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THE SECOND WORLD CONGRESS SHALL TAKE PLACE!

Dear comrades and friends:

You are aware as to what transpired with the Friendship House in Toronto, which was due to arson and, which sustained considerable water and smoke damage.

As the previous appeal letter stated, we are asking all those that can to help us financially to restore the building into its original condition, so that it will be ready for the Second World Congress in September of this year.

At press time for the June issue of NSC, we have received the following help from members and readers:

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The 2nd World Congress has already received Registration forms from delegates as of this NSC issue from:

Canada, USA. Britain, Spain, N. Ireland, Pakistan, Ukraine, Russia, Lithuania, North Ossetia, Turkey, Sri Lanka.

We expect 27 countries to be represented with their delegates. According to the latest information we have at press time, from former USSR there will be about 13-15 delegates coming to the Congress.

The present political situation in the world, the clear danger of broader conflicts and invasions by US imperialism, plus the rising structure of neo-fascism coming to the fore in the US government, and, the growing intensifying rivalry between the capitalist-imperialist states, presents mankind with a very dangerous situation! This uncertain situation, plus the complete lack of concrete political action by the present subservient Russian government in standing up to US imperialism and its New World Order, makes it very imperative that the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People do even more in giving support by actions all over the world to the Soviet people, to help them in their actions to liberate themselves from the yoke of the present bourgeois regime, before US imperialism and NATO will make certain that Russia is divided into 7-8 small colonies and

the Kremlin will be made into a USA Shopping Mall, as the cartoon shows!

Therefore, I am appealing to all sincere and dedicated friends of Soviet People, to participate in the Second World Congress by sending delegates. If that is impossible due to financial or political reasons, please send in your suggestions, reports or statements that will show your proposals as to what this extremely important Second World Congress should accomplish. Your reports will be translated into Russian, English, French and Spanish, so that each delegate will have the materials to refer to in his or her presentation and discussions that will follow!

Dear friends:

In order to be able to economize the finances that we have to spend on renovations to the Friendship House and in this way help the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians who help to fund the publication of Northstar Compass, and in order to economize our finances to have enough to host the Second World Congress and cover the cost of hotel rooms, meals, transportation and a trip to Niagara Falls for all the delegates - we are informing you that the July-August issue of Northstar Compass will be a combined issue - thus saving \$3,000 for one month.

Dear comrades and friends:

Our Congress is taking place on this the 60th Anniversary year of the end of World War II. This Congress will express its gratitude to the Soviet Union that saved mankind from the scourge of fascism! We must support the aspirations of the Soviet people, as well as mankind as a whole for peace, end to wars and for a better future. This better life for all of humanity can only come by Socialism and a reborn Union of Soviet Socialist Republics!

The September issue will be a pre-Congress issue, full of information about the agenda, list of delegates and proposed resolutions.

Let this Second World Congress go down in history as a turning point in a worldwide movement for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People!

Michael Lucas, Chairman

A VERY DIM VIEW OF RUSSIAN PRESIDENT PUTIN



A new poll by the independent Levada Center has found that 38% of Russians believe that president Putin "defends the interests" only of his security forces, while 28% believe that he is the president only of the "oligarchs, bankers and big business".

According to the survey, which was covered by Agence France-Presse, barely 17% of respondents said that Putin defends "ordinary people" and over 63% said that they were "tired of waiting for positive changes" from Putin.

ANDIJAN MASSACRE IN UZBEKISTAN

By Simon Jones
With thanks to Eric Walberg

The dust may be settling in Andijan, Uzbekistan after the recent uprising and the state's brutal, corrupt dictatorship, but the implications of this heroic and tragic episode will hunt this Uzbekistan regime until it falls. The blocking of all TV and internet news sites for a week, did not stop the word leaking out of hundreds of deaths, the firing on peaceful demonstrators from a helicopter, the trucks full of trigger-happy soldiers which ploughed into the crowds, not once but three times, murdering people who could no longer tolerate the vileness of their government and who had no other option left. There were 600 Muslims, murdered by this puppet of US

imperialism, who stashed his gold in the Bank of England, whose daughter was caught with a plane full of gold in Moscow, and this is President Karimov who approves of boiling people alive. The writing is on the wall, Mr. Karimov.

The uprising was sparked by the imprisonment and show trials of 23 local businessmen who were accused of adhering to a non-existent terrorist movement, Akramiya, but who were simply putting into practice the social justice inherent in Islam – giving to the poor, living modestly, praying...A math teacher, Azkramjon Yuldashev, the supposedly leader of a terrorist group (*his friends call themselves Birodar (Brotherhood)*), and he was imprisoned 7 years ago for doing this and writing in 1992 a pamphlet *Yimonga Yul (Path of Faith)*, which is not political, but moral – arguing for Islamic practices of charity and brotherhood. His brochure had no call whatsoever to seize power violently. While they are accused of being a terrorist cell, their real crime is acting outside of President Karimov's authority and showing the people that there is an alternative to the cutthroat robber baron "capitalism" of post-Soviet Uzbekistan. There is also speculation that they were arrested because some local rivals and friends of Karimov, resented their success and the authorities decided to confiscate their businesses for themselves.

Yuldashev has found a way in this present situation of anti-socialism and anti-communism in Uzbekistan to provide some human dignity to the local population through his Islamic principles of sharing, charity and the embedding of moral principles in all aspects of life, including economic. This requires no foreign consultants earning over \$100,000 tax free salaries, no NGO pushing neoclassical economic textbook and management skill courses, no foreign loans or control of the economy, no importing of crass, commercial, violent, erotic western culture. It promotes no mass unemployment, no mass corruption, no huge bureaucracy taking bribes

and taxes at every turn, not to mention the swarms of underpaid crude, cocky militia, always on the lookout for baksheesh.

This present path by President Karasimov and his independent Uzbekistan has been a wreck – impoverishing over 80% of the people, creating a vicious westernized elite which acts completely without any morals or concern for the people:

- *there are no longer any quality controls on food or products;
- *health care is being privatized under the guiding hand of US imperialism;
- *contracts or the license to open up a business are obtained only through bribes to high officials;
- *wilful actions, like cutting of trees (*the country is 90% desert*), seizing of public territory, entrapment and blackmailing are everyday occurrences;

- *Uzbekistan now stands 114th out of 144 in the index of corruption. Everything now is solved in Uzbekistan by bribery and by blackmail.

Changes are bound to come, and Yuldashev in the present anti-Communist hysteria might just do the trick, arriving at socialism through other means.

RUSSAIN DUMA THREATHENS SANCTIONS AGAINST GEORGIA

ITAR-TASS, May 13, 2005

MOSCOW – Lawmakers of the State Duma, lower house of the Russian parliament called on the Russian leadership to impose sanctions against Georgia if it "takes unilateral steps, uncoordinated with Russia, in connection with the problem of the Russian military bases."

Due to Georgian authorities' policy towards the Russian military bases, the lawmakers proposed to recall the Russian envoy from Tbilisi to Moscow, and to stop issuing visas to the Georgians traveling to Russia. In addition, the Duma urged the Russian leadership to "toughen the measures regarding the deportation

of Georgian citizens who are staying in Russia without any visas or have violated the registration rules."

Russia should start decreasing fuel and electricity supplies to Georgia, the Duma stated.

Yes, Putin's Russia is really making progress, by going backwards!

FSB FEARS OF FOREIGN ESPIONAGE IN RUSSIA

The Federal Security Service (FSB) Director Nikolai Patrushev has charged that foreign governments are using non-governmental organizations for espionage and to promote changes of governments in former Soviet republics. According to the ITAR-TASS news agency, Patrushev has named the following: the U.S. Peace Corps, which pulled out of Russia in 2003 amid spying allegations; the Saudi Arabia Red Crescent, plus the British and Kuwait aid groups, used by foreign intelligence agencies.

Patrushev has charged that the US Republican International Institute (IRI), which is government funded group that promotes "democracy",

held a meeting in Slovakia last April at which "it discussed the possibility of continuing "velvet revolutions" in all post-Soviet space." The IRI has earmarked \$5,000,000 to finance any opposition groups in Belarus this year.

The above list does not include all non-government agencies that are funded, like the ones by billionaire George Soros.

EGGS GREET GEORGE SOROS IN GEORGIA

The Messenger-Tbilisi, Georgia

Protestors carrying signs saying "Down with Mason Soros and his Followers in Georgia!" threw eggs at the billionaire as he left the Tbilisi Marriott Hotel and entered his limousine last month.

Soros arrived in Tbilisi for a three-day visit to mark the founding 10 years ago in Tbilisi his "Open Society Institute." He met with Georgian president Saakashvili whom he financially supported and organized the Georgian counter-revolution. The protestors were supporters of the

first president of Georgia, Zviad Gamsakhurdia.

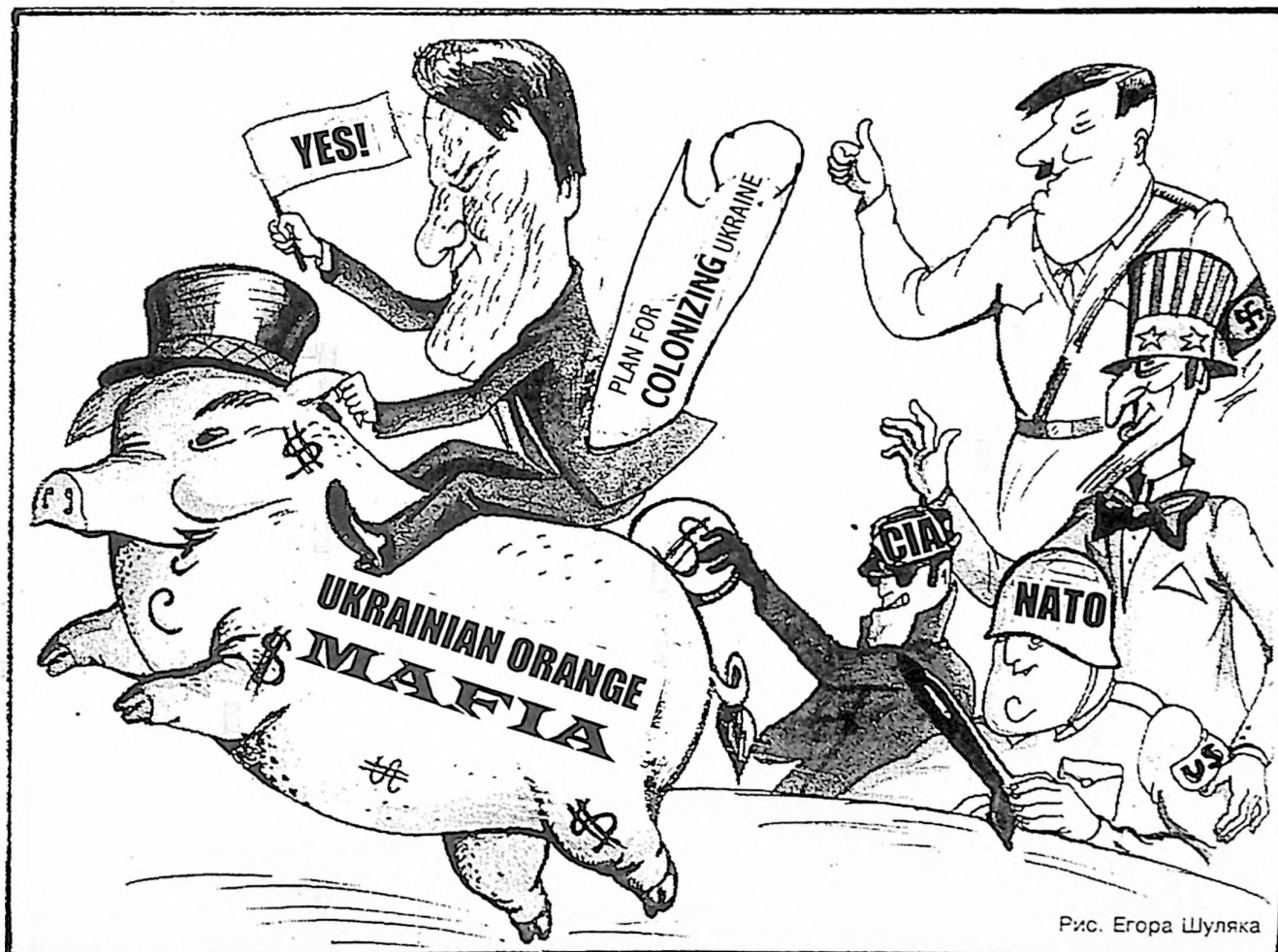
George Soros is the front man for US imperialism and the CIA.

FROM NEWSPAPER
SOINFORMBUREAU

DOUBLE-DEALING LIES OF THE KREMLIN SINCE 1991 ARE ONGOING TODAY

In a very extensive and detailed analyses of the daily lies over radio, press and TV as to how wonderful Putin is, what a statesman he is, what a people's elected president he is, what high ratings he has and they are growing with every day. These outright lies are being told daily to the people. Unfortunately we cannot reprint the whole text, since it would take practically half of NSC, but, we give just this statement, which tells it all:

"These are all lies, because Putin from the very start was not elected, only put in by Yeltsin, who also was not elected in 1991. Also the Pact signed by the leaders of Russia,



Ukraine and Byelorussia, dissolving the USSR was illegal, since none of the above was ratified by the Supreme Soviuet of Russia, Ukraine or Byelorussia."

This document was being hidden for 13 years and during the uprising against this injustice on October 4, 1993, this document was burned. ■

RUSSIA: SKINHEAD CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

An expert with the Moscow Human Rights Bureau has told the Interfax agency that there are "about 50,000 skinheads in Russia alone, and about 70,000 in the rest of the world." According to Semyon Chamy, skinheads in Russia can be found in approximately 85 cities, and St. Petersburg has the single largest skinhead population - estimated between 10,000 to 15,000.

"Russian skinheads are not united in any kind of unified organization or movement, mainly, they are divided into multitude of separate groups, consisting of three to ten people" said Chamy. Skinheads are responsible for majority of last year's racially-motivated murders and hundreds of racist attacks.

Question begs to be asked as to WHO supplies them with funds to publish newspapers, have an Internet site and sophisticated communication system, plus, guiding them to wear swastika armbands? Why do police take no action when they attack non Russians? ■

NINA A. ANDREEVA



PUTIN'S PLAN IS TO CONFUSE PEOPLE AS TO WHO IS WHO!

In an extensive report by Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of the Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks to the 4th Convention of

the party held on April 16 in Moscow, where she outlined the problems and gave concrete Marxist solutions to their implementation. We just publish an excerpt for our readers as to the present situation in the Communist movements in former Soviet Union.

"In order to solidify Putin's vertical state government structure and liquidate the rising Bolshevik movement and understanding, the policy is to confuse the people as to who is who!

He has instigated the setting up of another party, using our abbreviated initials AUCPB. This party is called the "All Union Communist Party of Future" and in Russian abbreviated form the initials are the same - AUCPB. They have taken some of our Bolshevik slogans, some of our program and everything meant to confuse the people, while the leader of this bogus well financed party, V. Tikhonov, serves the policies of the Kremlin.

On the territory of former Soviet Union there exist many parties that call themselves communist, socialist or semi-socialist, about 26 parties, plus our AUCPB. In Ukraine there are 6, in Belarus there are 2, in Kazakhstan there are 3, and another 10-16 small parties in other former Soviet republics. In total we have about 50 parties that were set up in order to divide and rule and thus have such a mixture that it prevents unity of actions.

Thus, by supporting financially some of these parties, giving these leaders offices and media time, the present Putin regime is following Imperialist motto of DIVIDE AND RULE!"

From newspaper "Vpered" ■

BELARUS EXPELS A POLISH DIPLOMAT FOR HIS ACTIVITIES

FROM ITAR-TASS

The Belorussian Foreign Ministry asked the Polish diplomat to leave the county for mixing into the internal affairs of Belarus, which was meant to destabilize the Belarussian society.

Observers are linking this expulsion to the fact that this Polish diplomat was involved in supporting and agitating the "Union of Poles" in Belarussia. ■

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STORMY MAY FIRST IN MOSCOW

The dictatorship of the Russian capitalist class bases itself on blind faith in Putin as the "statesman" and a "patriot".

But the series of his "reforms" – "Putin's demands" had put an end to these myths. This was shown by the events at the First of May celebration and demonstration in Moscow, where tens of thousands of people under the red flags and banners, said "NO" to the politics of Putin.

The future is in the hands of the youth. Unfortunately today the majority of the youth are still apolitical or going "together with the flow". But on May 1st all these things came to a head and heading this movement was the revolutionary vanguard of youth, and the future lies in their hands. In front of the masses of people, they marched the columns of revolutionary youth, AKM "Vanguard of Communist Youth" plus "National Bolshevik Youth". Energy flowed in their steps, the air was electrifying, they were full of energy, and the boys and girls were chanting: "Comrades Onward! Chase the bourgeoisie out! There is no saving the country without a class struggle! Soon, soon the Aurora will fire again! End the reforms by flying the Red Flag over the Kremlin! Our Motherland is the USSR! Capitalism is dirt! Socialism cannot be stopped! Lenin, Party and Komsomol!"

Putin got the worst of these chanted-shouted slogans:

"Putin sold his soul to Bush! People are everything – Putin is nothing! The biggest enemy of the people is sitting in the Kremlin now! Putin – resign! All power to the Soviets!"

These slogans are for revolutionary changes and these slogans were heard all over Moscow and, the leaflets that were distributed

supported the slogans. In front was the marching youth of AKM and they had a dog on a leash with a mask of Putin over the dogs face. In the middle of the marching columns there was a sound truck blaring Soviet music and a tremendous portrait of Stalin at its front, plus all the flags of the 15 Republics of the Soviet Union. Speaking over the microphone was the well-known poet, composer and singer A. Kharchukov, who recited his poems and sang his songs.

There were top representatives in this joint demonstration of the left parties, such as RCWP, CPRF, AKM, and these leaders spoke at this joint manifestation.

The May Day meeting and demonstration was over when an incident took place. During this tens of thousands strong demonstration, Putin's OMON police took into custody 6 young members of AKM, because they burnt a portrait of Putin. They threw them into a bus and took them away. The head of AKM, S. Udalcov was horribly beaten up before the May Day celebrations. He, very heavily bruised, called upon the demonstrators not to disperse but march in orderly columns to the offices of the General Prosecutor and demand the release of the six

young prisoners of the AKM. The multitude agreed with his call and marched together.

The hundreds of young people, with red flags flying, marched and led the people to the Prosecutors office. The young AKM members took apart the iron barriers in front of the building that were blocking the marchers. Immediately there came many busses with over one hundred OMON police with large clubs on the ready. It looked as if there would be bloodshed on the street. But, Putin's OMON leadership, seeing the large crowd, dedication and determination of the people, decided not to use force. One by one the arrested AKM members were freed. **Victory was achieved!**

The six freed AKM members marched and sang patriotic songs and chanted slogans as they marched to the Metro stations on their way home.

This was an excellent, proud and dedicated show of solidarity!

Speaking at the meeting, Ulas spoke the words of M. Gorky from the "Song of Burevestnik" – "**Storm! Soon the Storm will strike!**"

The time for the storm is not far away. But the dark storm clouds are hanging very low over Putin's Russia and are gathering momentum! ■



60th ANNIVERSARY OF WW II – 1941-45

Dear readers!

Much has been written about the Great Patriotic War (*World War II*) in the press as well as on the pages of NSC. We publish here just some random photographs of parades and demonstrations that took place all across former Soviet Union, in spite of attempts to downplay, rename this Day of Victory and all other attempts by the present regimes of the former Soviet republics. We cannot picture all the cities and towns where these manifestations took place, but we publish some. We also publish a statement by Natalia Vitrenko, head of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine, which touches on personal feelings, as well as the attempts by these present bourgeois leaders, who are besmirching the history and giving the green light to the former helpers of German Nazis, who now want to be considered as heroes and war veterans, even though they murdered their own people, who fought not only against the Red Army, but also against the Allies on behalf of German fascism.

"Dear comrades and dear compatriots!

The 60th Anniversary and the Great Victory of Soviet People over the German fascist occupiers – this is a great event for the whole of mankind. The unbelievable heroism of Soviet Army, Navy and Air force of the USSR, the heroic deeds of the partisans and underground fighters, the dedicated and selfless work of the workers and farmers – all of this was instrumental in us gaining victory, which will go down in the annals of history for all time.

This war touched every Soviet family. The wounds are still not healed. I grew up without a father. My father was a war journalist, correspondent, who went through all the years of the war and suffered six years after the war ended. He died when he was only 41 years old, two months before I was born. I lost my



father, grandfather and family. But we are always proud of our family heroes, that by giving their lives, they saved us and mankind from the scourge of fascism and colonialism.

Therefore we the children and grandchildren of our fathers – we honour and will always remember their heroism. We shall never sell your memories to anyone. We are honouring you today and will honour you always. We condemn these Ukrainian police and nationalists who are now ruling Ukraine, who want to rehabilitate these Ukrainian nationalists-fascists and to consider them as war heroes – these helpers of German Nazism, type that were in the OUN-UPA.

We on this day of Great Victory bow our heads low to these remaining war heroes. We wish them health and optimism as was their spirit during the Great Patriotic War. We shall follow in your footsteps in that Great Victory."

Natalia Vitrenko
Chairperson of the Progressive
Socialist Party of Ukraine

FASCISM RISING IN UKRAINE

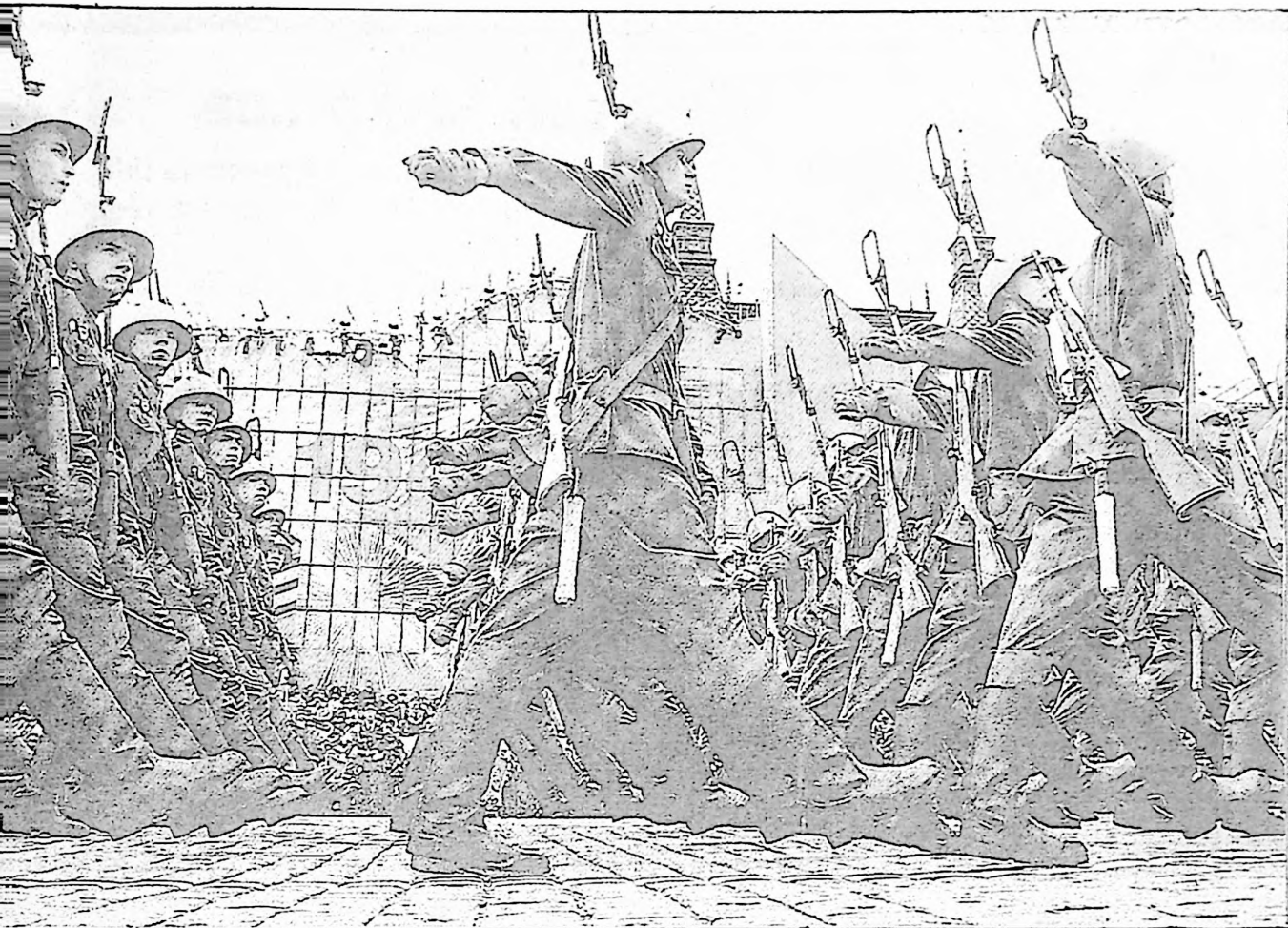
A campaign by preset regime is on its way to label any opposition as "people's enemy". The opposition says that the new regime, unable to solve the economic problems – thus are seeking to blame someone.



Yes...one of these days these Soldiers will follow in their fathers and grandfathers footsteps and gain a victory over the present regime!



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VICTORY DAY IN MOSCOW - RUSSIAN SOLDIERS MARCH BY LENIN MAUSOLEUM IN RED SQUARE

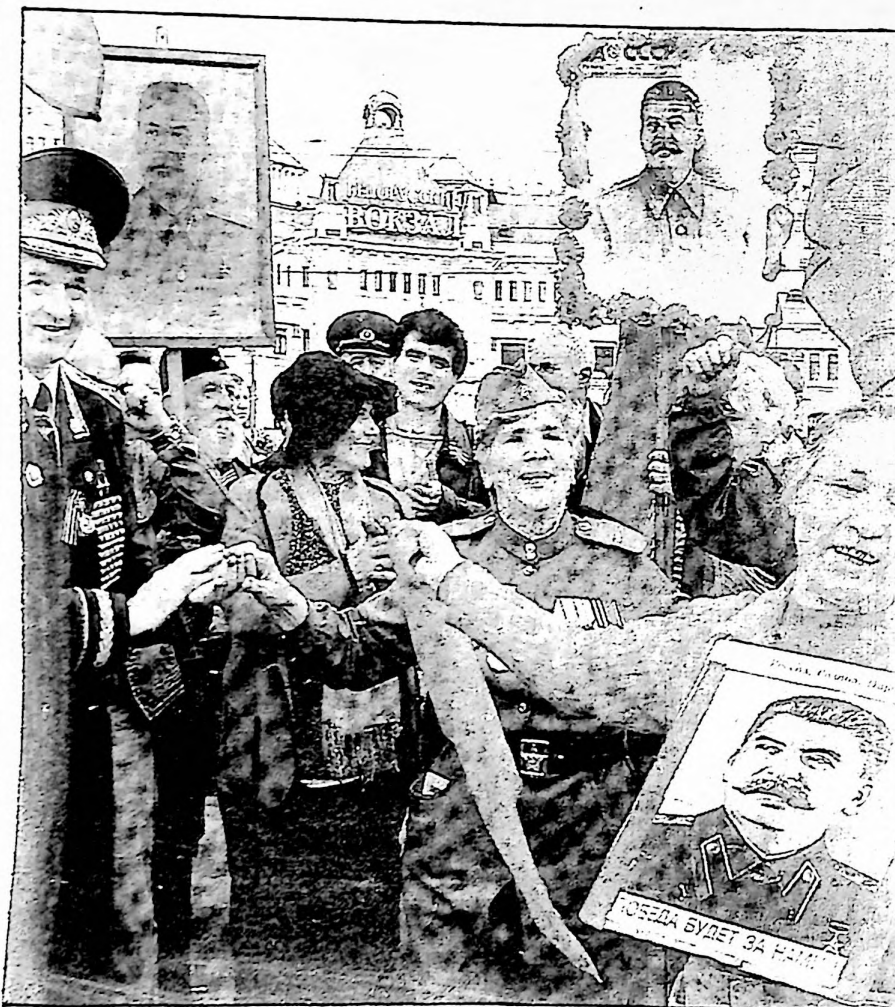
In spite of behind the scenes attempts to take away the glorious victory of the Soviet Red Army during the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 by the present Russian regime, the force of peoples demands had to be adhered to and the parade was one of the biggest and one of the most enthusiastic which demanded a change towards socialism, that was held since the demise of the Soviet Union. Yes...Arise You Mighty Land!



SOLDIERS MARCH ON KRESHCHATIK IN KIEV



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Opportunism in the darkness of lies

Recent development in the political situation, both in our country and abroad, give us more and more evidence of the fact that **LIES** are the most essential and fundamental elements of the bourgeois propaganda. Very important and characteristic feature of its cunning and subtle approaches and performance consists of various uses it makes of a really big diversity of versions of alleged or pseudo-truths.

Opportunism and its rhetoric, that in reality has never had anything to do with the authentic theory and practice of Scientific Communism, presents a very treacherous example in this respect. Quite logically, since they are really close relatives with bourgeois policies and propaganda as far as fundamental class principle and approaches are concerned - the opportunists rely and make use in their activities of the very same lies which the bourgeois pundits use. This is true both from the factorological, informational and methodological point of view.

Recently the bourgeois propaganda tends to resort more and more to the ideological phraseology and the ways and means of opportunism, especially in view of the growing influence of real Marxism-Leninism and the ideas of Socialism and Communism in the countries of what is known now to be "post-Soviet" political and economic space. This tendency becomes more and more vivid, especially in view of the continuous process of outright restoration of capitalism that is getting ever more acute and painful for dozens of millions of people.

Under these circumstances the falsehood of lies preached and practiced by such 100% serfs of capitalism and imperialism, like Gorbachev, Yeltsin and Putin in Russia and Krawchuk, Kuchma and Yushchenko in Ukraine, becomes more and more evident. This

explains that alongside with them, there are quite a number of parties and political movements that are operating under demagogical slogans, making use of allegedly communist and also of socialist phraseology.

In fact, they have nothing to do with the ideas of Marxism-Leninism or the interests of the working class, on behalf of which they often make loud noises and proclamations and false allegations. Nowhere in their press, documents or practical activities one can ever find, for example, even a distant hint of principles or concepts, like the necessity of the **Dictatorship of the Proletariat** in political sphere, or the **Dominant Position of Public Property over the Means of Production** in the economy.

The presence or the absence of these concepts that shape the core of fundamentals of authentic Marxist-Leninist understanding of history and society, mark the real "watershed" between bourgeois, socialist and communist ideas and practices. The numerous and extremely noisy pseudo-communist, allegedly pro-working class and socialist parties and political movements that have recently been born and activated in the "post Soviet space", on the territory of former USSR, do not make this differentiation. In this way an essential point of their political and propaganda efforts consists in presenting the existing bourgeois society as socialist or eradicating whatever substantial differences between socialism and capitalism is at all.

And obviously an important part of this strategy of bringing about total confusion in the heads of the people on all aspects of key-importance of the economic, social and political development, obviously, they continue the ideological battles over the issue of the so-called "Personality Cult" of Stalin.

Perhaps the main point here is that the whole course of development in all of the former USSR countries, as well as

elsewhere, both in Eastern Europe and world-wide after 1989, have very clearly manifested that, all political and ideological campaigns and activities started and carried out by Krushchev, after the death of Stalin, have turned out to be not only revisionist, but clearly counter-revolutionary in their essence, immediate and aftermath. Under the present circumstances, the ruin of the statehood and the economy of the country, more and more people tend to remember and to reconsider the importance of Stalin's efforts and policies that had transformed a backward Russia of illiterate peasants, into a really first rate, both economically and politically powerful and respected country of modern developed industry and agriculture.

This makes Krushchev's lies about Stalin's "Personality Cult" evermore self-evident and, brings about massive irreversible processes of a new kind sincere respect for all that had been done by Stalin for the people and for the prosperity and world-wide respected international position of the Soviet Union.

In these new circumstances of "Stalin's Personality Cult" debates, today's opportunists and revisionists in the workers and communist movements, who are nothing but the followers of Krushchev and his political treason - are obviously adopting a new strategy.

Since these revisionists realize that it is no longer possible to negate, to conceal or even to question the greatness of what was accomplished by the Soviet people in the Stalin Era, they, though very unwillingly, gradually start to tend (or to pretend) to accept and acknowledge all of this.

So, today it is getting more and more widespread among the anti-Leninists and anti-Stalinists, anti-Marxists, anti-Socialist renegades of Krushchev's type, to adopt the position that they are even defending the name of Stalin, the heritage and the cause of the great leader Stalin. Beloved tricks that they use every time is of the type such

as: "Yes, there was a Cult, but there was also the Personality as well."

As emotionally and didactically attractive and impressive such statements may seem to be, in reality they tend to conceal an essence that is basically wrong and untrue. It still contains and propagates the lie of the existence of the "Personality Cult" of Stalin, which is the basic lie of Krushchev's revisionism of Socialism.

As a matter of fact, the start of this lie can be easily traced even further, in their earlier statements, with writings and performances of Trotsky, Bukharin and other advocates of a matter-of-fact, the counterrevolutionary restoration of capitalism, whose plans and activities have fortunately been thoroughly exposed, unmasked and cut short the course in the 1930's of the previous century.

And now for us, it is even more vivid to understand that no victory over fascism could have ever been possible in 1940's, unless that counterrevolutionary plot of the 1930's had not been successfully destroyed.

Trying to reconsider the importance of the events and accomplishments of those days, in view of the numerous successful and unhappy developments during so many decades since then, we now have all the reasons to declare and also to underline, once and forever, that as a matter of fact, the alleged "Personality Cult" of Stalin has never existed at all!

Though sometimes it may seem that the notions like "Personality Cult" and "Respect for certain personality" may somehow "overlap" or "coincide" in their content, they are actually totally incompatible and mutually exclusive of each other in immediate realities.

No statesman or leader can ever deal with his responsibilities or execute his duties without a certain amount of respect for his personality and due authority. Obviously J.V. Stalin was such a kind of personality, while neither Krushchev nor any of his successors and followers could ever rely on any substantial respect for them on the side of the people, no matter what efforts and measures they were taking or are taking to really install seemingly omnipotent cults of their own personality.

In relation to this, George Kruchkov, one of the ideologists of the present Communist Party of Ukraine, is perfectly correct to underline that the very notion of a Personality Cult "is absolutely alien to the very essence of Marxism-Leninism or of Socialism, both as theoretical heritage and immediate practices of the reality democratic principles on which a true Communist Party is built and is to function."

At the same time it is strange and a great pity that this same author still



accuses J.V. Stalin of the cult of personality, while he misses even to mention the number of other cases when people, who obviously had neither the moral or practical merits or skills to be successful and respected leaders, were taking really great pains to build up their own Cult of their petty personality.

This strange inconsistency and lack of real logic can be traced in Kruchkov's judgment about the development of the Soviet Union, which could be rightfully called the "Era of Stalin".

On the one hand, he acknowledges all of the successes of the Soviet people and of the CPSU in the process of the accelerated build-up of socialism in the originally backward Russia. He also underlines the decisive positive role of Stalin as a leader that had enabled the country to successfully cope with all of the problems, both with socialist

construction and the heroic defense and victory in the years of the Great Patriotic War. He also analyzes the complexities that the Soviet Union faced in the international arena, as the only Socialist state before WWII, during WWII and after the war.

It is at least curious to note that he admits the successes, before, during and after the war, as a universally accepted fact that Stalin was a respected leader – but this is said on the repeated background of the alleged existence of the "Personality Cult" of Stalin.

But in all of his articles in the newspaper "Communist" in Ukraine, he always calls that Stalin promoted "repressive policies", that had brought about "extremely immense damage and harm to the cause of Socialism that prove really hard to compensate in any way."

We can only guess then on the basis of what logic this author comes to the conclusion, even though he says that Stalin had an "acute and originally gifted mind" and a "high level of really diverse knowledge and information which he used to make crucial decisions", etc. etc

Charging Stalin with the Cult of Personality, while at the same time he wrote: "Stalin was really a high ranking publicist who made a brilliant contribution and wide popularization of Leninism and his work has no match to its brilliance." This was followed up by "Stalin was really unsurpassable in formulating and successfully carrying out both the strategy and the tactics of the struggle in building up and consolidating Socialism!"

How could such a brilliant mind and tactician of Socialism bring about the "extremely immense damage and harm to the cause of Socialism", about which Kruchkov was writing?

These tactics and methodology of lies that are used by the modern opportunists have in fact many things in common with the famous formula of German Nazi Dr. Goebels, that a continuously repeated lie tends, in the long run, to be more and more accepted as a kind of truth.

What is repeatedly done now by the modern revisionists, is the obligatory introduction and repetition of certain already well-known and publicized propaganda theses that contain, as a matter of fact, the real

core and important essence of the whole ideological undertaking.

So, the recent opportunistic writings about Stalin and his times, usually start almost with a "Ossanah" to the Great Leader. Obviously readers are expected to accept writers like Luchkov and his likes, like the true and sincere followers of his ideals and admirers of what he managed to do. On the basis of these favorable comments at the very beginning, however, later on, these familiar speculations of "Stalin's repressive policies" and "Personality Cult of the Leader that is alien and has nothing to do with Marxism-Leninism", and so on and so forth, appear over and over again.

In this way, these "modern opportunist" writers about Stalin and his time, actually do nothing else but simply repeat both the false logic and the alleged "argumentation" to which resorted Krushchev and his "secret" presentation to the 20th Congress of the CPSU.

To sum up this article, really Great Leaders like Lenin and Stalin actually **DO NOT EVER NEED ANYBODY'S SPECIAL DEFENCE OR ADVOCACY!** What they did is big enough and significant enough to speak for itself. These modern revisionists cannot contemplate, nor have the right to evaluate either their words or deeds, of those real **Titans of Human History!**

Lenin and Stalin were there to elaborate and implement both the methodology and the tactics of success and victory of the class struggle and the building up of the Socialist and Communist Society in the immediate conditions of life that existed at that time.

Stalin followed Lenin's Testament and successfully worked for its realization for several decades after Lenin passed away. What was done at that time gave the working people all reasons to rightfully consider that Stalin was the most distinguished person of the Millennium.

It is easily understandable then why all of the period after Stalin's suspicious death in March of 1953 is traced with so many disoriented, and wondering in search of a really due course, both of the cause, of policy and of ideals.

Apparently, personalities of Stalin's talent, devotion and ability do not appear so often in our

Human History. What these personalities have accomplished and left behind them, however, hardly tend to disappear or diminish even with their physical death.

All of this proved to be especially true of J.V. Stalin. Contrary to the vile propaganda against Stalin, thinking that this would diminish his historical contribution to Socialism and the defeat of Nazi Germany, the sincere respect for him, grew up even stronger among the working people, even after these political and ideological dwarfs postulated the criminal removal of his sarcophagus from his due place, next to Lenin in Lenin's Mausoleum – besides the man whose cause and ideas he inherited and carried on so triumphantly in the course of so many really very turbulent decades.

Practically nothing can change

the orbit of the Earth on which we all live around the Sun. In a very similar way, no one and nothing can prove successful enough to erase the name of **Stalin** from the memory of hundreds of millions of people, both throughout the land of the USSR and world-wide.

The name and this personality of the Great Leader and creator of the really New World are immortal and will live throughout the times to come!

And of course, no one will ever remember all those petty opportunistic serfs of the Yellow Satan (of Gold and Money) whose fate will no doubt be total oblivion in the abyss of all human contempt, scorn and disdain.

Translated from Russian by Iv. A. from Bulgaria- the Balkans

FRIENDSHIP NEWS

NEW EXECUTIVE ELECTED IN RUSSIAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY



Chechentsev



Bourenkov

Dear comrades:

The meeting of the Co-Ordination Council of the Russian (Soviet) Friendship Society with Foreign Countries was held on May 26th, after our Conference, which was held on May 10 - has published the final version of a Resolution that was adopted at the Conference.

A new Executive Committee was elected, headed by Vladimir Chechentsev as Chairman and Viktor Bourenkov as Deputy Chairman.

Our delegation to the Second World Congress will present a paper outlining the revolutionary struggle strategy and full details of the current activities of our Friendship Society with Foreign Countries. We shall present this talk in English. ■

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE

Dear comrade Lucas:

Please allow me, the founder of a peoples organization in Latvia, "Union for the Defense of the Rights of the Homeless", registered in Latvia on March 25, 2002 – to come as a delegate to the Second World Congress.

The situation in our organization is such that no one can come to the Congress, aside from myself. The movement's collective decision was that I should come. Factually each one of us is under scrutiny by the Latvian police. Some members fear for their safety and change their names and stop being active. Not too long ago there was an attack against the daughter of our organization's chairman, Svetlana Shamonina and they ran away from this terror to France.

In the published materials that I am sending you, you will learn exactly as to what is happening in Latvia to the Russian speaking population. This is the reason why our organization is trying to struggle against this policy, and therefore is being under attack. They can liquidate us through the adopted present laws that accuse us of being

mentally ill and need to be put into a psychiatric facility. This policy is being pursued especially against the working class, who understand as to what is happening in Latvia and who is pulling the strings and, also, the workers know what robbery is being done against the working class and the total privatization.

My name is Skaidrite Stanevca, citizen of Latvia and, if I will be at the Congress, I would like to give a factual report in Russian on the conditions in Latvia and the planned genocide against other nationalities living in Latvia. I will send this ahead of time in order to be translated and available to the delegates. I am a writer and a journalist and my articles in the "Duel" newspaper irked the President of Latvia, Vaira Freiberg, who then started the fabrication that I should be put away in a mental institution. The decision was made to put me into a psychiatric hospital in Riga and then to another hospital for the mentally deranged patients, with no opportunity to get out.

I can try to come before, in order to help with the Congress, if I am not put away before that. I am fighting this attempt with all the forces that I have to help me. The "Open Letter" about the situation in Latvia and the attempt to silence me, I would suggest that you can publish it, so that the readers of NSC will be aware of this nationalism, bordering on fascism, that is now in Latvia.

It can happen that I will be put away and not be able to come to the Second World Congress. Whatever happens to me, please consider this "Open Letter" as my Statement to the Second World Congress.

Yours
Skaidrite Stanevca

We will be very honored to have you as a delegate at the Congress. In future NSC issue we shall publish your article.

NO PASARAN! FASCISM WILL NOT PASS! ■

To NSC and Executive Committee:

Dear friends:

Thank you for informing me about the upcoming Second World Congress. I feel that I am not entitled to be invited, because I do not represent any organization or any

publication.

But as a reader of NSC and a supporter of the Congress, I would wish that two points would be discussed and cleared up at this Second World Congress.

The first point is "Soviet Union". It is a fact that the Soviet Union passed two different and opposite periods. A Soviet Union under the leadership of the Communist Party headed by Lenin and Stalin, led the Soviet people in building the first Socialist Society in human history and in defending it. But a different type of Soviet Union came into being under the leadership of the Krushchevites, which destroyed socialism during a period of four decades.

When we talk about the Soviet Union, it should be clear that we mean the real socialist USSR and not the second version, which was anti-Marxist, anti-Socialist, anti-Revolutionist and anti-Communist. This is not always understandable, especially by the young people, and I think that it is very important that it should be known to all the readers of NSC and every revolutionary person. There are even revolutionary writers who talk and write about the Soviet Union as a continuous period of 70 years.

The second point is the following question. Is the slogan of the restoration of the Soviet Union a practical one, and therefore a Marxist slogan?

The former parts of the USSR now are capitalist countries, some who are under complete influence of imperialist Europe and the United States. It is clear that the slogan of these people should be for a socialist revolution, similar to the Great October Revolution. The revolutionary situation in each of these former Soviet republics is similar to any other capitalist state - the only difference is ---- these people of former Soviet Union have had great experience in building a socialist society. I think the slogan of restoring the Soviet Union means that there should be a socialist revolution in all of these states that should be achieved all at the same time.

But that will be impossible. A revolution might happen in one of these states only. The victorious revolution in that state will be helpful

to other states, but it is not always possible that a revolution would happen in them. It is impossible to export revolution from a victorious one to the others, because a revolution in each state depends on the people themselves.

And, will a revolution in Russia for example be a Soviet revolution? The October Revolution was a Soviet one, because its main fighting force was the Soviets. But will the coming revolution in Russia be based on the Soviets? This revolution might take other forms, that would mean that this new state will not be a Soviet state. The only condition in a socialist state should be the Dictatorship of the Proletariat!

What if a revolution happened in Russia, and at the same time a revolution happened in a country which was not part of the Soviet Union, let's say Poland? Of course it is possible that these two socialist states will find it necessary to unite. In that case, it is not the restoration of the USSR.

For all of these reasons, I think that it is better and more scientific to make the slogan read "**Restoration of Socialism in Previous Soviet States.**"

With best regards
Y. KOJAMAN
London - England

We thank you for your insightful observations and this will be discussed at the Second World Congress, to be sure. Input from individuals who are dedicated to restore the genuine Socialist Soviet Union are most welcome to come and be heard at the Congress! ■

Dear comrades of the Executive Committee for friendship and solidarity with Soviet people!

About the activity of your organization I know it from last year. The information was received from newspapers of two communist organizations:

- All-Union movement "For Soviet Union" and its newspaper "SOVINFORMBURO" and from the new "Society of friendship with peoples of foreign countries", plus the Movement of Communist and Socialist forces organized on the initiative "Soviet Russia" - and the newspaper "Labour Russia". At the

constituent assembly of the Society of Friendship, I was present there personally.

Occasion of writing this letter was your letter about carrying out in September, 2005 of the Second congress of your organization, that was published in the № 15, April, 2005 of "Economic and Philosophical newspaper".

First, Soviet people are grateful to you for your support. However, unfortunately, the information on your activity practically is not present. At least, the results of First congress of your organization are not known to us. We hope, we could provide distribution of the information on work and results of the Second congress. It will be enough if on your Internet - site the information will be placed. If you could organize special dispatch of a brief information of results of congress – even better. Addresses of dispatch you can find on our site (about which I write below).

Second, I want to give some information on the situation with the Soviet organizations in Russia and republics of USSR:

1. Now in Russia there are some organizations, who are declaring themselves "Soviet". Some of these organizations are very small, some do not work any more. But this information could possibly be useful to you.

2. Most active in promotion of the USSR and are:

"Movement of citizens of the USSR" headed by Khabarova Tatyana Mihajlovna – under the aegis of **Executive committee of Congress of citizens of the USSR.**

- Movement "For Soviet Union" Kozlobaev Alexander Grigorevich – under aegis of **Supreme Soviet of the USSR;**

- The CPSU of Korjakin Vladimir Stepanovich – under aegis of **Council of Ministers of the USSR.**

3. In the Communist parties area, the most active (except for Korjakin's CPSU) is the - CPSU – the Union of Communist Parties of the USSR republics cooperating with the Communist Party of the Russian Federation;

- The CPSU headed by Shenin Oleg Semenovich) – the Union of Communist Parties of the USSR republics, they are not cooperating with the Communist Party of the Russian Federation.

4. Unfortunately, as well as in communist movements of Russia as a whole, these organizations are badly cooperating with each other.

5. I think that the most comprehensible movement for uniting all the organizations and movements, is Tikhonov Grigory Ivanovich's "UNION".

Thirdly, since we hardly can participate in the work of the Congress, I ask you to inform us where we can direct our correspondence or our statement.

Short information about us:

1. I represent two organizations: "The Incorporated Popular Front" which really represents the Internet – a catalogue of forces and the opposition organizations of Russia (left as well as patriotic): www.ONFront.narod.ru and also the - Moscow City Organization "Russian Scientists of Socialist Orientation" (RSSO).

2. One of our main purposes is to promote the association of communist and opposition forces and actions in Russia and the republics USSR as a whole.

With communist greetings and wishes of joint successes in a victory of socialism!

VLADIMIR LEONOV
Moscow

**FROM THE
REPUBLIC OF
NORTHERN
OSSETIA-
ALAKIA,
RUSSIA**



Dear friends:

We have received your invitation to attend the Second World Congress which is planned for September 23-24-25 in Toronto, Canada. We thank you sincerely!

The Central Committee of the All Union Lenin-Stalin-Maotzetung Party has the greatest respect for the wise, selfless, systematic and stubborn struggle by you Canadian friends, for the restoration of the Soviet Union. We are delighted with your enormous efforts to gather and unite all champions for the restoration of the Soviet Union all over the world

and in the Soviet Union in particular.

We have considered all of the work of Northstar Compass and the Executive Committee of the International Council. We feel that this work is of exceptional importance in the struggle for the restoration of the Soviet Union.

The All Union Lenin-Stalin-Maotsetung Party greets and supports the initiative for calling the Second World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

We regret that we cannot aid you financially.

The CC of the AULSMP has decided that we shall send one delegate to the Congress. The text of our presentation paper you will receive in the near future.

With the greatest respect –

Marat Kochiev
First Secretary of the CC AULSMP
Vladikavkaz, Russia

NSC apologizes to the comrades in that we made mistakes in misnaming the party in our previous correspondence that these comrades represent

ANALYSES OF PRESENT SITUATION IN EX USSR

To the Organizing Committee:

Enclosed please find the text of my presentation at the Second World Congress, "Socialism in USSR lost its feeble mind or the selling out by the "intelligencia"?"

I would like that this could be published in NSC so that a discussion starts before the Congress or even polemics on this very important topic.

By starting discussions on the pages of NSC, this will help the Congress achieve the desired results of friendship and solidarity with Soviet people. It might even promote the revolutionary spirit and actions in Russia, and thus it can become the centre of the resurrection of the USSR. I will present this paper in Russian at the Congress.

Vladimir M. Pisarev
Candidate of Economic Sciences
Moscow, Russia

LYNNIE ENGLAND'S ABU GHRAIB PLEA BARGAIN THROWN OUT

From *The Independent* - May 5/05

It was thrown out not because her defense is total fabrication, but because her fabrication did not match up with her previous fabrication that had been heard by the court. Truth of course is not even on the agenda as to what US imperialism, and its soldiers did and do to the prisoners from Iraq and Afghanistan. This is after all, part of the US legal system. Its function is to protect the real perpetrators, those who gave the orders.

It is clear that the US is not fit to investigate itself and this whole matter needs to be referred to an international tribunal. Unbelievable as it is, the European Union is blocking that effort - as shown by its failure to support the recent Cuban motion at the UNHCR to request the United Nations to investigate. ■

Then they came for the children

By TED RALL

New York City- They've vanished into the netherworld of the US Homeland Security Concentration Camps, and their story has already disappeared from the newspaper headlines - but the shocking case of two 16-year old girls from New York City that were arrested a month ago, ought to instill outrage among every American worthy of the name. Since the US government's reason for the girls' imprisonment can apply to every teenager - this should also spark fears.

On April 7th, the New York Times reported that the NYPD detectives and FBI agents burst into the girl's home - no wonder that they don't have time to look for bin Laden - where they "searched their belongings and confiscated their computers and the essays that they were writing as part of school homework" said their families. One essay was about suicide, which is

against Islamic Law. The families of the girls are from Bangladesh and they are devout Muslims. That, coupled with the word suicide in the essay, was enough to have put the police on high alert.

The girls and their families are devout Muslim conservatives, but the police accused the girls that they are extremists and terrorists - this is the hysteria in the US in post 9/11 and post 9/11 America is out of its mind.

Based on the essay as part of their homework, the FBI said that "both girls are an imminent threat to the security of the United States based upon evidence that they plan to become suicide bombers." But the FBI admitted that they have no hard evidence to back this suspicion. Nothing!

The spokesman for the Bush Administration issued a statement in which he said, among other things: "The arrests took place after the authorities decided it would be better to lock up these girls than wait and see if they decided to become terrorists." The same logic can be used to lock up any Muslim at will.

One of these arrested girls wears a veil over her face to school, and she said that she never met the other girl, also a Muslim from Guinea before the police accused both of them as terrorists and plotting to do something. Maybe.

There is no news as to where about of these two teen-age Muslim girls. ■

FROM THE
PAKISTAN TRIBUNE

GERMANY IS EXPANDING ITS OUTREACH

"Germany is willing to take on a bigger role in Afghanistan if NATO wishes," said German Defense Minister Peter Struck, "we can take responsibility for all the north region of Afghanistan".

He was speaking in neighboring Uzbekistan. Germany currently contributes over 2,000 soldiers to the US led occupation of Afghanistan.

In Uzbekistan, during meetings with the defense minister, he praised the friendly cooperation between the two countries. They also discussed partnership between the two countries, omitting any cooperation with Russia or other former Soviet republics. Germany will train Uzbek soldiers

Germany's expansion into its former colonies is shown by the official protest from the Government of Togo in Africa against the German sponsored bombing of the Goethe Institute in the capital city of Lome ■

ISRAEL BURIED 80 TONS OF NUCLEAR WASTE ON PALESTINIAN LANDS

The Minister of Health, Dr. Thohni Al Wuheidi, charged that the Israeli authorities have buried this waste near the city of Nablus.

The Minister added that this waste was buried 300 meters away from Nablus, besides other sites are in completion around the rest of the Gaza strip and the West Bank cities, especially those with a very high population intensity, such as Nablus, Hebron and Gaza.

This will affect the environment and pollute the water with radiation, confirming previous warnings of the Head of Environment Quality Authority, who condemned this Israeli violation of the environment in the occupied Palestinian territories.

He called on the US agencies to halt these Israeli transgressions, which endanger both the human-beings and the natural resources.

Dr. Abu Safiyya, during the press conference said that the Israeli violations are more dangerous than their constructed Apartheid Wall. The Wall can be torn down at any moment, while the contaminated environment and natural resources will take hundreds or thousands years to be mended.

He warned that since the Israeli occupation of 1967, there has been a systematic destruction of the Palestinian life and the possibility of

living, in order to pressure the Palestinians to abandon their lands. He also said that: "Palestinians are not only killed directly, by bullets, rockets and shelling, but they are also killed silently and slowly for already dozens of years now, through the pollution of their water supply and sources, soil, plants and food!"

JUST WHAT EVERY IRAQI NEEDS: A BIBLE

By MALCOLM LAGAUCHE

Enough is enough for the Christian community in Iraq. The head of Iraqis largest Christian community, Patriarch Emmanuel Delly, recently scathingly attacked evangelical Christians who have taken their crusade to Iraq, since the illegal invasion of March 2003.

Dely told the All-Jazeera News last May 19 that Iraq did not need Western Christian missionaries, because their churches dated back long before Protestantism. He objected to the prospect of trying to convert Muslims and said, "You can't even talk about that here."

According to Delly, "Western evangelicals come to Iraq and attract poor unemployed youth with ready cash in hand and then take them out in their cars to have fun. Then they take photos of them and send them to the US, Germany, Britain and say how many Muslims have converted and became Christian."

Delly was amongst the strongest opponent of US invasion of Iraq. When he was asked if he had any contacts with US authorities, he said: "Frankly, I try to avoid meeting with them as much as possible. They are the occupiers. The occupied don't want to be occupied. That's human nature." Christian evangelical organizations from the United States are now flooding Bibles into Iraq when, prior to March 2003, few of the evangelical Christians knew the location of the country, and fewer still could point out Iraq on a map. In fact, these Christians cheered the US March 2003 invasion of Iraq.

Evangelist Pat Robertson was openly hostile to Iraq. He openly accused the US administration of being soft on Iraq. Yet his group has sent thousands of bibles to Iraq, once the US destroyed it.

Another US evangelic, Jerry Falwell was in on the venture also. In 2002, he said that, according to his interpretation of Christianity, "Mohammed was a terrorist. Therefore kicking the crap out of the country populated by a Muslim majority was necessary in order to fight against terrorism."

By the autumn of 2002 already, various US groups had placed orders for thousands of bibles, in anticipation of a US invasion of Iraq. Robertson even bragged as to how many thousands of ready bibles he had on hand to use when the invasion came!

After the invasion, Iraq was flooded with bibles, plus US citizens who were sent there to teach the Iraqis the errors of their ways. They would save the morally-corrupted Iraqis and get then away from their religion of Islam.

Many of the missionaries were killed, but this only added fuel to these rabid evangelicals: the Iraqi barbarians must be tamed and only Christ can do that.

Today, evangelical Christianity has been self-appointed to change

everyone in the world. This is where it differs from most world religions. Just imagine a hoard of Muslims arriving in the United States with thousands of copies of the Koran and publicly stating that they were about to save the population of the country. Within hours, there would be many new cells erected at Guantanamo and the Muslims would have an all-expense paid trip to Cuba.

Iraqi Christians were in existence almost 10 times longer than the United States. Until March 2003, Iraqi Christians and Muslims lived in peace. Neither side tried to convert the other, and Jews lived in peace in Iraq. All this changed after the intervention of the US.

US bombs and missiles destroyed the physical portion of Iraq. Now, zealous missionaries are trying to destroy the belief system in Iraq. Fortunately for the Iraqi people, neither ploy has worked to destroy their will. Resistance in Iraq works at many levels.

IS YOUR SUB TO NSC PAID UP?

WHY NOT EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS IN NSC!

April 2005 Issue of Revolutionary Democracy Available

Revolutionary Democracy is a half-yearly theoretical and political journal published in April and September from India. It contains materials on the problems facing the communist movement, particularly relating to Russia, China and India, the origins of modern revisionism, the restoration of capitalism in the USSR and developments in the international communist movement.

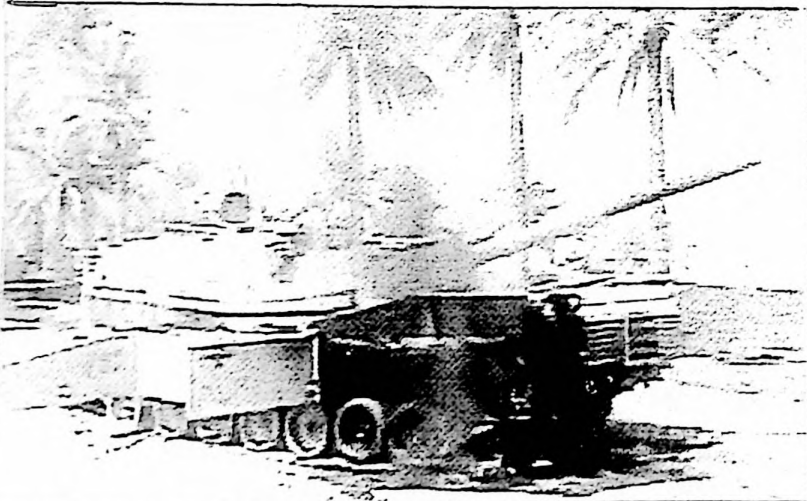
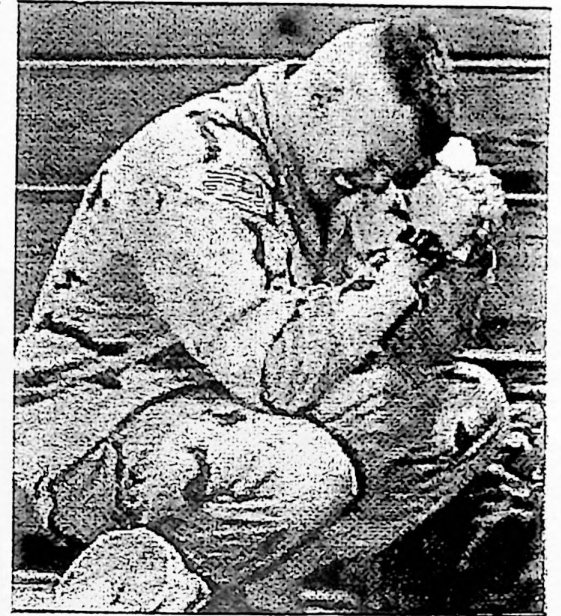
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The extra dollars he prints, of which there are already at least three times as many floating around the world as at Uncle Sam's home. Additionally, his is also the only country whose "foreign" debt is mostly denominated in his own world-currency dollars that he can print at will; while most foreigners' debt is also denominated in the same dollar, but they have to buy it from Uncle Sam with their own currency and real goods. So he simply pays the Chinese and others in essence with these dollars that already to begin with have no real worth beyond their paper and ink. So especially poor China gives away for nothing at all to rich Uncle Sam hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of real goods produced at home and consumed by Uncle Sam. Then China turns around and trades these same paper dollar bills in for more of Uncle Sam's paper called Treasury Certificate bonds, which are even more worthless, except that they pay a percent of interest. For as we already noted, they will never be able to be cashed in and redeemed in full or even in part, and anyway have the lost much of their value to Uncle Sam already.

In an earlier essay, I argued that Uncle Sam's power rests on two pillars only, the paper dollar and the Pentagon. Each supports the other, but the vulnerability of each is also an Achilles' heel that threatens the viability of the other. Since then, Iraq, not to mention Afghanistan, has shown confidence in the Pentagon not to be what it was cracked up to be; and with the in-part-consequent decline in the dollar, so has confidence in it and Uncle Sam's ability to use it to finance his Pentagon's foreign adventures (See Coup d'Etat and Paper Tiger in Washington, Fiery Dragon in the Pacific, which also conjures up the productive growth of China). Additionally we must realize that Uncle Sam's numbers above and below are also all literally relative. So far relations with other countries, in particular with China, still favor Uncle Sam, but they also help maintain an image that is

deceptive. Consider the following:

A \$2 toy leaving a US-owned factory in China is a \$3 shipment arriving at San Diego. By the time a US consumer buys it for \$10 at Wal-Mart, the US economy registers \$10 in final sales, less \$3 import cost, for a \$7 addition to the US GDP. (Blaming 'undervalued' yuan wins votes, *Asia Times Online*, February 26, 2004)

Moreover, ever-clever Uncle Sam has arranged matters so as to earn 9% from his economic and financial holdings abroad, while foreigners earn only 3% on theirs, and among them on their Treasury Certificates only 1% real return. Note that this difference of 6 percentage points is already double what Uncle Sam pays out, and his total 9% take is triple the 3% he gives back. Therefore, although foreign holdings and Uncle Sam's are now about equal, Uncle Sam is still the big net interested winner, just like any Shylock, but no other ever did so grand a business.

But Uncle Sam also earns quite well, thank you, from other holdings abroad, e.g. from service payments by mostly poor foreign debtors. The sums involved are not peanuts or even small potatoes. For from his direct investments in foreign property alone, Uncle Sam's profits now equal 50%, and including his receipts from other holdings abroad now are a full 100% of profits derived from all of his own domestic activities combined. These foreign receipts add more than 4% to Uncle Sam's national domestic product. That helps nicely to compensate for the failure of domestic profits as yet to recover even their 1972 level, because Uncle Sam has failed to boost productivity sufficiently at home.

The productivity hype of president Bill Clinton's "new economy" in the 1990s was limited to computers and information technology (IT), and even that proved to be a sham when the dot-com bubble burst. Also, not only the apparent increase in "profits" but also that of "productivity" were at

the bottom, on the backs of shop-floor, office and sales-floor workers working harder and longer hours and, at the top, the result of innovative accounting shams by Enron and the like. Such factors still compensate for and permit much of Uncle Sam's \$600-billion-and-still-rising trade deficit from excess home consumption over what he himself produces. That is what has resulted in the multitrillion-dollar debt. Exactly how large that debt is Uncle Sam is reluctant to reveal, but what is sure is that it is by far the world's largest, even as net debt to foreigners, after their debt to him is deducted.

How has all this come about?

The simple answer is that Uncle Sam, who is increasingly hooked on consumption, not to mention harder drugs, saves no more than 0.2% of his own income. The Federal Reserve's guru and now you see it, now you don't doctor of magic, Alan Greenspan, recently observed that this is so because the richest 20% of Americans, who are the only ones who do save, have reduced their savings to 2%. Yet even these measly savings (other, poorer countries save and even invest 20%, 30%, even 40% of their income) are more than counterbalanced by the 6% deficit spending of the government. That is what brings the average saving rate to 0.2%. To maintain that \$400-plus-billion budget deficit (more than 3% of national domestic product), which is really more the \$600 billion if we count, as we should, the more than \$200 billion Uncle Sam "borrows" from the temporary surplus in his own Federal Social Security fund, which he is also bankrupting. (But never mind, President George W Bush just promised to privatize much of that and let people buy their own old-age "security" in the ever-insecure market).

So with this \$600-billion-plus budget deficit and the above-mentioned related \$600-billion-plus deficit, rich Uncle Sam, and primarily his highest earners and

biggest consumers, as well as of course the Big Uncle himself, live off the fat of the rest of the world's land. Uncle Sam absorbs the savings of others who themselves are often much poorer, particularly when their central banks put many of their reserves in world-currency dollars and hence into the hands of Uncle Sam in Washington, and some also in dollars at home. Their private investors send dollars to or buy dollar assets on Wall Street, all with the confidence that they are putting their wherewithal in the world's safest haven (and that, of course, is part of the above-mentioned confidence racket). From the central banks alone, we are looking at yearly sums of more than \$100 billion from Europe, more than \$100 billion from poor China, \$140 billion from super-saver Japan, and many 10s of billions from many others around the globe, including the Third World. But in addition, Uncle Sam obliges them, through the good offices of their own states, to send their thus literally forced savings to Uncle Sam as well in the form of their "service" of their predominantly dollar debt to him.

His treasury secretary and his International Monetary Fund (IMF) handmaiden blithely continue to strut around the world insisting that the Third – and ex-Second, now also Third – World of course continue to service their foreign debts, especially to him. No matter that with interest rates multiplied several times over by Uncle Sam himself after the Fed's Paul Volcker's coup in October 1979, most have already paid off their original borrowings three to five times over. For to pay at all at interest rates that Volcker boosted to 20%, they had to borrow still more at still higher rates until thereby their outstanding foreign debt doubled and tripled, not to mention their domestic debt from which part of the foreign payments were raised, particularly in Brazil. Privatization is the name of the game there and elsewhere, except for the debt. The debt was socialized after it had been incurred mostly by private business, but only the state had enough power to squeeze the greatest bulk of back payments out of the hides of its poor and middle-class people and

transfer them as "invisible service payments" to Uncle Sam.

When Mexicans were told to tighten their belts still further, they answered that they couldn't because they had already had to eat their belts. Only Argentina and for a while Russia declared an effective moratorium on debt "service", and that only after political economic policies had destroyed their societies, thanks to Uncle Sam's advisers and his IMF strong arm. Since then, Uncle Sam himself has been blithely defaulting on his own foreign debt, as he already had several times before in the 19th century.

Speaking of that, it may be well to recall at least two pieces of advice from that time: Lord Cromer, who administered Egypt for then-dominant British imperial interests, said his most important instrument for doing so was Egypt's debts to Britain. These had just multiplied when Egypt was obliged to sell its Suez Canal shares to Britain in order to pay off earlier debts and British prime minister Benjamin Disraeli explained and justified his purchase of the same on the grounds that it would strengthen British imperial interests. Today, that is called "debt-for-equity swaps", which is one of Uncle Sam's latter-day favorite policies to use the debt to acquire profitable and/or strategically important real resources, as of course also was the canal as the way to the jewel of the British Empire, India.

Another piece of practical advice came from the premier military strategist Carl von Clausewitz: make the lands you conquer pay for their own conquest and administration. That is of course exactly what Britain did in and with India through the infamous "Home Charges" remitted to London in payment for Britain administering India, which even the British themselves recognized as "tribute" and responsible for much of "The Drain" from India to Britain. How much more efficient yet to let foreign countries' own states administer themselves but by rules set and imposed by Uncle Sam's IMF and then effect a drain of debt service anyway. Actually, the British therein also set the 19th-century precedent of relying on the "imperialism of free

trade" with "independent" states as far and as long as possible, using gunboat diplomacy to make it work (which Uncle Sam had already learned to copy by early in the 20th century); and if that was not enough, simply to invade, and if necessary to occupy -- and then rely on the Clausewitz rule. We shall note several recent instances thereof, and especially the Iraqi one, in the second article in this series.

Last but not least, oil producers also put their savings in Uncle Sam. With the "shock" of oil that restored its real price after the dollar valuation had fallen in 1973, ever-cleverer-by-half Henry Kissinger made a deal with the world's largest oil exporter, Saudi Arabia, that it would continue to price oil in dollars, and these earnings would be deposited with Uncle Sam and partly compensated by military hardware. That deal de facto extended to all of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and still stands, except that before the war against Iraq that country suddenly opted out by switching to pricing its oil in euros, and Iran threatened to do the same. North Korea, the third member of the "axis of evil", has no oil but trades entirely in euros. (Venezuela is a major oil supplier to Uncle Sam and also supplies some at preferential rates as non-dollar trade swaps to poor countries such as Cuba. So Uncle Sam sponsored and financed military commandos from its Plan Colombia next door, promoted an illegal coup and, when that failed, pushed a referendum in his attempt at yet another "regime change"; and now along with Brazil all three are being baptized as yet another "axis of evil").

To return to the main issue and call a spade a huge spade, all of the above is part and parcel of the world's biggest-ever Ponzi-scheme confidence racket. Like all others, its most essential characteristic is that it can only continue to pay off dollars and be maintained at the top as long as it continues to receive new dollars at the bottom.

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voluntarily through confidence if possible and by force if not. (Of course, the Clausewitz and Cromer formulas result in the poorest paying the most, since they are also the most defenseless: so that the ones sitting on/above them pass much of the cost and pain down to them.)

What if confidence in the dollar runs out?

Things are already getting shakier in the House of Uncle Sam. The declining dollar reduces the necessary dollar inflows, so Greenspan needs to raise interest rates to maintain some attraction for the foreign dollars he needs to fill the trade gap. As a quid pro quo for being reappointed by President George W Bush, he promised to do that only after the election. That time has now arrived, but doing so threatens to collapse the housing bubble that was built on low interest and mortgage -- and remortgage -- rates.

But it is in their house values that most Americans have their savings, if they have any at all. They and this imaginary wealth effect supported over-consumption and the nearly as-high-as-GDP household debt, and a collapse of the housing price bubble with increased interest and mortgage rates would not only drastically undercut house prices, it would thereby have a domino effect on their owners' enormous second and third remortgages and credit-card and other debt, their consumption, corporate debt and profit, and investment. In fact, these factors would be enough to plummet Uncle Sam into a deep recession, if not depression, and another Big Bear deflation on stock and de facto on other prices, rendering debt service even more onerous. (If the dollar declines, even domestic price inflation is de facto deflationary against other currencies, which Russians and Latin Americans discovered to their peril, and which we observe below.)

Still lower real US investment would reduce its industrial productivity and competitiveness even more, probably to a degree lower than can be compensated for by further devaluating the dollar and making US exports cheaper, as is the confident hope of many,

probably including the good Doctor. Until now, the apparent inflation of prices abroad in rubles and pesos and their consequent devaluations have been a de facto deflation in terms of the dollar world currency. Uncle Sam then printed dollars to buy up at bargain-basement fire-sale prices natural resources in Russia (whose economy was then run on \$100 bills), and companies and even banks, as in South Korea. True, now Greenspan and Uncle Sam are trying again to get other central banks to raise their own interest rates and otherwise plunge their own people into even deeper depression.

But even if he can, thereby also cancelling out the relative attractiveness of his own interest-rate hike, how could that save Uncle Sam? What remains the great unknown and perhaps still unknowable is how a more wounded, Ponzi-less Uncle Sam would react with more "Patriotic" acts at home and abroad with the weapons -- including the now almost ready "small" nukes -- he would still have, even if his foreign victims no longer paid for new ones. So, to compensate for less bread and civil rights at home, an even more patriotic, nay chauvinist, circus at the cost of others abroad is the real danger of the current policies to "defend freedom and civilization".

So, far beyond Osama bin Laden, al-Qaeda and all the terrorists put together, the greatest real-world threat to Uncle Sam is that the inflow of dollars dries up. For instance, foreign central banks and private investors (it is said that "overseas Chinese" have a tidy trillion dollars) could any day decide to place more of their money elsewhere than in the declining dollar and abandon poor ol' Uncle Sam to his destiny. China could double its per capita income very quickly if it made real investments at home instead of financial ones with Uncle Sam. Central banks, European and others, can now put their reserves in (rising!) euros or even soon-to-be-revalued Chinese yuan. Not so far down the road, there may be an East Asian currency, e.g. a basket first of ASEAN + 3 (China, Japan, South Korea) -- and then + 4 (India). While India's total exports in the past five

years rose by 73%, those to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) rose at double that rate and sixfold to China. India has become an ASEAN summit partner, and its ambitions stretch still further to an economic zone stretching from India to Japan. Not for nothing, in the 1997 East Asian currency and then full economic crisis, Uncle Sam strong-armed Japan not to start a proposed East Asian currency fund that would have prevented at least the worst of the crisis. Uncle Sam then benefited from it by buying devalued East Asian currencies and using them to buy up East Asian real resources, and in South Korea also banks, at bargain-basement reduced-price fire sales. But now, China is already taking steps toward such an arrangement, only on a much grander financial and now also economic scale.

A day after writing the above, I read in *The Economist* (December 11-17, 2004) a report on the previous week's summit meeting of ASEAN +3 in Malaysia. That country's prime minister announced that this summit should lay the groundwork for an East Asian Community (EAC) that "should build a free-trade area, cooperate on finance, and sign a security pact ... that would transform East Asia into a cohesive economic block ... In fact, some of these schemes are already in motion ... China, as the region's pre-eminent economic and military power, will doubtless dominate ... and host the second East Asia Summit." The report went on to recall that in 1990, Uncle Sam shot down a similar initiative for fear of losing influence in the region. Now it is a case of "Yankee Stay Home".

Or what if, long before that comes to pass, exporters of oil simply cease to price it in ever-devaluing dollars, and instead make a mint by switching to the rising euro and/or a basket of East Asian currencies? That would at one stroke vastly diminish the world demand for and price of dollars by obliging anyone who wants to buy oil to purchase and increase the demand price of the euro or yen/yuan instead of the dollar. That would crash the dollar and tumble Uncle Sam in one fell swoop, as

foreign -- and even domestic -- owners of dollars would sell off as many of them as fast as they could, and other countries' central banks would switch their reserves out of dollars and away from Uncle Sam's no-longer-safe haven. That would drive the dollar down even more, and of course halt any more dollar inflow to Uncle Sam from the foreigners who have been financing his consumption spree. Since selling oil for falling dollars instead of rising euros is evidently bad business, the world's largest oil exporters in Russia and OPEC have been considering doing just that. In the meantime, they have only raised the dollar price of oil, so that in euro terms it has remained approximately stable since 2000. So far, many oil exporters and others still place their increased amount of dollars with Uncle Sam, even though he now offers an ever less attractive and less safe haven, but Russia is now buying more euros with some of its dollars.

So also many countries' central banks have begun to put ever more of their reserves into the euro and currencies other than Uncle Sam's dollar. Now even the Central Bank of China, the greatest friend of Uncle Sam in need, has begun to buy some euros. China itself has also begun to use some of its dollars -- as long as they are still accepted by them -- to buy real goods from other Asians and thousands of tons of iron ore and steel from Brazil, etc. (Brazil's president recently took a huge business delegation to China, and a Chinese one just went to Argentina. They are going after South African minerals too.)

So what will happen to the rich on top of Uncle Sam's Ponzi scheme when the confidence of poorer central banks and oil exporters in the middle runs out, and the more destitute around the world, confident or not, can no longer make their in-payments at the bottom? The Uncle Sam Ponzi Scheme Confidence Racket would -- or will? -- come crashing down, like all other such schemes before, only this time with a worldwide bang. It would cut the present US consumer demand down to realistic size and hurt many exporters and producers elsewhere in the world. In fact, it

may involve a wholesale fundamental reorganization of the world political economy now run by Uncle Sam.

PART 2: The center of the doughnut

All Ponzi schemes build a financial pyramid. Many who pay into them also live in a financial world themselves, but others need to derive their in-payment through earnings from production in the real world. In today's world of financial transactions that every day are a hundredfold more than all payments for real goods and services put together, the financial ones put the real ones into the shadow behind their brilliance.

Moreover, to oversimplify a very complex matter into more intelligible layperson's language, options, derivatives, swaps and other recent financial instruments have been ever much further compounding already compounded interest on the real properties in which their stake and debts are based, which has contributed to the spectacular growth of this financial world. Nonetheless, the financial pyramid that we see in all its splendor and brilliance, especially in its center at Uncle Sam's home, still sits on top of a real-world producer-merchant-consumer base, even if the financial one also provides credit for these real-world transactions.

Now, what if we look at the world as a doughnut, analogous to so many cities in the US rust belt. The center is derelict and hollowed out as production and consumption have moved to the surrounding suburbs (in automobile capital Detroit, the windows of the principal department store Hudson's have been boarded up for years, even as the city has built an expensive "Renaissance Center" to re-gentrify the center, a process that has "succeeded" in some other cities). General Motors' derelict Flint, Michigan, gave us Michael Moore, who featured it in *Roger and Me* (a reference to GM chief executive officer Roger Smith). We might look at the entire world in doughnut terms, with the whole of Uncle Sam in the empty hole in the middle that produces almost nothing it can sell abroad. The main exceptions are agricultural goods and military

hardware that are heavily subsidized by the US government from its taxpayers and its dollar-printing press, and even so Uncle Sam runs a US\$600-billion-plus budget deficit.

Should the dollar crash ...

The big difference in this US doughnut is that both the budget deficit and the \$600-billion-plus trade deficit are financed by foreigners, as we have seen. Uncle Sam would exclude most of them as persons, but gladly receives the real goods they produce. As world consumer of last resort, as already suggested, Uncle Sam performs this important function in the present global political economic division of labor: everybody else produces and needs to export, and Uncle Sam consumes and needs to import. The crash of the dollar would (will?) crumble this entire world-embracing and -organizing political economic doughnut and throw hundreds of millions of people, not to mention zillions of dollars and their owners, into turmoil, with unforeseen and perhaps unforeseeable consequences.

Many people, high and low on the world totem pole, have a big stake in avoiding that, even if it requires continuing to blow an empty Uncle Sam up like a balloon. Or to refer to a well-know metaphor, to continue to pretend that the emperor with no clothes is dressed up. That still includes China, for which a financial showdown with Uncle Sam would be a blessing in disguise: it would oblige China to change its political economic course, and instead of giving its goods away for free to Uncle Sam, to turn production and consumption inward to its poor interior and outward to its neighbors in East Asia, all of which it could and should be doing already. (The latter China has recently begun to do, but not yet the former.)

Of course, crashing the dollar would finally also in one fell swoop wipe out, that is default, Uncle Sam's debt altogether. Thereby, it would simultaneously also make all foreigners and rich Americans lose the whole of their dollar-asset shirt, of which they are still desperately trying to save as much as possible by not so doing. In fact, this

historically necessary transition out from under the US-run doughnut world could bring the entire world into the deepest depression ever -- and in all of them the poorest suffer the most. Only East Asia could save itself with greatest ease, but also after paying a high cost for this transition -- toward itself! Thus, the Uncle Sam Ponzi Scheme poses the world's biggest and craziest Catch-22 since MAD (mutually assured destruction).

However, even this would not be historically new. Recall how much the transition to Uncle Sam cost: another 30 Years' War from 1914 to 1945 with the intervening second Great Depression in a century that cost 100 million lives lost to war, more than in all of previous world history, not to mention the millions who suffered and died from unnecessary starvation and disease. Or the previous transition to Britain cost the Napoleonic Wars, the Great Depression of 1873-95, colonialism and semi-colonialism, to name a few, and their human costs, especially combined with the most pronounced El Nino climatic changes in two centuries, which ravaged Indians, Chinese and many others with famines. But these were in turn magnified by the imperial colonial powers and used in their own interests, e.g. increased export of wheat from India especially during years of famine.

The parallels with today, including even again taking advantage a century later of renewed stronger El Niños, are too horrifying and guilt-generating for hardly anybody to make with Uncle Sam's International Monetary Fund-imposed "structural adjustment" that obliges Mexican peasants to have already eaten the belt that the IMF wants them to tighten still further. And that is not to mention 3 million dead in Rwanda and Burundi, and then some in neighboring Congo, first after IMF-imposed strictures and the cancellation primarily by Uncle Sam of the Coffee Agreement that had sustained its price for these producers. And then we get the scramble for and production and sale there of gold for Uncle Sam's Fort Knox, titanium so we can communicate by mobile telephone, diamonds forever, and so on.

Yet there are also others in the world who do not (yet) feel all caught in this trap. Just before the 2004 US election, one of them said so out loud in a video broadcast to the world. It seems to have been least publicly noted by its principal addressee, Uncle Sam, who should have been the most interested party, for it was none other than Osama bin Laden himself who announced that he was "going to bankrupt the Uncle Sam". In view of Uncle Sam's deliberate blindness to the shakiness of his real-world foundation abroad, so massive a collapse may not be more difficult to arrange than it was to topple its Twin Towers symbol.

How Uncle Sam spends your dollars

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, as the saying goes in Texas, what does Uncle Sam himself blithely do with the world's hard-earned savings and money? His consumers still over-consume it without 99.9% of them knowing what they are doing, since hardly anyone tells them. And Uncle Sam's government uses much if not all of its increased hundreds of billions of dollars for the Pentagon. It does not, however, spend it to pay its poor professional soldiers, who come mostly from small-town rural America and took the only job they could get, and even less to its hapless reservists. No, better increasingly to privatize war in Iraq as well as at home. The military-industrial complex against which General Dwight Eisenhower

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warned in his 1958 parting presidential address is alive and kicking, more than ever under the stewardship of Vice President Richard Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld (with their jobs disastrously well done, both are being kept on for a second term. So is Douglas Feith, with Paul "Wolfowitz of Arabia" one of the duo at the Pentagon who went to Israel and who the commander of the Iraq invasion, Tommy Franks, has been quoted as calling "the greatest total idiot that there is on God's Earth, with whom I have to battle almost every day").

Between 1994 and mid-2003, Uncle Sam's Pentagon made more than 3,000 contracts valued at more than \$300 billion with 12 US private military companies (PMCs) out of the 35 estimated by the *New York Times*, others of which are small and offer mercenary services. But more than 2,700 of those contracts were given to only two companies: Kellogg Brown & Root (KBR), a subsidiary of Cheney-connected Halliburton, and Booz Allen Hamilton, according to the Center for Public Integrity's International Consortium of Investigative Journalists. In Iraq these PMCs now have as many mercenaries as US and UK troops combined. But of course that is still "small" potatoes, since the bulk of Pentagon money is used to buy expensive weapons systems from only four major US "defense" contractors and the likes of Halliburton.

Uncle Sam then uses these arms unilaterally to twist others' arms by blackmail, to lord it over and invade the world that provided the money in the first place. After all, Uncle Sam has to do what it must to keep it coming. US unilateralism is not so much, as often mistakenly supposed, just going it alone. Yes, it is to proclaim fighting for "freedom" (whose, we may ask?) and "saving civilization", as President George W Bush and his even more eloquent British mouthpiece Tony Blair proclaim every day. The simplest way to "save" civilization was by simply abolishing in a day its most precious gift of the whole body of international law to keep the peace, which the West had taken centuries to develop, admittedly also in its own imperial interests. Still, it was

the best and only international law we had, and at the very least better than nothing at all. Now the only "Law of the West" that remains is indeed "the law of the west": The spaghetti-western vigilante law of posses that, with or without a conniving judge, take the "law" into their own hands to form a lynch party and go after whomever and where and when they please, alas now on a much grander scale than any spaghetti western ever imagined.

That also means disemboweling and paralyzing the institution of the United Nations that was established to guard the peace, except when Uncle Sam after its own wars always recycles the UN to pick up the pieces he shattered in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and now Iraq. But in so doing, it also means to dupe, threaten, cajole and blackmail all others -- friends and foes alike -- to do his bidding on every issue, big and small. He has trained a whole civilian army of officials to do that. That way, Uncle Sam can "unilaterally" always throw around his still-apparent weight in all other international institutions that deal with endeavors from agriculture and aviation to zoology. But Uncle Sam extorts real unilateral favors for himself even more through his bilateral relations. That is why the World Trade Organization was dead on arrival. Indeed, Uncle Sam now prefers to use bilateral relations unilaterally, as he increasingly isolates himself internationally. Thus he can exercise even more military, political and economic bargaining power over his bilateral "partners" than he could over all or even many in international institutions.

And when bargaining is not enough, or even if it could be, Uncle Sam simply attacks when he feels like it, invading little Grenada (population all of 300,000), Nicaragua (with the help of arch-enemy Iran), Panama (7,000 civilians killed in one night to capture one man only, Daddy Bush's onetime friend and ally Manuel Noriega -- there is an all-smiles photo of them shaking hands), Iraq (that was even a money-making venture as Uncle Sam extorted more dollars from his allies to pay for the war than it

actually cost him), Somalia, and Yugoslavia, which was attacked in part to make an example out of what can happen when one is weak and yet in abject defiance of Uncle Sam and his IMF, maintaining some state ownership of important means of production and social-welfare state protection of the population, like Belarus today, where Uncle Sam also tried to get "regime change", but military action is more difficult on the border of Russia, unless it is an accord as against Afghanistan or bought off. Moreover, Yugoslavia gave up only when Russia withdrew support after Uncle Sam successfully blackmailed political economically and partly bought it off in Berlin. Then there is Afghanistan (again with the help of Iran and Russia), and now again Iraq. Who's next, Iran? Syria? Not Libya, it is now obediently making oil deals with Uncle Sam; and not North Korea, which made nukes to protect itself against precisely that.

Simple inspection of the facts on the ground reveals that, except for little Grenada, not a single one of these or any other US wars was ever won by military force, unless it be the Pacific one against Japan (World War II was won in Europe at Stalingrad in 1943 by Russian troops who would have reached Berlin even if Uncle Sam had not arrived later). Nonetheless, Uncle Sam has now already built 800 military bases around the world. Apart from that Bush has a new "Plan for the Middle East", which now stretches from Morocco beyond Pakistan -- to Muslim Indonesia? Just what this plan involves is not yet clear, other than that Israel is to remain Uncle Sam's political and military stalking horse in the region as it has always been. Only now it's assigned its own reach and may also expand further. Bush himself went to Africa, especially West Africa, to look at its oil. In the Americas, his Plan Colombia (it has oil too) has been extended to the whole Andean region (Ecuador also exports oil), he has yet another plan for the Amazon (maybe some is to be found there and in the meantime he built a huge base there, allegedly for NASA, which is not unknown also to engage in military ventures), a plan to "take care of" with World Bank help the world's largest

underground deposit of sweet water under Iguazu Falls, where Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay meet, and is already again training 40,000 Latin American military personnel at a time on US bases.

All this is a giant global military-political economic foundation on which to maintain Uncle Sam's financial Ponzi Scheme Confidence Racket, and cheap at twice the price for those that end up with the dollars and as long as he can pay for it all with the self-made paper dollars that so far also maintains the global Ponzi business. Well, to be honest, it's not only for the dollars. After all, they are only useful if you can actually buy something with them, especially the oil that keeps the foundation running.

All about oil

Not only does Uncle Sam have to buy ever more oil, today with self-printed dollars, but perhaps tomorrow with euros or yuan, he also has to try to make sure to have his hand on every spigot so he can control who else can, and especially who cannot, buy it. So that is why we now find him attempting political and financial control of the oil spigots, wherever he still can, and going in also for military presence as in Central Asia, or using military power to go in, as Iraq. That is both to use it as a lever of control and/or to warn its neighbors what may happen to them if they fail to continue to play along with Uncle Sam. Fortunately for him, most of East Asia and especially China also seem to be obliged to buy foreign oil, even if tomorrow perhaps no longer with dollars but with yuan/yen. On the other hand, sad but true, the world's biggest seller of oil is Russia, whose spigots remain beyond Uncle Sam's control. But how could Uncle Sam continue to pay for and maintain all these bold ventures in defense of freedom with those self-made paper dollars if nobody accepts them anymore?

The December 10 *Financial Times* (FT) offered some additional tip-of-the-iceberg examples of Uncle Sam's Defense of Freedom in Iraq. Though poor Iraq sits on top of the world's largest still-unexploited pool of ever-more-precious oil, it remains in the background or only at the bottom of this story that barely

mentions it and, like the present essay, focuses instead on dollars. In two different reports, it relates how three helicopters flew 14 tons of \$100 bills in to the Kurds. The money, much of the \$1.8 billion US payoff to the Kurds, was part of Iraq's earnings under the UN "oil for food" program. Initially, of course, the bills simply were the product of the self-same US printing press, for which Iraq had exported real oil. It did not come from the \$18 billion that Uncle Sam's Congress appropriated for "reconstruction" of Iraq. As an *FT* graph graphically shows, no more than \$388 million -- or 2.15% -- of that US money had yet been spent, and only \$5 billion of it having even been budgeted by Uncle Sam in Iraq by the time US proconsul L. Paul Bremer went home from a job well done. No, instead in his wisdom the Good Uncle had thought it best to spend \$13 billion of the \$20 billion of Iraqi funds. That was 65% of the Iraqi money compared with the still only 2% of the nearly equivalent amount of original US money.

By the time the new Iraqi government took over some tasks from Uncle Sam, it discovered that a full \$20 billion of their funds had been spent, \$11 billion from sales of oil, according to the *International Herald Tribune*. Why? Simple, is the answer of the "responsible" finance officer, Admiral David Oliver, "I know we spent some money from [the Iraqi] fund. It was purely the matter that we'd run out of US money" -- of which there was only another \$17.5 billion-plus unspent. We might wonder whether the good admiral was schooled in Clausewitz and happened also to discover his good advice about making the conquered victim pay for his own military occupation, in this case by Uncle Sam.

The Iraqi representative on the funding disbursement and oversight committee attended all of one out of its 43 meetings; but then why bother with more, when most expenditures were authorized without any meeting at all. So although US funds were budgeted for all sorts of projects, they were nonetheless paid out of Iraqi funds. Of these, many disbursements were even made without any contract whatsoever, in one case a mere

\$1.4 billion. Most others occurred without any multiple competitive, nor even any previously vetted or subsequently evaluated, bids. The US funds, on the other hand, remained virtually unspent in Iraq. Maybe Admiral Oliver had "run out of US money" in Iraq because it remained at home in Washington; and if disbursed at all, it simply changed hands and bank accounts right there. After all, that is much more efficient than it would have been to send it back and forth, and a bit of it might not even get back. After all, it has long since been standard practice for the bulk of the dollars that Uncle Sam lends or even "gives" to Third World countries to stay at home, where it belongs and would return to anyway. No matter; Congress has already appropriated another \$30 billion to "prepare for transition to elections" in Iraq this month.

All that being the case, it would of course be altogether undesirable for Iraqi, let alone Uncle Sam's, funds to be squandered on any Iraqi service of old foreign debt to others. So it was only logical to strong-arm "allies" who can't help already losing US debt to them also to forgive the Iraqi debt. This, as we may recall from above, while Uncle Sam still insists that the rest of the Third World must continue servicing their debts to him. For God forbid that any repayment of Iraqi debt should go instead to those ungodly Russians, traitorous Frenchmen or even to the Chinese best friend indeed, who most invested in Iraq, a dastardly thing to do in the first place, when Uncle Sam has much more worthy causes for the Iraqi money.

And what were and still are these grander, worthy causes? The largest single payment of \$1.4 billion was to whom else but the self-same Vice President Cheney's Halliburton. Yet we now know that at the same time it was also cheating even its generous benefactor Uncle Sam out of hundreds of millions more dollars on the side, buying petrol for \$X in Kuwait and selling it in Iraq for \$5-10X and other shenanigans. Altogether, Halliburton got Iraq contracts for a cool \$10 billion plus change, according to the *IHT*.

Without the shadow of a doubt,

most of the other Iraqi and US dollars went to other crony US -- and some crumbs off the table for the UK -- corporations and even to private and military individuals who have their fingers in the till. But alas, we will never know who they all are, since as per Uncle Sam's inspector general, "I was, candidly, not interested in having army auditors because I thought we had to slide into the Iraqi system as quickly as possible."

Rewards of conquest

Frankly, being both non- and anti-military, I have not myself read Clausewitz. So I do not know what, if any, good advice he gives about relying on corruption as the first principle in cutting and dividing up the conquered pie.

All of the above speculation was written before the UN International Advisory and Monitoring Board for Development in Iraq (IAMBDI) issued a report on its findings about US stewardship. Before we get to the report, we should keep in mind that the *FT* observes diplomatically that "the UN has been reluctant to take the US to task publicly over its spending of Iraqi funds". The *FT* quotes directly from the report: "There were control weaknesses ... inadequate accounting systems, uneven application of agreed-upon contracting procedures and inadequate record keeping." The *IHT* also makes its own summary of the same report: "There had been widespread irregularities, including financial mismanagement, a failure to cut smuggling [outward of oil and other Iraqi physical property, nobody knows at what price and to whose benefit] and over-dependence on no-bid contracts." The *FT*, for its part, offers a few more specifics from the report: "Of particular concern ... were contracts with sometimes billions of dollars that were awarded to US companies such as Halliburton from Iraqi funds without competitive tender."

Last month Bush gave Uncle Sam's highest civilian award, the Medal of Freedom, to L. Paul Bremer III, the US civilian proconsul who oversaw it all, and to General Tommy Franks, who led the invasion that made it all possible in the first place. George Tenet, the director of the Central Intelligence

Agency (CIA) that provided all the bogus information to "legitimate" the whole enterprise to begin with and has since been discredited and forced to resign was not forgotten either and received the third award. The *IHT* published a ceremonial photograph of the three, all smiles with George W, who was smiling too. We may rest pretty well assured that of the recipients of their beneficence and service to "freedom" (for whom and what, we may ask?), 99.99% were among the ones at whom the US Federal

Reserve's Alan Greenspan had already pointed his finger as the most privileged over-consumers who are totally responsible for US under-saving and whom he labelled simply as the upper 20% of US income earners. It is also they, he said, who are the most responsible also for the growing trade deficit about which the Doctor recently complained in Berlin. If we examine US income distribution, we may well learn also that among these 20%, the lion's share of this money, like most of that from the Pentagon,

ended up in the pockets or accounts of the upper 2% most super-privileged, so they can over-consume yet still more of the fat of the whole Earth. Who would deny that this is a worthy cause?

But as Bush himself told the world, it is only right that "we" exclude other countries from the trough and till in Iraq, he explained, when the Iraqis accepted his invitation, it was "our boys who put their lives on the line". Alas, the personification of Uncle Sam neglected also to explain for what and for whom.

GEORGE GRUENTHAL



May Day Revived in New York City And Elsewhere in the USA

May Day was born out of the fight of workers in the US for the 8-hour day. On May 1, 1886, hundreds of thousands of workers around the country downed their tools and went on strike. In the state attack that

followed, police in Chicago killed six striking workers. At a mass rally protesting that repression, in Haymarket Square in that city, a provocateur threw a bomb that killed seven police officers and four workers. The police responded by arresting eight of the leaders. Four of them were hung, one committed suicide; the rest were later released after spending six years in jail.

The Socialist International at that time, and later the Communist International, declared May 1st to be International Workers Day, which is celebrated all over the world. For decades, the CPUSA, when it was a revolutionary party, led tens of thousands of workers in militant May Day marches in New York City and throughout the country. However, for decades, the AFL-CIO leadership, as

part of their policy of labor-management cooperation, has channeled the workers into tame Labor Day rallies and picnics, mostly to provide a platform for the Democratic Party politicians. The CP, which has meanwhile become a reformist party, has held small rallies of their followers, but without any militant class demands.

Over the last few years, there have been some attempts to revive May Day in New York City. These have been mostly by immigrant workers groups with demands centering around the super-exploitation of these workers and for amnesty for undocumented immigrants. Such a march was also



held this May 1 in Bushwick, Brooklyn, by the group Make The Road By Walking against payment of below-minimum wages in the main commercial district in that neighborhood.

This year, a broad attempt at reviving May Day took place. The march in New York was organized by the area branch of the Million Worker March (named for the march last October 17 which brought some 10,000 demonstrators to Washington DC) and the Troops Out Now Coalition. Some 1,000 spirited people rallied for hours in Union Square, the traditional site of May Day rallies in New York. The main demands were for jobs, a living wage, health care, housing and education, and against the war for the occupation of Iraq in the interests of the oil and other monopoly corporations.

Speakers represented militant trade union, community and anti-war leaders. They included Brenda Stokely of AFSCME DC 1707 (which includes day care and home care workers), Chris Silvera of Teamsters Local 808 (which includes workers at MetroNorth, one of the suburban rail lines), Clarence Thomas of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union on the West Coast, a representative of Casa Freehold (an immigrant workers organization in New Jersey) and Nellie Bailey of the Harlem Tenants Council. Other speakers from around the world spoke of the fights of the peoples of their home countries, from Palestine to Colombia.

The rally was followed by a short march past Beth Israel Hospital, which has been laying off workers, and by some of the local gourmet grocery stores, where workers have been trying to organize into a union. At a brief rally after the march, the police rushed in to shut of the sound system the moment the permit expired, just as Charles Jenkins of the Transport Workers Union (bus and subway workers) was speaking.

Smaller rallies were also held in other US cities, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago and Charlotte, North Carolina.

One shortcoming of the march was that, while many of the speakers represented organizations that consist overwhelmingly of workers,

most of whom are Black, Latino and from other oppressed nationalities, the participants in the rally were still mainly white petty bourgeois. This reflects the fact that the left in the USA has yet to sink deep roots in the working class.

Throughout the world, millions of people have risen up, not only on May Day, in defense of their day-to-day interests and against imperialism, particularly US imperialism and its war policies. In occupied Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as in Colombia, Haiti, Philippines, Palestine and other countries, oppressed people are fighting, often arms in hand, against imperialism and their local ruling classes. In the Soviet Union and other formerly socialist countries, working people have been fighting against the consequences of capitalist restoration – unemployment, non-payment of wages, etc. In other imperialist countries, such as France, Germany and Italy, workers have held massive demonstrations against attacks on social services, against privatization and flexibilization of labor, etc.

There are increasing attacks by the ruling class against the working and living conditions of US workers, whose sons and daughters are being sent to fight and die in the government's "endless war" to dominate the world. In these conditions, it cannot be long until the US workers throw off the apathy and abstention from proletarian political struggle caused by decades of imperialist chauvinist propaganda and the stultifying effect of domination by the labor bureaucracy and reclaim their own history of struggle.

On to a stronger and more united May Day!

WE NEED FINANCIAL HELP!

Trapped in service to every Bush lie,
Armies advanced and bombers did fly.
War's last factoid left still undoubted-
Victims' bodies remain uncounted.

James Byrnes, NSC reader AK-USA

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SPECIAL FOR NSC

The struggle in the Nepal Maoist party

A World To Win News Service

2 May 2005. Special to AWTW from a South Asia correspondent. In recent weeks reports have emerged about an important struggle taking place within the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist). Given the great

strides the party has been making and the real possibility that the revolution will achieve nationwide victory in the coming period, it is natural that the news of this internal struggle would be of great concern to revolutionary-minded people in Nepal and the world over.

Press accounts, later confirmed by official party statements, write of a conflict between Chairman Prachanda, the principal leader of the party, and Comrade Babarum Bhattarai, a long-time leader of the party. The long-simmering conflict came to the surface when the party Central Committee took a decision to centralise the leadership by placing all five members of the party standing committee, including Chairman Prachanda, at the head of the party, the People's Liberation Army, and the emerging new revolutionary state. The party believes that in addition to the general Marxist-Leninist-Maoist principle that the leadership of the three main vehicles of revolution must be unified, there is also a specific necessity for centralisation now that the revolution is entering a decisive stage. It was also necessary, the Central Committee felt, to deal a blow to the speculation of the enemy over divisions and rifts in the top party leadership by reaffirming the central leadership of Chairman Prachanda.

Comrade Bhattarai has strenuously opposed the centralisation decision, mentioning a long-standing "cold war" in the party leadership over whether or not it is correct for a single person to occupy the leading posts in the party, army and government.

The dispute over "centralisation" involves a whole series of important questions as well. At the heart of them is what conclusions should be drawn from the long historical experience of exercising proletarian dictatorship, including from the restoration of capitalism in the former socialist states. The party Central Committee had earlier taken a resolution entitled "Development of Democracy in the 21st Century" which spoke to some of this experience. But it is also clear that differences existed and deepened within the party leadership over how to understand these crucial

questions. Chairman Prachanda issued a statement saying that the dispute in the party is mainly related to these questions of exercising proletarian dictatorship and democracy and that it is natural that the party would be devoting serious attention to discussing these points. He also stressed that a thorough debate should take place not only within the party but among the masses themselves. This is a way, Chairman Prachanda argued, to involve the masses in the problems of "democracy of the 21st century."

Chairman Prachanda's statement also pointed out that despite the important struggle taking place, the whole party was united on carrying forward the tactical line, including the strategic offensive against the tottering but vicious old regime led by King Gyanendra. For his part, Comrade Bhattarai issued a press statement together with Hsili Yami, another leading comrade, in which they declare, "Opportunist elements and the fascist royal regime have for a long time attempted to create confusion by making vicious propaganda that there is a contention of leadership and personal enmity between us and Com. Prachanda, Chairman of our glorious party. This merely exposes their own reactionary class outlook, ill intention and poverty of knowledge."

It is not surprising that as the revolution knocks at the door of nationwide political power, crucial questions are posed about what kind of power will be created and how it will be exercised, and how to learn from both the negative and positive experiences of the proletarian revolutions of the 20th century in the USSR and China. This process of what Maoists refer

QUOTES

"A world in which it is wrong to murder an individual civilian but the right to drop a thousand tons of high explosives on a residential area, does sometimes make me wonder whether this earth of ours is not a loony bin made use by some other planet."

GEORGE ORWELL

to as "two line struggle" within the party is an inevitable part of the whole revolutionary process. Indeed, history has shown that such struggles can be a motor leading the party to greater ideological and political clarity and, on that basis, an even higher level of unity of action and unity of will.

The approach the party leadership has adopted, including in entrusting the masses to participate in discussing these vital matters, differs in important ways from much of past experience in the communist movement. The genuine Maoist forces the world over will be carefully observing and learning from this important struggle unfolding within the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), with confidence that the party will emerge stronger, more united and more capable of carrying through the revolution to nationwide victory and the construction of the communist future.

SPECIAL TO OUR READERS!

RAPHAEL
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People do not forgive those that betray them!

By Rafael Martinez
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Another anti-popular and corrupt government fell due to the struggle of the masses. This is the third consecutive government of those elected universally that had to flee from Carondelet before the anger of the people that are demanding social transformations. Although the struggle of the masses has been

great and with expressions of combativity in particular since last May 19th, the lack of strength in the popular movement once again has allowed the oligarchs reshuffle to take place, this time with the designation of Alfredo Palacio as president of the Republic.

This new government has arisen as a result of the political crisis of the country, to a degree that touched the popular struggle and the deepening of the contradictions within the bourgeoisie that fed the crisis. It is a government that is born and committed to the US government, to the native ruling classes and in particular to the Social Christian Party and the Democratic Left.

It has arisen without prestige and weakened because the workers and the people have expressed their lack of belief that it can resolve their problems; but this distrust affects not only the government, but all of the institutions and therefore the demand has taken root: **"They should all go!"**

Confronted with this crisis, our Party, as well as the organization of the Popular Front and other sectors of the people have put forward the struggle for the formation of a popular government, that would be formed in a collective way, with the organizations of workers, peasants, indigenous people, youth, etc., of progressives and left-wing parties and movements, of the churches, the Armed Forces etc.

However, given the selection of Alfredo Palacio as President, we demand that he fulfill what was put forward in his election campaign, when he was part of the presidential ticket – a proposal that had aspects related to the defense of national sovereignty, the attention to the

basic needs of the population, the welfare and progress of the country and the peoples of Ecuador.

Although the oligarchy grouped in the Social Christian Party and the Democratic Left called on the "citizen mobilization" to dismiss the CSJ (Supreme Judicial Court), in reality they sought to utilize it as a pressure mechanism for a solution to the political crisis in the framework of legality. Now, given the bursting out of the struggle by the masses, it has been able to maneuver and dodge the moment with a "constitutional" resource, granting legitimacy and support to the new President, trying to conceal the break up in which the bourgeois institutions now find themselves. It is evident that the oligarchy and imperialism are worried that, once again, the people have trampled upon legality in order to win changes.

But the conclusion of the events have not put an end to the crisis, since there is insistent talk of advancing the presidential elections; on the other hand, in the National Congress, the parliamentary majority by the Social Christian Party and the Democratic Left are interested in restructuring the Supreme Electoral Court and the Constitutional Court. But at the same time the National Congress is the target of actions of the protests.

The discontent of the masses is continuing and will not stop, because an oligarch reshuffle has taken place. The desire for change that once again has been expressed in this day of struggle, are the main elements of this crisis that will keep the masses in the streets seeking the road to their final liberation. ■

TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES

OF THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEFEAT OF FASCISM

By DAVE SILVER

Although much has been written about WW II, but, it must be repeated over and over again in order to dispel all the lies from the right, from the so-called "left" and from Imperialism in particular. Below

we publish an overview from a Western journalist.

"The roots of the Second World War can be found in the fact that US finance capital financed the industrial recovery of German Monopoly capitalism after World War I. This support continued throughout the Hitler period, up to December 7, 1941. Since 1945, US policy has tried to assist every fascist and reactionary force in the world, including Poland.

WW II historiography tells us that the beginning of WW II was September 1, 1939. This is primarily because within 48 hours of Hitler's invasion of Poland, Britain declared war on Germany. This Declaration of War became known as the "phony war" in the Left and Anti-fascist movements around the world.

Many Communist leaders worldwide stated that: *"This declaration of war had no significance of any kind, let alone military significance, with Britain dropping leaflets from air planes rather than bombs on Germany. Neither Britain, France or the US did anything to stop or punish Hitler for the invasion of Poland. It neither asked France to take action against Nazi Germany. This whole fraud was perpetrated in order to split the Polish people, by trying to suggest that Poland had an ally. Throughout the war period, neither the Americans, British or French soldiers set foot on Poland, yet they were called "Allies" by the Polish reactionary clique in power, which tried to equate the Soviet Union and Stalin with Hitler and Germany as enemies."*

Following British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's 1938 Munich Agreement, which granted most of Hitler's demands, without even asking the countries involved, including the taking over of Sudetenland from Czechoslovakia, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov urged a Collective Security Pact with the West. When all of the Soviet efforts failed to get a Security Pact formed against Nazi Germany, it became very clear to the Soviet Union that the West hoped for and encouraged the Nazis to turn their war machine of aggression against the East.

It was ONLY THEN, in August of 1939 that the Soviet-German Non

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Aggression Treaty was signed in order for the USSR to gain time, knowing full well that German Nazis will attack the Soviet Union. The USSR was able to move whole industries east of the Ural mountains, as well as to relocate thousands of Soviet Jews to Tashkent and Tadjikistan in Central Asia.

The Western allies were nearly two years late in the promise made to Stalin to open up a Second Front. With over 80% of German troops on the Eastern Front, the USSR suffered immensely, and suffered more than twice the number of deaths and casualties than all of the allied countries combined.

True to its promise, the Soviet Union joined the struggle against Japan in the East in order to help USA. The US Government responded by dropping the atom bomb on Hiroshima as a signal that the Cold War is on and the imperialists in Washington intend to be the only super power. The war with Japan was over and the Japanese already surrendered, but

US dropped this atomic bomb as a political statement.

The political and ideological justification for dropping these bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was finally made public by a 1948 US State Department paper in which the severe problems of capitalism and the crimes of imperialism were attributed to Communism and the work of Stalin. Without exception, all the ceremonies commemorating the end of the war or the Nazi Holocaust fail to mention how was it that fascism took root in Germany. Because, to do that, one would have to mention not only the key role of German cartels and US corporations, such as IBM and Ford, but of equal importance was the linking of Jews to the pathological hatred of "Marxists and Bolsheviks" as the sole cause of the misery of the Third Reich. And, as Hitler needed, the second largest political party in Germany was the Social Democrats, who took the position of "better dead than Red" as they refused a coalition slate with the Communist Party of

Germany against German Nazism.

It is therefore not exaggerating to state as one leading German communist said recently that, "**anti-communism is the crime of the century!**" If you remember the statement made by the Reverend Niemoller's, that when they came for the Communists he didn't speak up. He wasn't a communist and all the way down to the Jews, and Catholics, and by the time it came for him, a Protestant, there was no one left to speak up.

As Marx forcefully reminds us in his German ideology, that the ideas of the ruling class (*no matter who sits in the White House*) are in every epoch the ruling class; the class that is the ruling force in society, is at the same time its ruling intellectual force.

This means that we have to organize more creatively in forging an independent united people's front which must be informed by a consciousness of the common corporate enemy, which alone unites all of the issues of justice and peace, of oppression and exploitation. ■

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RAY O LIGHT



From the Belly of the Beast

Bush's Trip to Europe Cannot Hide His Fascist Face Nor Bury the Heroic Deeds of the Soviet People

In conjunction with the 60th Anniversary of the Defeat of German Fascism on May 8, 1945, U.S. President George W. Bush took a weeklong trip to Europe. Having taken on the role of the current incarnation of Adolph Hitler and leading the US imperialist government in blatantly criminal global conduct unseen since Nazi Germany's defeat ("pre-emptive wars", occupations as "liberation", etc.), Bush was not in any position to express historical truths about World War II, a war that culminated in the crushing defeat and the surrender of Nazi Germany on May 8th, followed by the surrender of Imperial Japan in August of that year.

Employing the same Big Lie technique that he so famously used in asserting that Weapons of Mass Destruction and a connection between Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein were the reasons for the unprovoked US military invasion and occupation of Iraq in 2003, Bush, "marking the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe, had called the Soviet

occupation of Eastern Bloc nations 'one of the greatest wrongs of history' and said he regretted the U.S. role in allowing it to happen." (*Wall Street Journal*, p. A20, 5-9-05) Indeed, a spokesman for German fascism of the period would surely have echoed this sentiment.

As the *Christian Science Monitor* pointed out, "Ostensibly he [Bush] is traveling to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Allied victory in World War II, which Mr. Bush will mark in official ceremonies in the Netherlands and Moscow. But a larger political message will bookend those stops...By choosing to begin the tour here [Latvia] and end it next week in Georgia, the White House is making this [tour] part of its democratic push around the world by singling out two former Soviet satellites that have journeyed from oppression to opportunity." (*CSM*, p.6, 5-6-05)

Significantly, the European coverage of Bush's stop in the Netherlands, reflecting the growing contradictions among the imperialist powers in the aftermath of the US-

British invasion of Iraq, served much more as a reminder of the heroic sacrifices made by the Soviet people under the leadership of Stalin and the CPSU-B than to rally support for Bush's brand of "democracy". In Moscow, Russia's President, Vladimir Putin, an imperialist stooge, symbolically let Bush drive his private automobile. He also had Bush by his side during the great demonstration on Red Square. Nevertheless, even Putin, under popular pressure from the Russian masses, spent much of the weeks leading up to the May 9th Celebration, waxing "nostalgic for the old Soviet Union" (*WSJ*, *ibid*). Among other things, the "Stalin line" in Belarus (around 20 fortified areas that included about four thousand pillboxes) which had served as a basis of fierce resistance to the massive onslaught of German tanks in the early days of the Nazi invasion of the USSR were being restored in the weeks before May 8th and motorists driving by hooted their car horns in memory of the Soviet soldiers who had fought and died there. (from *Northstar Compass*, May 2005) Even more significantly, the impressive May 9th parade on Red Square was marked by replicas of 1945 Soviet uniforms, military vehicles and political banners supporting Lenin, etc. As they paraded by, could Bush in his colossal arrogance and ignorance have failed to notice these symbols and the mass sentiment they represent?!

In May of 1945 even the arch imperialist, Britain's Winston Churchill, stated, "Future generations will acknowledge their debt to the Red Army as unreservedly as do we who have lived to witness these proud achievements." In the midst of the most bitterly contested battles of the war, US Army General Douglas McArthur had told his countrymen: "The hopes of civilization rest on the worthy banners of the courageous Red Army... The scale and grandeur of the effort... such effective resistance to the heaviest blows of a hitherto undefeated enemy, followed by a smashing counterattack which is driving the enemy back to his own land... mark it as the greatest military achievement in all history." But Bush is quite consciously pursuing the construction of a New World Order

dominated by a US Empire, reminiscent of "the thousand year Third Reich". So he has the difficult task of trying to erase from global memory the world historic role of the Soviet people and their Stalinist communist leadership that shortened the life of the Third Reich by over nine hundred and ninety years.

Some lessons

1. ***The invaluable role of the Communist International***, the Comintern (the C.I.). Let us recall that the Axis Powers had named themselves the Anti-Comintern Axis. They were so named because German and Italian Fascism and Imperial Japan had joined forces on the basis of their opposition to the Comintern. On the other hand, the international working class and the oppressed peoples, possessed a C.I., an organization that was capable of analyzing the rise of fascism and figuring out how to organize to combat it. At its 7th Congress in 1935, Georgi Dimitrov, the Bulgarian communist leader, led the CI in the promulgation of an anti-fascist united front policy throughout the world. (Dimitrov had earned tremendous international prestige when he had miraculously won his own freedom and that of his German communist comrades on trial in the Nazi court for the burning of the German Reichstag. Dimitrov exposed the Nazi perpetrators of the provocation so decisively that the communists on trial had to be freed by the Nazi court!!) The CI was dissolved in 1943, a move widely seen as a concession to its imperialist allies of England and the USA in order to get them to open a second front in the anti-fascist world war and take some of the military burden off of the Soviet people. Nevertheless, it must be remembered that, as the war unfolded, the CI was in

place and functioning so as to effectively position the proletarian and peasant revolutionary forces globally for the fight against fascism. Perhaps most important of all, the Soviet people were educated in a proletarian internationalist spirit by the participation of their communist party in power in and hosting of the Communist International.

2. ***The main burden of the war was shouldered by the heroic Soviet people led by Stalin and the CPSU-B.*** Churchill, as British Prime Minister, had admitted in August of 1943 that, "No government ever formed among men has been capable of surviving injuries so grave and cruel as those inflicted by Hitler on Russia...Russia has not only survived and recovered from those frightful injuries but has inflicted as no other force in the world could have inflicted, mortal damage on the German army machine." An estimated 27 to 29 million Soviet citizens died in the anti-fascist war, out of the more than 50 million people killed in World War II in toto. The US and British allies did not open the long promised and long delayed "second front" until June of 1944, after it was clear that the Soviets had not only defended their socialist motherland but that the Soviet Red Army was now driving the German Army back across Eastern Europe to Germany.
3. ***The shift in the balance of forces in the world*** as a result of this titanic victory. In the immediate aftermath of the war, and taking advantage of the seriously weakened state of international capital in general (US imperialism was the important exception), oppressed nations in Africa, Latin America and especially Asia rose up to fight for and win their political independence and more.

The great Chinese national democratic revolution, led by Mao Tse-tung and the Chinese communist party, achieved its victory in 1949. This represented the liberation of one-quarter of humanity! Faced with the massive uprisings of the peoples of the Indian sub-continent (or continent) representing almost as many people as China, British imperialism "granted" independence to India and Pakistan in the same period. But the clever British imperialists fomented religious divisions, tribalism, etc. and managed to carve up this continent in such a way as to make it difficult for the peoples of this region to survive economically. (Look at previously undivided Bengal, the Punjab, Kashmir, etc.) Indonesia, the fifth most populous country in the world, also won its independence from Dutch imperialism. During these years, in both Korea and Vietnam half of their territory became socialist and only bitter imperialist intervention prevented the liberation of their other half. In Southern Europe, Albania and Yugoslavia liberated themselves on the basis of the defeat of fascism. In Italy and Greece, the people also came close to winning power under communist leadership. And throughout Eastern Europe, wherever the Soviet Red Army liberated the occupied countries from the Nazi armies, peoples' democracies were established. As a result of this Soviet led, communist-led global victory over fascism, the world was moving decisively in the direction of socialism and communism, including the formation of a Socialist Camp.

4. ***The role of revisionism in state power in the demise of the Socialist Camp and the temporary revival of imperialism, headed by US imperialism.*** For a number of

reasons the Socialist Camp built after World War II was not based sufficiently on proletarian internationalism. The Lenin-Stalin line that, "the task of the victorious revolution is to do 'the utmost possible in one country for the development, support and awakening of the revolution in all countries.'" (*The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky* by Lenin, cited in *Foundations of Leninism* by Stalin) was replaced, in most of the countries where the Communist Party held or shared power, with a bourgeois nationalist policy of "my country first", on the basis of unprincipled compromise with imperialism, headed by US imperialism. Not very long after the end of WWII, when it was already clear that the focal contradiction in the world was between imperialism on the one hand and the "hundreds of millions of colonial and dependent peoples of the world" on the other, vacillating, pacific, bourgeois elements were supported in the oppressed nations by the Socialist Camp at the expense of the proletarian revolutionary organizations fighting for national democratic and socialist revolution against imperialism, headed by US imperialism. In addition, many of the forces that had come into leadership in Eastern Europe were old social democrats and petty bourgeois liberals who had a vested interest in privatizing their economies and in burying the fact that their countries had been liberated not by their own efforts but by the heroic Soviet Red Army. Bourgeois nationalism in foreign policy combined with bourgeois nationalism in domestic policy to create the conditions for the demise of the Socialist Camp.

5. ***Stalinist Democracy versus Bushite Hypocrisy.***

Most of our readers are clear that Bush's platform is based on the Big Lie technique, since his real agenda is defense of US imperialist hegemony, including dollar hegemony based on absolute control of the world's oil and natural gas reserves. And this agenda serves only his real "base", the super rich bankers and oil and war industry

billionaires. It follows from this that Bush's rhetoric about "democracy", whether applied to defend the medieval sheiks of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait or murderous dictators like Pinochet in Chile, Suharto in Indonesia, or Mobutu in the Congo or most recently to justify the criminal occupation of Iraq, is entirely bankrupt.

What is not well known, especially outside the former USSR, is Stalin's role as the architect of democratic reforms in the USSR of the 1930's. In the course of fighting successfully for the passage of the most democratic constitution yet devised among people, the Soviet Constitution of 1936, Stalin fought *unsuccessfully* for the secret ballot voting and multi party contested elections called for there to be implemented. He and his closest supporters in the Soviet Politburo "yielded only when confronted by the complete refusal by the Party's Central Committee, and by the panic surrounding the discovery of serious conspiracies, in collaboration with Japanese and German fascism, to overthrow the Soviet government." All this and more, according to Part One of a new document entitled *Stalin and the Struggle for Democratic Reform* by Grover Furr.

According to Furr, these facts are still widely known in the former USSR, and argued by prominent historians there. It helps explain why Stalin is still "popular" in Russia and becoming increasingly so today, despite the billions of dollars in mass media lies about Stalin that have inundated the former Soviet peoples as well as the peoples all over the world. This also helps explain why the Soviet people fought with unprecedented courage for Stalin and the Soviet Union

and played the overwhelming role in the defeat of German fascism culminating in the surrender of Nazi Germany on May 8, 1945.

In Conclusion: On the 60th Anniversary of the heroic Soviet-led Victory over German Fascism,

___Let's Keep The Faith with those who fought and defeated fascism back then!

___Let's support those forces in the former USSR who are fighting to "go back to the future" of Socialism!

___Let's support the Iraqi Resistance, the Afghani Resistance, and other genuine liberation movements in Nepal, the Philippines, in Colombia and around the world fighting for national democratic revolution and socialism against the main enemy of mankind---- imperialism, headed by US imperialism! ☐

JEF BOSSUYT



14th INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST SEMINAR IN BRUSSELS

Towards a higher level of unity and more practical cooperation

This Seminar took place from May 2-4, 2005 and the theme was "International Experiences and Tasks of Communists in the Struggle against Imperialism", with a sub-theme, "The experience of the Communist International and its meaning for our current struggle."

There were 65 communist and

workers' parties and organizations from 44 countries present in Brussels, either as participants or as observers. An additional 56 parties and organizations sent a message to the Seminar or were unable to attend, mostly due to visa problems or financial constraints.

In the months before the Seminar, a General Resolution was drafted, based in the Declaration of the 2003 and 2004 Seminars and including several amendments submitted beforehand. The resolution entitled "*Workers and peoples of the world, let us mobilize against imperialism, in particular against US imperialism, its policies of aggression and its preparations for war on a world scale,*" was then discussed and enriched at the Seminar itself, before being adopted by an almost unanimous vote. Resolutions on solidarity with Cuba and with the Democratic Republic of Korea were also submitted and signed by scores of delegations.

More than during previous Seminars, time was set aside to discuss potential joint research projects and common campaigns and actions. A practical method was proposed to realize this, mainly to group together parties that want to cooperate on a specific project or campaign, with each one of them a specific party volunteering to do the coordination; fields for joint research and issues for common campaigns and actions were proposed, according to their feasibility and their potential to gather a broad interest. For research, there are: the general economic crisis of world capitalism; the increasing danger of war on a world scale; China's domestic situation and its international role; the petty bourgeois ideologies; in the Left movement (e.g. Negri & Hardt); and the European Union. For solidarity campaigns, Cuba was singled out, particularly the Free the Five campaign and a campaign against all the lies and slander. Solidarity with the Iraqi people's resistance against the occupation was also named as a major issue. The Social Forums were identified as important occasions for joint actions of communists, while the Seminar also prompted the World Festival of Youth and Students in Venezuela and the activities and campaigns of the World Peace Council.

It was agreed that the 2006 International Communist Seminar will tackle two themes: the impact of the Communist International on the founding and development of the communist parties in particular countries; and the exchange of concrete experiences of Party work in the working class and among the youth.

The Seminar was followed by an evening meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties in solidarity with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which was attended by 26 parties.

On the initiative of the Workers' Party of Belgium, on May 6, communist delegates from Russia, Ukraine, Tadjikistan, Cuba, Colombia and Chile, joined by comrades of the Belgian Section of the Communist Party of Greece, went to visit the Belgian Nazi concentration camp of Breendonk. There they took part in the commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the victory over fascism, while also honoring the great Belgian communist leader, trade union leader and member of Parliament, Julien Lahaut, who survived the Mauthausen concentration camp, but was assassinated in 1950. ■

Here, There and Everywhere!
 By ROD BOWKER

PUTIN PLANS TO STAY FOR THIRD TERM

Skeptics predict that Putin will stay-on for a third term in office, since his entourage that he placed around him are demanding that, if he doesn't run for the third term which basically is against the present constitution, he puts himself, his friends and close acquaintances he put into position of power at risk. This is why this entourage is putting very heavy pressure on him to stay in the Kremlin forever.

PUTIN PLANS NEW MOVES TO DIMINSH PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION

Putin has sent to the State Duma proposed amendments to Russia's election laws that would, among other things, raise the threshold of

other political parties to get into the Duma from 5% to 7% and prevent small parties of forming coalitions to meet this new 7% threshold. This is meant to reduce many other smaller opposition parties in the Duma now and thus make the Russian Duma more compliant to the Kremlin of Putin.

MOVE TO REHABILITATE STALIN IN RUSSIAN CITIES

Western supported Human Rights organizations of billionaire George Soros, have denounced the initiatives of countless Russian cities to erect monuments to Stalin, Interfax reported. Most recently the city of Oryol appealed to President Putin and other top officials to rehabilitate the Soviet leader, put up monuments to him, rename city streets...arguing that the charges that Stalin killed millions of people are false and were never, ever proven. They still are awaiting a reply from Putin, that former KGB officer who swore an oath to uphold the USSR and Socialism!

UKRAINIAN OPPOSITION CALLS FOR YUSHCHENKO'S IMPEACHMENT

From INTERFAX

KIEV – The Ukrainian public movement “For Ukraine without Yushchenko” has called for an immediate Ukrainian Parliamentary proceedings for the impeachment proceedings against Yushchenko.

“Yushchenko’s actions, behaviour and a number of his statements, raise doubts about his ability to govern and perform his duties.” This movement also is demanding open parliamentary hearings into so-called Yushchenko’s poisoning and a full public publication of all those proceedings.

US SENDING ITS TERROR SUSPECTS TO UZBEKISTAN

From New York Times

There is growing evidence that after President Bush officially welcomed in the US White House President Islam Karimov, an agreement was signed that the CIA would send some of its “terrorist suspects” to Uzbekistan for

questioning and interrogations. So, Uzbekistan is now the surrogate jailer for the United States. NYT confirmed that it has got the documents that two US registered airplanes just this year – a Gulfstream Jet and a Boeing 737 – landed at Tashkent airport and discharged these terrorist suspects into the hands of the Uzbekistan secret service. The flight logs obtained by NYT showed that there were 7 planeloads of these prisoners landed in Tashkent.

US General Myers said that the “United States has benefited greatly from our partnership and strategic relationship with Uzbekistan.”

PRO-KREMLIN YOUTH GROUP PUTS ON A DISPLAY OF PATRIOTISM

On May 8th in Moscow, there took place a demonstration of an estimated 50,000 people organized by the well-financed, well-promoted youth group “NASHI” (OURS) which is anti-Soviet and anti-Communist, to honor veterans of the Great Patriotic War.

This rally was well orchestrated, according to the Associated Press reporter, by Putin and the Kremlin regime and it got more press and TV coverage and publicity than any other event across former USSR.

The head of the youth organization, appointed there by Putin, Vasily Yakemenko said that: “The veterans fought and died for our independence. We will have to defend this independence in private business and private economy, in the private factories and in university lecture halls.”

RUSSIA'S ANSWER TO AMERICAN SPACE WEAPONS

Vladimir Yermakov, a senior counselor at Russia’s Washington Embassy, has told a conference on space militarization that Russia would consider force if necessary in order to respond if the USA puts a combat weapon in space.

According to the Financial Times, Yermakov told a May 17th forum that Russia would react, with force, if the United States is moving towards implementing a new space policy that would put US closer to placing offensive weapons in space. ■

Freedomfest

By FRANK RASY DAVIS

PROGRESS, OUR MOST

EXPENSIVE PRODUCT: During the Great Depression, American taxpayers footed the bill for killing off baby pigs and plowing under crops, so that they could have the privilege of paying higher prices at the grocery store. But we’ve moved up since those primitive days. In today’s present depression, we bankroll the super-expensive wars, so that we may pay higher prices for gas at the gas pumps.

LIVE WELL, SELL DEATH: This’ll blow your mind: The world’s most profitable business, guns and other murder hardware; second, drug trafficking. Wonder who gets the bigger bang for the buck – the dopes or the dupes...

A WMD LOCATED: They never managed to find Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq, but there’s an obvious one right here at home. Name is George Dubya. Ask any economist, ask any worker, ask any pensioner, ask any educator, ask anybody!

WHAT 8-BALL ARE WE BEHIND? Dubya has no faith in ecologists, scientists that are warning about the serious effects of smog, poisonous emissions, destruction of the ozone layer, and other environmental phenomena. Why should he? He can get on the line with God whenever he wants, so what’s the fuss?

But whoa, wait a minute. Not being super-duper or otherwise, how can God be expected to know what he doesn’t know? There have been zillions of scientific advances since the Creation Day. What if God did not do his homework? What, if God, comfortably ensconced up there on Cloud 9, seduced by the soulful ditties of a skillful harp strumming angels, God is not tuned to the latest scientific advances. In short, what if God is ignorant as Dubya?

SAVE US FROM SAVIORS

For God so loathed the world that he sent his phony misgotten son to misrule over it and us. George is his name, or better Saint George, because he slew Hussein the dragon for hiding his mass destruction arms in the elbow of his kitchen sink.

Several hundred years ago the sage Nostradamus predicted that at the dawn of next millennium the village idiot would rule the world. God, says George with quirky smirks, sent him to earth to save the world.

Now all we need is God's big brother to save the world and us from George!

NOTABLE QUOTES: "If Jesus returned to earth Ratzinger (now the new Pope) would undoubtedly crucify him again... The great challenge to Catholics is to be converted to Christianity."

Catholic writer Ignacio Solares

PIE-IN-THE-SKY TURNS SOUR:

Dubya Bush dragged us and our billions\$ into a no-win war, because God told him to. God sure goofed, didn't he?

The next time Dubya gets some free advice from on high, let's hope he keeps his feet on the ground, his eyes open, and his mouth shut.

YOU'RE WELL IF YOU'RE

BETTER'N A SICK MAN: The Governors of the Regions of Russia are appointed by President Putin's government rather than elected by the people. But, this is not undemocratic, mind you. Why? Because, said Putin, the government of India does the same thing!

CONTEMPORARIES, NOT TWINS:

In the big World War II memorial summit in Moscow, host Putin stressed that "security" and "justice" are the world's main concerns. Well, talking the security line is always good for a round of applause – especially from makers of locks, electronic devices, uniforms, etc. etc. And justice - should be plenty of that around, but it hasn't been used much in recent years.

But, beware Mr. Putin. Don't charitably assume that the US officials keen about security are also interested in justice.

PAY YOUR DEBT TO SOCIETY,

TERRORIST! Israeli officials want greater punishment dealt out to terrorists carried out by persons committing suicide at the same time. Seems reasonable. How about sentencing such persons to 100 years in Purgatory? ■

We received too many letters & Donations, but have no space to publish all of them. These very important letters will be published in the very next issue of NSC.

LETTERS

**KINMEL RIOTS BY
CANADIAN TROOPS**

Thanks to Clifford Roe from England, a long time reader of NSC, for the publication which he sent us regarding the Kinmel Riots which took place in Wales in 1919 by Canadian troops near Rhyl. It was reported that 20,000 Canadian troops were stationed there awaiting repatriation arrangements back to Canada after the end of World War I. These arrangements were shelved for reasons that at that time were not made public, and there was much discontent due to this delay, crowded conditions and much delay in getting paid.

On March 4, 1919, a riot broke out which involved about 400 soldiers, there was much looting and liquor, while some obtained firearms and after it was put down, 5 Canadians were shot in the riot. Local population believe that the Canadians were kept in conditions beyond endurance, in tents on muddy fields, hardly any food, while the merchants were charging high prices for foodstuff. It became a known fact, though it is still being hushed up, that these 20,000 Canadian troops were being held over, and with the terrible conditions in this makeshift camp, trouble was sure to happen sooner or later. Speculation has continued over these many years, but it is obvious that the Canadians being held in limbo, and not told as to why they are not being demobilized. The raids on the shops had been caused by the hold-ups of their pay. This must have been the cause, since a few days after the riot, the men received an allowance to await full payment.

Llyod Redstone
Toronto, Canada ■

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FROM
KREMNICA – SLOVAKIA

Dear friends, greetings to all:

There's a possibility that one person from the Slovak Communist Party might be able to come as a delegate to the Second World Congress. As always, finances are the problem. We shall see what can be done.

I have suggestion that NSC should have Press Cards available for people that can act as correspondents for NSC and thus have a better access to events. Think about this proposal.

The proposals of Pedro Castro from Brazil is good, but we have to be careful not to raise objections from some parties that will not fully understand what our International Council is all about.

I thought that the readers of NSC would be interested to know the following, which was shown over the Slovak TV – the biography of Winston Churchill.

Besides all the blah-blah about this English war criminal, the biography pointed out that Churchill was a diabetic, mentally unbalanced youth and he suffered because of his syphilis family, since his father ended his life as insane for his venereal infection. Genetics and inbreeding by the British upper class produced this mentally perverted man. The question is as to why the British people accepted this - but- British politics are born in the Palaces, not on the streets.

Just heard that Russia is deploying new rockets - S4300 - into Byelorussia and that is why the strained relations was heard between Putin and Bush, when they met in Bratislava. I feel that something is happening and the cold war is turning into a hot war. Anyplace in the world can become a battleground. No one is protected and those that close their eyes to this danger are endangering not only themselves, but also the whole of mankind.

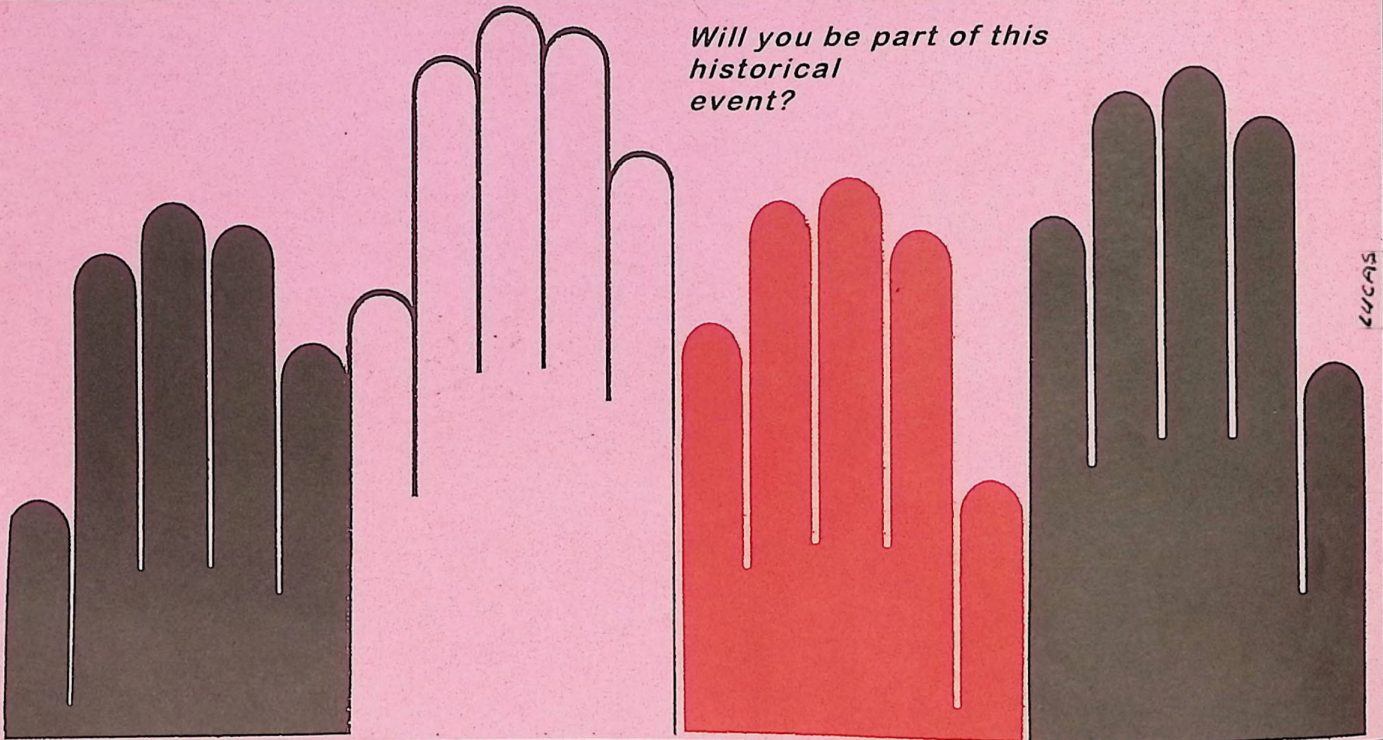
Vanya Kalishnikov
Slovakia ■



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