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Remembering STALIN

By NIHAR MUKHERJEE

Dear readers:

In this year of the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War Two, where over 50,000,000 people worldwide lost their lives and, out of these 50 million, over 25,000,000 were Soviet people, in order to save all of humanity from the scourge of fascism, which was built up, supported, encouraged by Western imperialism to eliminate the USSR from the map of the world.

We all know what happened 60 years ago, all too well. Now, US imperialism is trying to achieve what German fascism was not able to do. The same methods only more refined, are used by the US New World Order!

The glue that cements fascism and the US New World Order are the attacks and all of its lies, complexities, innuendoes, outright fabrication of history, internal traitors, psychological brain washing of the young generations about Stalin all over the world, including the former Soviet Union.

In this year, when we celebrate the end of World War II, when we bow our heads in memory of the millions of people killed, we must always fight and struggle against the lies of the enemies of progress and socialism.

We must defend the truth about J.V. Stalin, since by attacking Stalin - these people are attacking Socialism and everything that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stood for, up to 1953!

The more Imperialism and their stooges, both outside and inside the Communist and progressive movements attack Stalin, the more people are beginning to realize the truth and are drawing proper conclusions - making themselves oblivious to all of the lies coming, both from the so-called left and outright Imperialism.

Therefore in honour of the great achievements of the Soviet people under the leadership of J.V. Stalin, and, on the eve of the Second World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, we are publishing the article "Remembering Stalin" in order to answer any doubts and misconceptions that still exist regarding Stalin.

We hope that our readers will read this excellent overview and pass it along to the younger generation who must know the truth, if we are going to struggle for the rebirth of the USSR and for Socialism worldwide. By being anti-Stalin is in actual fact being anti Socialist and anti Soviet.

Michael Lucas, Editor of NSC

The 50th anniversary of Comrade Stalin's demise fell on 5th March of this year. With millions of communists and progressive people all over the world, our party remembers Stalin with boundless love and esteem. Stalin's achievements are too many. I shall confine this discussion around his most remarkable ones only. Stalin occupies a position in world history which is impossible for his worst enemies even to deny altogether. And its proof is the relentless but fruitless smear campaign to erase Stalin from public memory. Undermining Stalin's authority had for long been the keynote of anti-communist canard. But in its present vulgar form it dates from the 20th Congress of the CPSU of 1956 where, raising the bogey of fighting the cult of individual the Khrushchovite revisionist CPSU leadership actually undermined Stalin. In the 22nd CPSU Congress of 1961, they officially adopted de-Stalinisation measures and mounted an open anti-Stalin attack, denigrating this great man as 'egotist', 'power-hungry', 'despotic', 'indulgent to his own cult' etc. It fuelled anti-communist propaganda to the extreme. Anti-Stalin imperialist campaign soared high thus with revisionist support. For the common people, uninformed, it was



impossible to separate the truth from the lies. But even the communist parties were not unanimous in their assessment of Stalin's contributions. This confusion, differences and division among communists themselves proved a blessing to world imperialism. For, failure to take into due account the advance of humanity as also the role of the leader guiding it, at every historical period, always retards subsequent progress and helps reaction. This has happened, and we are paying its price. The clarity of idea and unity of action of the communist movement have been undermined. The socialist camp has collapsed due to revisionist deviation from within. Imperialism has gripped the world in its stranglehold of globalisation and war. The Stalin question therefore concerns not only the communists. It concerns all anti-imperialist, anti-war and progressive individuals and the toiling masses of the world.

Observing the 50th anniversary of Stalin's demise demands that we communists set right the widespread false perception about Stalin - by getting rid of these ourselves, first of all. We believe that the exposure of the revisionist stand of the CPSU leadership at the 20th and 22nd Congresses, made by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder and most beloved leader and teacher of our party, will be of great value in this endeavour.

Stalin's place in history

There is no denying that the history of development of the past century and half in the social, political, cultural, philosophical and aesthetic domains and not excluding the economic and scientific ones also, has been, essentially, a history of struggle between the two main classes of modern society – the bourgeoisie and the proletariat led by its communist party. So, one's attitude towards the communist ideology should better be formed in this historical perspective rather than by personal likes or dislikes, just as should be one's attitude with regard to Stalin also. Stalin had a great communist character. Few people are aware that a good deal of the progressive and revolutionary traditions, fervour and moral that inspire present day anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist struggles are in fact Stalin's heritage. After Lenin's demise in 1924, his great responsibility fell on Stalin. From 1924 Stalin organised the countrywide drive for organising voluntary collective farm movement, state farms, and industrial expansion, thereby consolidating the socialist economic base. In 1928, the first Five-year Plan was taken up by the entire party and the Soviet people and, stunning the entire imperialist world and media, it was achieved one year ahead in 1932. The ground was laid for complete socialist economic construction and consequently, for the elimination of the capitalist producers, and kulaks as the last exploiting classes. The Soviet Union became the only country in the world which was free from economic crisis, industrial stagnation, unemployment, beggary and prostitution. Prices were reducing, real wages were increasing, transport and certain basic food items were gradually distributed free. Soviet scientific research and inventions flourished. A new Soviet literature in not only Russian but various other Soviet languages appeared. The material and cultural development of the Soviet people in such a rapid pace amazed the world.

No less amazing was Stalin's success in unifying the different

Soviet nationalities having different cultures, speaking different tongues and with different national psychologies into one single socialist nation, step by step, but in a period of only about 20 years, following Marxist-Leninist approach to the nationality problem. No capitalist country with a multi-nationality population has solved this problem even to this day. Dominant nationality oppression and nationality strife and riots, encouraged by the ruling classes, is their common feature. Before revolution, it was the same thing in Russia also. Because, many small border regions and even large Ukraine were annexed by the tsarist autocracy. While the Great Russians were culturally and economically relatively better off, these others subjugated nationality people lived in tsarist Russia a wretched life of slaves. They were the reserve of the autocracy earlier. After the revolution, they were used by the Whiteguards. The Soviet government alone gave them the right of self-determination up to even that of secession from the then Soviet Federation – RSFSR. Painstakingly and systematically the proletarian state developed agriculture, set up industries, spread education and took special care to nurture and develop the culture and especially the mother tongue of all these nationalities. Even scripts were invented by Soviet linguists for several languages which were no more than dialects. Thus, the age-old suspicion, apprehension and hostility slowly gave way to mutual understanding, trust and finally to a single socialist national identity -- the RSFSR became the USSR. The proof of this amazing success of Stalin is the rising, in the socialist construction, the Great Patriotic War and the rebuilding of the country after the ravages of the war of the whole Soviet people, like one family and one man.

In 1939, the Second World War started. Within a few years fascism overran Europe. But when it invaded Russia in 1941, this marked the turn of history. The Soviet Red Army led by Stalin resisted and destroyed the Nazi aggressors. Their heroism played the decisive role in bringing the War to a close. Humanity was saved. Victorious

Red Army drove away Nazi occupation forces from the countries of East Europe. These people who resisted fascism, now brought down the puppet governments and established People's Democracy. The War had exhausted the imperialist powers, except America, and made them lose a large part of Europe which now became People's Democratic, afterwards Socialist. The battle of the Soviet people encouraged working class struggles in Europe. The most brilliant examples of it are the French and Italian resistance struggles. The workers played a glorious role in them. This fast changing situation unprecedentedly accelerated the national liberation struggles in Asia and Africa also. The imperialists had to finally take leave of their colonial empire, transferring power to the bourgeoisie of these countries. India became independent in this way. The Soviet victory was due to several factors. The most fundamental was that it was the victory of a higher order of civilization.

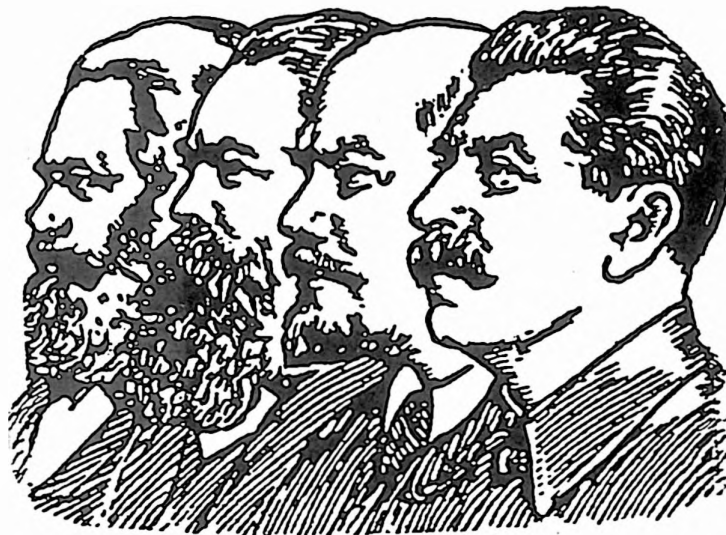
The French bourgeois journal *Le Temps* admitted in 1932 that "In the contest with us the Bolsheviks have proved the victors" after Soviet Russia changed from a peasant economy to an industrial giant without foreign aid and in only 10 years. This highly modernised socialist Soviet industry kept up an uninterrupted military supply surpassing older industrial countries France, England and even Germany and turned out 490,000 artillery pieces and 137,000 warplanes in 4 years! Secondly, the victory would have been impossible without the role of the communist party led by Stalin. Communists organised the masses, and took the most difficult responsibilities, participated in the most daring campaigns and died valiantly in scores of thousands. Thirdly, the party roused the entire people in such an unparalleled manner as the world never saw. From 12 year-olds to people of all ages and strata formed the inexhaustible and invisible rear of the battle line. Twenty to twenty-five million Soviet people perished in the War! Fourthly, the superior military might and strategic skill of the Red Army guided by the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, Stalin was a

decisive factor. Another decisive factor was Stalin's political sagacity. Since 1935, he had been urging England and France to join into a 'system of collective security' against fascist Germany, without response. Instead, with a view to placate and prod Hitler against Russia, England and France concluded the Munich agreement with Germany in 1936, the Anglo-German pact in 1939 and remained mute spectators as Hitler occupied Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland by 1939 -- arriving at the border of Russia. America also had been a spectator to it all. However, choosing to deal first with England and France before finally turning upon Russia, Hitler offered Soviet Union a non-aggression pact and most sagaciously Stalin took hold of the opportunity. England and France were caught in their own trap! France was quickly taken. England suffered and fought. In 1941, Hitler faced a Soviet people and army which Stalin had already prepared for the decisive fight. Over and above all these, however, counted the tremendous confidence of the entire Soviet people in Stalin who embodied their aspiration, hope and morale. In this sense, Stalin settled the fate of the war and by it the shape of the post-war world also. Already he had successfully engaged sworn anti-Soviet England, France and America as 'allies' in the fight against German fascism. Churchill admitted grudgingly that "Stalin made us whom he called imperialists fight against one another"! Coming from a man more than whom "no one had been a more persistent opponent of communism", as Churchill boasted, what better tribute can there be to Stalin's outstanding ability and wisdom?

Post-war Situation excellent for world revolution

The post-war world was no longer solely dominated by imperialism. Beside the imperialist war camp, the world socialist peace camp arose. A host of significant international development resulted. The former colonies and semi-colonies, become free but weak capitalist countries, desiring a free global market were no longer

inclined to withstand imperialist domination and they preferred economic assistance from the socialist camp. And yet, afraid of working class movement at home, they also wanted to retain a distance from it, just as from the imperialist camp. Hence, the rise of the Non-Aligned Movement. But, despite this ambivalence, they undoubtedly played an anti-imperialist, anti-war and pro-peace



The future of Socialism-Communism cannot be separated from the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin!

role for a considerable period of time.

At the same time, liberation struggles in Asia, Africa, French Indochina became fierce and many of these become victorious soon, like that of Vietnam. In the West, working class struggles, strike movements were spreading like wildfire. Western capitalism tried to hide its face behind the theory of 'welfare state', adopted welfare measures and tried to introduce planned economy aping the Soviet Plan. It was the period of the most rapid and widespread growth of communist ideology and of communist parties worldwide, without parallel in the annals of communist movement. However, this too sudden explosion carried within it the possibility also of the diminishing of its ideological clarity. All the same, it is the communists who led all other sections of the people and gave expression to their powerful desire for peace and democracy against imperialist war. Socialism and Stalin became the two most respectfully uttered words. Great minds like Romain Rolland and George Bernard Shaw revered Stalin as the greatest man of the

time! Stalin guided the Comintern, established by Lenin for coordinating and guiding communist parties in distant corners of the world. In France, the seizure of power by the communist party appeared almost certain. In Greece, the revolutionary upheaval was suppressed by British troops. Stalin knew well the situation in the East also. He spoke as far back as in 1925 about the division of the Indian

national bourgeoisie into "a revolutionary part (the petty bourgeoisie) and a compromising part (the big bourgeoisie), of which the first is continuing the revolutionary struggle, whereas the second is entering into a bloc with imperialism". (CW, Vol. 7, p147) Our party's analysis of the Indian independence struggle being led by the "reformist oppositional" compromising bourgeois section of Gandhiji, and the powerful but secondary force of the uncompromising "petty bourgeois revolutionary" current of Subhas Chandra accords with Stalin's. In 1949, the Chinese revolution shook not the entire East only but the entire world. Soon afterwards, the Korean revolution broke out. Stalin's guidance and Soviet material and moral support was a great source of strength to all these movements. Even before the Chinese revolution saw victory, Mao Tse-tung said: "Stalin is the true friend of the cause of liberation of the Chinese people." The imperialist camp was frightened. USA, leader of the post-war imperialist camp, aggressed Korea. This provoked a worldwide condemnation and a militant peace

movement, alarming the imperialist capitals. This, together with the beating which they received from the Korean army and the volunteers of the Chinese PLA, made the USA hastily beat retreat.

Development of several historical phenomena, during and after the war, fully corresponding to the Marxist conception of the laws of historical progress, which were wisely handled by Stalin through his guidance of the Soviet state, the CPSU and the Comintern, brought about this situation. In the midst of such a favourable situation for world revolution, what an ideological confusion gripped the communists of the whole world that only three years after Stalin's demise in 1953, the anti-Stalin bogey of the cult of individual raised by the 20th Congress of CPSU of 1956, so completely carried them away! The manner in which nearly all the communist parties shifted their allegiance from Stalin to the Khrushchovite leadership raised grave questions. It indicated a mechanical process of thinking and a blind sense of allegiance to leadership, operating long since in them. These presupposed a low standard of ideological consciousness. Any genuine communist will understand that all these were a pointer to the absence of dialectical process of thinking and of democratic centralism, which should always exist in a genuine communist party. It thus pointed the finger to very serious ideological shortcomings in the organisationally powerful communist movement of the post-war period. Khrushchovite revisionist tendency could grow, in the heyday of post-war communist movement even, due to these shortcomings. It reaffirmed the observation of a decade ago of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on so-called fight against the cult of individual

As far back as in 1948, in the year our party was founded, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had observed in his work 'Self-Criticism of the Communist Camp' that, "While acknowledging with just pride and deference the very many achievements ... of the world

communist movement, we have not failed, even for a moment, to point out the serious shortcomings in it. ... These serious shortcomings and defects are largely due to the fact that the present leadership of the world communist camp is, to a very large extent, influenced by mechanical process of thinking." (Shibdas Ghosh, CW, Vol I, p. 2) Immediately following the 20th Congress of the CPSU our party came out, in May 1956, with a thorough exposure of the pretentious fight of the Khrushchovite leadership against the cult of individual which was published in our organs of the period. This battle against the Khrushchovite leadership was subsequently taken up by the Party of Labour of Albania and in 1958 by the CPC. But no communist party explained and analysed the ideological root cause of appearance of this non-Marxist cult within the communist movement. It was all the more important because, although the anti-Stalin tirade of the CPSU leadership was condemned quite correctly, but that did not explain the growth of the cult around Stalin in the last part of his life which was an acknowledged fact. This analysis was provided by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in a speech on 20 May 1956. In this speech, published under the title 'On the 20th Congress of the CPSU', he said that, "Long back, we warned against the mechanical process of thinking and mechanical process of organization in the international communist movement." (.SW....I. p. 11) "So, when the

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slogan against cult of the individual has been raised at the 20th Congress, ... we hailed this move. But ... we are constrained to say at the same time that we are unable to appreciate the very method that has been adopted ... In the name of fighting out the cult of individual, we are afraid, they are in reality directing their fight against an individual and not the cult itself." (*Ibid.*, p. 15) "It has been alleged that collective leadership ceased to operate in the later part of Stalin's life, but in our opinion this only reflects the operational aspect of the thing. Karl Marx wrote *The Capital*. It was in a sense the product of the thinking of an individual. Does it follow then that the *Capital* was the product of Marx's thinking in a subjective way? Or did it not reflect the personification of social consciousness through an individual which in reality means collective leadership? ... Social thinking in the form of collective knowledge of all the members of the party, when personified through an individual, is also collective leadership. What should be looked for is whether struggle or interaction of ideas operates inside the party." (*Ibid.*, p. 16) "So, collective knowledge can grow and develop only when on the basis of this higher level of consciousness, there is conflict or interaction of ideas between the leaders and the workers in a party." (*Ibid.*, p. 17) "So, it appears that in the name of fighting the cult of individual, they are fighting a person who has departed." (*Ibid.*, p. 19) As almost all communist parties were blindly accepting the Khrushchovite revisionist explanation of the Stalin-cult and were holding Stalin personally responsible for it, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh presented the clear Marxist understanding that, "The activities of a body, or a committee even can give birth to this phenomenon of the cult of individual if instead of removing the blind and mechanical allegiance of the workers and the people to it, these are indulged in and encouraged by this committee or body. So, we must remember that by fighting out simply an individual we can not fight out the cult of individual." (*Ibid.*, p. 15) In this

article Comrade Shibdas Ghosh elaborated on many other related subjects also which I am not entering into.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on revisionist deviation of the CPSU

It is true that the cult of individual grew centring round Stalin during his last years. But despite his extreme dislike and trenchant criticism of this tendency, Stalin could not contain this phenomenon. It could not be done without containing the process which gave birth to this practice. What was this process? It was the confusion of the Marxist-Leninist sense of authority with authoritarianism, or blind sense of authority. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed that, "For example, there is no denying the fact that in Russia the gigantic socialist construction was made, projecting Stalin before the masses ... The personality of Stalin and his leadership imbued the whole of the Russian people greatly. But again, following this very course, came the backwardness in the ideological standard. The mechanization that is inherent in this method of imbuing the people by projecting a leader before them could not be fought out ultimately because the low level of the ideological-cultural standard among the communists and the masses continued to persist. That is why, Stalin's Russia today is treading the revisionist path. Both these aspects are equally valid." (*Ibid.*, p. 212-13) Stalin was not unaware of this low level of ideological consciousness and mechanical thought process within the party and the country. That is why he made attempts to continuously raise the ideological standard of the party, the appeal for which by Stalin can be found in his Reports to all the Party Congresses. He arranged the systematic and continuous training of cadres even as their number touched 2,500,000 by 1932. During this period Stalin produced theoretical works not only on organisational problems facing the party but also upon the fundamental ideological questions. With the aim of educating the growing ranks of the party he wrote

'Foundations of Leninism', 'Problems of Leninism' and 'Concerning Questions of Leninism' within a few years of Lenin's death. He also wrote the 'History of the CPSU(B)' and many other important articles subsequently. They had a salutary effect in raising the theoretical level of the rank and file. This cannot be doubted. However, the lowering of the general standard of ideological consciousness of the communists and the masses of Russia could not be remedied by this alone, not to speak of raising it to still higher levels. Lenin had told long ago that the forces of habit of millions is a tremendous force. This gives an indication of the immense tasks necessary for revolutionising the outlook, attitudes and even forces of habit of the entire people in a socialist society by raising their ideological and cultural level beside their theoretical knowledge. Besides, it should be also understood that those very ideas and values which once drew the Bolsheviks in the vortex of revolutionary struggle lost their initial force and fervour, naturally so, after the realisation and stabilisation of socialist society. Therefore, in order to continuously raise the standard of ideological consciousness of the communists and the masses, it was necessary, while pushing forward socialist construction, to conduct an all-embracing and deep-going cultural revolution by actively involving the party and the people in it and in this way completely remoulding them culturally, morally and ethically. That is why, although the countrywide socialist spirit was generated and continuously intensified under Stalin's leadership and it acted as a powerful inspiration behind the success of the socialist economic construction, the Great Patriotic War and the socialist reconstruction of war-devastated Russia — yet Stalin himself pointed out the serious shortcomings which remained in the ideological sphere in the party. Even at the same time that fervour for the socialist construction was at its peak throughout the country, he pointed out in the 17th Party Congress in 1934 that there existed "... lack of clarity, confusion and even direct

departure from Leninism in certain strata of the party." Without considering this concrete situation with its complexities, the lowering of ideological standard can in no way be attributed solely to Stalin therefore. Nor can its reasons be understood correctly thus. But how did this serious ideological inadequacy go along with the spectacular organisational development for long? It became the general feature also of the entire communist movement of the period. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said, pointing it out that, "it is true that in the post-Lenin period the communist movements in colonies, semi-colonies and capitalist countries had tremendously developed organizationally. But this development by itself does not prove that the level of ideological consciousness of the communists had also risen at a rate commensurate with the organizational development of the communist movement. In fact, it did not rise." (*Ibid.*, p. 77-8)

"Firstly, the philosophical development of Marxism-Leninism which ought to have been made in the face of multiplicity of newer problems of life and class struggles and in keeping with the spectacular progress of natural sciences that marked the post-Lenin period was not made. There might be so many reasons for this deficiency but, it is, no doubt, a fact..." (*Ibid.*, p. 78)

"Secondly, like the proverbial one-eyed deer, the communist leaders in general, to a very large extent, neglected the important task of conducting ideological struggles inside the party to raise the ideological standard of thousands and thousands of young communists ... and kept themselves busy mostly in organizational activities." (*Ibid.*, p. 78) The result of this, in the long run, has been general lowering of the ideological standard, mechanical thought process, mechanical relationship between the leadership and the rank and file and blind allegiance to leadership - facilitating revisionist deviation. Even as late as in 1961, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said: "The call of the hour, therefore, is to relentlessly wage thorough

ideological struggles covering all problems of life, thought and organization. ... But it can be only on the basis of a correct understanding of the fundamentals of Leninism and appreciation of the services and contributions of Stalin to it and to the communist movement without which there is every possibility of sinking into revisionism. We are constrained to say, that the tendency which is being revealed ... by the present leaders of the CPSU, ... in the measures adopted by them with regard to Stalin which tantamount to de-Stalinization, is fraught with the danger of sinking into revisionism." (*Ibid.*, p. 79-80) When communists all over the world were deluded by the liberal mask of revisionism, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh made this profound analysis. Comrade Ghosh thus defended Stalin and safeguarded Leninism.

Stalin was identified with socialism

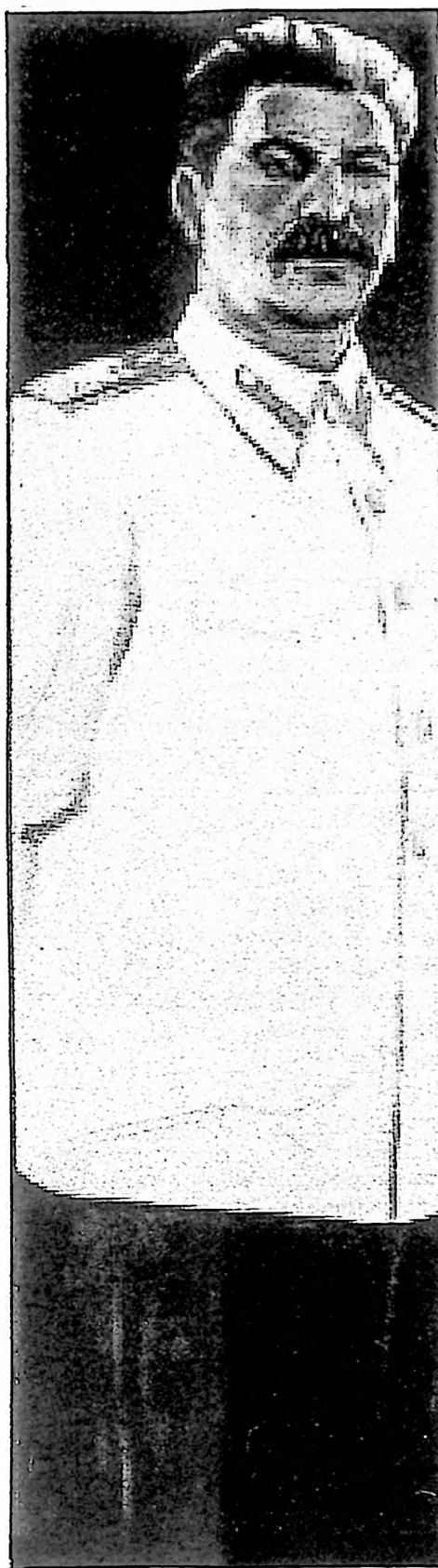
It is not at all difficult to understand that the logical culmination of Khrushchovite modern revisionism was the undermining and demolition of the authority of Stalin. The weapon of it was the so-called fight against the cult of individual. Just as Marx and Engels are the founders of the communist movement and Lenin is the leader of world's first successful proletarian revolution as well as the founder of world's first proletarian state, so also Stalin is the Leninist architect of world's first socialist society. Refusal to acknowledge Stalin's role amounts to mutilating the history of the communist movement and blunting of the communist consciousness. The attack upon Stalin's authority did exactly this. It lowered the prestige of the communist cause in the public eye. Ideological clarity of the communists has not yet been restored from the revisionist, Trotskyite and left adventurist influences which gained ground in the aftermath of the 20th Congress and de-Stalinization. On the other hand, later day revisionists like Deng Xiao-ping and Gorbachov made their appearance and

confused the vast majority of communists and left-minded and progressive intellectuals. It shows that grave confusions are still swaying the communists and they are still groping under revisionist ideological influence. A sad but bitter reality! It was foreseen clearly by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in his work 'On Steps taken against Stalin': "In fact, the present understanding of Leninism, as distinct from Social-Democracy and Trotskyism, is due to Stalin." "Stalin's understanding of Leninism is the correct understanding of Marxism-Leninism. This understanding has brought the communist movement to its present stature. It will, of course, be further enriched in the light of experience of newer problems and developments; but nevertheless, the basic understanding of Marxism-Leninism as established by Stalin will remain and guide the communists in the course of its further development and progress. Indeed, like his precursors Marx, Engels and Lenin, Stalin also is an authority on Marxism-Leninism. To black out Stalin would have the inevitable result of disowning his authority and consequently of rejecting his interpretation of Leninism... It would mean invitation to all sorts of counterrevolutionary ideas to pass off as Marxism-Leninism and the ideological foundation of the communist movement would suffer a setback. In short, it would objectively uncrown Lenin himself." (*Ibid.*, p. 85-86) This apprehension became true immediately and in most extreme forms. All social-democrats lined up with revisionists in blackening Stalin. Even communist parties which combated revisionism and defended Stalin in the main, revised their study of Stalin and his theoretical contributions following the 20th Congress. In our country, the CPI, which grew as a social democratic and not a genuine communist party, removed in hot haste Stalin's portrait, works and everything associated with his memory after the 20th Congress. The CPI(M) leaders 'rediscovered' Stalin eight years after in 1964 - only when they split from the parent CPI! This

newfound 'loyalty' to Stalin concealed from their own rank-and-file and the people that from 1956 to 1964, when they were in the CPI, they were also slandering Stalin and lauding Khrushchov! Why does the Indian capitalist media yet call the CPI(M) 'Stalinist'? They do it for posing arch-revisionist CPI(M) as 'Stalinist' and thereby confusing the people and maligning communism! De-Stalinization served the revisionists, from Khrushchov to Deng Xiao-ping to Gorbachov to bring about gradual weakening and the final dismantling of the socialist camp. But it is sheer propaganda that the socialist camp collapsed "like a house of cards"! That is another trick to demoralise the people! On the contrary, it took revisionism a full 36 years of counterrevolutionary intrigues, with Glasnost and Perestroika as the final "blue print of capitalist restoration" to demolish, at last, completely and comprehensively, the solid socialist edifice which Stalin had laid. This is the truth. It is easy to see why Stalin is still being abused so filthily. Stalin is identified with socialism and communism. But hard facts of life are teaching the people the truth anew and they are holding aloft the portraits of Stalin, not in Russia alone but in different parts of the world, and taking to the street.

Why revisionist deviation

Now the question is that how could revisionism find a way into the party of Lenin and Stalin. Revisionism is not a new malady. Revisionism is nothing but bourgeois liberal or social-democratic vulgarization of Marxism. While talking in abstract and vague terms about class struggle and revolution, revisionism distorts the most revolutionary concept of Marxism — the dictatorship of the proletariat. This is why, all communist authorities fought against the revisionists more fiercely than they fought against the open advocates of the bourgeoisie. Marx and Engels combated Proudhon, Lassalle and Dühring. Lenin exposed Bernstein, Axelrod, Kautsky and the Mensheviks. Only



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thus could he draw the Russian proletariat to the side of Bolshevism, and ideologically steel the Bolsheviks. Our comrades need to make a real study of the history of the struggle of revolutionary Marxism against revisionism for grasping more concretely the contributions made by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in this regard. Stalin continued this struggle against the Trotskyites, Bukharinites and Titoites. But Khrushchovite revisionism appeared after Stalin's demise and Deng Xiao-ping's revisionist line triumphed in China after the demise of Mao Zedong. So, where lies the strength of revisionism which rises over and over again, destroys mighty parties like the CPSU and the CPC and even socialist societies? It is a profound truth, the most important fact that the soil for revisionist deviation exists in the economic base and especially in the ideological superstructure of capitalist and also socialist society! Socialist society is not classless society. It is a society in transition from capitalist society to classless communist society. Socialism does away with exploitation of man by man, no doubt, and thereby ensures continuous material and cultural development of all. But yet, elements of capitalist economic relation and remnants of bourgeois class-thinking and culture continue to exist tenaciously, as an alloy, so to say, in the framework of socialist society. Even when exploitation of man by man disappears, and the economic differentiation almost disappears between different social strata, so that antagonistic classes may be said to have disappeared in the 'economic' sense of the term, the antagonistic class-thinking and culture etc. do not disappear automatically with it. And the danger of revisionism remains precisely there. So, the class struggle in a socialist society is to be fought out with greater intensity in the domain of ideas. This struggle is much more fierce, subtle and tenacious than was the struggle for capture of power. Because, firstly, the enemy cannot be seen but exists in the old culture and mental make-up still existing in people and even in the

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communists! Stalin spoke of capitalism remaining in the "private property mentality" and "private property habits" of people in Soviet society. Secondly, complacency born of the economic well being resulting from the success of socialism tends to dull the consciousness of the communists themselves. So, ideological battle should be conducted ceaselessly for eradicating the remnants of bourgeois ideological influence by raising the level of proletarian consciousness and culture not only in society at large, but all the more so within the proletarian party. If this vigilant struggle slackens for whichever reason, remnants of bourgeois ideology gather strength and revisionist degeneration becomes unavoidable. Explaining this point -- the role of conscious ideological leadership, -- in the context of revisionist deviation of the Soviet Union, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said: "Just take the example of Russia -- what happened there did not surely take place overnight. As the ideological and cultural standard of the party and the people could not be continuously uplifted to keep pace with the growing progress of socialist economy, the ideological-cultural standard remained miserably low and inadequate, thus gradually providing, in the main, the breeding ground of revisionism within the society. But you see, the harmful effect of such a low level of consciousness ... could not make its presence felt because of the impact of the powerful personality, ideological guidance, iron discipline and firm handling of a man like Stalin. ... But today in absence of only such a great personality, how easily the whole party and the people have fallen victim to all sorts of rotten thinking and ideas." (*Ibid.*, p. 197-98) So, the point is not only that revisionism appeared in the party of Lenin and Stalin, and that it finally usurped the leadership of the party. But the most significant point of all is that it did so without confronting any serious resistance at all from within the party or society. How could it happen? It happened due to serious weakening of the socialist ideological influence

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in society. After the revolution also, Lenin had to fiercely combat the left deviation of Trotsky and the right deviation of Bukharin in 1920, when both were prominent Central Committee members of the party. 'Left' and 'Right' deviations are nothing but the two poles of one and the same bourgeois liberal distortion of Marxism. Bourgeois liberalism had strong influence on the Russian working class movement since its very beginning and the Economists, Mensheviks, Socialist Revolutionaries were its representatives in Russian politics. Trotskyism was another variant of it. Bolshevism grew only by freeing the Russian proletariat from this influence. But remnants of this tendency existed both inside the socialist society and the party. This was the source of Trotskyite and Bukharinite deviations which became more acute during Stalin's leadership. But due to the ideological struggle conducted by Stalin, this reformist tendency could not influence the party as a whole -- until after Stalin's demise. Even the Report of the 19th Congress of 1952 echoed his timely warning that "Ideological work is a prime duty of the party.... We must always remember that if the influence of socialist ideology is weakened the effect is to strengthen the influence of the bourgeois ideology." But he died in the next year. The absence of Stalin's powerful personality coupled with the insufficient ideological consciousness and the tendency of mechanically following the party and the leadership -- alien to communist ethics which yet grew in the CPSU -- helped the revisionists to usurp party leadership with least hindrance and deceive most communist parties with anti-Stalin liberal demagoguery. The same mechanical thought process and blind allegiance to leadership which earlier prompted most communist parties to extol Stalin to the skies now prejudiced their attitude regarding him. Deep wisdom and inexhaustible courage, without illusions Slander over the past five decades has much obscured the true image of this great man.

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But a few facts will reveal what a great character Stalin had. Renowned bourgeois intellectual H.G. Wells admits in his *Experiment in Autobiography*: "I have never met a man more candid, fair and honest, and to these qualities it is, and to nothing occult and sinister, that he owes his tremendous undisputed ascendancy in Russia. I had thought before I saw him that he might be where he was because men were afraid of him, what I realise was that he owed his position to the fact that no one is afraid of him and everybody trusts him."

Even Churchill said: "He is a man of inexhaustible courage and will-power, a man of direct and even blunt speech. Above all, he is a man with a saving sense of humour which is of high importance to all men and to all nations. Premier Stalin left upon me an impression of deep, cool wisdom and a complete absence of illusions of any kind." ('Stalin' by J.T. Murphy)

Marshall Zhukov recollects that, "Stalin produced a strong impression on whoever spoke with him. Free of affectations and mannerism, he won people's hearts by his simple ways. His uninhibited way of speaking, the ability to express himself clearly, his inborn analytical mind, his extensive knowledge and phenomenal memory, made even old hands and eminent people brace themselves and gather their wits when talking to him." (Reminiscences and Reflections)

Commenting on Stalin's stupendous achievement of building socialist Russia, Isaac Deutscher, the celebrated anti-communist author said: "Even if all allowance is made for the different scales of human affairs in different ages, the greatest reformers in Russian history like Ivan the Terrible and Peter the Great, and the great reformers of other nations too, seem to be dwarfed by the giant form of the General Secretary". (Stalin: A Political Biography)

However, Stalin himself felt, as he said in a Railway Workers' meeting in Tiflis in 1926, in reply to the enthusiastic ovation of the workers: "I must say in all conscience, comrades, that I do not

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deserve a good half of the flattering things that have been said here about me." Stalin's modesty can be seen particularly clearly in his esteem for Lenin. He wrote to a comrade: "I object to your calling yourself 'a disciple of Lenin and Stalin'. I have no disciple. Call yourself a disciple of Lenin ... But you have no ground for calling yourself a disciple of a disciple of Lenin's. It is not true. It is out of place." (CW, Vol.9, p. 156) In a letter dated 16.2.1938 to the Children's Publishing House Stalin said: "I am strongly opposed to the publication of 'Stories About Stalin's Childhood'. The book is filled with a mass of factual distortions, untruths, exaggerations and undeserved encomia. The author has been misled by lovers of fairy tales - by liars (perhaps "honest liars") and timeservers. A pity for the author, but facts remain facts. But that is not the main thing. The main thing is that the book has the tendency to inculcate in the Soviet people (and people in general) the cult of the personality of chiefs and infallible heroes. That is dangerous and harmful. ... My advice is to burn the book." (CW, Vol.2 p. 34-35) This is how Stalin patronised his own 'cult'! A letter dated February 4, 1935 was sent at Stalin's instance by the Bolshevik Party Central Committee to K. F. Starostin, which read: "Information has reached the Central Committee that the Metro Authority Collective has decided to name the Metro (underground railway of Moscow) after Comrade Stalin, to which Comrade Stalin is firmly opposed since the construction work of the Metro has been directly and exclusively supervised by Comrade L. Kaganovich, the Metro Authority being therefore requested by the Central Committee to name the Metro after Comrade Kaganovich irrespective of his objections." (Stalin, *Selected Works*, Russ. Edtn. Vol. 14) Such incidents are galore. A most interesting incident will be found in Zhukov's 'Reminiscences and Reflections'. After the war, the Soviet government decided to observe the Victory Parade at the Red Square in Moscow and, like all Soviet people, Zhukov also thought that Stalin, the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, would take



"I know that after my death on my grave there will be heaped piles of dirt, but the wind of history without fail will blow it away and the truth will come out!"

the salute. But Stalin asked Zhukov to do it, telling him that he had become "too old" for it!

Stalin's "terror"

As a farsighted man, he sized up people quickly and saw their problems clearly and sympathetically. But he was also firm and demanding. This last aspect of his character has often caused misunderstanding as well as been willfully distorted by enemies of socialism. It cannot be forgotten that Stalin had undertaken the building of world's first socialist society without precedent in history, in a country without a developed industry and agriculture, a country ravaged by famines, inhabited in most part by illiterate poor peasants and encircled by Western imperialist powers inciting a Civil War against the Soviet government from 1918 to 1920. Under the circumstances, revolution could not be saved without the most energetic, audacious and extreme measures. The unavoidable and firm measures taken by Stalin to safeguard revolution are called Stalin's "terrors"! These tales influenced even many Left intellectuals. And it made them uncertain in their attitude towards socialism and communism. This is how reactionary

influence in liberal mask worms its way into progressive minds! But the judgement of one's actions requires the examination of one's concrete condition as also the purpose behind his or her actions. The revolutionary martyrs of the Indian freedom struggle like Kshudiram Bose, Bhagat Singh and Asfaquallah also were "terrorists" in the eyes of the British imperialist rulers. Are they terrorists or martyrs? War is an act of terror. But the foundation of the American nation was laid in the War of Independence and the American Civil War. In the American Civil War, Abraham Lincoln led one group of American states against another and united the nation through much bloodshed. But who would blame Lincoln for this "terror" save rank fools or archenemies of democracy! In class-divided societies, the paramount social issues touching upon basic class interests are always decided in the end by force. Marx said long ago that "Force is the midwife of history." However, while imperialists and capitalists organise genocides, riots and predatory wars against whole populations the use of revolutionary force is always directed, in also the bourgeois revolutions, against a reactionary minority. But devilish imperialist propaganda would make people believe that communists use force against the masses! The picture of the Stalin period in the imperialist media is full of horrible descriptions of Stalin's "terror"! Claims are made of as many as 20 million dead in Stalin's torture! But only the 1921 famine and the 1941 German invasion took such tolls! Even Trotsky with his network of informers could not put it above thousands. The western embassies also, all being sworn anti-communists though, did not make such claim! The greatest outcries can be heard, of course, over the trials of 1934, 1936 and 1938. Noises are made that these were "fake"! Most bourgeois diplomats and journalists of the period, who sat watching those open trials, were compelled to admit that they were fair, the evidences were bona fide and the sentences were impartial.

***This article will be continued in
September issue of NSC.*** ■

FRIENDSHIP NEWS

FROM WROCLAW
POLAND

Dear comrade Michael Lucas and friends:

I am sending to all members and to friends of the International Council, greetings from Poland, as well as to the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass and to its many writers. Greetings on May Day and on the 60th Anniversary of Victory Day of the Second World War. I'm greeting all of you who are in the struggles against imperialism and in the struggle for socialism.

The defeat of fascism by people and by the mighty Soviet Union, who had defeated the mighty Nazi scourge and liberated the people of Europe from Nazi slavery and barbarism. It is necessary forever to remember that the Red Army lost over 600,000 of its sons and daughters liberating Poland.

We are in solidarity and in agreement, with the holding of the Second World Congress this coming September in Toronto, Canada. I have passed the invitation on to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Poland.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend myself. I wish you comrades great success. I embrace you all!

Professor Zbigniew Wiktor
Member of the International Council

Dear friends:

The Communist Theoretical group "*Marxist Platform*" supports the decision to call the Second World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, which information was published in the last issue of our "*Marxist Newsletter*".

We cannot send a large delegation from amongst our midst due to financial problems. We wanted to send from Ukraine a well-known Komsomol, who is a political prisoner, E. Semenov, but he cannot go because he has only a Soviet passport which is not recognized by the present Ukrainian regime.

The "*Marxist Platform*" decided to send the vice-chairperson of the "*Movement for freedom of political prisoners - against the regime*

extremism" (*the organization of which we are members*) - Elena D. Varfolomeeva. We suggest that Varfolomeeva will present two documents at the Congress: about the "*Marxist Platform*" and also about the "*Movement for freedom to the political prisoners - against the regime extremism*". We are going to take steps in order to become members of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

In the very near future we shall open up a campaign to collect finances for her trip to Canada, but making certain that this does not take away the much needed finances for helping the political prisoners, which is our main work.

We are sending you by mail our latest publications for your information.

With Communist greetings.

Vic-chairman of "Marxist Platform"
V.F. Isaychikov

FROM A SOVIET POLITICAL PRISONER

Dear comrades of NSC and of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People:

The question my comrades ask and other friends across the former USSR with which I correspond from my jail cell through my contacts is this:

Seeing that NSC is spreading its influence across former Soviet republics, and seeing that there is going to be held the Second World Congress this September in Canada - there is a need for Northstar Compass to be published in the Russian language, in order to have our people know what NSC and the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People are doing in order to help us resurrect the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The friends of NSC have undertaken to come up with price of publishing NSC monthly in Russian and distributed to the other former Soviet republics.

Am sending you the details and costs of doing this important work. My comrades and I suggest that this question be put on the Agenda of the Second World Congress, so that the delegates from around the world and those who will be coming from former USSR, fully discuss this important topic and come to some concrete decision as to the necessity and responsibility to do this.

Since of course I cannot come to the Congress, I would like to send greetings on behalf of all the political prisoners.

Comradely yours
Igor Gupkin
Vladivostok

FROM BRISBAIN
AUSTRALIA

Dear friends:

I guessed that the publication by the Unitarian Church here isn't a working class publication. I've lived in Australia nearly eleven years (*I'm Irish*) so I've seen all the "*left*" publications in this country.

There is a big problem with the article that NSC had published before, in that its premise is based on a common and indeed widespread fallacy among petty-bourgeois Australians. The fallacy is that the "*Westminster System*" is been eroded (*by one world government etc.*) and that it should be "*restored*" to return Australia to prosperity.

This view on the "*erosion of the Westminster system*" is common amongst all sorts of right-wing fanatics and political innocents, who reject a class based understanding of society.

Fraternal regards
Mike Cunningham

Dear comrades:

We learned from an Internet news group and the letter you sent us that the Friendship House, where the NSC office is located was seriously damaged by fire. We found out that it was arson. We hope that no harm came to the people inside the Friendship House.

We can well understand some of the losses of documents and photographs are irreplaceable. NSC

is doing exemplary work in building international links with the revolutionary forces in Russia, which has earned appreciation and support from the progressive and revolutionary forces all over the world. We express our full solidarity with Northstar Compass. We are sure that the revolutionary zeal of you Michael Lucas and your comrades will help you get over the present difficulties and that NSC would continue its work for socialism with renewed vigor in the coming days.

With revolutionary greetings

Manik Mukherjee
All India Anti-Imperialist Forum

Dear friends:

I am very sad by the misfortune which happened to the Friendship House and you personally. I admire your courage to continue the preparations for the World Congress and keep on going. I hope that you will be able to overcome the difficulties.

Yours truly,
Dr. Adelard Paquin, Canada
Editor of French edition of NSC

Dear friends:

I received the sad news about the extensive damage by fire, smoke and water to the Friendship House. What a shock! What a loss! I recall my many visits to that heritage building in Toronto and my admiration in seeing how nice it was to have such a wonderful facility for international bridge-building and peace. This is a resource that we dearly need in this country.

It is sad that some historical books and photographs have been damaged. What sick personality(s) could have started that fire?

I trust that friends will soon come and support the restoration of the Friendship House. Although down, we are not slain, but will rise up from the ashes to see the light of day – and again contribute to global understanding and peaceful resolution of conflicts around the world.

All the best
Koozma Tarasoff, Canada

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Dear friends:

I found out through your letter that a fire was caused by arson to the Friendship House, which caused damage to the contents. I am certain that you and our comrades will put things in order and renovate the Friendship House, so that Northstar Compass publication will continue to be published as organ of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

I wish you success and stamina dear comrades!

Dr. Professor Mirko Svoboda
Czech Republic

Dear friends in Toronto, Canada:

Dreadfully sorry to hear of the fire and the damage and the injuries. I hope that my contribution as small as it is, will help. I will be at the Second World Congress and I'm trying to convince my friend, Pete Seeger to come also.

Comradely yours
Aubrey Bowman, England

Dear friends:

Here is a small donation (\$100.00) towards the renovation. I hope that those creeps that started the fire get caught!

Sincerely
Irene Harbay, USA

Dear comrades:

I wish I could send more than \$100, but please give this donation towards the awful cost suffered by fire to the Friendship House.

Onwards ever onwards!

Best wishes
Paul Barrett
South Wales, UK

Dear comrades:

Comradely greetings on this the 60th Anniversary of the Victory over fascism!

Enclosed is an article that we translated and published from NSC in our party newspaper, Al Baath.

Michel Mounayer
Damascus, Syria

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Dear Michael, Helen and friends:

Very sorry to hear of the traumatic event which you both and friends experienced lately. I hope that the injuries you sustained are beginning to heal.

I appreciate that the damage to Soviet books and photographs might be irreplaceable, but my main concern as well as all comrades and readers of NSC that you two are OK – you two are not replaceable.

Best wishes – the fight continues!

Clifford F. Roe
England

Dear comrades:

The news about the arson to the Friendship House has saddened me, but action cannot wait. Enclosed please find my contribution of \$500.00. As the American Reich pushed the world deeper into despair and darkness, its agenda must be clear to anyone with a trace of gray matter: fascism at home, imperialism abroad. Unlike its Third Reich predecessor, today's regime does not face the Red Army. Unlike its Third Reich predecessor, today's regime has television and technological advancement to propel all its lies and warmongering on an unprecedented scale.

Bolsheviks, Revolutionaries, all real defenders of the working class should not waiver or cower, but step up their efforts. Neither Humanity nor Mother Nature can survive without a struggle against this capitalist onslaught.

Best wishes
Alex Berg, USA

Dear friends:

Thank you for the great May issue of NSC. News of the alarming fire by arson next door to the Friendship House makes me angry, but it is a gage of what our opponents fear and your success. Enclosed please find some help of \$100.00 towards the renovation.

Received Henry Morgan's book "Pursuing the Dove". His relaxed conversational style made it an easy and enjoyable read. The work of the Morgan's, Jeanette and John is another tribute to the "power of pairs". Also, well done to Michael & Helen, another mighty pair!

Good luck for the September Congress!

Howard Kelsey
United Kingdom

Dear friends:

It was with anger that I read the news of the arson at your Friendship House. It seems that those who dreaded the 1917 Revolution and Stalin, still maintain their presence even after such a long time. They must really dread Stalin to commit this act and personal attacks upon Michael Lucas, but this does not stop the social forces that will eventually smash them.

We have the same type of people here in San Francisco Bay area, but they are the drags of Vietnam, Taiwan, Russian/Ukrainian scum, on the make in this country, after being helpful to the Nazis in their country. We have people from all over the world in this sump called a "democracy", by the fascists and retarded criminal capitalist elements.

That we will win is being shown by Bush's retarded war in Iraq, that he is losing, because US is practicing genocide there, grabbing resources by our fascist capitalist elements.

Enclosed please find \$100 towards keeping NSC moving along. I look forward to seeing you at the Second World Congress in September.

Sincerely yours
Gerald Kucherenko,
USA

Dear Editor:

I saw the advertisement of Northstar Compass in the Russian Economic and Philosophic newspaper #15. I'm really interested in the work of the Second World Congress that will be held in September of this year in Canada.

I would like to apply for participation in the Congress as I also support the policy of the revival of the USSR and I'm not indifferent to the situation in the world.

I've been a teacher of the English language for 23 years, so there is no language barrier for me, but - unfortunately, first I'm not a member of any political party or movement in my country (though at heart I am), but I'm an active member of our University newspaper. My mother is

a member of the Communist Party, but she is too old to participate in the Congress.

The second problem is that I cannot afford to pay for my trip since the salary of a teacher does not allow this luxury.

My desire to participate is so great that I'd like to suggest the following ideas: not only to participate but to work before and during the Congress.

(1) I would be grateful if you would allow me to earn my flight ticket in this way: I could translate reports of participants from English to Russian and vice versa, if you can send them to me by mail

(2) I can also work with people as I've got enough experience in working with people of different nationalities.

After graduating from the University in 1982 I worked as a

From US Political Prisoner
Gatesville, Texas #384484

Dear Editor and collective:

I was awestruck by news of the arson fire at the Friendship House, but yet unable to offer anything but half-hearted solidarity and sympathy. Hoping that most of the losses can be replaced.

Ana Lucia Gelabert

school teacher in Eastern Prussia (Kaliningradskaya Oblast) where I taught English to children from Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia and Russia. I worked as an organizer and interpreter when I participated in the International Ecological Project on monitoring water quality in 1994 (students were there from Ohio and Texas) and my hometown was involved in this project.

I'm a semi-finalist of the 2001 US-Russia awards for teachers of English and American studies.

I'm 48 and I'm sociable, frank and reliable person. If I was able to come to the Second World Congress, I would make a report on the theme: "Life and tolerance of older people in my town."

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely
Natalia Ryasnaya

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APPEAL FROM A FORMER RUSSIAN POLITICAL PRISONER

Dear comrades:

I am Anna Petrovna from Russia and I am a Russian Communist. In 2003 I was sentenced for my political activities. I was released on April 13, 2005. I somehow managed to have received your journal, Northstar Compass, but did not have the opportunity to write, since letter writing to other comrades was practically barred. I am happy that now I have the opportunity to write you.

At this time we are cooperating with the political prisoner Igor Gubkin and are working together on plans of effective help to all the political prisoners. In this regard, on September 10 of this year, there is going to be held an International Conference in Moscow to help the political prisoners. Around this International movement there will be established a Financial Fund. This movement suggests the following:

- (1) To demand that the Russian regime acknowledges and gives status as political prisoners:
- (2) To guarantee all the necessary material needs of the political prisoners:
- (3) Guarantee a judicial and lawyer support to all political prisoners:
- (4) To make certain that full information about the charges against the political prisoners are available to the public and the position of the state apparatus towards the political prisoners:
- (5) Help for the immediate family:
- (6) To take all of the necessary steps to gain freedom for the political prisoners.

Today in jails there are held the best young Communists, those that in reality can change the situation in our poor country. They need the help!

Time has gone by when all of these problems could have been solved by peaceful means. And to be

truthful, I am afraid that time is running out when this cardinal question can be solved. Just a little more time and our once mighty country will disappear from the map of the earth. And, this one polar world of Imperialism will rule. More and more people are beginning to realize this extreme danger now.

It would be nice if all of the Communists in the world would heed our cry for help. Can you help us in this? Igor Gubkin is still in jail and his sentence of 14 years is still in effect. Even in jail he is working on the question of the defense of the political prisoners.

I am familiar with all of the left-wing poolitical movements here, and I know that Igor Gubkin is an excellent organizer and his dedication to the rebirth of Socialism and of the Soviet Union. He is working on his appeal to the delegates attending the Second World Congress.

We all feel that Northstar Compass should be and can be published in a Russian edition. Please let us know your thoughts on this.

Yours with respect
Anna Petrenko

PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS FOR A COUNTERREVOLUTION IN BYELORUSSIA

"Orange Revolution" as in Ukraine is being planned for Byelorussia. In this plan, a very active part is performed by Berlin, Brussels and Washington. This is from an official analytical Bulletin from Germany "*Informationen zur Deutschen Audepolitik*".

The discussion of plans for destabilization of Minsk was held in March at an international symposium, that was organized in Vilnius, Lithuania by the Lithuanian Government Taking part in this Symposium were 130 representatives from countries of the

European Union, nongovernmental organizations and by Byelorussian dissidents. This forum was officially ended by the presentation of a strategic document, funded by the monetary Fund of Bertelshman and in cooperation with the Foreign Ministry of Lithuania. In essence, this is a plan adopted in order to overthrow the present government of Byelorussia.

This document, among other things is establishing a "*University In Exile*", where students will be taught to orientate towards the West of the Byelorussian students. This is a part of a private University of Humanity, supported by the EU and which supports the outright intervention in the internal affairs of Byelorussia. Because of the former foreign-supported University in Minsk, the Byelorussian government closed it. The new University started operating in Vilnius on July 9th. The Rector of the University is Anatoly Mikhailov who was awarded the highest medal by the German Government.

The financing of this "*University in Exile*" will be by the European Union. They say that in the near future this University will be operating in "*Free Byelorussia*."

The program and details were engineered by the German former spy, Hanz-Georg Vik. He is now the president of the German-Byelorussian Society. His theses said that: "*there is every chance for a change of the political system in Byelorussia*."

The plans are to let Poland play the first fiddle through a special radio station daily broadcasts to Poland-called, "*Racija*" radio program to Byelorussia, plus the TV program "*Baltic Waves*" and on other Russian speaking channels. Their main task is to propagate all the anti-Byelorussian government attacks by the dissidents. These attacks via radio and TV will be operating from Poland, Lithuania and Germany, 24 hours each day.

The future counterrevolution in Byelorussia is imminent, according to the daily propaganda being broadcast to Minsk. The EU is pushing this scenario through all sorts of organizations, funds and

help from people like George Soros, who stays behind the scenes. They are setting up a special "Democratic Financial Fund for Byelorussia" They say that in order to oust President Lukashenko - they need to gather over \$14.2 million Euros per year. This fund is to support all elements, both inside and outside of Byelorussia to bring this scenario to a speedy end.

The architect Mr. Vik, said that: "In just five years Byelorussian government will be overthrown."

Foreign Ministers of the European Union have accused Lukashenko that it's a "dictatorial regime." On April 21 the US Secretary of State C. Rice met with the opposition Byelorussian dissidents in Vilnius, Lithuania and called upon them to do everything necessary to change the government in Byelorussia, in the forthcoming elections in 2006.

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Morse code for Iraq

By T. Yakubovskaya

Again
the hawks
are venting
their anger
And you can hear
SOS! SOS! SOS!
We need your help,
brothers and sisters,
our life is having loss.

Blasts and fires
make awful mess.
Our best fellows
are grabbed by death.

Our cities are choking
under ruins.
Pentagon is bragging
of its doings.
Hungry and thirsty
are those beasts: -
Babes' blood and tom flesh
are their feasts.
Again American vultures
are bringing people the hell.
On beautiful ancient Bagdad
bombs and missiles fell.

Bloody mist
covered all the ground,
Iraqi mothers' damnation
are heard all around.

Death-sowing birds
are circling above.
How much power
must have the peace dove
those ugly hawks
to withstand,
To avert danger
from our land?

And now you, pilot, you again
have taken off to sow pain.
That ancient land under your wings
inhabit peaceful human beings.
They plough and seed and cut their crop,
and oil produce their lives to prop.
But President of your own land,
he's lifted up his bloody hand
together with his whole band
against that poor hard-working people
who'd suffered from its own Beetle.
You signed your contract and your planes
are flying now to bomb their lanes.

Stop, pilot! Freeze or fall asleep,
And let your plane freeze in the steep
To stop and from that height to peep
At those who suffer so deep.

Can hear you a young girl sings?
Can see you merry running springs?
And all eternal lovely things
That so much love human beings?

And now, pilot, waken, waken!
You hear, a child with fear taken
Near his killed mom crying crawl?
You are a butcher, yes. That's all.

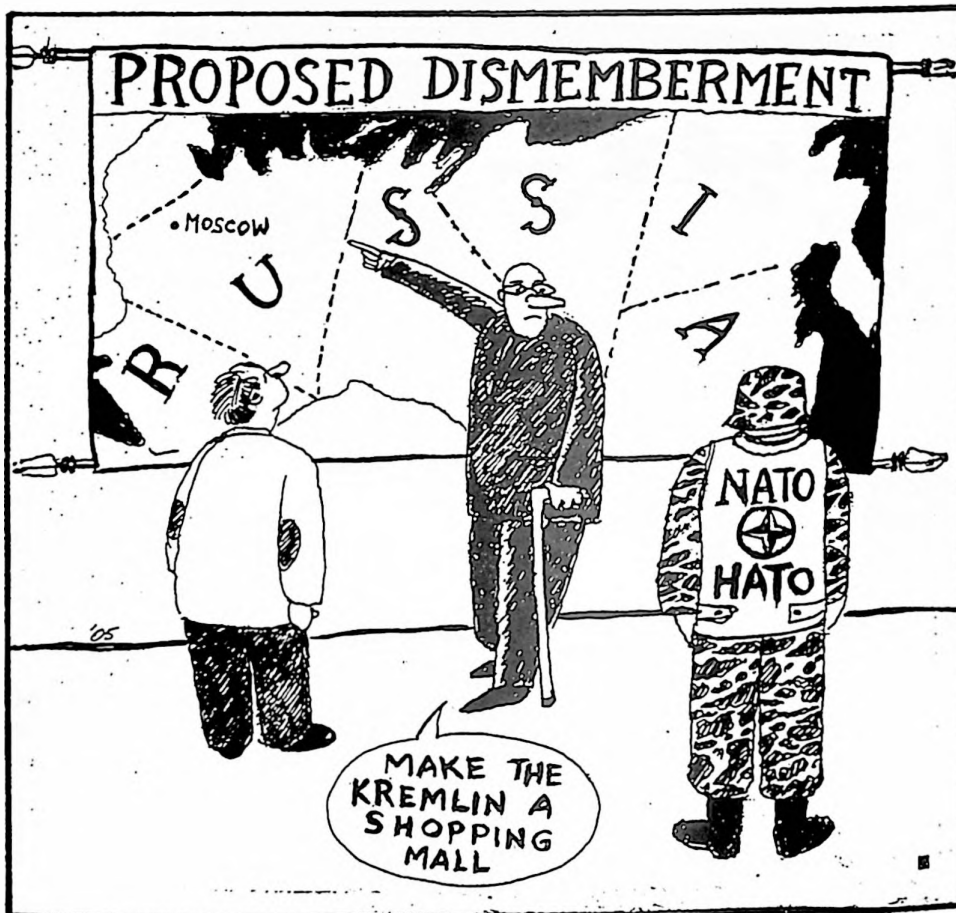
Again
become angry
American Boss,
And you can hear:
SOS! SOS! SOS!
He needs to get more
petrolbucks,
That's why he's hawks
have bomby flux.

It ain't the nature
of a man in khaki
to cry about victims
in Nagasaki.
And burnt Hiroshima
is not their blame.
They know how from death
to make good name.

They can't be touched -
They are darlings of Fortune,
And they are allowed
To kill and torture.

Today
they hung over
Iraqi land.
Who will be
the next target
of this band?

If you don't want
To bear your cross,
You hear, nations?
Reply to that SOS!



SOVIET VETERANS, TAKE OFF YOUR MEDALS!

From newspaper "Far-eastern
Republic"

This small article is the feeling of many former Soviet World War II veterans, although it hurts to publish this observation.

"Every May 9" the present Russian regime tries to honor the old medal wearing veterans as they trudge in front of these leaders, of this Soviet occupied land, while looking at the three-color Vlasov flag.

Don't these veterans know for what they were fighting for? They were fighting for a Socialist Union of Soviet Republics, when the country belonged to the working people, independent of capitalist rulers, for the future of their children and grandchildren, where there was no room for any Western capitalist interference!

But what did this preset regime in front of which the remaining veterans were marching achieve on these sacred day of victory?

They dismembered the Soviet Union, they liquidated socialism, they took away from the people the right to govern and guide the country forward, they systematically started polices which saw the death of millions of our people or leaving the country each year. In other words, these present Russian bourgeois rulers, accomplished exactly what Hitler planned to do but was unable to carry his plans to the end.

So why did our veterans march step by step in front of these present Hitlerites and Banderites? Are they veterans? Of course they are! But do they not realize or did they forget that this present Vlasov flag of Russia is the flag that was the official flag of our enemies who fought on the side of Hitler against the Red Army during the Great Patriotic War, and now we march under this flag? You fought under the Soviet Red Flag and against this Vlasov flag that Hitler blessed.

Then, why march with your medals and decorations given by the USSR for your heroic deeds – **these medals are Soviet Medals!** You should take them off, because in fact, you have given up and have surrendered!"

US SEES RUSSIA AS A "SOURCE OF THREATS" FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE

The US House of Representatives stated in July that Russia poses a real threat to democratic development in the former Soviet Union republics, now the CIS.

The Committee stated that it is very concerned about the strengthening position of Russia and called on the White House to call a Conference to promote democracy in that region. The Committee said that considerable resources are needed in order to give incentive to democratic groups and their development, and has instructed the USA to give the following millions just to these "democratic groups":

Azerbaijan will receive \$38 million, while Armenia will get \$75 million and Georgia will receive \$79.5 million. Ukraine will receive over \$95 millions to promote "democracy", plus the help of "advisors."

COMMENT:

Hey, Mr. Putin, are you listening? ▣

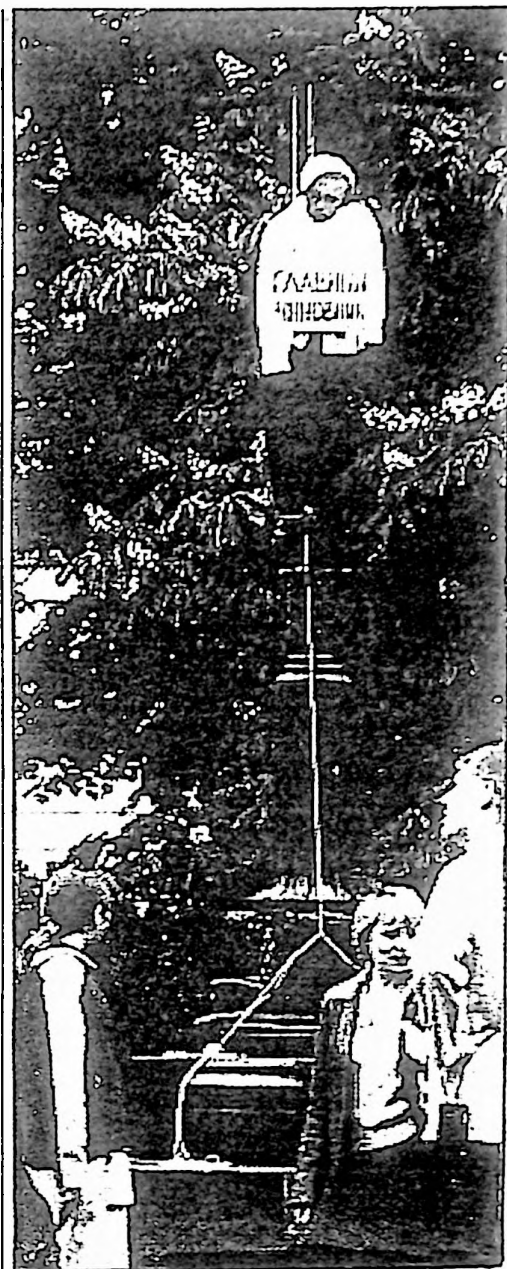
Russia Opposes NATO Operations in Black Sea

From INDO-ASIAN News Services

MOSCOW: The Russian government has opposed NATO conducting naval exercises in the Black Sea. Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said that only the Black Sea countries – Russia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine and Georgia – have the right for naval exercises in the region.

Russian Minister also said that the Russian Fleet would remain in Crimea until the lease expires in 2017. Since Ukraine is joining NATO, the question of the naval base here is of vital importance to Russia and other former Soviet republics. ▣

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE A
DRAWING OF FRIENDSHIP HOUSE
WHERE NSC IS PUBLISHED?**



PUTIN'S EFFIGY HUNG FROM A TREE IN MOSCOW!

Young Soviet Komsomols hung an effigy of Putin in a park in Moscow as a sign of protest against his political and economic policies ▣

REGARDING YOUR LAST "OPEN LETTER"

By OLEG PRONIN

I would like to touch upon the Open Letter that was printed in the February issue of NSC, written by the late Ray Stevenson.

Of course this Open Letter was a cry from the soul of people that dedicated their whole life to Socialism and the USSR and other socialist countries. I would like to give my on the spot opinion again,

as to the tragedy that befell the Soviet Union.

The cause of this tragedy is that practically the whole of the communist movement in the world finds itself now in a very deep crisis, and I, at the moment do not foresee a light at the end of the tunnel. Very large communist parties were born after the post-Soviet era, they are, like most European communist parties, of the Krushchev, Brezhnev-Gorbachev type, and slowly but surely are becoming social-democratic parties, and even in words are abandoning Marxism-Leninism. A perfect example here in Russia is the CPRF (*Communist Party of the Russian Federation*) There are now many numerous parties, groupings, all sort of Marxist sects, practically not connected in anyway with the working class at all.

Therefore do not expect real cooperation or answers or letters from some of these parties – some of them do not even read your letters or the Northstar Compass. They do not want to cooperate with a movement that stands on the correct Marxist-Leninist principle, they only meet with their own kind. They do not appreciate any constructive criticism—they label such comradely criticism as dirt.

Communist Parties in former USSR and other socialist countries, completely gave up their control over mass information structures, the army, the state apparatus - they were led by revisionist elements and thus they gave up all what was entrusted to them by the people.

Today the enemies of socialism are celebrating this sell-out, having taken over the whole state apparatus. They have all of the resources on hand to hold power in their hands, banking themselves on the help from their foreign master-Imperialism.

We have to systematically work to unify the communist movements in the world, to come out of this crisis, but based only on the ideology of Marxism-Leninism. Only in this way can we start to give rebirth to the Soviet Union, to build a world socialist system, which can be a reality, after the rebirth of the Soviet Union.

Wishing you the best dear comrades. We shall be victorious, there is no doubt. This will depend

on our concrete tactics and not to repeat the same mistakes as before. Criticism and self-criticism must be the order of the day.

The Second World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People is a step in the right direction and should be supported by all the communist parties – even the ones that think or pretend that they are Marxist-Leninist! ■

The blood of the London victims is on the hands of the Anglo-American imperialism

Issued by the Communist Party of Great Britain (Marxist-Leninist)

We declare our sympathies with those who were wounded and died in the bombings in London on July 7 and we extend our condolences to the bereaved families.

We do this just as sincerely as we do to the bereaved families of the 100,000 plus victims of the British and U.S. terror in Iraq, and hope that the British working class may begin to understand a little of the nightmare that the Iraqi people have lived through since the invasion and occupation of their country by our imperialist rulers.

We call for redoubled efforts on the part of the British working class to end the illegal occupation of Iraq and the thievery of the Iraqi people's wealth by US and British imperialism – the looting of Iraqi oil and the wholesale privatization into foreign hands of Iraqi industries and services.

This means refusing to cooperate in any way with the British war machine – be it serving in the forces, making weapons, transporting equipment or putting out propaganda. Individually, we may be powerless, but collectively, the British working class has the ultimate veto over the war – they cannot fight it without us.

We must give our full support to the Iraqi resistance, since only the defeat for the Anglo-American imperialism will put an end to its aggression in the Middle East.

Imperialism is the real terrorist; the real extremist; the real bloodthirsty murderer that will stop at nothing to achieve its aim of domination for maximization of profit. Its representatives drop indiscriminately cluster bombs all over the world without a qualm, leaving a trail of death and devastation in their wake.

In the last ten years, the innocent people of Yugoslavia, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and Iraq have seen their housing estates, television stations, roads, bridges, railway stations and even refugee columns bombed by British and US planes.

An acknowledged tactic of the self-proclaimed fighters for "civilization" is to bomb civilian areas and then come back round 10 minutes later in order to bomb the brave emergency workers trying to rescue the injured and trapped civilians. Hospitals, ambulances, fire-stations and schools all have been targeted by these bringers of "freedom" and "democracy".

On March 19, 2003, when Anglo-American imperialism unleashed 300 cruise missiles on Baghdad, George Bush and his cohorts described it as "shock and awe" while Tony Blair called it an "act of humanity" It ill becomes these imperialist criminals to start characterizing the London bombings as the "brutal" and "evil" acts of "extremists" who want to impose their "will" on others.

The ruling class will undoubtedly attempt to use the London bombings as an excuse to pump out even more hysterically racist and the ID cards and further repressive "anti-terrorist" measures that actually are aimed at the British working class, all in the name of the "safety of the British people".

The only way we will win a world that is not tormented by crisis, poverty and war, is by overthrowing the decadent, parasitic, bloodthirsty system of imperialism, and replace it by socialism!

**Death to imperialism!
Defeat for Anglo-American imperialism!
Forward to socialism!** ■

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Five Myths and Realities of the U.S. Empire

By James Petras

Posted by Bulatlat

<http://www.bulatlat.net/news/5-12/5-12-myths.htm>

Myth 1: The "U.S." has a huge trade deficit with "China" amounting to \$162 billion in 2004.

Reality: There are two basic problems with this statement: 1) almost half of the "trade deficit" is accounted for by U.S. multinational corporations (MNC) in China exporting to their "home market". 2) What is called "China" and the "U.S." is a fiction as the commercial transaction takes place within a world network or "empire", in which the growth of "exports" and trade "surpluses" accrues to the U.S. MNC and the trade "deficit" affects the U.S. domestic economy. The Chinese method of calculating the trade imbalance does not include exports by U.S. MNC based in China to U.S. companies.

Myth 2: The U.S. Empire has successfully expanded because of its military activities — wars, invasions, and special assassination teams.

Reality: In reality the U.S. military interventions and wars have been the least successful weapons of empire building — witness the prolonged and costly wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the popular resistance in Haiti. Imperialist advances have been most successful in conquering countries with the least cost via civilian—political intervention, bogus elections and the organization and financing of client leaders and non-governmental "front" organizations, and buying off political parties. The cases of the Ukraine, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan are illustrative. Earlier success include Nicaragua, El Salvador in Central America. In South America, U.S. ideological, political and economic influence on and strategic alliances with reputed

"center-left" parties and regimes have successfully converted Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador into free-market clients of the Empire.

Myth 3: Successful electoral outcomes in the former Soviet Union are a reflection of the growing popular desire for democracy and free markets.

Reality: Each and every electoral outcome in the former Soviet Union was organized and financed by non-elected foreign officials, who set the agenda, elected the leaders and subsequently incorporated the new regimes into their imperial orbit. The elections had nothing to do with democracy, and everything to do with empire building. The proof is found in the rapid privatization and transfer of public enterprises to foreign capital, the incorporation of the new regimes in NATO, and the rule by a new corrupt political elite responsive to the IMF and not the electorate.

Myth 4: "Asia" is a rising global power challenging US global supremacy.

Reality: This simplistic "prophecy" has numerous important flaws. First, "Asia" is not a unified homogenous bloc — some countries are in chronic crisis (Philippines, Indonesia, Burma, Nepal and so on) and others are in conflict among themselves, while others have formed alliances with the U.S. against other Asian countries. India, Pakistan, South Korea and Japan have recently signed economic and security agreements with the U.S. imperial regime. South Korea and China are in conflict with Japan over territorial waters and military policies. Taiwan is de facto allied with the U.S. The U.S. is successfully playing off India and Pakistan to its advantage. Equally important, what passes for "Chinese" economic power is in reality U.S. and European MNC anchored in coastal enclaves exporting back to their companies in the U.S. and Europe. Finally the U.S. has greatly expanded and deepened its military presence throughout South Asia with numerous military bases in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan,

Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Georgia and Iraq — with prospects for new bases in the Ukraine and the Philippines.

Myth 5: The victory of U.S. imperialism over Communism has strengthened the technological and industrial supremacy of the United States.

Reality: The defeat of Communist and nationalist regimes has led to the rapid de-industrialization of the U.S. and the continuing relocation of the leading technology enterprises to India and other countries with cheap skilled professionals. Increasingly the U.S. economy is a "service economy: made up of an elite of well-paid financiers, entertainers and investment bankers at the top and a growing mass of poorly paid, uninsured, service workers employed in retail trade, restaurants, hotels, janitorial and clerical work at the bottom. Leading U.S. MNCs, like General Motors and Ford are only one notch above "junk bond" status, while all the leading airlines are in or near bankruptcy, firing workers, lowering salaries, reneging on pension and health programs of retired and employed workers. Bourgeois economists have argued that the relocation and outsourcing of employment of manufacturing to less developed countries would be compensated by an increase in employment in high-skill, high-pay service jobs in the imperial centers. This has proven to be false: The MNCs have moved toward outsourcing highly skilled, service work to Third World countries. Today Microsoft, CISCO, Intel, Hewlett-Packard have all moved research and design to Bangalore, India, home of 150,000 software engineers. According to the Financial Times (April 6, 2005, p.4 Special Section) a total of 826,540 information technology jobs with a combined salary value of \$51.6 billion dollars were exported by the U.S., Europe and Japan to underdeveloped countries. Tens of thousands of software engineers in the U.S. are unemployed or working part-time as "contract workers". The strategic weakness of the U.S. Empire is found in its failed military interventions and in the systematic destruction of its techno-productive structure within the U.S. ■

WAR OBJECTOR

"Regaining My Humanity" by Camilo Mejia in March 2004. The 28-year old US Sgt. Mejia turned himself in to the USA military and filed an application for a conscientious objector status. On May 21, 2004 he was sentenced to one year in prison for refusing to return back to fight in Iraq. He was released on February 15, 2005. This is an edited version from statements that he made while in prison.

I was deployed to Iraq in April of 2003 and returned home for a two-week leave in October. Going home gave me an opportunity to put my thoughts in order and to listen to what my conscience had to say. People would ask me about all of my experiences, and while answering them, this took me back to all the horrors – the firefights, the ambushes, the time I saw a young Iraqi dragged by the shoulders through a pool of his own blood, or an innocent man that was decapitated by our machinegun fire. The time I saw a US soldier broken down inside, because he killed an innocent child, or an old man on his knees, crying with his arms raised to the sky, perhaps asking God why we had taken the lifeless body of his son.

I thought of the suffering of the people whose country was in ruins and who were further humiliated by he raids, patrols and curfews by our occupying army.

And I began to realize that none of the reasons we were told about why we were in Iraq turned out to be true. There were no weapons of mass destruction. There was no link between Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda. We weren't helping the Iraqi people and the Iraqi people didn't want us there. We weren't preventing

IS THIS TRUE?

Sergei Ivanov, the Russian Defense Minister stated that Russia will not cooperate with NATO in Afghanistan or Iraq. **"This is out of the question. Our policies cannot be united there."**

any terrorism or making Americans safer. I couldn't find a single reason for having been there, for having shot and killed people and been shot at.

Coming home gave me the clarity to see the line between military duty and moral obligation. I realized that I was part of a war that was immoral and criminal, a war of aggression, a war for imperialist domination. I realized that acting upon my principles became incompatible with my role in the military, and I decided that I cannot return back to Iraq.

By putting my weapon down, I chose to reassert myself as a human being. I have not deserted the military or been disloyal to the men and women of the military. I have not been disloyal to my county. I have been loyal to my principles.

When I turned myself in, with all my fears and doubts, I did it not only for myself. I did it for the people of Iraq, even for those who fired upon me – they were just on the other side of the battlefield, where war itself was the enemy. I did it for the Iraqi children, who are the victims of the mines and depleted uranium. I did it for the thousands of unknown civilians killed in this war. My time in prison is a small price to pay compared to the price Iraqis and Americans have paid with their lives. Mine is a small price to pay compared to the price Humanity has paid for war.

Many have called me a coward - others have called me a hero. I believe that I can be found someplace in the middle. To those that have called me a hero, I say, that I don't believe in heroes, but I believe that ordinary people can do extraordinary things.

To those that have called me a coward, I say that they are wrong. They are wrong when they think that I left the war for fear of being killed. Yes there was fear there, but I also feared that I would kill innocent people. I was afraid that I would wake up one day and realize my humanity has abandoned me.

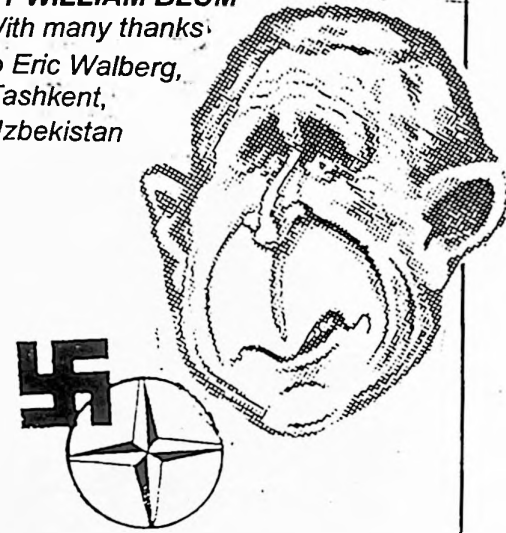
Refusing to serve in this illegal war was my moral duty as a soldier.

I apologize to the Iraqi people! To them I say that I am sorry for the killing, for the curfews and for the raids. May they find it in their hearts to forgive me!

THE AMERICAN MYTH INDUSTRY

BY WILLIAM BLUM

With many thanks to Eric Walberg, Tashkent, Uzbekistan



Good ol' George was traveling around Eastern Europe on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of World War II, spouting a lot of Cold War anti-Communist myths, principal amongst them being:

"The Soviet Union signed a pact with the devil, Nazi Germany, in 1939 for no reason other than the Commies and the Nazis were just two of a kind who wanted to carve up Poland together.

"Without justification, the Soviet Union occupied the three Baltic countries in 1940. Without any justification, the Soviet Union occupied the rest of Eastern Europe after the Second World War.

"All of this was done, apparently, because the Soviets were an expansionist, brutal empire which liked to subjugate foreign peoples for no particularly good reason; the evil empire. "The captivity of millions in Central and Eastern Europe will be remembered as one of the greatest wrongs of history." said Bush while in Latvia.

All of the above tales and accusations are set in marble in the American media, textbooks as well as folklore, but please humor me as I engage in my usual futility of trying to correct some of the official record.

Much Western propaganda has been squeezed out of the Soviet-German treaty of 1939. This is made possible only by entirely ignoring the

fact that the Soviets were forced into the act by the repeated refusal of the Western powers, particularly the United States and Great Britain, to sign a mutual defense treaty with Moscow, in a stand against Hitler.

The Soviets had good reasons – their legendary espionage in Germany told them that Hitler would very shortly invade them and that just would be great with the Western powers, which at the notorious Munich Conference of 1938, nudged Hitler Eastwards.

Thus it was Western collusion with the Nazis, not the oh-so famous “appeasement” of them; the latter of course had been invoked over the years on numerous occasions to justify American military actions against the dangerous “**enemy of the month!**”

The Soviets, consequently, felt obliged to sign this non-aggression pact with Hitler in order to be able to stall for time, while they built up their defenses. Hitler was motivated and was urged to invade Poland.

Similarly, all of the Western “democracies” refused to come to the aid of the Socialist-leaning Spanish government under siege and with a blind-eye to this genocide by the Western powers, under attack by the German, Italian and Spanish fascists. Hitler derived an important lesson from all these happenings. He saw and knew that for the West the real enemy was not fascism, it was Communism and Socialism. Stalin saw all this and got the message, loud and clear.

The Baltic States – Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania – were part of Russia from 1721 up to the Russian revolution of 1917, in the midst of World War I. When the war ended in November of 1918 and the Germans had been defeated, the Allies, Great Britain, USA, France et al permitted and encouraged German militarism again to remain in the Baltic states for over a year in order to crush for the West the spread of Bolshevism there; this was done with ample military assistance and participation from the Allies. In each of the three former territories of Russia, the Germans installed in all of the top position, hidden collaborators who then declared their independence from Russia after the 1917 revolution, as part of the plan by imperialist West for future attacks.

Russia, by this time was so devastated by the war, then by the 1917 revolution, then by the intervention of 14 countries that used to be their allies fighting Germany, that it had no choice but to accept this diktat by the Western powers and accept it as fait accompli. The rest of the fledgling Soviet Union had to be saved.

Within the space of 25 years, Western powers invaded Russia three times – World War I, 1914-1918; the 14 country intervention of 1918-1920; and World War II, 1939-1945. – inflicting over 40,000,000 casualties in the two world wars alone. To carry on these invasions, the West used Eastern Europe as a highway. The Soviets of course were

aware of this and the people of Eastern Europe also knew this and thus they overthrew the capitalist systems.

In almost any context, Americans would have no problem in seeing this as an act of self-defense. But in the context of the Cold War, such thinking could not find a home in the US mainstream discourse.

COMMENT

How could Mr. Putin, hand in hand with Bush, hearing these falsehoods, as a former KGB agent, have accepted this fascist demagoguery on this 60th Anniversary of World War II? The answer I guess is simple enough – Birds of a feather always flock together.

30 YEARS OF DIGNITY AND RESISTANCE PCE(r)



...the Spanish working class could not come to our aid, faced with false illusions, survival and repression. In this condition we were forced into a long exodus through the desert, holding on to what was left, what was most dear to us, our principles and the few conscientious women and men still on our side...!

Excerpt from the invitation card sent to Northstar Compass.

Democratic-Popular Front of the OPCE (r)

- *Repeal of “special” laws and tribunals of repression. As well as repeal the repressive laws which affect the Party’s;
- *Grant the right to self-determination to the repressed nations within the Spanish state;
- *Full labour and political freedoms;
- *General amnesty to political prisoners;
- *Pardon to all prisoners jailed due to social crimes;
- *Reinstate all economic, social and labour gains made by the workers;
- *Working women should have the right to an equal salary for equal work, and to work in a safe environment which provides full health and safety;
- *Youth should have the right to education throughout their life, the right to a job, with full benefits and wages, the state should provide youth centers for recreation for the free and full development of the youths potentials;
- *Grant asylum and citizenship to all refugees and immigrants;
- *The withdrawal of Spain from NATO and other aggressive imperialist organizations...

These are just some of the demands for a democratic and egalitarian society.

Communist Party of Spain (r)

Translated by Cristina Fernandez-Center for Human Rights Research

South Africans strike against unemployment and poverty

By CHRIS TALBOT

Hundreds of thousands of workers belonging to the South African Trade Unions (COSATU) struck on June 27th against the massive unemployment and poverty. Some 80% of the gold miners joined the strike, 70% of coal miners and over 50% in the diamond and platinum mines.

Unemployment is over 41%. This is double the figure ten years ago. Approximately 4,000,000 people out of a population of 44 million are living in very extreme poverty, defined by the UN as less than \$1US a day.

The situation is made worse by the fact that some 5.3 million people are living with HIV/AIDS. Besides all this, over 2-3 million people are

without adequate housing. The government's lack of response has brought about these massive strikes. Despite the worsening conditions, President Thabo Mbeki has made it clear that he will support the program that caters to the business community and its capitalist elite.

Because the government of the African National Congress is turning away from its original program, there is a split happening within the ANC. There are extreme tensions. What is needed is a complete different perspective, a turning to socialism!

COMMENT:

Where is Sir Nelson Mandela, Knighted by Queen Elizabeth? Is he too busy being wined and dined by the capitalist rulers - the ones who basically are responsible for the calamity that has befallen South Africa?

Declaration of the International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations

The victory over fascism, work of the workers and peoples

Sixty years ago, the workers, peoples, democratic governments, and progressive social forces defeated fascism.

This event signified the end of the Second World War; it put an end to the genocide unleashed by the fascist Axis, composed of Hitlerite Germany, fascist Italy and imperialist and reactionary Japan, against the peoples of Europe, Asia and Africa, against the Soviet Union. It put an end to the persecution and the holocaust of the Jews, to the hunting, tortures and assassinations of trade unionists, revolutionaries and communists.

The fascist beast committed assassinations and acts of unspeakable savagery; it invaded countries, slaughtered peoples and ravaged cities, it set up

"concentration camps" in which it subjected hundreds of thousands of people to forced labor, torture and extermination. It tried to build an empire of a "thousand years."

USSR, fatherland of socialism, target of the imperialists

The USSR, born of the October Revolution, forged ahead, achieving important scientific and technical successes and, above all, she built a new society of the workers.

She built a great country, with extraordinary production and mobilized peoples. This was a new force that grew vigorously, an example for the workers and peoples of the world, a beacon for the propagation of socialism in all the parts of the planet. It was a rock on which the expansion of the imperialist countries broke. From the beginning the USSR was considered by the imperialists and fascists as an enemy to bring down.

Fascism planned to establish a "new order," the domination of the world by the "superior race." In this spirit, it turned all its immense military power against the Soviet Union, against the country of communism. It was conscious that, its thirst for expansion could be

quenched by eliminating the great land of the Soviets.

The premises of the Second World War were diplomatic negotiations between the imperialist countries of Europe, England and France, and Germany, with the aim of setting the immense German war machine against Soviet Russia. In this spirit, they did not hesitate to sacrifice Czechoslovakia and Poland.

For its part, the Soviet Union took part in the negotiations, in the diplomatic battle, with the objective of defending its sovereignty, integrity and its very existence, of defending and reinforcing the power of socialism.

The German-Soviet pact

A result of these negotiations was the signing of the non-aggression Pact between the Soviet Union and Germany, known by the name Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact.

This agreement was a success for Soviet diplomacy, which allowed it to gain precious time to preserve and develop the war industry, to organize and develop the Red Army, to organize the workers and peoples for the defense of the socialist Fatherland.

When Germany and Italy invaded the Soviet Union, they devastated the country, destroying its great civilian works. They murdered million of civilians and perpetrated bestial war crimes, on a larger scale than those committed in France and the other invaded countries of Europe.

The German forces seemed invincible; they advanced deep into the country, to the outskirts of Moscow and succeeded in besieging Stalingrad. The Soviet Government, the Red Army, the workers and the peoples retreated before the advance of the German army, leaving behind hundreds of thousands of partisans who accomplished remarkable deeds in the Great Patriotic War.

Stalingrad and the resistance

At Stalingrad a most bloody and decisive battle was waged. The strength and patriotism of the Soviet soldiers and peoples heroically withstood the siege and finally

changed the direction of the war by winning this battle.

On all continents, in the great majority of countries the reprobation and anger against the fascist dictatorship did not stop growing and the resistance was organized.

In the occupied countries, armed resistance was organized against the occupiers. In this war of national character, the communist parties and their members played a role of the first order, decisively assuming their responsibilities and waging a heroic struggle. Alliances were constituted, fronts were formed, uniting all those who defended the Fatherland, all those who opposed fascism: the workers and the peoples, the communists and social democracy. At the international level a great International Anti-Fascist Front of the Allies was formed, grouping together the United States, England, France, the Soviet Union and a large number of other countries.

The fight against fascism and the victory of the Allies cost torrents of blood. More than 55 million human beings, of whom 12 million were civilians, paid with their lives. The USSR paid the highest tribute in human lives: 27 million people, military and civilian.

The main weight of the war was assumed by the working class and peoples. In particular, the Soviet Union and the Red Army formed a military and political contingent that was able to counter-attack and advance towards Germany. In these great battles the workers and peasants, the democrats and patriots of the other invaded countries, took part. This was a military epic that freed several countries and nations. The western front, a battlefield in which the American, English and French armies intervened, also contributed to the victory.

Millions of soldiers of the Red Army traversed Eastern and Central Europe. They fought heroically against the Hitlerite army, inflicting defeat upon defeat on it and taking Berlin on May 1st, 1945.

The internationalism of the USSR

The Bolshevik Communist Party, the Government of the USSR, the Red Army and the peoples of the Soviet Union united indissolubly around the defense of the socialist

Fatherland. They reflected on the immense resources of this great country, the great fruit of socialist construction and the lives of millions of soldiers and civilians in the service of the great deeds that freed humanity from the barbarism of fascism.

This was possible because the ideals of socialism, the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism animated the Party, working class and peoples of the USSR; because the Communist Party was conscious of its responsibilities in the construction and defense of socialist society; because the leadership of the Party could understand the economic and political circumstances that unleashed the conflict and its consequences and, starting from that, it was able to trace the correct, just and timely policies; because Comrade Stalin, leader of the Soviet Party and State, played a remarkable role in the process of socialist construction, the unity of the Party and the will of the members to stand up in the Patriotic War.

One cannot understand the victory against fascism if one does not take account of the extraordinary determination of the communists, working class and peoples of the occupied countries who, in the most difficult conditions, could organize the armed resistance, guerilla warfare, dealing formidable blows to the rearguard of the fascist forces. They were a military and political bastion that worked to defeat and expel the fascist occupiers, which, in the case of Albania and Yugoslavia, led to the victory of the revolution.

The other fronts

One cannot ignore, in these great battles, the heroic resistance of the peoples of the Asian countries that were invaded by Japan, in particular China and Vietnam. Under the leadership of the communist parties, they organized national wars and expelled the Japanese; they were the determining factor in the

defeat of fascism on that continent.

The anti-fascist movement which was organized in practically all countries, was animated by the communist parties, by the revolutionaries, the patriots and democrats. It also played a special role in this war and this victory.

The capitalist powers that were part of the Allies – the USA, England, France, Canada – also played a role of the first order. They were invested politically and militarily in the war, deploying important material means and a very great number of soldiers.

Our commitment today

Sixty years after the victory of the workers, the peoples and progressive humanity against fascism, its criminal actions and genocides, we communists, meeting in the International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations, reaffirm our commitment to the revolution and socialism, to the emancipation of all humanity.

We reaffirm our will to struggle for peace between the peoples and nations, our conviction that this will not be possible except with the overthrow of capitalism and imperialism – the source of wars and aggressions – and with the victory, at the international level, of the revolution, with the construction of socialism and communism.

The best traditions of struggle for freedom and socialism have been written by the working class and the proletarian revolutionaries. These constitute a heritage for the current generations of communists. We take them on with determination and we commit ourselves to carry them to the highest level, assuming the responsibility to prepare and make the revolution in each of our countries and on an international scale.

Honor and glory to the anti-fascist forces!

Long live the Soviet Union and the Red Army!

Long live working class and the peoples of the world who are fighting for their emancipation!

Death to imperialism!

Long live the Revolution!

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BOOK REVIEWS

30-year Anniversary: Tonkin Gulf Lie Launched Vietnam War

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Thirty years ago, it all seemed very clear.

"American Planes Hit North Vietnam After Second Attack on Our Destroyers; Move Taken to Halt New Aggression", announced a Washington Post headline on Aug. 5, 1964.

That same day, the front page of the New York Times reported: "President Johnson has ordered retaliatory action against gunboats and 'certain supporting facilities in North Vietnam' after renewed attacks against American destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin."

But there was no "second attack" by North Vietnam — no "renewed attacks against American destroyers." By reporting official claims as absolute truths, American journalism opened the floodgates for the bloody Vietnam War.

A pattern took hold: continuous government lies passed on by pliant mass media...leading to over 50,000 American deaths and millions of Vietnamese casualties.

The official story was that North Vietnamese torpedo boats launched an "unprovoked attack" against a U.S. destroyer on "routine patrol" in the Tonkin Gulf on Aug. 2 — and that North Vietnamese PT boats followed up with a "deliberate attack" on a pair of U.S. ships two days later.

The truth was very different.

Rather than being on a routine patrol Aug. 2, the U.S. destroyer Maddox was actually engaged in aggressive intelligence-gathering

maneuvers — in sync with coordinated attacks on North Vietnam by the South Vietnamese navy and the Laotian air force.

"The day before, two attacks on North Vietnam...had taken place," writes scholar Daniel C. Hallin. Those assaults were "part of a campaign of increasing military pressure on the North that the United States had been pursuing since early 1964."

On the night of Aug. 4, the Pentagon proclaimed that a second attack by North Vietnamese PT boats had occurred earlier that day in the Tonkin Gulf — a report cited by President Johnson as he went on national TV that evening to announce a momentous escalation in the war: air strikes against North Vietnam.

But Johnson ordered U.S. bombers to "retaliate" for a North Vietnamese torpedo attack that never happened.

Prior to the U.S. air strikes, top officials in Washington had reason to doubt that any Aug. 4 attack by North Vietnam had occurred. Cables from the U.S. task force commander in the Tonkin Gulf, Captain John J. Herrick, referred to "freak weather effects," "almost total darkness" and an "overeager sonarman" who "was hearing ship's own propeller beat."

One of the Navy pilots flying overhead that night was squadron commander James Stockdale, who gained fame later as a POW and then Ross Perot's vice presidential candidate. "I had the best seat in the house to watch that event," recalled Stockdale a few years ago, "and our destroyers were just shooting at phantom targets — there were no PT boats there.... There was nothing there but black water and American fire power."

In 1965, Lyndon Johnson commented: "For all I know, our Navy was shooting at whales out there."

But Johnson's deceitful speech of Aug. 4, 1964, won accolades from editorial writers. The president, proclaimed the New York Times, "went to the American people last night with the somber facts." The Los Angeles Times urged Americans to "face the fact that the Communists, by their attack on American vessels in international waters, have themselves escalated

the hostilities."

An exhaustive new book, *The War Within: America's Battle Over Vietnam*, begins with a dramatic account of the Tonkin Gulf incidents. In an interview, author Tom Wells told us that American media "described the air strikes that Johnson launched in response as merely 'tit for tat' — when in reality they reflected plans the administration had already drawn up for gradually increasing its overt military pressure against the North."

Why such inaccurate news coverage? Wells points to the media's "almost exclusive reliance on U.S. government officials as sources of information" — as well as "reluctance to question official pronouncements on 'national security issues.'"

Daniel Hallin's classic book *The "Uncensored War"* observes that journalists had "a great deal of information available which contradicted the official account [of Tonkin Gulf events]; it simply wasn't used. The day before the first incident, Hanoi had protested the attacks on its territory by Laotian aircraft and South Vietnamese gunboats."

What's more, "It was generally known...that 'covert' operations against North Vietnam, carried out by South Vietnamese forces with U.S. support and direction, had been going on for some time."

In the absence of independent journalism, the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution — the closest thing there ever was to a declaration of war against North Vietnam — sailed through Congress on Aug. 7. (Two courageous senators, Wayne Morse of Oregon and Ernest Gruening of Alaska, provided the only "no" votes.) The resolution authorized the president "to take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression."

The rest is tragic history.

Nearly three decades later, during the Gulf War, columnist Sydney Schanberg warned journalists not to forget "our unquestioning chorus of agreeability when Lyndon Johnson bamboozled us with his fabrication of the Gulf of Tonkin incident." ■

2005 The Year Of The Veteran

John Beeching

"The Government of Canada has declared 2005 the *Year of the Veteran*. It is said to be Canada's year-long expression of thanks to war service veterans and veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces" from Salute! Publication of Veterans Affairs Canada April 2005. As a veteran of World War Two I can't help thinking it is better than the one day November 11 which is so quickly forgotten. To some it is not a remembrance so much as a holiday.

As a veteran I can make no claim to any special status such as 'hero'. Due to intercession by my mother my enlistment was delayed 'till I completed my grade twelve. As a result my enlistment is recorded as August 11, 1942. World War II began in 1939 as an imperialist war. That is a war between imperialist powers. It changed on June 22, 1941 when Hitler began operation Barbarossa, code name for the invasion of the Soviet Union. The character of the war changed from an imperialist war to a war against fascism. I do therefore have the distinction of being one of the fighters against fascism then and now. The real heroes are the first fighters against fascism in the Spanish Civil War - the International Brigades. Canadians can be proud of the MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion who have finally received recognition and memorials in their own country.

In this early stage of the 21st century the greatest threat to world peace stems from the imperialistic aims of the United States of America as proposed in the Bush Plan. "The United States has attacked, directly or indirectly, some 44 countries throughout the world since August 1945, a number of them many times. The avowed objective of these military interventions has been to effect 'regime change'. The cloaks of 'human rights' and of 'democracy' were invariably evoked to justify what

were unilateral and illegal acts." Global Outlook Issue Number Six (www.globalresearch.ca). Another source of information about the threat from the USA is Press For Conversion (www.coat.ncf.ca) Their August 2004 issue #54 "The apple does not fall far from the Bush" "How the Bush Family built a fortune investing in Hitler's rise to power, profited from slave labour at Auschwitz, laundered Nazi loot after the war, and then ... covered their tracks and put two Georges in the White House." Is worth a read.

The present President of the United States of America George Bush made comments at the 60th anniversary remembrances in Moscow that revealed his anti-communism. 27 million soviet soldiers men and women died in that war. Bush attempted to revise the history of World War Two into an anti-Soviet event. The families of those dead soldiers have not forgotten, nor have the hundreds of millions of Europeans, the liberating role of the Soviet Union in the defeat of Hitler. Many peace-loving people throughout the world join with them. Presently this is the main and seemingly the only opposition to U.S. Imperialism.

It seems the role played by the Soviet Union is deliberately forgotten or distorted in the present sixtieth anniversary events. If casualties are any criteria the casualties of the Soviet Union numbered 27,000,000 (according to CBC TV) far outnumbering those of any other ally. Indeed over one half of all casualties of WW II. More than 14,000,000 members of the Soviet armed forces were wounded in action and civilian losses are not easy to find but must be massive. As for financial losses they were in the trillions of dollars. It is worth noting here that over the world's history civilian losses have increased enormously with each war. Should the world peace forces fail to stop WW III civilian casualties could be enormous!

All the attempts to hide or misrepresent true socialism are based on anti-communism. Anti-communism is the chief ideological and political weapon of present day imperialism. Its main purpose in this new 21 century is to shore up a flagging imperialism led by the United States of America. It is a

desperate attempt to prevent the many unemployed and redundant workers from turning to socialism and ridding themselves of the profit system.

Anti-communism is rooted in the struggle by world capitalist business among themselves to gain control over the whole world's resources and markets. The big business of United States of America, the world's only superpower, is presently carrying out its plan to gain world hegemony. This time, unlike 1939, without the opposition of any of the world's governments.

Scientists have reported that the supply of oil, a non-renewable resource, will peak before 2010. From that point on oil resources will decline at an ever-increasing rate. Consider that oil is the source of petrol, cosmetics, most plastics and much more. The impact on our lives will be immense but the impact on business will be the greatest economically. Small wonder USA wants to gain control of the world both politically and materially. They see China and Japan, both rising world economic powers, as a threat. Both need to import oil and would be at the mercy of the USA should the Bush plan succeed.

Unless the world's people unite and rid themselves of the profit system and put a socialist system in its place the future looks grim indeed. ■

The MILLSTONE

BY WILLIAM RIVERS PITT

I have trouble what it must be like to be a member of the Republican Party of the USA these days. The party of Lincoln, T. Roosevelt, the party of fiscal responsibility and small government, has become so profoundly separated from its roots that it is barely recognizable anymore. Millions of US citizens who proudly call themselves Republicans must, I think, be dealing with a quite insistent voice within. Something, whispers that voice has gone wrong.

After September 11th everything

changed. This is what Republicans tell themselves these days. No Republican in his right mind would have supported the Patriot Act before 9/11. Indeed, a variety of anti-terrorism actions offered by the US Democratic President Clinton administration, were shot down in pieces by the Republicans in US Congress, because they were considered too invasive. Then, of course, everything changed.

Even the definition of "invasive" has been changed. Now it is not "invasive" to sweep Iraqi civilians off the streets, subject them to torture, rape and murder, and blame some hapless dupe of a US enlisted woman, because she was dumb enough to be in the photographs. Surely they say that she thought up the whole thing herself, bought all the hoods all the way from home, and even designed degradations specifically intended to offend Islam. That makes sense. It doesn't matter, anyway. Extremism in the defense of virtue is no vice. A Republican once said. Anything is permissible in the defense of the homeland.

Yet, something funny happened on the way down the road. This so-called Republican Administration spent a year filling our American heads with nightmares. We were urged to get our plastic sheets and duct tape ready. On January 20, 2003, George W, Bush stood before the American people and spoke ominously of mushroom clouds. He laid it out flat, they found: 26,000 liters of anthrax, 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin, 500 tons of sarin. mustard and VX gas, 30,000 munitions to deliver the stuff, mobile biological weapon labs and uranium from Nigeria for a robust nuclear weapons program are gathered out there. Just waiting to kill you and everyone you love!

To arms! To arms! We have to get that stuff out of...Iraq? The battle for Afghanistan was not over yet, and is still not over even today, and yet, money, men and materiel were diverted from that front to Iraq. We went into Iraq expecting hearts and flowers and managed to put on a nice little Saddam's statue-toppling show before the explosions started and the body bags came out. One a day, two a day, maybe more when our helicopters started to be blasted out of the sky - remember the

outrage over "Blackhawk Down?" - and the slow bleeding commenced. Soldiers, and then reservists, and then retired reservists were forced back into the ranks, began traveling a long circle from home to Iraq, back home again then again to Iraq, back home and then to Iraq again. Now the casualties reached 1,602, and this is only by official figures.

The Weapons of Mass Destruction were not in Iraq. Now they told us that the WMD were shipped to Iran and that is where they are.

Now it is known also that the WMD are not in Syria. **They are just nowhere.** This US Republican Administration knew that of course. But also, that wanting to invade a country does not make that invasion legal; not even September 11th could change that basic law. They knew that they needed a self-defense rationale to pull it off, and they further knew that they needed political cover.

The recently exposed secret British intelligence memo tells the whole story: **Intelligence and facts were fixed around the policy of invasion and occupation.** That's what the British intelligence memo said, right there in black and white. In other words, the threat of WMD was set up as the justification for self-defense, despite the fact - clearly stated in the memo - that Iraq was neither a threat to its neighbors or to the United States. The daily propaganda drumbeat fed to the American people provided the political cover, and we were off to the races.

I wonder how hard it is for the US Republicans to still that little voice within, when they are confronted with stories like this: The American military in Iraq has begun a massive military campaign against several small villages along the Euphrates River in Iraq. These villages, said the US military personnel, are suspected of harboring Syrian fighters crossing the border into Iraq. A thousand US

troops, backed by helicopters and fighter support, are laying siege to these villages. The incursion has become one large firefight.

But, here's the interesting bit. When the US troops first approached these villages, they did so by night. They were told to use the headlights on their trucks to spot mines on the roads. Those headlights apparently alerted one of the villages. All of a sudden, every light in the village was switched off at the same time. Apparently, this is how one village warns another village of an impending attack.

Now, unless you are able to convince yourself that there is a border-crossing Syrian fighter manning each and every light switch in that town, the conclusion is unavoidable. We are not fighting a few "insurgents" here and there, nor are we facing foreign fighters. We are fighting the entire country, all of Iraq, one small chunk at a time. As defenders of democracy and freedom, probably we are going to destroy these villages in order to save them. Where have I heard that one before?

To be a US Republican today, you have to be in favor of all of this. You have to support the massive centralized government, torture, rape, murder, the plundering of tax dollars by the defense and oil companies, a pestilent friendship with Saudi Arabia, despite the facts that a good deal of global terrorism comes straight out of this "ally" of the US. You also have to be in favor of eternal occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq, who do not want us there and do not believe that we trying to bring freedom to their doorsteps. They just don't buy it. The convicted embezzler Ahmad Chalabi was just made Minister and head of the Iraq Oil Ministry under US pressure. Would you trust a government that made decisions like this?

If I was a Republican I would have a very hard time ignoring that little voice inside of me. I would wonder

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as to how we are making our country safe when we are manufacturing terrorists Iraq and really ignoring the ones in our "ally" Saudi Arabia? I would wonder where Osama bin Laden is now, or, did he ever exist? I would wonder how president Bush can even talk about supporting our troops, while cutting down veteran's benefits across the board.

I would also take this Millstone from around my neck. I would not become a Democrat because that is just too crazy. I would seriously think about clearing out the whole White House.

If I were a Republican, I don't think I could stand the burden! ■

US TERRORISM



Donald Rumsfeld-chief of P20G's

In 2002, the Bush regime used the terrorist attacks on the US as a pretext to establish the Proactive, Preemptive Operations Group (P20G), a secret army of operatives from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the US military. It is "proactive" because its orientation is not defensive but active target identification and the instigation of conflicts; and it is "pre-emptive" because of its orientation to "beat the enemy to the draw" before it can attack or even poise for an attack. Directly headed by US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, the P20G carries out covert military operations, intelligence, deception and disinformation to fuel intensifying chaos and violence worldwide. ■

The War from the Side of Iraq

by Arthur Henson

The United States-Iraq War is the most significant international conflict since the end of World War II. Iraq is in the Persian Gulf, location of two-thirds of the world's petroleum reserves. U.S. imperialism will never peacefully give up its domination of the Persian Gulf. Neither can it eliminate the popular resistance to the occupation. Imperialism is in a state of strategic defeat; this implies revolution. The war also causes imperialist rivalries over the division of the world to become more and more acute. Rivalries of this kind gave rise to the two world wars. The war in Iraq presages an era of war and revolution comparable to the era of the world wars.

Antiwar opinion in the United States is by no means prepared for this great historical emergency. It takes too limited a view. U.S. policy is criticized as "war for oil." This is correct and essential. However, it is not enough. Wars are political conflicts that derive from economic roots. The aim to control oil is an economic factor that applies exclusively to imperialism. The oil already belongs to Iraq. The slogan by itself fails to say why Iraq is the victim of aggression, rather than some other country. Thus it explains nothing of politics.

Antiwar opinion almost never considers the war from the side of Iraq. It understands almost nothing of the part in the war played by Iraq's history and social development. No war can be understood from one side only. Neither does antiwar opinion see a just cause on either side of the war. Yet the answers to these questions are clear.

Iraq fights for its sovereignty and independence. It fights for its right to determine its internal affairs without foreign interference and to conduct its international affairs independently. Iraq's cause is just.

Iraq's struggle for sovereignty has been the main thing in the war since 1990. The occupation has not introduced this factor. It has only intensified it.

The critical event of 1990 was not the Kuwait crisis in July-August but the Amman Summit in February. At that meeting President Saddam Hussein of Iraq proposed to the presidents of Egypt and Syria and the kings of Jordan and Saudi Arabia that the Arab countries unite in opposition to the United States and Israel. It was an assertion of sovereignty that Iraq could not avoid and imperialism could not tolerate.

In response the U.S. and Kuwaiti authorities contrived the Kuwait crisis. The leaders of most other Arab countries treacherously sided with imperialism. Note that Iran, at the time the only fully sovereign country of the region other than Iraq, took no part in the aggression despite its own recent war with Iraq.

That the imperialist aim is to crush Iraq's sovereignty is something the imperialists say themselves. The announced intention all along has been "regime change," i.e., the imposition on Iraq of a puppet government.

Hence, this is a war for oil versus a war for sovereignty. The entire history of modern imperialism testifies that the people of Iraq are the principal factor in the war. In ignoring the war from the side of Iraq antiwar opinion in the United States misses the war's most important thing, the decisive aspect.

Neither does "war for oil" explain the timing of the invasion and occupation. The war broke out in 1990. "War for oil" has applied ever since.

The military assault of 1991 was followed by twelve years of stalemate. The standoff broke down because in the fall of 2000 Iraq started to sell oil to French and German buyers for euros. Prior to this great offense oil had been sold on international markets exclusively for United States dollars. The exclusive dollar denomination of international oil sales is of enormous financial importance to

U.S. imperialism. Iraq threatened all that. Iraq's sale of oil for euros had to have been the motive for the invasion because nothing else of comparable importance happened to upset the stalemate. It also explains why France and Germany refused to take part in the 2003 aggression, whereas they had played along in 1990.

Thus in 2003 the war for oil became as well a war for the dollar. The antiwar movement must go beyond exposing Bush as a liar. It must be able to explain the real reason why Bush invaded. This critical task is pursued only to a very limited extent.

Why antiwar opinion repeatedly stops short in its thinking is the question. One of the main problems is imperialist influence within the antiwar movement. A large sector of the ruling class opposed the invasion as too dangerous to imperialism. Since there is an antiwar sector of the imperialist class, there exists a pro-imperialist sector of antiwar opinion. It criticizes the occupation as bad tactics, but not for injustice. It puts blame for the war not on imperialism but on the Baath Party and President Hussein. It frequently wears a "progressive" mask. Genuinely progressive opinion must be vigilant against this kind of influence. U.S. President George W. Bush, Jr., his weapons of mass deception in tatters, now proclaims a war against the "brutal dictator" Saddam Hussein. It is as if the war were against Saddam Hussein on the side of the United States and against Saddam Hussein on the side of Iraq.

Antiwar opinion overwhelmingly agrees that Saddam Hussein was a "brutal dictator." It only denies that that is cause for war. It is most unsound for progressive people to agree with Bush on any part of his rationale when the most important questions of the war are given little attention and vital tasks are little pursued. Most importantly the "brutal dictator" line hides from view the main and fundamental issue of imperialism versus sovereignty.

It is true that there was a repressive political situation in Iraq in the 1990s. It could not have been otherwise for a small country forced for years to endure the hostility of the entire imperialist camp in nearly

total isolation.

Still, Saddam Hussein by no means reduces to a "brutal dictator." He defended Iraq's sovereignty with resourcefulness and determination. Since 1990 sovereignty has been virtually the only substantial point of democracy for Iraq. Also, backward feudal influences, which always provide fertile ground for collaboration with imperialism, made a considerable comeback. To think that under the circumstances Iraq could have developed the usual institutions of bourgeois democracy is abstract.

Suppose for instance the government of Iraq had allowed multiparty politics. During the same period U.S. imperialism pumped hundreds of millions of dollars into Serbia, another country that would not bow to Washington's dictates, to buy elections. Imperialism would have done the same had multiparty politics been allowed in Iraq. The blame for Iraq's failure to progress toward multiparty democracy lies not on President Hussein or his Baath Party, but on imperialism.

Moreover the state is always a dictatorship. It is an instrument of force by which one class imposes its will over another class to rule the whole of society. Look at the dictatorial way Bush, with the support of the bourgeois media, imposed his aggression against the will of the masses in the United States! The meaningful question about Saddam Hussein is whether he was more dictatorial than the situation required.

The childish nonsense about "rape rooms," public execution of women for speaking out against Saddam Hussein, and all such babble must be set aside. Recall that the imperialists lied when they said, "Saddam gassed the Kurds." They lied when they said Iraq "threw babies out of incubators" in Kuwait in 1990. They lied when they said Iraq had "weapons of mass destruction," they lied when they said Iraq could ready these mythical

weapons in forty-five minutes. The imperialists have no credibility.

Also bear in mind how little is known in the United States about Iraq's history, culture, and politics. For instance, after fourteen years of war and more than a million dead in Iraq hardly anything is known in this country of the two great historical moments that laid the basis of modern Iraq. These are, firstly, the 1958 revolution that overthrew the British-dominated monarchy. That event established Iraq's political independence. Then, in 1972, Iraq expropriated its oil from British and U.S. oil companies. That event established Iraq's economic independence. The key figure in this great accomplishment was Saddam Hussein, at the time chief of Iraq's internal security.

Iraq took hundreds of billions of dollars away from U.S. and British oil companies. It used the money for its own development. Modern industry, education, and health care came to Iraq in the 1970s. The country was a beacon of progress to the Arab world. These things happened under Saddam Hussein. They were the fruits of sovereignty. They were immensely important. Hardly anyone in the United States even knows they ever happened. It is impossible to understand Iraq's recent history under these conditions.

It should be mentioned that some criticism is heard of U.S. policy for violation of Iraq's sovereignty. Antiwar opinion must go further, however. It must uphold Iraq's right of sovereignty as a positive demand against imperialism.

Iraq's "original sin" is that it was of the few countries to break free of every form of imperialist domination. That this was accomplished within the limits of bourgeois society makes no difference as to the great and historically progressive character of the struggle that Iraq has waged and is waging against imperialism.

A great detour followed the 1970s. The Iran-Iraq War of 1980-1988 was a terrible tragedy. It never should have happened. Let it be said very briefly that the two countries got into it for their own reasons. The notion that Iraq attacked Iran at the behest of the

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United States is nonsense. Iraq had no reason to do so. Iraq had not even had diplomatic relations with the United States since 1958.

Iraq was wrong to attack Iran in 1980, but Iran was wrong to continue the war past 1982 when it could have had a settlement. U.S. imperialism at various times took the side of each country against the other. Progressive people should take the side of neither country against the other.

The Iran-Iraq war was a bad thing but it presents no reason whatever for progressive people to decline full support for Iraq in its subsequent struggle with U.S. imperialism. Mistaken views on this point remain widespread in U.S. antiwar opinion. These misconceptions have to go.

The antiwar movement in the United States needs a mass revolutionary and anti-imperialist sector. The emergence of such a sector is an immediately achievable task. It needs only the widespread recognition of the justice of Iraq's cause in its struggle against imperialism.

The big debate in the antiwar movement now is between those who say the occupation of Iraq should be turned over to the UN and those who oppose any occupation. The "UN" line is wrong for many reasons.

In 1990 some said not to attack Iraq but to "let the UN sanctions work." The sanctions worked: they killed half a million children from starvation and disease. Those who want to rely on the United Nations are wrong because they refuse to learn from experience. The "rely on the UN" line will never lead to anything good.

Every day the news tells us that the people of Iraq are determined to rid themselves of the occupation. Every day they make progress in their unity against imperialism. History tells us that on this basis Iraq will win. Though the whole

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world be shattered before this conflict is finished — and it may be — in the end the people of Iraq will surely triumph over imperialism.

The more correct antiwar demand is "immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all foreign troops." These demands implicitly call for Iraq's victory. To go further and call explicitly for Iraq's victory is a small step in logic but a big step in practical politics.

The people's cause is just. Those who will lead Iraq in the future will be those who lead its liberation. This is the sole and exclusive concern of the people of Iraq. Their victory will be a shattering blow to the imperialist world-system. It will be a great victory for the people of the whole world. It will be a revolutionary victory.

Vast numbers of people can be won over to the call for Iraq's victory. Pro-imperialist opinion in the antiwar movement will become exposed, whatever clothing it wears. The struggle against the war will move beyond reformist limits. The people's forces will gain vastly in their ability to take the initiative. Only then will the people's forces reach their full ability to assist the people of Iraq.

Imperialism has entered the period of its overthrow and disappearance. In their desperation to avoid final defeat the imperialists may launch a new world war. Even that will not save them. World war brings revolution. It may happen instead that the revolutionary struggles of the people will eliminate imperialism, and thus prevent another world war. In either case revolution will destroy imperialism.

The main bastion against world war is the battle of the peoples of the oppressed countries against imperialism. It is not only the duty of the people of the United States to join with people of Iraq against imperialism, it is our best hope to avoid world war. This is a fundamental task in our own revolutionary struggle to overthrow capitalism and go forward to the new and better society of socialism and communism.

Victory to Iraq!
Victory to Palestine!
Down with Imperialism!

G8 SUMMIT: A FRAUD AND A CIRCUS

By JOHN PILGER

The front page of the London Observer last June 12 announced "55 Billion Africa Debt Deal — a Victory for Millions". The nonsense of this false claim is a fraud since it is a setback for reducing poverty in Africa. This is entirely conditioned on vicious, and discredited economic program imposed on Africa by the World Bank and the IMF. This "package" will ensure that these "chosen" countries will slip deeper into poverty.

This is spelled out very clearly by Gordon Brown of Britain in the statement that got very little media notice. It says that: "the debt relief to poor countries of Africa will be granted only if they are shown to be adjusting their gross assistance flows by the amount given." In plain English, **their aid will be reduced by the same amount as debt relief**. So, these countries will gain absolutely nothing!

COMMENT:

Remember the big publicity hype by Bono and the protest by rock star concerts in many countries of the worlds, announcing that this will put pressure on the G8 leaders to help Africa? This was nothing more than publicity hype, agreed to by the G8 leaders, and it was false and utterly scandalous. Why? First of all, this was nothing more than taking the real pressure off the G8 leaders, and just a huge publicity hype for these rock stars, many who are themselves nearly multi-millionaires. Why did not these overpaid rock stars put their money where their mouth is? Why don't they state as to WHY these African countries are poor? Who is responsible? Who exploited and subjugated them?

They should also have pointed out that the billions promised to the countries and victims of the Tsunami Disaster hardly ever reached the countries. Not even 30% of the aid by charities ever reached the people.

This is what the hyped rock concert stars should have told the millions of their listeners, who were absolutely clueless of the actual facts.

Here, There and Everywhere!

By ROD BOWKER

WHAT COLOUR IS BLOOD AT NIGHT?

It appears that the American form of "democracy" cannot function without fraud and, that fraud is the essential ingredient of the American social fabric. Practically everybody in the U.S. is trying to survive by some cheating or defending themselves from cheaters. Insurance companies use the so-called "small print" to cheat policyholders, while policy holders try to cheat the insurance company in return. Doctors overcharge the sick patients and then the sick patients try to sue the doctors for every mistake. The U.S. Government uses Gestapo methods to collect taxes and the people try to cheat and avoid paying taxes. That the capitalists cheat the working class should not come as surprise for the readers of **Northstar Compass**, but the systematic fraud is not only a class issue. Capitalist political parties are also cheating each other, as was evident in the George W. Bush "victory" over Al Gore, himself a fraud artist of great stature.

George W. Bush might not be a genius, but he is the son of former CIA director and President George Herbert Walker Bush, who became infamous for the fake "Kuwait baby incubator" story, to mention just one case. That honesty was not a virtue in the Bush family can be seen in every move of the current American president. He invaded Iraq in order to "fight terrorism", knowing full well that there were no terrorists in that country. He then tried to claim that Iraq was a threat to the United States and that he had to go to war in order to find the Weapons of Mass Destruction, that he knew did not exist. While leaving a trail of lies, the American president continuously claimed Saddam Hussein "cannot be trusted". That Saddam Hussein "who could not be trusted" opened all the doors and the books to the world media and UN inspectors, while George Bush issued a Presidential

Order in 2003, banning the media from showing wounded or dead American soldiers or their coffins. The latest Pentagon policy is to ship home war casualties during the cover of the night and thus deceive the American people. According to Britain's popular "The Independent" newspaper, the number of Americans maimed and wounded from Iraq and Afghanistan is closer to 25,000 than the 12,000 that Pentagon admits. This does not include the numbers that were killed.

While Pentagon is secretly smuggling its war casualties back into the United States, under the veil of night and media ban, new victims for the war are sought in the slums of the American cities during the day. Fraud and deceit are again the preferred method in searching for the new soldiers.

But, thanks to a young 17-year old America, David McSvain, the story of recruitment fraud has had to be shown even on the pro-Israel CNN. This bright young man had recorded telephone conversations with the US military recruiter and told him that he is a drug addict with a fake High School diploma. The recruiter has guaranteed him a 150% chance of acceptance nevertheless. Another recruiter who signed up 75 young men said that 98% of them were cheated in some way into joining the

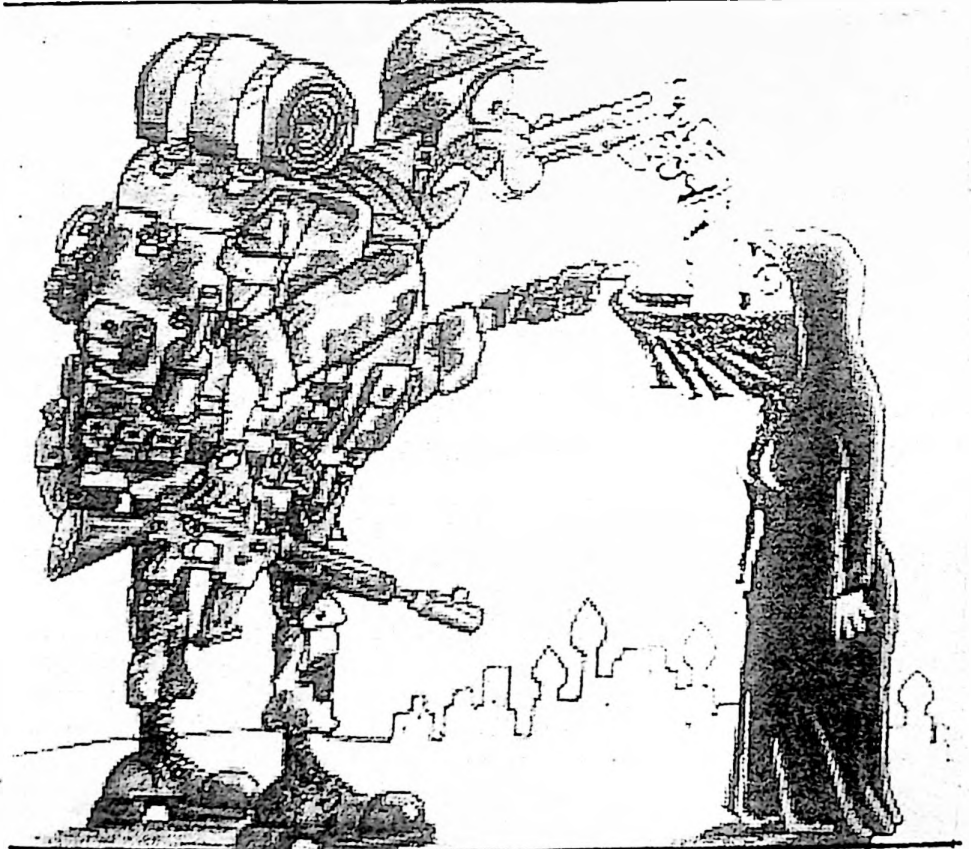
US military service.

From the beginning, the war against Iraq was seen in much of Europe and elsewhere as a fraud. More and more Americans are now discovering that their president and their own government have lied to them. They were lied to in order to accept the war, they were lied to that they are winning the war, and now, they are lied to in order to cover up that they are losing the war.

A great American president once said: "You can fool some of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time." Too many American families who have had a young son, now only have the American flag from his coffin to remember him by. You can bury a dead soldier but a lie cannot be buried.

Some US military units in Iraq have been very decimated and some small communities in the US have had a disproportionate number of funerals. For many, the American dream has turned into a nightmare and more and more Americans are realizing that military service is not a way to a college education and a college diploma, but a trip to the graveyard.

In February, March and April of this year, Pentagon was not able to trick enough people to join the military service. In spite of lies and the



promises, only 48% of recruitment goals were achieved, and there are now offers of \$5,000 to \$20,000 for those who could not be otherwise persuaded to join the US armed forces.

American young men and women who join the military service are slowly recognizing that they will not be defending the United States, but that they will be sent to foreign lands, to commit aggression against another nation that they know nothing about, and that those people will fight back and not welcome the aggressor.

ZIONIST MOSSAD ASSASSINATED 530 IRAQI SCIENTISTS AND PROFESSORS IN THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS!

Iraqi Resistance Report for June 15, 2005, said the Free Arab Voice.
<http://www.freearabvoice.org>

Zionist Mossad hit squads have been active in Iraq, with US connivance, assassinating Iraqi scientists and intellectuals. This was compiled from the United States Department of State and intended only for the American president. The report stated that Israeli Mossad assassinated 200 university professors and scientific and other disciplines.

The Palestine Information Center stated that these assassinations started after Iraqi invasion and US agitation to sign up these intellectuals. Most scientists and professors refused to cooperate or agree to go to work in the United States.

The Iraqi professors and scientists that remained, were subjected by Mossad to a long series of interrogation sessions and investigated also by US occupation authorities. Some were even subjected to torture. The Israeli Mossad believes that allowing these Iraqi scientists to remain alive could constitute a future threat to the security of the Zionist entity.

Mossad believes that since there is already violence in Iraq, this is the best way of physically eliminating them. It is said that one reason for the explosions in Iraqi streets, that appear to be described by Western media as random and without a clear

target, has been the assassination of these individuals that are on The US supplied Mossad hit list.

US WAS BIG SPENDER IN DAYS BEFORE IRAQ HANDOVER

By Sue Fleming - Reuters

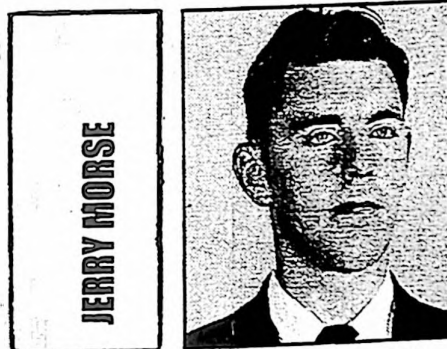
The United States handed out nearly \$20 billion of Iraq's funds, with a rush to spend billions more in the final days before transferring power to the Iraqis nearly a year ago, a report revealed just lately.

A report by Democratic Senator Henry Waxman said in the week before the handover on June 28, 2004, the USA ordered urgent delivery of more than \$4 billion in Iraqi funds - the largest movement of cash in the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, in its entire history.

Most of these funds came from the frozen or seized assets of Iraq. This cash was loaded onto giant wooden pallets and shipped to Iraq by plane, and paid out to US contractors who carried it away in duffel bags. The US report said that: "Disbursement of these funds was characterized by significant waste, fraud and outright abuse," said Waxman.

The audit by the US Special Inspector General said that they could not account for nearly \$8.8 billion in Iraqi funds and there was no adequate control for the money. As reports filtered out, it was revealed that US contractors, with duffel bags were given money in cash from the back of pick-up trucks.

This amounted of uncontrolled and not traceable of more than 281 million individual paper money, including more than 107 million \$100 US bills, shipped on pallets onto the US C-139 planes.



AS I SEE IT

WASHINGTON:

It's new and it's called the "Embargo Cargo Politics". The Bush advisors have done it again. They say that US security is threatened because of the "Lifting Arms Embargo on China by the EU endangers the USA 7th Fleet."

It seems that Lotto tickets are being sold in the White House and their Embassies, selling for fifty cents each. The predicting of latitude and longitude of the daily threats when the US 7th Fleet moves from one port to some other ports, wins the lottery.

But legitimate jealousy looms by the Army Generals who want to expand this lottery to \$1 per ticket and to use the maps and coordinates of Al Queda. But, Al Queda members are banned from the ticket sales altogether, but there were

complaints from 4 US Generals and 2 Admirals as to "Why not take their money, since they are our friends, along with all other monies that we take around the world?"

SOUTH AMERICA:

Socialism is on the move in South America. Corporate leeches and their shareholders are up against a militant United Front of Trade Unionists, Citizens Groups, Teachers, Miners and Laborers from nation-wide workplace and their demands are:

*Return of gas and oil reserves, refineries, transport systems, power plants used in processing hydrocarbons and petrochemical products. They also demand that their constitution should be rewritten to benefit the citizens of Bolivia, with right to education, health and dental care, senior pensions, right to work where the means of production is owned by the Bolivian citizens.

The industrial owners, the foreign investors, getting fat from the plunder of Bolivian riches and resources, are begging the oil barons in the US Republican government to invade Bolivia, Venezuela and Ecuador with NATO's military and weapons, in order to stop the spread of "Communism" in South America.

US Congress is thinking twice, since the people of South America and the world know that US pays billions in supporting Mercenaries to wipe out any opposition. But the United Front in Bolivia is something different. The US will not be as successful in buying out governments by "colour revolutions" as they did in Ukraine, Georgia and elsewhere.

This United Front in Bolivia and its ideology started building bridges where Bolivians will cross the chasm between their rich and the poor.

EUROPEAN UNION

Quasi-fascists (*politicians in the hands of multinational corporations*) in the European Union have been singing loudly, demanding that the European nations play their Constitutional Tune. France and The Netherlands obviously did not like the contents of the 500-page Constitution, and they do not like

these strutting minstrels also. The Junkers of the EU Council – Barroso of the Commission, and Barrell of the Parliament - they and the politicians in the other governments who support this Constitution, are all puppets of the Military, Industrial and Financial Complex.

Social benefits in the EU have been eroded. In this document are to be found hidden Alps valleys, with hidden agenda to benefit only the increasing big weapons industry. One valley in this Constitution's big Mountain Range, on page 309, Article III, Subsection II, contains words like: "Mission" - about supporting the fight against terrorism, even in countries that are not members of the European Union. This is written in such a way that the United Nations Organization attempt to at least examine, or negotiate differences in hopes of peace, can and will be bypassed in like manner, as Bush and his multinational

corporate friends attacked Iraq, without any threat to the USA, or in this new Constitution, without any threat to the European Union.

One Hundred Million Euros were spent trying to get a "Yes" vote, which money went into the multinational corporate pockets. There are moves afoot now to call these politicians into the Supreme Courts of these countries.

The situation for the working class is getting worse, it does not fool anyone.

The "Summit Season" of the EU is coming soon. Questions are being asked, more and more as to what exactly has been done during these changing political chairs? The answer was already shown by France and The Netherlands, and now, other countries are starting to say "No". This shows that the smooth glaciers in the political Alps are melting further capitalism's freezing policies.

PHOTOGRAPHS DO NOT LIE!

The Church and its high clergy did support Nazism in Germany as this photo shows. The Church and its top leadership also supported Fascism in Italy and in many other countries before and during World War II. Going back into history, the Church in most cases always supported the ruling and exploiting class. In its turn the ruling and exploiting class always supported the Church. They ruled and exploited together!





ACCORDING TO MISHKA

IMPERIALISM DOES NOT CHANGE! HONG KONG AND THE SASSON OPIUM WARS

When the 99 year British lease on Hong Kong's New Territories expired, the Crown of the City of London's Colony was ceded to China. Of hundreds of newspaper stories all over the world and TV reports that covered this event, not one revealed as to how England first gained control of Hong Kong! The truth lies buried in the family line of Zionist David Sassoon. They were known as the "Rothschild's of the East", and their monopoly over the opium trade. Britain won Hong Kong by launching the Opium Wars, to give the Sassoons exclusive rights to drug the entire nation!

David Sassoon was born in Baghdad, Iran in 1792, son of Saleh Sassoon, a wealthy banker and treasurer to Ahmed Pasha, government of Baghdad – making him a Court member – a highly influential position, When Ahmet was overthrown for corruption in 1829, the Sassoons' fled to Bombay, India, the strategic trade route to India and gateway to the Far East. Soon the British government granted Sassoon "monopoly rights" to the manufacture of cotton goods, silk, and most importantly, OPIUM – at that time the most addictive drug in the world!

The Jewish Encyclopedia of 1905, stated that "Sassoon expanded his opium trade into China and Japan. He placed his 8 sons in charge of the

major opium exchanges in China". According to the 1994 Israeli Jewish Encyclopedia: "He employed only Jews in his business, and wherever her sent them, her built synagogues and schools for them. He imported whole Jewish families and put them to work."

Sassoon's sons were busy pushing this mind-destroying opium drug in Canton, China. Between 1830 and 1831, they trafficked 18,956 chests of opium, earning millions of dollars. Part of these profits went to Queen Victoria and the British government. In the year 1836, this trade increased to over 30,000 chests of opium and the drug addiction became endemic in the Chinese coastal cities.

In 1839, the Chinese Manchu Emperor ordered it stopped and named Commissioner of Canto, Lin Tse-hsu, to lead a campaign against opium. Lin seized 2,000 chests of Sassoon's opium and threw it into the river. An outraged David Sassoon demanded that Great Britain retaliate. Thus, the Opium Wars began with the British Army fighting as mercenaries of Sassoons. They attacked Chinese cities and blockaded Chinese ports. The Chinese Army, decimated by 10 years of rampant opium addiction, proved no match for the British Army. The war ended in 1839 with the signing of "The Treaty of Nanking". This included provisions especially designed to guarantee the Sassoons the right to enslave an entire population with opium. This "Peace Treaty" included the following provisions:

- (1) Full legalization of the opium trade in China,
- (2) Compensation from the opium stockpiles confiscated by Lin of 2 Million Pounds,
- (3) Territorial sovereignty for the British Crown over two hundred offshore Chinese islands.

SASSOON'S USE OF BRITISH ARMY TO DRUG AN ENTIRE NATION

British Prime Minister Palmerston

wrote to the Crown Commissioner Captain Charles Elliot that this treaty did not go far enough. He said that it should have been rejected out of hand because: "After all, our British naval power is so strong that we can tell the Emperor what we mean to hold, rather than what he would cede. We must demand the admission of opium into the interior of China, as an article of lawful commerce and increase the indemnity payments and British access to several more Chinese ports!" Thus, China not only had to reimburse Sassoon the value of his dumped opium, but pay England the sum of 21 million pounds for the cost of the war!

This gave the Sassoon monopoly rights to distribute opium in the port cities. However even this did not satisfy Sassoon and he demanded the right to sell opium to all across China. The Manchus resisted and the British Army again attacked in the "Second Opium War" fought from 1858-1860. British Prime Minister Palmerston declared that "all of interior China must be opened up to uninterrupted traffic of opium." The British suffered a defeat at the Taku Forts in June of 1859, when sailors, were ordered to seize the forts, but were run aground in the mud-choked harbor and several hundred of them were killed or captured. An enraged Palmerson of Britain said: "We shall teach such a lesson to these perfidious hordes that the name of Europe will hereafter be a passport of fear."

In October of that year, the British besieged Peking. When the city fell,



"Bourgeois newspapers and journals are maintained by large sums of capital. Workers' newspapers and journals are maintained by funds collected by the workers themselves."

V.I. LENIN

the British Commander Lord Elgin, ordered all of the temples in the city sacked and burned to the ground as a show of contempt. In the new "Peace Treaty" of October 25, 1860, the British were assigned rights to a vastly expanded opium trade, covering seven-eighths of China, which brought in profits of over 20 million pounds in 1864 alone. In that year, the Sassoons imported 58,681 chests of opium and by 1880 it skyrocketed to 105,508 chests, making Sassoons the richest Zionists in the world. England was given the Hong Kong peninsula as a colony and large sections of Amoy, Canton, Foochow, Ningpo and Shanghai. The Sassoons were now licensing opium dens in each British occupied area, and with large fees being collected by Sassoons agents. No other nationality was allowed to work for the Sassoon empire.

But, it is a fact, that the British government would not allow any opium to be imported into Europe!

SASSOONS MONOPOLY WRECKED ENGLAND'S TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN LANCASHIRE AND MADE THE ROOSEVELT'S WEALTHY!

Sir Albert Sassoon, the eldest of David Sassoon's sons took over the family empire, constructing huge textile mills in Bombay, India, where he paid slave labour wages. This expansion continued even after the First World War, putting England's mills in Lancashire out of business. Thousands lost their jobs. But, this did not deter Queen Victoria from knighting Albert Sassoon in 1872.

Solomon Sassoon moved to Hong Kong and ran the family business there until his death in 1834, when the entire family moved to England, because with modern communications, they could operate their financial empire from their luxurious estates in London and thus socialize with the British Royalty. Edward Albert Sassoon married Aline Caroline de Rothschild in 1887, thus linking their fortunes. The British Queen also knighted Edward. All of David Sassoon's fourteen grandsons were made high officers of British Army during World War One, and thus they avoided combat.

Franklin D. Roosevelt's fortune was inherited from his maternal grandfather Warren Delano. In 1830

he was senior partner of Russell & Company, whose merchant fleet carried Sassoon's opium to China and returned with tea. Warren Delano moved to Newburg, N.Y., USA. In 1851 his daughter Sara married well-born neighbour, James Roosevelt – the father of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Although he knew the origin of the family fortune, he always refused to discuss it.

The Sassoon opium trade brought death and destruction to millions and it still plagues Asia to this day. Their company was totally operated by Zionists! The corrupt British Monarchy honoured them, since money flowed into the British Monarchy's coffers. Although history describes Sassoons as "great developers" of India, the real source of their immense wealth is never ever mentioned! ■

PAGES FROM THE PAST

ZIONISM AND ITS COOPERATION WITH IMPERIALISM

By LEV NUZH DIN –Historian

On this 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II, some facts have emerged from the Soviet and German archives that are startling to say the least and show that there were Zionists who actually served Nazi Germany during the Second World War. This is taken from an interview between Lev Nuzhdin and Oleg Shenin, Chairman of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. We just reprint this excerpt.

"Today the tight cooperation between Zionism and US Globalism is very evident. The growing attacks against Russians and the chauvinism by Zionist oriented people is reaching alarming proportions. The great majority of Russian people are getting more and more perturbed with this growth of chauvinistic-nationalism and are pointing out the facts as to who controls their media, and why is the present Russian State

funding the activities of these Zionists, in all aspects of their work? This points to a very dangerous situation.

On the eve of Victory Day last May in Russia, the TV programs, were full of mirages that during WW II not one Jewish person cooperated with the German Nazis. A campaign is on now in full swing by the Zionists, charging that there is now growing "Russian Fascism"!

Let us look facts as they are now available from the archives, showing the cooperation between Jewish Zionists and German fascists during the Second World War.

Altogether in the armed forces of Nazi Germany there served 150,000 Jews (15 divisions) according to the opened up Nazi archives. There was also captured by the Red Army, with arms in their hands, 10,173 Jews. That is more soldiers fighting against the Red Army than the combined forces fighting on the side of Germany from Italy, Finland and Spain. We cannot or should not ever forget that most of the police serving in the Warsaw Ghetto, Poland were Jews. Also, 9 Rabbis in Kiev manipulated the Jewish population to gather at many designated points as requested by the German Army "for a trip to Germany". They were told that since "Germans were the master race and Jews were the chosen people, nothing would happen to them." All this came to an end at Babiy Yar. During this genocide murder of Jews, the top Zionists in the USA cried to the press that this was "Bolshevik propaganda". Check this out in the archives of NYT. The same killing spree on the Jews took place in Lvov.

In January of 1944, the German Gestapo listed 73 very high ranking officers "with Jewish blood" or married to Jewish women. Among them were 23 Colonels, 8 Lt. Generals, 2 Generals of the Nazi Army. They were all guaranteed their full freedom. A top historian of this question, Bryan Rig, said that in this Gestapo list are also included 60 officers with very high rank, including 2 Field Marshals, amongst them the first assistant to Enrich Goering.

Hitler himself valued the records of these Jewish officers. The Commander of the German Tank Brigade, Walter Hollander, destroyed near Kursk 21 Soviet tanks, and he

was awarded the highest Nazi decoration, the Golden Cross. In the German Army there was no other decoration given as was given to him. There were many Jewish soldiers and commanders who also served in the Soviet Army, and who became heroes of the Soviet Union, such as General Dovator, fighter pilot Gorovets and the well known personality Lazar Kaganoich. ■

DID YOU KNOW?

A new Israeli Apartheid, Family Separation Wall, allows Israel to deport 100,000 Palestinian spouses of Israeli men.

This new law allows Israel to deport foreign spouses of Israeli citizens and prevents them of gaining permanent residency.

It is ironic to say the least, that Jewish immigrants to Israel who were never to the Middle East before can become Israeli citizens, while Palestinians who were born there for generations are prevented from living in their homeland. ■

NEARLY 9,000 US TROOPS KILLED IN IRAQ

Bush Administration has lied to the US people about the number of US soldiers killed in Iraq. White House admits to only 1,831 killed.

The figures are hidden by the method that the US troops seriously wounded and consequently died in German hospitals, or en route to German Hospitals, they are not counted as officially dead. In other words, US had redefined "death". ■

EXTREME DANGER!

Under direct orders of President Bush, USA is now again going to manufacture the deadly Plutonium 238, which is so radioactive that even a spec of it can cause cancer. The US government plans to produce a total of 330 pounds at the Idaho National Laboratory. This program will cost the US taxpayers

over \$1.5 billion and generate more than many hundreds of containers of radioactive waste.

The spokesperson for the White House said in a statement that "We're manufacturing this only for our national security!"

Environmentalists and peace-activists know that this deadly Plutonium 238 is going to be used against any country not willing to be dictated to by US imperialism.

Experts contacted, said that the plan is to use this Plutonium 238 to power compact spy satellites that would be hard to track, evade or destroy. Plutonium 238 is hundreds of times more radioactive than the kind of plutonium used in nuclear arms. Doctors and scientists said that inhaling even a speck of this, poses lung cancer.

Based on the New York Times story ■

FREEDOM FEST

Frank
Ray Davis



SHOW, DON'T TELL: Dubya Bush tried to push his peculiar brand of mouth democracy on Latin America. He wanted his long-faithful stooge, The Organization of American States, to intervene in nations where "democracy" is "menaced", i.e., where people don't buy Bush's democracy of the mouth.

Democracy can truly touch the hearts of people, but not by being shoved down their throats.

CONFUSION FROM ON HIGH: I don't get it. There's a god of Peace and Love who I've been singing Christmas carols to since I was a little kid. Then there's a hateful god of death and destruction who tells nice patriots like Dubya Bush to bomb those heathen Iraqis loose from their oil wells.

Does this mean there are TWO gods? Or that god has a dual personality?

Or, did Dubya get his wires crossed so that he really talked to Satan, rather than Jehovah?

CHARITY'S A VIRTUE -SO WHAT?

The Europeans give twice as much of their national incomes to help the very poor nations of the world as USA does. That figures. Nobody knows better than Dubya Bush, that it's more profitable to help the greedy than the needy.

SAVE \$\$ FOR BOMBS: Texas, USA, ranks a dismal 49th in money spent on public-health programs. Could this be why Texas Bushes and Delays are so nutty?

SPARE US THIS! A hundred thousand humans killed in Iraq doesn't it faze Dubya Bush? But it bothers him that Korean Doctor Wo is experimenting with ADN mother cells to save lives; might somehow lead to cloning of humans. He's got something there. Who'd want to see Dubya Bush cloned!

GUILT BY ASSOCIATION: Dubya's popularity has sunk to a new low. Better late than never, and for sure it's plenty late.

The incredible mess he made in Iraq and the grave damages he inflicted on the US nation are all God's fault for telling him what to do? God better distance himself from that guy before his rating tumbles too!

SIMPLE SIMON, ASK AN OILMAN: Our presence in Iraq now has nothing to do with the September 11. Nothing to do with hidden super-bombs. Nothing to do with the Al-Quaeda gang. Nothing to do with Dictator Saddam. Nothing to do with "terrorists".

So what the heck are we doing there? Ask any big man in the Oil Biz.

DOCS HYPE THE HYPER: Torture experts at America's Guantanamo Prison are getting help from, of all things, Doctors! These proud professionals teach the torturers how to step up the pain. Just one more reason to wonder if the Doctors Hippocratic Oath isn't really the Hypocritical oath.

DID YOU KNOW? Over 75% of the US daily newspapers are controlled by multinational corporations? They don't care about Democracy. -
Writer Frank Blethen. ■

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GLORY TO THE SOVIET RED ARMY