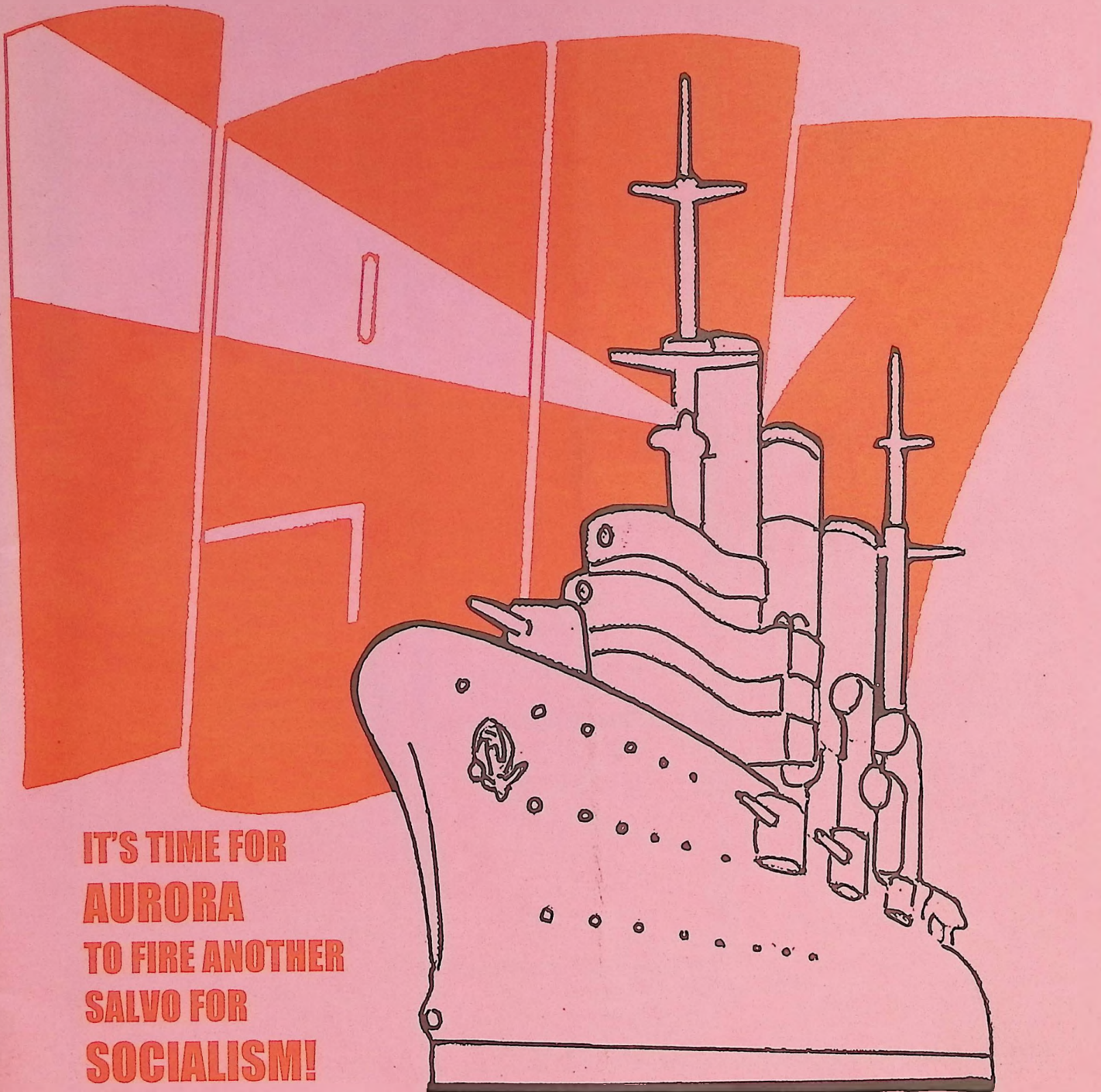


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WHAT DOES YEAR 2006 HOLD FOR ALL OF MANKIND?

The changes that have taken place in 2005 all over the world in struggles against US imperialism are a sign that even though US imperialism seems to be an all-powerful colossus in the world, with its mighty war machine and policies akin to Nazism in all of its aspects, yet, all over the world the growth of demonstrations, strikes, protests and struggles are growing in strength and in confidence.

Perfect examples are the heroic struggles in Iraq, Afghanistan, Far East, Latin America and even in the belly of the beast, USA itself, with strikes, protests against President Bush himself. Bush is now desperately trying to put on a brave show even though his popularity has plummeted to an all out low point of 35 percent.

The struggles in the former Soviet Union are on the rise, with ongoing strikes and ever growing demonstrations, even though Western imperialism and the present regimes are fomenting strife, and counter-revolutions, nationalism and ethnic wars inside the former Soviet republics.

There is an ever-growing movement amongst the people of Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia for an economic, political and defensive union, against the threat of US imperialism. This necessary movement is gaining momentum, but it needs more concrete efforts by all the anti-

regime parties, organizations and trade union organizations.

Year 2005 has been eventful for the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. We had our Second World Congress which was very successful in spite of refusal by Canada visas to 15 registered delegates. There were 16 countries represented and the Soviet delegation was instrumental in undertaking to publish Northstar Compass in a Russian edition.

The newly elected Executive Committee of the International Council would certainly welcome the absolute need for all of the communist and socialist parties that now exist (*and unfortunately are multiplying like mushrooms after the rain*) at least to agree as to WHO ACTUALLY IS THE ENEMY in their struggles!

Reading each week scores of newspapers from former Soviet Union, the letters, the e-mails, the faxes – I cannot but wonder as to how President Putin's regime keeps track of all of these parties and their publications?

Or the question might be better asked as to: "Who is it that finances some of these parties and publications? Which in fact are the real Marxist-Leninist parties?"

We as international friends of Soviet People would of course like to see **UNITY** in action, **UNITY** in understanding as to who is the enemy, **UNITY** in the struggles for the resurrection of the **USSR** and **Socialism**.

We as dedicated friends of Soviet people, already since 1918, when the Hands Off Russia

Committees were established in many countries, are expressing the wishes of all delegates that were gathered at the Second World Congress. Our sincere dedication certainly should not be questioned!

We as friends of Soviet people wish all comrades success in your struggles for unity, for direction as to how to unite in resurrecting Socialism and the Soviet Union. Your struggles are our struggles also.

We all should struggle against the enemy of mankind, not only US imperialism, but its stooges, bootlickers and hidden enemies who hide their identity by using phrases, even quoting Marx-Engels, Lenin and now even quoting Stalin!

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...As it did in 1917 when it gave the signal for the Great October Socialist Revolution!

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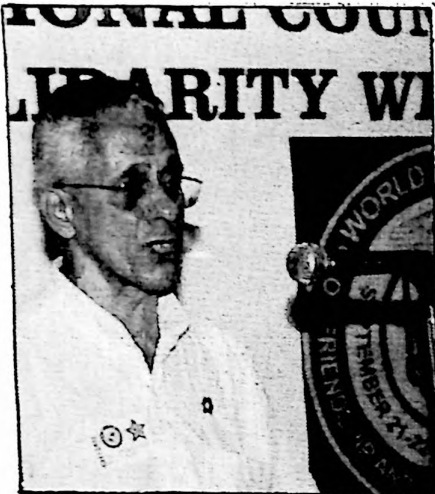
We wish all of you health, success in your struggles for a better world and Socialism!



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THE LENIN'S MAUSOLEUM

By GIOVANNI G. VIERA, Secretary General of the Brazilian Institute of Socialist Culture



The outrageous campaign under way to demolish the Mausoleum on the Red Square in Moscow, and rebury the body of V.I. Lenin in another place, has the sole purpose of avoiding people from the ex-republics of the Soviet Union and the world from paying due homage to the Great Man - Lenin, the leader of the Great October Socialist Revolution of 1917, a Revolution that has changed the world.

If there had not existed the USSR, many countries would still be colonies of Great Britain, France, Belgium, Portugal, Spain and others. Nazi Germany would have triumphed in Second World War and our planet would be living under the bestial rule of Fascism. Cuba, Vietnam, North Korea and others would not have had sufficient resources to resist US imperialism. Israel would have already conquered the Middle East, relying on its atomic arsenal and with the support of US imperialism.

V.I. Lenin dedicated all of his life towards changing the living conditions of the working class and the people as a whole, by freeing them from the bondage of capitalist system. He tried to create a **New Man - the Soviet Man!** That is the very reason that Imperialism led by the US Military-Industrial complex tries, fiercely, to erase all traces of Lenin's legacy and the Soviet period - counting for this on the full support coming daily from the present

Russian oligarchy-robbers of all the Soviet values, through a despicable mass media campaign.

Lenin deserves the Mausoleum on the Red Square and much more, such as respect, love and dedication, while his dirty detractors deserve the people's repulse!

So, we must stop these vultures from carrying their plans out!

We urge all people, progressive institutions, trade unions, true communist and socialist parties from the whole world, send messages of protest to President Putin of Russia

and the Russian Duma. In the meantime, a worldwide campaign must immediately be organized through all the available media, through meetings, rallies, in order to show them that the people will not accept such a villainy lying down!

Sooner than they can imagine, all these traitors will be judged and properly punished for all of their crimes against the country and the people.

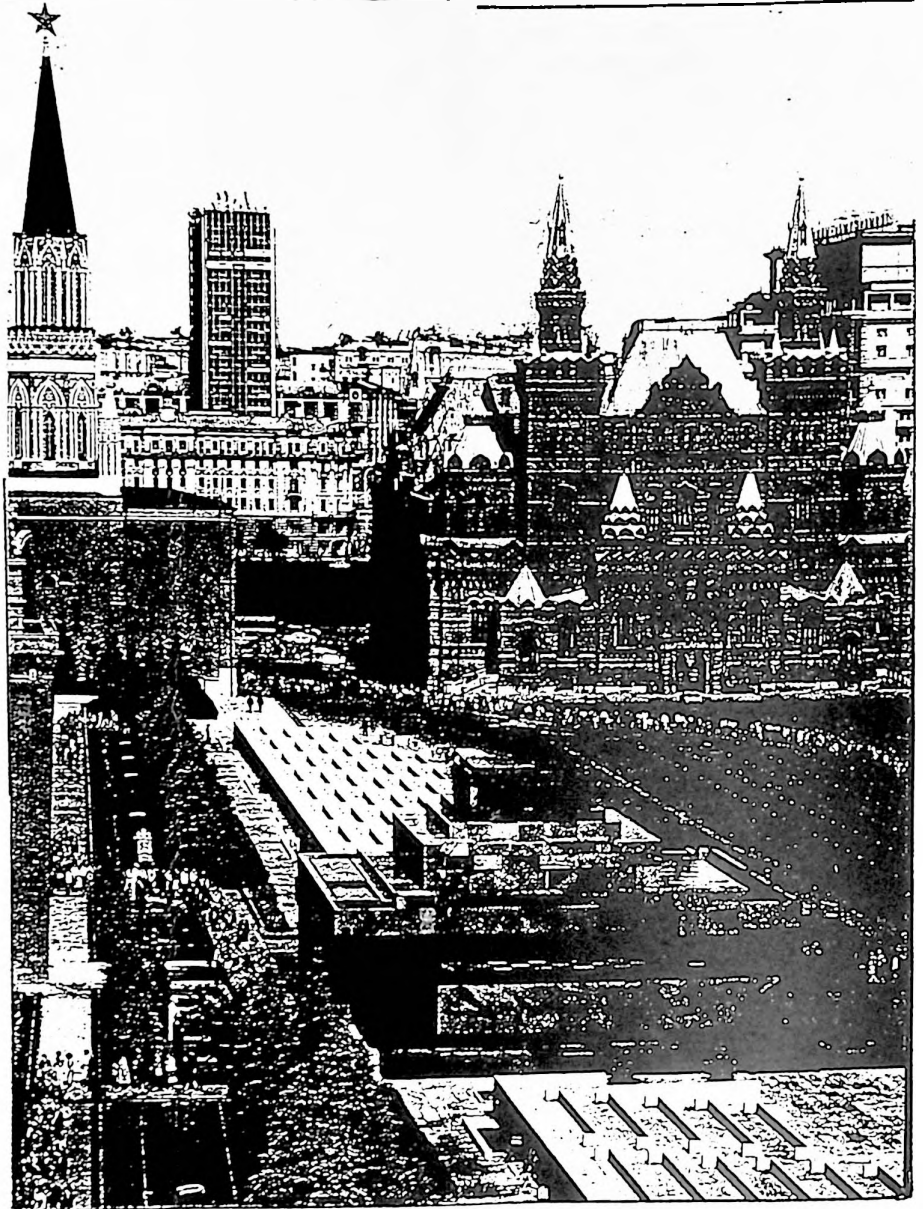
Lenin lives and will live forever in the hearts and minds of the people.

Long live Socialism!

Long live the brave Palestinian people!

Long live the brave Iraqi resistance!

**For the restoration of the USSR!
Down with US led imperialism
and it's wars of aggression!**



Statement by **MIKIS THEORAKIS** famous Greek composer on the anti-communist memorandum

December 22, 2005

The Council of Europe has decided to change History. To distort it, it is equalizing the victims with the aggressors, the heroes with the criminals, the liberators with the conquerors and the Communists with the Nazis.

The Council of Europe considers the biggest enemies of Nazism, i.e. Communists, are criminals and indeed equal to the Nazis! And it even worries and protests because, although the Hitlerites were condemned by all of the international community, nothing as such has happened yet with the Communists.

For this reason it suggests that this condemnation take place now by the Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe that will take place on January 24-27, 2006.

Meanwhile it worries because *"public awareness of crimes committed by totalitarian communist regimes is very poor"*. And also, still the *"Communist parties are legal and active in some countries, even if in some cases they have not distanced themselves from the crimes."*

In other words, the Council of Europe is announcing in advance the future persecution of European Communists, that have not yet made a recantation, such as those demanded in the past by the henchmen of the Gestapo and torturers at the camp of Makronisos.

Perhaps tomorrow they shall decide to outlaw the Communist Parties, half-opening the door to the ghosts of Hitler and Himmler to pass, who, as is well known, begun his career by outlawing the Communist Parties and by locking up the Communists in the death camps.

However, in the end, they were drowned by the very blood of their victims, those close to 26 million dead in the Communist Soviet Union and so many other thousands of Communists who gave their lives, as it also happened in Greece, by putting themselves at the front line of

the national resistance movements all across Europe.

However, those gentlemen of the Council of Europe, in their wish to resurrect methods condemned by the consciousness of History and the Peoples, they come second, since they have already been overrun by their big brother, the USA, that exterminates entire peoples, using Hitler-like methods, as is the case in Iraq, which they have kept in ruins, full of American prisons, where thousands of innocent victims are tortured daily in a horrific and obvious manner.

For this great crime against humanity, as well as for the contemporary Hitlerite torture camp at Guantanamo, the Council of Europe has absolutely nothing to say.

So, how can anyone really believe that they are honestly concerned about humans rights, when even in their own home, Europe, they have allowed the CIA planes, filled with political prisoners without any rights, driven them to special prisons in order to be tortured?

Such citizens of Europe as the members of the Council are, cannot be prosecutors.

At the Court of History, it will one day pass sentence on the countless crimes committed by their big brother, from Vietnam to Chile and from South America to Iraq – they will be on trial on account of toleration, if not outright collaboration to these terrible crimes.

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Unfortunately today I am obliged to speak more in the name of the dead than in the name of the living. Therefore, in the name of my dead Communist Comrades, those that have gone through the Gestapo, the death camps and the execution sites, in order to defeat Nazism and celebrate Liberty, I have but one word to address to these "gentlemen": **SHAME!**

Athens, December 22, 2005

ASSASSINATION AND MURDER OF IRAQI ACADEMICS

A list of 110 Academics, Professors and Deans of Iraqi Universities were assassinated, and murdered after being questioned by US secret services and their stooges in the last two years since US invasion and occupation.

The reason of course is to get rid of these intellectuals who were against the US invasion and devastation for the Iraqi people.

You can get the complete list at –
www.brusselstribunal.org

DID YOU KNOW?

"The US government never intended to completely rebuild Iraq," stated Brig. General William McCoy, the US Army Corps of Engineers Commander, that is overseeing the work, at a recent news conference in Iraq.

The number of US air-strikes on Iraq cities and civilians last year (2005) was running at 25 strikes per month, but in August of last year it surged to 120, while in November and December it reached over 150 air strikes per month.

George Bush decided that this would be a good Christian Christmas present for the Iraqi people!

FROM

FOUNDATION "CENTER OF MARXIST STUDIES"

Moscow, Russia



To Michael Lucas,
Chairman of the International Council
for Friendship and Solidarity with
Soviet People

I greet you comrades with the New Year and I wish you, above all, good health, happiness and may all of your wishes come to pass, above all, the unification of the USSR and a new beginning.

I wish to thank you, dear Michael Lucas, for your work and dedication, that you were able to bring success to the Second World Congress of the International Council, and that the Congress delegates accepted our offer to host the Third World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People in 2007 here in Moscow. I highly respect that decision. We are going to do everything possible that the Third World Congress under your direction will be held at the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences and on the highest level of learning and in an organized manner.

About everything concerning the preparations I certainly will keep you constantly informed. Regarding any problems that will come up - that is only natural in life - it would indeed be surprising if there were no problems to be encountered, but with your help and together with all other like-minded comrades, we are and we will bring them to a successful conclusion.

The first organized event, we held, based on the scientifically analyzed "Group of complex problems of the national politics" of the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy

of Sciences, at which I work, we already published the results in the "Economic and Philosophical Newspaper" #52, December 2005. It is a sure thing, that we shall find the finances, in order to finance this Third World Congress in 2007!

I am asking you my dear comrade, if it is not too difficult, to send me the names of all organizations-parties-movements-individuals - of all those that will be invited to send delegates to the Third World Congress - those that you feel are necessary - with their addresses and e-mail or fax numbers, and include also their telephone numbers.

The text of this message will be published soon, and sent to you, together with the first issue of the Russian Edition of Northstar Compass.

I wish you the best of everything comrade Lucas (Lukach).

With deep respect-

Professor
DAVID V. DZHOHADZE

FOR A REVOLUTIONARY YEAR 2006

Dear Northstar Compass readers:
From the Belly of the Beast, we send you our revolutionary greetings!

As the main bulwark of world capitalism, US imperialism provides ever more compelling evidence that this system is old and dying and must be replaced by a new stage in human history, world socialism. The Bush regime, with its US Republican and Democratic Party political representation of US monopoly capitalism and imperialism, increasingly exposes itself to the peoples of the world as a regime of war criminals that must be defeated. The US government has faithfully pursued maximum profits for the US ruling class through its global war on terror currently centred in Iraq. Thus far, the Iraqi resistance in particular is showing the way forward - to national liberation and socialism.

Elsewhere, too, from Nepal and the Philippines to Colombia and Venezuela, resistance to US led

imperialism is becoming stronger and much more widespread. But the world's majority, the working class and oppressed peoples, do not yet have consistent and disciplined organization based on proletarian internationalism, to take substantial advantage of the political-military crisis faced by US imperialism.

The International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People led by Michael Lucas, is a modest anti-imperialist, pro socialist united front organization. In the year ahead, it needs to play a significant role in encouraging the unity of the pro-socialist forces in former USSR and the spirit of pro-socialist internationalism amongst the various branches of the friendship movement all over the world.

Following a successful Second World Congress that was marked by such unity, the International Council and the Northstar Compass magazine are poised to share far and wide the "good news" that socialism is the only way out of the current imperialist-led capitalist system of modern day human slavery. This invaluable message - that there is a marvellous and realistic alternative to global capitalism - will immeasurably strengthen the global justice and freedom in the year ahead.

We welcome your help in getting the message out in 2006.

Fraternally,
RAY O LIGHT

FROM
SOCIALIST PARTY OF
BANGLADESH

Dear comrades:

Happy New Year to all of you!

The human civilization under capitalist clutches has plunged into a dark era of tyranny, oppression and misery. About 157 years ago Karl Marx, and his comrade in arms Frederick Engels predicted this scenario in their great book "Communist Manifesto". The whole world saw this condition during the First World War. Following the teachings of Marx and Engels, Comrade Lenin showed the path of emancipation, at that time, accomplishing the Great October

Socialist Revolution in Russia. Under his leadership it was proved then that only socialism is a guaranty of peace, justice, equality, freedom and progress.

The world faced that dark era again during the Second World War while fascism, growing in the womb of imperialism, was about to grasp the whole of mankind. But it was proved again that none but socialism can defeat the great menace. Today everyone has to admit that it was the USSR that defeated fascism under the great leadership of Comrade Stalin and saved the whole human civilisation.

At present we are facing that menace again. You know, that we have entered into an era of a battle between the two opposing forces. The imperialist forces are, on one side, with their aggressive design to dominate and rule the world with their economic and military might; and the forces fighting for justice, equality, peace etc., are on the other side.

We firmly believe that to win this battle the need of the hour is to consolidate the people's movements and steer them towards a sustained fight against global imperialism on the basis of a correct revolutionary ideology. Besides this, the struggle to revive the ex-USSR is an unavoidable demand of the era. We have to build up a strong unity between this struggle and all these secular-democratic, anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist people's movements.

In this respect I would like to mention here three proposals that I raised at the Second World Congress of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

First, an anti-imperialist forum should be established that could coordinate the worldwide struggles against imperialism. It can have different regional branches too.

Second, with a view of creating a Communist International, we should have a platform, to conduct discussions amongst the Communist parties who have different shades of opinion on different issues.

Third, under the present capitalist globalization, workers and peasants' struggles all over the world has become a global phenomena too. So we should take immediate steps to coordinate those struggles.

I think that against this backdrop, the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and its published organ – the Northstar Compass as well, has a great role to play.

I hope that all of the honourable readers of Northstar Compass all over the world, will maintain their constant cooperation to this end.

**VICTORY WILL BE OURS!
LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTION!**

Khalequzzaman
Convenor
Central Committee
Socialist Party of Bangladesh
Member of the Editorial Board

FROM
**CENTRO CULTURAL ANTONIO
CARVALHO –
BRAZIL**

Dear comrades:

Regarding our participation in the Second World Congress last September, we sent in our visa application on time, but the Canadian Consulate requested more documents, which turned out impossible for us to get the visa on time. We think that this case was not similar to the other comrades that had their visa denied. That's the reason we reported the bureaucracy problems that brought difficulty to our travel to the Second World Congress.

The Centro Cultural Antonio Carlosa Carvalho (CeCAC) entity, which I direct, has already adopted Northstar Compass journal.

The CeCAC promotes several cultural and political activities in Brazil, and my participation in the Executive Committee that I was elected to by the Second World Congress, is intended for us to spread and amplify the debate and the spread of the position of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, inside and outside our country.

In this regard, we placed on our Website (www.cecac.org.br) the Statement and resolutions that were adopted by the Second World Congress.

Dear comrades:

We are living since the beginning of the 1970's from the last century in a structural crisis of capitalism and the imperialist system. Crisis of over accumulation of capital, with its corresponding overproduction of commodities, and the rising fall in the rate of profits.

The so-called "*neo-liberalism*" or "*globalization*" was the answer of imperialism in order to face the crisis, through the intensification of workers' exploitation all over the world, and in particular workers from the dominated countries. Another characteristic here is the financial capitalists in search for bigger profits in the financial and speculative sphere, where the priority to the capital accumulation withdraws from the production sphere, increasing the misery and unemployment, which then becomes structural.

But the background wall of the international correlation of forces is the class struggle, the engine of history. In this way, the imperialist politics (*neo-liberalism*) intensifies the barbarism and violence is articulated, integrated with another crisis, that of the International Communist Movement. The drawing back from the revolutionary positions by most of the communist parties and the socialists, the reformism and the revisionism, the right opportunism as well as the left opportunism, created the conditions for the vicious imperialist counter-revolutionary advance.

The capitalist restoration in the USSR, which had its peak in the formal end of the Soviet Union, was the result of the imperialist offensive and of the crisis in the International Communist Movement. According to the premise, we consider it a great

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contribution by the constitution of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, to rescue the principles of Marxism-Leninism, in the ideological and political struggle against imperialism, in order to prepare the people towards revolution and socialist victory in former Soviet Union. This is to rescue the experience in the construction of socialism, its accomplishments and weaknesses, recovering and developing the most advanced political and ideological positions in the class struggle at that time, even with the limit of objective difficulties in the construction of socialism in one country, and the role of Lenin and Stalin. We emphasize the leading role of the USSR, its people and the Soviet Armed Forces in defeating the Nazi-Fascism during the Second World War.

In the last years, the class struggle has intensified, as is shown by the rising resistance against imperialism by the people of Iraq, Colombia, Philippines, Nepal, Cuba, Venezuela and other countries that suffered direct intervention from US Imperialism, with or without occupying troops. This is also demonstrated by protests of hundreds and thousands of people in Europe and in the United States against the imperialist wars.

In the subjective field – ideological and theoretical – the rescue of Marxist-Leninist principles has continued and from this point of view, also has the debate about the experience of construction of socialism and the revolutionary struggles in each concrete reality.

In this context, there are inscribed the purposes of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and its Second World Congress that was held in September of 2005 in Toronto, Canada.

We wish that the ideas will be amplified and filled with success in this forthcoming year of 2006!

Marco Antonio V. dos Santos
Chairman of Centro Cultural
Antonio Carlos Carvalho
-CeCAC – Brazil
Member of the Executive Committee
of the International Council for
Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet
People

FROM
**TRADE UNION ZASCHITA
RUSSIA**

Dear comrades;

On behalf of the Editorial Board of Proletarskaya Gazeta and the Executive Committee of the trade union Zashchita, I would like to wish you Michael and Northstar Compass and the Executive Committee of the International Council, the very best for 2006 in the struggle against capitalism and for international solidarity.

We have and always will support you!

Bruce Melado

FROM
**ORGANIZATION OF IRANIAN
PEOPLE FEDALI GUERRILLAS**

Dear comrades:

Happy New Year to all NSC readers and to members of the International Council. We are giving our many thanks for receiving Northstar Compass regularly. We are very happy that our organization was elected to be a member of the Executive Committee of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. Would you correct the spelling of our representative in NSC.

Best comradely greetings
Ghassem

FROM THE
**SOVIET SOCIETY OF FRIENDSHIP
WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

Dear friends:

Yes we do agree with the reply to Oleg Shenin's letter that was published in NSC.

We are also informing you that the first Russian edition of NSC has been printed and it was presented at the meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries that was held last December 27, 2005.

We are now distributing it amongst the political activists and also to the representatives of many different movements here and, we already sent you copies of the journal by mail.

We also would like to send the first Russian edition to the addresses in former Soviet Union that you are sending the English edition of NSC to. Please forward them to us.

This first Russian edition copy printing was sponsored by G.I. Tikhonov and printed by the staff of the "Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta." Its chief Editor is A.N. Chekalin added some of their articles into this issue.

Best Communist regards!

Vladimir Chechentsev, Chairman
Viktor Bourenkov, Vice Chairman

**OPEN LETTER TO THE SOVIET
SOCIETY FOR FRIENDSHIP
WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

Dear comrades:

We, as the former members of the Union of Soviet Friendship Societies (SSOD) and the USSR-Canada Society living in some of the former Soviet Republics – and looking at the immense work that was done by comrades in Canada, who, we all know were and are the moving force in this newly reconstituted Friendship Society – we are wondering why there is no appeal by the present Executive of this Society in Moscow to involve former members and supporters of the friendship work that was such a positive method of interchanges of visits and delegations. Surely there are names and addresses of the friendship societies in former Soviet republics that can be had to send invitations to become members of the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

We ourselves got in touch with some of the former members who remember the work that was being done for friendship and want to start Friendship Societies in the states where we live.

Reading NSC, the Second World Congress, we are very glad that there will be a Russian edition of NSC. We are appealing to NSC Board to send the names and addresses to this Society so that we can get information about the Third World Congress in Moscow in 2007.

**Former members living in Russia,
Ukraine, Belarus, Georgia, and
Uzbekistan**

Stalin Monument Unveiled in Russia North Caucasus



On December 21 in a number of cities in Russia and Caucasus people, and particularly youth, celebrated 126th birthday of Josef Vissarionovich Stalin.

In the city centre of **Ulianovsk** at 3:00PM Lenin Komsomol, Vanguard of Red Youth (AKM) and National Bolsheviks joined in shouting "Stalin! Party! Communism" and "End the reforms for capitalist sharks – to the GULAG with all oligarchs!" Young communists from Komsomol and AKM handed out informational leaflets about the Leader, talked to the people, journalists and police. In addition, Lenin Komsomol held an action "Join Komsomol". Komsomol members were handing out questionnaires and agitation leaflets about the activity of their organization. Due to the communist youth drawing the attention of the community and mass media to this special occasion, the local TV channel TNT-Ulianovsk, on the same day conducted a survey of the residents of Ulianovsk about their attitude to Stalin. The results were simply stunning: over 75% of respondents called Stalin a genius politician, patriot of his country, a great man and said that his name

should not under any circumstances be forgotten. This once more demonstrated that the citizens of Russia are tired of oligarchs continuously stuffing their pockets, tired of the anti-people Putin and his government's policy and that the country needs **STALIN!** (from www.kprf.ru)

United Communist Party of Georgia and Georgian Komsomol organized demonstrations of protest dedicated to Stalin's 126th birthday in several Georgian cities. The demonstrators protested against anti-people policy of today's government whose internal and external policy is directed against the will of the majority of the Georgian population. The protestors called for the Georgian government and the president to resign. The main slogans were: "Stalin's task is immortal!", "Saakashvili, get out! Long live real revolution!" and "We stand for union with Russia and the Russian people!" The largest demonstrations took place in the cities **Gori** where the Great Leader was born and **Chiatura** where precisely 100 years ago Stalin spoke in front of the workers who rose against tsarism. (from www.skm-rf.ru)

A monument to Joseph Stalin was unveiled in the North Caucasus republic of **North Ossetia**. The monument will commemorate Stalin's birthday. The Soviet leader was of Ossetian origin. It is the second monument of Stalin to be erected in the region. The first was unveiled in a local village in the middle of the 20th century. Stalin was a much-loved figure in North Ossetia even during the years after the fall of his personality cult. A local communist even drew Stalin's portrait on a remote rock face in the flood lands. In recent times monuments to Stalin have appeared in a number of Russian cities. His busts were unveiled in the cities of **Yakutsk** and **Krasnoyarsk** and a bas-relief was restored in the city of **Kaliningrad**. In the North Caucasus republic of **Dagestan** a museum devoted to Stalin's life has been opened. (from www.mosnews.com)

Communists of the Russian city **Yaroslavl** have proposed the erection of a bust of Josef Stalin and naming a street after the Soviet leader. "People are becoming increasingly aware that we need a figure like Stalin, a man who did a great deal for our country and turned it into a great power. There is no place in the city where people can come and reflect on this. I want to see a monument to Stalin in Yaroslavl," said Alexander Vorobyov, second secretary of the Yaroslavl Regional Communist Party Committee. The Communists will start raising money for the project and will urge city authorities to allot a place for the memorial, he said. "We do not doubt that we will face obstacles, but we will not be discouraged," Vorobyov said. (from Interfax)



Stalin's great-great-grandson in Stalin's chair and the grandson of J.V. Stalin, Eugeny Dzhugashvili



**THIS FLAG WILL AGAIN FLY
OVER THE SOVIET UNION!**

Georgia on the warpath!

The latest news in this dangerous situation in the Caucasus is that the President of Georgia has ordered his army to attack Abkhazia, according to charges made by its President, Sergey Bagapsh. He also warned Georgia that: "We know, how to provide security in this region. And we shall take care of the 55,000 refugees that are flooding our Abkhazia. This country has been ravaged due to the policies of the present regime of Georgia, who are not their own masters!"

Georgia uses force against Armenians

Use of brute force by the Georgian Army led to severe resistance by the local Armenian minority living in this border between Georgia and Armenia at this strategic Samatskhe-Javakhetu region.

Georgia has dismissed all of the Armenians at the border crossing custom offices. They were replaced by force by armed Georgian officers and the already hard economic conditions and also the unbearable conditions of life due to the break-up of the USSR and Georgian nationalism, the region is also blockaded and the actions of the Georgian custom officials make the situation unbearable. The idea of the Georgian regime is to annex this part and expel all of the Armenians living there and confiscate their properties.

US WAS BEHIND THE SOVIET UNION'S COLLAPSE

President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus charged last month at a press conference that President Bush Sr. was behind the "sponsored" collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. "There was no reason for the USSR to collapse. In politics such things do not happen without a reason. All this was not for free, larger sums had been paid for this accomplishment."

Lukashenko then added: "That the special Soviet armed forces "Alpha", should have gathered the leaders of Russia, Byelorussia and Ukraine (Yeltsin Krawchuk, Shushkevich who concluded the Belovezh agreement on the break-up of the Soviet Union) and those other former leaders of the Soviet Union Republics who had

agreed to break-up the USSR, put them behind barbed wire fence and then phone President Bush Sr. to report to him what they were signing and what they have done."

Uzbekistan warns Western powers against interference

Agence France-Presse

Uzbek President Islam Karimov warned the Western powers against interfering in his country and trying to impose their "democracy" by force — in December of last year.

"We will not accept any interference in our internal affairs. We will not accept any policy of pressure and intimidation aimed at controlling us. The export of "democracy" from outside without considering the particularity and foundation of each country is doomed and will lead to sorrowful consequences."



USSR WHICH WE LOST

Dear readers and writers:

As we stated in the December issue, the policy of NSC will be to have the articles no more than 500-600 words. Therefore all articles will be shortened or not published if they do not meet this guideline. Therefore this excellent article is condensed.

The psychological war is continuing. All of the media of the enemies of socialism are daily telling lies, not only in the Western world, but here in the new capitalist Russia, Ukraine and other former Soviet Republics - debunking all of the tremendous successes of socialism. There is now a whole system of lies that is based on Goebels theory: "Repeat a lie often enough, people

will start believing that it is the truth!"

The lies about gulaks, the lies about German gold buying off Lenin, the lies about Stalin, about collectivization, about the Lenin's New Economic Policy, the lies about the signed non-aggression pact with Germany before WW II, and of course, the starvation of millions upon millions of Soviet people by Stalin. The clincher bit by Yakovlev is that Stalin murdered in the Gulag camps over 57,000,000 Soviet people!

This daily worldwide psychological propaganda over a period of scores of years had its results unfortunately.

In an excellent book in Russian by writer S.G. Kara-Mazur, all these factual and researched facts are outlined in graphic detail. The internal enemy that sabotaged production, that poisoned animals on collective, that derailed trains, that assassinated the top dedicated Bolsheviks; the workings with Western secret services; the sabotage by Western powers in fulfilling signed trade agreements between USSR and other countries.

Today these enemies are celebrating, funnelling ill gotten money out of the country and buying villas in foreign lands — sending their wives there to have children and thus these children are automatically citizens of that country and cannot be touched. And of course, when the time comes for these traitors to pay the penalty for their deeds, they will all be off across the borders to their villas and ask for protection from their imperialist masters.

But time is coming when these people will pay the supreme price for their deeds and, their villas and money will not get away from the wrath of the people.

It certainly would be a great help to people if that book by Kara-Murza would be published in English.

MOSCOW TESTS A "BULAVA: MISSILE

An underwater test of the "Bulava" intercontinental ballistic missile, which is a solid-fuel missile, was fired from a submarine Dmitry Donskoy in the White Sea and hit its intended target in the far eastern Kamchatka Peninsula.

The newspaper "**Bolshevik**" which is published in Ukraine, periodically publishes information from the pages of the international journal *Northstar Compass*. Our readers very often ask us, what kind of journal is NSC and who does it represent? Below we publish an article sent to us from Donetsk.

Canadian comrades are extending their hand of friendship



The dismemberment of the Soviet Union not only affected the working masses in the former republics of the USSR, but affected the whole world. It is from that moment onwards that the world bourgeoisie started its systematic attacks on the political and economic rights of the workers all over the world. During that period (1991) there started the process of the closing down in the European countries and on other continents of Friendship Societies with the USSR. Yes, formally the USSR ceased to exist, but there remained the Soviet people. It is that part of the Soviet people who did not accept this temporary dismemberment of their Motherland, and it is these people that remain and are organizing in order to resurrect the Soviet Union.

That is why the Canada-USSR Association (*the only one of all the foreign friendship societies with the USSR, which did not liquidate itself in 1991 as others did*) - but renamed itself as the "*Society for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People*" and is continuing its work of friendship and contacts with the Soviet people. Heading this society

is a dedicated friend of the Soviet people, Michael Lucas. He was able to gather around himself comrades who believe in the socialist road for all of humanity and the "*Canadian Friends of Soviet People*" was established and the "*Northstar Compass*" journal was started to be published in Canada. If the first state in the world of workers and peasants can be called the North Star, shining for all the people of the world, then this Canadian journal of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People has become absolutely a *Compass*, showing the people of the whole world the road towards building socialism on this planet of ours, and the USSR was the first attempt in this noble cause.

Last September 23-24-25, 2005 there was held the Second World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, in Toronto, Canada. There were delegates from 17 countries of the world. Majority of delegates were from Canada and the USA. Not all of the delegates that registered to come were able to get into Canada, and many were refused visas by the Canadian authorities. Knowing this situation might happen, the organizers of the Congress invited written presentations to the Congress and sent ahead of time and thus, these documents were translated into English, Russian, French and Spanish and were included into each delegate's portfolio.

From Ukraine a written document was sent to the Congress from All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks. From Russia there were many documents sent and translated. Documents were also sent from Pakistan, Spain, Great Britain, North Korea, Italy, Sri Lanka and many other countries. From Russia there were 4 delegates present. Important decisions were made, and amongst them was the establishment of the "**Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries**" (*instead of just Russian Society for Friendship*) and also, the delegates from Russia undertook to publish very shortly the Russian Edition of *Northstar Compass*.

During the three days of the Congress the delegates were hard at work on documents, resolutions and other matters. The Main Report

about the work of the International Council and *Northstar Compass* journal was given by Michael Lucas, Chairman and Editor of *Northstar Compass*.

Detailed information can be gathered from the pages of *Northstar Compass*, 280 Queen St. W. Toronto, ON. M5V 2A1. The journal is published in English and in French. Subscription is only \$25 per year for 12 monthly issues. You can send the subscription through any bank.

The above article was written for the newspaper Bolshevik by comrade Yakubovskaya, a long time reader of NSC living in Donetsk, Ukraine

UKRAINE-CUBA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

In November, 27, 2005, in Donetsk, Ukraine, meeting with a Cuban patriot, Manuel Lopes Rodrigues, was held. Manuel Lopes brought with him three documentaries about Cuba: about historical days of Cuban revolution at the head of which was Fidel Castro, Che Guevara and other self-sacrificing barbudos; about five Cuban secret agents and the espionage-terrorist case concocted against them by American Themis; severe struggle of Cuban people against American economical blockade and their victory.

Strong bonds of friendship connects Manuel Lopes with Ukraine. In 80s, he, along with his school mate, Antonio Gerrero Rodrigues, had studied at Kiev University. Now, Antonio Gerrero is serving time imprisonment in Florida jail. His comrades have been distributed in other American states.

Manuel Rodrigues told about heroic struggle of Cuban people against American imperialism and a deed of five Cuban secret agents. At that meeting there were present young workers and students, members of Donetsk Organization of as well as members of Communist party of Ukraine and C.P.S.U.(B.) and members of Prometheus poetic association.

Organizer of that meeting was Ukraine-Cuba Friendship Society (headquarters in Kiev). Members of the Komsomol were active in answering questions quiz, What do You Know about Cuba? Members of Prometheus read their poems



dedicated to five Cuban political prisoners in American jails.

Atmosphere of the meeting was friendly and sincere.

On the photograph: second left is Manuel Lopez Rodrigues, first right – the chief of the Ukraine-Cuba Friendship Society, former deputy of Supreme Rada, a member of the Donetsk Council of All-Ukrainian Workers Union, V. Tereshchuk.

Some days later, central radio station of Havana broadcast material about that meeting. There was read a letter which a member of Prometheus poetic association, V. Dralo, had handed over to Antonio Rodrigues through Manuel Lopez and his poem:

To our imprisoned Cuban friend

This letter I send from Ukraine to my friend

Who's locked in a jail in a faraway land

A student from Cuba Antonio was;
Who knew him that didn't forget him because

We all were so proud of your people and fight,

Fidel with barbudos who led them to Light.

You finished your study and for home went

With greetings and love from Ukraine to be sent.

The time went by fast after you back home came,

You a faithful soldier of Cuba became.

You struggled for Freedom, for Justice and Peace

And with your four comrades you suffered for this.

And now five heroes, you languish in jail,

But the USA's butchers are doomed to fail

In trying your faith and your spirit to shake,

Just because all their laws and their

trials are fake.

All the peoples of good will are on your side

And you'll certainly see the Liberty Light.

Valeriy Dralo
Donetsk

P.S. Address and photos are sent by post.

T. Yakubovskaya

Where the horse with hoofs goes, so does lobster with claws

By VLADIMIR PRONIN

Even though Lenin is dead, he makes all of the present rulers in former Soviet republics very nervous. Case in point is the ongoing campaign by the present regime of Russia to do away with the body of

V.I. Lenin and with the Lenin Mausoleum in the Red Square. This of course demands from the communists (*those that deserve that title*) to protest and not allow this travesty to take place.

Regarding the present regime in Ukraine, they of course could not let an opportunity like this to pass them by. Although the life of Lenin himself was such that he did not stay too long in places of Ukraine - therefore places that he visited are few. But, there is a place where the Uljanov family, including his two sisters who were also revolutionaries - Anna Illyich and Maria Illyich and their Mother Maria Alexandrovna lived. To their Kiev address there came letters from Lenin, in which there were directions to the Marxists in Ukraine. Of course the Ukrainian police arrested them and jailed them into the Lukiansky fortress. Of course after this, the sisters and mother had to leave Kiev.

During Soviet times, in the home where they lived, it was a Memorial Museum, where excursions and lectures were held.

Of course this Museum was like a thorn in the eyes of the present regime, and they, looking at the very unfortunate passivity of the Kiev communists, about two years ago, closed this Museum and shipped the exhibits into another less known museum. But now, these Ukrainian nationalists have their eyes on the building - the Museum itself.

The photograph shown here will show the Northstar Compass readers in what disrepair this Museum is. We must all protest this



travesty because the regime wants to demolish this building so that no one will ever remember that the sisters and mother of Lenin were living there.

How Soviet Democracy Worked in the 1930s

By Sam Darcy

In December of 1936 the Russian Communist Party was to hold its annual election of officers. Until then nominations and elections to Communist Party posts had always been openly made. By this practice such members as might dislike some powerful office-holder often felt limited in expressing their opposition for fear of reprisal. The Central Committee decided to put its entire leadership to the test as to whether they were really acceptable to the membership. Those who were performing a useful public service would likely be re-elected and those who were simply holding on to a sinecure and a place of power would be hard put to hold on to their posts. For this they introduced the secret ballot.

The results were surprising. In some districts of the Party the whole leadership were swept out of office. In others there was severe criticism leveled against the leadership by a good-sized opposition vote although on the whole, the national leadership of the Party received a resounding endorsement. The party felt greatly refreshed by the new people elected to office and the elimination of those who had become hardened bureaucrats and were no longer welcome to the rank and file.

The fight against bureaucracy had, ever since the establishment of the Soviet Government, been one of the chief self-imposed tasks of the more responsible Soviet leaders. Nepotism, favouritism and factional group practices had bred an unhealthy situation where, whenever

one man got a post of responsibility in some industry or office, he would immediately bring in as his assistants all those whom he for one or another reason favoured and gave them the most desirable posts under him. Often those people were not qualified and even where they were qualified the feeling of having a protector caused them to become slothful and bureaucratic. Besides which, the tendency was for such a key person to increase the staffs under him beyond the needs of the enterprise in which he was engaged both because he wanted to "take care of all his friends as well as because he felt the larger the staff under his control the greater his influence."

The problem finally became serious enough for the Government to take measures, which they did beginning in 1935. On one occasion it was discovered that there was a grave shortage of harvest hands. As against that it was estimated that there were at least 25,000 workers in Moscow offices who were not absolutely necessary to the continued functioning of the economy of the country. After an educational campaign each government trust was simply given a quota of office workers it would have to surrender to agricultural work. And with proper selection, 25,000 office workers were transferred from Moscow to places of production.

The battle to keep the nation on its toes against the creeping paralysis which the opposition on one hand deliberately tried to introduce and bureaucracy by its very existence tended to bring about was waged with particular severity in the popular elections to the All-Soviet Union Congress which followed the adoption of the new Soviet Constitution in December of 1935 [sic: 1936 - transcriber's note].

Watching that election close at hand it struck me as being curious that in all the discussions of Soviet Democracy and its comparison to democratic practices in other countries one rarely got a picture of how the channels of democratic expression of the people operated in their new electoral process.

Looking at it from 3,000 miles

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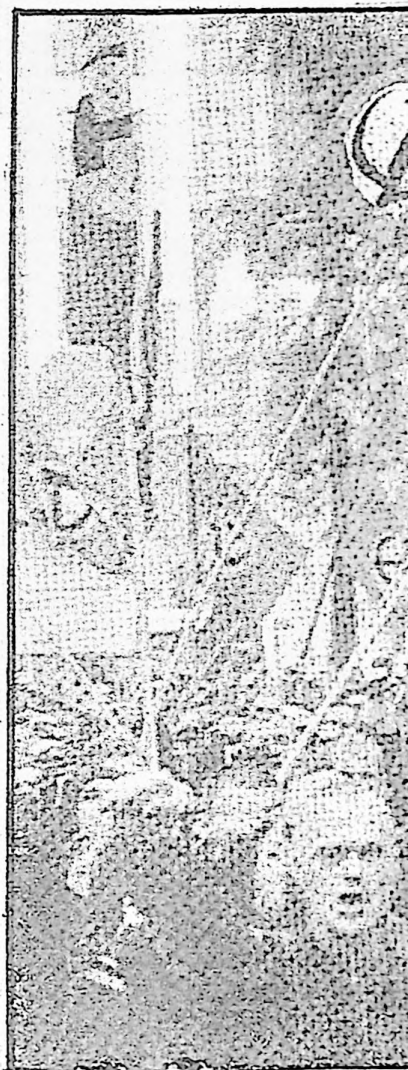
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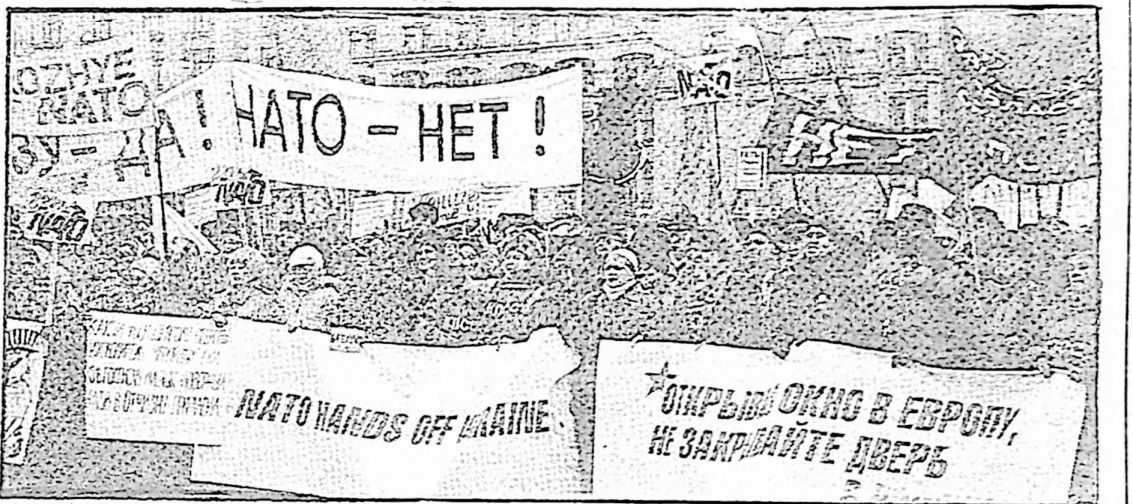
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**FEAR OF DEMONSTRATIONS ALL OVER
AGAINST EXPLOITATION, HARDSHIP
AND SOCIALISM AND RENEWAL OF USSR**

These photographs show just a segment of the demonstrations that have taken place all over the former USSR. They are from the newspapers: ZA SSSR - EKONOMICESKA-FILOSIFICESKA GAZETA - LIMONKA and OSVITNI OGNI.

How Soviet Democracy Worked in the 1930s

away it appeared as if there was one electoral ticket and the people were given the chance to vote 'yes or no' on it. This was indeed true of Nazi elections but it is completely a false picture when applied to the Soviet Union.

To start with, in the Soviet Union politics and elections are not the special duties of a political party. If one does not understand that paramount fact everything else is likely to be unclear. Nominations to public office are not made by a political party alone. The Communist Party does indeed put forward many candidates but so do the trade unions nominate independent candidates for political office; so do the cooperatives, the cultural organizations, the scientific academies, the youth organizations, whatever special women's organizations exist and every other organization or institution that desires to. In short, nominations for office, which in our country stems only from political parties, in the Soviet Union stems from every possible people's organization.

The second thing that must be understood about Soviet elections, which give them their special democratic quality, is that the emphasis in the selection of candidates does not lie in the final vote but lies in the choosing of the nominees.

I had the privilege of observing the nominations and elections in the district in which I lived and worked from beginning to end. The particular election which I referred to was the All-Union elections for selecting of delegates to the All-Union Soviet Congress, that being equivalent of our choosing of members of the United States House of Representatives in Washington. Each institution in the congressional district in which I resided and worked held meetings of the people to nominate candidates. Meetings were held in factories. The Moscow University, which was in this district held a meeting. The Great Lenin Library held a meeting of its staff to put forward candidates. So did all of the cooperative stores associations that operated there. So did the trade union organizations, the Communist



The Soviet people believed in their future with Stalin!

Party, the youth organizations, etc. etc. A great many candidates were put forward in each meeting. The procedure for each candidate was to stand up and give a brief biography of his life and reasons why he should or should not be nominated. It was considered a lack of civic responsibility for a candidate to decline out of hand. If he thought he should not be elected it was his duty to take the platform, provide a brief biography of his life, and give the reasons why he should not be accepted. Two whole weeks were set aside for this procedure. Some organizations met every night for the entire period and examined

thousands of people who were put forward as candidates there. Each candidate had to submit to questions from the floor. At the end of that time one or more nominees were put in nomination for the entire district with the endorsement of the body choosing him or her.

In addition to putting forth nominees each group chose a number of delegates on a proportional representation basis to a congressional district conference. The congressional district conference also met for a period of about two weeks. The nominations were put before that body. The same procedure was gone through there.

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each nominee was examined, his or her qualifications weighed against other nominees and finally a vote taken by the delegated body for the final choice.

Frequently the body decided to accept not one nominee but two or three or even more. These nominees, after this thorough process of distillation were then submitted to the electorate for final voting. And the electorate thus, by popular majority, judged one of the candidates in that congressional district they desired to have represent them in the All-Union Soviet Congress.

From this it can be seen that far from lacking in democracy this process is a very democratic one in that it gives the common people a very direct hand in who is nominated and we know from our own electoral system that in the last analysis the selection of the nominee is the critical thing in any election.

In the election which I witnessed I saw nominees 'put through the mill' in a manner which would be very wholesome if applied to our own country. Their contributions and social service, their own interest in public affairs, their record of unselfish service, their own schooling and education and the degree to which they took advantage of self-improvement and social betterment were all gone into. Men of bad personal and moral conduct who offered themselves as candidates had their neighbors, friends and fellow workers who knew them well, discuss them right on the floor. It was in some respects our New England Town Meeting used on a colossal national scale covering an election in which 170 million people were involved. It is this process which provides the incentive for social service and social striving and interest in the public welfare by people throughout their country. In that election, for example, about half of the previous members of the All-Soviet Congress were not reelected. Many a smug big-wig including numerous Communists were surprised at the end of that election campaign to find themselves unwanted and many a person who was not even a member of the Communist Party who had given no thought to politics but who had

served the public very well out of sheer devotion to the people in their own professions or occupations or in some volunteer organization found themselves members of the highest governing body, the new Congress of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. It is a new type of democracy and I would say it serves them very well.

Every generation must be vigilant concerning its own liberties. No people can guarantee the liberties of succeeding generations, liberties won can be lost again. Therefore mere mechanical electoral organization is of itself no guarantee for all time that the liberties of the people will be assured, but insofar as any political structure can be so set up as to be most responsive to the moods and the needs of the people, I would say that the Soviet Union has made great strides forward in that direction.

But even the Soviet Union, as we were constantly reminded, was not an isolated entity living in a vacuum – it was part of the real world. West Europe and Asia were seething with the first battles of the Second World War. There were things to do to help the embattled Spanish people, the underground movement in the Nazi dominated countries, the promotion of People's Front movements against the Nazis in the democratic countries and the growing anti-Japanese forces in China.

My primary interest was of course the United States. But the United States also does not live as an isolated entity in a vacuum and the future of our country was in no small measure being decided in Europe and in Asia. Like thousands of other Americans I decided to lend a hand where I could be useful. I was fortunate in being able to make almost a free choice.

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**AFTER READING NSC, PASS
IT ALONG TO A FRIEND!**

JUST IN BEFORE PRESS TIME

An early January poll found out that over 64% of Russians regretted the USSR's collapse - *this was done by All-Russia Centre for Study of Public Opinion.*

Also, more than 74% of the people polled longed for the return of Soviet power and socialism. These people also stated that the Soviet collapse destroyed everything that people trusted and that they were proud of.

Are you listening Mr. Putin?
Or, are you planning your next move after the presidential election, when you will be elevated by the powers behind your presidency, to take over as head of the big Russian oil corporation, as Wall Street Journal predicts?

DANGER AHEAD FOR NGO'S IN RUSSIA

In a very dangerous move, the Russian Duma has given second reading to a Bill which, if passed will absolutely limit and curtail the activities of any NGO (*Non Governmental Organization*) that the present regime feels is dangerous to their policy. This is being hidden under an excuse that this Bill is only meant to: **"fight terrorism and money laundering and to stop foreign funding of any activities."**

COMMENT:

Does this mean that people all over the world who want to be friends with Soviet People and establish Friendship Society with Foreign Countries in ex-USSR and also that the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People are looked upon as "terrorist organizations?"

Is this why some Soviet delegates were refused permission to come to Canada?

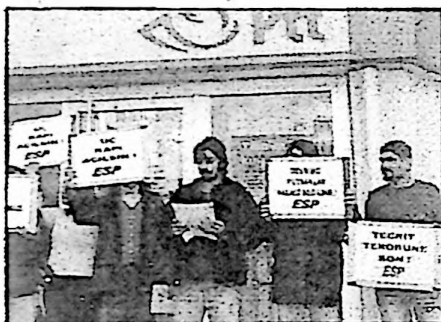
Solidarity with Spanish political prisoners in France

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Members of the Izmir ESP in France gathered in front of the Central Post Office in Paris and carried banners with the slogans: "End this isolation terror!" and "Revolutionary will cannot be surrendered".

Hussein Firat who read the press statement of Izmir ESP, expressed the violent conditions in which the political prisoners live in the F Type prisons. Isolation is the policy of imperialism all around the world. He also said that the Spanish PCE(r) and GRAPO prisoners are on a hunger strike against this isolation.

He made a call for international solidarity with these Spanish political prisoners.



The action ended with slogans such as: "Revolutionary prisoners are our honour!", "Freedom to the prisoners!" and "End this isolation cruelty!"

Seven PCE (r) and GRAPO prisoners are: Marcos Martin Ponce, Gema Belen Rodriguez Miguel, Maria Angeles Ruiz Villa, Fernando Hierro Chomon, Joaquin Garrido Gonzalez, Josefina Garcia Aramburu and Marcos Regueira Fernandez are imprisoned in France arbitrarily since 2002.

Solidarity messages to these Spanish political prisoners can be sent to:

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FRANCE

THIS APPEAL FOR UNITY IS FOR ALL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES

From newspaper DIALOG – Czech Republic

This short and to the point appeal by the founders of the Slovak Communist Party, concerns not only the Slovak party, but all of the multi-splits in the world's communist movement.

It is for a while now that we looked in anguish upon the falling apart of the leftwing movement, which is the only positive movement in the present state of quagmire in Slovakia. This Slovak republic which was born 13 years ago in terror conditions - both politically and economically - and just 10 years ago that the working class of Slovakia elected its candidates to be part of the Slovak parliament, has now split into two warring factions and brought shame to its two present leaders.

This unwanted and unwarranted situation, with the forthcoming Slovak elections coming soon, has given today's ultra-rightwing and fascist Slovak government, a guarantee of victory and more fascist-like policies to be implemented by the present government of Slovakia.

We, as the founders, are not guilty of this absolutely unwarranted and tragic situation and, we demand that the Central Committee's of both Communist Parties (KSS and USVIT), that they should immediately elect a three-member committee from each party, and be given full authority to come up with a unity plan for unification of both sides.

Personalities and personal egos have absolutely no place in the Communist movement in Slovakia! We must reach a binding Bolshevik Unity! This unity must be based on Marxist-Leninist ideology, unity of ideas, organization and action.

We ask that the Central Committee of each party, but especially its leaders, Joseph Sevc and Ivan Hopta, to realize their responsibility and fulfill the wishes of the working

class of Slovakia during this extremely dangerous situation in which the Slovak progressive movement finds itself now.

Jan Hulej, Jan Lenco, Jan Magoc, Milan Vavro

Founding members of the Communist Party of Slovakia

MONACO REFUSES TO LET THATCHER'S SON STAY

By IRINA MALENKO

MONACO – The tiny state of Monaco has told Mark Thatcher, the son of former Prime Minister of England, Margaret Thatcher, that he is not welcome to stay, a Royal spokesman said last month.

Mark Thatcher, 52, is looking for a place to live after his conviction for helping finance a failed coup in Equatorial Guinea, and Prince Albert of Monaco does not want him to soil the image of Monaco.

Thatcher pleaded guilty in a South African court in January of 2005 to helping finance a plot to overthrow the government of the oil-rich Equatorial Guinea. He received a four-year suspended sentence (?) and a \$500,000 fine in a plea bargain.

He was refused a visa to enter the United States in April of 2005.

The Mediterranean principality has long had a reputation of a tax haven, but it has now tightened its financial guidelines in recent years.

THIS IS AMERICA!

* **Undercover** New York Police officers have conducted covert surveillance in the last few years of people protesting the Iraq war, even bicycle riders taking part in mass rallies, and, believe it or not, even of mourners during a vigil for a cyclist killed in an accident – a leaked series of videotapes showed.

* **Many** US constitutional lawyers and even some US Senators say the President Bush has committed a federal crime by wiretapping Americans. Even a former CIA

intelligence officer said that in a statement. But, what is lacking is the political will to impeach President Bush.

* **Bush's** right-hand man in the White House, Bolton, threatens the UN members, specifically the 132 developing nations, that if they don't play ball with the United States, Washington may look elsewhere to settle international problems.

Iraqi Election – a big farce to the bitter end

Even the New York Times wrote that: *"US Ambassador in Iraq will remain the critical behind-the-scene-power. The new government will rubber-stamp US occupation of Iraq."*

For all the talk of democracy in Iraq after the rigged-election last December, the Bush administration has no intention of conceding what the vast majority of the Iraqi people want – **the complete withdrawal of the US and British forces from Iraq.**

President Bush not only refuses to propose a timetable for withdrawal, it has already begun a construction of a series of fortified military bases that would be available to the Pentagon indefinitely. Even though 41 Senate Democrats wrote a letter to Bush, trying to give him a face-saving scenario, in other words, like the White House, the Democratic Party seeks a military victory over the Iraqis who are fighting the US occupation.

American paranoia about terrorism!

In December of 2005 at the Miami International Airport an American citizen from Florida was killed in a hail of bullets by two trigger-happy US air marshals with their 357 Sig Sauer handguns as the horrified passengers looked on.

Witnesses that were interviewed absolutely deny the claim by the authorities that the passenger yelled that he had a bomb and was going to blow it up. A report was issued by the Department of Homeland Security, but it was leaked, that the Agency is trying to whitewash the incident contrary to the actual facts by the eyewitnesses.

Mr. Alpiraz, a US citizen from

Costa Rica did not take his medication for a bipolar disorder. Other passengers confirmed that the air marshals stormed the plane and made everyone put their hands on the seats while pointing their guns at the passengers,

Of course the fall-out from this unprovoked killing has the authorities scrambling to defuse the situation and a DHS memo was written, but it will never see the light of day.

Or did the colour of this poor Costa Rican victim play a part in this crazy US terrorist paranoia?

BOLIVIAN ELECTION TURNS LEFT

Prensa Latina- Cuba

CARACAS-DEC.9,2005 Venezuela's media and press highlighted the victory of left-wing lawmaker Evo Morales, leader of the Movement Towards Socialism (MAS), who will be the first President of Bolivia of indigenous origin.

"VEA" newspaper headlined on its front page "Gana Evo Morales" (*Evo Morales Wins*), and "Ultimas Noticias" daily highlighted Morales' triumph with the headline: *"Indigenous leader obtains landslide victory."*

Radio and TV stations have broadly covered the Bolivian elections with reports from their special correspondents sent to the neighbouring country.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez stated in his TV and radio address: *"The Bolivian people have written a new page of their history in the presidential elections."*

President Chavez of Venezuela expressed confidence that the Bolivian election results will be a new step towards the South American integration.

Counting Iraqi Casualties Now.

Why didn't the press ask?

Throughout the Iraq War, the US mainstream media have shown little interest in documenting or qualifying the suffering of the Iraqis. But a recent comment by President Bush

provoked (*as if on cue*) an unexpected round of discussion of the topic.

At a recent press conference, there was a direct question to Bush: *"I'd like to know the approximate total of Iraqis who have been killed. By Iraqis I mean civilians, military police, insurgents and translators."*

Bush's response was: *"I would say 30,000, more or less, have died as a result of the initial incursion and the ongoing violence against Iraqis."*

Suddenly, as if on a given sign, that it was OK now to write about the Iraqi casualties, the media went all out to quote sources etc. etc.

But this figure quoted by Bush was also a lie, because most of the Iraqi civilians who are killed go unreported. Even the British medical journal *"The Lancet"* two years ago (10/29/04) said that over 100,000 Iraqi casualties are more to the truth.

BUT – the most obvious and aspect of this incident has gone largely untouched. Why didn't the American reporters ask this question way before? Where is this US *"Freedom of expression?"* - *"Freedom to ask questions"*, *"Freedom to have the right to ask questions"* as the US White House and Pentagon controlled media constantly blasts across the world as how *"democratic"* US imperialism is!

COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES ANNIVERSARY STATEMENT

Dear reader:

We give here a very abridged version of the excellent statement made by the Central Committee of the CPP on their 37th Anniversary of re-establishment.

*Let us congratulate our party cadres and members, all of our Red commanders and fighters of the New People's Army (NPA), all activists in the various mass organizations, all allied forces in the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP), all personnel in the organs of the political power and the broad masses of people for persevering and winning brilliant victories in the ongoing new democratic revolution against foreign monopoly capitalism, domestic feudalism and bureaucratic

capitalism.

*The Second Great Rectification Movement has lasting consequences in strengthening the Party. We have rectified the revisionist, empiricist and dogmatic subjectivist errors in ideology, Left and Right opportunist errors in politics and the errors of bureaucratism and ultra-democracy in our organization. We are for a protracted people's war. We have firmed up our grasp of the principle of democratic centralism and followed it in building the Party organization

* We are in a position to take advantage of the crisis of the world's capitalist system and the domestic ruling class and to lead the Filipino people in the struggle for national liberation and democracy against US imperialism and the local exploiting classes of the big compradors and landlords. We are now in the midst of a growing mass movement to overthrow the US-supported Arroyo regime

*The crisis in world capitalist system continues to worsen. The Southeast Asian countries have not recovered from the 1997 economic and financial crisis from the glut in semi-manufactured re-exports and private construction.

*Three billion people or half of humankind live on less than \$2 US dollars per day. Overwhelming majority of people live in abject poverty, despite the fact that with the available technology and **with only 1% of the worlds gross domestic product, global poverty could be eradicated!**

*The US has been rapidly overreaching itself since the disintegration of the revisionist-ruled regimes since 1953 and the collapse of the Soviet Union in the period of 1989-1991. It has overplayed its hand as the only superpower.

* In pursuit of their own interests, France, Germany, Russia and China have serious differences with US regarding the war in Iraq. Besides this, the economic competition between these powers and the clear rivalry amongst them are likely to intensify in the first place because US imperialism is monopolizing the spoils of war. The super greed of these countries is boiling and might boil over.

* We need hundreds of thousands of Party members in order to carry out

the gigantic tasks of the revolution. We must build the party branches and groups in factories, transport lines, barrios, plantations, mass organizations, institutions and the people's army.

* Overthrowing the Arroyo regime is not enough. We must aim for the complete satisfaction of the people's demands for national liberation and democracy against US imperialism and the local exploiting class!

IRAQ

INTERVIEW WITH SALAN AL-MUKHTAR

By Robert Dreyfus

The following is an abridged transcript with Salan al-Mukhtar, an Iraqi Baath Party official who has belonged to the party for 47 years. At the time of US invasion of Iraq in 2001, he was Iraq's ambassador to Vietnam. Before that he was the ambassador to India, Iraq's Mission at the United Nations and an official in the Iraq's Ministry of Information. Before 2004, Mukhtar was close to Tariq Aziz, former Iraq's Foreign Minister, who is currently in US custody.

Mukhtar strongly denounced al Qaada in Iraq and charged that they are part of US and Iranian intelligence control and also the present Prime Minister Zarqawi who operates under the CIA control. At present, Mukhtar lives in Yemen.

Q: You were ambassador to Vietnam, why did you move to Yemen?

A: I did my best in Hanoi to defend the legitimacy of my government and to expose the colonial nature of US imperialism. After the US occupation was completed, I decided to look for someplace else close to Iraq and continue my struggle for liberation of my country.

Q: Are you the official spokesman for the Baath Party?

A: Simply, I am a Baathist for 47 years, am also a writer, besides written thousands of articles about Iraq - for that reason I am a patriot intellectual and I write in order to defend my homeland and for its freedom.

Q: Can you tell me some details about the resistance? Is there a national or regional command? Are the resistance leaders both inside Iraq and outside? Are the necessary communications between the Iraqi resistance leaders difficult?

A: The whole Iraqi resistance was prepared, systematically even in year 2001, after the Iraq leadership reached the conclusion that the US Bush administration had decided to invade Iraq. In that year the final preparations were completed, such as establishing secret top leadership from the Baath party, from the Iraqi Army, especially from the Republican Guard, scientists from the military and the most experienced military intelligence officers and millions of Iraqis who were trained in urban guerrilla warfare. Arms and ammunition were hidden in secret stores, enough to keep on struggling for at least ten years without any need for outside support.

The central command operates inside Iraq. No command leaders working outside Iraq. A secret and very sophisticated communication system is used which the US invaders are not able to break into.

Q: US command says that your resistance is faceless.

A: Being faceless was a decision taken before the US invasion in order to guarantee the resistance and this is essential in the plans of calculated strategy of the resistance. But the US government is aware that the major resistance is from the forces of the Baath Party. This is enough to allow you to draw the conclusion about the nature of the resistance.

Q: What is your attitude to the present government, headed by Zarqawi? What about the attacks against Shiite mosques and so forth?

A: These stories are created by the CIA, because there are many indications that Zarqawi was killed in northern part of Iraq, during the beginning of the US invasion. CIA is working hard to ignite sectarian strife amongst the Iraqis and by wanton killing of Iraqis and blaming it on the Iraqi resistance fighters. Our armed resistance has condemned these killings and their backers. As for the Al Qaada, this organization did not exist in Iraq before the US invasion. This is the babe of the CIA and this is why the US invasion brought on this organization, not President

Saadam Hussein!

Q: How do you look at the recent elections in Iraq and did your party participate in it?

A: No Baathist party member has participated in this so-called US approved election in Iraq. No real election can take place when the country is being occupied by a foreign power - this is according to international law as stipulated by the United Nations itself. We must defeat the occupiers by an armed struggle.

We shall not win freedom or independence by any so-called elections.

Britain admits it helped Israel with Nuclear Weapons

From AFP – Yahoo News

Britain has admitted that it did send heavy water for Israel Nuclear Weapons development during the 1950's, which is as key ingredient in making nuclear weapons.

An investigation by BBC TV "Newsnight" unearthed papers showing a deal was made to send the heavy water to Israel. The secret documents now revealed that the British Foreign Office knew also that Israel was buying uranium from South Africa and they helped in this arrangement.

Even a member of Tony Blair's Labour government, Jeremy Corbyn charged now: *"Right back to the late 1950's we were a party to the transfer of nuclear technology to Israel. The idea that it was Norway that did this transaction was just the fact that we used Norway as a smokescreen."*

CUBA AND VENEZUELA COOPERATE TO CURE BLINDNESS

From TOM FAWTHROP in Havana

The foreign tourists who come to the hotels in the idyllic Marina Hemingway complex on the outskirts of Havana are shocked to find all Havana's hotel rooms practically fully booked until mid 2006. More than a dozen hotels have been temporarily closed to tourists to make way for a



different kind of visitor. Most of them arrive nearly blind, but all will be able to see again perfectly before they leave Cuba.

A remarkable humanitarian programme is under way here, which aims to restore the sight of six million people through free eye surgery. Lunched in July by President Fidel Castro and Venezuelan's President Hugo Chavez-"Operation Miracle" has brought daily planeloads of poor people from across Latin America

and the Caribbean to Havana for surgery. Cuba provides the medical skills, while Venezuela provides Petro-dollars.

People suffering from cataracts and other eye conditions that can be quickly remedied are candidates.

Cuba's comprehensive and free healthcare system has a ratio of one doctor for every 170 Cubans, compared to 188 in the USA and 250 in the United Kingdom.

TRUE COLOURS OF "DEMOCRACY" AS SEEN THROUGH CONSTITUTION

PYONGYANG –The US is trying ever harder to spread the American way of "democracy" to the DPRK, under the pretext of ensuring "freedom", "equality" and "human rights". This "democracy" on its lips, however it is a pseudo-democracy. Only a socialist democracy, centred on the popular masses is the very true one. The yardstick of characterizing the democratic nature of a given social system is how to stipulate the civil rights and duties.

The peoples "freedom" and "rights" defined by the Constitution of the USA discloses the true colour of the much talked about American way of "democracy". What is most important for the people is the political freedom and rights.

The Socialist Constitution of the DPRK stipulates that all the citizens above the age of 17 years are entitled to vote and be elected irrespective of sex, nationality, occupation, period of residence, property status, standard of learning, party affiliation, political view and religious belief

On the contrary, the Constitution of the USA excludes the overwhelming majority of the popular masses from elections, with many restrictive conditions, including sex, nationality, occupation, a period of residence, property status, race and standard of knowledge. The election registration procedures are also different and complicated in the US, which makes a very large number of people impossible to register the names on the lists of the voters.

During the mid-term election in 2002, only 40% of voters participated in it. This fact discloses in all

nakedness the shamelessness of the US styling itself as the "Judge of Democracy" in the world.

Even the "freedom of assembly and demonstration" and "freedom of association" stipulated by the US constitution is nothing but a legal expression as they have no guarantee for realization and are restricted by the regulations in force.

According to the US Taft-Hartley Act established in 1947, for an example, in case of an "emergency" created by a worker's strike, the US court gives the right to adopting a law to stop any strike by the President. And if the strikers and trade union leaders do not respond to the decision of the court, they will, be fined and imprisoned.

This law was applied to 160,000 coal miners in 1978 and, by invoking it. President Reagan disbanded the airborne control tower workers trade union in the US in 1981. It is in non other but the USA itself where the political freedom and rights of people are mercilessly violated and repressed by the above-said restrictive conditions and over 20,000 repressive laws that are in force.

THESE "CLOWNS" ARE DEADLY, NOT FUNNY

By Ana Lucia Gelabert



Often derided as clownish, naive, a lunatic, or very fanatical, "Terror Evangelist" Pat Robertson – who on August 22, 2005 called for the terrorist assassination of the Venezuela's constitutional President Hugo Chavez – on a live national TV – as well as his Yale University co-alumnus and Nazi-Fascist USA

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Dictator Bush, truly is anything but a clown or funny at all.

Robertson, a 1955 graduate of top elite Yale Law School, then in 1959 receiving his Doctorate from New York Theological Seminary, Robertson is exceedingly intelligent, also a very cunning capitalist entrepreneur, who out of "thin" air created the multi-million dollar "Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc." where he is its CEO, President and main stock-holder which operates nationwide broadcaster CBN-TV in which Robertson's pet program "700 Club" is aired, where the threats on President Chavez were made.

Nor is Robertson some "Fanatical Christian" gone berserk, but a cool-headed ruthless profiteer who would profit a windfall if oil hits US\$200 a barrel as a result of US-Venezuela hostilities. For while the US American average wage earner cannot afford – where the factory rank or a "techno-professional" in glossy skyscraper has a hard time to

afford gasoline or home heating oil at triple the prices, oil/gas oligopolies, like ExxonMobil, ChevronTexan, Amco, Shell, BP and their nemora like Halliburton/KBT et al., this year show sky-rocketing profits of around US \$30 billion; and some of that bonanza trickles down as "Christian Donations" to CBN Inc. – whose income in the past 5 years mirrors those of Exxon corporation.

That is the **real motive**, and not zeal for "God" or "Jesus Christ", why Robertson wants to provoke a war in which hundreds of thousands of Venezuelan civilians – but also quite a few of US American mercenaries – would be killed or maimed for life; or at least to disrupt the steady flow of Venezuelan oil to the USA. This would be for the sake of Robertson's really true God: **THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR.**

Nowadays I have a valid criminal Rule 3 complaint against Robertson, in Houston Federal Court in Texas, for his August 22, 2005 felonious act. As "probable cause" has been

shown and by the accused own words, under Rule #4, the US Court has but two choices: to issue a warrant for Robertson's arrest, or a summons to have him appear in court. Though I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for either to happen. Or not so long ago as "*Christo-Fascists*" usurp power in what was once a secular USA demo-bourgeois republic.

On which nazi-fascist conspiracy "*Grand Ayatola of America*" wanna be Pat Robertson is a main actor.

SHARON is on his death bed. As a war criminal, he will not be missed!



Here, There and Everywhere!

By ROD BOWKER

FAILED LOGIC AGAIN

By HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

Failed American logic is threatening to repeat itself once again. How American this logic is, is a matter of interpretation, but it looks like another war is in the making. Forget the "*Axis of Evil*" cliché, which was coined by George Bush's speech writer David Frum. The American foreign policy and its armed forces seem to be getting their marching orders straight from imperialist-expansionist Israel and its defence establishment. The next war will not be on the Korean Peninsula, it will again be in the Israel's neighbourhood. And once again, Israel's soldiers will be watching American soldiers die for Israel on their TV sets. When shall it happen? You will know when the world imperialist-Zionist media decides to tell you, and, you can be certain that it will be pumped-up by the reactionary media that we depend for our daily news. Korea is too far from Israel and Syria is very close – so it will be Syria which will have to be the

first to be Satanized and then destroyed, just like the Palestinian homes are bulldozed flat to make room for Israeli homes. All of this is the master plan by the self-styled "*God's chosen people*". Work against Syria is already under way. Israel's intelligence services are currently supplying their Zionist cousins in the United States media slanderous materials to create a climate of hatred against Syria. American armed forces have repeatedly accused Syria for the patriotic resistance in their country and for "*lack of any cooperation*".

The mysterious and professional assassination of Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri last February 14, 2005, is blamed on Syria even though Israel has most to gain from it.

While Israel was forced by the Lebanese resistance to end its occupation of South Lebanon, as a result of this assassination and the resulting American pressure, Syria had Lebanon, even before the investigation of this political murder was started. There is still no conclusive identification of the culprits behind the assassination, just as there is no medical explanation for Yaser Arafat's death, though Israel is the sole beneficiary from both of these murders.

Israel still occupies Syria's Golan Heights and Syria's withdrawal from Lebanon, weakens its defensive position considerably. Syria's capital, Damascus, is very close to the Lebanese border and remains exposed to possible Israel attacks. Moreover, with Syria out of Lebanon, Israel feels so secure that it will not even consider returning Golan Heights to Syria, despite the demand of the United Nations Security Council. Strategically, Syria is surrounded. Its longest border is with Iraq where the American forces provide a good example of what is in store for Syria. In the north, Syria shares similarly long border with NATO member Turkey, which is a close friend of Israel. The Hariri assassination is only a pretext for an imminent attack on Syria. Such pretexts were used in the Balkans before, to attack the Serbs for the faked "*Racak massacre*" and the Sarajevo "*bread line massacre*", later traced to Muslims, not the Serbs. Hitler also had a ready excuse for

every country he attacked in the Second World War.

The evidence for the coming war against Syria is more than circumstantial. While the rhetoric against Iran is plentiful in the media, it is only a diversionary tactic. Iran will not be attacked first, because it is a much bigger country and because Israel wants Syria destroyed and out of the way first. An attack against Iran would arouse the Shiites of Iraq and the American gains in Iraq would be threatened. Iraqi Shiites have so far largely stayed out of the resistance in Iraq. Iran is a country of 70,000,000 people and closer to Russia, which would not stay as a mere observer. An attack against Syria carries no such risks. Syria is a country for which knives are being sharpened as we speak these words. To make that clear, we only have to quote the former Israeli Chief of Staff (2000-2005), Moshe Yaalon who, last December 15, 2005, said the following to the reporters in New York: "*Before the outbreak of hostilities, Saddam Hussein transferred the chemical agents from Iraq to Syria...the reason the weaponry has not been uncovered is simple. No one went to Syria to find it.*" (New York Sun, L.A. Times, December 15, 2005). The so-called reason is well established and promoted, for a "*justified*" attack against Syria.

Israeli Zionist sponsorship of American wars is almost not secret. "*Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs*" practically designs the American foreign policy, which is then implemented by the Zionist functionaries that are members of the Republican and Democrat US Administrations respectively.

Already in April of 2003, Deputy Secretary of Defence, Paul Wolfowitz warned: "*There's got to be a change in Syria.*" Another US Agency, created for and by the American Zionists is the "*US Committee for a Free Lebanon*" (UDCFL), and staffing only one Lebanese Christian, one right-wing American, Jeane Kirkpatrick, the rest are prominent Americans renown for their Zionist achievements.

When US President George Bush speaks on "*reconstructing the Middle East*", you can be certain that this will come through war, force, murder and bloodshed and more and more

Americans will be sacrificed for Israeli interests. This American President has already admitted that he had false intelligence about Iraq's "Weapons of Mass Destruction".

I suggest that he should go to Israel which is full of WMD's— not Syria — but he will no doubt opt out for his failed logic again!

LATVIAN FASCISTS ARE GOING TO MARCH AGAIN

From ITAR-TASS

RIGA: The Latvian fascists are to march again in order to commemorate the Waffen SS Legion of Latvia on March 16, 2006. Members of other similar nazi organizations are planning to join the march in larger numbers.

A similar march was held last year by permission of the Latvian regime and there were clashes with police and members of the Latvian Russian organizations. Many of these Russian Latvians were jailed and fined. Most are challenging these police fines in courts.

COMMENT:

This of course proves that the present Latvian regime is not only nationalistic but seems to favour fascist ideology and tries to hide the history of thousands of Red Army men being shot in the back by these nationalists, who were serving the Hitler Nazis.

NATIONALISM, A STEP TOWARDS FASCISM

Nationalism is just racism-fascism dressed up in respectable Sunday clothes. Nationalism and racism are the dirty old whores of political thought, with nationalists having a bit more up-market clientele at this time of history.

Playing the nationalist card is always ugly in the process and is very dangerous, because it stirs up irrational anger and hate again at anything that is promoted as alien. For demagogues, there is always an alien to be found. And, when nationalism is mixed with religion and "my nation above all" or "our

people are God's chosen people" — then you have wars, killings, murders — all in the name of nationalism, which eventually leads to fascism! Perfect example is the USA today as well as Israel!

BUSH SALUTES MONGOLIA!



Last December 2005, President Bush on his tour of Japan, South Korea and China, stopped over to Mongolia and in a few minutes of talk, he said: "Mongolia and the USA are standing together as brothers in the cause of freedom." He was very glad that "Mongolia was the first nation to throw out Communism and holding free elections as we do in the United States of America."

Bush, who before he became president, could not even point out on the world map where Mongolia was! He did not even know as to how the Soviet government and Soviet people brought Mongolia from the middle ages to the present era...how the Soviets helped Mongolia to develop industry, agriculture and put them on the road towards socialism.

It certainly was not the US that helped liberate Mongolia from the Japanese Imperialist Yoke. The present regime leadership of Mongolia will certainly be tried as traitors to their country, sooner or later!

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PESTICIDE TESTING ON U. S. CHILDREN

By J. CORLETT

Although there exists the Environmental Protection Agency in the U.S., but there is now Bush's own EPA logic.

It seems that these environmental and health protectors were caught supporting industry tests in which

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children were intentionally dosed with pesticides – that made U.S. Congress mandate last August (2005) and issued a rule permanently banning such tests, without exception. In September the EPA issued its proposed ban in a flowery declaration, but if you read the 30 pages of fine print, this gives the U.S. pesticide corporations many exceptions to the supposed prohibition.

Get ready to puke – for these are some of the exceptions:

*Neglected or abused infants can be subjected to pesticide test without the consent of parents or guardians.

*Mentally handicapped and orphaned infants may be used for tests for the sake of research.

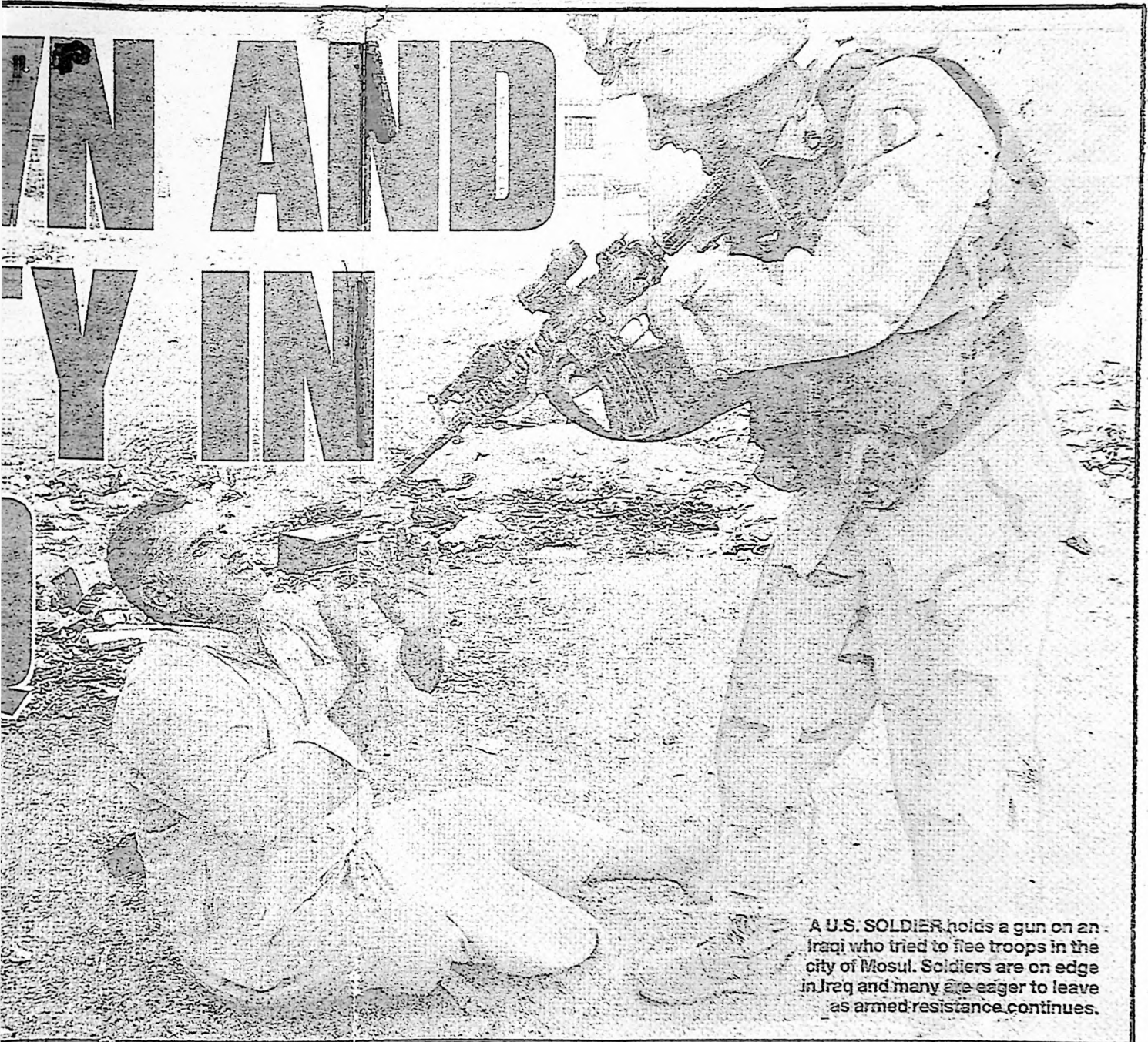
*The U.S. EPA will accept industry pesticide tests done on children outside the United States of America,

including in countries with minimal or no ethical standards.

This is the “freedom” that US imperialism wants to bring to other “undemocratic” countries that they wish to subjugate!

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U.S./NATO FASCISM IN IRAQ!



A U.S. SOLDIER holds a gun on an Iraqi who tried to flee troops in the city of Mosul. Soldiers are on edge in Iraq and many are eager to leave as armed resistance continues.

JERRY MORSE



WASHINGTON, D.C. The latest chapter as to how US democracy works in the following example. The National Security Agency (*this is the government agency where its employees are supposed to work for the people, but in fact they are puppets of the Military-Industrial, Financial Complex*), now have their own show, where some of these puppets get barred from the US media.

The publication "Media", in its New Year edition had printed a story about the resistance of the US Justice Department to the bugging of foreign agencies conversations without warrant authorization from Judicial Department. This was in the 1978 law, called the "Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act". The US President and Vice President wanted to extend this Bugging Act beyond 2005. But a deputy to Ashcroft (*James Comey*) said that this was illegal and stopped it.

Ashcroft was in hospital for a gallbladder operation, and had visits from Bush and Cheney, who spoke with Ashcroft (*under anesthetics?*) and left the hospital with more gall than the operation. It seems that someone had leaked this information.

Since that leak, the US Administration is trying to justify in breaking another law.

On January 1, 2005, President Bush was speaking to the wounded US soldiers at Brooke Army Medical Centre in San Antonio, Texas and said: "*This National Security Agency (NSA) is an important program protecting Americans, because we're at war!*" One GI present asked: "*Who's War?*"

Bush went on to say: "*If somebody from al Qaeda is calling you, we'd like to know why.*"

Why? The whole world knows than bin Laden himself is a personal friend of the Bush family and can call

Bush any time he likes, and with no security people monitoring and listening to the conversation, Why? Because these conversations are about money and oil!

So, on with the show!

DID YOU KNOW?

Nobel Laureate, Joseph E. Stiglitz and a Harvard University budget expert, Linda Bilmes, have presented a Study Paper, which estimated that the cost of the Iraq War to the U.S. citizens is at between **1 and 2 Trillion Dollars**. This puts the lie to the Bush administration figure that it would only cost \$100-\$200 billion.

Can you imagine how much health care benefits to the US citizens this would provide?

Eric Alterman, a well known and influential journalist and American writer said that: "*the willingness of our most powerful USA media corporations, defer to the White House rather than to the truth, for reasons that relate far more to political embarrassment to the White House than to the national security – and this is deeply disconcerting.*"

The Iraqi people love the U.S. occupation troops so much that they have killed over 2,000 of them, and maimed other thousands, and yet President Bush says that the Iraqi love America and are jealous of its freedom.

We feel that Bush, when talking to God is really mixing his messages up terribly - probably he needs a good translator?

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NEW TRIUMPH OF THE LEFT IN LATIN AMERICA!

From GRANMA INTERNATIONAL

At the left you can see the jubilant face and the excitement of the Bolivian people, when on December 18th, for the first time in 200 years of the Republic's existence, an indigenous citizen has triumphed in a national election to form a new government.

EVO MORALES an Aymara of humble origin and who was the president of the Movement Towards Socialism (MAS), will now serve as President of the Republic of Bolivia and major changes await the people.

PUTIN'S REGIME IS ALLOWING THE FOLLOWING:

From newspaper FOR USSR

* Now NATO is publishing its own magazine in Russia "News About NATO" in Russian.

* There is a contest for best literary work on "NATO-from Russia with Love."

* In most Russian Universities, representatives of NATO are giving lectures on the so-called "together against terrorism".

* In Russia there is a program agreed upon by President Putin that allows Russian warships to guide NATO warships on their war training in the territorial waters of Russia.

* Putin is allowing the plans to remove part of the Russian population in strategic parts of Russia as NATO demands in its plans for war exercises.

The same scenario is being played now as during the counter-revolutionary years when the Russian Army was used.

COMMENT: How can any political party in Russia, agree with these traitorous acts which in any other country the leader would be tried and shot!

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US POISONED PAUL ROBESON WITH MIND- BENDING DRUG

By TOM RHODES, New York

The round of meetings, interviews and speeches had been strenuous, but by the time Paul Robeson reached Moscow on a spring evening in 1961, the singer, actor and Black American, was in usually good spirits.

He was planning to meet Fidel Castro in Cuba before returning to the US to join the growing wave of civil rights activism led by Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. It was a very exciting prospect for Robeson.

However Robeson never made it to Cuba. A surprise party was arranged for him at a Moscow hotel suite, after which he was hit by an extreme paranoia and tried to kill himself by slashing his wrists.

Three weeks later Cuban Exiles from USA, led by the CIA, landed on the Island's Bay of Pigs in an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow Castro. This led to an international crisis that brought the world to the brink of nuclear war.

On the surface, these two events appear unconnected. But, now Robeson's son is blaming the CIA for the sudden deterioration of his father's health, from which the singer never fully recovered before his death in 1977.

Paul Robeson Jr. claims that his father had been poisoned by the CIA to prevent what would have been a very high profile visit to Havana at the time of the American-backed invasion of Cuba. He believes, that his father was part of a wider plot to ensure that the charismatic activist never assumed his place in the vanguard of the US civil rights movement.

According to Robeson Jr., his father's symptoms at the time of the attempted suicide were identical with those produced by BZ, a mind-



altering drug developed by the intelligence agencies in Britain and in the USA for use in a highly classified psychological warfare programme known as MK-Ultra. He found out that at least two Doctors that treated him in London and in New York had links to this programme.

Robeson Jr. on the anniversary of his father's death has approached the US, British agencies, demanding the release of all the classified documents relating to his father's visit to Moscow and the medical treatments.

Paul Robeson was more than a singer, and actor. He learned more than 20 languages, including several African dialects, Chinese and Russian. He was also the first Black man to be employed by a leading New York law firm.

For the intelligence agencies in America and in Britain, Robeson's stature as an artist, combined with his increasing radical political activities, made him a serious threat to the establishment. He was a close friend not only of the American civil rights activists, but also a leading light of the colonial independence movement, such as Jawaharlal Nehru and Jomo Kenyatta.

As early as 1936, MI5 of Britain

officers visited Robeson on the set of Sanders of the River, an Alexander Korda epic film that was the first to feature a powerful Black male star. The CIA (or its previous title) opened also a file on Robeson in 1943. At the end of World War II his case was assigned to a special agent who was directly responsible for covert operations.

According to his son, Robeson had several close brushes with death in the next decade. In 1947, a car in which he was a passenger suddenly lost a left wheel and it was found later that it was sabotaged. He was a target of Senator Joseph McCarthy's 1950-54 anti-communist witchhunt and, with the onset of the cold war, his politics effectively ended his mainstream musical and theatrical careers.

Robeson Jr. found out that there were attempts to "neutralize" his father, and after more than 35 years of investigations and the gradual declassification of some intelligence documents. Robeson Jr. is a fluent Russian speaker and he had interviewed senior Russian officials in Moscow during the Krushchev period and perestroika period - who were guests at the "surprise" party - which he found out that this party was filled with by all of the anti-Soviet dissidents.

Robeson Jr. said that after he visited his father the day after the suicide attempt, Robeson Sr. said that he had felt trapped in a real life "James Bond nightmare". The walls were always closing around him. He shut himself in his bedroom, suffering extreme depression and feelings of utter worthlessness - all symptoms that is induced by hallucinogenic drugs that were given to him.

Shortly after he left Moscow, he was admitted to the Priory hospital in London, England. Within 36 hours of his arrival in London, and against the advice of Soviet doctors, Robeson was subjected to the first of 54 electro-convulsive shock therapy sessions.

Mike Miniccino, an MK-Ultra historian with very close contacts in the American intelligence, said that the allegations that Paul Robeson was really targeted by the CIA were "entirely plausible." His family kept the suicide attempt and depression a secret. But, between April and June

of 1961, the FBI kept a dossier and a "status of health" file of Robeson, which reveals that plans were already made to prevent the world communist movement from

exploiting Robeson's "imminent" death.

"The fact that such a file was opened at all, is very sinister in

itself," said Robeson Jr. now 71, at his house in Brooklyn, New York. "This indicates a degree of prior knowledge that something was about to happen to my father."

NEWS * DIGEST * COMMENT

The Americans kidnapped me!

By KHALED EI-Masri

In a shocking expose published in the Los Angeles Times 12/19/2005, here is the story as told by Khaled.

"I am still recovering from the experience that was completely beyond the pale, outside the bounds of any legal framework and unacceptable in any civilized society. Because of this I sued the former CIA director, George Tenet.

I was born in Kuwait and raised in Lebanon. In 1935 Lebanon was being torn apart by civil war, I went to Germany in search of a better life. There I became a citizen, lived a normal life and together with my wife and five children I started a new life.

On December 31, 2003 I took a bus from Germany to Macedonia to visit some friends. When the bus arrived, my nightmare started. Macedonian agents confiscated my passport and detained me without any charges for 23 days. I was not allowed to contact anyone, not even my wife.

I was forced to record a video for the CIA that I was treated well. Then I was handcuffed, blindfolded and taken to a building where I was severely beaten. When my blindfold was removed I saw men dressed in black, wearing black ski masks. I could not guess their nationality. I was put in a diaper, a belt with chains to my wrists and ankles, earmuffs, eye pads, a blindfold and a hood on my head and then thrown into a plane, and my arms and legs were spread-eagled to the floor. I felt two injections and I became nearly unconscious. I felt the plane take off, land and then take off again. I learned then that I was taken to Afghanistan.

There I was beaten again. left in a filthy small concrete cell, with no water. I was interrogated again and again, took my blood and urine samples, photographed and returned to the solitary confinement cell for four months, without any charges being laid.

They kept on asking me whether I knew the men that supposedly were responsible for the 9/11. I told them the truth that I had no connection with any of those people they named. But because of my skin colour and being of mid-Eastern origin, that was the main threat. I demanded repeatedly that as a citizen of Germany that I have the right to meet a representative of the German government or a lawyer. Always, my requests were ignored.

In desperation I began a hunger strike, but I was dragged into a room where a feeding tube was forcibly put through my nose into the stomach. I became extremely ill.

After three months of this, I was taken to meet an American who said that he had traveled from Washington. I also met a German representative who warned that I must never tell of what transpired to me, because the Americans were determined to keep the affairs secret.

On May 28, 2004, almost 5 months after I was kidnapped, I was again blindfolded, and chained to an airplane seat. I was told that we would land in another country but not Germany, because the Americans did not want to leave traces of their involvement, but that I would eventually get back to Germany.

After we landed, I was driven into the mountains, still blindfolded. My captors removed my handcuffs and blindfold, told me to walk down a dark deserted path and not to look back. I was deathly afraid that I would be shot in the back.

As I turned a bend in the path, I was accosted by three men who asked me as to what am I doing

illegally in Albania? They took me to the airport and my wallet was returned to me, so I bought a ticket for Germany. It is only after the plane took off that I really believe that I was going home. I had long strangely hair, a long beard and lost over 60 pounds. My wife and children went back to Lebanon, believing that I deserted them. Thankfully now that they know what happened, we are together again in Germany.

I do not know why this happened to me, and of course to many others as well. No one from the American government has ever contacted me or offered any explanation or apology for the pain that they have caused me, and my family.

I begged all the time for my captors to bring me before the court. Since my captors would not bring me to court, last month I brought them to court. Helped by the American Civil Liberties Union, I am suing the US government because so that the American people and the whole world would know and agree with me.

COMMENT:

Khaled's statement could have been more to the point, calling the US Government and Bush the biggest terrorists in the world and a danger for all of mankind, including the American people!

ARIEL SHARON

Israel's Prime Minister was a ruthless military commander responsible for one of the most shocking war crimes of the 20th Century. Though Bush acclaims Sharon as a "man of peace" yet the blood shed at Sabra and Chatila remains a stain on the conscience of that Zionist Nation. As he lies stricken in his hospital bed, history will judge him as a war criminal!

STALIN AND "STALINISM"

From the Communist Party of
Venezuela
World View [Optica Mundial]

There has never been, before or now, anywhere, a personality more hated and slandered by the world bourgeoisie and its mercenary spokespersons, than the Georgian **Joseph V. Dzhugashvili** (December 21, 1879 to March 5, 1953). He himself discarded his baptismal name to take the name **Stalin**, by which he will always be remembered in the history of the humanity.

Imperialist propaganda has made a myth of that name, that of an individual who personifies crime, evil in all its numerous manifestations. In a century in which the bourgeoisies of the countries fighting for the domination of markets unleashed two world wars and caused millions of people to die, as in the 20th century, now it only remains to place all faults, some real and some imaginary, on the man called **Stalin**. Nobody names, of course, such a person as **Harry Truman**, who had atomic bombs dropped on the very populous Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, thus causing hundreds of thousands of civilian deaths. Or the cruel bombardment that **Winston Churchill** ordered carried out against the defenseless German city of Dresden despite its being inhabited then only by elderly people, children and disabled people.

There was a time, as many may remember, when for Yankee propaganda the personification of evil was represented by a German named **Adolf Hitler**, and in recent times that role has been assigned to political leaders such as **Slobodan Milosevic** of Yugoslavia and **Saddam Hussein** of Iraq. At present, little by little, although on a smaller scale they are trying to do the same with our president **Hugo Chavez**. This is a technique that can be characterized as that of "St. George and the Dragon," in which the role of St. George corresponds to Yankee imperialism. It is the Anglo-



Saxon mentality that needs to see in every adversary a bandit.

In reality the purpose of this permanent campaign against Stalin, which many people on the left echo blinded by a habitual anti-communism, is to discredit in the eyes of the peoples the very idea of **socialism**.

In present-day circumstances, when the world crisis of capitalism can no longer be concealed, and the socialist solution is the only feasible one, this campaign of slanders centered on the figure of **Stalin** means in practice to try to lead the world to a **dead end**. Therefore Washington's servants try to present false versions of socialism – some real illusions created by the petty bourgeoisie – and a distorted historic

version of the concrete experiences of socialist construction.

However, each day it becomes forcefully clearer that socialism is only possible in which the national peculiarities and the situations of the epoch in no way contradict the principles of scientific socialism of *The Communist Manifesto* stated by **Marx and Engels**. Just as **Lenin** and **Stalin** interpreted them in the foundation and development of the **USSR**.

It is helpful to bring to light here these significant words of **Alexander Lukashenko**, current president of the Republic of Byelorussia, speaking last September before the 60th General Assembly of the UN in New York: "... fifteen years have passed since the end of my country, the Soviet Union. This event has dramatically changed the world order. The Soviet Union, in spite of all the errors and betrayals of its leaders, was the source of hope and support for many States and peoples. The Soviet Union guaranteed equilibrium in the world..."

Stalin was without a doubt the main builder of the Soviet State, and "Stalinism" was the master plan which, in accordance with that epoch, made possible such a successful construction.

Jerónimo Carrera

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Translated by George Gruenthal

FIRST KURDISTAN CONFERENCE HELD

From the *MLCP International Bulletin*

The Kurdistan section of the MLCP held its conference last November 4-11, 2005. This important Conference showed its determination to strengthen the party's work and for the national freedom and social liberation. The delegates discussed the political situation, the national and social realities. The most important task is to unite the Kurdish and Turkish working class within one Party. To struggle against the fascist regime



ACCORDING TO MISHKA

HEY BUDDY! THIS IS THE REAL AMERICA!

The spiralling cost of post-traumatic disorder amongst the US war veterans of Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq has triggered a political charged debate and ignited fears amongst the war veterans that the US Bush government is trying to limit the benefits for emotionally scarred troops returning home now and those that long time ago returned from Vietnam.

In the past two years this disorder has grown seven times as fast as the number receiving benefits in general. According to the Department of Veteran Affairs there is now a total of 215, 871 veterans who are now receiving benefits at a cost of over \$4.3 billion - a jump of more than 150% since 1999. This is due also to the demands of the Vietnam veterans and their families, who are deathly ill and dying from Agent Orange - which the US government still refuses to admit that it used in Vietnam.

Veterans are diagnosed with paralyzing memories of traumatic episodes they witnessed and experienced. It's a fact that a very large proportion of these veterans do not seek compensation or get tested because of the stigma surrounding mental illnesses, so, the proportion of those veterans are even larger than is admitted.

The US government is trying to downplay this illness, trying to

eliminate the costs of treatment and pretend that it does not exist.

These US veterans who are mostly from the poor families of the slums, should by now realize that they were sent to destroy other countries, murder, ravage and destroy property and, they of course were not welcomed with flowers, but by guns and bombs. They should ask themselves and other veterans who are suffering and might never be cured as to:

"What in hell were we doing in other countries? Whom were we defending? In whose interests were we dying and now have this mental disorder? Where were the sons and daughters of the US ruling class? Did God tell Bush to send us to war?"



THIS IS HOW IT WAS!

By PROMETEOAMERICA

The dispute this month over the gas prices between Russia and Ukraine, and how Ukraine likes to be independent, but also wants the old subsidies that it was received during the Soviet era, brought some old memories to me. Luckily there are few places where these memories are documented - like this one:

History of the Soviet Union (1985-1991)-Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

...On March 17, 1991, in an all-

USSR referendum, 78% of all Soviet voters voted for the retention of the Soviet Union. The Baltics, Armenia, Georgia and Moldova boycotted the referendum. In each of the other 9 republics a great majority of the voters supported the retention of the USSR

...In June of 1991, direct elections were held for the post of president of the Russian SFSR. The populist candidate, favoured by imperialism Boris Yeltsin, who was an outspoken critic of Gorbachev, won 57% of the vote, defeating Gorbachev's preferred candidate, former Premier Nikolai Ryshkov, who won 16% of the vote.

...On December 8, 1991, leaders of Russian, Ukrainian and Belorussian republics met in Belavezhnaskaya Pushcha to issue a declaration that the Soviet Union was being dissolved and replaced by the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). At that time Gorbachev as the General Secretary of the CPSU, described the declaration as an illegal and dangerous constitutional coup. Yet, he had become after, a president without a country.

...On December 25, 1991, Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as president and was replaced by Yeltsin who made the Supreme Soviet vote and they repealed the declaration written in 1922 that had officially established the USSR and then the Supreme Soviet dissolved itself By December 31, 1991 all official Soviet institutions had ceased to exist.

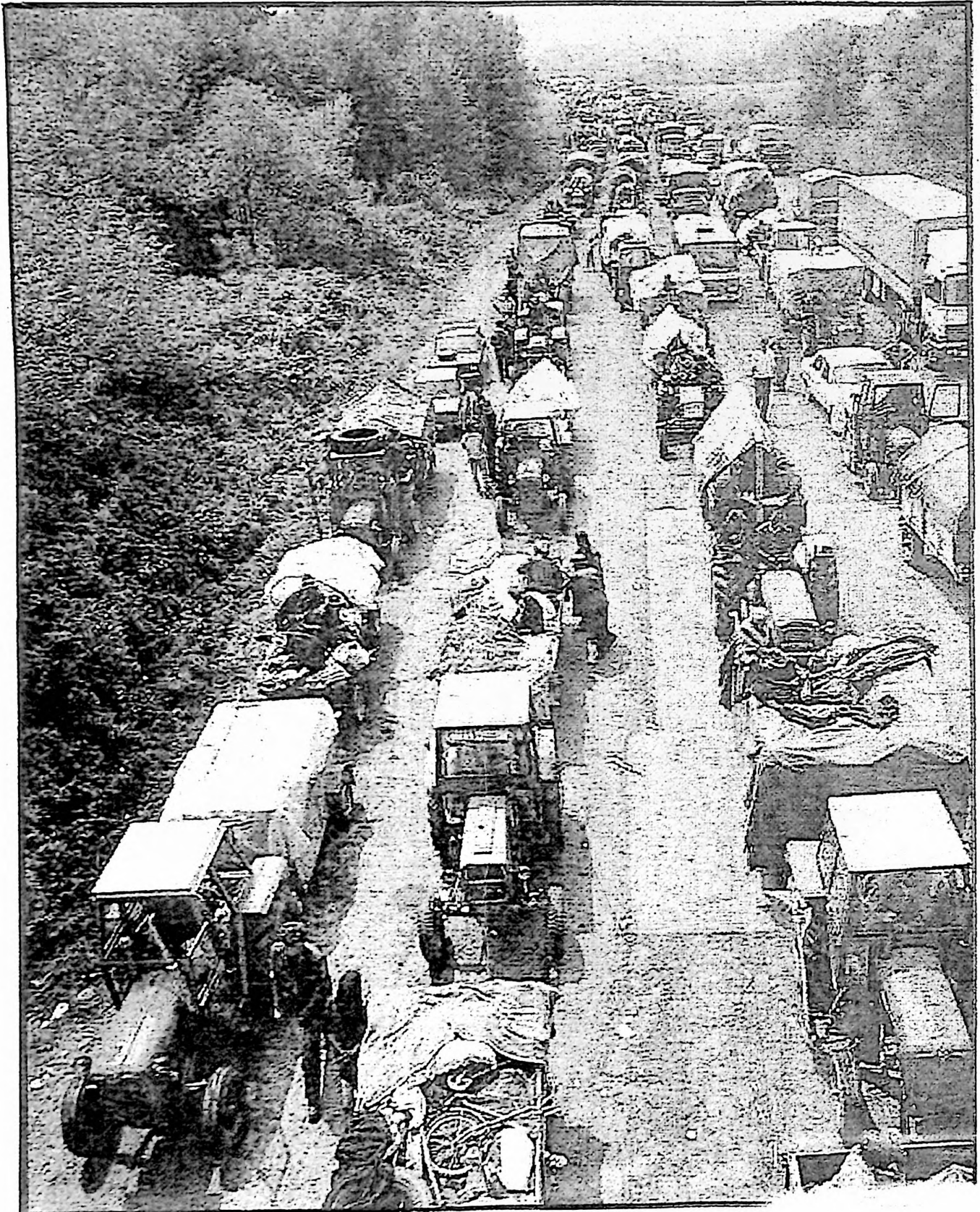
The above is just a very small segment of this well-organized, well supported coup by the external and internal enemies. Gorbachev was the wolf in sheep's clothing and his main ambition was to dissolve the USSR and the CPSU, as he now admits many times.

Today, this Ukrainian nationalist Yushenko, as president of Ukraine, wants to be an ally of the West and to join NATO. But, at the same time, he wants Russia to keep subsidizing their gas consumption, 14 years after the collapse of the Soviet Union! Isn't that nice?

On top of all this, US is meddling in this dispute and are now criticizing Russia. I always thought that the US liked the so-called "free market".

PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS - AS THIS PHOTO SHOWS!

On August 4, 1995 over 250,000 Serbian residents were forced to flee their homes in Krajina, in order to escape an all-out attack by the Croatian Army. The Croats, led by the officially retired US Army officers, employed by the US military subcontracting group, MPRI, attacked the civilian population all-out - complete with vicious artillery bombardment and strafing from the air. With the Croatian Ustashi dream of a Serb-free Croatia realized - three years later - the late Pope John Paul II (after he spoke to God of course) praised what he called "**Croatia's commitment to peace and multiethnic unity.**"



FREEDOMFEST

BY FRANK RAY DAVIS - MEXICO

SUPERSAVIOR NEEDED: Pundits ponder how Dubya can get out of his no-win mess in Iraq and still save face. Huh, that's not half the problem! Because Dubya chats daily with God – and was told by Him to launch his Holy Crusade. Now poor Dubya has to figure out how to save God's face too.

How's you like an assignment like that?

PRINCE VALIENT VOWS: Dubya, who likes to talk tougher'n the toughest tough guy on the television, swore: "Some people are asking for a schedule US troop withdrawal from Iraq...The United States will not bow down to bomb throwers and assassins as long as I am the Commander in Chief."

Tough, brave, strong, or something a fourth-grade teacher taught us?

"He's a coward and a fool who will not turn back when he finds himself on the wrong fool track."

NEWSPAPER HEADLINE: "Few People Believe Bush". Well, at least Dubya is giving the Big Media something to be truthful about.

FILTHY RICH & CLEANED OUT

POOR: Chile has reaped bales of praise because its modern business practices have brought such prosperity. Uh-huh. The Organization for Cooperation and Economic Development agrees that Globalization has advantaged Chile more than any other country on the continent. BUT the gap between the poor, with its unemployment and low, low wages, and rich, with high bottom lines, has widened more than any other country on that continent.

So, you were wondering what "neo-liberalism" means? There you have it in a convenient nutshell:

**PROGRESS+PROSPERITY=
POVERTY.**

Incidentally, does this ever-richer, ever-poorer country remind you of one much closer to the USA? Hint: To see a piece of it, lift your foot!

SAVE TILL IT HURTS: We hear much reasoned advice these days about how mere money is not the solution to all problems. No indeed.

We must spend wisely and well and efficiently on people services. Economize!

TRANSLATION: Pitch more billions to billionaires and less pennies to the penniless.

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Helen Lucas, Financial Secretary

WHAT FOR, I ASK?

Here is a news item that it's hard to understand as to why on earth this development now?

In a small but symbolic development last December, 2005, the construction of a Russian Orthodox Church(?) was started in downtown Pyongyang, North Korea. The Russian Ambassador to North Korea, Andrei Karlov, commented that "a return to the Russian Orthodox faith to that country was of great importance for developing relations between Russia and North Korea." Reportedly the building of an Orthodox Church in Pyongyang occurred to the North Korean leader Kim Jong-il during his rail trip to Russia in 2001.

Moscow and Pyongyang have signed a bilateral treaty to replace an obsolete Soviet-era in place since 1961. However, bilateral annual trade turnover has been below US\$100 million for the past few years. The decline has been blamed mainly on North Korea's economic crisis and its unpaid debts to Russia.

It has been argued that Russia's failure to join talks on North Korea last August may well spark a new wave of realism in Moscow, after

initial enthusiasm, prompted by the world's expectation that Russia could play a major role in defusing the crisis subsided. After all Beijing has much greater potential to influence North Korea. China having long replaced Russia as North Korea's main trade partner and Intellocutor.

Was it Marx who said that: "Religion is the opium of the people?"

**DID YOU RENEW YOUR NSC
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COULD THIS BE TRUE?

In the news from Moscow there was reported an interview with the Russian Minister of Defence. Among diplomatic niceties there were these words spoken:

"We are disturbed that USA is surrounding Russia with military bases, but US must realize we don't acknowledge that US is our main enemy – terrorism is our main enemy!"

This is absolutely obnoxious to say the least! Here, the US Imperialists and its NATO are the biggest terrorists the world has ever seen, but the Minister of Defence of Russia doesn't seem to realize this!

Does this Minister not even read Russia's bourgeois press, which, time to time exposes this threat?

WHY NOT IMPEACH EVEN PUTIN?

I'm certain that all of the present members of the Russian Duma know that former President Nixon of USA was forced out of office for a much lesser crime than Yeltsin, Gorbachev or Putin? The above 3 gentlemen, became traitors to the USSR which they swore to defend and uphold.

The USSR plebiscite which was held, showed that an overwhelming majority of Soviet people wanted to have the USSR exist.

That certainly is grounds for impeachment under any system.

By the way, why did Mr. Putin absolve Yeltsin of any crimes, including the embezzled of money, besides being a traitor to his country?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM REYKJAVIK
ICELAND

Dear comrades of NSC:

Enclosed is \$120 for three subscribers in Iceland, plus one video, called "Chronicle of October Revolution" which I hope to receive from you. Keep up the good work and looking forward to receive NSC, starting with the last December issue.

Comradely regards
VESTEINN VALGARDSSON

From
NEPAL WORKERS & PEASANTS
PARTY
Central Committee

Dear Michael Lucas:

We received NSC and the Second World Congress materials for which we thank you very much.

We are grateful that NSC shall publish an article from Nepal in each issue and we shall do all that is possible to supply the articles. It is also a pleasure for our Workers Weekly and Daily to publish news from NSC. These articles are helping us to enlighten our friends and readers on the international communist movements and the anti-imperialist movement.

We were shocked to hear the news that the Canadian government refused to grant visas to 16 delegates from 6 countries.

We wish you the best in your noble mission.

Sincerely yours
Prem Suwal
Chief of the International Department

FROM
PHILADELPHIA
USA

Dear friends:

Enclosed is my subscription for NSC. Your work is a constant inspiration. It is our duty to hold up the courageous work of so many in the building of Soviet culture. Keep up the good work!

Stephen Paulmier

FROM RIO De JANEIRO
BRAZIL

Dear comrades:

I wish the Executive Committee of the International Council and the Editorial Board of NSC health and success in your struggles for the resurrection of the glorious Soviet Union and Socialism. May the best come your way in 2006!

Giovanni G. Vieira
Brazilian Institute of Socialist Culture

FROM NORWICH
UNITED KINGDOM

Dear friends:

Thank you for the very special December issue of NSC. It seemed to touch on new, important, and possibly difficult ground. The next step is the formation of an organized international movement. The difficulties (*for example in Europe*) of maintaining the very essential international democratic character of the movement, whilst combining this with defence of the national state as being the best arrangement so far, for striving to improve the democratic controls, and finally, to master the social threats of private capital.

All of this and the complications of instant global communications, the continuing threats of attack against the Friendship House and arson, you must be looking forward to the holiday break!

Here is a modest contribution to Helen, the Financial Secretary and her "Lubrication Fund"! Do look after yourself friends!

Howard Kelsey

FROM
MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST
PARTY OF TURKEY/NORTH
KURDISTAN

We have left behind a year during which the working class and the labouring masses all over the world have shown a magnificent resistance against the capitalist exploitation and barbarism, against the neo-liberal offence policies in each part of the world, though on different levels;

during which the Iraqi and the Palestinian peoples have resisted heroically against the imperialist occupation and aggression in the Middle East.

During this period the world people's struggles have increased against capitalism and imperialism

With the determination, the will and the success that it has shown in 2005, with the determination to increase its struggle against the fascist dictatorship, to carry the light of Marxism-Leninism to all parts of Turkey and North Kurdistan and to go forward to a revolution with faster steps, the MLCP greets and felicitates all the communist and revolutionary forces, working class and the labouring people's with the New Year, and wishes success in their struggles.

MLCP
International Bureau

FROM
SOCIALIST PARTY OF
BANGLADESH

Happy New Year comrades!

After ending a struggling year, we have just entered into another one. Hope that our ties and common struggle against capitalism and imperialism will become stronger.

With revolutionary greetings

Khalequzzman
Convenor Socialist Party of
Bangladesh

FROM KIEV
UKRAINE

Dear comrades:

I send greetings to the Editorial Board of NSC and to the International Council with year 2006 and wish all of you comrades the best of health, success in our common struggles for the victory of Socialism on the earth. Let this 2006 year be a year of success on this road towards socialism.

Comradely yours
Vladimir Pronin

FROM LONDON
ENGLAND

Dear comrades:

I read with great interest in the NSC the excellent article by Professor Herasymchuk entitled "*Will the mighty rockets fly?*" and wish to add some things to it.

Since North Korea signed the statement of the 6-party talks on the "*nuclear issue*" in September of last year, the US has become more hostile against the DPRK and has put in motion all kinds of moves to stifle the DPRK and destroy the Juche Socialism.

First - the US has intensified the financial sanctions against the DPRK, including ones against any third party trading with DPRK. A bank in Macao has even been shut down because of this. The US is spreading false and base slanders that the DPRK is somehow involved in counterfeiting dollars!! In this connection, the President of the Workers Party of Ireland, Sean Garland was arrested in Belfast with a view of extraditing him to the USA to face a Kangaroo Court in an attempt to blame the DPRK.

Second - an anti-DPRK resolution was passed by the UN and it was tabled by the EU (*under the presidency of UK*) and many countries were bribed or pressured into voting for it, due to the combined strength of the US, EU and Japan.

Meanwhile the present Japanese imperialists are also running wild to stifle the DPRK.

Lastly - Herasymchuk quotes a Ukrainian journal, which in turn quotes so-called "*defectors*" from the DPRK. NSC readers should be made aware of DPRK's position on such people. To quote the KCNA: "*Explicitly speaking, there are no deserters from North Korea*" as claimed by the US. *If there be any, they only are illegal border crossers or human scum, who fled after committing crimes against the country and its people.*"

Yours fraternally

Dermot Hudson
Official delegate of the Korean
Friendship Society-UK
Vice president of the Society for
Friendship with UK

FROM
CARACAS, VENEZUELA

Dear comrades:

We have been receiving your publication for some time now, and we find it very interesting and also very useful. Thank you for sending it to us.

Now I want to mention especially Comrade Nihar Mukherjee's article about Stalin in the July-August issue - no doubt a very important contribution on that question. But we haven't received the September issue and therefore we are missing the second part of his article. I think that the September issue is lost somewhere at the post office.

Finally, I would to call your attention to the article of mine in Spanish, with the title "*Stalin y el estalinismo*", published here in the weekly "*La Razon*" which you might find interesting.

Jeronimo Cattera
Central Committee member of the
Partido Comunista de Venezuela

The September issue of NSC is on its way to you, and your article is in this issue of NSC.

FROM SOFIA
BULGARIA

Dear friends:

I am enclosing a translation from Bulgarian, which is Christo Botev's "*Communist Credo*". Christ Botev's birthday is on 6th of January, which is also the Orthodox Christmas.

We wish all the comrades of NSC and of the International Council health and happiness and much success in your courageous work.

Blagovesta Doncheva
For the Group of Civic Protests

CHRISTO BOTEV 1848-1876
A Bulgarian poet and revolutionary, killed in fighting against the five centuries of the Turkish Yoke in the 19th century.

**CREDO OF THE BULGARIAN
COMMUNE**

I believe in -

-The Earth humanity's united
common power to create good;

-the united Communist Social Order,
all the people's saviour from century-
long suffering and pain through
brotherly labour, freedom and
equality;

-the bright life-creating spirit of
reason, fortifying men's hearts and
souls in their strife for the triumph of
Communism through Revolution;
-the united inseparable Fatherland of
all people and into the common
ownership of all property.

I profess bright future
Communism, the corrector of all
social defects.

I am looking forward to the waking
up of all the people's and the triumph
of a **Communist Social Order** in the
whole worlds!

Galats - Romania, April 20, 1871

FROM
SURREY, BC, CANADA

Dear friends:

Happy New Year and keep up
the good work. Enclosed is a \$100
donation for good luck and for future
work.

As long time members and
readers of NSC, we are unfortunately
now not in good health to continue to
read and enjoy NSC. So please send
a gift subscription to other people
who will also enjoy this great
publication. Please keep in good
health. From one comrade to another
with deep sincerity!

Yours as ever
Olga and Bill Knowlson

We also wish you better health and
may your dedication inspire others to
carry on the struggle!

FROM TORONTO, ONT.
CANADA

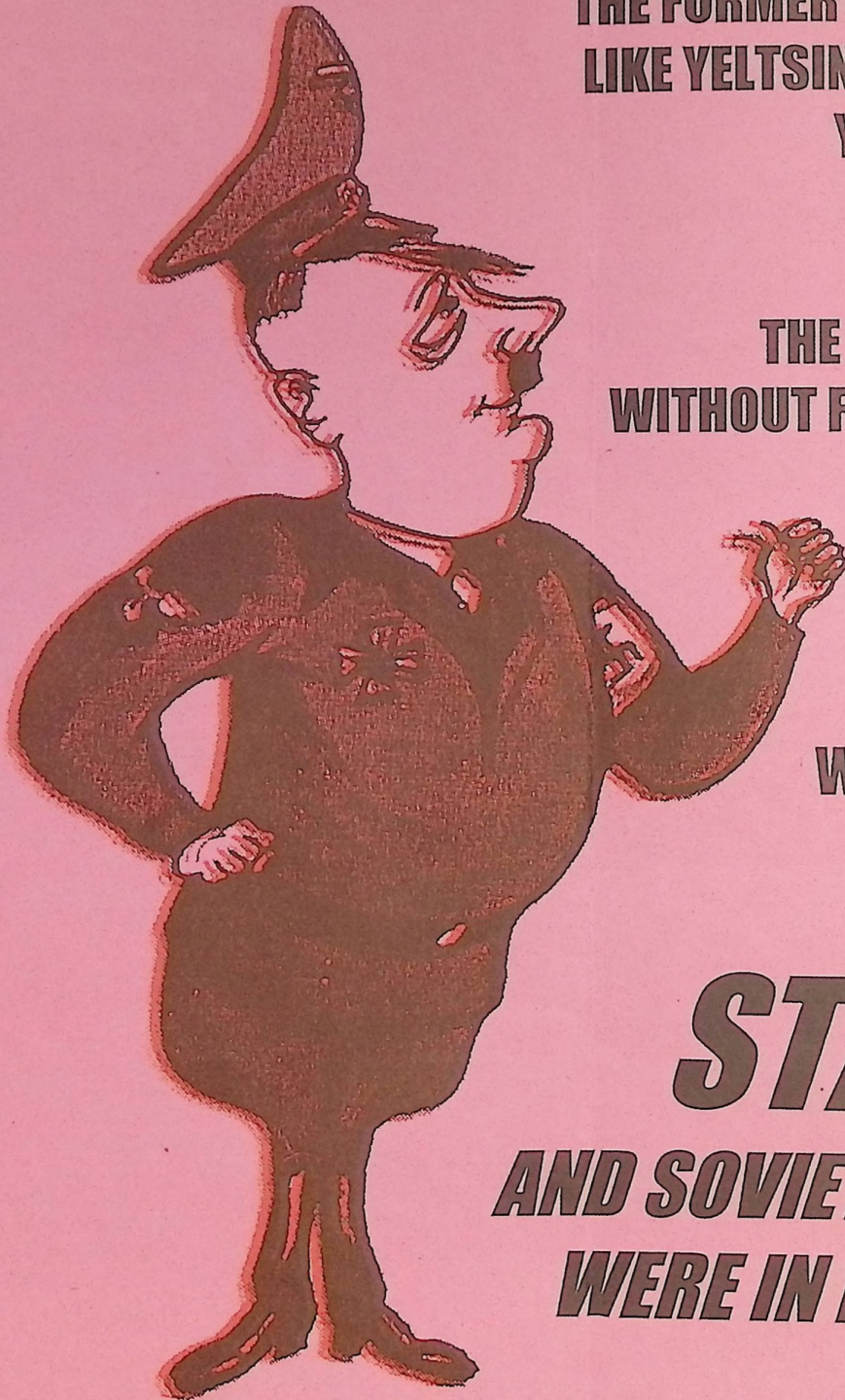
We are not using our names for
obvious reasons, since we are new
members of the CPC.

We cannot understand as to why
the leadership of the CPC (Canada)
has nothing good to say about NSC
and they call all of you **Stalinists!**

Your NSC journal is excellent and
so was the Second World Congress.
We thought that our main enemy is
capitalism and imperialism!

GG / MC

**ON THIS NEW YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE
MY POLITICAL FRIENDS, U.S. IMPERIALISM, THE BUSH
FAMILY, AND OF COURSE
THE FORMER COMMUNISTS
LIKE YELTSIN, GORBACHEV,
YAKOVLEV AND
PUTIN FOR
TAKING OVER
THE SOVIET UNION
WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT!**



**WISH I COULD
HAVE DONE
THAT! BUT...**

***STALIN
AND SOVIET PEOPLE
WERE IN MY WAY!***