAB. For betraying his Master, he had character enough to hang himself. A SCAB HASN'T!

Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Judas Iscariot sold his Savior for thirty pieces of silver. Benedict Arnold sold his country for a promise of a commission in the British Army. The modern Strike-Breaker sells his birthright, his country, his wife, his children, and his fellow men for an unfulfilled promise from his employer, trust or corporation.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

Yes, there was genocide in WWII by the German Nazis. Below are photos of what US troops did in Korea and what Japanese troops did also during WWII

US GENOCIDE IN KOREA

The US Government released a document and photographs that show the truth of the massacre of prisoners in the Jonju prison in South Korea during the Korean War. These crimes date back to the very first days when the US invaded Korea under the guise of "liberators".

On August 15, 1946 the US command in South Korea ordered a unit of the US 40th Infantry Division to lay siege to some 2,400 miners who were on their way to a protest rally against the plunder by US troops. US airplanes were also used to shoot these unarmed miners. The US troops shot and stabbed them with their bayonets, killing hundreds. They encircled the corpses and did not allow them to be moved and buried.

The US forces also slaughtered innocent civilians when the Korean War was instigated in 1950's. The overall tabulation by many foreign observers, and foreign governments, including the US authorities themselves, proves that US troops were responsible for killing over 1,000,000 Koreans in both South and North Korea.

The blood shed by the Korean people calls all the Korean people to a nationwide resistance against the US.

The Pyongyang Times wrote: "We are convinced that the International Community, which values justice and conscience, will extend full support to and solidarity with the nationwide efforts of the Korean people to find the whole truth of this US horrible massacres and punish the guilty."

On May 29, 2004 there was unearthed remains of those killed during the Korean War by US troops near Hwanghae Province. The remains of these four victims were

discovered in a hollow grave. The skulls were riddled with bullets fired by US soldiers. The wrists of the dead were tied with double and triple wires around the wrists, and the ends of these wires were twisted about 20 times by pliers.

Though decades have passed,

these remains testify as to the brutality of US troops in Korea.

The Korean servicemen and people are now wowing to make the US troops pay dearly for the atrocities they had committed during this invasion of Korea.



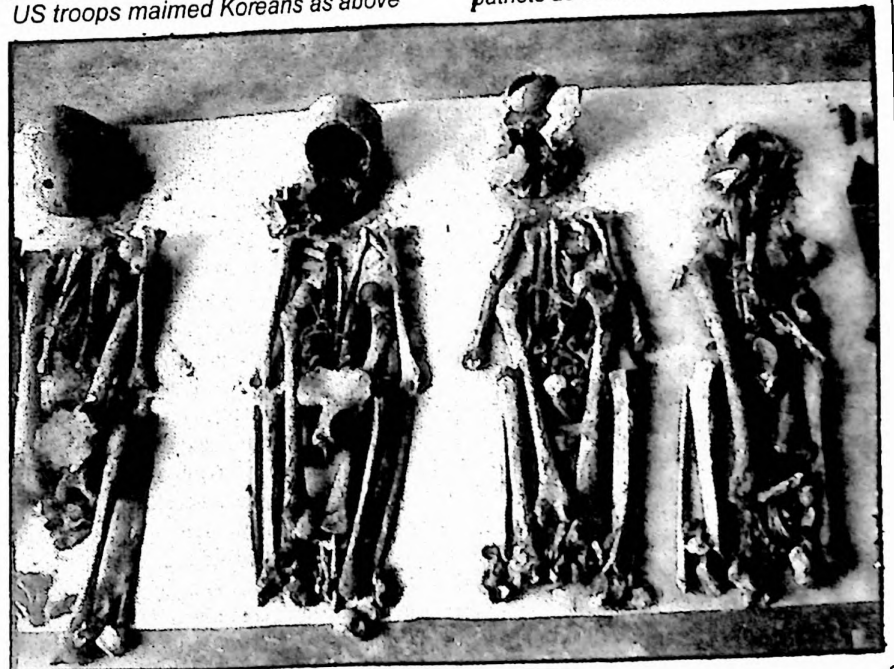
US troops during the Korean War buried the Koreans alive in graves, as this archive photo shows.

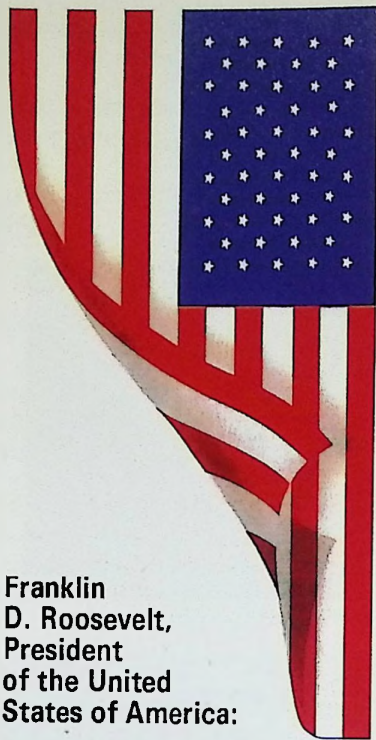


US troops maimed Koreans as above



Japanese troops often beheaded Korean patriots as archival photo shows.





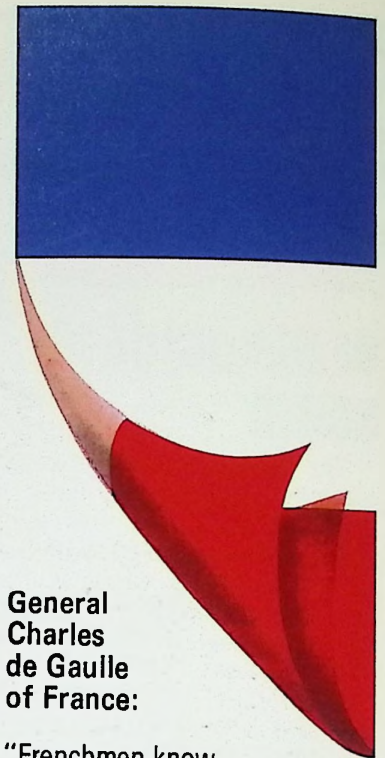
Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President
of the United
States of America:

"I find it difficult to get away from the simple fact that the Russian armies are killing more Axis personnel and destroying more Axis material than all the other twenty-five United Nations put together."



Winston Churchill,
Prime Minister
of Great
Britain:

"It is the Russian army that tore the guts out of the German military machine..."



General
Charles
de Gaulle
of France:

"Frenchmen know what Soviet Russia has done for them; they know that it is Soviet Russia which has played the leading role in their liberation."

In spite of these glowing words said 60 years ago as public relations for their own people, there were other plans afoot against the USSR. It is only to the great political and tactical skills of Stalin that the world was saved from fascism! Workers of the world unite against Imperialism and its New World Order!

