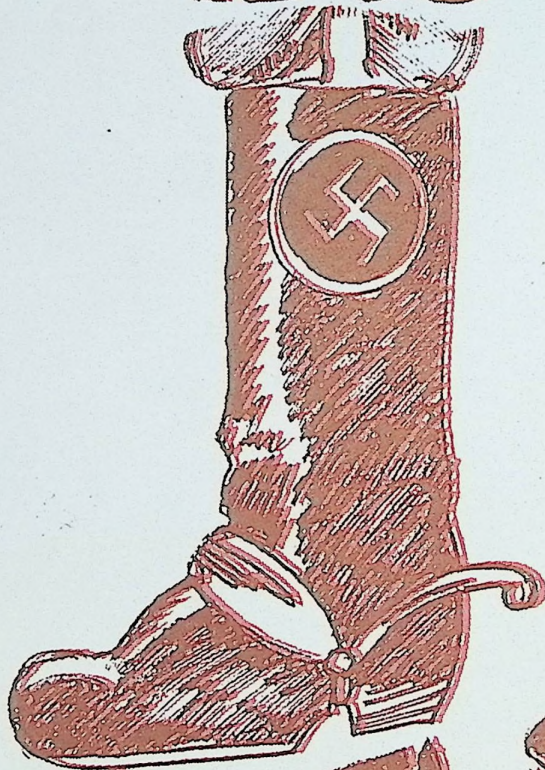


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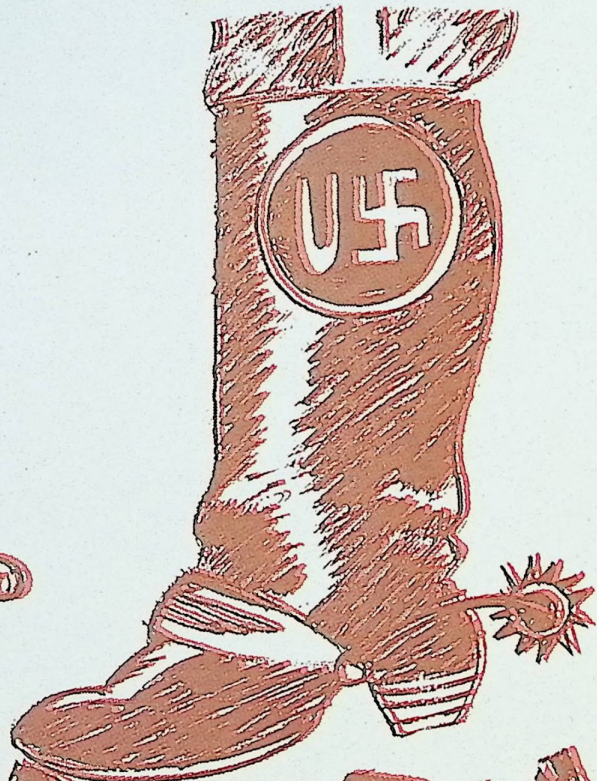
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US Monopoly "East-West" Energy Corridor" and Counter-revolutionary Burial for Oil Drenched Schevernadze

Public knowledge and screaming headlines revealed yet another "imperial" US monopoly "oil war" act by dubiously endowed, somewhat moronic US President George W. "Dubya" Bush. With the notable "exploit" having co-opted "God" as his helper, this junior version Bush is relentlessly carrying out the previous senior Bush rampages and gangster-like theft of former Soviet resources in the energy "oil" field. Of course Bush Sr. had the connivance and assistance of the counter-revolutionary Schevernadze and President Ronald Reagan's friend, Mikhail Gorbachev of the same counter-revolutionary ilk. Now however, with the US oil monopoly interests drastically widened with war in Iraq, destabilization of the Arab Muslim world and to include Azerbaijan, Armenia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kirghizia et al, George "Dubya" and his ferocious support team around Vice President Cheney corporate powers, Haliburton, Carlyle etc. he decreed that "old friendships" don't count in the "oil" procurement game. Schevernadze simply had to go, since he was blocking and or raising the ante on the US oil-pipeline program that called for Georgia to become the host country to the "East-West Energy Corridor."

It is not exactly a new or unfamiliar act if one examines the list of deposed heads of state of oil rich countries, beginning with Iranian president Mossadegh in 1953 and continuing into 2003 with Saddam Hussein of Iraq. The "East-West Energy Corridor" has many a lucrative twist in it for the Bush oil-clan and their militarized "fellow-traveling" looters.

It is more than interesting to note some of the events leading to the current debacle in Georgia. Public information again inform that as

early as 1989-90 Schevernadze, carrying an official title of Foreign Affairs Minister of USSR's counter-revolutionary Mikhail Gorbachev Government spent unspecified and secretive time in talks with President Bush's senior Secretary of State James Baker (a deeply involved oil company tycoon) on the latter's ranch. Following these secretive talks, the vast billions plus barrels of oil reserves in the massive Tengiz oil field, were handed over to the super oil monopoly Chevron-Standard of California. This was revealed it on the front page of the New York Times, 15/08/92. What also followed was the dismantling and the destruction of the USSR and Presidency for Schevernadze in his native Georgia, adjacent to the Tengiz "oil steal". The further inevitable result was the creation of a monopoly dominated "unipolar world". Therein lies humanities desperate and deadly situation where today it is almost impossible to place a finger anyplace on the world map where unbridled war, Imperialist and military domination and the crushing of democratic, social and cultural standards for the vast majority of people is rampant or threatening. The Bush oil-clan, Schevernadze – Georgian story is a key element and illustrates the voracious appetite of the US-British and other imperial monopoly interests. As a political, economic and social system these psychotic powers cannot exist without war, war preparation and destruction of human rights of every kind.

The unvarnished facts of the current "take-over" in Georgia by the so-called "Western sympathetic" forces rests on a few central developments. First, Schevernadze corrupted and destroyed the living standards of the Georgian people,

RAY STEVENSON



who previously had established, under Soviet socialism a relatively a high standard of life, and a national identity, with the full strength of the Soviet Union behind them. Press reports of 24/11/03 published in Toronto, Canada, state that under Schevernadze:

"....corruption became widespread and crime grew out of control...the economy fell into ruins...the average salary now hovers around \$50 (US) a month. Tens of thousands...remain in Tbilisi living in extremely squalid conditions. The...infrastructure is falling apart and outages often leave residents without gas or electricity for days..." (Toronto Star, page A8).

It is hardly surprising that the vast masses of people shown on television screens swarmed to enthusiastically support and cheer



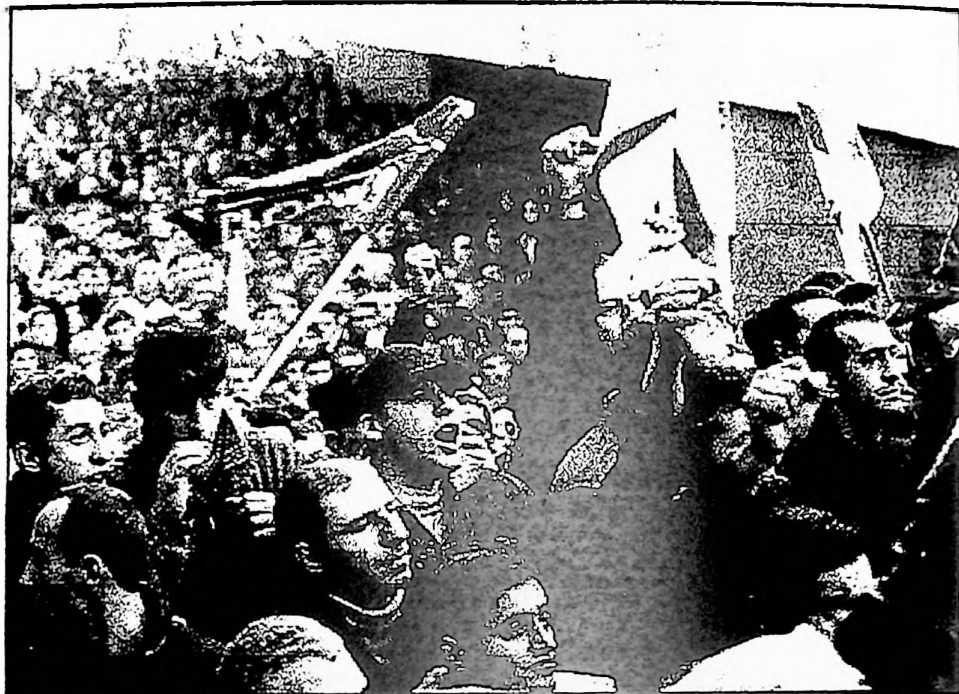
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the peaceful "take-over" of the Parliament in the middle of the counter-revolutionary Presidents speech. The conditions created by his twelve-year "love-in" and "sell out" of the Georgian peoples rights, we believe had much more to do with their actions than some hyped and suspiciously created, USA's backed "election fraud". It was revealed by the Toronto Globe & Mail newspaper article of 24/11/04 "Politics, Pipelines Coverage in Georgia" written in Tbilisi by Mark McKinnon, that following a "secret 25 year deal" between the Russian Gazprom monopoly and Georgia, and a further "profit unlimited" deal to a Russian firm that had "cut-off" the US-backed AES in highly profitable monopoly control of electrical energy... "Washington's reaction was swift..." Almost immediately President Bush (the junior) sent a senior advisor, Stephen Mann to Tbilisi with a warning that the Georgians "should not do anything that undercuts the powerful promise of an East-West energy corridor..." (emphasis added). It was a clear warning that the USA oil interests by military or other means would be served.

As it turned out, this was to be done at counter-revolutionary Schevernadze's expense, and the promotion of the US trained Mikhail Saakashvili... touted as "pro-Western") to the leading public position...at least on US television and most of the western media.

It can be anticipated very clearly that unless the Georgian people intervene to prevent it, the long term design of US monopolies to transport the vast quantities of Caucasian and South Asiatic regional oil into US tankers by way of a pipeline across Georgia, will be realized. Virtual total market controls will thus lie in the hands of US oil monopolies...including their kept and paid for puppets and Governmental figures.

Interestingly, also revealed in the G&L article is the fact that Richard Milnes, the US Ambassador to Tbilisi was posted in Serbia during the period when Slobodan Milosevic was "toppled" from his presidency of that NATO and CIA ridden country. He too served the US monopoly oil clan interests, according to MacKinnon who wrote "...he made



the rounds of Tbilisi, giving tacit support to the opposition's contention that Schevernadze had to go." We can be forgiven we believe that this "tacit support" included the spreading around of the ever present and available "mighty US dollars" to "sympathetically western" people focused on achieving a few dollars with which to buy a little food. By such mundane acts are the CIA and the USA's monopoly interests served...particularly when "God is not only on-side" but probably gets his orders from the Washington's Oval Office in the White House...according to the gospel of "Dubya and friends."

Northstar Compass exposed the Schevernadze-Baker sales of Tengiz oil fields to Chevron-Standard of California, in our very first edition of NSC (August 1992) in the new, uncertain journal of friendship, solidarity and peace with our Soviet friends. We have not wavered our eleven years of struggle to assist in whatever possible those friends to whom we and all our fellow citizens, everywhere in the world owe an unrepayable debt for their brave, uncompromising sacrifices that saved the world from tyranny and ghastly oppression of German Nazi monopoly, who sponsored the psychotic Hitler and his acolytes.

We reach our hands to our Soviet friends in the national state of Georgia and pledge to defeat all efforts of the "westernized" allies of

US oil monopoly...whoever they may be. These cannot other but bring them greater suffering and corruption than even the arch-counter-revolutionary Schevernadze saddled upon them. We urge all whose eyes have followed this editorial comment to do likewise. We live in an inter-dependent world of indivisible needs. Finally, we send our deepest wishes for a future of Socialism for all of our Soviet friends in Georgia and everywhere I else in former Soviet Union. ■

URGENT ACTION!

In a previous issue we published news about a US Palestinian political prisoner, Farouk Abdel-Muhti. We now know that he was transferred to a fifth prison. We are asking our readers to send letters of solidarity or newspapers, magazines in Spanish, English or Arabic.

We ask you to have the printed materials sent from the address of the publisher, otherwise it usually does not get through. Letters do get through.

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IN MEMORY OF STEVE GIBSON



The Red Flag flew at half-mast above the Victorian Hall Council Building, Melbourne, Australia on October 27, 2003. It was a fitting tribute to comrade Steve Gibson, who indeed deserved the accolade **"A true son of the working class."**

Steve joined the Communist Party of Australia in 1960, but soon became convinced that it was on a liquidationist course. In 1971 Steve became a founding member of the Socialist Party of Australia (later to change its name to the Communist Party of Australia) and as a long-serving member of its Central Committee, he played a role in its many achievements.

However, Steve believed that the party carried revisionist trends that were inherited from the old CPA and he fought against these trends until his untimely death.

After a bitter union struggle, Steve was elected as Victorian secretary of the Australian Federation Union of Locomotive Enginemen (AFULE) in 1973. Despite his subsequent defeat at the hands of the rightwing, Steve remained active amongst the rank and file and was subsequently awarded life membership in the

AFULE.

Steve was the founding member of the Australian Friends of Soviet People (AFSP) and the Australian Korean Association for Friendship and Cultural Exchanges (AKSFCE). He had also been a committee member of the Australia-Cuba Friendship Society and the Australia-Vietnam Society.

Steve was a co-presenter of a weekly community radio programme in Melbourne, where he always begun by reading excerpts from Northstar Compass journal.

Steve had just returned from a trip to DPR of Korea, where he has celebrated the 55th anniversary of the founding of the DPR of Korea. He was accompanied on the trip by the Victorian state president of the CPA. Steve was elated to finally visit the DPR of Korea and observe first hand a nation and party that was holding strong against both imperialists and revisionists. He was full of admiration for the achievements of the Korean people.

Soon after his return to Australia, he along with others made a decision to resign from the CPA. Steve believed that the CPA was following a revisionist line and that the party was beyond recovery. With likeminded comrades from other organizations, he was instrumental in founding the October 7th Movement, which will give rise to a new, revolutionary party in Australia. Some modest success has been achieved, and this month, a function of all groupings will be held, with all

proceeds being donated to the important work of Northstar Compass.

Steve also saw the need to unite with all genuine Marxists-Leninists in Australia. He continued to hold dear those true comrades who have remained in the ranks of the CPA and he respected their decision to remain in it.

This photo does not do justice to a comrade of many talents, who carried on all of his activity despite the tragic loss of his wife when his children were very young. Steve was a successful working single parent, with the help of his friends.

Vale Steve Gibson, was an anti-imperialist, anti-fascist and anti-revisionist.

We will remember your unique sense of humour and you will live in our hearts forever.

We will continue to struggle for a revolutionary party in Australia!

Long Live October Seventh!

Long Live Northstar Compass!

Pablo Gonzales,
Secretary, Australian Friends of
Soviet People
Melbourne, Australia



**FREEDOM FOR
POLITICAL
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STOP THE PRESS!

On the evening of Nov. 19th, a New York-area Palestinian activist, Farouk Abdel-Muhti, was assaulted in the Bergen County jail in Hackensack, NJ. Prison authorities have confiscated his personal possessions, including left wing publications and took away all of his copies of Northstar Compass. They took disciplinary action against him and are denying him medical treatment.

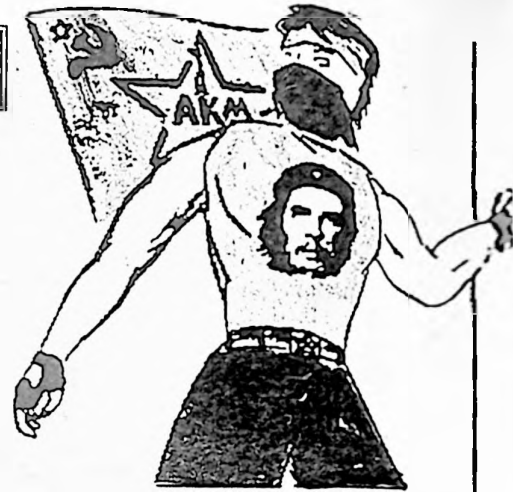
We are asking our readers to send e-mails or telephone, with the following message:

"I am asking you to please release Farouk Abdel-Muhti from detention immediately. He is not a threat to society or a flight risk. He is a promoter of peace and an asset to society"

David Venturella, Office of Detention & Removal (phone 202-514-8663; fax 202-353-9435; email david.venturella@dhs.gov - with copies to freefarouk@yahoo.com

ANTI-CAPITALISM MARCH - 2003

By MAXIM MALYSHEV



This "Anti-Capitalism March 2003" was held in September of this year in all of the major cities and towns of Russia. Youth members of the left wing opposition parties and their many youth organizations, marched against the devastating policies of the Putin regime. The most effective and huge protests took place in cities such as Barnaul, Rostov on the Don, Novosibirsk, Ryazan, Leningrad and Moscow. The storm of protest of these youth marchers went through Russia and awakened, energized the revolutionary struggle energy amongst more and more new people.

The regime replied to this march by police attacks and a cavalry squadron charge against the youth marchers.

In Leningrad, before a meeting took place in defense of Iraq, the leader of the anti-globalist movement was arrested, plus a student of the university, Mikhail Kuznetsov. Regardless of the warning from Putin's police, we held a very successful meeting.

Before the meeting opened, the demonstrators held a minute of silence for all the victims since 1973, when the massacre took place in Chile by General Pinochet. Thousands of Chileans were shot there, tortured in prisons and concentration camps. Most of the Americans did not interest themselves with this tragedy, just glad that another "communist regime" was overthrown in this Latin American country.

Terrorism, born in the USA by the CIA, in September of 2001 received a boomerang effect in New York and Washington. Not knowing or experiencing for more than 150 years any wars or bombardment, the peaceful citizens of the US felt this



terror on their own skins, terror, and death of their loved ones - these feelings that are felt and were felt by other countries of the world, where the bandits from the Pentagon and Langly Air Base were let loose.

We gave the American Consul General a signed petition, which demanded the withdrawal of all the American soldiers from Iraq, no interference in the internal affairs of North Korea and freedom for the political prisoners in the USA.

Being slaves to the American interests and fulfilling their orders, the Russian authorities decided to show the American ex-president Bush, who came to Leningrad as to what they can do with the protestors. Ignoring our peaceful meeting there, and after the meeting was over the Putin's police-security arrested a member of the Avanguard of Red

Youth, Marina Konovalova and beat up another AKM member Dmitry Kozlov. The police threw him out of a moving police car near the banks of the Neva River with these words: "...next time, we shall drown you!"

On September 13-14 the Anticapitalism March 2003 was in Moscow. Over 5,000 young boys and girls from Avanguard of Red Youth, National Bolshevik Party, Attack, and many other organizations gathered by the metro station "Clear Pond". We all demanded with slogans and placards the ousting of president Putin, economic betterment for workers and students, raising the stipends for students. The students marched together, peaceful, but were surrounded by columns upon columns of police. The marchers shouted slogans such as: "Capitalism is the death for Russia" and "We shall build a different



The youth marchers were held up by the police, attacked, searched, Provoked...but they stood their ground and gained a great victory.

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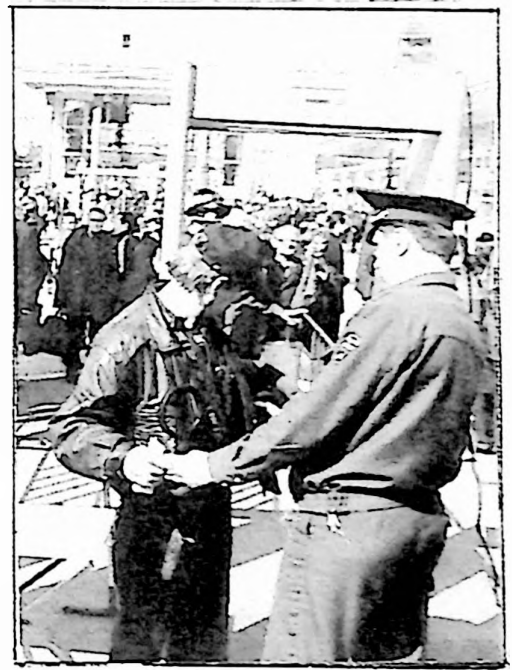
The authorities allowed us to hold another meeting on the Slavic Square, where there are many Russian government ministries and the reception hall of President Putin. In order to disperse the over 5,000 young demonstrators and thus disorientate them, the police made each demonstrator go singly through a metal detector gate. Therefore the

meeting was delayed for over two hours while Muscovites were waiting on the other side of the barriers. The police and militia started all sorts of provocations and disrupting tactics against the marchers – and this showed the participants the actions that were meant to provoke some sort of struggle. The Communist youth was not provoked into these police inspired and provoked

skirmishes.

At the end of the meeting, part of the demonstrators of youth went to the building of the Lithuanian Embassy and protested the jailing of a leading member of the Lithuanian Communist Party and some members of the National Bolshevik Party youth who barricaded themselves in a train box car on the railway Moscow-Kaliningrad. In this way these young people protested the elimination for Russians of a transit visa to that part of Russia.

During the night the disguised OMON and security organs attacked the marchers, resting near the headquarters of "Trudovaya Rossia". These attackers were already prepared, during the dark hours with wooden and steel bars and chains. Their mission was to beat up senseless the young people and close the headquarters of Trudovaya Rossia which organized this march. The young people showed courage and beat off the attackers. The attackers in plain clothes had to flee and hide themselves. 14 young people were seriously beaten up, while four others were rushed to the hospitals in Moscow in very critical condition.



Putin's goons searched and intimidated the youth, but lost.

Who were these attackers? They looked like football fanatics and skinheads, at the service of the authorities. The mass media of course stated that these were ordinary citizens who opposed this march of the young people and the

leadership of Trudovaya Rossia. The truth is that neither of these two elements were the attackers, even though everything pointed at them. The Skinheads are usually ready to attack people from the Caucasus, Africans and other colored people, while the football fanatics usually love to fight with their football opponents. Try as the media tried, all things pointed to the state security-personnel who were set up to beat up the young marchers.

The proof of this is that the militia did not come to the defense of the young marchers, or took any steps to apprehend or arrest these attackers. The police arrived at this carnage-provocation only after one hour. Besides, these police were in plain clothes and some were video taping pictures of all those that were hurt and rushed to the hospitals...from atop an unmarked automobile near the headquarters.

These attacks are beginning to be common and are a constant reminder as to the intention of this "democratic Russian state".

But this repressive "democratic state of Putin" cannot break the will of the people. Two weeks later another March took place in Moscow and its regions, organized by the Avanguard Red Youth, Union of



Police had check-points at entrances to cities. They held up for many hours the marchers, but the march was not broken!

Communist Youth, Russian Communist Union of Young Bolsheviks, All Union Guard of Bolsheviks, Russian Workers Party which went through Balahiha, Reytov and Zheleznodorozhny. The aims of this March was to bring into the struggle those people who are still dazed or sleeping, to struggle for their own benefit. If the political activity and demands are boiling over in Moscow, in the outlining cities and towns, some of the people are of the opinion that somehow things will resolve themselves without their

participation and they not need to be politically active.

This March around Moscow was a success and the slogans were: "Freedom for political prisoners", "To the Bankers, a tight rope", "Revolucia". After the March there was held a massive meeting, a rock concert by Russian anti-capitalist performers.

Together we are a mighty force- no repressive regime will ever be successful against us!

OPEN LETTER FROM THE CPRF TO PRESIDENT PUTIN

Sent by the Communist Party of the Russian Federation on December 1, 2003

Mr. President:

It is obvious that the December 7, 2003 parliamentary elections will be neither free, nor fair. We are now observing an unprecedented manipulation of public opinion and preparations for falsification of the election results.

The society watches with disgust the flow of lies and slander from TV, controlled by your administration. Dr. Goebbels looks pale as compared that with the heads of the State TV channels Mr. Dobrodreev and Mr. Ernst are doing. The reason is obvious. The authorities are unable

to sustain fair competition with the CPRF patriotic block.

We offer a program for Russia's revival – the ruling party wants to continue to plunder Russia. It has nothing to tell the voters. Hence the "United Russia's" shameful refusal to participate in TV debates! Of course, after mountains of destructive laws were pushed through by the "United Russia", it cannot retain voters support.

Therefore it counts on lies and slander to deprive the CPRF – the opposition's leading force of this support.

However, the narrow mindedness of your assistants who are behind this campaign is demonstrated by the quality of their attempts to slander the opposition.

The previous accusations of "Rosagropromstroy" of the CPRF-linked financial abuse have blown up like a soap bubble. The accusations of "friendship" with Mr. Berezovsky have evaporated as everyone knows

that this hardened anti-communist was behind the creation of the "Unity" fraction and organized your presidential election.

Now, as in the worst time of the Yeltsin's regime, the administrative pressure is widely used against the opposition. Dozens of governors, ministers and mayors of the "United Russia" candidate lists are formally on leave. Yet, their staff is not on leave and they block in every possible way the voters' meetings with the opposition candidates, lock the halls, switch off electricity, and intimidate the voters.

The Central Election Commission does not even try to deal with numerous facts of gross violation of the law. The courts obediently remove our candidates from elections. Why Mr. Skuratov – the former Attorney General of Russia is persistently denied registration as a candidate? Isn't it because the Federal Security Service, which you headed at that time, has played a

considerable role in his unlawful dismissal? And after all of this, you go to your Western friends and assure them of the triumph of democracy in Russia.

If this is democracy, what is authoritarianism and lawlessness?

Not relying only on lies and intimidation, the falsification of the election results is being prepared. Obviously not without your consent. It is already been publicly claimed that the "United Russia" will receive 35-40% of the votes. And this is a party that has just emerged, that pushes through destructive laws and is known only because it supports the president and the president supports it. Thus, both of you stand supporting each other, in order not to fall, as the ratings are obviously hollow. Mr. Shaimiev at the previous elections has stolen from us at least 600 thousand votes. It has been proved in the courts. And nevertheless, Mr. Shaimiev heads the "United Russia" candidates list. What is it, if not a signal to the next forgery?

We regard all these ratings lies as preparations for wide falsification of



GENNADY ZYUGANOV

the results of the elections. All, including you, know that the CPRF is supported by over a third of the voters. If you doubt it, ask your special services for the latest data. The real level of the patriotic forces' support is much higher. We are absolutely confident that the CPRF potential is over 50%. Give us a quarter of the TV time provided to the ruling party, including

Zhirinovsky, and you will get immediate confirmation. But power is not based on the "Empire of Lies". Therefore the TV center is guarded much more strongly, than any nuclear reactor.

We understand of course that all this is not an amateur performance by a group of officials. Their actions, undoubtedly, have your full approval. The purpose is obvious. The establishment of the regime of personal power that will transform Russia into an appendage of the global oligarchy, and parliament into a section of the presidential administration, controlled by low-ranking official.

It is high time, however, to think of the long-term consequences. Do not forget, that always and everywhere Bonapartism comes to an end. You should not think the power in Russia could long be upheld by professional liars or a crowd of a greedy and unreliable servants, running over from one party to another and now assembled in the "United Russia". They have sold out all the regimes, which they served. They will sell you out. Just give them time.

I inform you that we have called on our supporters to come to the elections and to carry out the most rigid control of their results. Our observers will not leave the polling stations until they receive copies of the protocols. Our supporters are ready to picket the polling stations in order to prevent violations of the law. We shall consider the election commissions' chairpersons, who will refuse to give out copies of the protocol, to be criminals. If falsification of the elections will take place, we shall, question their legality with all the consequences.

By this letter, I certainly do not hope to return you on the path of prudence. I have no illusions. But I am obliged to warn you. It is my duty to millions of Russia's citizens suffering for over ten years from gangster capitalism and corrupt officials. Also, it is my duty to the world public that is watching with alarm and bewilderment the developments in Russia.

The lies have short legs. One will not go far on them!

Gennady Zyuganov
Chairman CPRF Central Committee

COMMENT:

An excellent letter, but a bit too late to have any effect. Unfortunately in this letter by Mr. Zyuganov, there is not a word about socialism, resurrection of the Soviet Union or the demand for resignation of the Putin Administration for the economic crimes that they have committed. There is not even a word about the working class or a threat of a General Strike to protest the coming falsifications. No wonder that the apathy of Russians is there – not much difference in approach – since the CPRF is working within this capitalist mafiosi regime and has not fought hard enough to stop some of the terrible laws that were passed by the Russian Duma.

FROM A POLITICAL PRISONER IN VLADIVOSTOK!

In a letter from his wife Tanya in Vladivostok, she sent us a Russian copy of the "VladivostokTimes" from last November 5th where there was a survey done, with the following question: "What would you do if the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution happened again?" The results are as follows:

42% said that they would actively support the Bolsheviks.

27% said that they would wait out the results.

16% said that they would leave the country.

10% said that they would fight the Bolsheviks.

SOROS: HIS HANDS IN SERBIA, GEORGIA, AND RUSSIA

RIA-NOVOSTI, December 1, 2003

The Georgian events that resulted in a take-over of power had been staged according to the plans of US Imperialism and the helping hands of the Soros Foundations. Nikolai Kovalyov, former chief of the Russian security (FSB) charged in the Weekly News TV program in Moscow.

"The Georgian Opera was played smoothly and harmoniously. It was composed in Yugoslavia three years

ago. What happened there was not incidental. To the best of my knowledge the full alert was announced in the Spring of 2003."

At that time already, the prepared Georgian team had undergone training in camps 70km from Belgrade. These included suitable Georgian politicians who have staged this velvet revolution. Georgian politicians were shipped to Serbia in teams. Saakashvili, the present "president-to-be" was trained in Serbia for 6 months and visited all of these camps.

These camps were already opened in 2002 and are funded by the US through foundations. The fact is that these camps in Serbia were and are training men from 6 other former Soviet republics. There are representatives there from Moldavia, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Ukraine, among others. They were all involved in the Georgia unrest, according to Mr. Kovalyov.

Hammer And Sickle Raised Over State Duma in Moscow

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With the help of the construction workers, Armen Veniaminov, a member of the Komsomol, the Young Communist's League, got onto the roof of the State Duma in Central Moscow on November 7th, 2003, and even as thousands of Communist supporters were marching by the parliamentary building, replaced the present tricolor flag with the hammer and sickle flag. A rain of leaflets, glorifying the Great October Socialist Revolution rained down upon the passers-by.

Several young men managed to get onto the roof and they scattered leaflets glorifying Socialism.

Having done their duty, the young Komsomol members fled while the police rushed to put up the tri-color Vlasov flag, but not before the red flag fluttered over the State Duma for over one hour.

The Nov. 7th marchers hailed the raising of the Soviet flag with great applause and exultation. The marchers carried Soviet flags and slogans, such as "Long live the 86th Anniversary of the Great October"

and "Lenin, Party, Komsomol" and pictures of Lenin, Stalin and Che Guevera. The Komsomol member who raised the Soviet flag is running for a post in the State Duma on a Communist ticket. The workers, doing repair work helped the Komsomol member reach the top and raise the red flag. The young comrades, if caught by Putin's police, would face a year in prison.

SOROS INSTITUTE EXPULSED FROM OFFICES IN MOSCOW

From channelnewsasia.com

The Soros Foundation has been expelled from its offices in Moscow by about 40 men in camouflage uniforms, representing the owner of the building who claimed that the foundation has not paid the rent.

The men, accompanied by youth stormed the Moscow offices of the Open Society Institute of US billionaire George Soros last month, forcing all of the staff to leave, before taking away documents in trucks.

The young people came out with scores of boxes from the offices, full of pornographic pictures that the foundation was sending out. The owners of the building, Sector-1 explained that the foundation has not paid rent since 2001. Of course the representatives of the Soros Foundation said that this was illegal and that rent had been paid.

The president of the Russian Soros Foundation, Ekaterina Genieva is now in Italy. The Soros Foundation is active on behalf of US imperialism in all of the former socialist countries, promoting Western values and capitalism.

What behind the death of Berdugin?

By Rafael Martinez
Editorial Board of Proletarskaya
Gazetta

We would like to give a brief account of the political activity of the anti-capitalist militant Sergei Berdugin, member of the Ukrainian Komsomol who died recently in custody of the Ukrainian authorities, and his associates.

According to various sources, the group he belonged to was initially part of the Communist Party of Ukraine (CPU), which is analogue to the revisionist Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF). However, they basically worked outside this party. Their organization de facto worked under the leadership of Gubkin (a Russian political activist jailed by the Russian authorities for alleged participation in terrorist activities.) They expropriated petty businessmen. No violence was inflicted, but threats and other means of convincing were used instead. The appropriated means were used to expand the material basis for their activities. They had certain amount of weapons. These young people have nothing to do with the National Bolshevik Party (NBP), although the activities of the later party were welcomed by them.

Unlike Gubkin, who clashed with the CPRF. Berguin's group avoided, as much as they could, clashing with the CPU. This group is made up of people who are 17 to 25 years of age, with no clear political orientation. Their struggle ended up the way we expected it to end up. We always tried to convince this type of militant political activists, that petty bourgeois terrorism would lead nowhere in the struggle of the masses against capitalism.

What do we recommend? We recommend not concentrating people's attention on the actual activity of these individuals. Rather, we need to focus on exposing the violence, the torture, the arbitrariness inflicted on these young people by the present bourgeois authorities. We should firmly reject any form of repression inflicted by the bourgeois authorities. We know, that torture is practiced; we have learned it from individuals who have suffered from it, from their lawyers and their relatives. Moreover, these practices are not even concealed by their perpetrators. It is our duty to denounce any violent or humiliating practice developed by the present bourgeois authorities, regardless of the so-called crimes committed. It is because of this that we have published in the latest issue of Proletarskaya Gazetta (PG21) an article exposing the fascist repression in the Ukraine (a letter from Andre Yakovenko, one of Berquins associates, who is now in

jail). In this material we have tried to leave aside the character of the activity of the victims, but tried to concentrate on the Gestapo-type essence of the bourgeois authorities in Ukraine. The death of Serge from torture needs to be denounced as a premeditated assassination, whether it was due to violence inflicted or to the failure to provide medical assistance. ■

TELL ME WHO YOUR FRIENDS ARE---

British press reported the following in October:

Former CPSU member, a dear friend of Gorbachev, Yeltsin and Putin and also a citizen of Israel, Roman Abramovich does not only own the British Chelsea Football Club, but now he has purchased a six-storey home in Eaton Square, London for 28 million pounds.

Mr. Abramovich already owns in Britain a 450-acre estate in West Sussex, plus having homes and properties in Moscow, French Riviera, Spain and large properties in Israel. All this plus money in Swiss Banks and in the Cayman Islands. All of this in 10 years?

Was Mr. Abramovich really a CPSU member?

UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT RAISES TENSIONS ON THE BLACK SEA

By VLADIMIR RADYUSHIN

Control of the Tuzla Island gives control of the Kerch Strait, which is the only shipping route between the Azov Sea and the Black Sea for Russian ships. Ukraine is challenging Russia to this island and has stationed its border troops there. After the break-up of the Soviet Union, this is a disputed area.

Ukraine unilaterally drew a border-line along the strait and has been charging very high toll fees to all the Russian ships that pass through the only deep waterway on its side of the strait. Ukraine, going to join NATO

soon, is fulfilling NATO's plans, since this is a very strategic point, and if Ukraine controls the Kerch Strait, warships of NATO and Turkey will freely ply the Azov Sea that is very deep inside Russian territory. ■

BIRDS OF A FEATHER...

Below you see a photograph of Mikhail Khodorovsky in an intimate discussion with former President Boris Yeltsin – Mikhail Khodorovsky is Russia's richest man, and in this photo he and Boris Yeltsin met with the most powerful businessmen at the Moscow Kremlin on June 2, 1998. That is when Russia's vast assets were privatized after the fall of the Soviet Union, and these assets were snapped up by a handful of businessmen.



These businessmen are known now as oligarchs, and played a most powerful role in decisions of policy under President Yeltsin as they did and do under the present regime of Putin government. As is well known now, President Putin, in order to distance himself from this shady character, although the biggest money contributor to Putin's campaign, as the owner of Russia's biggest oil conglomerate Yukos, arrested Khodorovsky on October 30, 2003 and fired his chief of staff Voloshin from all of his duties.

The above item is from AP

despatch, while the item below is from the Jerusalem Post of November 13, 2003.

But in all of this, there is the tail that will give the anti-Semitic conspiracy theorists much to chew upon, with the imminent arrival on this scene, of the NEW power behind the Khodorovsky's oil empire. Stepping now into the breach is the formidable figure of Lord Jacob Rothschild, head of the London branch of one of the most illustrious families in the annals of banking.

What Putin discovered (*or said that he knew nothing about? Editor*) only after he attempted to freeze Khodorovsky's stake in Yukos oil, was that the arrest had automatically triggered a secret trustee agreement that Khodorovsky had concluded with the 67-year old Lord Rothschild several months earlier.

Thus, when Khodorovsky was arrested, Lord Rothschild of England automatically assumed control over

the \$8 billion stake in Yukos, which had been held by the Gibraltar-based Menatep Group.

Though both are separated by a generation in age, Khodorovsky and Rothschild are very close friends, drawn together by a passion for art and business. Both of these men are trustees with several other oligarchs, of the Open Russia Foundation, with which the billionaire Soros is involved also.

Rothschild and others have bought up about 95% of Russia's wealth. ■

What did Stalin say on November 7, 1941 on the Red Square?

Comrades, Red Army and Navy men, commanders and political instructors, men and women workers, men and women collective farmers, intellectuals, brothers and sisters in the enemy rear who have temporarily fallen under the yoke of the German brigands, our glorious men and women guerrillas who are disrupting the rear of the German invaders!

On behalf of the Soviet Government and our Bolshevik Party I greet you and congratulate you on the 24th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution.

Comrades, today we must celebrate the 24th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution in difficult conditions. The German brigands' treacherous attack and the war that they forced upon us have created a threat to our country. We have temporarily lost a number of regions, and the enemy is before the gates of Leningrad and Moscow.

The enemy calculated that our army would be dispersed at the very first blow and our country forced to its knees. But, the enemy wholly miscalculated. Despite the temporary reverses, our army and our navy are bravely beating off enemy attacks along the whole front, inflicting heavy losses, while our country – our whole country – has organized itself into a single fighting camp in order, jointly with our army and navy, to rout the German invaders.

There was a time when our country was in a still more difficult position. Recall the year 1918, when we celebrated the First Anniversary of the October Revolution. At that time three-quarters of our country was in the hands of foreign interventionists. We had temporarily lost the Ukraine, the Caucasus, Central Asia, the Urals, Siberia and the Far East. We had no allies, we had no Red Army – we had just begun to create it – and we experienced a shortage of bread, a shortage of arms, a shortage of



equipment.

At that time 14 States were arrayed against our country (including US, Britain, France—Editor)

But we did not become despondent or downhearted. In the midst of the conflagration of war, we organized the Red Army and converted our country into a military camp. The spirit of the great Lenin inspired us at that time, for the war against the foreign interventionists.

And what happened? We defeated the interventionists, regained all of our lost territories and achieved victory.

Today our country is in a far better position than it was 23 years ago. Today it is many times richer in industry, food and raw materials. Today we have allies who jointly with us form a united front against the German invaders. Today we enjoy the sympathy and support of all peoples of Europe, who have fallen under the yoke of Fascist tyranny. Today we have a splendid army and navy, defending the freedom and independence of our country with their lives. We experience no serious

shortage either of food or of arms or equipment.

Our whole country, all the peoples of our country, are backing our army and navy, helping them smash the Nazi hordes. Our reserves in manpower are inexhaustible. The spirit of the Great Lenin inspires us for our Patriotic War today as it did 23 years ago.

Is it possible, then, to doubt that we can and must gain victory over the German invaders? The enemy is not as strong as some terror-stricken pseudo-intellectuals picture him. The devil is not as terrible as he is painted. Who can deny that our Red Army has more than once put the much-vaunted German troops to panicky flight?

If one judges by Germany's real position and not by the boastful assertions of the German propagandists, it will not be difficult to see that the Nazi German invaders are facing disaster.

Hunger and poverty reign in Germany. In four and a half months of war Germany has already lost four and a half million soldiers. Germany is bleeding white; her manpower is giving out. A spirit of revolt is gaining possession, not only of the nations of Europe under the German invaders' yoke, but even of the Germans themselves, who see no end to the war.

The German invaders are straining their last resources. There is no doubt that Germany cannot keep up such an effort for any long time.

Comrades, Red Army and Red Navy men, commanders and political instructors, men and women guerrillas!

The whole world is looking to you as a force capable of destroying the brigand forces of German invaders. The enslaved peoples of Europe under the yoke of the German invaders are looking to you as their liberators. A great mission of liberation has fallen to your lot.

Be worthy of this mission! The war that you are waging is a war of liberation, a just war. Let the heroic images of our great ancestors – Alexander Nevsky, Mikhail Kutuzov – inspire you in this war!

Let the victorious banner of the great Lenin fly over your heads!

Utter destruction to the German invaders!

Death to the German armies of occupation!

Long live our glorious Motherland, her freedom and independence!

Under the banner of Lenin – onward to victory!

COMMENT:

Lenin and Stalin did not have or needed their "speech writers" - they believed and practiced what they were saying.

700 CANDIDATES TO THE RUSSIAN DUMA HAVE TRICKED THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Russian Central Election Committee has come up with a list of at least 700 candidates in the December 7th election to the State Duma who had deliberately misled the Russian government about their income. This information has been reported by the Gazeta.ru in its recent report. *As the saying goes – what is good for the goose is good for the gander – Editor.*

The present law stipulates that a candidate does not have to disclose all of his or her finances. But the Commission has the right to inform the voters when this information comes out. Most of the candidates have tried to hide their many cars, apartments, shares in companies.

Vitali Azhilin of the "Rodina Bloc" is the leader in the amount of hidden capital he has – which is over \$47.5 million. If this is born out and no strings are pulled, he can be disqualified.

Even the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and its candidate Vasily Altukhov forgot to mention two cars, a tractor and shares, but not listed his most expensive Mercedes S600L.

Heading the list of "liars" is Lapshin of the Agrarian Party which has 63 liars going for election. Second place is held by the CPRF that has 60 candidates who forgot to list all of their assets.

But, what about Mr. Putin and his gang and the multibillion dollars in donations? Sorry, they make the laws, they do not follow them. ■

Mikolas Buroljavicus will be free soon!

By Vladimir Pronin

We received news from Lithuania, which will make not only all of the communists happy, but every decent person who also pines for truth and decency. Last October 3, 2003, the Lithuanian court has taken off two years from the sentence of this heroic and dedicated leader of the Lithuanian Communist Party, its First Secretary. Unless somebody throws a monkey wrench into this decision, Mikolas will see freedom on January 15, 2004.

What has happened, that the Lithuanian court that sentenced Buroljavicus on trumped-up charges to a twelve year jail sentence, now has reconsidered this unwarranted sentence? Was it the guiltiness in the Lithuanian governments heart? History teaches us that the bourgeois state has no heart or has no pity, remorse or gives a damn about right or wrong, it only knows power, unless their is constant criticism of its action from the local population and also from the international solidarity movements, protesting to the government in power.

Mikolas himself, following the changes in Lithuania, appealed to the Supreme Court to disallow the sentence, based on the changes to the Constitution. Though the codex of the Lithuanian law was changed, the main reason for the court's decision was due to international pressure, plus the pressure from the Communists in Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia.

There is now a new president of Lithuania, Paksas. Also, many articles for his liberation were published in the above-mentioned countries, plus in Canada, Bulgaria, Japan and many other countries. These protests, appeals and articles helped to make a difference in this case. It will not be too long to have Mikolas free - in order to take up his dedicated revolutionary struggle for socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

This again confirms the fact that without an organized effort and demands on his behalf, nothing would have been accomplished – the unified actions and protests do in

most cases produce results. The idea that someone else will do this work is self defeating - or the idea that those that are now governing the country will somehow come to their senses – never happened and will never happen.

We will await the freedom for our comrade, after ten years sitting behind bars, by this heroic Lithuanian communist and dedicated Marxist. He will soon be among his family, his friends and comrades to continue the struggle for the working class and socialism. We are certain, that in spite of being ten years older, or his deteriorating health due to the jail conditions, we shall again struggle and fight together Mikolas Martinovich! ■

BOOK REVIEWS

SEX SLAVES

THE NATASHAS: THE NEW GLOBAL SEX TRADE

By VICTOR MALAREK

Viking Canada 288 pages \$36

The *Natashas* is not an easy book to read. Not only does the award-winning Canadian journalist Victor Malarek outline how thousands of impoverished women and girls are bought and sold into prostitution around the world each year, he also gets inside the mind of these traffickers and their European and North American sex tourists, who travel the globe looking for what one of them described as the "*Eastern European quality.*"

On the global sex circuit, it seems that Slavic women – from Ukraine, Serbia, Bosnia, Byelorussia and Russia, among other places – are the most desirable. Or maybe they are just the most vulnerable, writes Malarek. Many of the mafiosi bands prey on their present poverty and desperation. Malarek chronicles in heart-wrenching detail how so many of these women, looking to escape the abysmal poverty now existing in the former sex circuit and are enslaved in a kind of modern-day debt peonage system, where they

are forced to repay "debts" to human traffickers who smuggle them across international borders.

The book begins with a 19-year old Ukrainian girl named Marika on her way to what she thinks is a waitressing job in Tel Aviv, Israel. When she arrives at her destination, the traffickers inform her that she was purchased for \$10,000 to be a prostitute and will have to work off a debt that, upon her arrival, has already doubled from the original purchase price.

"That's right, I felt for the first time what it was to be a whore," says Marika.

"They call all of us Natasha's. They never asked our real name. To them, we are all Natashas. We were their fantasy. These foreign fools would all walk into the parlor and, with a stupid grin on their face, call out "Natasha!" like we were some kind of a Russian doll."

According to the US State Department's report on human trafficking for 2003, up to 900,000 people – mostly women and children – are trafficked across international borders every year. Although the organized trafficking of women by criminal gangs had its roots in the 19th century, modern-day trafficking began in late 1970's with women from Southeast Asia, which comprised what "the first wave". The second wave, in the 1980's comprised of women from Africa, and the third wave were from Latin America.

The fourth wave, which is the subject of Malarek's book, hails from the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, where the present turn towards exploitative capitalism, market economies, has forced many people down under severe poverty line.

Malarek chronicles their suffering. He travels to Europe, the Middle East, and to various parts of the former Eastern Bloc countries to interview women who were sold into sexual bondage. He also interviews some of the traffickers, many of whom seem to live up to the stereotype of lecherous Mafiosi.

One of the "new Russians" traffickers, who goes by the moniker Tarzan, tries to convince Malarek to be his Canadian partner in a sex slave market.

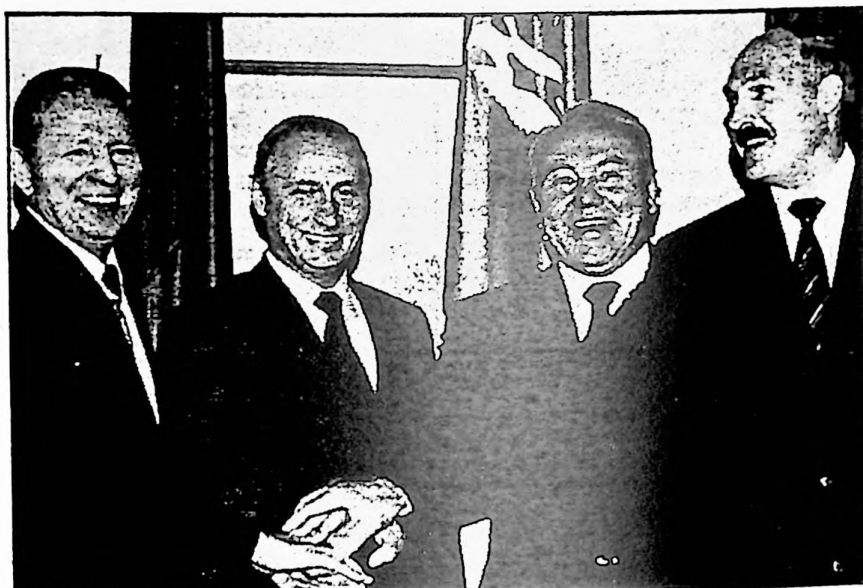
"It is easy to get access to the

girls," he tells Malarek, who is posing as a prospective business client. "It's a phone call. I know the brokers in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kiev or Minsk. I can call Moscow tomorrow and show you how easy it is. I can get 10-15 to 20 girls shipped to me in a week."

In one of the most interesting part of this book, Malarek surfs the Internet and hits up "*The Ukrainian Exotic Escort Agency*", an Odessa-based site that in March of 2002, auctioned off a 19-year old Ukrainian virgin named Diana. The package, which included airfare, visa and a full 24 hours with Diana, ended up going to the highest bidder: an unnamed man from France, who

pledged \$3,000.

Most of the stories in this book are harrowing, but Malarek's account is not entirely bleak. He recounts stories of security officials, aid workers and priests who try to help the victims of the Mafiosi traffickers in women and children. A Canadian police officer stationed in Kosovo, a year after NATO bombing campaign, devotes much of his time investigating the trafficking and pulling young sex slaves out of mud cellars where they were often kept by their Albanian KLA masters. But as soon as his unit liberated a group of women, these women are very soon replaced by another group.



Here we see the leaders of Ukraine, Russia, Uzbekistan and Byelorussia in a photo-op in Moscow – all smiles, all in agreement – all happy that they are building "market economies". We wonder whether they bothered to read the above expose about the sex trade in their countries? Do they really care? **Not really!** We would suggest that they wash their hands quickly – they might get even more contaminated than they really are! Or is that possible? If, we are to believe that President Lukashenko of Byelorussia is different, then may we suggest he be the first one to scrub his hands very quickly!



Dear readers:
Although NSC has published stories and photographs about this bloody event that took place in 1993, here is an in-depth account, which we are pleased to publish for our readers.
Editor

BLOODY ANNIVERSARY

Last October of this year, Russia held memorials on this the 10th Anniversary of the bloody massacre, provoked by Yeltsin on October 3-4, 1993. Again, on all of the TV screens there was shown the black smoke rising from the Supreme Soviet

building and the massacred bodies lying on the pavements and in the building. The non-official figure of those massacred runs to over 5,000 Soviet people. Yeltsin won this victory, but up to his knees in blood. This dismemberment of USSR started in August of 1991.

In the Russian State Duma (*Parliament*) there was put forward a resolution demanding that there should be held a new inquiry into this massacre of 1993 and the sentencing of those responsible. But President Putin's majority in the State Duma defeated this resolution. The perpetrators are free to this day. But, it is necessary to go step by step into this horrific tragedy.

Yeltsin's massacre in Moscow can be compared to the 1848 rebellion and also to the Paris Commune Revolution in 1871, or even to the Pinochet massacre in Chile. Yeltsin is the follower of the dictators like General Galif, Tiera and Pinochet.

On September 21, 1993, Yeltsin signed the directive of "*Reforming the Constitution*", disbanding the Supreme Soviet, Congress of Soviet National Deputies. The Constitutional

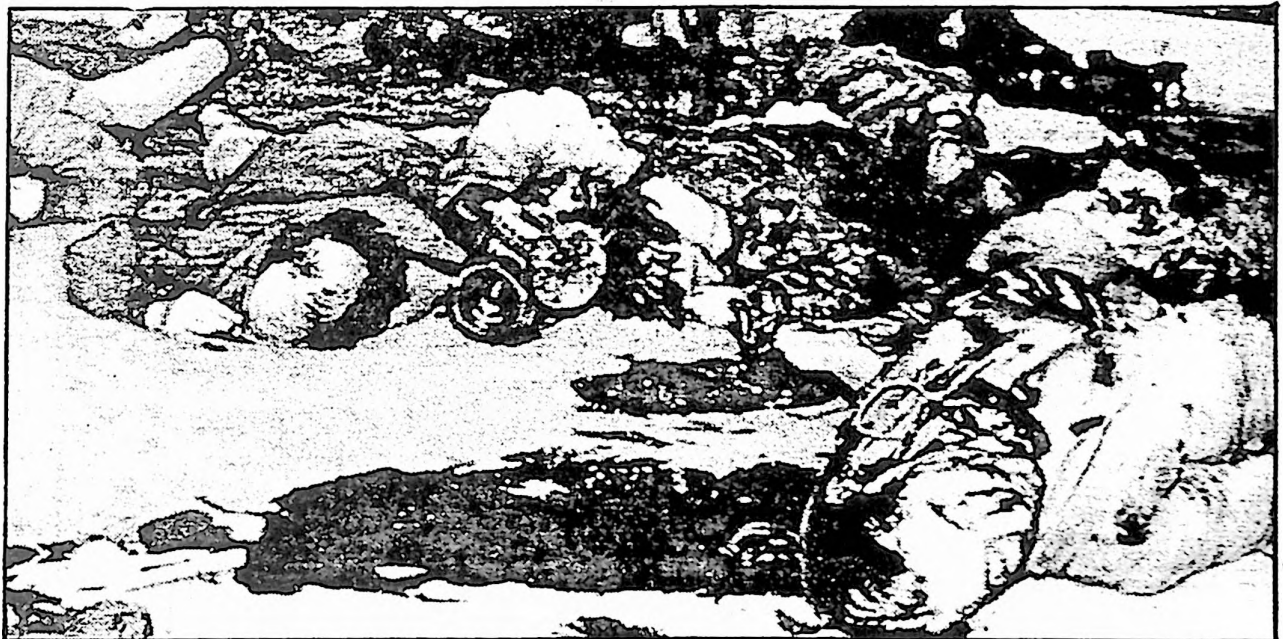
Yeltsin refused to obey the Constitutional Court or the decision of the Supreme Soviet and started to organize his loyal forces for the upcoming bloodshed. The Mayor of Moscow, Luzhkov, in cohorts with Yeltsin, shut off electricity, water, heat, fire safety mechanism and all telephones in the Supreme Soviet building where the Soviet Deputies were meeting, plus all of the staff. Yeltsin ordered that the White House (*Supreme Soviet building*) to be surrounded by a barbed wire fence, plus three columns deep of OMON security police and Yeltsin's private security guards.

On October 2, 1993 on the Smolensk Sq. near the White House there took place a meeting of many, many thousands of people who came to defend the Supreme Soviet. The OMON security police attacked these thousands of people with wooden clubs, but were thrown back by the wrath of the people. The people broke through this encirclement and rushed towards the White House in order to defend the Supreme Soviet building and the elected Soviet Deputies. On their

goons, having got first to the TV tower, opened up machinegun fire on the demonstrators. Then Yeltsin ordered tanks and armored cars that also opened fire on the demonstrators with hundreds of deaths and wounded.

On October 4, thousands of defenders of the White House surrounded the Supreme Soviet in order to defend it, this, the last remnants of Soviet rule. Yeltsin sent many tanks, armored carriers to bombard the Supreme Soviet. Salvo after salvo from cannons, tanks bombarded the White House, setting it on fire, and then Yeltsin gave an order for snipers to kill anyone that tried going out of the Supreme Soviet building. Yeltsin also gave this infamous order: "**All those taken prisoner are to be cut up like a cabbage!**" The defenders were rounded up, taken to a sports stadium nearby and shot like dogs en masse. Doctors that came to the scene charged that many of those killed were shot at the back of the head - execution style. There is actual evidence now that in these executions that took place there was

Bodies shot, Machine-gunned lay strewn on the square, while hundreds of others were shot in the sports stadium. When will these driminals be brought to justice?



Court of the USSR refused to agree to this, on the grounds that this act constitutes and eliminates at least 10 articles of the Soviet Constitution. The Supreme Soviet of deputies, having read the Constitutional Courts decision, agreed unanimously to take Yeltsin out from the Presidency and in his place appoint the vice-president A. Rutskoi as a temporary president until election is held.

way, the peoples forces took over the Mayors Office building, but they were met with a hail of bullets from Yeltsin's snipers and many deaths took place there.

Then the mass of people went to the Ostantkino TV tower in order to be able to broadcast to the whole Soviet people the demands of the Supreme Soviet deputies. Then Boris Yeltsin's personal armed

the 6th Brigade of Rapid Deployment Section of NATO, under the command of John Konty. It is these snipers who killed people from the tops of buildings.

The Russian newspaper "*For USSR*" published an unbelievable documentary letter of Valerie Vorontsova: "*When the shooting started - wrote this girl - in front of my eyes they killed my girlfriend, with*

whom I was a friend for over 10 years...after that I was also wounded in the stomach by a soldier dressed in civilian clothes, with hatred in his eyes. I threw myself over a wounded man, who was one of the defenders, thinking that this scum will not shoot a girl, but he shot at me and the bullet went into my back. Then as they dragged me down the stairs bleeding profusely, the two OMON soldiers raped me right on the stairwell. I came to only after 4 days in a hospital. I left the hospital only on March 4, 1994...leaving the hospital I could not live in Moscow. I cannot bear to see this city where I was born or the people. In every OMON police I see one of the two bastards who raped me. Every night in my dreams I live through that terror of seeing butchery as we defended the Supreme Soviets. I scream now every night. I know that I cannot live under this present regime, under whose hands I was nearly killed, degraded, robbed of my youth and belief..."

This beautiful, brave blond girl, who was now only 21 years of age, committed suicide, unable to bear the tragedy of the loss of the Soviet Union and the thousands of deaths. Amongst the victims of Yeltsin's butchery, there were scores of children under 15 years of age. Amongst them was also a 15 year old son of the Soviet Cosmonaut Egorov, a defender of the Supreme Soviet, who was shot in the sports stadium...while his father Egorov, died of a heart attack, only two weeks after this tragedy occurred.

The Yeltsin's press now, plus Putin's mass media, try to explain this tragedy and to put the blame on the "ambitions of Rutskoi and Khasbulatov - Chairman of the Supreme Soviet", and they blame also the "communist-fascists bandits" who wanted to defeat the new "democracy". They also charge that the defenders of the Supreme Soviet building opened fire on the tanks first. As to the permitted genocide of innocent people, they explain it as "defending the Russian democratic state from a civil war" and that "it was not as bad as people believe."

All of these excuses, propaganda, or innuendo, does not hold water. Their charge that the defenders of the Supreme Soviet building opened fire first on the tanks and cannons,

but even by the official statements by the present regime, there was not one soldier or OMON police that was wounded or killed! Yeltsin and his Western masters provoked this bloodshed in order to scare the rest of Russia and to solidify his rule!

What were the real reasons for this bloodshed on October 3-4, 1993? They were, from one side, the solidification of the counter-revolutionary forces that were responsible for the August 1991 revolt and to do away with the last remnants of Soviet power, the Supreme Soviet. Also, to stop any peoples revolt against Yeltsin's reforms, which was the restoration of capitalism in Russia and in other former Soviet republics.

The masses were not led in a systematic way unfortunately, towards the overthrow of the present regime. The Supreme Soviet was not led aggressively enough by Rutskoi or Khasbulatov. Although they were against Yeltsin, they belonged to the section called "democrats" They even refused to arm the defenders of the Supreme Soviet as everyone demanded, seeing what was going to happen if they did not. Also there was the TV mass media influence that Yeltsin was a "Good Czar" as was shown in the April referendum when Yeltsin got great support. In order to throw out the bourgeois regime, you need a workers revolution, well organized and well led. That is why the peoples' revolt of 1993 was doomed to failure.

As a result of Yeltsin's "victory", he pushed through a new constitution, established the Russian "presidential monarchy" The Supreme Soviet was eliminated and replaced by the subservient Duma, and thus the last

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remnants of Soviet rule was liquidated. A great number of laws adopted by Putin's Russian Duma was meant to solidify the dictatorship of capital, private ownership of means of production and no safety for the working class. Unfortunately in the present Duma, even though there are a large number of CPRF Communist deputies, they all practically voted with the present regime.

What lessons can we draw from the 1993 counter-revolution?

(1) Again the lie of the real "democracy" under capitalism was shattered. The lie of constitutional rights, laws, that even today the apologists for capitalism like to spout off, or the lie that they are "fighters against totalitarianism" are more and more under the heels of soldiers boots, bullets, batons, if anything stands in the way of the wishes of the present regime. The Yeltsin's dictatorship, brutal repressions, total dictatorship is well known. That means that the word "democracy" just masks outright dictatorship, bordering on fascism.

(2) Once again the mask came off this "liberal intellegencia". Admitting that Yeltsin led the counter-revolution, one of the members of the "democratic intellegencia" Mr. L. Batkin, made a statement at that time: "Our nation's constitutionalism" which was meant as a barrier to real democracy. Using all of these manipulations the right-wing forces started step by step to turn the country into capitalist state. So, by force, this was accomplished in the name of "real democracy". At that time the "intellegencia" fulfilled Yeltsin's command to "cut into pieces this socialist snake", demanding the bombardment of the defenders of the Supreme Soviet, while another member of the Yeltsin's "democratic intellegencia" A. M. Chudakova demanded that all communists should not be allowed to have a voice!

(3) Once again the masks dropped off the faces of the "defenders of the rights of men" -the US imperialists and other imperialist states. All the world saw the vicious bombardment from tanks and cannons of the Supreme Soviet White House, ordered by Yeltsin. But which country broke off diplomatic relations with Yeltsin's Russia, which country

criticized this genocide? The capitalist press began to nullify this attack and in diplomatic way gave credit to Yeltsin because he saved the market reforms that led to capitalism. But, not a word of criticism in the capitalist press that Yeltsin broke all the laws of the Russian Constitution – with the carnage of thousands of deaths!

This tragic defeat of the peoples uprising, once again, confirmed the correctness of Marxist-Leninist theory of the class struggle and the proletarian revolution and, what is needed for its success.

Remembering the bloody massacre of October 1993 will never

go away, it will always be remembered. Valeria Vorontsova, before she died as a defender of the Supreme Soviet, left this note: "Understand, the October tragedy has not ceased, for some of us this fight and struggle is continuing and will continue until such time that the Yeltsins, Filatovs, Shakhrais, Grachevs, Erinyes, Burbulisies and others will meet their deserved sentence!"

The retribution will be forthcoming! This is confirmed by history! The memory of the defenders of the Supreme Soviet White House and the Soviet State is sacred and it shall live on forever!

COMMENT:

Adding to this excellent expose, other NSC correspondents and real communist parties exposed the fact that Yeltsin and his entourage had their get-away planes ready at the airport to leave in a hurry. Seeing that there was no nation-wide appeal for the Soviets to go unto the streets for the defense of the Supreme Soviet by the leaders of the Supreme Soviet, Yeltsin stayed on and won this bloody counter-revolution. Even Gennady Zyuganov, leader of the CPRF instead of appealing to the people to come and defend Soviet power, he urged the people to stay calm and stay at home!

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GEORGE'S CRUSADE

It is already some time ago that George W. Bush used the word "crusade" for the first time in regards to this war against terrorism. As was to be expected, the Islamic peoples of Afghanistan, Iraq and other countries in and around the Middle East immediately interpreted this as a direct attack on the Islamic faith. Bush made his remarks at the time he was visiting Israel. He furthermore revealed that he takes his instructions directly from God and that he had been told by Him to attack Afghanistan and Iraq. At an earlier time, Bush had already had pronounced that God was not neutral, God is with America, he said.

It did not take long before more intelligent people in the Bush administration understood that this choice of words by their leader could cause grave problems and that the war on terrorism could be derailed onto the wrong track. After all, a Crusade for the West means Jihad for Islam, and that plays directly into the cards of Osama bin Laden and Al

Qaeda who, armed with Bush's words, can recruit even more people for their fight against the "infidels" from America and the Western world. Hence the reaction from Washington that Bush' words have been misinterpreted and also wrongly translated.

Despite these explanations, it remains an issue that refuses to disappear. In an article in an American publication "The Village Voice"(1) October 15-21, 2003, Sydney H. Schanberg writes under the title "The Widening Crusade" that there is absolutely no doubt about Bush' intentions to expand the war beyond Iraq to Iran, Syria and other countries. Among other things, Schanberg bases this on recent attack by Israel on a Syrian installation, which was immediately approved by Bush, as well as on the already well known document from "The Project for the New American Century (PNAC): Rebuilding America's Defenses".(2)

Schanberg writes: " People close to the president say that his conversion to evangelical Methodism, after a life of aimless carousing, markedly forms his policies, both foreign and domestic. In the soon-to-be-published book: The Faith of George W. Bush

(Tarcher/Penguin), a sympathetic account of this religious journey, author Stephen Mansfield writes (in the advance proofs) that in the election year 2000, Bush talked to Texas preacher James Robinson, one of his spiritual mentors: "I feel like God wants me to run for president. I can't explain it, but I sense my country is going to need me...I know that it won't be easy on me or my family, but God wants me to do it."

Mansfield also reports: "Aides found him face down on the floor in prayer in the Oval Office. It became known that he refused to eat sweets while the American troops were in Iraq, a partial fast seldom reported of



CRUSADOR
BUSH

an American president. And he framed America's challenges in nearly biblical language. "Saddam Hussein is an evildoer. He has to go." The author concludes: "...the Bush administration does deeply reflect its leader, and this means that policy, even in military matters, will be processed in terms of the personal, in terms of the moral, and in terms of a sense of divine purpose that propels the present to meet the challenges of its time."

That sounds to me an awful lot like a crusade. Bush has sent his troops to Iraq to fight a war for a "divine cause". I don't remember that he explained this in such terms to the American people or to the United Nations, nor to the soldiers that have to carry out his plans. Perhaps that explains why Lt. General Jerry Boykin recently received a promotion. General Boykin fits the mould in which Bush forms his U.S. government policy. According to an article in the Los Angeles Times (3) of October 16, 2003 – Boykin stepped on the pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and described a set of photographs he had taken of Mogadishu, Somalia from a US Army helicopter in 1993. After development of the pictures, he noticed a strange dark mark over the city. An image interpreter trained by the military examined the mark and told him: "This is not a blemish on your photograph; this is real".

"Ladies and gentleman, this is your enemy." Declared Boykin while flashing the pictures on a screen. "It is the principalities of darkness. It is a demonic presence in that city that God has revealed to me as the enemy."

Now, Boykin is not exactly a US minor military bureaucrat. He received the earlier mentioned promotion from the Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, who awarded him a third star on his collar and appointed him to the position of Deputy Secretary of Defense and Intelligence. Like President Bush, Boykin too looks to the Almighty for his information and direction. The Los Angeles Times describes him as "an intolerant extremist who has spoken openly about how his belief in Christianity has trumped Muslims and other non-Christians in battle." Some other utterances of Boykin are:

"George W. Bush has not been elected by a majority of American people. He has been appointed by God".

"I describe myself as a warrior in the Kingdom of God and I invite others to join with me for the United States through repentance, prayer and the exercise of faith in God".

Well, so noted the Los Angeles Times: "...all Americans including those in uniform are entitled to their views. But when Boykin publicly spews intolerant message while wearing the uniform of the US army, he strongly suggests that this is an official and sanctioned view – and that the US Army is indeed a Christian Army."

On September 27, 2003 Boykin was in Vero Beach, Florida, where he spoke in name of Visitation House Ministries. "President Bush: said Boykin, "often says that this is not a war against Islam. In his National Security Strategy, Bush declared that that the war on terrorism was not a clash of civilizations. Yet many in the Islamic world see the US as waging a cultural and religious war against them. In fact, the White House's own Advisory Board on Public Diplomacy for the Arab and Muslim Worlds reported this month that since 9/11, hostility towards America has reached shocking levels. Arabs and Muslims respond in anger to what they perceive as US aggression of their societies and cultures." The task for the US, the report said, is to wage "a major struggle to expand the zone of tolerance and marginalize extremists."

Marginalize the extremists! Now that looks like a good idea. Not promoting, but marginalizing. The sooner the USA begins to implement this policy in its own house, the sooner the crusade of George W. Bush will come to its deserving end.

- (1) The Village Voice
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- (2) PNAC.<http://www.newamericancentury.org>
- (3) Article Los Angeles Times.<http://www.commondreams.org/bIEWS03/1016-08.htm>

THROUGH THE SIGHTS OF A GUN

By VIC RATSMA

For all the focus on the war in Iraq and Afghanistan these days, and mindful of the imperialist goals of the USA for world hegemony, the struggle of the Palestinian people for a life that provides at least some measure of stability and security, goes on unabatedly. The endless acts of violence that are responded to by counter violence find their roots in the despondency and desperation of a people who have lost almost everything that most of us take for granted. Unfortunately, the future does not look promising.

In the October 22, 2003 edition of the Israeli newspaper (1), there appeared an article by Reuven Pedatzur, under the title "A New Threat Pops Up – Egypt". The author makes a case that, now that the threat from Iraq is no longer a reality, Prime Minister Sharon and his Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz immediately invent new threats to the security of Israel coming from Saudi Arabia, Syria and Egypt.

Pedatzur quickly dismisses both Syria and Saudi Arabia as being of any threat to Israel at all. The Syrian military is so weak, even Syrian officers don't believe that it is capable of conducting a war against Israel. As for Saudi Arabia, all that they have done is move a few F-15 fighter jets, which they have had for many years, a few miles closer to the border, which does not increase their threat one iota.

Defense Minister Mofaz of Israel is worried about further cuts to his defense budget and therefore attempts to resurrect old enemies to new status. Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia appear not to be enough of a threat, so Egypt got added as well. The Israeli Defense Minister cautioned last week against Egypt's arms stockpiling over the past few months, purchasing among other weapons, sophisticated, satellite-guided JDAM bombs from the USA. Of course this should not come as a surprise to Israel. After all, fully 87% of US military financing abroad is funneled to the Middle East, with 2.1 billion dollars to Israel, 1.32 billion to

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Egypt and 200 million to Jordan (2). But apparently the Israel defense department went further than that and leaked out that *"In the past two years regular Israel IDF corps have been training on battle scenarios in the Sinai peninsula, simulating a defense battle with Egyptian forces. Israel intelligence had collected information indicating an increase in Egypt's order of battle and substantial weapon stockpiling. Egypt has also built fortifications throughout the Sinai for the future war."*

But why should Israel worry about Egypt? Obviously, it's best friend and ally, the USA, doesn't worry about Egypt, since it provides the military funds for it and also for Israel. And Israel has a valid peace treaty with Egypt. *"War is not an option"*, Egypt's president repeatedly states, practically begging Israel to be careful in the territories so that it does not cause an escalation that would lead to a regional war.

But, writes Pedetzur: *"Why should we listen to Mubarak or try to understand his position and constraints, when it is so much easier to fall back into old, familiar patterns; we can attack him, demonize him and mainly insult him, with a broad hint about the terrible, dark regime that will soon be taking his place...Sharon and Mofaz (the other Israel Ministers have no say anyway) see the world in general and the Middle East in particular through the sights of a gun. They do not trust the Arabs, wherever they come from -Nablus or Cairo; in their mind, we have no choice but to solve our problems in the region with military force, just as we have been doing with the Palestinian problem. They are not concerned that the situation might escalate and lead to war; they may even be hoping that this happens. It therefore makes perfect sense for them to dispatch Israeli jets to drop bombs outside Damascus, magnify the Iranian threat, demonize Saudi Arabia and heat up tensions with Egypt. If a war breaks out on one of these fronts, war will finally be on solid ground - after all, using force is one thing we know how to do."*

(1)<http://www.haaretz.com/spages/352373.htm>

(2) US Foreign Military Financing report cbj05-mil.pdf

SHRUB

By VIC RATSMAN

George W., otherwise known as "Shrub" is peeved off. You would even be able to say that he is furious, but you can't be too sure about that because he lies like the best of them, that is to say: an awful lot. But what is Shrub so upset about? Well, it is because of those Iraqi teenagers, who, in their disgust of what the United States is doing to their country, robbed two American soldiers of their backpacks and mutilated their bodies. *"It shows what kind of thugs they are,"* said Shrub *and what kind of crimes these gangster-terrorists are willing to carry out, but they will not succeed in expelling us from their country."*

Now I am not writing about this incident in order to approve of it. Of course it is gruesome when young people express their feelings in such a manner. But, is Shrub really so upset about this incident or is he secretly glad that he has found something new with which he can denigrate his opponents and light a fire under his own troops? After all he did pronounce his condemnation and disgust with this incident in front of a large number of troops who will shortly be dispatched to teach these "terrorists" a quick and forceful (American) lesson. But Shrub's own troops are not exactly the Salvation Army, although no stone is left unturned to portray them as an "Army of Liberators."

Perhaps it would have been better if Shrub, during his time in the Texas Air Guard, where he was mostly AWOL (absent without leave) and where he escaped from the regular military duty, had himself been sent to Vietnam to carry out his duty to his country. He could have learned a thing or two there about gangster acts in places like for instance Mi Lai, where all men, women and children that lived there were murdered by American troops. And not only Mi Lai, but many other villages were seized and razed to the ground and its inhabitants killed. But I don't think that Shrub would be capable of



witnessing such crimes. After all, on his personal orders, no one in the United States is allowed to even get a glimpse of the many coffins carrying dead American soldiers whose bodies are returned from Iraq and Afghanistan. Nor can he find the courage to attend even one of the funerals of American soldiers who have been killed there. Actually, I think that Shrub hasn't even seen a picture of the Iraqi teenager incident, because he says that he receives all of his information (in)directly from his trusted sources in the White House, like Condoleeza Rice, Dick Cheney and others.

Anyway, it seems to me that the time has come that Shrub receives some real information about the events in Iraq. Those darlings from his Liberation Army who now also are supposed to be disturbed and upset by the crimes of these Iraqi teenagers, will no doubt show them how it ought to be done. After all, they are armed so much better and are so much more advanced that they will not lower themselves to such despicable acts. It is much more acceptable to drop bombs from on high, fire missiles from afar and shoot rockets from tanks, so that you don't have to witness the pain and destruction that your actions deliver. Many US journalists and photographers were present during the initial stages of the war. Some clips of what they recorded made it unto the American television, but says Shrub, the media has presented these pictures in much too a negative light of what is happening.

But in a recent TV program produced and shown by the

Canadian Broadcasting System (CBC) (1) in which about ten reporters discussed and showed how it really was, we did finally see the reality of war in Iraq, a reality that vividly shows the indiscriminating cruelty of war. Take a moment to compare these wholesale crimes to those of the Iraq teenagers and answer: Is it more acceptable to see American bulldozers push dead Iraqis into a mass grave? Is it more acceptable to see only some widely spread, blown apart limbs as the remains of a human being, some one who was a living person only a few minutes earlier and who was someone's father, mother, son or daughter? Is it more acceptable to see the burned bodies of a whole family, father, mother and children in a burned out vehicle with pain from torn bodies and missing limbs in a hospital that has neither medicines nor any means to ease the pain? Is it more acceptable to see children sitting in ruins on what was once their home, while their father and mother lie underneath the rubble?

If we compare Shrub's fury about the Iraqi teenagers with the horror and terror that his "liberation army" has wrought on this poor country and its people, and if that can be a reason and a means to further accuse and motivate his troops, then can we conclude that this man, who says that God is on his side and that He has instructed him to start this war, is himself in a state a great moral decay. Let this multi-millionaire Shrub and all his wealthy millionaire colleagues, people who have access to everything they may want, let them for once look into the eyes of fathers, mothers and children who have lost everything that made their lives worth living. And let us then hear them say, as Madeleine Albright once said about the 500,000 children that perished in Iraq because of the Anglo-American sanctions against their country: "It was worth the price." **Is that really still human?**

(1) <http://www.cbc.ca/deadlineirag> ■

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- *The torture of pro-government supporters and government officials;
- *The kidnapping and unlawful detention of President Chavez for 48 hours;
- *The arbitrary arrest and persecution of pro-government supporters and officials;
- *The violation of rights to political participation and self-determination, by unjustly imposing an un-elected de facto government on its citizens;
- * The perpetuating of the media black-out on information during the mass protests that were demanding President Chavez's return to power, by distorting all the news and manipulating images that were used as justification for the violence, aggression and the coup itself.

These crimes violate fundamental human rights embodied in the American Convention on Human Rights, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man and the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. **Amnesty International itself has documented these atrocities in their 2003 Annual Report:** <http://web.amnestu.org/report2003/en-summary-eng>.

We find it unacceptable that Amnesty International, a world-wide organization campaigning for internationally recognized human rights, would bow to pressures from groups and states opposing the showing of this documentary film. This film is being screened around the world, so it is hard to believe that Amnesty International should buckle under – unless of course, someone is pulling the strings vigorously.

If Amnesty International is truly concerned with the impartial protection of humans rights, it would allow the screening of this documentary film that shows horrific human rights violations. We support this important chronicle of the

This is the Statement that we support of condemnation against the Amnesty International decision in banning the film from Venezuela "The Revolution will not be Televised" to have been seen on November 6-9, 2003 at the Pacific Cinemateque in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Editorial Board of NSC and International Council

We write to express our deepest support for public viewings and screenings of the award-winning documentary film "The Revolution will not be Televised". The pressure put on Amnesty International by US supported opposition groups in Venezuela and their international backers, we find it essential to declare our support for this revealing film which, evidences heinous rights violations carried out during the April 2002 coup d'etat in Venezuela and its president Chavez.

This is an extraordinary film by Irish filmmakers Kim Bartley and Donnacha O-Brian, who by happenstance were able to document events surrounding the April 2002 coup d'etat against the elected President Chavez of Venezuela. These filmmakers were in the presidential palace and documented the events of the US inspired opposition forces who violently overthrew the government, dismantled Venezuela's pillar democratic institutions, including the National Assembly, the Supreme Court, the Constitution and offices of the Attorney General. The film exposes the atrocities of human rights, including:

- *The extraordinary killing of scores of people; ■

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CIA quietly backed Pope, a new book claims

From AP News Service

In a partnership that involved many trade-offs on such issues as abortion and nuclear arms, the US government and Pope John Paul II secretly worked together to hasten the fall of communism in Poland and other Eastern European countries, according to the new book, co-written by **Watergate** reporter **Carl Bernstein**.

The Pope met many times with the late CIA Director William Casey and former Deputy Director of CIA Vernon Walters - in total, 15 times, exchanging sensitive information in a joint effort to bring democracy to Poland, while avoiding Soviet military intervention, according to the book, written together with the Italian reporter Marco Politi.

As part of this informal alliance between the United States and the pontiff in the Vatican, President Reagan cut off funding for family planning program overseas, and the Pope kept silent on US efforts to install cruise missiles in Western Europe.

The authors obtained classified US cable to the White House, CIA and State Department, revealing the contents of secret discussions between the Pope and the Reagan administration. They also conducted hundreds of interviews with the key players in Rome, Washington, Warsaw and Moscow.

Of course the Vatican had no response to the book: "*His Holiness: John Paul II and the Hidden History of Our Time*," released last month by Doubleday.

But in 1992, after the TIME magazine article written by Bernstein made similar claims of an alliance between the Pope and the US government, the Papal Vatican spokesman, Joaquin Navarro called the conclusions "*bizarre*" and said that the Pope never met with Casey of the CIA.

The Pope said publicly that Reagan and himself were committed to fighting totalitarianism.



Pope John Paul II, meeting with President Reagan in the Viscaya, a lavish mansion on Biscayne Bay, Miami, September 10, 1987. One of many face-to-face meetings with Reagan.

According to the book and the documents gotten, the Pope was informed, consulted and was in agreement with the secret funding of the Polish counter-revolutionary Solidarity Union, totaling more than \$50 millions.

The agreement to stop funding millions of dollars for family planning

around the world was done "in deference to the Pope" the book says.

The book also notes that the Pope agreed to be silent, after appeals from President Reagan, on the introduction of a new generation of US cruise missiles into Western Europe, facing the Soviet Union. ■

CHENEY'S HAWKS HIGHJACK USA POLICY

By EMILY W. BLAIR -Al-Jazeera

The unconscionable high-jacking of US foreign policy, by the neo-com, neo-fascist, "arm chair" chicken-hawks, has occurred here and Bush is playing along with it, or is too weak and ignorant to put a stop to this crime. We are entering uncharted waters, in a phase of our history, where the 228 year old tradition of democracy is coming to an end, and a frightening era of tyranny is beginning...Bush had created a "*Titanic Ship of Fools' War Machine*" that is destined to hit even rougher waters, and will result in a tragedy of enormous proportions.

US people must fight this undemocratic coup d'etat and neo-

nazi phenomena, before the tragic massacre of innocent human beings on a massive scale (*exceeding the already 15,000 slaughtered by the Bush regime in Iraq*) occurs in the Middle East. A potential Middle East holocaust could very soon take place, in our name, on a scale not seen since WW II.

Bush and his corrupt cabal of thugs lack the moral fortitude and the intellect capacity to broker a sound Middle East peace agreement. Indeed, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is dictating the US foreign policy, egged on by the UIS neo-cons' lust for war, and the results will prove to be catastrophic for Israel in the longer term, the USA, the Middle East, and the entire planet—as a new 21st Century holocaust will prove a blight to all of humanity.

A former Pentagon officer, turned whistle blower, said that a group of US war hawks in the Bush administration, including Vice President Cheney, is running a

shadow foreign policy, contravening Washington's official line.

What these people are doing now makes the Iran-Contra (a Reagan administration national security scandal) look like an amateur hour...it's worse than Iran-Contra, worse than what happened in Vietnam, said Karen Kwiatkowski, a former US Air Force Lt. Colonel.

President Bush is not in control, he is the puppet fulfilling his role. Key administration posts are staffed by neo-conservatives. Lies were told to the US Congress in order to bring them on board about Iraq.

There were many suspicions voiced by concerned Republicans as well as Democrats, and the New York Times quoted Patrick Lang, a former senior Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) official, as saying that many in the US Government believed the invasion of Iraq and incursions into Syria, was an effort by these ideologues to disrupt cooperation between the US and Syria.

Lt. Colonel Kwiatkowski said that *"in the US there is an extra-governmental network operating outside the US Congress structures and practices, and that President Bush, willingly is part of this underground effort. A network of political appointees exists in key government positions, who felt that they needed to take some action to make this happen in foreign affairs, looking at the unfavourable internal economic situation in the US. CIA and other US agencies were pressured to favourably assess and alter all reports."*

In a separate interview, Chalmers Johnson, an authority on US policy, said that the Administration's neo-conservatives had *"in effect seized power"*.

Dr. Johnson also said that the neo-conservatives had pursued an agenda outlined in the controversial 1992 Defense Planning Guidance. That document, drawn up at the direction of Mr. Cheney, when he was the Defense Secretary, said: *"We as the world's only super power should not be cautious about asserting our power!"* ■

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ATROCITY IN VIETNAM EXPOSED- TO RIVAL MY LAI - after 36 years.

By Paul Harris, The Observer

At the height of the Vietnam War, Vietnamese civilians were butchered by a US army unit, but this carnage was covered up. But this was not My Lai. This bloody massacre has only come to light last month - and not one of America's elite corps of reporters can claim the credit. It was a huge scoop. Yet the newspaper that uncovered this atrocity was not the venerable New York Times or the Washington Post, still resting on its Watergate laurels. Nor was it the New Yorker, famed for its in-depth journalism. It was The Blade, a daily newspaper with a circulation of just 150,000 that serves the Ohio city of Toledo, by Lake Erie.

For four days last month, The Blade ran its tale of massacre of innocent Vietnamese civilians by a US army unit called Tiger Force. The story was immediately hailed as the discovery of a *"new My Lai"*, the infamous massacre of Vietnamese villagers that lifted the veil on the wartime US brutality.

America's larger dailies and TV networks were left scrambling to make up the ground - no easy task. Two Blade reporters had spent eight months working solely on this scoop. Another reporter joined them part-way through. Together, they interviewed more than 100 people, tracking down former soldiers in Tiger Force and finally traveling to Vietnam to interview survivors and witnesses.

"The reaction has been overwhelming. The attitudes of the government for the past 36 years has been to keep this quiet", said Ron Royhab, a Blade executive editor.

The story began with a tip of to the Blade's Washington bureau about some classified documents. The information was passed on to Ohio, where a reporter, Mike Sallah, began to dig. That process began to turn up references to a secret investigation into the Tiger Force.

Requests for army documents was repeatedly turned down, meaning The Blade's team would have to track down witnesses and victims themselves.

The details of the scoop are harrowing, both for the Vietnamese survivors and many of the still-living US Army soldiers.

The US Tiger Force operated out of control in the Vietnamese highlands for seven months in 1967. Moving across the region, the platoon of 45 paratroopers slaughtered unarmed farmers and their wives and children. They tortured and mutilated victims. A litany of horrors has emerged - a baby decapitated for the necklace he wore, a teenage boy for his tennis shoes. A former Tiger Force sergeant, William Doyle, told reporters of a scalp he took off a young nurse to decorate his rifle. The Blade investigation concluded that hundreds probably died. *"We weren't keeping count,"* a former soldier who is now a California firefighter, told the paper. *"I knew it was wrong, but it was an acceptable practice."* Another, Rion Causey, then 19-year old medic and now a nuclear physicist, talked of how villagers were routinely shot: *"If they ran, we shot them, and if they didn't run, we shot them anyway."*

The killing spree was either ignored or encouraged by the army top brass, but when an inquiry did take place, it lasted for four years, and it is still classified as secret. Details were not released to the public. No one was charged. Bill Carpenter, a former special infantryman with the Tiger Force, believes that the self-styled death squad's former commander, Lt. James Hawkins, should be held accountable. He *"thoroughly enjoyed killing"* and, now retired in Florida, still defiantly defends his platoon's wartime activities. *"I don't regret nothing"*, Hawkins said.

But memories of the blood run deep in Vietnam. One farmer, Nguyen Dam, now 66, vividly remembered being attacked. *"Our people didn't deserve to die that way. We were farmers. We were not soldiers. We didn't hurt anyone,"* he said.

The Blade also found out amazing stories from within Tiger Force itself. One soldier, Gerald Bruner, turned

on his own men and ordered them to stop shooting civilians or he would open fire. For this, he was berated by a commanding officer and told to see a psychiatrist.

Bruner was almost alone in resisting the killings. Yet the brutality left its mental legacy. Barry Bowman, a Tiger Force medic, told The Blade that he is haunted by nightmares after witnessing the execution of one elderly Vietnamese man. Others described flashbacks and many have sought therapy to cope with their crimes. Others expressed no remorse at all. Moreover, criminal charges are unlikely to be brought against them.

However, the series of stories about the Tiger Force seems certain to put the Blade in contention for the Pulitzer Prize.

COMMENT:

This is just a summary of this news story about some of the US atrocities in Vietnam. Many of these atrocities will never see the light of day now. Of course, all of those members of the US Tiger Force are devout church-going, bible-reading zealots – the Church will forgive them – after all – God is not neutral, God blesses Americans whatever they do! ■

US TESTS NEW BOMB IN FLORIDA

The US has tested on November 22, 2003 its most conventional bomb, by dropping it into a Florida test range, in the last development step for the huge bomb.

The bomb is called the Massive Ordnance Air Blast Bomb (MOAB) and it is guided via satellite and carries over 8,500 kilograms of high explosives.

It detonates just above the ground after the tip of its nine meter bomb touches the earth, causing a huge mushroom cloud that is filled with flames.

The woman in charge of the MOAB program, Lynda Rutledge said, that the latest test was designed to prove the bomb's effectiveness to the US combat commanders.

SLOVAK TRADE UNIONS

From Slovak Spectator

During the first week of the petition for a referendum in the Slovak elections last month, the Slovak trade unionists have managed to collect more than 115,000 signatures calling for the removal of the current Slovak cabinet, news wire SITA wrote.

President of the Confederation of Slovak Trade Unions, Ivan Saktor is satisfied with the results and sees that the petition will succeed.

Opposition parties like Smer, the Slovak Communist Party, Democratic Left Party, the Slovak National Party have been assisting the trade unions.

The trade unions want to have the team of Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda removed for what they call an attitude that is damaging to the Slovak society and the adoption of laws by the present government that are hostile to the country's citizens. ■

US ADMINISTRATION FACES SUBPOENAS FROM 9/11 PANEL

*By Philip Shenon
New York Times*

The chairman of the Federal Commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks, said that Bush and the White House were continuing to withhold several highly classified intelligence documents from this panel and that he, as chairman, was prepared to subpoena the documents if they were not turned over within weeks.

The chairman, Thomas H. Kean, former Republican Governor of New Jersey, he said in an interview that he knows that the bi-partisan 10-member commission will soon be forced to issue court subpoenas to other Washington Executive Branch agencies because of the continuing delays by Bush administration in providing documents and other evidence needed by the commission.

"Any document that has to do with this investigation cannot be beyond our reach" Mr. Kean said last month as an explicit warning to the White House, including President Bush's desk and his intelligence

reports about the September 11th attacks.

"I will not stand for any delays and that means that we will use every tool at our command to get a hold of every document", said Mr. Kean.

"Anything that has to do with the 9/11 we have to see it – anything. There are a lot of theories about the 9/11 and we cannot leave questions unanswered."

Last year, the White House itself confirmed that President Bush received the intelligence report about a possible attack, one month before 9/11 attack took place.

After months stating that a subpoenas to the White House will not be necessary at all, now, the commission voted unanimously to issue its first subpoena to the Federal Aviation Administration after determining that this agency had withheld dozens of boxes of important documents involving the Sept. 11 attacks.

This Commission, which has a membership that is equally divided among Republicans and Democrats, was forced to be created by White House itself. The catch put in by Bush, is that the Commission must wind up its work by next May. The commission members say that this is impossible because the Bush administration is delaying handing over many important documents that were requested.

"It's obvious that the White House and President Bush has reasons to fear what this commission is uncovering and will uncover. As each day passes by we are getting more and more frustrated about the delay tactics by the White House. We are frustrated that we're still dealing with questions about documents to be released, when we should be sinking our teeth into hearings and to making recommendations for the future". Said Slade Gordon, a Republic member of the commission.

The "obfuscation by the White House will force us to subpoena Bush and his administration!" said Senator John McCain, Arizona Republican senator. ■

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THE WALL-MARTIZATION OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

By Randolph T. Holhut
American Reporter Correspondent

Even though Americans feel they have a bargain, but are you still willing to pay less if it means lower pay and benefits in your workplace? Or if it means subsidizing the low pay and non-existent benefits of the Wal-Mart worker with your tax dollars? Or if it means having no local alternative other than Wal-Mart, this transnational corporate giant for the goods you need, because this monopoly has driven all of its competitors out of business?

When you factor in all the havoc that Wal-Mart raises on the global economy, those "always low prices" aren't that low. Wal-Mart is a textbook example of what happens when free-market economy goes out of control.

The sheer size of Wal-Mart means that it can dictate what it wants to buy and sell. It controls over 35% of the total US market for food sales. Every week 138 million shoppers go to the Wal-Mart's 4,750 stores. It controls over 30% of household staples such as soap, toothpaste and paper towels. It even controls 15% of the market for magazines, books and clothing.

It is also the world's largest importer of Chinese non-union made goods; the \$12 billion it imported last year accounted for 10% of all USA imports from China.

The so-called low prices come with a catch.

With over 1.4 million employees, Wal-Mart is the nation's biggest employer. Just as its size allows it to control the market for many items it sells, it also has the power to affect wages and benefits beyond its stores.

Nearly half of its "associates" (as Wal-Mart likes to call its employees) make much less than the \$15,300 - what the US government itself considers as poverty level for a family of three. Wal-Mart also controls how many of its employees achieve full-time status. It's no wonder that the turn-over rate for Wal-Mart hourly workers, by the company's own estimates is over 44% per year.

Part-time workers have to wait two years before they are able to buy

health insurance, it's six months for full timers. Only two in five employees end up buying it because of the high premiums and deductibles.

Wal-Mart would rather have the US taxpayers, pick up the tab. For example, in California, Wal-Mart provided workers with instant Web-based access to country social workers so that they can quickly verify if an associate is eligible for food stamps, health insurance coverage and other state-funded assistance.

Think about it! Wal-Mart, one of the world's wealthiest corporations, steers its employees to social service industries so that state governments can provide benefits, so that Wal-Mart won't have to. If you're wondering why your health insurance at your workplace costs so much, think of Wal-Mart "always low prices" and remember this.

But Wal-Mart's stinginess to its employees goes beyond its stores. Other retailers who pay their workers a living wage, can't compete with a behemoth who refuses to do likewise. The ongoing grocery strike in Southern California is a prime example of this. The 70,000 unionized grocery workers who are on strike earn double that the Wal-Mart worker gets. The grocers, who fear Wal-Mart taking over their turf, want to cut the wages and benefits of their workers.

Since Wal-Mart is resolutely anti-union and has the most aggressive union-busting operation on any major US corporation, the chances are less than nil that a union drive can succeed in Wal-Mart. Thus, Wal-Mart has the leverage when it comes to setting wage and benefit standards for the retail industry and anyone that pays its workers more than Wal-Mart is automatically at a disadvantage.

Granted, Wal-Mart is not the only company that underpays its workers in the US. It's the biggest importer of goods that flood the US from China, which has nearly killed off the US manufacturing sector. It's also hardly the first company that has exploited government loopholes for its own

enrichment. But as the nation's biggest retailer and the nation's biggest employer, it can't help but set the pace for the rest of the economy.

Ultimately, it's the consumer that pays for the "always low prices" with jobs and lower standard of living. To save a few bucks today, you end up shelling a lot more out later in increased social costs. Suddenly, those bargains at Wal-Mart aren't so much of a bargain.

The Wal-Martization of the American economy is an issue that needs to be addressed. A race to the bottom is not a sustainable economic strategy for America.

COMMENT:

Yes, where is the AFL-CIO trade union movement in this? Or, where are the progressive political parties that somehow do not tackle this growing US state fascism and urging a boycott of Wal-Mart? What is wrong in pointing these facts out that China is playing footsie-tootsie with this imperialist union busting reactionary monopoly and thus, not only undercutting the American working class, but the present Chinese leadership does not allow even a trade union committee to exist at the industrial places where the goods for Wal-Mart are being manufactured. This certainly is not socialism, even with "Chinese characteristics!" ■

THE PEOPLE'S STAR
JAPAN

US MILITARY OCCUPATION OF JAPAN

US Imperialism dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the last stages of World War II, in order to occupy Japan exclusively. Immediately after the war, US deployed a large number of troops and built many military bases all over Japan. The objectives of the US occupation of Japan was in order to suppress the growing revolutionary movement which had as its aim the overthrow of the absolutist Emperor

system and for building socialism. US wanted and succeeded to turn Japan into a stronghold for US aggression in Asia and thus to contain the socialist country of the Soviet Union.

Under the US occupation forces, which pretended to be "liberators, bringing peace and democracy", US imperialism transformed the ruling apparatus of the absolutist Emperor regime, dissolved the Zaibatsu (Japan's traditional financial and industrial groups), consolidating the bourgeoisie's rule and US firms, based on bourgeois democracy. At the same time it prohibited by law all the anti-US speeches and actions by the Japanese people, purged all communists and sympathizers from public office (the Red Purge), robbed all of the farmers of their rice and suppressed all workers' strikes by using US tanks.

The establishment of US bases in 1951 was achieved through the treaty called SOFA and the San Francisco Peace Treaty. The Okinawa Island continued to be under US occupation until 1972. This island was called the "lynch pin" for US ambitions in the Pacific Ocean, because US imperialism built its biggest base in the Far East.

US forces enjoy extraterritorial rights in Japan. Japan has no jurisdiction over US personnel who have and are constantly violating Japan's legislation. Japan cannot arrest any US servicemen for crimes that they are committing in Japan. The US bases have become hotbeds of moral decadence and criminal activity. The US soldiers have murdered, robbed, raped, walking away without paying bills in hotels and restaurants, plus trafficking in drugs and arms.

Today there are over 100,000 USA military personnel in Asia, with 47,000 permanent US personnel in Japan. Add to this the 12,000 personnel of the US Seventh Fleet – the total US personnel in Japan is over 59,000. US also has 91 bases and facilities in Japan, which has an area over 313 sq. miles, while 25 bases are concentrated in the metropolitan area. On top of this US has 37 bases and facilities on the Island of Okinawa. In other words, 50% of all US military personnel in Japan and 75% of the area available to them are concentrated on this

small island.

The US bases in Japan are now ready for atomic, hydrogen, and biological warfare. Any country that would be at war with US imperialism will surely consider Japan to be its front base and staging area, and thus will become a battlefield for nuclear warfare.

The anti US bases struggle, the only atom-bombed country in the world, a country that has been under US occupation for nearly 60 years, and now is a foothold for another nuclear war, has great significance. We, the Communist Party of Japan (Left) demand the immediate pullout of US forces from Japan and the immediate pullout of US and other forces from Iraq and Afghanistan.

This is our international duty! ■

Truth about US Soldiers in Iraq

By HUMEIRA IQTIDAR-
Dawn in Pakistan

President Bush is trying to convince US citizens and the world at large that the increasingly negative public perceptions of US invasion and continued occupation of Iraq is a result of the media spin.

Every member of his US administration is claiming that if the critics of this invasion had gone there themselves, they would know that the situation is very different and that the Iraqis continue to be grateful to the US for liberating them from Saddam. Letters and news in the "Stars and Stripes" newspaper, catering to the Americans operating on the ground in Iraq, belie that claim.

Since the begging of the invasion at least 13 US troops committed suicide in Iraq. This represents more than 10 per cent of US non-combatant deaths. The US army has sent a suicide prevention expert to Iraq. The Stars and Stripes newspaper recently conducted a survey of 1,935 troops stationed in Iraq. It found that 49 per cent of the respondents believed that morale in their unit is very low.

About 49 per cent said that it was unlikely that they would ever re-enlist and 31 per cent said that they

thought that this war was not worthwhile. About 35 per cent complained that their mission in Iraq was not clearly defined. Letters from the troops to the Stars and Stripes newspaper also highlight the fact that those who speak out or write about the morale problems are severely disciplined.

President Bush has chosen to ignore, at least for the moment, the voices of the US soldiers in Iraq for several reasons. A key consideration is that the vast majority of these US soldiers come from the very disadvantaged backgrounds – mostly working class white, black and Hispanic families, they are the key recruiting grounds for the US army. These people have never been part of President Bush's priorities.

The Independent newspaper (UK) reported in September of this year: "Senior Pentagon officials have identified Latinos as by far the most promising ethnic group for recruitment, because their numbers are growing rapidly in the US, and they include a plentiful supply of low-income men of military age with few other jobs or educational prospects.

Recruitment efforts have also extended to non-citizens, who have been told by the Bush administration that they can apply for citizenship the day that they join-up, rather than waiting for the standard five years after receiving their green card. More than 37,000 non-citizens of the USA, almost all Latino, are currently enlisted.

US recruiters even crossed the Mexican border, to the fury of Mexican authorities – to look for school-leavers who may have US residency papers. Latinos are already doing the most dangerous combat jobs, in disproportionate numbers."

Many from the American disadvantaged communities, join the army for lack of better job options. Others join because the US funds students through college in return for active service after graduation.

The American elite is almost completely un-represented among America's foot soldiers. If they do enlist, there is no reason as to why they should be exposed to the horrors of service in the real war zone. Thus, none of the offspring of current US Senate and Congress members is serving in Iraq.

Drowning out the voices of these disadvantaged youth serving in Iraq, are the powerful neo-conservative ideologues in the White House. These neo-cons have so far shown a blatant disregard for popular opinion in pursuit of corporate ends and a few companies as well as the hegemony objectives of US policy, and are likely to continue to do so in the future.

Thus the situation is really tragic. Even if Iraqis are able to inflict more and more casualties on the occupiers, it is only the foot soldier, the under-privileged, working class youth that dies. And, despite the recent setbacks that the US has suffered in Iraq, there seems to be no respite for these young American men in sight.

Thus, while the anti-war movement can rightly count amongst its key achievements the fact that it has made waging war on Iran and Syria much harder for the US and UK governments at one level, it is important to realize that such a war is still not impossible. President Bush is in an increasingly desperate situation.

His approval rating has plunged to 49 per cent (*NBC/Wall Street Journal poll*) a 39 per cent drop from his highest rating right after the 9/11. According to the *New York Times* "Americans are for the first time more critical than not of President Bush; ability to handle both foreign and domestic problems." Only 38 per cent of US voters now think that America is "headed in the right direction" under Bush. Around 50 per cent think that "things are off on a wrong track."

Faced with this mounting unpopularity, the US unilateralist, could go into overdrive, reasoning that Bush's popularity has been the highest before the invasions, so another invasion close to the election period might save him. But these invasions carry the risk of more casualties, and in election times, the deaths of US soldiers in Iraq could prove politically harmful.

The solution of course is to use soldiers who are not only voiceless but, faceless for the American audience – say, from countries like Pakistan or other countries. Their deaths will not be an election issue. Add to it even greater propaganda campaign, excluding any semblance

of truth from TV accounts of the situation in Iraq, and the approval ratings, they believe, could be going up.

Indeed, the loyal Republican party members have already started making the right noises, Republican Newt Gingrich suggests that Bush administration's only real problem, is bad performance on the TV "communication side." According to leading US Republican political strategist, Grover Norquist, they only need to tell the Americans "how much Bush has accomplished economically and how much more he could accomplish, despite Democratic opposition in the US Congress, if he was elected for four more years to do so.!"

AN UNSUNG HERO OF SRI LANKA'S TURMOIL

By Frances Harrison
BBC correspondent in Jaffna

While countries like Afghanistan and Iraq continue to seek foreign aid for reconstruction, Sri Lanka is in the unusual position of having billions of dollars pledged for re-building after long years of foreign inspired civil war, but of not being able to spend the money.

International donors, some of them who were and are the culprits in this civil war, want to see progress in the peace talks, which began last year, but are currently suspended, before they part with their funds.

But while Sri Lanka's politicians sort out their differences, children in the north-east of Sri Lanka island are going hungry. It is a situation in which individuals can make all the difference.

"I have a job satisfaction even if I don't have electricity." I am still haunted by the words of a Tamil doctor struggling to run "well baby" clinics in the jungles of northern Sri Lanka.

MAN OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Gunaratnam is one of the unsung heroes of his country's civil service - man truly dedicated to serving his people. Displaced from his home of the former Tamil Tiger



Many of the children are chronically underweight and ill.

stronghold by the fighting in 1995, he fled to the rebel territory with half a million other refugees. He proudly told me how he reduced the malaria rate from 70% to 4% and today as a higher immunization coverage than in the south, where the war has not devastated the health infrastructure.

"I trained a battalion of volunteers", describing the village women he has trained into nurses.

During the civil war it was not uncommon for doctors in rebel territory to treat up to 1,000 patients in one sitting and be forced to operate without anesthetic.

By some strange bureaucratic quirk, the health department employees continue to be paid their salaries by the central government, although they worked in rebel territory, where there is a parallel administration.

I asked the Doctor how that worked out in practice and he explained that as long as you did your job conscientiously, the rebels would never set foot in your office.

Not that you can call it an office – his clinics take place under a large tree.

Now that there is a ceasefire, Dr. Gunaratnam's family has returned to Jaffna, but he is still living in his thatched jungle hut. He said that he thought about getting some solar panels, now that they are available and even of buying a fridge.

"But, what's the point, when nobody else here can afford these things. Why should I have them?"

SERBIAN WORKERS DEMAND RESIGNATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

From DeWAARHEID

Serbian Government has been in crisis for many weeks. The present DOS coalition which overthrew the government of President Slobodan Milosevic in October of 2000, with the help and financial support from US imperialism, has been trying to run the country, despite only minority support in the Parliament. Now the organized Serbian workers have joined the struggle, demanding that the DOS government resign. The demonstrators included miners, whose previous support for the DOS was morally decisive in October of 2000.

On October 31st of this year, thousands of Serbian people surrounded the Serbian Assembly, the police clashed with the demonstrators, who numbered over 10,000 people. The demands were for the resignation of present government, an immediate moratorium on privatization of industries, raising of wages and unsafe working conditions.

It is now known that the DOS government deputies were offering stacks of American dollars to opposition deputies, in order to have them vote with the government.

The DOS police charged the demonstrators with batons, they also blocked highways and streets leading into the center of the city, thus stopping thousands of other demonstrators to reach the main demonstration. The demands are now for a General Strike, all over Serbia. This is the first time that the government has used force against the workers.

In the preparation for this demonstration, thousands of workers camped outside the headquarters of their union in Belgrade for two nights. The Socialist Party organized people to bring tea and food to them. Most of these were young people.

The government used Special Police Brigades with clubs, tear gas and water cannons. The government deputies are now in disarray and the coalition is starting fighting amongst themselves.

It was found out that the police

were stopping scores of busses filled with demonstrators on highways 10-12 miles from Belgrade. The Union strikers are those that supported the overthrow of Milosevic, but now, they realized their mistakes and are demanding the resignation of this pro-American government. ■

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IF I WERE BUSH'S SPEECHWRITER...

A weekly commentary by the CBS Correspondent Andy Rooney, Nov. 2, 2003 – aired by CBS's 60 Minutes

Years ago, I was asked to write a speech for President Nixon. I didn't do that, but I wish that President Bush would ask me to write a speech for him now. Here's what I'd write if he asked me to – **which is unlikely:**

"My fellow Americans (the word "fellow" includes women in political speeches.)

My fellow Americans One of the reasons we invaded Iraq was because I suggested that Saddam Hussein had something to do with the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. No evidence so far, I wish I hadn't said it.

I said we were to get Saddam Hussein. To be honest, we don't

know whether we got him or not. Probably not.

I said we'd get Osama bin Laden and wipe out al Qaeda. We haven't been able to do that, either. I'm disappointed as you are.

I probably shouldn't have said that Iraq had nuclear weapons. Our guys and UN inspectors have looked under every bed in Iraq and can't find one.

In one speech, I told you that Saddam Hussein tried to buy the makings of nuclear bombs from Africa. That was a mistake and I wish I hadn't said that. I get bad information sometimes, just like you do.

On May 1, 2003, I declared that major combat was over and gave you the impression that the war was over. I shouldn't have declared that. Since then, over 215 American soldiers have been killed in Iraq. As a person that sent them there, how terrible do you think it makes me feel?

I promised to leave no US child behind when it comes to education. Then I asked for an additional \$87 billions for Iraq. It has to come from somewhere. I hope that the US kids aren't going to have to pay for it – now in school or later on when they're your age.

When I landed on the deck of the Aircraft carrier, I wish they hadn't put up that sign, saying "Mission Accomplished". It hasn't been accomplished.

Maybe it should have read "Mission Impossible."

I've made some mistakes and I regret it. Let me just read you excerpts from something my father wrote five years ago in his book "A World Transformed."

"I firmly believed we should not march into Baghdad...To occupy Iraq would instantly shatter our coalition, turning the whole Arab world against us and make a broken tyrant, into a latter-day Arab hero..."

My father also wrote:

"...assigning young soldiers to a fruitless hunt for securely entrenched dictator and condemning them to fight for what would be an unwinnable urban guerrilla war."

We should all take our father's advice.

That's the speech I'd write for President Bush. **No charge.** ■

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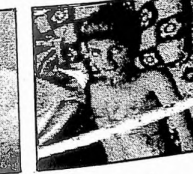
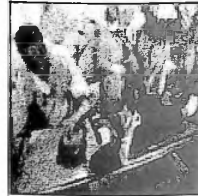
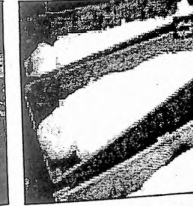
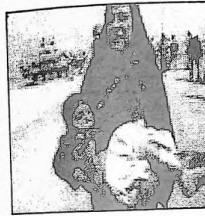
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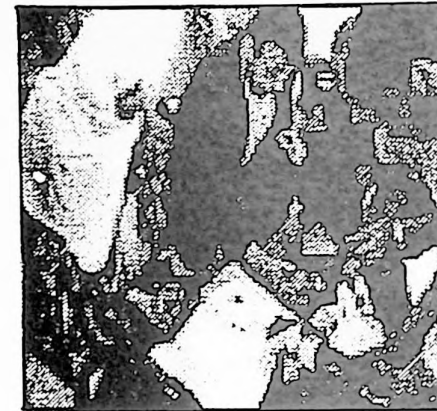
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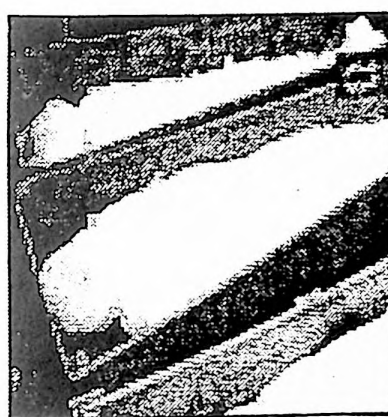
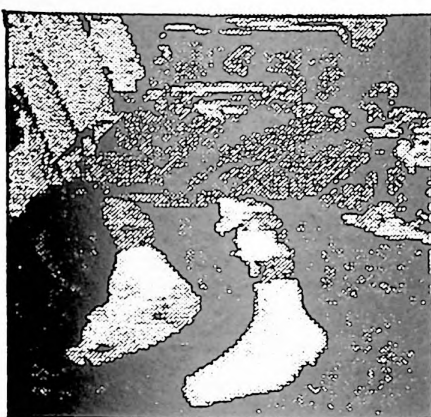
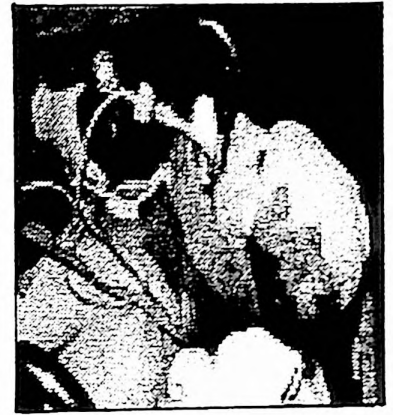
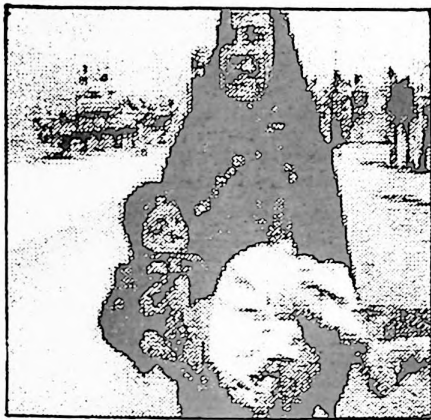
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Photographs from Iraq that you to see!

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MIAMI POLICE OPEN FIRE ON FTAA PROTESTERS WITH RUBBER BULLETS

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Here you see Nikki Hartman with her prayer beads while sitting in front of a long line of Miami city riot police during a Free Trade protest in Miami on November 20, 2003.

Riot police fire rubber bullets and used long batons, plastic shields, concussion grenades and stun guns at hundreds of demonstrators opposed to ongoing talks aimed at creating a US dominated hemisphere-wide free trade zone.

Here you see Nikki Hartman, bleeding from a rubber bullet shot to the head by these well shielded, masked goons of US "democratic rule, freedom of speech as guaranteed by the US Constitution."

Who are we kidding anyway? ■



SWANS COMMENTARY

GUANTANAMO USA

By Manuel Garcia Jr.

Cuba is a US concentration camp. Everyone there is being punished for failure to obey US Imperial authority. The USA enforces an economic blockade against Cuba that aims to starve and deprive (e.g. *withholding medicines from*) the population until they divorce their national allegiance to their own government and leaders, and give it over to the Imperial center in Washington, DC. The Cuban people have committed a crime of seeking to control their economic destiny, and of applying the benefits of economic developments (say, *profits from tourist hotels, rum and cigar production*) to the improvement of the Cuban peoples social conditions

MORE IS LESS

By Deck Deckert

The more US TV news you watch, the less you know. At least, when it comes to the Iraq war.

A University of Maryland, has discovered that a sizeable number of Americans believes one of three things – Iraq is linked to al Qaeda, Weapons of Mass Destruction were found in Iraq, World opinion favoured the US invasion of Iraq.

As is known, all three things were proven wrong. ■

179 countries voted against the blockade of Cuba in the UNITED NATIONS

From GRANMA INTERNATIONAL

On November 4th of this year, the UN General Assembly voted by an overwhelming majority to end the economic, commercial and financial blockade of Cuba by the United States.

The resolution adopted obtained this record of 179 votes in favour, while the United States, Israel and the Marshall Islands voted against, plus two abstentions.

The UN secretary general is asked to prepare a report on the present resolution " *in the light of the aims and principles of the UN Charter and international law for presentation to the General Assembly in its next*

MALNUTRICATION

Like many people in northern Sri Lanka, Dr. Gunaratnam wants desperately to tell his story. It has nothing to do with boasting – it is about venting a deep seated trauma.

It is almost as if they do not know when they will have the chance to speak to outsiders – having endured a decade of total isolation.

It is traumatic indeed to be a doctor and have to explain that the main health problem in your area is hunger, not disease.

Baby weights are laboriously marked on growth charts where there is a gray shaded area for acute malnutrition, but many of Dr. Gunaratnam's patients' weights fall beneath even the shaded area – off the chart. With horror, I only now realize that my own child, three years old, who is not very large, weights double a child of the same age here.

For the past decade the central government used food as a weapon of war. Rebel controlled jungles were sealed off and very little food or medicines were allowed in, lest they fell into the hands of the Tigers. The rebels survived, but half a million civilians went without life-saving drugs and enough to eat.

I met a 12 year old Vivek, but he looked no more than eight years of age. A mother told me that she cannot buy her boy nutrition that eggs have, because then she would not have enough to buy the staple which is rice.

In Colombo I bought some crayons and paints to give to the children. But they stood out like alien objects of little use where there was no money to buy paper. My gift of crayons seemed crass in a place where filling empty stomachs are the priority. Just as Dr. Gunaratnam's solar-powered fridge seemed an inappropriate luxury to him.

JEEPS AND OFFICES

But people like Dr. Gunaratnam have spoiled the local population – who now see his missionary zeal as the norm for the UN and other humanitarian workers.

People here are shocked to see an army of NGO and United Nations workers moving into rebel territory, driving around in expensive four-wheel-drive jeeps and sitting in smart offices.

They complain that for the outsiders aid workers, work is just a job, a job like any other – and a rather well paid one at that, they suspect.

I can't help thinking what Dr. Gunaratnam's reaction would be – they may have electricity, but do they have job satisfaction? ■

The Pledge of Resistance

From the organization
"NOT IN MY NAME".

We believe that as people living in the United States it is our responsibility to resist the injustices done by our government, in our names.

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there can be no more deaths
no more transfusions
of blood for oil.

Not in our name
will you invade countries
bomb civilians, kill more children
letting history take its course
over the graves of the nameless.

Not in our name
will you erode the very freedoms
you have claimed to fight for.

Not by our hands
will we supply
weapons and funding
for the annihilation of families
on foreign soil.

Not by our mouths
will we let fear silence us.

Not by our hearts
will we allow whole peoples
or countries
to be deemed evil.

Not by our will
and Not in our name

We pledge resistance

We pledge alliance with those who have come under attack for voicing opposition to the war or for their religion or ethnicity.

We pledge to make common cause with the people of the world to bring about justice, freedom and peace.

Another world is possible
and we pledge to make it real. ■



Although this is coarse language, it is reality how people talk. Below is the Christian war poster welcoming Bush. This is sick.



period of sessions.”

In that way the issue remains on the program of debates for next year as a question of constant interest.

COMMENT:

Knowing the pressures on the UN by US imperialism and the wishy-washy performance by the UN Secretary General, how many more years will it take for the 179 countries, an absolute majority in the UN to right this US imperialist wrong? Don't hold your breath!

The People's Answer in Bolivia

By GIOVANNI VIERRA
Secretary General of the Brazilian Institute of Socialist Culture

On October 12, 2003, the Bolivian working class, alongside with the people, took to the streets across the whole country to protest against the economic policy of President Sanchez de Lozada, who, in his turn, didn't hesitate in cracking down with savage and brutal violence, as did all the fascist regimes against the workers and peoples legitimate demonstrations. Hundreds were seriously wounded and many people, nearly got killed by the army and other forces of repression – the Pretorian Guard, who are always ready to smash any demonstration. It is inhuman and therefore disgusting in the way the rightist and fascist governments try to solve their serious socials problems as illiteracy, homelessness, unemployment, lack of proper medicare, hunger and disease, which account for the deaths of millions and millions of innocent human beings all over the world, whose only “crime” is the right to claim a better human living conditions and their fight for independence from imperialist exploitation.

The way that “democratic” and “Christian” governments (?) rule the people of the Third World Countries is simply abominable. Thus, through such demonstrations, the people have been denouncing and exposing the real face of these regimes, and

they had had enough of being defenseless and innocent victims of these Mafiosi, corrupt, rotten and degenerate capitalist system and its highest stage – Imperialism. Fortunately, the exploited masses the world over are realizing that it falls upon them to put an end to this monstrous and diabolical system, responsible for wars of aggression and coups d'etat, aimed in installing puppet governments to support and carry out in full their barbarian orders. A real Genocide!

As an actual example, we have a US Bush-led imperialism, which, with the aid of British cohort, Tony Blair are acting as the real and modern pirates – plunderers of other countries riches. However, it is not to be wondered at this, because through the years this was the common policy of all imperialist countries – the total submission, especially of the Third World countries – Latin America, Africa and Asia – in their voracious lust and appetite.

BEHIND THE RULING CLASS RUSH TO MAKE MOTHER TERESA A SAINT

By SARA FLOUNDERS

Princes, presidents, prime ministers, ambassadors, celebrities, special representatives of heads of state and three queens attended the state funeral for Mother Teresa in Calcutta on September 13. The six hours of ceremonies included a military escort and prayers from a battery of cardinals, archbishops and top leaders of other religious groups.

This funeral was a highly political event that raises many interesting questions.

Why did so many of the world's most powerful and privileged people travel so far away to pay their respects to a humble nun who cared for the destitute and sick people? Why did the wealthiest stratum of society especially love Mother Teresa?

Why had the major corporate media spent countless hours, urging that the example and the message of Mother Teresa be followed? Why are so many illustrious people who are paying homage to Mother Teresa are

Summing up, the US Military, Industrial Complex – the big boss (*il capo dei capi, the Mafia's main chief*) and its exponents in the US armed forces – Colin Powell, Donald Rumsfeld, Condoleeza Rice – just to name some of them, deserve urgent criticism and perdition from Pope John Paul II, as well as representatives from other religions, for their evil deeds and terrorist war against Iraq, Afghanistan, Colombia, Palestine and the Philippines. After all, doing so, the Pope and others will abide by their God's teachings and the Bible “*Thou shall not rob*” and “*Thou shall not kill !!!*”

**Bring the US troops home now!
Stop Bush's War on working people at home and abroad!
Down with Ariel Sharon-led Zionism!
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known for their notorious utter disregard for the poor of their own countries?

Then there's this: The media had predicted a million poor mourners would line the street. Why did less than 5 per cent of that number actually turn out?

Aren't the poor people grateful?

Mother Teresa was hardly the first or the only person concerned with the poor. In her lifetime, millions of self-sacrificing people have been attacked, jailed, persecuted and even killed for trying to change the conditions of the poor people.

What is so moving in Mother Teresa's message that she gained world fame? Why was she called a living saint? Why did she receive a Nobel Peace Prize and countless other humanitarian awards?

“The poor should accept poverty”

The day before the funeral, her successor, Sister Nirmala, reaffirmed Mother Teresa's view that “**poverty is beautiful**”.

She said that Mother Teresa was not interested in what causes poverty or in changing the existing social environment. “**Poverty will always exist,**” she said. “**We want the poor to see poverty in the right way – to accept it and believe that the Lord will provide.**”

This is the message that wealthy of every corner of the globe came to honour. For them, it is truly a holy message.

Mother Teresa never spoke of justice. She did not organize the poor people to fight for their rights or to demand a better life for themselves or their children.

She and the religious order she founded in Calcutta, India, The Missionaries of Charity, sacrificed themselves caring for destitute, dying people or orphans. But the rich and powerful loved her because she did not demand health care, pensions, a minimum wage, schools, unions or an end to the vicious caste discrimination that exists in India against the "untouchables."

Pope John Paul II embraced Mother Teresa and the Vatican Secretary of State led her funeral mass. However, within the Roman Catholic Church many priests and nuns who are deeply involved in working with the "poorest of the poor" are purged or suppressed.

The popular religious movements in Latin America, called "Liberation Theology", organizes the radical political and economic change. Militant priests and nuns support the demands of landless peasants and impoverished urban workers, allied with the communist-led liberation struggles and armed guerrilla movements.

They certainly do not agree with Mother Teresa that "suffering and disease are gifts from God." They see grinding poverty as a result of corrupt economic system that puts the drive for profits before people's needs.

Mother Teresa was an outspoken opponent of liberation theology. She was also a friend and supporter of such dictators as was Duvalier in Haiti.

She first came to prominence as an opponent of Pope John XXIII and the more liberal ideas of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. She was a strong opponent of abortion, birth control and all forms of family planning.

When Ireland was holding a referendum on whether to lift Europe's only constitutional ban on divorce and remarriage, Mother Teresa hurried there. She lectured all of the poor Irish women on the sinfulness of demanding change.

RED CALCUTTA

Calcutta, the headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity, has a population of 11 million people. It is a city of enormous poverty, chronic unemployment and overcrowding.

One third of its population lives in ugly slums. People lack adequate sanitation, running water or even electricity. Two million people are homeless, migrant or "floating."

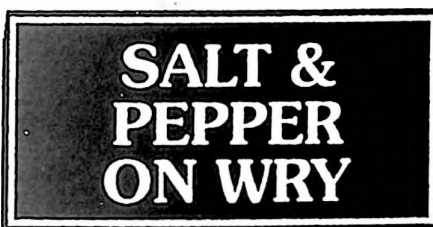
Calcutta was the capital of British colonialism in India. The British East Indies Company established the city 300 years ago as a trading center, seaport, site of cheap textile factories – and the center of the opium trade forced on China.

Calcutta was also the center of the explosive movement that ended British colonialism. It has the biggest and the most militant working class in India.

The city is a major industrial center, with India's largest port. It has powerful communist movements that have organized general strikes.

In this highly class-conscious city, the angry-poor must have viewed the applause for Mother Teresa's message – especially coming from the Western media – with deep suspicion.

While the rich and powerful move to canonize Mother Teresa as a Saint, the "poorest of the poor" are far more likely to look for leadership that seeks to end poverty, not to bless it! ■



By: Frank Ray Davis

BET ON A SURE THING:

Governor Schwartznegger's canned smile is going to fade when he tries terminating California's deep and serious problems, caused largely by hog-hunger and the kind of people who bought him the governorship. He'll long for the good old days when all he had to do to terminate a problem was gun it down, spray it with death rays, or kick it in the crotch.

So, whose back will he solve the problems on, those best able to pay

or the least ones? You bet on your rich friends? Kind and Logical Soul, you lose!

"I HAVE A COMMITMENT

to build a culture that respects life". You'd never guess who this quote is attributed to in 100 years. So, since you may not live 100 years, I'll let the rat out of the bag (or however the expression has it): George Dubya Bush!

Now pick yourself off the floor and tell me: With a life culture Dubya style, who could ever need a death culture?

I PREDICT

that Bolivia will soon be unveiled as a nest of terrorists, now that Bolivians threw out a president who'd signed over the country's huge gas reserves to Bush's petroleum pals.

A terrorist is, I gather from the way the word is used in Washington, anyone cold to Bush's brand of hungry-hog capitalism. Watch out Citizen. This might include you!

And pleading that some subversive something crept into your sub-conscious mind when you were viewing an old Terminator movie, is no adequate defense.

FOREWARNED IS FOUR-ARMED

Governor Arnold Schwartznegger appointed 3 women to his governing team. Better install mousetraps in your bras, Ladies.

2 BIRTHDAYS TOO?

Somebody remarked that the trouble with born-again Christians is that they should dubiously have been born the first time around. Dubya suggests that this somebody spoke sagely.

GAS TO INFLATE THE TERRORISM BOOGEYMAN

So Dubya has over \$200 million in his "reelection" war chest. For sure 200 million greenbacks you can cover a lots of sins, lies, and crimes against humanity.

PICKETSIGN WISDOM

"When Clinton lied, no one died. Fire the Liar".

"George Bush, kiss my ass I won't fight for the ruling class"

KEEP STATISTICS IN FOCUS

The rise of Dubya's pratboy Tony Blair has coincided with the rise in the number of rats in England. I wouldn't go so far as to claim that these 2 facts are necessarily related. ■

JERRY MORSE



AS I SEE IT!

What is George Soros up to again, or still? He is opposed to the Russian Security going into his office in Moscow. He does not like that Khodorovsky was arrested and not allowed to get bail that he offered Putin. Of course, you have to defend your protégé at all times.

Soros wants Russia to be thrown out of the G8 countries. He is fighting to hold on to his multi-billions invested in all of the former socialist countries and he is aware of the power struggles that are developing and will become more acute in these G-8 behind the scenes maneuvers and he wants to control the outcome. Soros, does the footwork for Imperialism to be sure, but no one ever said that there are no daggers behind the backs of these hungry multi-billionaires and Imperialists.

He even uses "left-wing" rhetoric and unfortunately he managed to convince some left-wingers with his anti-US imperialist statements. Beware of the dog that growls but does not bite!

Soros is active in all of the mechanizations of Imperialists and even in the forthcoming presidential elections in the USA itself. He is supporting the Democratic Party up front, but behind the scenes his bucks travel from one headquarters to another. His organization, as part of the Soros Foundation in the US is ACT (*America Coming Together*) I think that if I was Soros I would be looking into getting a bullet-proof long underwear, since time has come to get rid of his worn-out vest...it's too battle-worn.

RUSSIAN ELECTIONS

This was written before the December 7th elections to the Russian Duma, 2003. If I am to believe all the e-mails and Internet

hype about this election, then the powers in the Kremlin themselves do not expect a large turnout at all. There is confusion amongst the Russian voters. A public opinion poll published before the election said that 70 per cent of those respondents have little or no interest in this election. The poll of 1,600 people found out that over 42% of people in 40 Russian regions care very little about the parliamentary elections

28% said that they are not interested and only 6% said that the elections will settle some problems. Many people are indifferent to the results, since the TV media is in the hands of those who are promoting their own candidates. Russians, according to the poll are apathetic towards the elections since they do not believe them.

It seems that the United Russia of Putin is in first place, followed by the CPRF in second. It seems that the truth is that in previous elections the ideological debates between the right and left had more meaning and you could tell the difference. Now, the left candidates of the CPRF can hardly be recognized apart from the right.

Yes, the AUCPB is correct, that parliamentary elections will not bring back a resurrected USSR or socialism. Most candidates are just interested in the cushy Duma jobs, the perks, the pay and they will accommodate their principals as the Duma job requires.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, USA

Efficiency experts finally hit the Defense Logistic Agency of the Pentagon. They recommended to have fewer chiefs. With the Washington's Homeland Security personnel leaning on back doors of every American house, and with more money coming into their coffers, statements of saving money by eliminating the Logistic Agency personnel sounds great.

The economic situation in the USA demands great juggling skills by the White House - shuffling personnel, even though the proclaimed \$237 billion surplus somehow turned into a \$400 billion deficit, and heading for a \$600 billion deficit in 2004. Soon the collection hat will be out, using Uncle Sam's hat.

In Ohio, the US Attorney General James Petro turned on his office

lights and saw memos on his desk that the State Documents have been destroyed, even though the law states that they should be kept for 5 years. But the US law system approves many billions to be siphoned off from the users of electricity, and then allows the destruction of all documents, in order to cover their tracks.

MOSCOW

Capitalist crimes in Russia are competing with US financial crimes. The latest is that the rising-star of fraudulent money laundering and outright embezzlement of over \$9 billion dollars, was done by working international deals with top US multinational banks.

The central bank in Moscow found fraudulent documentation claiming them as financial services. Avoiding tax burdens and using laundered money...all this money was stolen from the Russian working class. Offshore banking and other dealings, were learnt very quickly by these "New Russians" - the Mafiosi.

But, because President Putin seems to be going also into this mess of deception, and the fact that he is going against his former friend and financial backer...it seems that not only these oligarchs should be jailed, but also President Putin, who was financially bankrolled by some of these newly hatched multi-billionaires. Putin, accepting this ill-gotten financial help, knowing full well where it came from, he is just as guilty as these present oligarchs that he helped to rob the people of Russia.

What is good for the gander, is good for the goose also! ■

THE PRICE OF FRIENDSHIP!

The price of friendship with the USA and support for war in Iraq.

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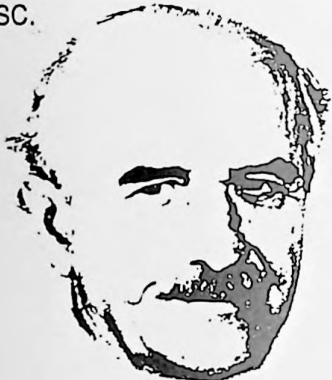
September 2003 - 32%

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND
A WORLD AT PEACE!**

LETTERS

FROM
VLADIKAVKAZ
RUSSIA

Dear comrades of Editorial Board
of NSC.



I wish you great success in the fight for uniting and organizing of adherents of the restoration of the Soviet Union and Socialism all over the world.

Eleven years ago NSC began this struggle in spite of great difficulties. We here in ex-USSR admire your audacity, boldness and persistence. We are certain that you will continue to fight for the realization of this great purpose, for the complete victory and the restoration of the Soviet Union.

We understand that you do encounter whiners, moaners and skeptics are inevitable, but fact is a fact – you comrades are doing great work. So, some may despair that 11 years did not bring out the restoration of the USSR. But let us not forget that V.I. Lenin took up the struggle against capitalism in 1887 but only became leader of the Great October Revolution 30 years later in 1917!

I wish you great success.

Marat Kotchiev
All Union Lenin, Stalin, Maotsetung
Party

SAD NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Dear comrades of NSC:

It is my sad duty to inform you that comrade Steve Gibson passed away on October 26th - 8 pm Melbourne time. He suffered a heart attack at home and didn't recover. We were all stunned, as he had no sign of any health problems.

He has been the driving force behind the Australian Friends of Soviet People and working to spread the news about NSC all around

Australia, New Zealand and Cambodia. He has had a lifetime commitment to the working class worldwide and has been involved in many struggles involving ordinary people standing up for themselves. He was a founding member of many working class organizations, including the AFSP, The Australian DPRK Friendship Society, the Australian-Cuba Friendship Society, the Communist Party of Australia and more recently, the October 7th Organization. He will be dearly missed, but we shall endeavour to continue his work in bringing socialism to the Australian people and those of the whole world.

Yours comradely

Peter Prior
On behalf of the AFSP

FROM
WINSFORD
ENGLAND

Dear friends:

Find enclosed a donation towards the running costs of our great socialist publication NSC.

I would like to congratulate our editor Michael Lucas on the excellent articles, especially on the last two editions, plus all other contributors. I have enclosed two copies of the Morning Star, which featured the successful demonstrations against the visit of Bush to England. The people left their imprint on Bush and Blair as to what they thought about the invasion of Iraq in getting your list of videos.

Best wishes to all.

Clifford F. Roe

FROM
HOVE, EAST SUSSEX
ENGLAND

Dear friends:

Please find enclosed a donation and I look forward towards NSC each month and make certain that each issue is passed on from hand to hand. The expose of the invasion of Iraq that was sent out by NSC as supplement was a remarkable document. I had a great many copies made of it and distributed them to a list of people. We have here a very large and vocal peace group to which I give and distribute NSC.

Try not to overwork yourself. We need people like you.
Sincerely

Albert G. Williams

KUDOS TO U.S. PRIVATE JESSICA LYNCH

By LLYOD REDSTONE

Jessica Lynch, a twenty-year old girl from a small town in the US, joined the US military for an opportunity to see the outside world. The US aggressors sent her unit to Iraq where she was severely injured in action and taken prisoner by the Iraqis.

The Iraqi doctors and nurses treated her in a very professional and compassionate way and wanted to deliver her to her unit of the American troops of occupation, but the US troops opened fire on this humanitarian effort and the Iraqi doctors had to take her back to the Iraqi hospital. US media propaganda went into high gear and daily propagated how the heroic American troops had to rescue Jessica from these barbaric Iraqi doctors and then USA propaganda went screaming onward that Private Jessica Lynch was raped, tortured and put through real hell.

There were already plans in the works for a glorified Hollywood movie, TV series, books, tabloid stories and the commercialism that is endemic with US war propaganda.

But, this young girl had the courage and decency to tell the world the truth. It's too bad that George Bush and his war cabinet did not have the courage or the principals of this young girl.

Will the American people ever wake up to the fact that their youth are being used to conquer and kill other peoples and invade their countries, steal their natural resources and doom them to a life of hell on earth – not to establish "democracy" as the US-Pentagon-CIA claims.

How many more innocent American kids must pay with their lives due to the greed of their unelected president and his partners in crime?

Is God really blessing America?

CREDO OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS



Northstar Compass is the publication of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, who are struggling to rebuild socialism in the countries that have for more than 70 years constituted the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Northstar Compass carries on the traditions of the "Hands Off Russia Committee", that were established internationally in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention. Today, after the Soviet Union was dissolved against the wishes of the majority of its people, the Soviet people are again looking to their supporters abroad for assistance in rebuilding the once great Soviet State.

The International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People unites – on an independent and non-partisan basis – all those organizations and individuals who support the above objective. In this spirit, Northstar Compass publishes articles of interest in this struggle, covering news and information on the contemporary situation inside the former USSR, as well as related world news about the struggles against neo-liberal globalization and imperialism, now rampant in the world.

Additionally, Northstar Compass covers events and issues concerning the friendship organizations associated with the International Council.

Northstar Compass thus acts as a unifying force to consolidate and coordinate the anti-imperialist forces of the world with the struggle for socialism and the restoration of the Soviet Union. In this manner we act as a united front, but are not a forum for ideological debates. Soviet people themselves will choose the path they will follow towards socialism. □

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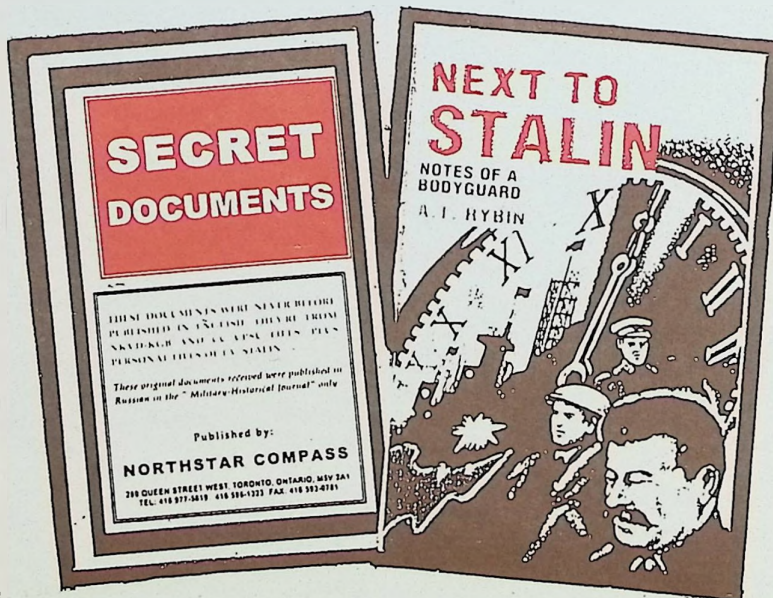
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