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EDITORIAL

DISCUSSION WORLD CONGRESS



NEXT MONTH IS THE WORLD CONGRESS!

ALL INDIA ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORUM and
SOCIALIST UNITY CENTRE OF INDIA - *Central Committee

Dear comrades:

Comrade Heikki of Kominform, Finland let us know about the World Congress. We wholeheartedly support the cause for which the Congress is being convened. In the present day world, since the counterrevolution in the erstwhile Soviet Union and all the People's Republics of Eastern Europe, imperialism has gone on the offensive and is launching a ruthless onslaught on the working class and on the sovereignty of nations who are refusing to toe the line. It is time for all those who believe in socialism and in the ideology of Marxism-Leninism to close ranks and unitedly fight the imperialist menace. The need of the hour is to forge a broad unity of anti-imperialist forces in all countries, with the communists as the core.

The effort to bring together the progressive socialist forces under the platform of an International Council for Friendship and Soli-

arity with Soviet People is a step in the right direction and we pledge our support to this cause.

We shall try to send a representative to the World Congress in Toronto, but as always, finances remain a problem. We shall also contact like-minded organizations in India to enlist their support and request them to add their signatures to the call.

With revolutionary greetings

Manik Mukherjee
Vice President and
General Secretary

FROM
VANTAA
FINLAND

Dear comrades:

Unfortunately, because of the lack of economical resources we have no possibility to send our delegates to the World Congress in Toronto.

We are sure, that this World Congress will unite all the parties and movemewnts in the world in the struggle for a socialist future

for mankind. Also, it will bring us new ideological weapons against world capitalism, neoliberalism and globalization.

We wish all the best for the Congress and hope, that you will send us all the Congress documents after this Congress.

There is no other future for mankind but socialism!

For Peace and Socialism
Hannu Harju, Chairman
Communist Workers' Party of
Finland

FROM
MINSK
BYELORUSSIA

Dear Comrades:

We are living through many problems of trying to gather the finances from any sponsors we can in order to send a delegate to the Congress since we know that what you comrades are trying to accomplish will go down in history.

We discussed the Congress since the time when you planned to hold it in Minsk. Your letter and request to hold the Congress in Minsk was given to President

Lukashenko but did not receive a favourable reply.

But I am not giving up this quest for finances in order to be present with all the other delegates at this Congress.

From the bottom of our hearts we send you our best wishes and telling you that Northstar Compass is more influential than probably you comrades realize. This defence of all the Soviet people shall not be forgotten by the Byelorussian people and their desire for the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

Long live the friendship between Soviet people and progressive mankind.

Workers of the world unite against American imperialism – instigators of new world wars!

Vasili F. Kalibrov

Editor of "Our Compass", Veteran of World War II, Member of AUCPB

FROM
**ARTHABASKA-
VICTORIAVILLE**

QUEBEC

Dear readers:

We have a lot of basics in common. We remember and respect the fact that under the brilliant leadership of Joseph Stalin the Soviet Union practically single handedly defeated Hitler. Almost ninety per cent of all the military fatalities sustained by Hitler's Nazi hordes in World War II were rendered by the Soviets, leaving but ten per cent for all the other "allies". Many Western war veterans were saved by the defeat of the fascists by the Soviet Red Army.

We are also enthusiastic about the restoration of the USSR since its collapse had practically collapsed most of the left movement worldwide. Philosophically there would be no understanding of even pre-Leninists works, Marx and Engels without the Soviet press and its publishing of all their world in many languages of the world.

At the World Congress which I shall attend I will try to bring the following question to discussion: "How does religion differ in Fidel Castro's Socialist Cuba compared to Stalin's Socialist Soviet Union?"

Dr. William Bunge

We shall let the participants of Congress discuss this question.

FROM
LENINGRAD
RUSSIA

Dear comrades:

Your invitation to our movement "Council of Workers of Leningrad" and the newspaper "Proletarskaya Gazeta" is much appreciated, but due to our financial situation we are not able to send not even one delegate. We support your efforts and we are with you.

We are informing you that the newspaper called "Arguments and Counterarguments" no longer is publishing because it was unable to pay the rising printing costs. The Editorial staff of this newspaper has joined us at the newspaper "Proletarskaya Gazeta."

With communist greetings

Anatoliy Pyzhov
Secretary of International relations

FROM
**COMMITTEE FOR THE
REESTABLISHMENT OF THE
IRAQI COMMUNIST PARTY**
IRAQ

We received your letter that invited our attendance at the World Congress of Solidarity with Soviet People. We affirm with utmost pleasure our desire to attend such a Congress, because we do know with revolutionary consciousness that a temporary burial alive of the socialist experiment and also the temporary collapse of the socialist states caused us, the fighters for national liberation and national emancipation, the greatest of damage.

What has really distinguished our struggle in the Arab national liberation movement has been the fact that we daily confront Zionist aggression upon us in addition to imperialist aggression. We're certain that you have been moved by the news and events of aggression that the Arab people of Palestine daily face at the hands of the extremist Zionists, the rulers of the Zionist entity – Israel.

Comrades! In spite of the fact that our homeland, Iraq, is a rich country that owns a third of the world's stored reserves of oil – and three fourths of this oil reserve lies buried under the earth and the waters of the Arab homeland – Imperialist and Zionist aggression and America arrogating to itself the world leadership, have

prevented us from enjoying all of these abundant resources and have obstructed the completion of our national liberation and also our national emancipation. They have obstructed us from succeeding in rising to complete the cause of social and the democratic transformation of our society.

Comrades! We know that it will be beneficial for us to attend this World Congress, and indeed to also meet with the Arab communities living in the United States and Canada and the opportunity to clarify the image of Zionist-Imperialist aggression upon our homeland Iraq and our Arab nation as part and parcel of our revolutionary struggles as it is in your progressive concerns.

We shall wait for your official invitation. Similarly, we are ready to receive you comrade Lucas as our dear guest in Baghdad and all those comrades that might accompany you. In this way, you will be able to familiarize yourselves with the effects of the aggression and also integrate yourself with the patriotic experience of our people in their resistance to the Imperialist-Zionist aggression, and their persistence in the struggle, here in the theatre of operations among the masses, its demands and the daily reality.

Please accept our Communist greetings.

Dr. Yousuf Hamdan
Secretary of the Committee for
The Reestablishment of the
Iraqi Communist Party

FROM
LENINGRAD
RUSSIA

Dear comrades:

If it isn't too late now, we would like to inform you that we are sending two delegates to the World Congress. We were busy raising the necessary finances for the delegates trip to Canada. They are two correspondents from newspaper Narodnaya Pravda – Valentina Bouchtouveva, Tatiana Gadzhimuradova

Sincerely yours
Mikhail Popov
Chief editor of Narodnaya Pravda

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TO SUBSCRIBE TO
NORTHSTAR COMPASS!**

OBITUARY

GEORGE HESS



George Hess passed away in his 70th year in a hospital in Brantford, Ont. Canada, on Sunday, June 17 with his family at his beside.

George was born in Czechoslovakia, while living in Canada he was involved in many public organizations and movements that were devoted to better the life of Canadians. His enthusiasm and dedication were not only local, but he was involved in international movements and took part in many political activities which were dedicated to bring about social changes for the future of all mankind – socialism.

George Hess was an active member of the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass, a journal going all over the world and dedicated to the friendship and solidarity with Soviet peoples. He was active until the last in the preparations for the upcoming World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People that will be held on September 21-22-23 in Toronto. He was one of the proposed Chairmen for this world event where over 100 delegates shall gather to elect the International Council. George was one of the leading proponents for this Congress.

George was always present together with his wife at all of the events that were held by the Canada-USSR Association and now the Canadian Friends of Soviet People, taking an active part in discussions and giving sound advice.

George Hess shall be missed not only by his immediate family, but also by all the progressive movement in Canada and many other countries of the world.

Editorial Board of Northstar Compass
Canadian Friends of Soviet People
Organizing Committee for an
International Council for Friendship and
Solidarity with Soviet People

FROM
NOVOCHERKASSK
RUSSIA

Dear comrades:

Received the invitation to send a delegate the World Congress and we sincerely thank you, but unfortunately I or my comrades cannot attend due to financial problems.

Nevertheless we do read with great attention the information contained in NSC on the preparations for this important event, And we sincerely feel that this event is of utmost importance internationally in the struggle for the unity of the communist and workers parties in the socialist ideals. We feel that in order to further strengthen the ideals of the proletariat, during these times when international capitalist economic might is now trying to globalize the entire world for their own needs by utilizing different methods of divide and rule -like religion, race, class and undermining and buying whole nations and eliminating national solidarity of the class struggles...the question of international solidarity of the worlds working class should be put in first place.

The lesson of class struggle during the last ten years supports our contention (*the dismemberment of the USSR and of Eastern Europe, the break up and defeat of some revolutionary movements in Latin America, Asia and Africa*). The situation is getting more complicated with the appearance and support by right forces of opportunism-revisionism and more and more appearance of dogmatism in the leadership of the majority of communist and workers parties.

In the present critical situation the solidarity in the communist and workers parties is only possible if they will unite not only organizationally, but in common ideals or ideology. Here it is imperative that the communist and workers parties return back to the positions of dialectical materialism, to those tendencies that were scientifically researched by the founders of Marxism – Karl Marx, Frederick Engels and their pupils, V.I.Lenin and J.V.Stalin.

Therefore the break up and splitting up of the revolutionary, communist and pseudo-revolutionary opportunistic elements that are in the communist movements is necessary in order to give authority and influence to the communist parties over the working class of the world. We feel that your World Congress in Toronto will dwell into these questions and arrive at the correct analytical results.

Regarding the brotherly help to the Soviet people in their struggle for the resurrection of Socialism. We feel, that the best help in this question can only be the return of all communist and workers parties in the world – and this in particular means in the most

developed countries – to the position of the orthodox Marxism and to influence the whole revolutionary world movement likewise. In reply to the Imperialist “Globalization” the working class of the world should reply with class proletarian solidarity and the most decisive battles for socialism.

Of course during the short time before the World Congress takes place, it is impossible to decide these questions – this is meant for you to urge the Congress participants to take the first steps towards these goals.

Not having the opportunity to attend this Congress, we state that the representatives at the Congress from the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks (AUCPB), especially the representatives from our Central Committee will take part in these discussions. We fully support them.

We wish you success in your noble effort that you undertook upon yourself to try and unite forces for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and Socialism and to unite forces of the world for the struggle against imperialistic “Globalization”, the cleansing of all of the communist and labour movements from nasty revisionism and to turn the world socialist and revolutionary movements towards socialism and progress.

With Communist greetings

R.F.Soldatenkov
AUCPB, NovoCherkassk Region of Russia

FROM
DABROWA GORNICZA
POLAND

Dear comrades;

Communist greetings from the Union of Polish Communists called “Proletariat” Best wishes to the upcoming World Congress and many successes in the struggles against capitalism and the struggle for socialism.

We thank you for your systematic sending us the Northstar Compass publication. It is a very interesting publication, well edited and laid-out and containing valuable information about the struggles against capitalism. Some of the facts that are published in NSC, plus your commentary and the news are used by all of our comrades in their ongoing public agitation work amongst the people. Please accept our sincere congratulations.

We're sending you our two latest publications for your perusal. The Discussion Bulletin is dedicated to the upcoming Polish elections on September 23rd of this year. A dramatic situation is coming to Poland. Poland is on a brink of economic disaster. Our Party is organizing many protests against this crisis.

That is why the present bourgeois government of Poland is on a discrediting campaign against our party and is bent on the liquidation of our Communist Party. In the last while it has thrown out our Appeal against this unlawful act. We have only one more alternative and that is to appeal to the Supreme Court of Poland. This is democracy for the capitalist and exploiter

We are asking you comrades to make this situation known and to take a stand in order to help our party from being made illegal. Therefore due to the present situation we might not be able to send a delegate to the World Congress. But we are in solidarity with you.

Workers of the World Unite!

Zbigniew Wiktor

Chairman of the Union of Polish Communists
"Proletariat".

FROM
WEST BENGAL
INDIA

Dear comrades:

On behalf of all the comrades associated with the revolutionary socialist magazine, **MARXIST VIEW**, I hereby like to convey my best wishes to the forthcoming World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People to be a great success.

As we are not in a position to directly participate in the World Congress, we have decided to convey our views and our proposals in writing, which we are enclosing.

We hope that it will be read and discussed at the Congress.

With revolutionary greetings

J.Waghela
Editor

We certainly will make available your excellent "Letter to the Congress" to every delegate so that it shall be discussed in full. Many sincere thanks to you and your comrades for this effort.

FROM
KIEV
UKRAINE

Dear comrades:

We thank you sincerely for the invitation to attend the World Congress. We received your invitation on June 25 and at that time I was attending an international conference in Athens, Greece. We support your idea of holding such an important World Congress, its beneficial and historical meaning.

The Union of Communists of Ukraine and the Editorial Board of the international journal "Contemporary Marxism" right from the start of the counterrevolution announced its aim... the struggle for the rebirth of the first workers state in the world – the USSR.

Our financial situation at the moment makes it impossible to send a delegation to the Congress. We are going to report on the Congress in our journal.

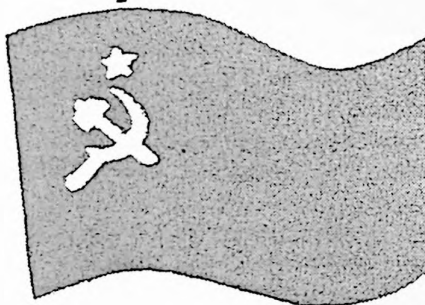
We wish all you Comrades success!

With communist greetings,

T.I. Yabrova

Chairperson of the Union of Communists of Ukraine and Chief Editor of the journal "Contemporary Marxism"

CONGRESS WISHES FROM NEPAL



Dear comrades:

We thank you sincerely for the invitation to attend the World Congress and also for the regular sending of the Northstar Compass journal.

The current political situation in Nepal is much more complicated and confusing, due to the massacre of the whole number of the royal family in the palace last June 1. There is a distinct smell of a foreign hand in this massacre. Nine left-wing parties of Nepal are demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala. The struggle is going on and the Parliament is in constant session.

Therefore we are very sorry that we shall not be able to participate at the Congress.

We wish you comrades great success and we fully support this world gathering.

We also want to express our solidarity and we thank you for organizing this important World Congress since it is our internationalist duty to do so!

Narayan Man Bijukchhe (Rohit)

Chairman

NEPAL WORKERS & PEASANTS PARTY

FROM
MELLE
BELGIUM

Dear friends:

The Belgian Friendship Society was very active for a few more years after the dissolution of the USSR, but due to many problems it ceased its activities among some sections here and only the Flemish speaking organization has survived.

We do publish a monthly journal called "Contact" and the majority of our activities are as examples herein:

*Sales events in the fall of each year

*Information evenings about the Russian refugees and asylum seekers in Gent and the perceived differences between Russians and Belgians

*Evenings around Alexander Pushkin

*Small tourists groups and also individual travellers to former USSR

As an organization we would like to join the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

Johan Ghyselen
Federal Secretary

We have sent you the information regarding the World Congress and we hope that you shall be able to send a delegation.

FROM
PASCOE VALE, VIC.
AUSTRALIA

Dear friends:

Although I shall not be able to attend the World Congress, I do send my best wishes for its success.

Enclosed is an article which I just finished, called "On Hegemonism". I feel that this is a theoretical step forward and is built on Lenin's "Imperialism" but it deals with a new phenomenon – that is, the rise of one single capitalist power as against the oligopoly of powers which still existed at the time when Lenin wrote in 1916-1917.

It would be beneficial, in my estimation if the previous document that was sent you called "Moribund Capitalism" and also this "Hegemonism" was available to all of the delegates present. I consider this of utmost importance.

Wishing all the success to the gathered delegates.

Dr. Vera Butler
Australian International Studies Association

Yes, these two important documents will be available to all the delegates.

A NEW FORCE IS TO BE BORN!

MICHAEL
LUCAS
Editor



On September 21-22-23 there will gather in Toronto, Canada representatives from all over the world with a mandate from their Communist, Workers parties, movements, organizations and publications in order to give birth to an extremely necessary new organization that will help the Soviet people to resurrect the Soviet Union, Socialism and at the same time help humanity to struggle together against the dangerous US-led imperialist new world order!

Over 100 delegates are coming to this World Congress from the following countries: Russia, Byelorussia, Ukraine, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Poland, Republic of Congo, Belgium, France, Australia, Hungary, Chad (Africa), Mexico, Sweden, Great Britain, Czech Republic, North Korea, Brazil, Bangladesh, Italy, Pakistan, Spain, Germany, India, Iraq, Syria, Greece, Philippines, USA, Canada, Finland, Cuba, Chile, Colombia, and others as of this date of publishing NSC issue.

The interest that is shown to the World Congress agenda, the resolutions, and to all of the future plans of the forthcoming International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People is an indication that time has arrived and long overdue for the establishment of this world-wide movement.

In this regard, the delegates from former Soviet Union will number 21, representing all major parties, movements and publications of left orientation. These are comrades that are fighting to resurrect the USSR and socialism! Are they all on the same political "wave length" ideologically? No they are not! How does this then preclude unity of purpose and the setting up of this extremely important international body to unite all forces for the resurrection of the Soviet Union?

Judging by the letters, articles, programme and countless fax-e-mail-telephone discussions with all of our Soviet comrades, it is evident that although there is no complete unity of tactics, the will and the dedication is absolutely there to achieve this very plateau of then electing an International Council! Everyone agrees that if the international Communist and the progressive movement follows the path of what our grandparents did in 1918 when they set up the "Hands Of Russia" Committees, then progress and a common front shall be achieved.

As NSC wrote in the last issue of NSC, we encounter attacks unfortunately not as much from the right as from the left. Why is this so? Simply put, these people do not want to establish a united front for the resurrection of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics...for whatever reason. History will judge the correctness of our attempt and dedication to set up this International Council!

Again we repeat, as we did on every occasion since *Northstar Compass* and the Organizing Committee was started..."we believe that the development and promotion of such aims will be of significant assistance to the Soviet people in correcting the current conditions that have been brought to them by the counter - revolutionary forces, both internal and external!"

The representatives from the Soviet Union at the World Congress are the present leaders, First secretaries of the Communist and Socialist parties or Editors of their respective parties or publications. There shall also be members of the Russian, Byelorussian and Ukrainian parliaments. Among the delegates there shall also be

a Deputy Prime Minister of a country in Africa!

Next month, September will be the start of the 10th year of publishing the journal NSC - 10 years since the advent of "perestroika" (destroyka) in the USSR. This World Congress will also decide whether "*Northstar Compass*" journal will continue to be the organ of the International Council or another journal will be published by the incoming International Council. Whatever the decision, you can be assured that the struggle for the resurrection of the USSR shall have a world journal published in 4 languages!

I'm just reminding you that the costs of holding such a World Congress are high and we are asking you sincerely to help us financially to cover the costs of hosting over 100 delegates for 3 to 7 days in Toronto.

Full details and materials of the World Congress will be printed in the September issue of NSC, after the Congress is concluded.

Michael Lucas,
Chairman of Organizing
Committee



THE POISONED WEED OF DUMA- PARLIAMENTARY "CONTROL" AND THE DESTRUCTION OF SOVIET POWER...

In October of 1993 when the vodka sodden Yeltsin and his corrupted cohorts turned the deadly firepower of the armed forces on the Supreme Soviet, not only were tens and thousands of Soviet citizens massacred, a vicious and deadly capitalist stake was driven deep into the heart of the Soviet system. Replacing it was the violent State control of the mercenary armies and firepower for the newly established counter-revolutionary forces. The ancient Western monopoly and Czarist "parliamentary" façade (the Russian Duma) was resurrected and installed...to the continuing agony of the Russian and Soviet working class and all Soviet people. The long exposed "fallacy" of parliament and electoral procedures, handed down for generations in the Western monopoly capitalist world as "freedom and democracy" was invoked

Substantially, as every "parliamentary" voter who has lived under capitalism should well know, that system of "smoke-and-mirrors" consists of total surrender for varying periods of time (up to several years) of independent, democratic political control to the vaunted "parliaments" and well paid unresponsive practitioners... who are very easily recognized under different labels from "unstained politicians" to the "back-benchers" (with well sealed mouths) to "corrupted opportunists" and unspeakable cretins. All are endlessly described in the capitalist media as paragons of "freedom and democracy" while they impose parliamentary dictatorship...

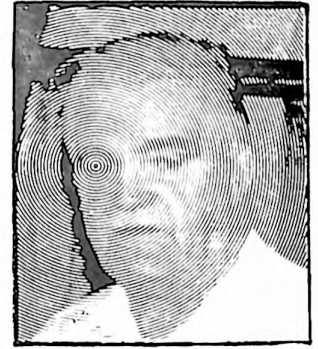
In return, having for the most part surrendered to this procedure all their elementary democratic power...(the sale or non-sale of labour power, as they might collectively decide) working people are "gratuitously" awarded the "hallowed" privilege of returning to the polls in another three or four or six years,) to repeat the process...and languish in the results "elected parliamentarian" cabals might render unto them. This last, as hundreds of years of "parliamentary" experience and history has

proven "beyond shadow of doubt" consists of whatever actions in legislative law, edicts and decrees, foreign pacts and entanglements in war (or peace). It has been said with great of mendacity that such Governments "govern with the consent of the electors". History has revealed this to be a palpable lie in too many instances to bear repetition.

Capitalist "parliaments" and the electoral procedures were first emplaced by (naturally enough) capitalist forces who, having defeated the previous "feudal monarchies" in bloody revolutionary wars...sought to "placate" and render docile and subservient whatever forces among the people with whom they had briefly allied. The "constitutions" and laws in every case were written by leading members of the victorious capitalist class. In that process the very smallest "concessions" were permitted for the vast mass of people in either (and particularly) the new working class, or the peasantry and farm populations. Not surprisingly, and from this distance, this is certainly the fate of the Soviet people under the counter-revolutionary powers exercised since 1989 to the present by the "counter-revolutionary" government. As in every case where electoral powers are accorded when capitalism (monopoly and otherwise) controls parliament, the "sops" thrown from the tables of the mighty are the smallest possible, soggy and sad fare indeed. It is a true "starvation diet" of "freedom and democracy".

Wherever electoral power exercised by the people has with extreme rarity created majority Parliamentary rule not acceptable to the capitalists, summary, and most often violent and bloody military action for removal of such have occurred. Chile and the fate of the Chilean left-wing (non Marxist-Leninist) Government of Allende in 1973 gives vivid confirmation to that process. In the 1930's it was the Republican government of Spain. The "long tentacles" and firepower of monopoly capital centred in the USA should raise the most serious fears and grave

RAY
STEVENS



possibilities as we encounter the arrogant posture of the oil monopolized and owned Bush administration and its BMD designs. Democratic electoral "empowerment" of the majority of people under monopoly capitalism is a constantly and increasingly "endangered" species under monopoly rule of whatever stripe, be it...Yankee, British, German, French, Russian or Canadian. No amount of subterfuge, "hype" or lies can remove the bottomless wellspring of deprivation and terror found in the prosecution of the class struggle waged by monopoly. The views of the Somalians, Sudanese, Yugoslavs, Colombians etc. would prove very instructive in this regard.

With its revocable elective processes, its deep, never ending discussion of ALL PHASES OF LIFE AND DEVELOPMENT, the Soviet (Council) system was the tool of the working class, peasantry and people in general as set forth in the earliest Soviet Constitutions and was the source of REAL POLITICAL POWER, representing a new and higher level of democracy and of political life in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. As such it represented a major and potential challenge for higher order of life than anything the class divided capitalist world had or could produce...whether in industrial, financial, social, cultural or peaceful or cooperative life. It also presented a massive and effective challenge to the vaunted "freedom and democracy" of capitalist "parliamentary" (or colonial) life. In fact it was the new "wave of the future" for all humanity.

People seeking "a new wave of the future" in the halls of a scarred, corrupted and diseased "elective parliamentary system" of today face an extended night of oppression, human degradation, and also depraved profiteering. The exercise of the real power of the working people and their allies lies not on that road, but on the road of "international solidarity". Workers need to exercise all of the productive capabilities that are inherent in international solidarity, and not enmeshed and ensnared in some wild conjectural, foray into a world of parliamentary illusions and of unproven technology, designed only to

produce ever greater power and pelf for the owning, monopoly capitalist class. The political direction, strategy, tactics to challenge and defeat a "unipolar" world of "globalized" mayhem will flow from that political and irrevocable struggle, led by the working people.

Does such an assessment of monopoly capitalist "parliamentary means" preclude the struggle to batter back wherever possible the obstacles and pernicious, poisoned results of monopoly capitalist production and exercise of political state powers... legal, military and otherwise? To suggest so would be to float in dreamland. Of a certainty the working class struggles must confront monopoly capitalist exploitation assaults and deadly mindlessness at every possible level to win even the most meagre of reform and change...and as so often in the past be prepared to suffer "slings and arrows" of defeat. That process will continue until capitalism and private and monopoly power has gone the way of the "dodo-bird" and the "woolly mammoth".

What is argued here is that to place priority and primary dependence on these struggles for the reforms through elective and parliamentary activity is to open the door to continuing, illusion spawned defeats in the class struggles and class wars monopoly is today imposing on all of humanity. What is said here is that the working people of every clime and nation, must fashion their united strength, enjoin and build their international trust and strength, based on the simple fact that all production, of every item of use and exchange value, every commodity in whatever form is the product of "social" human labour. It is that potential of strength, existing only amongst the working people, that provides the hope and possibility of victory and "new dawning" for humanity and the end of monopoly imposed dangers and threats, today confronted universally.

That is what is primary and of front rank, cardinal importance in the universal struggle, (already well advanced) for survival. An honest examination of what Soviet Socialism was in truth, is demanded in that struggle. ■

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

**HAVE YOU RENEWED
YOUR SUB?**



UNCLE SAM'S FAVOURITE

PUPPET



*Former CPSU Member

*Former KGB officer-who vowed to defend the Motherland

*Lawyer who studied Marxism-Leninism

*In order to become president of Russia, he absolved Yeltsin of all crimes

No wonder that George Bush of USA thinks that he can "do business with him"!

PUTIN OF RUSSIA!



A UNIVERSAL APPEAL

FOR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP, SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLES OF THE DISMANTLED UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND AGAINST "GLOBALIZED" CORPORATE WAR, EXPLOITATION AND CORPORATE CREATED DISUNITY OF ALL PEOPLE

To: Readers of Northstar Compass, members of the Organizing Committee and delegates coming to the World Congress:

What follows is a draft for adoption of a "Final Document" that may be issued publicly at the end of the World Congress in Toronto. In every aspect it is open to amendment, restructuring, abbreviation or additions and will be presented to the World Congress for discussion and adoption as amended.

The writer and drafter was asked to prepare this Document by the Organizing Committee and the Editorial Board on Northstar Compass at the meeting held in Toronto on June 24, 2001. It is a result of my understanding based on the discussion that took place.

Ray Stevenson – Member of the Organizing Committee and
Associate Editor of Northstar Compass

Gathered in Congress in the City of Toronto, the assembled delegates from the four corners of the world, have given deep consideration in debate and exchanges of data and experience that has revealed widely divergent views on many issues and questions. Despite this we have reached unanimous and full agreement on the enormous necessity confronting all peoples, everywhere, to find common aims, programs and assistance to the peoples of the dismantled Union of Soviet Socialist Republics together with universal resistance to the "globalization" programs of monopoly capitalism.

The dismantling of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics by counter-revolutionary forces within the USSR working in full cooperation in overt and covert activities by hostile foreign political forces and capital, has created a situation of privatization and deprivation, dwindling population, immense economic ruptures and loss of living standards, health care, educational facilities, cultural development and erasure of work and achievements of more than seventy years of Soviet Socialist development. Side by side with these consequences for the Soviet people, increasingly on a global scale the powers of the peoples are being decimated, their organizations under proliferating attacks.

In October of 1993, the deliberate shelling and military destruction of the Supreme Soviets consolidated a reign of increasingly corrupted and treacherous political forces that have since exercised state and military control of Soviet people and their destiny. Economic, social and cultural plunder of their society has proceeded apace, with increasing intensity. This state of affairs in the former Soviet Socialist sixth of the world has been accompanied world-wide by a monumental downgrading and assault on the democratic powers and welfare of all people, under conditions of intensified exploitation and cutbacks in the so-called "Third World, together with and in the

industrialized countries and capitalist economies. The twin trends of increased profiteering and downgrading of peoples lives are experienced universally and confront peoples in every land. This universal intensified downgrading is a primary result of the dismemberment of the USSR.

Within the territory of former USSR Republics, dismantled in 1991, there now exist, (*primarily at the beck-and-call and profiteering for Western based financial and corporate capital*) fifteen countries under the fallacious nationalist banners of independence. But their resources and people now confront the uninhibited powers of Imperialism's false "free market" exploitation under the control of "globalized" military, economic, political, social and even cultural powers, all dictated by Western monopoly. This process is dominated and led by the Imperialists of the USA and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), that proved itself as a ferocious military pact of aggression in its savage war to destroy Yugoslavia and create chaos in the Balkans.

Increasingly, citizens of the global community now exist under, and at the mercy of unprecedented, concentrated powers of finance capital, its "kept" governments, and instruments of state policy and control. Such are increasingly applied to people throughout the world, as upon the peoples of the dismantled USSR. The generations long façade of "freedom and democracy" under the guise of heavily corrupted electoral systems of governance are in the process of decay and are being dismantled and thrown on the garbage heaps of history by monopoly capitalist forces where ever and as rapidly as possible. Within these processes an increasing monopoly-capitalist drive toward total control and exploitation and new forms of dictatorial Fascist and Nazi rule have germinated and endanger the existence of what history erected as the capitalist "nation-state"...

Often wrongly defined as "bourgeois democratic". The USA at the centre of world -reaction placed the process of destruction of that in sharpest focus with the recent Supreme Court "decree" that literally stole from American voters their "hallowed" right to majority rule. The US Presidency, arguably the most powerful political position in the world, was simply "handed over" to an entrenched group of oil tycoons, headed by the son of a former CIA Director; a man of dubious abilities.

The immediately proclaimed proposal to destroy the 1972 Anti-Ballistic-Missile Treaty together with a declared policy to place nuclear-laser technologies in outer space and thus to achieve total military dictatorship of the entire "global village" heavily underlines the political aims of monopoly capitalism and their "decreed" puppets.

Add to this the same Presidential "*après moi la deluge*" ("*after me the deluge*") emulating the unlamented Louis XV of France in mindlessness, the declared policy encourages fossil fuel "*after burns*" in the earth's atmosphere. Without question such a policy, while adding untold wealth to the oil barons coffers, would increase the destruction of the global atmosphere and eco-systems in dreaded "*earth-warming*"-processes and destruction of the ozone layer that has protected life from time immemorial, but which is already in developing stages of disrepair and destruction. The potential, suicidal destruction of all life as it has evolved stands before humanity as a total insanity within monopoly capitalism. The dismantling of Soviet Socialism and the resulting ascendancy of monopoly is the impetus that has placed the entire species at this crossroad of developing, universal crisis.

Under monopolies exclusive control, the technological sciences that have created the heretofore, unknown "*achievements*" have rarely benefited the common people. Instead it has led to uncontrolled expansion of profiteering and capital- accumulation for the monopoly "owners, and conversely deepening impoverishment for billions of people. Our "*common heritage*" demands today, as never before controls to reverse this trend, and to ensure the "*benefits*" of scientific advance shall be used to fulfill the needs of all people, everywhere, and first of all for the peoples of the Soviet land.

Taking into account all of the above, and in our tradition and heritage of the "*Hands Off Russia Committees*", our World Congress declares to the citizens of the world, the most dangerous seeds of war danger exists today, in wars that will be fought with the horrific weapons of today.

Unjust wars of aggression for plunder and control are an inherent characteristic of monopoly capitalist development as history has repeatedly proved. These wars of aggression have nothing in common with wars of liberation or the defence of the national territory and rights thrust upon peoples by Imperialist monopoly capitalist aggressive war. The right to "*self-determination*" and its defence is inviolable. The predatory ascendancy of military might and capability now in the hands of the NATO powers, led by the USA, has created an enormous military imbalance and threat against the sovereign rights of peoples and nation states throughout the world. It must be assumed that this imbalance creates the greatest dangers of predatory war, and therefore must be confronted and curbed before further suicidal holocausts engulf the world.

Only the united power of all people can achieve such an aim, and is today the sole profoundly democratic force that can create a world of justice, good neighbour relations and freedom from savage monopoly capitalist exploitation and a new "Dark Ages". No other power exists to curb or defeat their programs and policies of relentless, and unfettered greed. It is precisely that universal need confronting all people, everywhere that has called forth our World Congress and our search for viable answers and solutions.

Since we are not in this Congress a partisan political body, nor a movement devoted to the strategic concepts and tactics of political revolutionary change, but are instead a movement holding forth friendship, solidarity and rejection of all aggressive capitalist war as our central purpose, program and theme, we call most urgently for all political forces of change to resolve all differences either in full agreement, by consensus, or by temporarily setting aside elements of differences that prevent mutual cooperative action. Not to do so we suggest opens unlimited opportunity for Imperialist, monopoly capitalist aggression against all people. Disunity at this vital and extremely dangerous period of human history will lead to a catastrophe that cannot be entertained in good conscience by people of good will.

At the centre of such an international struggle, we call for every kind of assistance to the people of the dismantled USSR to restore their successful Socialist and Soviet style of life, as they alone can, or will determine. The attainment of that goal by our Soviet friends will result in the massive strengthening of all forces of the people on a global basis in the current situation of intensified "globalized" aggression by the monopoly capitalist system everywhere and in particular for all people within the dismantled Soviet Republics. Our World Congress of Friendship and Solidarity and anti-capitalist aggression has been called precisely for those purposes, and in full recognition that this pathway will cement new democratic relations between all people.

Having reached general agreement on the above analyses of the conditions confronting both the people of the Soviets and indeed all humanity, our World Congress affirms and proclaims as follows:

1. That there shall be organized on as wide a basis as possible, and including all forces represented here, and with open ended structures to encourage and permit expansion beyond our present strength, "THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF FRIENDSHIP, SOLIDARITY AND EFFECTIVE ACTIVITY AGAINST EVERY MANIFESTATION OF MONOPOLY CAPITALIST AGGRESSION AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE AND ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE."
2. Recognizing that there are today and will continue to be wide variations and divergent views on the methods, strategic considerations and tactical requirements as to the rendering of assistance in the forms suggested above, it cannot be our purpose, or determination to confine, reverse or limit any given projection of action to render such assistance to the Soviet people, or designed to develop mutual cooperative activities.
3. We therefore call upon all participants in our global efforts to develop and support within their own nations, territories and understanding all activities deemed to be effective and appropriate to our declared purposes and aims. Central are conscious activities to lessen and remove antagonisms and hostilities engendered historically by the deliberate fostering of such by Imperial monopoly capitalism.
4. Each participating section of the International Council shall with outmost care seek democratic dialogue, debate and consensus in order to achieve the maximum of united action and outlook. We proclaim that it is not the task or purpose of the International Council to in any way impinge or interfere with the natural democratic rights of the people of the dismantled Soviet Republics to forge their own unique destiny and future. We call upon them in good faith to freely and openly bring information and advice to all sectors and areas within the International Council, so that all may be informed of their most urgent needs and what efforts can be most effective in rendering assistance, friendship, solidarity and opposition to monopoly aggression against them; and to establish reciprocal Friendship Councils where possible.
5. We affirm that within each country chapters and organizations that support the global program of the International Council will be formed and given all support and encouragement to strengthen our work everywhere. Included within that proposal must of necessity be the development of financial means and assistance to the International Council, as well as to financially distressed participants everywhere.

6. We affirm that the new International Council, wherever located, shall continue to issue a monthly journal, and where possible to utilize up-to-date website communication throughout the various councils or branches wherever they may be located. Consideration maybe given to a continuance of the name "Northstar Compass" which over the years has attained unique recognition, on a wide basis. However, to produce a journal reflective of a new "globalized" status may require amendment or change.

7. Finally, our World Congress proclaims and affirms the necessity of serious, well analyzed and developed constitutional and structural features to be brought into being beyond what our World Congress has been able to achieve. For those purposes we propose that an Interim Committee shall be here elected and authorized to develop and promulgate such inner laws (*Constitution*) using as its base the Proposed Statutes for the International Council, which is on our World Congress agenda. Should this not be possible at this Congress due to time limitations, then this will be one of the first "Order" of business of the new Executive Committee to be elected at this World Congress in two years and at a locale to be determined by the International Council.

8. This World Congress, after discussing the proposed Statutes will arrive at a decision to hold further World Congress in two years or earlier if conditions so demand, and at a locale to be determined by the International Council.

HELEN BLAU



Some contemporary politicians in the former republics of the Soviet Union ignore the fact of existence of Soviet People in the post-Soviet territory at present, justifying it by non-existence of the USSR. consider such a position very erroneous and therefore unacceptable.

Before giving reasons in support of my standpoint on this subject matter I would like the readers of NSC to get to know a short historical information as to what community is regarded as Soviet People.

SOVIET PEOPLE is a new historical, social and international community of people which appeared in the USSR as a result of social reorganization and bringing together of working classes and strata, of all nations and nationalities. Soviet People had a common territory, economy, culture which was socialist in content, a Union of State of the whole people and a common goal – building up of communism. Theoretical proposition about Soviet People as a new historical community was advanced at the 24th Congress of the CPSU (Communist Party of the Soviet Union). (*Materials of the XXIV Congress of the CPSU , 1971, page 76*)

SOVIET SPIRIT IS INERADICABLE!

The most important role in the formation of Soviet People belongs to the CPSU. Comprising in its tanks the most conscious part of friendly classes and groups, nations and nationalities, the CPSU expressed vital interests of all Soviet People, cemented the community of Soviet People in all spheres of life.

Material and spiritual community of Soviet People reached all-round development under mature socialism. Strengthening of social uniformity of the Soviet society of its social and political unity, growing of the state of dictatorship of the proletariat into a State of the whole people Led to the ever greater strengthening of union and friendship among all the classes and social groups, among nations and nationalities of the USSR, the representatives of which acquired more and more ALL-SOVIET international traits.

The greatest result of the revolutionary reconstruction of society was a birth of a new spiritual and psychological character of SOVIET PEOPLE who, preserving their national features, mainly had international ones. A national community was in fundamental unity with a higher international community, and the representatives of any nation and nationality of the USSR regarded themselves first of all as SOVIET PEOPLE as a new social and international community

became an important form of further progress of developed socialism in the USSR.

And now dear friends, I will attempt to speak in favour of my vision of this subject matter.

I think that I ought to say right from the start that there is no denying that at present the Soviet Union does not exist any longer. It is a fact. And it follows that what we call Soviet People do not really have a common territory now, which they used to have, neither are they united through a common socialist system.

I must emphasize that the USSR as a Union Socialist State was disintegrated on the basis of the illegal decisions taken by the leaders of the three former republics of the USSR - the Russian Federation, Byelorussia and Ukraine – contrary to the actual results of the referendum on the matter of preservation of the Soviet Union when the majority of the population of the USSR voted for it.

A radical change came over the life of the people. But in itself the fact of disintegration of the Soviet Union does not presuppose inevitable disintegration of the SOVIET PEOPLE. I do not want to leave anyone in

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New glimpses pierce through the veil of the "Kursk"

By Ana Lucia Gelabert

An article in the May 2000 issue of the "Scientific American," "WARP DRIVE UNDERWATER" (pp.70-79, www.sciam.com) reveals that a high ranking Chinese naval officer is among the drowned crew of the Russian submarine "Kursk", which was doing field tests on a brand new model of a "supercavitating" Russian torpedo called "Shkval" (*Northern Storm*), capable of traveling underwater at 250 meters per second - or as fast as a commercial jetliner, but under water.

"Supercavitation" consists of the undersea missile generating a thin vapor around itself, thus reducing drag resistance to a level comparable to that of air, instead of the much higher drag resistance of ocean water. Russians (*Soviets*) led and lead in "supercavitation" technology. The "Shkval" torpedoes came off the Central Aerohydrodynamics Institute, in Zhukovsky, Russia, and the breakthrough research came from the Ukrainian Institute of Hydromechanics, in Kiev, led by engineer Georgy Logvinovich. The USSR had these types of weapons since at least 1970's, yet the U.S. Navy neither had these weapons nor even any countermeasures to them. It appears that the trade off was, U.S. submarines were superior in stealth (*silent*) while Soviet subs were much "*noisier*" but had superactivating torpedoes in the subs like the "Shkval".

The KURSK was testing a brand new and more advanced model of Shkval which Russia was offering for sale to China, hence the

presence of the Chinese naval officer aboard the KURSK, and the diminishing likelihood with each glimpse of a KURSK submarine "*accident*".

Curiously, in today's Ukraine since 1991 the Kiev Institute had been most eagerly "*trading information about the supercavitating technology*" of which the West had none, "*with their American counterparts,*" and the Pope spy trial and Putin's pardon of Pope appears related to all that rigmarole. Also "*demobourgeois*" Russia, short of cash since the thieves deposited people's wealth in Chase Manhattan or Bank of New York, has been peddling "Shkvals" for sale like hot-cakes at Arms Shows at Abu Dhabi and Athens. Even selling "Shkvals" to France, a member of NATO, while NATO keeps on its plans to devastate even more and bury Russia. It stands out that even the "*demobourgeois*" Russian government should have more sense than that! The Scientific American article continues:

"Of equal worry (*to the US Navy*) in an August 1998 report that China purchased around 40 Shkval torpedoes (*of the older model*) from Kazakhstan, raising the possibility that Beijing could threaten American naval forces in a future confrontation in the Taiwan Strait. News from China (*reportedly confirmed by US Navy sources*) that a Chinese submarine officer was on board the sunken KURSK has also raised alarms. He was there, they say, to observe the testing of a new version of Shkval.

US intelligence has received

several indications that the Russians were working on a very advanced, and a much longer-range Shkval (*the old Shkvals could only travel 10 kilometers*). For example, Russia's Itar-Tass news agency reported in February 1998 that ongoing tests of a greatly "*modernized*" Shkval torpedoes were scheduled by Russia's Pacific Fleet for that spring."

After reading this, how can anyone not suspect that it was in the interests of NATO, and their hired hounds in former Soviet Union (*including Russia, Ukraine and others*) that the sailors of the KURSK submarine drowned to the last man...since the dead cannot talk!

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Canadian Friends of Soviet People:

ATTACK AGAINST THE RCWP

After getting acquainted with the article by Lisa Taylor in the newspaper Globe & Mail published in Toronto, Canada, I must say that there is no need to go into details because the material is put together very carelessly and full of forgery and a muddled opinion bordering on fraud, which any conscientious author would never allow himself to make.

Lisa Taylor wrote that the Russian Communist Workers Party (RCWP) received only 1% of votes during the last election in Russia. In reality the RCWP received 2.23% of the votes that meant 1,530,000 votes if we look into the costs in finances for the last election, we worked 10 times harder than the CPRF, and 50 times more effective than the LDPR. For example the CPRF got 22% but having spent 42.1 million rubles while we spent 0.34% rubles but gained 2.23% of the votes.

We gave these figures in order to answer the allegations that RCWP is led by big business.

The author wrote that among founders of the RCWP were politicians who are now leading nationalist organizations and are known for their anti-Semitic statements. For example (V. Miloserdov chairman of the Russian Party), V. Ilyukhin (deputy of DUMA from CPRF and head of the movement to support the Russian Army). They never were members of the RCWP!

The reference to Anpilov and Malyanov who were expelled from the RCWP due to differences in ideological concepts of work and program and Lisa Taylor ascribes view to these people which is not characteristic of them.

*The author often quotes as authority some oral sources which is not serious for any journalist. Lisa never refers to any RCWP documents, program, resolutions of the congresses held by our party of any official documents.

*Having looked at one document (October declaration-80) she picked out the words "International Zionism" and she makes the conclusion that the RCWP is pro-fascist nationalist organization, such as the Russian National Unity Party, Cossack

movement, Ku Klux Klan and others and the reason being that the word Zionism is being used. Such logic shows the preconceived ideas and opinion of the author.

*The article goes on to say that the RCWP is proud of its collaboration with the newspaper "Zavtra" and the activity of the Editor Prokhanov, an anti-communist and nationalist. The list of such type can be quoted endlessly, but let us dwell on the ideology and understanding of this author.

1. The author does not mention our high opinion of Joseph Stalin and the Soviet Union during his time and the outstanding achievements during that time. RCWP admits that there were some mistakes made at that time, but those mistakes during Socialism were made because of the hard struggles under hardest of conditions, but it was not a betrayal of Socialism and ideals of Communism, what we saw later under Gorbachev.

2. The author ascribes to the RCWP negative attitudes towards minorities and sexual minorities and is quite morbid about this question, to be sure.

The RCWP does not feel that it is necessary to express our views in the party documents or as it was not mentioned in the Communist Manifesto. In our press, our party is on the same track and tradition as our Russian people, the majority have the family as opposed to individualism.

Critical articles in our press are not aimed at gays and lesbians but against the propaganda of the correspondent pseudo-culture and the way of life of sheer individualism which, according to our scientists has a class base, and is being used by the capitalist ideology to distort the apprehension of such incontestable moral categories as kindness, beauty, truth. We can make this information available to you Lisa!

3 Lisa Taylor's position about the tragedy of the Holocaust is also very specific. On this question we get to know the real face of Lisa and her actual aims.

The author reproaches the RCWP that we underestimate the horror of the victims of the Holocaust. She calls that comparing

the number of victims of the Holocaust with the Soviet 27,000,000 victims as cynical. At the same time Lisa tries to use as an argument quantity proportional analysis of the national composition of the victims of Auschwitz concentration camp. By using this argument she tries to accuse the RCWP of anti-Semitism and of underestimating the Holocaust victims. Such methods and such reasoning shows a very nationalistic, anti-Marxist and a provocative position of the author towards the left and the anti-fascist movement.

In reality RCWP relates with great respect and deep sorrow to all victims of fascist barbarians. But we also have to emphasize again:

-Underestimating and neglecting the victims of other peoples is inadmissible, since World War II cost the lives of 50 million people!

-Mourning of all victims of the anti-human fascist policy, we as Marxists should make a distinction between the victims and the fighters against fascism. First of all we must cite as an example the image of a hero (a soldier and a partisan) who consciously gave their life to liberate the humanity, the people of all nationalities from the "brown plague".

The Soviet Union lost in the Great Patriotic War over 27,000,000 people. The USSR made a decisive contribution to the cause of eliminating fascism and at the front line of this death struggle over 3.5 million Communists, headed by Stalin lost their lives. We mourn for the victims, but the role of heroes is more important for us because they saved the world. They deserve no less respect and memory. The ancient and wise Jewish people to our mind must be grateful to the All Union Communist Party (b) which was the main centre of the anti-fascist struggle of not only Soviet people, but of all the peoples of the world.

That is the class truth of history. The hostility of Lisa Taylor, the author to the truth shows her anti-proletarian, anti-internationalist and bourgeois position.

Is it a conscious effort or a honest effort of an inexperienced person - is another question?

This is my answer dear Editor of NSC to Lisa Taylor and her attack against the Russian Communist Workers Party.

With respect and best wishes in our common struggles.

VICTOR TIULKIN
First Secretary of CC RCWP

BLACK ANNIVERSARY

FELIX GORELIK



This year is the 10th Anniversary of the counterrevolution in the USSR. On the borders of former Soviet Union is the "independent" Ukraine, the bourgeois nationalistic country that is preparing to celebrate it with huge parades and hoopla this day of infamy. But for the workers these ten years are the worst 10 years in their memory, only surpassed by the German Nazi occupation.

I would suggest to the readers of NSC to get familiar with the following few facts about this "independent" Ukraine as was written in the newspaper "Working Class" the organ of the Union of Ukrainian Workers. You will learn the real truth. Ukraine today is like the sinking "Titanic" sinking into a dark abyss.

In 1991 the "National Democrats" called themselves "patriots" and proclaimed, that Ukraine is a colony of Moscow, the "center" and that it is only through independence will Ukrainians be free and have private enterprise that will guarantee

them a good life and freedom. Now the time has come to look at the situation to see what life is like at the present in this "independent" Ukraine.

Was Ukraine a colony of the "Moscow center?" We received all oil and gas from Russia at 5-10 times cheaper than the world price. Russia supplied goods to Ukraine 27% more than we supplied them back. All of the Ukrainian industries and enterprises were connected by close trade with over 34,000 enterprises in all corners of the USSR. On this trade and exchange Ukraine was blooming in all spheres of life.

ECONOMY IN RUINS -

The broken-off economic ties with former Soviet Republics and the privatization of Ukrainian industry has devastated our economy and made Ukraine akin to the Third World countries.

In the city of Kherson there was a giant farming machinery enterprise, which produced over 10,000 combines per year - 300 per month! There is no other

combine as "Khrsonec-8" anyplace in the world. Products from Kherson farming industry were shipped to 44 countries of the world. This enterprise built houses for the workers, children's palaces of culture, hospitals and all research facilities plus guaranteed children holidays on the Black Sea. After privatization, from a work force of 11,000 workers there remain only 3,400 of which 2,100 is the administrative apparatus. In the last 5 years this world-renown enterprise built only 200 harvester combines. Fifty per cent of this enterprise was sold off to foreign investors. Today an English firm is in charge and also bought another 36 enterprises for a song. To make it worse, to add salt to the wound the present Ukrainian government then had to buy 1000 combines from the English firm John Deere at much dearer price than what the Kherson enterprise produced. On top of that the new English owners instituted 10-hour week-day as minimum!

President Kuchma cries that we must have foreign investments and ownership. But these investments are making Ukraine as a semi-colony, forced to sell off all of its resources and become a cheap work force.

Thousands of such examples can be given, dear readers, but I feel that you get the picture.

The gloomy picture is the same in the agricultural sector - but even worse

Major May Day demonstration in Essen, Germany



Yes, there is freedom to travel abroad. Over 500,000 women went abroad to find work while thousands found work in the European Brothels and sold into slavery. Pornography got freedom in Ukraine, narcotics, robbery, murder, gangsters and mafia structures also received their freedom. Production of books, literature has fallen sharply. Most of the technical or scientific specialists have gone abroad to find work. According to the United Nations Organization, the degree of education and development Ukraine is now in 108th place in the world.

GENOCIDE

The lack of development, health care, liquidation of social rights all point to creeping genocide. Ukraine now has a couple thousand millionaires. Their millions have made the majority of the people poor and devastated all of their lives. The work force has declined by 3-4 times. Payment for workers has declined by 12. The pensions have declined by 13.6. Such is the situation that most of the population is starting to live under the poverty line. The population has fallen off by 3,000,000 people. According to the experts from the UNO the fall off of population in the near future will be down by 40%.

Here is the kind of "independence" Ukraine has received! What "ballyhoo" was produced by RUKH when Gongadze, a local journalist was killed! Why then does the present "elite class" keep mum on dying off of hundreds of people due to no medicines, lack of health facilities, which kill hundreds of Ukrainians due to lack of health care? Why don't these officials not get on their knees and ask for forgiveness from the people for policies which produced this genocide after the break-up of the USSR?

"Capitalism or Life!" This is how the question stands today for Ukraine. Either we defeat capitalism, or it will kill us" - that is how the newspaper "Working Class" writes! ■

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"SOCIALIST CHOICE"

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A year has since passed. **Nothing has happened!** Life became significantly worse.

Since 1992, 90% of Russians live on rations which Igor Gaidar borrowed from Hitler concentration camps that were used for a three-month experiment with the people of Russia. This experiment was extended and is now a Russian standard of life.

The fascists used this survival minimum to determine the biological survival of prisoners of war during the course of three months under intensive physical labour conditions. In America the consumptive basket and the emerging from it of the minimum means of livelihood marks the beginning of poverty.

By using the prisoner of war rations or the American standard of living, how could Putin begin to raise the living standards of the citizens of Russia and proclaim it as a boon, or growth of income? And all this is a state of uncontrollable price increases, inflation and economic collapse?

During the Soviet power, the notion of a consumptive basket or a minimum living standard did not exist. There was an understanding about a "consumptive budget" which included optional consumptive norms, plus sums for perspectives, such as the birth of children, and the raising of a family. Today, the Russians not only drag out a miserable existence, they are also deprived of the right to have children, to raise a family. These are real reasons for the increase of the number of

abortions, suicides. many deaths - plus the fall in childbirths.

This is **GENOCIDE!** Deliberate genocide, with a singleness of purpose, calculated 'owards the destruction of a nation in the shortest possible time.

Not only does president Putin and his government not try to stop the disastrous reforms directed against the Russian people, but they are attempting to hurry them along. The space station "MIR" had been sunk at sea, the army, the airforce and the navy are being deprived of their lifeblood, space explorations and science are being degraded. Industry has fallen apart, equipment has deteriorated by 70%-80%, agriculture industry is falling by the way-side. Border crossings now are wide open and there is a "quiet occupation" of Russian lands taking place by the neighboring nations, while dealers in live goods and narcotics are settling in throughout Russia. What is awaiting Russia during this time of their love of "easy money" and fruitfulness?

The ruinous unpopular reforms are being actively forced through while the entire weight of payments falls on the shoulders of our citizens.

Thus the Kola North - the base of the Russian Northern Navy - the destruction is taking place on the submarines and MIG planes, once considered the best in the world, as well, as the price of dismantling of the Red-bannered Guard Airforce destroyer regiment named after B.F Sofonov, two-time Hero of the Soviet Union, as well of the Guardian Destroyer Air Regiment which will lead to the exposure from the air of the north naval base, the Kola Air Force base and the Pechang Nickel, of the North Nickel and of many other strategic and important industrial and military objec-

tives.

The Murmansk region, a unique treasure-house of natural wealth, will become susceptible to capture by using just bare hands. The fishing industry in the area is being destroyed. In the past, the Kola North supplied fish for the entire country, within the bounds of USSR.

Putin did not hear the demands and prayers of the millions of scientists, genuine military personnel, professors, doctors or agricultural workers.

Hunger, cold, technological catastrophes and terrorist acts await us in the near future. Russia is being prepared into a base of cheap labour and a source of raw materials and also into a world dumping ground for nuclear waste. The most frightening of all is the fact that Putin and the government can see and understand all this but they refuse to do anything to prevent such a crash in Russia.

THIS IS TREACHERY! The proclamation of private ownership and of priority of private ownership over that of the state and of further privatization and integration into a world economy is a further confirmation of treachery. As a reward for the treachery of Milosevich of Yugoslavia, USA donated billions of dollars to the Yugoslav "democratic" leaders. How much did the present Russian "democrats" receive for treachery against a whole nation?

In connection with the above, the Murmansk Regional Socio-political Movement, the "Socialist Choice", following the example of communists and agrarians of the state Duma, is **proclaiming its distrust of the government of Putin-Kasyanov and is demanding their immediate resignation:**

Shame on the Zionist-American aggressors who violate the rights not only of individuals, but of whole nations (Yugoslavia, Iraq, Byelorussia)

Hands off the Union of Byelorussia and Russia!

Translated by Alex Sturgeoff

Right-wing Opportunism is the Accomplice of Imperialist Globalization!

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On October 14, 1952 the 19th Congress of the CPSU ended. J.V. Stalin took the floor at the last session for a short statement. Although the report of G. Malenkov asserted that "the contradictions, now tearing apart the imperialist camp, may lead to a war between the imperialist states", Stalin totally discarded the old tenants and described the nature of the new situation at the world level:

"Before the bourgeoisie considered itself as the head of nations, it fought for the rights and independence of nations by putting them above all other considerations. Today, not even a trace has been left of this 'national principle'. The bourgeoisie seeks the rights and independence of the nations for dollars. The flag of national independence and national sovereignty has been thrown overboard". Although Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin described the heart of the process, which today is "globalization"

Globalization is a concept with multiple interpretations. Although it emerged quite recently, it has its own history. The emperors of the "Heavenly Empire", the Roman conquerors, and Great Britain "ruling the waves", they all claimed their world-wide status. But the formation of a really global spiritual, economic, social movement, covering practically the whole globe and the most important sectors of human life, was only realized in the 19th Century. During the second half of the past century, this process has undergone essential and specific corrections and additions.

One should recall what J.V. Stalin said during the 1930's:



O. Shenin, Leader of UCP-CPSU

"The more we'll go forward, the more we'll get victories, the more the exploiting classes will become irritated and choose more acute forms of struggle". We must not only remember those words to express our deep regret that we forgot the recommendations of our great leader, but also use the Marxist-Leninist-Stalin approach to find optimism in our assessment of the world situation, in order to condemn globalization from a historical perspective and the way to overcome it.

In the midst of the 19th century it became obvious that all the major events of world history were taking place in Europe and the United States. "The bourgeoisie, by the way of exploitation of the world markets," as Karl Marx and Frederick Engels stated in the Manifest of the Communist Party - "made the production and consumption of all the countries cosmopolitan...through the fast development of all branches of the production and the endless

facilitation of the means of communication attracts all nations into the civilization, even the most barbarian ones."

Particularly at this moment one begins to realize that the highest success in the development of technique, science, productive forces do not correspond with the endeavor of mankind to reach the social ideal, for harmony in all spheres of social life. The great gap in the socio-economic situations between capitalist and wage workers, the sharpening of class resistance in the most developed capitalist countries lead to the foundation as outlined by Marx and Engels of a scientific based Communist ideology.

A genuine rupture for capitalist globalizing trend was made by the Party of Lenin in October of 1917. This event had a world-wide historical significance. Today we are witnessing the socioeconomic, organizational, ideological and strategic foundations of the policies and politics of imperialist globalization the ultra-imperialism of the 21st Century.

If we compare the mean factors, aims and values of the American-Zionist world globalization attempts and compare them to the socialist (*communist*) attempts, then the historical hopelessness of the first one becomes crystal clear.

The entire world is the object of imperialist globalization, Nevertheless, in practice as well as in theory, there is a strong dissociation between "mankind" and the "auxiliary non profitable mankind", the latter constituting two thirds of the worlds population. Tremendous influence is concentrated in the hands of a small group of people and organizations. The concentration in their hands of finances, production and the world economy, all driven by the blind indomitable laws that created the capitalist system, the more these same people accelerate the coming of their own economic crisis.

The rich experience has taught us that opportunist compromises don't resolve anything, and will sooner or later turn against the

revolutionary movements and the working people.

Conclusions of the documents that were presented at the International Conference of Communist Parties in 1969 were:

* Imperialism does not have the power to regain the historic initiative that it has lost, to turn back the development of the actual world. The main road of development of mankind is determined by the international socialist system, the international working class, and all of the revolutionary forces.

These parties orientated themselves towards placidity and broadened their social base in an irresponsible way.

Therefore, all of the negative tendencies that took place and



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are taking place in the communist and labour movements, including on the territory of Soviet Union have their roots in the near past. The events at the end of 2000 and the beginning of this year, on which we informed our brother parties here, and which were caused by the right-wing opportunists, under the leadership of the greatest Communist (*in name only*) Party (CPRF) have also their origin from the statement made at the International Communist meeting in 1969.

We would like to draw your attention here to the Gennady Zyuganov's CPRF statement at the "plenary" session on January 20, 2001 which the Control Commission of the UCP-CPSU

declared illegal: "The social-democrats of Europe have succeeded in integrating themselves during the 1990's from the position of national interests in the global processes, they find the golden happy means that take into account the general human laws of development, including the global processes of the nineties, and the national specifics, that could resist the elimination of the national identity." This was said at a time when projectiles, missiles, loaded with uranium, continued to sow death on a scale never seen on the territory of Serbia, Kosovo and Metodia. The social democrats in Europe, who form the kernel of the Socialist International, supported without any restrictions the bombing by NATO. They lead the governments of 13 West European states. This is the example by which our "Russian patriots" of the CPRF try to inspire our people.

We will remain firmly in our position as a revolutionary, proletarian class, we will continue to fight in order to attract the masses of workers.

Lenin's formula is still actual: "Opportunism means to sacrifice fundamental interests, in order to obtain specific and temporary advantages. This is the essence of the theoretical definition of opportunism." The recently deceased Gus Hall of CPUSA years ago wrote: "In the actual situation the excessive underlining of the "independence of the parties" can lead to nationalism. The cadres who were educated in the ideas of autonomy and independence, tend to follow a policy of narrow nationalism".

Some parties have become huge mass organizations. Although this is positive, the negative aspect is that they have become broad parties of all the people, based on the position of nationalism and the absence of classes. They become mass parties to the detriment of the positions of the proletariat avant-garde.

Today we must conclude with outmost clarity: Without victory over opportunism, we shall never

ensure the unity of the Communist movement. Without that unity,

we shall never win over the mortal threat for the whole of man-

kind, which today is Imperialist Globalization!

Let's draw a mark of demarcation between the truth and falsification

Continued from the June/July issue

Here's an analysis of the figures given by Alexander Yakovlev (former Ambassador of USSR to Canada) regarding the number of victims of Soviet "repressions" as well as some additional relevant and legal information which might also arrest your attention.

I would like to start by quoting a paragraph from the article "Stalin and Religion" by Peter Zabugin (printed in a Moscow newspaper "Dosje" (Dossier) No. 8, 2000): "Speaking in New York in 1942 Lord Beaverbrook (1879-1954- British political figure, a newspaper magnate, Lord since year 1917) said: "Communism under Stalin won applause and admiration of all the Western nations. Communism under Stalin set us an example of patriotism analogies to which are difficult to be found in history. Communism under Stalin gave the best Generals to the world. Persecution of Christians? No! There is no religious persecution there. Church doors are open. Persecution of nationalities? No persecution at all. Jews live there as all others. Political repressions? Yes, of course. But it is clear now that those who were shot would have betrayed Russia to the Germans!"

According to Mr. Yakovlev, more than 85,000 Russian Orthodox priests were shot in 1937 alone. At this point I quote two more paragraphs from the above-mentioned article that should be quoted. "The February Revolution of 1917 freed the church from the authority of the state. After the October 1917 Revolution on January 20, 1918 the Council of People's Commissars passed the Decree on liberty of conscience. Every person was granted the right to profess either religion or

none. The Decree also separated school and church. This all led to abandoning of religion by large number of the masses. The number of parishioners decreased, the parishes grew poor since they had to depend on their parisheners to support and also to fund the churches. The church hierarchy and ordinary priests who had served the Czarist autocracy within their whole life and who were a constituent part of the exploiter regime could not resign themselves to the loss of their paid positions and prosperity. Many of them went along the path of struggle against the Revolution and this increased the people's hatred towards them. Wise Patriarch Tikhon banned, on point of excommunication both the priests and the laymen if they struggled against Soviet power. And on his last day of life, he called upon all the priests of the Russian church to pray for God's help to the Workers and Peasants power at that responsible period of building the people's prosperity. Unfortunately, not all priests followed that call, and that fact entailed persecution of the church on the whole as well as repressions against the priests.

The struggle against the Russian Orthodox Church reached its highest point when almost all the leading state posts were held by representatives of many nationalities with other religious beliefs. There were almost no Russians in the government, in the Extraordinary Committee and in the local authorities. Stalin never participated in the anti-church campaign, but then it was beyond his power to interfere in the process. It took many years of severe struggle against Trotsky and his

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adherents who promoted this campaign before the first resolution was passed in 1933 which banned pulling down of churches and discharged the priests from prison. After the complete defeat of Trotskyism in 1939, a second resolution on this matter was passed. Both were signed by Stalin."

I think that it will not be out of place to digress a bit here just to remind the readers of NSC of what Trotskyism is. Trotskyism is an ideological and political petty-bourgeois current that is hostile towards Marxism-Leninism and also to the international Communist movement. Its representatives used left-radical phrases to cover the opportunistic essence of this current. It appeared early in the 20th century as a variety of Menshevism in the Russian Social Democratic Workers Party and it was named after its ideologist and leader L. Trotsky (Bronstein - 1879-1940)

Geoffrey York informs the readers of Canada's Globe and Mail newspaper, that today, Mr. Yakovlev's commission has rehabilitated four million people, and it still has 400,000 cases to go.

And now let's read what was written in this regard in the article "We know more than you tell us", written not long before his death on January 12, 2001 by Vladimir

Semichastniy, the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the All Union Leninist Young Communist League of the Soviet Union (1958-1969), Chairman of the State Security Committee at the Council of Ministers of the USSR (1961-1967) a Colonel-General:

"Whatever Krushchev is, it is him who took the decision to discharge the prisoners of war from the camps. The Commission led by Yakovlev, the activities of which Yakovlev is boasting of now, began to work under Shelepin, and under me almost all the prisoners were already rehabilitated, the overwhelming majority of them. There were only some cases where the relatives of those prisoners did not receive the documents and acknowledgement of the rehabilitation because we could not find these relatives according to all documents, we did not know where they were and the relatives did not apply to us. That is why there were delays. And the commission being led by Yakovlev only completed all this. But it does not mean that this commission dealt with rehabilitation. And now Yakovlev brings up a question of setting up a new commission (his "sinecure" has become empty, he wants a new one) on rehabilitation of both the children who were kept in special camps for convicts. (I will remind the readers of NSC, that, according to Mr. Yakovlev more than 884,000 children were in internal exile by 1954). But the children were not accused of any anti-Soviet activities, and were not deprived of civil rights, and were not convicted at all. So, what rehabilitation is meant here? The parents of these children were rehabilitated and a child either born in a camp for convicts or kept in a special reception camp was neither prosecuted in connection with their parents' case nor convicted to articles of the law."

By Mr. Yakovlev's estimate, as many as 35 million people were shot or died as a deliberate result of Soviet decisions, more than 41 million Soviets were imprisoned

from 1923 to 1953. I do not know on what basis he basis his count on, but in the Georgian newspaper called "Zarya Vostoka" No. 2(19892) of 6-12, February 1997, I read the following:

"Early in 1954 a certificate addressed to N.S.Krushchev about the number of convicted for counter-revolutionary activities from 1921 to 1953 was made at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR i.e. according to article 58 of the Penal Code of the Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic as well as to the relevant articles of the other Union Republics (this document was signed by the Minister of Internal Affairs of USSR, S.N.Kruglov and the Minister of Justice of the USSR K.P.Gorshenin and by the Prosecutor-General of the USSR R.A.Rudenko). That was a certificate of five type-written pages of February 1, 1954 made according to the instructions given by N.S.Krushchev. It said that according to the data available at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR from 1921 up to the beginning of 1954 the Board of the Department of Central Political Administrative Board (DCPAB) Troikas of People's Commissariat of the Internal Affairs, a Special meeting of the Military Boards, the Courts and the Military Tribunals convicted 3,777,380 people, including 642,980 people convicted to capital punishment, 2,369,220 people to serve in work camps and in prison, 765,180 people convicted into exile and deportation. It was stated that out of the total number of people convicted for counter-revolutionary activities about 2,9 million were convicted by the Board of DCPAB, Troikas of People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs, a Special meeting (i.e. by the extrajudicial bodies) and 877 thousand people were convicted by the Courts and the Military Tribunals. At present, said the certificate - 467,946 people convicted for counter-revolutionary crimes, are kept in camps and prisons and apart from that 62,462 people are in exile after having served

their sentences for the counter-revolutionary crimes. (State Archives of the Russian Federation. Fund 9402, Inventory 2, Case 450).

Late in 1953 another certificate was made at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR. On the basis of these statistical accounts of the Special Department #1 of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR, this certificate gave the number of 4,060,306 people convicted for all the counter-revolutionary crimes and also treason from January 1, 1921 to July 1, 1954. (Letter #26K signed by S.N.Kruglov and addressed to G.M.Malenkov and N.S.Krushchev on January 5, 1954 and it contained this information.) This number comprised a total of 3,777,380 people convicted for counter-revolutionary crimes and 282,926 people convicted for dangerous treason. The latter number of people were convicted not according Article 58 but according to other articles equal to it: first of all, according to paragraph 2 and 3 of article 59 (especially dangerous gangsterism) and according to Article 193/24 (military espionage). For instance, part of the Basmatches were convicted not according to Article 58 but 59. (Basmatch -- a member of a counter-revolutionary robber band in Central Asia during the Civil War.)

And now dear readers you will be given an opportunity of reading the information (of the same source) which might be of special interest to the readers of NSC.

TABLE - The number of people convicted for counter-revolutionary crimes and the other especially dangerous crime of treason within the period from 1921 to 1953. (State Archives of the Russian Federation. Fund 9401, Inventory #1, Case 4157, List 201-205: Popov V.D. State Terror in the Soviet Russia, 1921-1953: thge sources and their interp[retation, "Home Archives" 1922 No. 2, page 28.]

**YEARS TOTAL NUMBER OF CONVICTED PEOPLE
CAPITAL PUNISHMENT
INCLUDING CAMPS COLONIES AND PRISONS
EXILE AND DEPORTATION - OTHER MEASURES**

1921	35829	9701	21724	1817	2587
1922	6003	1962	2656	166	1219
1923	4894	414	2336	2044	
1924	12425	2550	4151	5724	
1925	15995	2433	6851	6274	437
1926	17804	990	7547	8571	696
1927	26036	2363	12267	12235	171
1928	33757	869	16211	15640	1037
1929	56220	2109	25853	24517	3741
1930	208069	20201	114443	59916	14609
1931	180696	10651	105683	63269	10993
1932	141919	2728	73946	36017	29228
1933	239664	2154	138903	54262	44345
1934	78999	2056	59451	5994	11498
1935	267075	1229	185846	33601	46400
1936	274670	1118	219418	23719	30415
1937	790665	353074	429311	1466	6914
1938	554258	328618	205509	16842	3289
1939	63889	2552	54666	3783	2888
1940	71806	1649	65727	2142	2288
1941	75411	8011	65000	1200	1210
1942	124406	23278	88809	7070	5249
1943	78441	3579	68887	4787	1188
1944	75109	3029	70610	649	821
1945	123348	4252	116681	1647	668
1946	123294	2896	117943	1498	957
1947	78810	1103	76501	666	458
1948	73260		72552	419	298
1949	75125		64509	10316	300
1950	60641	475	54466	5225	475
1951	54775	1609	49142	3425	599
1952	28800	1612	25824	773	59
1953	8403	198	7894	38	273
(First 6 months)					
TOTAL	4,060,306	799,455	2,634,397	413,512	215,942

ANNOTATION:

Within the period from June 1947 to January 1950 capital punishment was repealed in the USSR. This fact explains the absence of death sentences in 1948-1949. Other measures of punishment meant inclusion in the period under arrest, compulsory medical treatment and deportation.

Well dear readers, comment is needless, I suppose. And do you know that within the previous last ten years the population of Russia decreased by 10,000,000

people and it is still decreasing by 1,000,000 people a year? But Mr. Yakovlev who is often called with a ring of irony "the intellectual father of Glasnost" is busy with what he chose as his final mission - he is compiling a formal count of the number of victims of Soviet "repression's". I would like to ask this architect of the reforms that helped trigger the Soviet Union's collapse: "And what if another commission compiles a formal number of victims of the temporary disintegration of the

Soviet Union, of the temporary defeat of the socialist system, of the genocide of the Soviet people organized by the newly established capitalist bourgeois regimes throughout the territory of the former Soviet Union, for what in any case Mr. Yakovlev is to be charged? Will he stand all the horrors that will be disclosed?"

"Russians are sentimental," Mr. Yakovlev says. "When one person dies, we moan and cry. But when millions die, we regard this as normal politics." I wonder what Mr. Yakovlev will feel when he hears about the really stunning formal number of post-Soviet genocide? Will he moan or cry as a sentimental Russian? Will he shed tears or will he just be moved to tears? Or maybe he will be just on the verge of tears? Or maybe there won't be even a drop of tears? Will Mr. Yakovlev kneel before the millions of victims of the post-Soviet genocide and will his conscience prompt him that it is he who helped the present bourgeois regimes to enslave and kill the Soviet people?

"The Communist Party remains the biggest party in the nation"- reports Geoffrey York, probably citing Mr. Yakovlev. Fine! This statement proves once again the strength of the Communist ideology, which existed, exists and will ever exist whatever the circumstances. And I do hope that in the nearest future the Communist ideology will prove to be not only invincible, *but also all-triumphant!*

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PROPOSED STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

We the undersigned representatives of communist and workers parties, mass organizations, movements, youth, trade unions and progressive publications devoted to the resurrection of the USSR and Socialism, thereby proclaim the formation of an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with all Patriots and Fighters for the Resurrection of the USSR.

This International Council shall have a broad character and act as a United Front in the struggle for socialism, independent of any political movement, religion or of present governments. This International Council shall promote all struggles of the people of former USSR for the rebirth of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Socialism without any interference from world imperialism in their struggles for building a socialist society-based on the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin.

This International Council opposes the subjugation and exploitation of the working people of the world and whole nations by Imperialism that utilizes many different global organizations, alliances and military pacts in order to stop the demands of all the people for peace and abolishment of exploitation.

The International Council calls upon all workers, peasants, teachers, trade unionists, youth organizations, women's organizations, environmental movements, journalists and all peace loving people to help the peoples of former USSR and other progressive forces to stand up to the growing reactionary forces and neo-fascists whose aim is to dominate and exploit the peoples of former USSR.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The aims and purposes of the International Council includes the following, in order to achieve the above mentioned policies:

- *To stimulate and coordinate on a world scale a common line of action in order to help the peoples of USSR in the resurrection of socialism and also of the Soviet Union.
- *To raise resources as needed in order to support these aims and also to help the people of USSR not only morally, but also with all the help deem necessary.
- *To cooperate with all possible organizations, institutions, trade unionists, youth and women's movements that do agree to help in this endeavour.
- *The International Council shall endeavour to do research, advocacy, conferences, seminars, publications that shall act as organs on the International Council. The Council shall promote social, cultural and political actions to help the people of USSR build socialism based on Marxism-Leninism as practised by Lenin and Stalin.

PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

- *Any organization, movement, association, political party or publication that agrees with the Statutes of the International Council can apply for membership.
- *International Council shall strive to struggle against imperialism and against the danger of revisionism inside the progressive forces, used by Imperialism as a tool and as a Trojan Horse inside many of the Communist and people movements both inside and outside of former USSR.
- *Every movement that agrees with the Statutes shall have the opportunity to voice their program and opinions.
- *All participants shall have equal basic rights and obligations.
- *The delegates from former USSR belonging to different parties, movements and organizations shall be allowed one representative each on the International Council.
- *There is to be allowed one representative on the International Council from other countries attending the Congress.
- *Election to the International Council is by a majority of votes.
- *Every member organization, party, movement, press that is a member of the International Council

must carry out their assigned task as per the decision of the Congress and of the Executive Committee.

*All participants are duty bound to carry out in their own country the decisions of the International Council and promoted any adopted campaign devoted to help the people of former USSR in their struggles.

*Every party, movement, organization or press shall help to the best of their abilities to help finance the work of the International Council in holding congresses, seminars and other planned activities.

*The policy that should be adhered to is that no member of the International Council shall be a paid functionary. All work must be done on a voluntary basis.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

*The International Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with People of USSR shall endeavour to hold their Congress every three years or as the situation demands or the International Council proposes. Every venue for the Congress that will be held in the future shall be decided upon by the International Council after a consensus is taken from member organizations.

*The International Council shall decide as to how many delegates and how this criteria is to be formed and processed after consultation with member organizations.

*All issues at the Congress shall be decided by a simple majority, each representative will have the opportunity to state his or her point of view.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

1. The composition of International Council shall be decided by each Congress, keeping in mind representation from around the world.

2. The International Council after due consultations shall propose different actions to be taken and pursue these actions in each country. The International Council shall strive together with all the former USSR representatives on the International Council to come up with programs and actions that the USSR representatives feel would be of benefit and have influence on their internal events.

3. The election to the Executive Committee of the International Council shall be held either at the Congress after it elects the Council or at the first meeting of the International Council.

4. The International Council shall strive to meet once per year in order to plan future actions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of Chairman, 2 Vice Chairpersons, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary and the Editor of the publication, the organ of the International Council, plus 3 controllers.

2. Since all of these functions are on a voluntary basis, the Executive Committee shall be in touch with each other via letters, fax, e-mail and telephone conferences.

3. The Executive Committee shall endeavour to meet once per year or as necessary.

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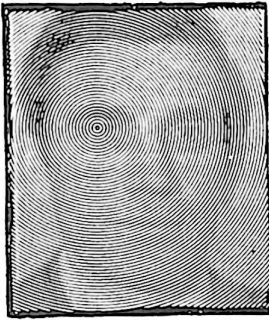
*All the activities of the International Council shall be financed by membership fees and different methods in raising finances through different projects, held jointly either internationally or nationally.

*Funds thus achieved shall be verified and controlled by the 3 elected Controllers and financial statements will be sent to each member once per year.

PUBLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

The organ of the International Council shall be financed by agreed upon subscription price and also by donations and by International Council Membership Fees.

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REVISIONISM YESTERDAY AND TODAY

(DANGER – REVISIONISM) Letters of Stalin and Molotov to Yugoslav leaders in 1948 about the danger of revisionism –

In the hard struggles, that the progressive forces of world led by Communists are waging against international imperialism, in the first place is the struggle and unmasking of revisionism in the workers and communist movements.

Only just recently published brochure of Predraga Milichevich "Danger-Revisionism" helps us to learn about the present tragic situation that happened in the USSR, Yugoslavia and other socialist countries on the eve of the 21st century.

Just a few words about the author of this brochure.

Milichevich Predrag Chedomirovich was born in Belgrade, March 22, 1926 to a family of teachers. From 13 years old he went on the revolutionary path in Yugoslavia, taking the torch from his parents. He took part in the organizing of the uprising in 1941 against the fascist German occupiers, and from then on until the end of the Second World War he fought together with the Yugoslav partisans against fascist German occupiers 1941-1945. He was arrested twice by German Gestapo. Upon his eighteenth birthday he became a member of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia.

After the end of the war, Predrag Milichevich – he became the leader of the Yugoslav Komsomol organization. In spring of 1946 he studied at the Moscow Aviation Institute where he designed helicopters, rockets. In spring of 1948 he returns to Yugoslavia.

He was co-opted into the CC YCP and into the Belgrade University, he became an eye witness of the repressions against Communists, who criticized the line of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia for breaking off relations with the USSR. He was convinced of the mistakes of the Yugoslav party and the harm that it will do to the Yugoslav people. Milichevich became a political immigrant at the end of 1948 and the editor of the newspaper "New Struggle" being published in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

On false accusation of the Czechoslovak leadership headed by Slansky he was arrested by Soviet state in 1950 as a spy for Tito, accused of terrorist plans and devesionist acts, meaning that he planned to assassinate the leadership of the international Communist parties.. In spring of 1953 he was absolved for wrongful arrest under false pretences. By a direct directive of the CC CPSU under Joseph Stalin, after investigation into the revisionist activity in the Communist parties, he was again given a post in the Military Academy in Aeronautics and he graduated in 1957 and got his diploma in rocket launch cosmonautics.

He worked in the defence rocket industry until 1998. H was involved in the design of the latest rocket launchers, MIG fighters, helicopters, TU-144, Soviet cosmic system "Buran" and he was given 31 design registrations as the author on those inventions.

Predrag was a member of the CPSU since 1962. All those years Milichevich did research into the life in Yugoslavia and its departure from Marxism-Leninism, never giving up that Yugoslavia must have a socialist future and fighting against imperialism and revisionism both inside USSR and Yugoslavia.

The central theme in the brochure is given to (first time in the V.Molotov to the Yugoslav leadership in 1948.

We must say that during the ten years after the death of Stalin the analyses and history of the Yugoslav leadership was not allowed by the policies of the Krushchev revisionism.

Predrag points out the facts of how the road to taking over leadership of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia by Tito, Kardely, Dzilas, Piade came about. When the two-faced policies of the Yugoslav leadership were exposed, they then quickly liquidate the party and started the liquidation and jailing of all true Communists, these same Communists who were in the front line in the partisans fighting German fascists and liberating Yugoslavia...they were arrested, fired from their jobs, killed or sent to concentration camps.

As an observer of that situation Milichevich

wrote: "During the host spring of 1948 Tito came out with the plan to have a campaign in the party clubs discussions – who is for his position, and who is for the position of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union? In a move that had secret plans behind it, Tito allowed the publishing of the letters of Stalin and Molotov, saying that every member of the party had the "right to state his or her view point". After the party members made their point of view known, a majority of whom favoured relations with the USSR and of Marxism-Leninism, there followed expulsions from the party of all those that sided with the USSR, loss of jobs, arrests and being sent to concentration camps"

In this way, from 285,147 party members at the beginning of 1948, there was expelled, arrested and in concentration camps 218,379 members. Thousands suffered or died in the concentration camps, torture was exposed, thanks to the Soviet Union making all of these terrible details published.

In liquidating the Communist Party of Yugoslavia, the Tito clique formed a new party in 1952 called League of Yugoslav Communists... only those allowed who took a stand against USSR and the international communist movement which condemned the Tito revisionism. Tito proclaimed the slogan of "Socialism with a human face" and "market socialism".

In his speech in Zagreb, August 2, 1952 Tito proclaimed that "USSR is an imperialist state with only one aim in mind, to conquer the whole world". So, as the author states: "Tito's revisionism has intertwined itself with imperialism!"

In the three letters of Stalin and Molotov to Tito and his government, they warned the Yugoslav party about the serious mistakes they are making and the revisionist path that these mistakes will have on the people of Yugoslavia...the complete departure from the dictatorship of the proletariat, the leading roll of the Communist party in its society, the proletarian internationalism, and the ignoring the scientific methods of building socialism.

The situation in Yugoslavia after these warnings were given proves beyond a

shadow of a doubt the correctness of Stalin and Molotov in their warning. But unfortunately the revisionist policies of Krushchev and of the CPSU leadership supported the policy of Tito. Thus Tito and his revisionist were able to put the whole blame on the USSR and Krushchev in his stupidity proclaimed Tito "a true Leninist". Krushchev naively thought that through this he would entice Yugoslavia back into the fold of the socialist states. This tactic had the opposite effect by making Yugoslavia's prestige soar high and Tito's revisionism acceptable "Marxism-Leninism". This dealt a blow to the USSR — plus influencing the international communist movement.

The campaign against Stalin and the so-called "cult of personality" led by Krushchev, the ideological rebirth of the top leadership of the CPSU — these processes were being promoted in parallel with the Yugoslav model of socialism, blowing up the prestige of Tito in the USSR as a real fighter against "Stalinism". We have to admit realistically that in the temporary demise of the USSR and socialism in the Soviet Union and in the East European countries the leading role (together with Imperialism-Editor) is the role of "Titoism". Even after this so-called Yugoslav model of "socialism" was soundly criticized by a majority at the international Communist meeting in November of 1960 in Moscow, the poisonous seeds had started to grow in many parties of the world.

This International Communist gathering criticized Titoism, but it did not go any further, since Krushchev at the international forum proclaimed that "the communist parties have very decisively defeated all revisionists in their ranks who tried to dislodge the parties from Marxist-Leninist teachings"!

This was said at the moment, when revisionism was getting stronger in many Communist parties of the world, since they believed in the authority of the USSR.

Regarding Yugoslavia, this proclamation by the Krushchev leadership that the League of Yugoslav Communists was correct, was, according to Milicevich... The main cause of the dismemberment of Yugoslavia and the victory of the bourgeois counter-revolution.

The problems facing the international communist parties are serious entrenchment of revisionism in the midst of the communist parties.

The Credo of contemporary revisionists, in his time was stated by the General Secretary of the Italian Communist Party, Y. Berlinger, who wrote:

" We think and know that the negative

tendency well hidden under revolutionary words and camouflaged by ideological phraseology, are used by those who have a different position. They try to explain by going around in circles to hide the truth in Marxism-Leninism. This not only leads to confusion, objective truths, real interest that are in their works." (Article by Oleg Shenin "Right Opportunism- the helpers on imperialist globalization". Glasnost newspaper #5, 2001)

As we now can see, the contemporary revisionism is becoming more and more aggressive. It not only demands the right to revamp the teachings of Marxism-Leninism, but it demands that there should not be any criticism of revisionists.

Contemporary revisionism speculates on the unity of communists. The theme is in the arsenal of the leadership of the Communist Party of the Russian Revolution (CPRF). But there cannot be unity with the CPRF when the theme is that "Russia has reached its limit of revolutions". Unity around such a theme is only for the benefit of the bourgeoisie who are trying to cement their policies in Russia.

The leadership of the CPRF try to convince all the people that, first - they are dedicated to "Marxism-Leninism as a living science" (according to the report made

by V.A.Kuptsov of the CC CPRF in April 2001)

In this report, he outlined the policy of CPRF in the present situation:

"In this situation we can counter our policies to the thoughts of our opponents only by agreement of us gaining a majority of electors in the country... Receiving a majority of our citizens to our policy we can win in the elections only by getting all the peoples movements around the CPRF, interested in the mighty left movement. This will be our answer to the present Russian regime..."

Not a word about the role of the working class or the absolute necessity of the class struggles. This is how the CPRF leadership understands Marxism-Leninism.

Underestimating the real dangers of revisionism has cost the international working class and communists very dearly. Only class vigilance and understanding the danger of our class enemy can we defeat revisionists in our midst — thus laying the foundations among all the communists, and assuring our victory. This is one of the main lessons in this excellent brochure written by P. Milicevic

APPEAL TO PRESIDENT PUTIN

FROM CONGRESS OF CITIZENS OF USSR
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REFERENDUM OF 1991 FOR SAVING THE USSR



Dear Vladimir Vladimirovich:

In the last little while we have heard many beautiful words about the feelings of the people, of patriotism etc. Unfortunately all those beautiful words and the deeds that followed do not match.

A question is asked, as an example, - what purpose is served, what is the essence of the ongoing campaign to take away from the citizens their Soviet passports?

We're not going to state the fact that this is the most blatant disregard of international law on freedom and choice, fixed into the laws of the Declaration of the Rights of Man.

We are not going to talk about the fact, that you, as a lawyer, representing this present regime are governing an illegal entity, which was hoisted upon the Soviet people. This is only a temporary phenomena and a cardinal fact that is known to every sober-minded individual.

You cannot deny the fact that the territory on which our people live is populated by the Soviet people. This very fact is now being

recognized by many political leaders of different persuasions. And, first of all our "new American" NATO neo-fascist friends know this very well, and they do not hide the fact at all that the aim of "reforms" and "perestroika" is to dismantle and obliterate the Soviet people.

It is a known fact that the psychological propaganda of all shades has unfortunately thrown off our people from the correct path. But this will not go on forever. The people are consolidating their thoughts and actions as they did during the Great Patriotic War.

Soviet people thought that after the rule by Boris Yeltsin that a new leader will emerge who might listen to the will of the people. You finished Soviet higher schooling, you studied and sacredly vowed to uphold dialectical

materialism, you were a member of the CPSU, and you vowed to uphold Lenin's teachings, to bring back the country unto the socialist path. Why did you sell out your oath and sold out the USSR in the temporary defeat in this Third World War on behalf of so-called "democracy"?

The bringing some sort of order to the country is only half the battle. The other side was to bring all those who were and are criminally responsible for this tragedy into account for the genocide of the people.

Why all these attempts to take away from the people their Soviet passports? This follows the act of German fascists who issued their own passports on the temporarily occupied Soviet lands during World War II. This proposed act is meant to traumatize all of the Soviet people and in particular the war veterans who fought and died with the Soviet passports near their hearts. Who will benefit from all of this if not the new occupiers, who cannot stand the word "Soviet" and they utilize all manner of propaganda, illusions and psychology, on behalf of their foreign masters.

We demand a complete stop to this vile campaign! Soviet passports cannot be forcibly taken away from the people. Millions upon millions of people voted on March 17, 1991 at the Referendum that the USSR must be left intact as it was! It was also thrown out as illegal the decision made by three former leaders on December 8, 1991 that saw the dismemberment of the USSR. We knew about this before, even faster than the Russian Duma. This Russian Parliament, the present "Duma" is your responsibility as President by you and you are duty bound to listen and fulfill its decisions.

Overwhelming majority of Soviet people who voted in the referendum for saving the USSR have the right to have their wishes obeyed also! Soviet Passports must be left intact and not changed or taken away from the people!

Since you always say that you are head of a "lawful state", we deem it necessary to receive a reply to this letter. The forcible taking away of all the passports by administrative means is nothing else but repression - and has nothing to do with the rights of people in a "legal state" and we hope that all these irregularities and illegal attempts shall be done away with by your administration.

P.S.

After this document was unanimously adopted at our mass meeting on March 17, 2001, we received thousands of letters and demands from all over USSR that there are attempts at what we feared, to forcibly take away the peoples Soviet Passports and



Participants of the Moscow meeting of Soviet citizens on March 17, 2001 are voting with their Soviet Passports.

threats that if the passports are not given up they will lose their pensions, work and other threats are made. Even the work centres where people are looking for jobs, they are threatened that they will not get jobs unless

they give up their passports.

This again confirms the fact that the people must be consulted in a Referendum. Soviet people hope that their demands will not go unanswered. ■

FROM THE
BEACON

Journal of the Melbourne Unitarian Peace
Memorial Church
AUSTRALIA

CUBA STARTS TRAINING U.S. STUDENTS TO BE DOCTORS

President Castro stipulated while in the USA last September 8th that Cuba would accept US students to study medicine for free in Cuba. The only condition was for these students to make a commitment after graduating that they will serve as Doctors in the poor communities in the United States.

This year on April 3, the first group, eight African American and Latino youths left for Havana to study medicine. They came from Texas, Florida, Minnesota, California and the Bronx, New York City.

In Cuba, all schooling will be completely cost free, room and board for the six-year program will also be provided.

Over 3,400 students from 23 countries, mostly from Latin American countries and the Caribbean, are already at the Cuban Latin American School of Medicine. But this

is the first time that US students are to be admitted into this program.

Cuba's policy of international assistance is legendary. Since Cuba sent its first 56 medical personnel to Algeria in May of 1963, more than 57,000 doctors and nurses have been sent around the world to every continent. This total is higher than the number sent by the UN World Health Organization.

Now the US students will become doctors and serve the US poor communities who cannot afford the prices charged for health care.

Fidel Castro pointed out, after announcing that Cuba is offering 500 scholarships to the poor youth, since it costs over \$200,000 to get a medical degree in the US. ■

NOTICE

We cannot accept any more registrations to the World Congress, since we already have 104 delegates from 37 countries.

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

WFTU

**HISTORY OF THE WORLD
FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS
1945-2000** by Debkumar Ganguli,
318 pages, available at US\$15
from WFTU Asia-Pacific Regional
Office, 4 Windsor Place, New
Delhi 1100 001, INDIA

Morale at the WFTU's headquarters in Prague in the aftermath of Havel's 1989 "velvet revolution" and events in the Soviet Union was at an all-time low. Speculation was rife that these events signaled the end of the WFTU. Dismissing the prophets of gloom, a senior Indian comrade commented at that time: "The WFTU will exist as long as there is a need for it."

He was right. Of the three international organizations then based in Prague - the International Union of Students, the International Union of Journalists and the WFTU itself - it is the WFTU which has shown the greatest resilience. It could not have been otherwise, given the historic role of the working class as the harbinger of revolutionary change in the epoch of imperialism and the WFTU's own role as the international coordinator of class-based unionism.

Today the WFTU and its sectional trade union internationals have an affiliated membership of 130 million in 120 countries. Evidence of its continuing present non-sectarian character is the fact that its 14th World Congress, held in New Delhi last year, was attended by delegates representing 407 million members in every continent, many of them from unions affiliated to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the World Congress of Labour.

The WFTU continues to maintain a small headquarters staff in Prague (at Branicka 12122, 1400 00 Prague 4), despite early efforts to expel it by these "post-

communist" Czech authorities. It was only last year that the Czech government finally lifted this ten-year old threat. In the meantime the WFTU has decentralized and streamlined its organization, so that it is regional offices in Senegal, India, Cuba, Syria, Russia which are the hub of its present-day organization.

The author of this present history is the WFTU's deputy general secretary. Debkumar Ganguli was always one of the most approachable of the WFTU's Prague based senior leaders. He began his working life in the Calcutta docks and was elected secretary of one of the strongest and most militant unions, the Calcutta Port and Dock Workers Union. Later he led the Port Dock and Waterfront Workers Federation of India and the WFTU's own Transport, Port and Fisheries Trade Union International.

He certainly had his problems in compiling the book. As he writes in his preface, many valuable documents were lost as the WFTU paid the price for its principled working class and anti-imperialist stand. At the height of the cold war, it was in turn hounded out of its headquarters in Paris and Vienna. After the "velvet revolution" it was forced to move its Prague headquarters three times.

In the circumstances he has done a very good job in documenting the main events in the WFTU's story from its foundation to its foundation as the united voice of the world's working class in 1945, through the successful attempt of Western capital's "labour lieutenants" to destroy this organizational unity as global capital launched its cold war against the working class, to the WFTU's renewal after the working class was ousted from power in the Soviet Union and central and Eastern Europe. While it lacks the polish of some earlier outlines of the WFTU's history, it has the advantage of being up to date and includes a chapter on last year's world congress, an introduction by the WFTU's late president Indrajit Gupta MP, and the full text of the

speech made by then West Bengal premier Jyoti Basa at the 14th Congress on imperialist blockades and sanctions.

The WFTU was never more needed than now. It has an indispensable role to play in building global transnational links between trade unions and the workplace organizations, convincing all the authorities and unions in the socialist countries of Asia, where economies are being opened up wide to foreign capital or built on "socialist market economy" lines, of the need for class-based trade unionism as crucial to the preservation of working class power, and countering the myth of a conflict of interest between workers in the advanced capitalist countries and the rest of the world. ■

TRUTH WILL COME OUT!

News items collected from Internet

I'M AVAILABLE

"I'm always available in meeting new men. You can call me Available Albright". This was the former United States Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright. Please...no comment!

A NEW TOY FOR US FORCES

"US Pentagon military planners are developing an updated version of the "Stink Bomb" which will be powerful enough to disperse all hostile demonstrators. This new development by Pentagon defence scientists is meant to be used against the growing anti-imperialist demonstrations around the world. Pentagon will make this available through its NATO channels.

HIV-AIDS EPIDEMIC

The latest scourge for mankind is the HIV-AIDS epidemic that over the last 20 years has claimed 22,000,000 lives around the world, and most of them in the poor and undeveloped African states.

The world monopolies in the pharmaceutical field are reaping in fantastic profits of a potential cure only to those that can afford the exuberant price. Wall Street's consistently high profit stocks belong to these four firms.

Tragic are the figures for South Africa, where 4.7 million people have HIV-AIDS - a 11% of the population. ■

AS I SEE IT FROM EUROPE

BY
JERRY MORSE

Lilo and I went to the International Music Festival in Rottingen, Germany. Of course the European Union (EU) was well advertised there. The EU is pumping the political wells of whatever is in them. As an example, the EU officials such as Erhard Bureh are looking for "Partnership unity with Eastern European Countries", Czech and Slovak Republics, Hungary, Slovenia plus regional partnership all the way down Cyprus, Greece, Turkey, and Austria. There are of course Questions of immigration, family size etc. etc. Austria is balking in supporting on welfare immigrants with 8-12 children.

At the festival I did manage to speak to Ukrainian musicians who were top performers on many instruments from Lvov Philharmonic. There music was actually the best of all the groups, but when Lilo (my wife) asked them to perform "Kalinka" song, they replied that that was Russian and they only perform Ukrainian songs!!!

There were groups from countries such as France, Spain, Greece and from the Balkan countries, each performing music and dances from their country.

The EU onslaught with its soft-paddling -onslaught aimed at ensnaring countries all the way from the Barents Sea to the Black Sea, thus practically eliminating Russia from any ocean outlet in Europe and only dependent on the Pacific Ocean for its exports thus giving the EU and NATO dominance in the strategic trade routes. Very clever by US and the NATO allies.

The World Congress should have a large map that shows the strategic encirclement of former Soviet Union. The idea is to use the military of this Western sponsored plans for Eastern Europe to then attack in combined force the former USSR. Byelorussia has spoken about this threat before.

It is necessary to always remember that Western Imperialism plans were being hatched before WW II and proceeded during World War II and after the start of the Cold War. US Imperialism began recruiting allies into NATO: Belgium 1957, Denmark 1973, Germany 1957, Greece

1981, Spain 1986, France 1957, Ireland 1973, Italy 1957, Luxembourg 1957, Netherlands 1957, Austria 1995, Portugal 1986, Finland 1985, Sweden 1985, United Kingdom 1973. Altogether 15 UE countries and growing each year with former East European countries being ensnared, thus completely blocking former USSR in Europe on land and on the sea.

I have mentioned the first six countries which were already members by 1957. The pressure was on from then on very systematically. On top of this the foreign control of the economy in former USSR, the psychological war, the cultural undermining of the fabric of what remains of socialism...this is the picture now.

I feel that our World Congress should take a stand for the safety of all peoples, including Canada, that the remaining former USSR countries should join together and I would hope that the Soviet representatives at the Congress will touch upon this question.

Now, with the consent of the present Russian Putin regime prepared to take foreign atomic waste into its soil for financial gain, we wonder if pollution will become another military weapon of the West and NATO?

GLOBAL ELITE

Global finance special elite, speculators using more than 95% imaginative derivatives in monetary transactions of economics, has now finally invented derivatives in Morgue Investments. The Salzburg's Economic Forum was a forerunner for the preparatory Rome meetings that led up to the G-8 Summit held July 2001 in Genoa, Switzerland.

They even had prepared with police help in Geneva and Salzburg a 500-placement morgue in case of need and arrest of the demonstrators.

The former Eastern block nations elite like Kuchma of Ukraine, Mesic of Croatia, Kostunica of Yugoslavia, Klaus of the Czech Republic, Kwasniewski of Poland, Ilescu of Romania...more than 750 politicians from 19 countries bowed to US imperialism and bowed low at the Yankee feet. Of course the chairman of NATO Robertson was there to set the agenda. They boasted logistics to such an extent that no demonstrators will be near the meeting places. Of course this was just a pipe dream. Demonstrators were there en masse and were heard loud and clear!

The Global Elite are favouring more and more the methods used pre Second World War by Imperialism and Fascism! People, be vigilant!

CAN YOU IMAGINE?

This is from the Ottawa Citizen newspaper, in Canada

Can you imagine working for a company that has more than 300 employees and has the following statistics:

- *30 employees have been accused of spouse abuse
- *9 have been arrested for fraud
- *14 have been arrested for writing bad cheques
- *95 have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses
- *4 have done time for assault
- *55 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- *12 have been arrested on drug-related charges
- *4 have been arrested for shoplifting
- *16 are currently defendants in lawsuits
- *62 have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year.

Can you guess which organization that is?

IT IS THE 301 MP's IN THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT!

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

MILOSEVIC'S ARREST- AN ATTEMPT TO LIGITIMISING NATO'S CRIMINAL WAR

Step by step the imperialists appear to be close realizing their goal of breaking up Yugoslavia and dominating, militarily and economically the country. After bombing the country, after flying 36,000 bombing-sorties by NATO, US imperialism had to achieve the replacement of Milosevic, otherwise it would have nothing to show the world for its genocidal war. They then in great secret kidnapped Milosevic after installing the internal traitors who sold out the country for sums of money.

The so-called "elections" in Yugoslavia was nothing but ballot-rigging that even Western observers admit and influx of millions of dollars to install the traitor Kostunica... with an admission by USA State Department help to the tune of \$120 million of dollars. On top of that Germany gave 6 million English pounds, besides hundreds of thousands of dollars that were smuggled in suitcases across the border.

WORLD STATISTICS

Reprinted from the magazine Filter, Vol.36 #4 of a research data done by the Medical Group Management Association of Canada

THE WHOLE WORLD AS 100 PEOPLE

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all of the existing human ratios, it would look like this:

- *57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from Western Hemisphere (North & South America, 8 Africans.
- *52 would be female, 48 would be male
- *70 would be non-white, 30 white.
- *70 would be non-Christian, 30 would be Christian.
- *89 would be heterosexual, 11 homosexual.
- *59% of the entire world's wealth would be in the hands of only 6 people and all 6 would be citizens of the USA.
- *80 would live in substandard housing.
- *70 would be unable to read.
- *50 would suffer from malnutrition.
- *1 would be near death, 1 would be near birth.
- *Only 1 would have a college education.
- *Only 1 would own a computer. ■

The aim from the start of US imperialism was to get rid of Milosevic and get him before the so-called International Criminal Tribunal...that is nothing more than a Kangaroo Court for imperialism. This is nothing more than outright blackmail against any other leader who dares defy NATO and the Pentagon.

Imagine, the US Congress set March 31st, 2001 as the deadline for the present Belgrade regime to cooperate with US imperialism or face withdrawal of money! Before this deadline expired in a few hours, Milosevic was kidnapped and whisked to Hague. ■

COLLAPSE OF THE "CARGO CULT"

By Dr. VERA BUTLER – Australia

Workers all over Eastern Europe and the former Soviet union are struggling to survive amidst the ruthless exploitation by foreign investors, aided and abetted by so-called "democratic" governments. **The Cargo Cult of consumerism has lost its glitz**, and today the peoples of the former Eastern Bloc pay a heavy price for their credulity and the treachery of their leaders.

In "liberated" Poland there are 2.5 million unemployed. The World Bank data shows that 13.8% or some 5.5 million persons live below the poverty line; another 18 million live below the social minimum (among them 39% of retirees). More than 25% of families with three children, and 30% of families with four children or more, can only afford meat or fish once per week. Close to 1 million children got to school hungry. There are ongoing mass demonstrations of farmers and workers, and the Solidarity-dominated Polish right-wing coalition government is disintegrating. This is the current situation in Poland, in the words of a former member of "Solidarnosc:

"Numerous factories stare at us from the broken windows... not many of our fleet of 400 vessels are still in service but are usually sailing under foreign flags, our sailors are signing up for a pittance, just to feed their families... many centres of scientific research and laboratories are closed down, and it will take many years to have them reopened again.. We have

handed over Poland to foreign scavengers and prepared the groundwork for a harsh and frightening fate for our people..."
(A. Malakhovski in Przked, February 14, 2000)

STOPPING THE JUGGERNAUT

The civil and industrial rights of all workers are at stake, as the globalizers seek to reduce conditions to the lowest common denominator. Corporate power is backed by state power. However, institutional violence has the unintended effect of raising the consciousness of the whole international community of interests between workers across the globe.

In Canada on June 16 of this year, over 1000 demonstrators in front of the Ontario Legislature were savagely beaten by the police for no other reason than demanding affordable housing. In Brazil, in early May of this year, more than 30,000 landless peasants and workers invaded the government buildings demanding the speeding-up of land distribution. Police used smoke grenades and rubber bullets against the demonstrators, causing injury and death.

Demonstrations in Seattle, in Davos, Washington, London, France, Prague and Melbourne against the global spread of corporate power, are signals of a growing unity of purpose, across national boundaries, to stop the juggernaut of global exploitation.

Are these just anarchists, out to sow mayhem in civil society? There is growing evidence that trade unions in leading industrial countries oppose globalization, among them are the American trade unions.

Even Bill Fletcher Jr., Director of Education of the AFL-CIO, America's powerful and once arch-conservative confederation of labour, draws attention to the coming conflict :-

"The fact that 358 billionaires now have a total combined wealth greater than the incomes of the poorest 2.3 billion in the world speaks volumes about what is taking place on this planet. There is no question but that we are in a crisis. They may talk vaguely about the corporations' "war" against workers – but do they grasp its extent and gravity?"

Fletcher points out that there is a need – a desperate need - to fight back instead of giving way to despair, because many workers turn inwards, blaming themselves for their problems or blaming their fellow workers or neighbours. In the absence of leadership that boldly puts forward an analysis based on class, workers feel that they are each in a fight for personal survival, rather than part of a collective effort to resist and fight back.

Many trade unionists still pursue "business unionism" as usual, and are unprepared for

the rise and blitzkrieg tactics of neo-liberalism. In Fletcher's view this means that unions must face the realities of class struggle.

The more timid among us shy away from using the term "class struggle", or even the term "working Class" and "capitalism". They are supposed to be too radical, too inflammatory – even outdated. But more and more workers are talking about being in a different class than the rich. They know they're a different class. And, as for using the term "capitalism" – well, if all of the main commercial magazines such as "Business Week" can use that term freely, why should we shun it?

"...what we have to do to rebuild and strengthen the labour movement is to foster a sense of class consciousness among workers to show them that the ongoing conflict between capital and labour is built into the very framework of the capitalist system. It is not something that is external to the workplace; it pervades almost every aspect of the relationship between workers and those who hire and fire them."
(Reprinted from the CCPA Monitor – the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Ottawa, Nov. 1999)

Bill Fletcher of the AFL-CIO, and Dmitri Lobok of the Leningrad Workers' Council, speak the same language. American workers share the same problems with workers the world over, including former USSR, as wages and conditions collapse under the impact of corporate power.

Australia too, is the ongoing target of the "privatisers" and the "deregulators". Such services as electricity, gas, water, telecommunications, the Commonwealth Bank, were very profitable government enterprises, established from tax payers monies. They were hawked to private investors, as a rule well below the real value in terms of assets and earning capacity. Next in line are hospitals and schools, and those that cannot pay up better don't fall ill or have children in need of an education.

The only meaningful opposition to the legalized robbery of public assets comes from the organized labour. It is not therefore, coincidental that industrial relations are degenerating from conciliation to more confrontation. Institutional violence (such as police, courts) to suppress the workers' struggle for a living wage and conditions, give cause for serious concerns.

It is interesting that in advanced Western economies voter reaction to worsening crisis have led to the demise of conservative parties in favour of social democracy and its promises of reforms, while at the same time there is a growing support of the parties to

the right of the political spectrum, stirring ethno-chauvinism and racism.

What if social democracy fails (as is always the case – Editor of NSC)? Will there be an emergence of a left-right contest for power, similar to the 1920's and 1930's? Will capitalism opt for dictatorships of the right, which do not oppose private sector interests and privileges, as does the left? Or will despair lead to anarchic revolts of the dispossessed and disempowered against the oppressive constraints of the state, as anticipated by the post-modernist thinkers? ■

POLAND TODAY!

In an extensive analytical article by Zbigniew Viktor, chairman of the Union of Polish Communists "Proletariat", the facts mentioned are shocking. We just give here a short summary to illustrate the situation.

*Economy of Poland in the last 11 years of privatization has brought the whole country practically into bankruptcy.

*There are officially 3 million registered unemployed. Add to this 1 million of workers that were forced into early retirement due to industries and enterprises being sold off to foreign investors.

*In the agricultural sector there is another 1 million unemployed who used to work in the state-run agricultural enterprises. A total of 4.5 million workers are unemployed due to capitalist privatization and also foreign ownership.

*More than 2 million unemployed do not receive any benefits or help. Two thirds are graduates of high or technical schools who cannot find a job.

*More than 70% of financial transactions are in the hands of Germans and foreign banks.

*The industries that exist are being closed in their manufacturing of products because foreign owners are shipping their products into Poland across the Polish borders, thus eliminating any competition.

*There are thousands of evictions of workers from homes due not being able to pay rent or taxes. Meanwhile they are being built luxury homes for the newly rich that cost more than homes of such quality either in Paris or New York.

*Thousands upon thousands of young people, seeing no future in Poland emigrate all over the world. More and more of these dissoluted young people turn to crime,

narcotics, prostitution and many are under the influence of the social democrats who always promise them an easy life under capitalism.

*The promise of Poland coming into the European Union was at first a euphoria, but the young people now are beginning to realize that this is not "heaven" as they were promised by the present Polish regime..

*Poland has become a supplier of raw resources and exploitation by Germany.

Comrade Zbigniew Viktor will be a delegate to the World Congress in September ■

SOLIDARITY MESSAGE TO U.S. WORKERS FROM CUBA

To:
Brother Ken Riley, President Local 1422
International Longshoremen Association

We have just received information about the National March for Worker's Rights that was held in Columbia, North Carolina on June 9, 2001, whose main focus is the case of Charleston 5.

This demonstration had a great impact on all of us, because it is quite difficult to believe that a group of unarmed workers who peacefully defend their legitimate rights could be so brutally attacked with such a deployment of sophisticated equipment and offensive weapons.

This savage attack and the laws against workers and unions' rights existing in the state of South Carolina are real proof that the neo-liberal practices are not just to forward in third world countries but also in the most powerful and developed country in the world, unrespectful of labour and workers' rights in the name of the so-called democracy which only works for corporations and the most wealthy people.

On behalf of the 3.1 million members of the Central Workers Union of Cuba and the 19 national sector unions, we wish to convey to the Charleston 5 and all Longshore Workers our sincere solidarity. We will send the information about this injustice to other friends in Latin American unions so as to promote a vast solidarity movement with you to stop these unfair practices against workers.

Long live labour solidarity!

Central de Trabajadores de Cuba ■

SPECIAL

WORTH REPEATING OVER AND OVER AGAIN!

Gary Lautens who was a columnist for the Toronto Star newspaper (Canada), wrote this important column on November 23, 1990...that is 11 years ago, but, this is so very apropos and timely in 2001!

His article was titled: "The reach-for-a-gun school of crisis management".

Are all world leaders nuts?

Talking war. Making tough speeches. Ordering young people to leave their homes for lands they can't even pronounce, let alone locate on a map.

Madness!

Listen to Bush.

The US has a drug problem, a crime problem, a debt problem – a thousand problems.

And he's talking World War III.

Is he a muffin Short of a dozen?

Remember when he invaded Panama, to grab one seedy dictator who once was in the employ of the US?

Did that solve anything?

Lives were lost, homes destroyed, money spent.

Is life in Panama better today?

Does freedom reign? Is corruption gone? Ha!

You know the answer.

Or how about Nicaragua?

Remember when the White House

couldn't keep its hands and arms, off Nicaragua?

They smuggled weapons to the rebels without telling their own US Congress. They ignored the democracy they boast of.

For what?

Does anyone know the name of the most hated Nicaraguan the US president reviled at every opportunity? I'll give a clue – his name is Daniel.

So now it's Kuwait and Iraq is the cause d'jour.

Remember when it was Iran? Grenada? How far back should we go?

President Bush can't make the streets of New York safe – but he's going to rescue Kuwait, and the few families that own that country's oil.

Bush is spending an estimated \$32 million (US) per day just to support the US forces in the Persian Gulf.

Meanwhile a cousin of Saudi Arabia's monarch was reported to have dropped \$21.6 million (US) at the gambling tables in the south of France in a month.

Your kid or mine is going to put his life on the line for what?

Let us move on.

Gorbachev can't even figure out how he's going to feed his people after the perestroika and market economy sets in. Or God knows what happened to the Russian Army in Afghanistan. To get involved in that insanity, certainly Bush should know better!

Or take our own Brian in Canada.

We have our own companies going belly up every day. Unemployment is rising. The country is tearing itself apart. Businesses are moving south.

And he's taking money from the RCMP, the CBC, a dozen other places – money we don't have – to play Churchill in the Persian Gulf.

Debt - before dishonour.

Brian Mulrooney is so deep in Bush's pocket, his nickname is Lint.

Don't any of them understand that war is different now?

We considered Hussein our pal not too long ago for his war with Iran.

It's only half a step to nuclear war.

There must be another way besides war. War is the ultimate obscenity. It is the answer to nothing.

Do world leaders think it will bring them votes, take the public's mind off real problems, get rid of wimp image forever?

Is that how they see the Persian Gulf?

If they want a parade, tell them to call the Salvation Army.

The warplanes, aircraft carriers and missile launchers are only pulling us to disaster.

If Bush and company can't handle every crisis without reaching for a gun, let them resign and give someone else a chance!

With thanks to Lloyd Redstone

NEXT TO STALIN

NOTES OF A
BODYGUARD
A.T. RYBIN

This book of 90 pages was never published in English before and is an essential document for those that for over 60 years had nothing but vile and terrible accusations heaped on the grave of J.V. Stalin!

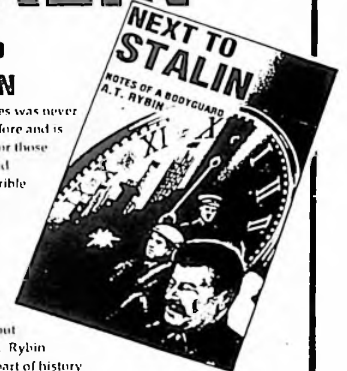
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International Fact-Finding Team Visits DPRK to Accuse U.S. of its Wartime Atrocities in Korea

By BARRY STOLLER

Referring to the facts that the US still stations its armed forces in South Korea and creates the condition of the division of Korea, Ramsay Clark pointed out that the US still persistently makes vicious propaganda against the DPRK to cover up the truth about its war crimes.

Stressing that the biggest scar left by the Korean War was the division of Korea, he said that the US's policy of maintaining the division of Korea should be punished as "a crime against peace" in the New York war crimes tribunal.

Brian Becker, a joint chairman of the International Action Centre, said that he would make every effort for the withdrawal of US troops from South Korea and for a lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula.

In September of 1999, Associated Press

began publishing a series of articles based on an investigation of the massacres that took place in the South Korean village of Rogun-ri in July 1950.

Faced with increasing demand at home and abroad for a thorough inquiry into the truth about the incident, the US and South Korea formed a joint investigation body to probe the Rogun-ri massacre.

But their 15-month-long investigation of the massacre produced a joint investigation report, liabilities of the government and the armed forces of the US for their active commitment in the massacre. Lame Duck President Clinton supported US no-fault conclusion, issuing a statement of "regret", which survivors denounced as a total whitewash

The historic people's war crimes tribunal was held in the USA on June 23rd in New York, co-sponsored by the Korea Truth Commission on US Military Massacres of Civilians, the International Action Centre, a US progressive organization, and the Veterans for Peace, a veterans group in the USA.

The Tribunal judged all the cases of massacres committed by the US Armed Forces from 1945 to 1953 and crimes committed by the USFK against South Korean people after the truce of the Korean War.

Kitandra Shandra, the former justice minister of the Indian Supreme Court served as the Presiding Judge.

The Former US Attorney General Ramsay Clark, former justice of the South Korean Constitutional Court Pyong Jong Su and a North Korean lawyer Formed a joint prosecution panel.

Mr. Clark said that one of the main purposes of the New York war crimes tribunal was to expose the US war of aggression against Koreans to "raise international public opinion that the US should not interfere in the matters of the Korean nation and prepare a favourable situation for Korea's reunification" as well as to thoroughly probe the truth behind the war crimes.

In the war crimes tribunal, victims in North and South Korea and in foreign countries did make testimonies on war crimes committed by US troops. A joint judging panel was formed by lawyers from 16 nations which participated in the Korean war as members of the US-led U.N Forces.

The Korean Truth Commission, a pan-national coalition of civic groups, was organized in June 2000, participated in by civic organization of North and South Korea plus overseas Koreans, after

political parties and organizations of North Korea issued a joint appeal to their South Korean counterparts and overseas Koreans to unfold a more active nationwide struggle to disclose and condemn the US wartime massacre of the Korean civilians.

While activities for investigation in the US wartime massacres of civilians had been severely restricted in South Korea for a long time, the DPRK established a national fact-finding committee in July 1950, the month following the breakout of the Korean War, to probe US war crimes. Ever since the cease-fire of the war, the committee has conducted a systematic investigation up to now, widening its scope of activity to crimes committed by the USFK in South Korea

Jong Gi Ryoi, secretary-general of the joint secretariat of the Korean Truth Commission, announced that North and South Korean lawyers would meet in Beijing on June 17th to draw up a joint indictment to be presented to the upcoming Korea international war crimes tribunal. He also informed that Ramsay Clark, lawyer Michael Choe and other lawyers plan to file a suit in a US court against the US government for the war crimes committed by its armed forces during the Korean War.

The international fact-finding team, headed by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsay Clark, visited the DPRK between May 15 and 19 to investigate the cases of massacre committed by U.S. troops during the 1950-53 Korean War.

During its five-day visit, "the international group probed deeply the truth behind GI's atrocities" inspected scenes of the massacres committed by U.S. troops, heard testimonies of survivors and discussed matters concerned with DPRK officials concerned in preparation for the *Korean International War Crimes Tribunal on U.S. Troop Massacres of Civilians during the Korean War* was held from June 23-25 in New York, USA.

The investigation team visited Sinchon County also in South Hwanghjae Province to conduct an inquiry in the "Sinchon Massacre," while visiting the Sinchon War Museum, collecting documents and materials on the massacre and hearing testimonies of

the victims. (*The U.S. troops, after occupying Sinchon County, killed 35,383 innocent people in the county from October 17 to December 17, 1950. In the DPRK, the Sinchon massacre is a symbol of the U.S. troops' wartime massacre.*)

Mr. Clark said that as an American citizen he felt guilty about GI's atrocities during the Korean War. Noting that the U.S. government, afraid of the disclosure of its wartime atrocities to the world, has tried to cover up the truth, he stressed that victim's testimonies were of great importance as they exposed part of the U.S.'s history of aggression against Korea and would be widely used to let many people know about the sufferings imposed by the U.S. on the Korean people.

The fact-finding team also held talks in Pyongyang with survivors of the Korean War and collected their testimonies about the U.S. troops' mass killings of civilians, indiscriminate bombing by the U.S. Air Force and its use of germ bombs.

The former U.S. attorney general said that facts probed and testimonies made by victims was now made public at the upcoming international war crimes tribunal to be held in New York.

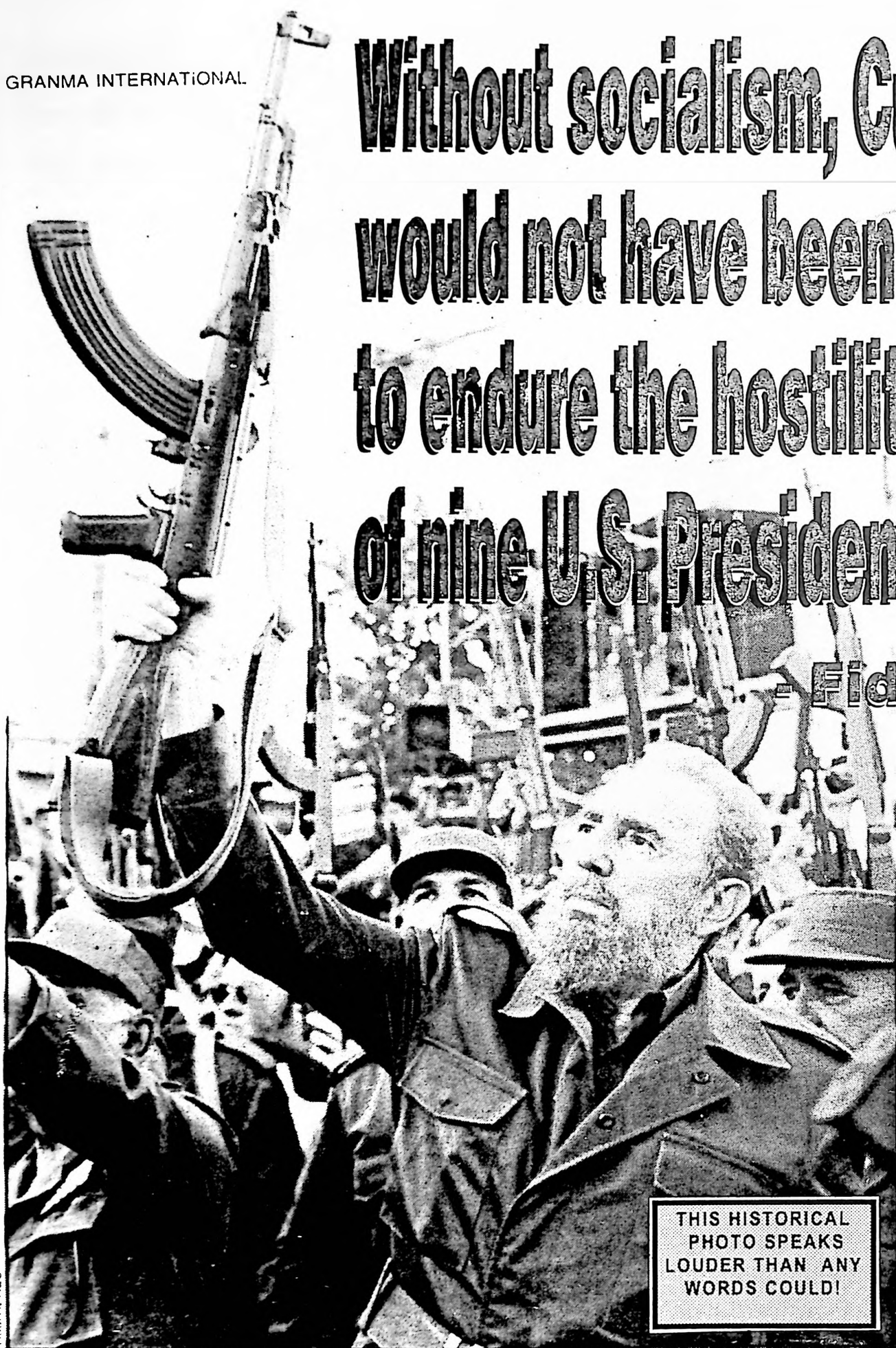
In a press conference held on May 18 in Pyongyang, Ramsay Clark said that he had the "urgent task to let people know about the misfortunes and sufferings the Korean people have undergone since the U.S. forces occupied South Korea in 1945."

"We will strive to let people of the world have a correct understanding of Korea and war crimes committed by the GIs," he added.

The investigation team also said, in a press conference in Seoul after wrapping-up its five-day visit to North Korea, that it witnessed the severity of the U.S. wartime crimes committed in North Korea during the Korean War were much severe than those committed in South Korea in the scale of damage and degree of cruelty. ■

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Fidel!



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TEAM CONCEPT!

By JESSE PAPAPAVOLOU

In the mid 1930's multi-national corporations grew very rapidly and took over large industries such as auto, steel, electrical, oil, natural resources, raw materials and agriculture. Small trade unions of the 1850's that were called "craft unions" could not counter balance these massive corporations.

In 1870's they fought for a 9 hour day but lost. In 1880's they fought for an 8 hour day and lost. In the 1900's in the textile mills, children went on strike to protest working 60 hours per week. Today we have gone back 100 years with the proposed 60 hour work week. In the early 1900's workers made \$1 per day. Blacks made even less.

Imagine today, majority of people of the Third World get less than \$1 per day from the Transnational Corporations.

In 1889 there were 1,400 strikes in the USA alone. The logical solution was to form an International Union that could have weight in the struggles with these huge corporations. The result was the IWW, the Industrial Workers of the World, or better known as the Wobblies. They started in 1905 in Chicago, USA, then spread to Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, South America, Mexico, Norway and Sweden. The IWW wanted one big union for all the workers of the world. This was in order to counter the enormous power that just 4 families had in the USA: The Rockefellers, The Morgans, The Warburgs and the Rothchild*s. They alone controlled 25% of the worlds wealth. This is back in the early 1900's.

Daniel DeLeon of the IWW said:

"Make no mistake the working class must be organized on economic and political fronts, because the capitalist class has already power in both." Sam Gompers and Adolph Strasser of the American Federation of Labour opposed any political action and attacked progressive unions that wanted to give workers all that they deserved. So it was not just owners of large corporations that wanted to keep the whole system alive. Sam Gompers never once thought that this exploitation was unjust.

Was the prevalent wage system invented through scientific analyses? No it was not? The wage system is just what the wealthy decided to give to the wretched workers. There was no thought behind it whether it was just or fair at all. Abraham Lincoln of USA said that labour comes before capital. Capital is the fruit of your labour. Capital could not exist if labour had not first existed. So...how do the billionaires who put in so little labour have so much capital if its not off the backs of the workers?

Why is it called "inflationary" if a worker gets a 50 cents raise and not "inflationary" if the Chief Executive Officer of a large corporation GETS 10 million dollar raise? Of course the system is biased against the worker and not the capitalist. This is class discrimination plain and simple.

In the United States the Palmer Raids started on November 17, 1919 when trade unions and organizations in 18 cities were violently raided and US government expelled 250 people from the US. In January, 1920 seventy cities had their unions raided and over 10,000 workers were ar-

rested by US secret police. The unions that were most attacked were the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, The International Ladies Garment Workers and the IWW (*The Wobblies*). The man behind these raids was Mitchell Palmer. His assistant, prior to becoming head of the FBI was J. Edgar Hoover. Even an extremist as J. Hoover said that "these raids were a violation of the federal law and consequently the Department of Justice has no right to investigate such activities."

In 1933 the minimum wage in the United States was 25 cents per hour. In 1947 the Taft-Hartley Law was passed to curb trade unions power to strike. In Canada the Communist Party began in 1921 to organize the unemployed and supporting the working class, demanding a fair system of equity for all. The staged parliamentary elections were just a show. The slogan was "from each according to his work, to each according to his needs."

In 1932 a similar party came into existence, in words but not in deeds, it was called the CCF - Cooperative Commonwealth Federation. They called themselves a movement and not a political party. The CCF wanted to turn capitalism into something that it never was from birth. A kinder egalitarian system which this social democratic party could never achieve in remodeling capitalism. In the CCF Regina Manifesto in 1933 they sounded like the Communists, trying to usurp their place but they proclaimed loud and clear that they were not communists. Their road was the parliamentary road. Playing against stacked cards is a losers game, and before the CCF (*now the New Democratic Party*) knew it they were part of the system and have turned right as all social democratic movements do.

The CCF during 1920's to 1940's will tell you that they had a lot of theoretical and political support from the Communists. David Lewis the former leader of the CCF wrote in his book "*The Good Fight*" that "our enemy are

the Communists. We must eliminate their influence in the trade unions!" It took the CCF 13 years in order to become some-what a small player in parliament. After reaching the plateau of many seats in Parliament in 1988, the walls came tumbling down. Today the NDP (*social democrats*) are a spent force, not knowing which is up and which is down.

The monopolists and its system of capitalism turned the working class into docile consumers, that would in turn pick up the slack in over production. The poor in the Third World would get some consumer goods but get paid in pennies, while we would buy goods they manufacture in dollars while they got paid pennies. They would get starving wages while we in the "free" would wrack up 15 trillion dollars in debt.

The Waffles was a movement which broke away from the CCF(NDP) who were dissatisfied and mired in understanding the events that took place such as the 1956 counter-revolution in Czechoslovakia which the CIA tried to orchestrate into reality. In Canada we got a Prime Minister Pierre E. Trudeau who tried to release the steam in the boiler when the inflation reached 10.8% in 1975. He, like all others released the pressure on the backs of the working class. He froze wages in order not to scare away the foreign investors. Did this move made the situation better in Canada? In 1979-80 a recession came in Canada.

Now the corporate powers tell us that enough is enough of this class struggle, let us work together in harmony. We must be team players and make our economy work and we shall all prosper. The most massive accumulation of wealth is garnered by these Transnational Corporations through this "team players" philosophy.

In USA in 1981 a right-wing president Ronald Reagan comes to power. In Canada in 1984 a right-wing Prime Minister Mulrooney comes to power also. These two men built a strong friendship

and figured out how to shift much more wealth unto the people that were already very wealthy. Poverty in Canada and USA grew, but these leaders shed no tears. Twenty per cent of children in Canada and 25% in USA live below the poverty level. 44% of Americans do not have any health insurance. President Reagan cut programs for the poor by \$140 billion dollars, then gave \$150 billions in tax cuts to the already rich. Mulrooney in Canada meanwhile reduced corporate taxes from 48% in 1950's to 9.9% in 1991. He then raised individual taxes for you and me by 48% in 1950's to 90% in 1991.

Did anyone take notice as to what happened?

Walmart corporation of USA is richer than the combined wealth of 161 countries of the world. Bill Gates of Microsoft Corporation has four times as much money as all the money produced by the Central Bank of Canada. *Are we team players yet?*

Do we want more "Team Concepts?" In order to be team players, we must be equal in all respects. How equal are you and I to Bill Gates when he is 4-times richer than all of Canada?

Let's look at some examples of workers that believe in this capitalist promoted "team concept".

Douglas Fraser of the United Automobile Workers union (UAW) in the 1980's told his workers to partake in the Team Concept. Fraser even had a seat on the Board of Directors of Chrysler corporation so he could keep a closer eye on them. In no time Chrysler fired 50,000 workers as Fraser kept on speaking about team concept and cooperation.

Then came the next president of the UAW, Owen Bieber. He was so cooperative with the corporation that he signed an Attrition Agreement in 1937 with General Motors. What did General Motors do in return? For every two people that retired or quit, General Motors hired only one person. Thus, GM work staff was cut in half.

In 1980's the Air Traffic Con-

trollers union of USA helped to elect Reagan as President of the USA. In return, Reagan destroyed their union. That was his way of saying thanks!

In 1992 the union leadership of the Communications Workers of America wanted labour and management to work closer together in a Kazzan "Team Concept" called "Workplace of the Future", this was used instead of confrontation. Soon after that AT&T fired 4,000 workers. Six months later AT&T fired 15,000 workers. As the union rallied under this team concept formula, AT&T fired another 40,000 workers.

Looking back now in retrospect, there is nothing that the working class received without a fight. Gandhi had to do it. Martin Luther King Jr. had to do it! Cesar Chavez had to do it! We workers have to do it the same way. Our sisters and brothers after us also have to do it the same way. The only time that capitalists gave workers an inch is when they saw that the workers were looking for an alternative to capitalism. Ralph Nader, a political advocate in US stated that the Soviet Union put a little fear into capitalism... they had to keep the working class from moving ahead to another political system that would give the workers power and make the capitalist owners weak.

Unfortunately now capitalism is gaining strength and things are going just the way they wanted. Let us give them a rude awakening and teach them as to who really needs whom! Let's support a system that gives us strength and let's not support the political parties that are now in parliament. We need a party that will defend us that we would be part of it. Today's political parties are for the corporations. Democracy means "rule by the people" translated from Greek. We the workers are the people. We are the majority! So let's take the power back from the billionaires and put it back where it belongs...into the hands of the working class! **That's us!** ■

BOOK REVIEW

ANOTHER DAY OF LIFE

By Ryszard Kapuscinski

Originally published in Polish "*Jeszcze dzien zycia*" in 1976 and was translated into English in 1987. The April 2001 English edition is published by Alfred A.Knopf Inc. a division of Random House Inc.

"Another Day of Life" is a remarkable account of the Portuguese departure from Angola and the civil war between the MPLA (*Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola*) on one side and the pro-imperialist FNLA (*National Front for the Liberation of Angola*) and UNITA (*National Union for the Total Independence of Angola*) on the other, including the South African invasion of Angola and the rapid response by Cuba. It is largely an eyewitness account of events actually witnessed by Ryszard Kapuscinski (known to all the Angolans as "*Camarada Ricardo*"), a Polish journalist who bravely entered Angola in June of 1975 and remained until November 1975, the only Eastern European journalist in that country.

Despite the reactionary slant of the back cover of the 2001 edition, the content itself is from a revolutionary point of view, a view in solidarity with the struggles of the Angolan people against the Portuguese and South African Imperialism, FNLA and UNITA collaboration with imperialism, and the tribal enmities the imperialist forces used to try and divide the people. It may be fairly said that "*Another Day of Life*" is to the Angolan revolution what "*Ten Days That Shook The World*" is to the Russian revolution.

Kapuscinski witnessed the departure of the Portuguese from Angola in September and October of 1975 but also observed that many Portuguese stayed behind to help the Angolan people fight for independence. He observed the conditions in Luanda and at the front lines. He was among the

first to learn of the South African plan to attack Angola and alerted the rest of the world. He observed the arrival of the first Cuban troops at Luanda airport. He observed the front line fighting between Cuban and South African troops in November of 1975.

"Another Day of Life" is recommended reading for all progressive people and required reading for all interested in the history of Angola.

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The membership of these parties is traditionally multinational. These parties are mostly busy not with working out theoretical questions but are undertaking practical steps towards resurrection of the renewed Union of brotherly peoples. Through all legal and practical activities of these Communist Parties and some other public and political organizations and movements, the SOVIET PEOPLE give them mutual and moral support, maintain constant legal friendly relations and cooperation. Doesn't the establishment of the Byelorussian-Russian Union serve to prove well real existence of SOVIET PEOPLE and the beginning of resurrection of the renewed Union of States?

Taking account of all these historically characteristic features of SOVIET PEOPLE, which have still been preserved by this community, we come up with a general conclusion that the SOVIET PEOPLE do exist at present. And that is today's reality! And that is why I cannot go along with the suggestion to change the name of the forthcoming World Congress.

Moreover, I would consider it a great political blunder!

TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:
ARISE, YOU
MIGHTY LAND!

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

Britain used captured Nazi code squad to spy on the USSR

The Sunday Times, England, April 21, 2001

With thanks to Dr. Vera Butler, Australia

Two Hundred of Germany's top code-breakers were brought secretly to Britain in the dying days of the Second Worlds War in 1945 to operate against the Soviet Union. For years after they enabled Britain to read top- secret Soviet communications.

In March of 1945, six especially selected Anglo-American teams fanned out across Germany, (even though World War Two was still in progress) across Germany, homing in on German coding centres identified after cryptographers at Bletchley Park broke the Enigma code.

Target Intelligence Committee (Ticom) teams, whose existence is still surrounded in secrecy, were told to capture as much German coding equipment as possible. According to "Body of Secrets", a new book by James Bamford about America's National Security Agency, one Ticom team was sent to a castle in Saxony to capture the Nazi office signals intelligence archives. The entire German Nazi signals intelligence unit was sent to Britain with the clearance if British Cabinet. All the Nazi intelligence units were brought to Britain, employed, paid and treated as allies, aimed at the wartime ally, the USSR.

Near the end of May the British brought over the entire unit and the encoding equipment that broke the Soviet ciphers. The British then were able to read all the top-secret communications of the Soviet High Command during the concluding days of the Second World War. According to Bamford, the capture of the Soviet code-breaking machine given to Britain by the German

Nazi, was the main reason that why the British and American governments have never released details of the secret Ticom operations.

Nigel West, who has written extensively on code breaking during the war, said that Ticom was a brilliant success: "For a while all Soviet military communications were an open book."

Thus, with German Nazi help Britain and USA were able to break the ciphers of at least 35 countries of the world. The Soviets became aware of the steps being taken by their allies – Britain and America, started to come up with new codes and in 304 years the former allies of USSR were unable to listen in on the communications of the Soviet military or government.

Further evidence of the help given by high Nazi officials to Britain and America and the secret cooperation that were ongoing between the so-called "energies", was the release of USA's 20 CIA Secret Files that shows that America aided, abetted, recruited and also protected from trial as war criminals to the top Nazi secret agents and butchers, which included even many convicted war criminals!

These files showed that Klaus Barbie, the "Butcher of Lyons", and members of the "Gehlen Organization," a group of German intelligence officers opposed to the Soviet Union, had received funding from the US government. The cooperation was with middle and high-ranking Nazis, including SS officers. More CIA files are expected to be released shortly.

This is just a tip on an iceberg of the cooperation, support, trickery, sabotage that was being perpetrated against the USSR, which had to practically alone had to defeat the Nazi war machine, with a loss of over 27,000,000 people!

LETTERS

FROM
SAN GABRIEL
USA

How can the people of the world look at the kidnapping of Milosevic and whisking him away to a jail in Hague as a criminal? How can the world look at this travesty of justice when the US inspired attack by NATO on Yugoslavia bombed it into devastation with sophisticated weapons and pollutants...then supported by billions of dollars the illegal overthrow of Milosevic who was elected President by the people of Yugoslavia.

It's the same travesty of justice as if your

home was robbed and set on fire, some of your family was killed by the robber and then this robber gets you kidnapped, shipped to another country where the robber himself will be a the Judge and the Jury!

With millions of Americans living below poverty line, all of a sudden the USA gives billions of dollars to the present puppet government in Yugoslavia as a thank you for the kidnapping of Milosevic. How's that for outright collusion in the name of "freedom and democracy"?

It is tragic that there is no longer the Soviet Union\ - of yes, Uncle Sam would not be so cavalier. People beware - fascism is marching!

Pero Nikov

USA HUMAN RIGHTS!

Buckeye, Arizona, USA -

On July 1 of this year, Tony Haynes, age 14, an inmate of the Buffalo Soldiers detention camp for juvenile delinquents, died of heat exhaustion. The medical examiner also found that he had vomited earth which he had been compelled to eat. Interviews with other camp inmates have uncovered complaints of others who were compelled to eat earth, beaten and denied water. Food rations were very small. Each inmate was given one apple, once carrot, and a small bowl of beans as food for an entire day. They were compelled to exercise vigorously in conditions of extreme heat.

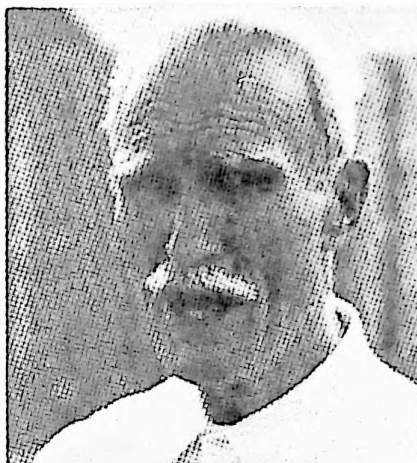
Charles Long, the camp president, declined comment on the death Haynes. Long's camps (private) have been criticized in the past for similar reasons. In July of 2000 the White Mountain Apache Council ordered the closure of Long's camp in Whiteriver after similar allegations were made by children confined there.

Another juvenile detention camp, the Oracle Camp of Arizona Boy's Ranch, faces similar criticism after Nicolas Contreras was sent to Oracle for shoplifting. Haynes was sent to the Buffalo Soldiers camp for damaging tires of his mother's car.

It is telling of the deep crisis of American capitalism that the system can think of no better way of dealing with troubles young people than to send them to concentration camps where they are tortured and where their lives are put at risk. It is small wonder that the survivors of these camps often become genuinely vicious criminals rather than good citizens.

Kevin Walsh

OBITUARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL
LOGOYDA**

Nov. 21, 1910

June 23, 1997

From

ANN LOGOYDA

A PRAYER OF A MILLIONAIRE

By John Krasnikov

Oh thou almighty Dollar
Which art in the Bank
Great Powerful and Glorious is thy
Face, Thy Kingdom have come upon our
Fair earth
And Thy Will is being done
Just as-it-is-in Hell.
Give us this day our daily Profit
And overlook our crookedness
Just as we have overlooked the wretched
Ignorance of those who toil for us,
Eternal gratitude is due to
Most of the numerous churches - for
They do so effectively fulfill the
Sacred duty of persuading the toiling
Man and Women to serve us, so-
Patiently-submissively-uncomplainingly.
As matters stand we would, pretty well
Expect to go on and on forever
And beyond.
Amen.

FROM
STOKE ON TRENT
GREAT BRITAIN

The video "Funeral of Stalin" purchased from NSC one sees vividly the might of the Soviet Union under Stalin. It was most remarkable to see the solid unity of all the international communist and workers movement in upholding the treasured memory of Stalin. I was struck by the grief of the mourners passing the casket where J.V. Stalin was being viewed. The grief shown in Peoples Republic of China and other socialist states was overwhelming.

Shaun Pickford

FROM
TORONTO
CANADA

APOLOGY TO HARPAL BRAR

Dear comrades:

Bravo on another enlightening issue from Northstar Compass.

Wonderful once again.

However, I would like to call your attention to an error that personally embarrasses myself since I played a careless role in making it come to pass. The article "Bourgeois gold and Trotsky: service to imperialist propaqanda machine" was not written by myself, nor have I ever claimed it to be so. I cannot claim that credit.

I was sent this article through an e-mail list and I forwarded it to NSC for your reading pleasure. Please note that in the future if I mail you an e-mail article, if it is by me I will state that I am the author.

The version I received did not contain the author's name. I wrongly assumed that it was by a person who sent it. I also thought that you would understand that it was not by me since the name of the sender was on the article. Modern technology can be so user unfriendly and unfortunately I did not help matters by making such assumptions. I was careless.

Comrade G. Gruenthal did help me by relaying to me the name of the author. It is no other than Harpal Brar, member of the NSC Editorial Board. The article comes from his excellent book, "Trotskyism or Leninism?" that has been promoted in NSC. How could I have missed it?

Warm greetings to all NSC staff and Organizing Committee

Redmond Guerrero

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Dear friends

The world Congress will take place on September 21-22-23, 2001 in Toronto, Canada with close to 100 delegates coming from all over the world. The countries that are sending delegates were listed on the back page of the April issue of NSC.

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Soviet delegates that are coming are optimistic that the decisions made at this gathering will go towards unity.

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