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# EDITORIAL

**MICHAEL  
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Editor



## 64<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR: 1945-2009

More than 50 million of human lives had been destroyed and snuffed out. But how many more lives were crippled, mutilated and consigned to the physical, mental and emotional underworld of human miseries, will never be known. The cost of that most brutal and hideous of all wars likewise was incalculable. Tens of millions of armed fighting forces had been trained, equipped and thrown into the "killing fields" of Europe and around the world.

Since that time of 1945, the most widely unacknowledged and deliberately falsified by capitalist and

imperialist propaganda and by the revisionists for all of these 64 years, is the fact that if there had not been the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics totally engaged in this the West's prepared monstrous World War II – no other force on this earth was capable of destroying and completely defeating the Nazi-German and Italian monopoly supported war machine and their all embracing attempt by sheer ferocity to dominate every nation and people!

The human cost to the Soviet Union exceeded all other nations combined. More than 25,000,000 of their people perished, while the devastation of cities, towns, villages, industries, schools and other cultural institutions and schools - the whole of the infrastructure was ruined beyond any descriptive words.

This triumphant victory could not have been accomplished without the dedication and patriotism of the Soviet People, and their Communist Party, led by Joseph Stalin, its General Secretary.

Take a look in this issue at the historical photograph taken in June of 1945 of the 57 Soviet Marshals,

Generals and Major Generals of the Soviet Red Army, that raised the Soviet Flag over the Reichstag in Berlin. Marshal Stalin is right in the middle of the photograph.

The cover (*front and back*) is a beautiful color painting of the Soviet Marshals stepping on German Nazi swastikas and emblems. This painting was published in the Russian excellent photographic history of WW II, published in Leningrad in 1985.

One very important person is missing from this painting. He was also as Marshal and Supreme Commander of the Soviet Red Army, General Secretary of the CPSU – Marshall Joseph V. Stalin. Why? Already the seeds of Gorbachev; Perestroika (*Destroika*) were at work on the path of revisionism and the dismemberment of the USSR!

An excellent overview of the Great Patriotic War is written by Pavel Krasnov as a Guest Editorial.



TEHERAN CONFERENCE, Nov. 28 to December 1, 1943 – where the Three Allied Powers -USSR, Great Britain and the USA met. Seated: J.V. Stalin, F.D. Roosevelt and W.S. Churchill plus Marshal Voroshilov, Marshall Dill, General Marshall, General Brooke, Admiral Cunningham and Admiral Leahy, plus their aides.





## GUEST EDITORIAL

### FORGOTTEN PAGES OF VICTORY

By PAVEL KRASNOV

Translated by ANREY KRASNOV

On May 8, at 23:00 (May 9, Moscow Time), Germany has signed a capitulation agreement. This was several days after the Soviet Army captured Berlin and destroyed several large German forces in Hungary, Pomerania and Czechoslovakia. Everyone knows

this, and everything seems simple – the allies defeated fascism and nazism, thus saving humanity.

However, this is a much embellished version of the history of this Victory, and has little to do with what really happened. USSR had to deal with bandits – the ruling western elites, which the USSR was able to pull into the war with Hitler. They not only created Hitler in order to destroy USSR, but were also planning a back-stabbing attack on the USSR

immediately after the end of the War. Furthermore, they were actually planning to use the remainder of the German forces to assist them in this attack.

There was no united Victory Parade, which is strange if there were allied relations. Eisenhower and Montgomery refused to take part in a united Victory Parade in Berlin. This victory parade still happened on September 7, 1945, but only marshal Zhukov was there to greet it. The military and political leaders of the allies didn't come to this parade, and the garrison units of sectors of

57 Marshals and Major Generals of the Soviet Army in an historic photograph taken in the Kremlin after the end of





Western Berlin were the only allies who took part in it.

This was because the capitulation agreement was already signed by Germans – during the night of May 6-7, 1945, in an allied command centre in Reims. Soviet leaders didn't even have time to get there. The "allies" attempted to cheat the Soviet Union.

Furthermore, the "allies" ignored the agreements of the Yalta conference, which were signed by Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, and created a new document, which was cleared of any unwanted Yalta

agreements. The Soviet Union wasn't even mentioned, as if it never took part in the war. The document of capitulation was given to the Germans even before a copy was sent to Moscow. On May 7, Churchill and Truman announced the capitulation of German forces before the US and British forces. It took great efforts on the Soviet part to make the allies sign a united, final agreement with USSR on May 8 (9). The events in Reims were diplomatically named "a preliminary agreement".

However, even before this, the allies

have been acting very dishonourably. For instance, it's widely known that Allen Dulles was negotiating with the nazis on behalf of the western elites. It was only because of Stalin that a deal between nazis and allies has been avoided. Nevertheless, it's certain that some secret agreements have been reached between the two.

As a result, the Western front was practically non-existent from the end of February 1945: the Germans gave up huge territories and retreat practically without a fight. However, on the Eastern front, they fiercely

Second World War. Sitting in the middle of the front row is Generalissimo Joseph Stalin, surrounded by 50 others.





fought for every meter of land. The nazis and "allies" had a common goal – to keep the Russian troops out of Central Europe. This was openly said by Churchill. It was impractical for the allies to have an open pact with the nazis, so they reverted to this strategy.

By the end of this game, it was planned to surrender Berlin without a fight to the allies, thus robbing the Soviet Union of its Victory. Furthermore, the Second World War was supposed to transition into the Third World War with the attack of the allies on USSR. At the start of April 1945, W. Churchill gave an order to the Chiefs of Staff develop a plan for a surprise attack on USSR, called operation "Unthinkable". This document has been declassified and is now available to the public.

On July 1, 1945, 47 British and American divisions were supposed to, without declaring war, attack the Russian forces. They were to be supported by 12 German divisions, which the allies did not disband. These divisions were trained by British instructors and prepared for a war with USSR together with the western forces. In accordance with Churchill's order, the weapons and equipment of the German divisions were stocked at easily accessible locations for quick armament.

This war was planned to be a united offence of the forces of Western civilizations on Russia. Poland, Hungary, Romania, Finland and other countries were also intended to join this "crusade". The aim of this war was to completely

destroy the Soviet Union and separate it into several controllable colonies. The war was supposed to finish at the same frontier as Hitler's plan "Barbarossa" – the Archangelsk-Stalingrad frontier.

The western elites were planning to break the Russians through terror – by destroying large soviet cities: Moscow, Leningrad, Vladivostok, Murmansk, etc. with waves of its "flying fortresses". Several million Russians were intended to die in horrifying "firestorms". This was how Hamburg, Dresden, Tokyo and other cities were razed to the ground. This was intended to be the fate of the Soviet allies.

However, on June 29, 1945, a day before the planned start of war, the Red Army unexpectedly changed its dislocation and began to fortify its positions. The allied plan became known to Stalin, and the Chiefs of Staff were ordered to take actions. Thankfully, Stalin was still at the head of the Soviet Union, and this war was avoided.

In April 1945, the allies thought the Red Army to be exhausted, its equipment and machinery to be worn out to the limit, and its supplies at an end. Berlin played a very important part in western plans. The nazis planned to turn Berlin into a Stalingrad for the soviets. Soviet troops were supposed to be weakened and worn out in battles on Berlin streets. And after, allied troops were to replace the Germans and chase the Red Army all the way to the Volga River – their troops were already only 100 km away from Berlin. The role of the Germans was

to prevent the Soviet troops from taking Berlin at any cost. The Germans fought very bravely.

Because of this, the taking of Berlin became one of the greatest "allies" had to be shown that the outcome of a war is decided on land, and not in the air or at sea.

Berlin was a heavily fortified city-citadel. All large buildings were turned into strongholds and were connected by underground tunnels and communications. A gigantic defensive zone began immediately after the river Oder. It consisted of interconnecting bunkers and other defence structures, and in some places was approximately 50 km wide.

Allied specialist did not doubt that the Soviet Army was going to lose at least a million dead and 3 million wounded while taking Berlin. This was almost half of the troops in the entire Soviet Western front.

The Berlin strategic operation consisted of 5 tactical operations. It is often thought that the Berlin operation was a non-stop offensive. This was not so – several times the Germans made powerful counter-strikes, trying to stop the Soviet advance. Several times the Germans were even able to break through the Soviet troops encircling Berlin. However, all of the forces that broke through the blockade were destroyed by Soviet tank strikes. Out of 200 000 German soldiers, practically no one survived.

2.5 million Soviet and 150 000 polish soldiers took part in the Berlin operation. They were opposed by over a million German soldiers. The



operation, which was conducted on a frontier of over 500 km, began on April 16, and ended with the capture of Berlin on May 2. During this time, practically the entire German force was destroyed or captured – over 400 000 German soldiers were killed, and over 500 000 were captured. The combined losses of the Soviet and Polish armies were 80 000 dead.

The allied command was shocked by the power that the Red Army demonstrated when taking Berlin. The Soviet forces showed the ability

to effectively use huge amounts of firepower (up to 650 artillery units per km) and direct devastating mobile strikes that penetrated deep behind enemy lines. A new analysis by western military specialists sobered up the western elites – in the case of a direct attack on USSR, regardless of their overwhelming domination in the air and at sea, the forces of the anti-Soviet coalition in Europe were going to be destroyed and driven into English Channel within two to three weeks. Even strikes by the two

American nuclear bombs were not going to change the situation.

Stalin's decision of storming Berlin at the start of May 1945 prevented the Third World War. This is supported by recently declassified documents. If not for Stalin, Berlin would have been surrendered to the "allies" without a fight, and the combined forces of Europe and North America would have assaulted the Soviet Union.

**GLORY TO THE RED ARMY AND  
J.V. STALIN!**

## THE RED FLAG

The people's flag is deepest red,  
It shrouded oft our martyred dead,  
And ere their limbs grew stiff and cold  
Their heart's blood dyed its every fold.

*Then raise the scarlet banner high!  
Within its shade we'll live or die.  
Tho' cowards flinch and traitors sneer,  
We'll keep the red flag flying here.*





## NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

### UKRAINE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIMES OF NATO

By VLADIMIR PRONIN

Ukraine is one of those post-Soviet countries, in which the question of NATO has become a very thorny question. On the one side are the newly-rich class which has enriched itself on the toil of the masses and the robbery of the natural resources and Industries of Ukraine, of course under the umbrella of NATO in order to hide their crimes against the people.

On the other hand the majority of the suffering people are against Ukraine becoming a pawn of NATO, because they fully understand that being under the heel of NATO is opening the country to foreign exploiters of the natural resources as well as the workers, besides the US-NATO promoted antagonism towards the Russian people. This is against

the interests of the people of Ukraine and its working class.

President Yushenko on his latest visit to Prague was asked by a journalist about how he feels about his catastrophic popular ratings that are at all time low in Ukraine? He answered (*but more correctly that was a lie-VP*): "A politician who speaks about Stalin terror, the starvation in Ukraine, who every month visits Brussels and aims for Ukraine to be in NATO, will not gather popular votes!"

Therefore the protest actions organized by the Communist Party of Ukraine, the Anti-fascist Committee of Ukraine, Socialist Party of Ukraine, the Lenin Komsomol, the All-Ukraine Union of Soviet Officers, the Committee for the Union of Ukraine, Russia and Byeloerussia – and other organizations and movements took place all over Ukraine.

Overlooking the fact April 2, 2009 was a working day, this was the 60<sup>th</sup>

*At demonstrations thee are more and more Soviet flags flying*

Anniversary of NATO, and these actions took place all over Ukraine, where NATO has its representatives.

The demonstrators held in their hands flags of the CPU, SPU, anti-NATO slogans: "Down with NATO!" "Ukraine- without NATO!" "Ukrainian soldiers will not serve the interests of NATO!" "I'm a Mother, Father - we are all against NATO!"

In front of foreign guests there were held meetings at which peoples deputies spoke from many organizations and movements of Ukraine (*too numerous to mention in this space- Editor*)

At the end of these meetings the Chairman of the Anti-fascist Committee of Ukraine – Georgie Buyko spoke, in which he pointed out that these actions by the people show their opposition to the President of Ukraine who is pushing for joining NATO against the overwhelming majority wishes of the Ukrainian people. He urged all these lovers of NATO in the government for them to join the Foreign Legion and go to Africa to defend the French and US expansion imperialism...and nor agitate and force young Ukrainians to do their dirty work.





On behalf of the protestors a statement was adopted unanimously to be sent to the head of Ukraine, NATO, France, Germany that the majority of the people of Ukraine are against Ukraine joining NATO.

In the address to the General Secretary of NATO, it stated that by the majority vote of the Ukrainian people, NATO should not accept its membership.

NATO is the cause of the cold war and bloodshed since the, end of WW II -with wars, with bombing of Yugoslavia, Iraq, Afghanistan and other danger spots, including the Middle East conflict. NATO has become the world's gendarme, forcing its will on weaker nations. This is American imperialism in action in order to bring about its dream of the New World Order!

- We demand that the attempt by President Yushenko is against the will of the absolute majority of the people of Ukraine.

- We demand that NATO not support any of these overtures.

- We demand that as soon as possible that this NATO aggressive Block be dissolved.

The same demands are being sent to President Obama, to German Angejle Merkel and to Nikola Sarkosy of Italy.

An appeal to all people of Ukraine that all should demand neutrality for Ukraine now.

The above text and appeals were sent to all representatives of NATO in Ukraine, to all Deputies of Ukrainian parliament and to all organizations that took part in this action.

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*The demonstrations that took part all over Ukraine were organized by Communist Party of Ukraine and the Anti-fascist Committee of Ukrain, plus other social organizations who are more and more aware of the policies of the present regime.*

*Taking part and speaking at these demonstrations was Viktor Demyanchuk, Deputy of the CPU, plus G. V. Buyko, the President of the Anti-fascist Committee of Ukraine.*

*It was a massive demonstration that showed that people of Ukraine want to get rid of President Yushenko and against Ukraine joining NATO.*

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More and more younger people are actively involved in protests!



## RUSSIA EXPANDS GRIP ON ENERGY IN LATIN AMERICA

From RIA NOVOSTI PRESS

Russian private oil consortiums are expanding their grip on energy source in Latin America. Russia's private oil consortium is now operating in Venezuela and will soon begin operations in Cuba as well.

As part of a new deal overseen by Russian Deputy Minister Igor Sechin and the Cuban Council of Ministers Vice President Ricardo Cabrisas, a group of Russian oil companies (Gazprom, Rosneft, TNK-BP, Surgutneftgaz and LUKoil) currently working in Venezuela, will begin cooperation on projects with Cuba's state-controlled – Cubapetroleo.

This agreement comes following an assessment last year that Cuba – which currently produces 60,000 barrels of oil per day, may have more than 20 billion barrels of crude in its territorial waters. According to the plans drawn up by the Russian consortium, the oil thereby produced is intended for export to China, the US and to Europe.

## LENIN'S MONUMENT DEFACED IN ST. PETERSBURG

Last Month in Leningrad at the Finland Railway Station a monument to V.I. Lenin that stood there already for 70 years had a large hole carved out of his body. This vandalism is also due to because of the preset policy of the city of ST, Petersburg promotes anti-Communism and anti-Sovietism.

The Central Committee of the CPSU strongly condemns and protests this vandalism and sacrilege and demands of the City Council quick action to bring to justice these culprits and their political backers.

If these vandals thought that with this action they are going to scare the Communists, they are sorely mistaken. The ideas of Lenin and his monumental likeness, cannot ever be obliterated or erased from the minds and memory of the working people!

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TO SUBSCRIBE TO  
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## FINANCIAL CRISIS HITS THE KREMLIN ALSO

From THE GUARDIAN newspaper

The global financial crisis is taking its toll on Kremlin unity, as rival capitalist clans within the Russian government are increasingly struggling for supremacy. The fault line lies between a powerful group of "military and security officials" centered around Prime Minister Putin and the "economic liberals" surrounding President Medvedev.

This tension has been exacerbated by Russia's plummeting economic fortunes. Mr. Putin used to act as an arbiter; standing above the two main power clans – the siloviki and the rational economists – said the Russian economist Dmitry Oreshkin. Now Mr. Putin has been dragged into this fight and he is no longer a mediator, and the struggle between these two powerful business clans is starting to boil over and becoming more scandalous.

## KYRGYZ – TADJIK BORDER TENSIONS ARE GROWING

From Eurasianet.org

The tensions between these two former Soviet Republics are being further strained now by demographics and the uncontrolled border. Within this twisting and blurry geography of this tri-border (which also borders Uzbekistan) Kirgystan is feeling threatened by the constant migration of Tajiks due to terrible economic conditions in all of these former Soviet Republics. The growing outflow of poor Kyrgyz to other countries looking for work, the possibility that the Kyrgyz people might find themselves a minority, or with outside forces promoting this separatism, this could lead to violence.

With the economy now in tatters, and with an acute shortage of water, has already flared in violence in March and November of 2008.

*These two former Soviet Republics were the economic blooming flowers of the USSR – now they are like former Third World countries.*

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## A UKRAINIAN DEPUTY HAD DEVULGED OPEN SECRETS

From news-liga.net - Itar-Tass

The Ukrainian Security Service (SBU) has accused the head of the Parliamentary Commission that is investigating the supply of weapons from Ukraine to Georgia, headed by Valery Konovalyuk, with breaking the law on state secrets. This secret material has now become public and is charged with infringement of the law.

These accusations by SBU are nonsensical since they are not secret. Russia and other countries knew that Ukraine sold weapons to Georgia. How? Because after Georgia attacked North Ossetia in 2008 and the Russian forces came in, all of the weapons that they captured were all manufactured in Ukraine.

Now it is known that the Ukraine and Russia's military complex are so intertwined that there cannot be any question of sanctions about the arms sale by Ukraine to Georgia.

The defense of both countries and the manufacture of these weapons and exchange of the necessary raw materials are too closely intertwined.

But things are coming slowly to a head. Ukraine's president has discredited himself too much in the eyes of Moscow and the West. The unseemly incident with the natural gas fiasco has proven too much for Europe. News from India press showed that Ukraine has shipped arms to Sri Lanka's Tamil Tigers – and Ukrainian specialists have been training the Tamil Tigers

President Yushenko is facing political defeats soon, even though he was the darling of the "Orange Revolution", his popular ratings have plummeted. It is becoming more and more difficult for even his very loyal friends in Washington to close their eyes to this.

## COUNCIL OF ALL-UNION ARMY VETERANS OF UKRAINE

We are following the ideology and traditions of the victory of the Great Patriotic War, are demanding the complete resignation of this present unpopular regime of Ukraine

and their policy of the "orange revolution" and to call an immediate election.

We demand from the government to bring to justice these nazi gangs who are on a rampage to demolish every monument that was ever erected during Soviet times. We demand that these Nazi organizations be banned and steps taken to bring these perpetrators to justice.

We demand the unity of Ukraine, Russia, Byelorussia, Kazakhstan and other former Soviet republics in order to get out this economic crisis.

We are against Ukraine becoming part of NATO.

We demand that the Russian language be given an equal status with Ukrainian language as a common unifying force in dealing with our brothers and sisters – our neighbors.

We shall not allow the rewriting the glorious history of the Soviet People and the USSR by these remnants of collaborators of Nazism who are now demolishing every monument to the Soviet Red Army that liberated Ukraine from German fascism.

We call upon all people of Ukraine to unite our forces and patriots of the Motherland, who never forgot the victory of the Great Patriotic War over fascism – towards future resurrection of the USSR and new victories.

## ESTONIAN POLICE HOLD A PEACE ACTIVIST

From Workers' Party of Finland

"We just heard that our party's candidate in the coming EU elections, Professor Johan Buckman has been captured in Tallinn, Estonia by the Estonian secret service. They accused him of "actions against the Estonian State" and he was warned no to ever again come and visit Estonia. He has been deported back to Finland.

He was in Estonia to participate at the Bronze Soldier Seminar. A Latvian EU member, Tatjana Zdanoka was also held and charged for participating in this seminar.

The Workers' Party of Finland decided to support him and we want this news to be known by everyone."



## THEY WERE REACHING HIGH

By VLADIMIR SHKARUPA

On March 18 of this year, we in Mineralniye Vody came to the V.I. Lenin monument to celebrate the Day of the Paris Commune.

138 years ago, March 18, 1871, the workers of Paris staged an armed uprising and established the short-lived Paris Commune. This was the first proletarian revolution in the world.

The historical significance of the Paris Commune is that they overthrew the bourgeois state and started to take steps to build the first foundation of socialism in order to make the lives of the downtrodden people better.

The Paris Commune armed the working class in order to defend the

revolution, it separated the Church from the State; Schools from under the thumb of the church; made living conditions better and available to the masses. It started the state ownership of property, abolished estates and regulated the working conditions of the people.

Mankind learned from the Paris Commune, as did the Great October Socialist Revolution. This Paris Commune lasted 72 days before it was drowned in blood. 30,000 Communards were shot to death in a couple of days, 50,000 sentenced to life imprisonment, 14,000 were sent to French colonies to work as slave labour.

It was an unequal struggle and they made mistakes. These first Paris Communards were storming high heaven – stated Karl Marx. They showed to the whole proletariat what could be accomplished when there is unity and purpose!



**SIGNS STATE: STALIN BUILT THE USSR, PUTIN IS DEVASTATING RUSSIA, OUR HOME IS USSR!, DOWN WITH CAPITALISM!**

## NEWS FROM THE FRONT OF CLASS STRUGGLE

From PROLETARSKAYA GAZETA – Leningrad

Translated by Rafael Martinez

### THE STRIKE AGAINST CUTS

**SUMY- January 13, 2009** – about 33 shops, hundreds of workers along with some employees of other departments “Zavoda weighted drilling and lads pipes” JSC SBPO – in Frunze were “present all day at work but did not work. They demanded the restoration to work of 24 of their comrades who were fired the same day, as well as changes in the working conditions. Two days before this action they accepted their union “Solidarity: and demanded that the fired workers be rehired. The Administration did not comply and the Director who came to the plant called the trade unionists “hundreds of idiots”. Police were called but the strikers held their ground even though threatened with court action.

The solidarity of workers is firm and the strike action is continuing.

### WORKING MEETING IN KRAMATORSK

**DONESHCHINA** - in the last days of January 2009, the workers of the Starokramatorskoho machine building plant, upset over not payment of their wages for weeks on end and working conditions, held a spontaneous strike rally. The last time these workers received their wages was last November 18, 2008!

The plants had no heat, no hot water to wash hands from oil and acid substances. Workers were forced to buy light bulbs with their own money. Toilets do not work and workers tried to use the management's toilets but were barred from using them. The management is doing everything possible to disrupt the unity of the workers and just wait for the promises that the director made.



## KHERSON WORKERS TOOK OVER THE COMPANY

**FEBRUARY 2, 2009** – about 300 workers of the Kherson building plant (during Soviet time it was called – Kherson Combines) started a protest because they were not paid since September of 2008 and the private owners want to close the plant. The workers then held a rally, elected a 5-member Committee to talk to the Deputy Governor who agreed to talk to the owners. But the factory was owned by a Church registered Company.



The strikers sent their demand in a written document to the state authorities, demanding amongst other things, the nationalization of this combine plant and to make certain that these produced harvester combines go on the market to be sold.

In case these demands are not met, the union members will take other decisive actions to safeguard the livelihood of our 1,000 members.

## FOUR HUNDRED STRIKERS BLOCK TRAFFIC

**VINNYTSA, February 10, 2009** – 400 workers of the Vinnytsa Bearing Company blocked traffic, and demanded a meeting with the president of RSA and also to be paid all the back-wages since April of 2008.

There was a promise that a negotiating meeting shall be arranged and wages paid. After that the strike was halted.



## FROM EDITORIALS OF -THE VOICE OF STALINGRAD - "RED COMMUNE" OF KHARKOV

Bourgeoisie is vitally interested in the elimination of all trade unions and no contacts or agreements to be signed, no pay increases, no health benefits, no vacations, no pensions and no collective agreements, and absolutely no strikes or pickets against the owners! **Is this not slavery?**

If this is not working, then they usher in company union leadership – cushy job, no strikes and no demands on the management – and besides all that the company trade union bosses are many times involved in business, in holding shares in the enterprise. These company trade unions are long ago discredited.

Systematic crisis of capitalism deepens and spreading all over the world – big sharks eat little sharks and capitalist governments are bailing out these crooks with peoples money.

Unemployment in Ukraine and in

Russia has dramatically increased as well as in non-payment of wages. There are more and more strikes and occupation of enterprises by the workers.

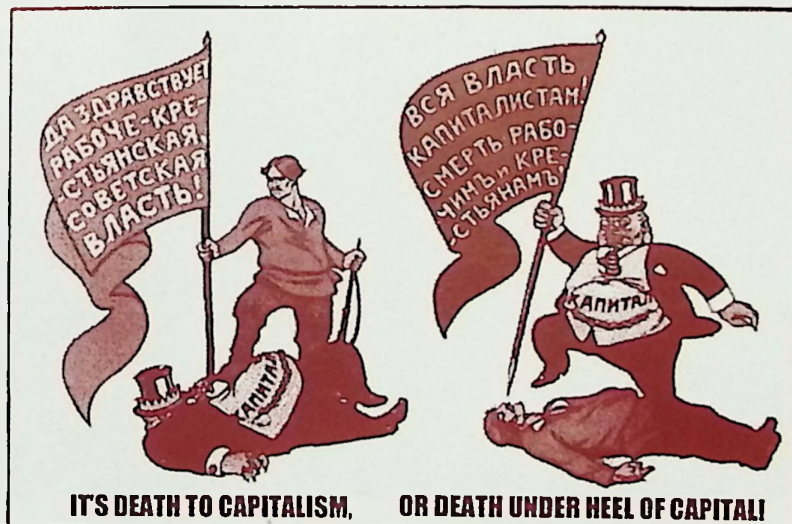
Some workers want to struggle by the capitalist "legitimate methods, others want to show solidarity with their trade union brothers and sisters in whatever industry they are striking at. The trade union struggle must be turned into a political struggle, to destroy the bourgeois class.

The capitalist class which led to the current economic crisis wants to find a way out by organizing a new imperialist war as they did in WW I and WW II.

To get rid of wars, you have to destroy the cause itself. This can only be done by an organized proletariat. We the workers are the most progressive class in the world.

We must eliminate private property that enriches the ruling class.

We will eliminate the cause of our troubles as did our great ancestors in 1917 – the Great October Socialist Revolution.



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## **NEW LAW BEING PASSED BY THE KREMLIN WILL LABEL ANY CRITICISM OF RUSSIA AS TREASON!**

New Russian legislation proposed by President Dmitry Medvedev and backed by Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, would allow the Russian authorities to label any criticism of the government as traitorous.

You will not be able to criticize or question the present constitutional order; demonstrate against the present bourgeois regime and outlaw opposition protests.

As you can see by this photograph, Medvedev is just a willing puppet of Putin. During 8 years of Putin in power, he has rolled back any semblance of Soviet peoples' democracy or the gains of Socialism and has set his eyes on becoming an importer of Western goods and just an exporter of natural resources.

This new law is being pushed through quickly to head off any protests against the financial crisis that has hit Russia very hard.

Question that must be asked is: Where is the unity of all the progressive forces to struggle against this Putin-Medvedev dictatorship?

The picture above resembles the days of the Russian Czars – even the flag on the right would have made the Russian Tsars very happy – while the present Russian flag on the left would have made the Russian Second World War traitor General Vlasov, who fought on the side of Hitler's Nazi Germany, extremely happy.

We wonder whether Gennady Zyuganov, leader of the CPRF (*Communist Party of the Russian Federation*) will support this new law that these two bourgeois twins are pushing through the Russian Duma?



## **CROWDS ATTACKED MOLDAVIAN PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE**

Last month unruly crowds that were well organized by outside forces tried to start another "Color Revolution" in order to overthrow the duly elected President Vladimir Voronin of the Communist Party of Moldova which won the election with over 50% of the votes.

Many protestors carrying flags of Romania and shouting, "We are Romanians" The demonstrators

threw stones and smashed windows and stormed the parliament building in Chisinau. They burned furniture and painted anti-communist slogans on buildings. Police had to use smoke bombs and water cannon to disperse the protestors.

This protest was organized and led by the West sponsored Liberal Democratic Party. President Vadimir Voronin was reelected twice as President and therefore Western powers and their local-paid stooges want him out of the leadership of the Communist Party of Moldova.

## **THE GROWTH OF NAZI MOVEMENT IN RUSSIA**

*From newspapers and e-mail received by NSC.*

According to Moscow authorities up to February of this year there were perpetrated 39 racial attacks on non-Russian individuals of whom 16 were killed and 36 were severely injured. This is prevalent not only in Moscow and St. Petersburg, but in Uljanovsk, Razyan, Nizny Novgorod and other cities.

Attacks are against the Uzbeks, Kyrgyz, Vietnamese, African immigrants, Dagestans, Tadjiks, Bangladesh, Kurds and other minorities. The police authorities do not always give correct number of attacks, killings or mutilations.

Besides the attacks, murders and mutilation of these non-Russians, the epidemic of vandalism is rising faster each month by these unemployed youth that more and more are wearing swastika insignia on their arms and painting swastikas on buildings, monuments and anything that was associated with the Soviet Union. They even desecrate tombstones, historical buildings and churches with slogans such as "Kill all none Whites!" "White terror!" More and more Swastikas are painted on buildings and other public structures. Signs and slogans such "Glory to the Russian God" appear more and more.

The bombings of monuments, the demolishments of any meeting place of the non-white immigrants are now becoming an epidemic. In front of the Moscow police station these Nazis left a beheaded immigrant from Asia with a sign: "Stop the influx of these non-whites to Moscow."

These are not just random acts by hoodlums, these are well organized Nazi movement that is well funded and they have their own Web pages on the Internet to propagate this Nazi movement. In Russia to operate your Web Page on the Internet costs about 20,000 rubles plus other expenses.

Without unity of the population and without the resurrection of the Soviet Union Socialism this nazi-fascist movement will not be stopped and their present financial backers will not be exposed!



**VICTORY DAY WAS CELEBRATED IN MOSCOW ON  
THE RED SQUARE - MAY 9, 1945**







BY MARIA DONCHENKO – Moscow

# SOVIET YOUTH IN ACTION AGAINST PRESENT REGIME

**APRIL 18, 2009 –**  
Conference of the Movement for the Defense of Children.

**APRIL 20, 2009 –**  
Meeting against the destruction of the Ernest Thaelmann Memorial in Germany. This date was also the birthday of Hitler and the ultra-right used to celebrate it. It is very important that young Communists staged an anti-fascist meeting on that day.

**APRIL 22, 2009 –**  
Celebration of the birth of V. I. Lenin



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These are the faces of young people who are dedicated Communists and who have undertaken the noble task of struggling to rebuild the Soviet Union and Socialism. They will be the ones that will throw out this present bourgeois regime into the garbage bin of history! VENCEREMOS COMRADES!







Many of young Komsomol activists were jailed by authorities, while some others just disappeared !





# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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Chileno (Acción Proletaria)**



## PROGRESSIVE SUMMIT OR SUMMIT OF POLITICAL SWINDLERS ?

With our "progressive" president Michelle Bachelet as host, on March 27 and 28 a pompous Seminar – Summit of the so-called or self-declared "progressives" will be held in Viña del Mar. There are expected to be 80 special guests, who are the most outstanding, not exactly for their progressivism, but for administering neo-liberalism, and in some cases, for the direct oppression and military occupation of certain countries and peoples, such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and Haiti: Joe Biden, Vice-President of the United States; Gordon Brown, British Prime Minister, Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of Norway, Lula da Silva, President of Brazil; Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, President of Argentina; Tabaré Vazquez, President of Uruguay and Michelle Bachelet, President of Chile.

An outstanding role, it says, will be played by the "progressive and socialist" Jose Miguel Insulza, who is in charge of the office for the Americas of Yankee imperialism, known as the O.A.S. [Organization of American States – *translator's note*]. As all seminars naturally have a title,

this one is called: "A global response: towards a progressive future" and its central theme is: "Building a new equitable and sustainable international order".

The interesting thing is that it is taking place in the middle of the general crisis of capitalism, where the governments of the participants in the "summit" have taken a series of measures that aim to save, to make business viable for the large banks and monopolies. With great publicity they have given an interested gift to "the poorest of the poor", as is the case with the one-time gift of \$40,000 by the Chilean government.

Bankruptcies of industries and businesses of various sizes, accelerated concentration of property in ever fewer hands, layoffs and losses of hundreds of thousands, even millions, of jobs on a worldwide level; these are the result of living under the "progressive administrations" that are meeting today to talk about "an equitable and sustainable international order." Meanwhile, within their countries repressive measures are being reinforced, assuring higher pay and better material conditions for the police; they give small concessions resulting from the popular mobilization as a form of confronting and "saving" the crisis, the crisis of the capitalist system, to save capitalism.

Without much political and ideological aversion, that in our case, as revolutionaries and leftists, we have and in great quantities, every sane person should at least question the true objectives and aims of the "progressive summit", based on the history of its participants and the interests that they represent, and even on the great economic cost that its accomplishment will mean for the Chilean State.

Where is the progressivism? In our case in the LGE [General Education Law – *translator's note*], in the repression with tortures and death of the Mapuche fighters, in the

repression of the movements of workers, shop owners, fisherfolk, etc. And with you Ms. Kirchner, it is in the highway blockades of the workers and farmers against your anti-popular policy of starvation, or in the repression to the movements of the landless peasants, of neighborhood residents, of students and workers in Lula's Brazil. **IN WHAT WAY ARE YOU PROGRESSIVE?**

The "Progressive Summit", the summit of political swindlers, of oppressors, of imperialists and their flunkies, must be unmasked. It is our obligation to tear away the mantle of "progressivism" in which the swindlers are cloaked, because they are using it to pursue their reactionary policies, the defense of the bourgeois order, of exploitation and the dictatorship of the monopolies, at the same time as they make difficult, they divert the popular and revolutionary struggle. This has nothing to do with progressivism or with the left! They are of the right, and we must all see this, because only in this way will we be able to fight them successfully.

It is clear that the PROGRESSIVISM is not in the summit in Viña, it is in the Popular Democratic and Socialist struggle, it is in the workers and the peoples.

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## THE SECOND SCRAMBLE FOR AFRICA STARTS

By Julio Godoy – [allafrica.com](http://allafrica.com)

Sub-Saharan countries have of late become the target of a new form of investment that is very strongly reminiscent of former Colonialism. Investors from both the industrial countries and emerging economies buy large tracts of farmland across this African continent – either to guarantee their own food supply or simply as another profitable business. In doing so, these investors deal also with war-



lords who claim their own property rights.

Organizations and activists all over the world are denouncing this land grab in Egypt, Sudan, Cameroon, Senegal, Mozambique and elsewhere in Africa as a **new form of Colonialism**.

Although these investors are targeting also fertile lands in other areas of the world, the sub-Saharan Africa appears to be for these imperialist investors the main destination. The reasons are multiple.

On the one hand Africa possesses enormous land reserves and according to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization – only about 14% of the suited land on the African continent is presently being cultivated. Also, the present capitalist governments in most of these countries are willing to allow this land to be sold and grabbed on their territory.

UN reports that countries like Sweden, Japan, China, India and oil rich countries, especially from the Arab Gulf region, and even Libya, are buying up immensely large estates on the African Continent.

There are also top multinational corporations and banks like – Blackstone Group, Deutsche Bank, Goldman & Sachs and Dexion Capital who are buying up huge landmass in the heartland of Africa.

A private industrial conglomerate like the South Korean Daewoo leased-to-buy over **1,3 MILLION HECTARES** in Madagascar- which is about one half of its total territory.

This is a case, which recalls the worst colonial grabs in Africa by the British, French German and Belgian colonialists.

## **NAZI METHODS IN TURKEY: OPPOSITIONISTS BURNT ALIVE IN A BOILER**

From [info@mlkp.info](mailto:info@mlkp.info)

The brutal method of killing used by the state in Turkey in 1980's and 1990's in its dirty war against the Kurdish people have continued to be exposed. The confessions made recently by the former counter guerrilla member show "*Nazi methods*" used by the Turkish state against the Kurdish people and other

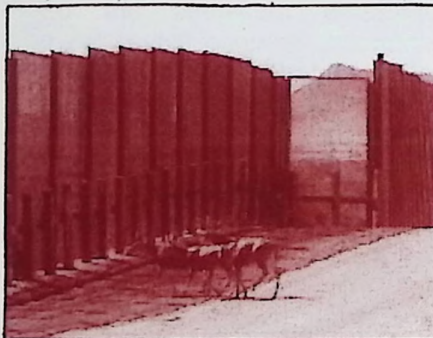
opposition forces. As a result of this confession of the "JITEM" member Abdulkadir Aygan, some mass graves have been found at an acid wells belonging to Botas factory and in other locations. Hundreds of humans bones, pieces of clothing and ropes have been found. Bodies have been found of people that disappeared under arrest since 1995.

Another informant Yildirim Begler reported that he was an interpreter for the Turkish General staff for 14 years and he also told that they were ordered to kill about 1,000 people, whose names were on the "*black list*". He also confessed that the Turkish public prosecutors knew about the killings but turned a blind eye. Most of the prisoners died because of inhuman torture. Many prisoners after tortures were thrown out of helicopters or burned alive in acid tanks.

## **LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM!**

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## **THE 600- MILE WALL THAT SEPERATES U.S. AND MEXICO**



This wall between US and Mexico stretches over 600 miles in length and the Obama administration is building it another couple of hundred miles. This border wall separated families, fractured critical habitat for the endangered animal species and caused devastating floods which affect both the US and Mexico alike.

To make matter worse, because of the Bill that was enacted by Bush in 2005, the US government is allowed to ignore nearly 36 US laws in order to expedite the building of the additional wall.

The Sierra Club is working with

other protest groups and individuals in the US to organize a lobby protest to demand that the US Congress stop this construction and to address the problems that this Wall has created.

## **SHARP RIGHT TURN IN HUNGARY**

By G.M. Tamas –*Socialist Review*

The economic crisis in Hungary has led the Hungarian politicians to blame the poorest segment of the population for the society's problems, and the growth of far right forces are on the rise.

We are witnessing a peculiar rebellion by the impoverished middle class of the population, but not against the "neo-liberal world order or the ruling class in Hungary". The rebellion is very strong against the poorest part of the Hungarian population. When a society appears to come apart at the seams, it is no solidarity or sympathy that is invoked, but the persecution of the poorest.

While an increasing number of Hungarian people are in danger of starving and freezing, the vocal minority is demanding that all social services for needy be ended, while -- uniformed fascist paramilitary battalions are marching through the poorest districts of Budapest and other cities to keep the hungry voices way down, while their own voices are loud and clear and the media picks them up all across the country.

How is this possible? It is very simple – the oldest of all political recipes. Identify the poor and oppressed with an unpopular race, in Hungary it is the Roma-Gypsy. Then the causes of the oppression that will be unleashed will be justified as the gallant defense of the working majority against what these Hungarian Nazis are calling – "*genetic garbage*", "*welfare dependent*", "*work-shy*" "*crime prone*; and "*sub-human*".

A law was passed that no social assistance will be given to these people, and this new law found complete enthusiasm amongst Hungarians – since the message was that it was these people that are the cause of all the problems in



Hungary.

During the last election which saw the right forces win in Hungary, here is just one example of how the right-wing authorities sway the population. In the industrial town of Miskolc, the local police chief declared that all robbers in that town were Roma and that *"coexistence with Roma proves unfeasible"*. He was fired by the Central Government's Home Secretary – but this caused such an uproar and people gathered en masse in the main square, with all forces from the "democratic party", the "Neo Nazis and the Nazi Hungarian Guard" in uniforms in protest. The government backed down and the police chief was reinstated the same night. The right-wing newspapers and the TV media all across Hungary trumpeted, *"Truth has finally triumphed!"* - *"All Roma are Criminals!"*

In a recent survey, 82 per cent of Hungarians are in favour of restrictions and school segregation, forcible adoption of Roma children. The fascists are campaigning for death penalty and organizing various vigilante groups.

In this atmosphere of hysteria very few Hungarians would volunteer to protest against the present economic hardships and austerity measures in Hungary.

## **CANADA: IN SERVICE OF THE PENTAGON AND NATO AT HOME AND ABROAD**

By Rick Rozoff (shortened)

*"...if there has ever been a nation that never truly possesses a foreign policy of its own – particularly in respect to military conflicts – that country is Canada."*

Canada is the only country in the worlds whose mainland borders three of the worlds five oceans: The Arctic, The Atlantic and The Pacific.

USA only secured access to the Arctic Ocean with the sale by the Russian Czar of Alaska in 1867. Russia now can only access the Atlantic through the Barents and Norwegian Seas.

The campaign to employ Canada as a spearhead against Russia in the Arctic and generally in furtherance of NATO's plans for the Northwest

Hemisphere will have little to do with the word that has become so popular with Prime Minister Harper – Canadian sovereignty in the Arctic, and still less with defense against Russia. It also has nothing to do with Canadian independence.

As Canada did when it supplied its military troops to its colonial master, Great Britain, Canada has rarely barked at demands by the US for military and political complicity as demanded by USA and Great Britain.

In the war in Afghanistan, the number of deaths at the end of April was 117 Canadian soldiers; about 10 per cent of the total Western military deaths, the number and ratio is out of proportion to Canada's population of a little more than 33 million.

### **COMMENT:**

*Canada contributed more soldiers in the US inspired conflicts than other countries proportionally. Why? Because Canada is under the thumb of both Britain and US Imperialism!*

## **WHY \$10 TRILLION BAILOUT FOR U.S. BANKS ?**

Over the last year and more coming this year, the Bush and Obama Administration have given over \$10 TRILLION to bail out the US Banks and other financial institutions that crashed after years of giving themselves and raking off extravagant profits. Last year the US Congress gave out over \$700 Billions as a start.

There is still no accounting of where all of this money has been going or has already gone to offshore accounts.

Here is just a small list of the US biggest corporations on Wall Street that have received this handout of US taxpayer's money.

It seems that these crooks and Mafiosi tycoons all they have to do is hold out their hands and gold coins just rained on them.

Bank of America - \$45 Billion  
Citigroup - \$45 Billion  
AIG - \$40 Billion  
J P Morgan - \$25 Billion

Goldman Sachs - \$10 Billion  
GM & GMC - \$14 Billion  
PNC Financial - \$8 Billion  
Chrysler Financial - \$5 Billion  
Suntrust Banks - \$3.5 Billion  
Regions Financial - \$3.5 Billion  
American Express - \$3.40 Billion  
Mellon Bank of NY - \$3 Billion  
Plus other smaller banks

*Imagine what all of these trillions – and more to be given by President Obama -could have do to improve the life of the American people?*

## **US AND S. KOREA LIED ABOUT FAILURE OF N.KOREA SPACE LAUNCH**

<http://lenta.ru/news/2009/04.05/fail>

The Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed last month that the DPRK space launch was a success and the satellite is in space and in orbit as planned.

The hysteria by South Korea, Japan and even Mr. Obama threatened sanctions against DPRK and the will use the UN to impose sanctions also.

This outright lie of "failure" by N. Korea is another imperialist attempt to besmirch the efforts of DPRK to move forward against all odds and develop its industrial and defense potential.

The lie that North Korea will now be a threat to other countries is meant to ostracize even more this Socialist country and present it as a threat to the whole world! Meanwhile close to a dozen countries have nuclear weapons and launched satellites.

Why is China and Russia keeping mum? Why are they not defending the right of DPRK to launch its satellite?

Hey Mr. Obama – pretty soon you and Washington will say that America did not invade Iraq!

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**PEOPLE OF THE KOREAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ARE UNITED IN BUILDING SOCIALISM AND AGAINST U.S. IMPERIALISM- AS THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW VIVIDLY AND IMPRESSIVELY!**





# AFGHANISTAN: US, NATO WAGE WORLD'S LONGEST WAR

By RICK ROZOFF

This US Imperialism's Afghan war – going on now into 7 years - is also NATO's first armed conflict outside of Europe. It is being waged with the participation of armed units from 26 countries and 12 other European and Caucasus nations, linked to NATO through Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council, The Partnership for Peace and the Adriatic Charter.

The 12 European NATO partners who have sent troops to Afghanistan include the continent's five former neutral countries (*who were never neutral-Editor*): Austria, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and Switzerland.

NATO also counts amongst its countries that sent troops to Afghanistan – from six former Soviet Republics – Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine plus Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Russian ITAR-TASS news agency let the cat out of the bag when they reported that NATO had sent over 12,000 US armed troops and supplies through the air base Manas - in Kyrgyzstan in 2008!

In March of 2009, US-NATO had signed an agreement with Poland to train their Special Forces – as US has done already with Georgia - to be sent to Afghanistan and Iraq. It is a known fact that NATRO has opened bases in Romania and Bulgaria and is now already building and staffing bases in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

**NATO was not, is not a nation-building, peacekeeping or humanitarian outfit - it is nothing more than an aggressive military bloc.**

## COMMENT:

*Do not these present blind leaders of Russia see this? Do they not realize as to what awaits Russia if NATO and US Imperialism are not stopped? Or is the old adage correct now – The Blind leading the Blind!*

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## PARIS LIBERATION MADE "WHITES ONLY"

From BBC Radio 4

Papers and documents unearthed by the BBC reveal that British and American commanders ensure the liberation of Paris on August 24, 1944 during WW II must be seen as "Whites only" victory.

Many who fought Nazi Germany did so to defeat the vicious racism not only against the Jews, the Gypsies, but also against the Slavic people. Why is it that in the West no one mentions this racism against millions of Slavic people?

Thanks to this BBC expose, the evidence is clear that the Black colonial soldiers, who made up more than two-thirds of the Free French forces – were deliberately removed from the unit that led the Allied advance into the French capital.

It is also a fact that is not written about that when France fell in June of 1942, over 17,000 of its Black, mainly West African troops of the French colonies – they were known only as Tirailleurs Senegalais - lay dead on the battle fields.

Most of them were shot where they stood by the Germans (*as Vichy France started to cooperate with the Nazis*) - after *surrendering to the Germans* who said that they were sub-human savages.

When liberating Paris, despite the Blacks being the overwhelming majority in the French Army, they were not allowed to march into Paris.

The leader of the Free French forces, Charles DeGaulle, made it very clear that he wanted only his White Frenchmen to lead the liberation of Paris.

Involved also in this racist policy was the US General Eisenhower who sent a "confidential message" to his Chief of Staff – Major General Walter Bedell Smith which said: "*It is more desirable that the division marching into Paris should be made up of 100% Whites.*"

Let us not forget that during WW II the US segregated its own troops along racial lines and did not allow



Charles de Gaulle wanted Frenchmen to lead the liberation of Paris



Many of the "French" division which led the liberation of Paris were Spanish

Black GI's alongside their white comrades until the very late stages of WW II.

Did the British government at that time object to this racist policy by America? **No it did not!**

Despite the fact that 65% of the Free French Forces were Black and dying in large numbers in the struggles, they had no hero welcome in Paris.

After the liberation of Paris, they were stripped of their uniforms and shipped back to the French colonies **and in 1959 they were even stripped of their pensions!**

As one Senegalese war veteran said, when he was 87 years old: "*We were colonized by the French. We were forced to go to war. We were forced to follow orders to do what the French Whites commanded. France was not grateful at all. Not at all.*"

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From the Belly of the Beast

## The Global Capitalist Collapse and the Awakening of the World's Workers

Over the past few months, the world capitalist economic crisis has deepened everywhere. From China and India to Poland and Latvia, tens of millions of workers have lost their jobs and their livelihoods. In most of the countries of Eastern Europe, the numbers and percentages of unemployed have already reached staggering proportions. In the USA, November and December each saw over five hundred thousand new unemployed workers; and over six hundred thousand lost their jobs in each of the first three months of 2009. When the large number of self-employed, and the underemployed are included, an estimated five million workers in the USA alone have been drastically impacted.

The initial response of the imperialist and other reactionary governments to the crisis has been to provide multi-billion dollar (euro, pound, yen) bailout giveaways to the wealthiest, greediest and most guilty ruling class bankers and businessmen, the very people most responsible for the depth of the crisis. This boondoggle has been squeezed out of the sweat and blood of the working class in every country. indeed, the amount of dollars, euro, etc. involved in the bailouts will still be coming out of the children and grandchildren of those of us in today's working class, if we allow the system of monopoly capitalism and imperialism to survive.

In this setting, the international

working class is being jolted into action — as if shaken out of slumber.\*

**FOOTNOTE:** \*[In the first half of the twentieth century, the international communist movement, under Lenin-Stalin Bolshevik leadership, had been the pathfinder, trailblazer, organizer and leader of the most advanced class in the struggle for world progress — the international working class. For most of the past fifty years, the international communist and workers movement has been led by collaborators with imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism.]

In the past few months, the working class of the French colonies of Guadeloupe and Martinique have waged powerful workers strike struggles organized through their trade unions, spearheading their islands' masses in their demand for economic relief from this global capitalist crisis. The general strikes on both these Caribbean islands, with overwhelming popular support, have succeeded in winning their immediate wage and price demands and have raised the fundamental question of political power, including the question of national sovereignty vis-à-vis French imperialism. Their struggle has inspired a similar struggle with similar demands in the French island colony of La Réunion in the Indian Ocean on the other side of the world.

No doubt, too, the strong uprisings of the exploited and oppressed masses of Guadeloupe and Martinique have helped provide backbone to the increasingly independent stands of Latin American countries such as Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador in opposition to U.S. imperialism. More dramatically, the defeat of the Arena Party government in the March 2009 election in El Salvador represents a resurgence of mass anti-imperialist sentiment among the workers in this Central American country, a former center of revolutionary activity. For more than two decades, prior to this victory, the Salvadoran working people had been living under the Arena party-led state of terror.

At the same time, the French working class, inspired at least in

part by their class brothers and sisters in Guadeloupe and Martinique, has undertaken massive and militant demonstrations within that important imperialist country itself, resisting the efforts of the French ruling class to put the burden of the crisis on their shoulders. Likewise, the working people of Greece, along with the students, have been staging massive protests against police brutality and in defense of popular education, also fueled by the economic crisis. The street demonstrations of the Greek masses have shaken the roots of the reactionary regime there.

The working class militancy being exhibited in oppressed colonies and neo-colonies and major imperialist countries, as well as countries in between, is a reflection of *the mass disaffection with the world system of monopoly capitalism and imperialism*. Even without the existence of a viable alternative socialist camp at this time, the toiling masses' fascination with global capitalism has been broken.

Within the USA itself, for sixty years U.S. imperialism's post World War II hegemony in the capitalist world allowed for a situation to develop in which the organized labor movement has been almost totally subservient to U.S. imperialism, and the U.S. working class has been loyal to the U.S. imperialist ruling class as it became almost completely caught up in the consumer culture. For about twenty-five years after World War II (approximately 1947-1972), the organized section of the U.S. working class was able to win wage increases (and material gains) without the bitter and bloody struggles normally associated with such working class advance. This fact of life was precisely in accordance with Lenin's teachings on the imperialist bribery of "its own" working class by major imperialist powers.

For the past thirty-five years or so, since then, the real wages of U.S. workers have not increased. Yet working people here have continued to experience significant material gains. This has been largely due to the inflation bubble and especially inflation in the housing sector on



which most working class family wealth is based. In recent years the consumer spending of U.S. working people, largely on the basis of the proceeds from housing inflation, has been the engine driving much of the world capitalist system's economic production.

It is no wonder, then, that, over these sixty years, the U.S. working class and its labor movement have been almost completely won over to the "virtues" of capitalism, U.S. imperialism style.

Now this is no longer the case! The subprime mortgage crisis in the USA has led to a housing crisis which has led to a U.S. financial crisis, to a world financial crisis, and finally to a world capitalist economic crisis. The subsequent massive job loss and the wiping out of private pensions, along with the U.S. government bailout of the rich ruling class financial criminal organizations like Bank of America, Citigroup and Goldman Sachs is awakening the U.S. working class to the fact that *the system is rotten*. Certainly, if we don't yet *know* it, we feel it in our bones.

In the USA, the growing mass disaffection with the system of monopoly capitalism and imperialism is a fundamentally *new condition* that dramatically impacts every clash between labor and capital, between the oppressed and the oppressor, between the police and the oppressed nationalities, between the workers and the opportunists leading the U.S. labor movement.

Three outstanding recent developments in the U.S. working class movement reflect this new reality – the growing revolutionary potential of the working class within the belly of the beast itself.

No doubt partly fueled by the Obama election victory as well as an increasingly angry mood of the working class in response to the economic crisis and the bailouts for the Wall Street rich, five thousand meatpackers at the massive Smithfield Foods plant in Tarheel, North Carolina (N.C.) won their union election, in a close vote, and affiliated with the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW).

This victory culminated a sixteen year struggle against one of the most intense anti-union company offensives in recent U.S. history – including firings and physical assaults on union activists, use of local police agencies and immigration raids aimed at intimidating and splitting the workforce, and anti-trust lawsuits against the union. The unity of the Afro-American and Latino workers and the fact that the factory is located in the "Black Belt South," in the old slave plantation region, in one of the least unionized states (3% of the workers in N.C. are unionized) add to the significance of this victory.

Another indication that the mood of U.S. workers, especially immigrant national minority and Afro-American workers, is changing rapidly and dramatically for the better was revealed by the successful factory occupation by 240 Republic Windows unionized employees in Chicago after they received three days notice of lay-off in violation of the law that required a 60 day notice of plant closing. With their union, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE), the workers occupied the factory for six days demanding their severance pay, continuation of health benefits and pay for accrued vacation.

Workers were especially angered by the fact that Bank of America, a recipient of \$34 billion as part of the massive Wall Street bailout, withheld credit from the company in part causing the plant shutdown. The demands and actions of the Republic Window workers received the sympathy and captured the imagination of working people all over the country who share their outrage at Bank of America, et al.

After a six day occupation of the factory the workers won all their demands, including a severance package worth \$1.75 million. Furthermore, in February 2009 following the victorious sit-down strike, the factory was sold by Republic Windows to Serious Materials, a green-oriented, California-based windows company. The new owners have signed a new union contract with the UE and the workers have begun being called back!

The past few decades have witnessed the almost total disappearance of the strike weapon from the arsenal of U.S. organized labor. In this setting, the Republic Windows workers and the UE's adoption of the far more advanced tactic of factory occupation in defense of their rights and standard of living and the widespread sympathetic response they received, are very good signs indeed.

Currently, the largest union in the USA is the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) led by its autocratic President Andy Stern. Stern has overseen the rapid growth of SEIU, in marked contrast with most U.S. unions which are shrinking. But he has accomplished this on the unprincipled, anti-union basis of "sweetheart agreements" with hospital and health care and nursing home corporations over the heads of and at the expense of the members he is signing up.

Stern has attempted to crush a democratically run, San Francisco-based 150,000 member United Health Care local of SEIU led by its progressive President, Sal Roselli. But the membership and leadership of SEIU local #250 mobilized and defended its rank and file-led union and its decent contracts. In late January, after Stern trusteeed the local, more than a hundred union staffers led by Roselli, in consultation with 5,000 local union stewards, resigned from the SEIU and launched the formation of a new National Union of Health Care Workers (NUHW). Thus far the workers in bargaining units representing almost one hundred thousand workers have indicated a majority commitment to NUHW. But the U.S. Labor Department, influenced by Stern and his Democratic Party political connections, are frustrating many rank and file attempts to hold votes on union affiliation at this time. But the struggle continues.

The protracted and mass struggle for union democracy being carried out by NUHW, occurring in this period of economic crisis and nascent working class ferment, holds significance far beyond California and the SEIU. It has the potential for helping to pave



the way for class struggle-oriented, democratically-run, rank and file-led unions, capable of leading a crusade of working class organization and struggle against capital such as were born and thrived in the last Great Depression with the rise of the Congress of Industrial Organization (CIO). NUHW needs and deserves our support.

For those of us who have "kept the faith" and continued to uphold the banner of socialism, even as the Socialist Camp dissolved and disappeared, the new world capitalist economic crisis provides a great opportunity and an increased responsibility. We need to spread the truth about the superiority of the socialist system to a new generation of working people who are every day learning new bitter lessons about the degradation and dead end character of capitalism in the twenty-first century. As Karl Marx wrote, 160 years ago, "We have nothing to lose but our chains! We have a world to win!" On to the Socialist Future!

## **OUR APRIL 25 FOR SOCIALISM**

APRIL 25 IS THAT ONE OF HOW MUCH WE FOUGHT AND DIED FOR BUILDING SOCIALISM IN OUR COUNTRY!  
THE MARXIST-LENINISTS DON'T EMPHASIZE APRIL 25, 1945, BECAUSE IT REAFFIRMED THE POLITICAL POWER OF THE BOURGEOISIE AND OF THE CLERGY!

The Italian Marxist Leninist Communist Party, all of the Communists who refer to the principles and strategy of Marxism-Leninism, the intellectuals and vanguard, the Revolutionary Communist Youth, the revolutionary vanguard of the working class and the whole of fighters for the conquest of Socialism in our country on the occasion of the 64th anniversary of the liberation of Italy from Nazi-fascism do not particularly enhance the April 25, 1945, because it, unfortunately, did not liberate our country, even from the infamous capitalist social system, but was only

a step forward in the achievement of certain democratic freedoms and a step on the difficult path towards the conquest of Socialism. Emphasizing the April 25, 1945 means to give to this date a victory and a historic importance that for the Communists have no class and revolutionary value, because April 25 did not build the Socialism in Italy, but has conquered simply some democratic freedoms.

The consistent communists, who fought against fascism, monarchy and nazism, did it in order to continue fighting until the victory of socialist revolution, which would have given the political power to the Italian working class, to start the building of the new and higher socialist society also in Italy. But this perspective was tragically betrayed and repressed by the revisionist and opportunist top of the ex Italian Communist Party, then led by the revisionist Palmiro Togliatti. Indeed on 25 April 1945, the economic and political Italian power remained firmly in the hands of the bourgeois class and of the clergy, and from it derived a Republic and a Constitution of pure bourgeois nature, while many fascists and monarchists heirarchs were readily recycled into defenders of the "new" State and continued to manage the affairs of the national bourgeoisie.

At a distance of 64 years from that institutional democratic-clerical-bourgeois change, there is almost nothing: the democratic Constitution is progressively cut into pieces, the fascists, coated of democratism, are returned to power, the Catholic

religion has remained State religion and the State of the Vatican continues to affect the social life of the nation. The dead of the Resistance are equivalent to the dead fascists of Saiò, the Fascist right again is rooted and much more stronger in the country. The communists and anti-fascists are attacked and massacred again and their headquarters taken by assault, while the national and multinational capitalism is recovering all past social achievements which had been forced to grant to the workers in struggle. The present and dramatic economic crisis, dramatic only for working and popular masses, continues to spread poverty and social despair without, wickedly, an appreciable class and revolutionary resistance on behalf of a working class now largely accustomed by the political revisionism of the false left and from trade unions of the regime.

That means with clarity, that the issue of socialist revolution in Italy, which is great topicality, proposes again necessity in its true theoretical and strategic meaning of class and marxist-leninist, according to the teachings of the four great Masters of the international proletariat Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin and of the glorious experience of the Russian Bolshevik Communist Party and of October Revolution, just as it is necessary to continue a fight without quarter against all forms of revisionism that pollute the Italian workers' movement.

Today, even the boss, banker, anti-communist and slanderer of the Communists and of the realized





Socialism, Silvio Berlusconi and ex fascist of MSI (Italian Social Movement) Gianfranco Fini celebrate, for political expediency and of power, the 25 April, an event that absolutely don't belong to him. The April 25, of Berlusconi, Fini, Franceschini, D'Alema, Fassino, Veltroni, Ferrero, Vendola, Diliberto, Bertinotti, Napolitano and all those who think of the same way is not the one for which tens of thousands of Partisans who fought and died for a greater cause. Besides, this is not our April 25, and even of those who are fighting for the construction of the Italian Soviet Socialist Republic. On the contrary, our April 25, is the April 25 of those who fought and died with pride and passion to contribute in building the Socialism in our country.

Today, seeing in the squares and streets certain unworthy faces to celebrate April 25, however sick and saddened is the awareness of the mud that they thrown on the memory of so many martyrs, especially those communist heroes who died in the struggle and in the anti-fascist resistance. Heroes that from the grave, cry for and demand adequate revenge. And we, Italian Marxist Leninist Communist Party, we are still the modest Bolshevik Communist Party of Italy of today and of that one, which sacrificed their childrens to free their own Homeland from the evil deeds of fascism and Nazism and from the ferocity of the exploitation of lands, of industrialists and bankers and for building the socialist Italy with the conquest of political power to the working class.

On this day of memorable memories of heroism and selflessness of class and revolutionary struggles, we solemnly promise to avenge their betrayed and tarnished memory and we will do it without any hesitation. Liberating Italy from capitalism means even to free it perpetually from the return of the tragedy of fascism, because it is a creature produced and bred by the same capitalist system.

**UP THE POLITICAL POWER OF THE ITALIAN WORKING CLASS!**

**UP THE FUTURE ITALIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC!**

**The Secretary's P.C.I.M-L.**

## **NATO'S SIXTY YEARS LEGACY: THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR**

*By Rick Rozoff*

Since the birth of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Alliance) it has envisioned the use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear nations. One of the fundamental creation of NATO in 1949 was to introduce the permanent stationing of nuclear weapons/ Europe. Europe in 1949 had no nuclear or atomic bombs of their ow

But it is now known that US had already utilized Britain's B-29 bombers to carry atomic bombs in to Europe and had them stationed there in secret. This was a continuation of the war, but this time against the Soviet Union, with the former axis power of Nazi Germany like Italy immediately being incorporated into NATO.

On his ay in Washington to the White House in January of 1951 General Dwight D. Eisenhower, formerly the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe, became NATO's first Supreme Commander in 1951. Even his titled did not change. Here is a quote from NATO's Handbook, reflecting nuclear doctrine since its inception:

"During the Cold War, NATO's nuclear forces played a central role in NATO's strategy of flexible response. Nuclear weapons were already integrated into the whole of NATO's force structure. Alliance maintained a variety of chosen targeting plans against USSR and Eastern Europe, which could be expedited at a very short notice. This is our quick-reaction alert posture."

In a meeting of the US National Security Council in 1973, headed by National Security Advisor, Henry Kissinger, the following was stated as recorded in the released document marked "Top Secret".

**" Now our objective is to destroy 70 per cent of the floor space of the Soviet war-supporting industry. A better criterion would be the post-recovery rate, plus hitting the Soviet Army to prevent it from trying to overrun Europe. Another goal would be to atomically**

**destroy 70 million Russians for example."**

*(Associated Press, November 24, 2004)*

With the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact in 1989 and of the Soviet Union two years later -- NATO still has hundreds of nuclear bombs stored in Europe and aircraft to deliver them -- with Russia being the target.

NATO's plans now for Poland, the Baltic States, Bulgaria, Romania and others are to be able to launch missiles right from the Russian border with Poland. These nuclear missiles would hit Moscow before Russia response could take to the air -- **in other words, NATO will have a first-strike capability.**

NATO members met in France and Germany on its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and mapped out a Strategic Concept for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century -- one that will leave few spots on Earth unaffected by the policy of US and NATO.

## **OBITUARY**

### **A Red Salute to Comrade Moni Guha**

**Revolutionary Organization of Labor, USA**

Moni Guha was the rare communist revolutionary who was able to continue to function effectively even in an extended period of extreme political isolation.

While we in the Revolutionary Organization of Labor, USA (formerly the Ray O. Light Group) were unaware of some of the outstanding historical merits of this fine comrade, we are not surprised to learn that it was he who spearheaded on the Indian sub-continent "the struggle against the 20<sup>th</sup> Congress of the CPSU within weeks of the event," as recalled by Vijay Singh. For this Congress, featuring Khrushchev's attack on Stalin was the watershed event in the disintegration and the dismantling of the international communist movement and the socialist camp. And, in the thirty years or so that we were in contact with comrade Guha, he was one of the few sharp and scientific consistent opponents of modern revisionism.



Like comrade Guha, our small organization experienced "the splendid isolation" of the principled upholders of the proletarian revolution in this period of bourgeois nationalist retreat and betrayal by the revisionists in their efforts to collaborate with imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism. In 1979, one of the few public mentions of our revolutionary ideological and political work was a citation of comrade Guha at the conclusion of his outstanding "Revisionism against Revisionism." This expression of public agreement and support, along with his substantial letters to us, were extremely encouraging at that historical moment when the socialist camp was already so stagnant and was rapidly ossifying, but was still exercising its deadening influence on every new sprout of revolution in the spontaneous movement of the oppressed and exploited masses against imperialism and U.S.-led reaction. In my one personal meeting with Moni Guha, when he was already at a very advanced age, I was struck by how sharp and alert he was. With failing eyesight and weary with age, he was still energetically building the revolutionary movement with all the human material at his disposal.

Those who failed to work more closely with the comrade should use the occasion of his death to look in the mirror – to rededicate themselves with the seriousness of purpose and the strength of character of Moni Guha. In several of our Newsletters over the past several years, we cited Moni Guha's brilliant standard of *proletarian internationalism*, his upholding of the Communist International's standard. He stated, "Today, we behave like the despicable leaders of the Second International, like Titos; for us the national communist movements are supposed to have platonic relations with the world socialist revolution."... "Our internationalism is not for 'mutual benefit' but the very pre-condition of our movement --- communism is a world historical goal." Surely Moni Guha lived as did comrade Lenin: "A policy based on principle is the only correct policy." In this spirit, our upcoming conference in the belly of the beast will include a special tribute to his life and work.

**Comrade Moni Guha – we salute you!**

Ray O. Light  
General Secretary  
Revolutionary Organization of Labor,  
USA

P.S. As an historical footnote on the Bangla national question – while Badruddin Umar, the preeminent

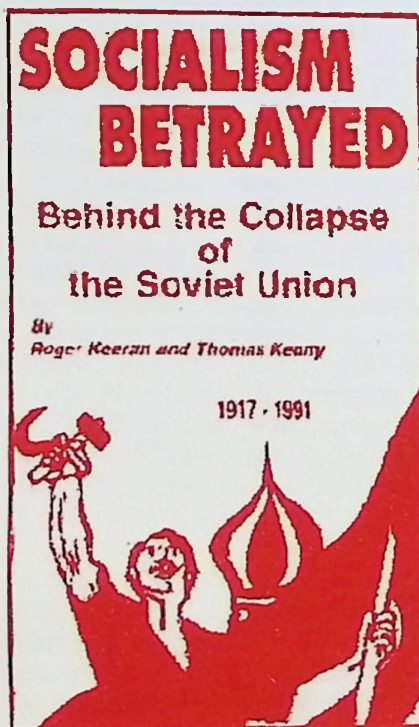
Marxist in "Bangla Desh" was born in Kolkata in "India." Comrade Moni Guha, the outstanding anti-revisionist Marxist-Leninist in "India" who has died in Kolkata was born in what is now "Bangla Desh"! When will comrade Stalin's immortal teachings on the national question be applied once again in the cause of the proletarian revolution on the Indian sub-continent?!

## BOOK REVIEWS

### SOCIALISM BETRAYED

By Roger Keenan & Thomas Kenny

For workers and oppressed peoples the highpoint event of the Twentieth Century was the Russian October Revolution of 1917. Likewise the great tragedy of the century was the shocking overthrow of Soviet socialism and the demise of the USSR. *Socialism Betrayed* sets out to explain how such a terrible defeat was allowed to happen and succeeds better than most similar attempts.



This book is very well researched. Chapter Six has 154 footnotes. Moreover, the authors utilize not only participant sources, (*documents, memoirs etc.*) and various other left analyses, but also extensive bourgeois academic

research. Even a study by Canada's far-right think tank, the Fraser Institute is referenced in regard to the underground private economy that started to exist to some extent after 1953. Citing such sources does not necessarily diminish this work but may enhance it. To know a phenomenon is to know its all-sidedness, its interpenetrating opposites, including the class-based subjective interpretations.

But it is not only the well-researched nature of this book that makes it stand out. The authors are not afraid to refute many revisionist theories still influential, to a greater or lesser degree, in various sections of the international Communist movement. Those who, even now admire the policies of the Gorbachev team and believe that things would have been better, if only Gorbachev had proceeded at a slower pace, or if the policies advocated had been introduced earlier in Soviet history, will of course find this book unsettling.

Unsettling is the expose by the authors that Gorbachev's "*perestroika*" idea was an exact copy of his forerunners as Krushchev and before him Bukharin and others. Fortunately Krushchev was dumped and before him Bukharin was defeated by Stalin.

For Keenan and Kenny, the Marxist-Leninist-Stalin trends in Soviet history is decidedly not to be found in the Bukharin-Krushchev-Gorbachev trend, but in the Lenin-Stalin-Andropov trend.

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## ACCORDING TO MISHKA

# OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT OBAMA

Dear Mr. President:

Any nation that uses torture always disgraces itself in the eyes of the people of the world. World experts in human behavior all agree that information obtained by torture is mostly unrealizable.

The historical evidence from all over the world proves that leaders of countries that condone and promote such torture eventually lose any credibility in the eyes of their own people and by the people of the whole world.

The torture performed all over the world as instigated by the US regime of former President Bush is revolting, shameful and bordering on fascism Mr. Obama!

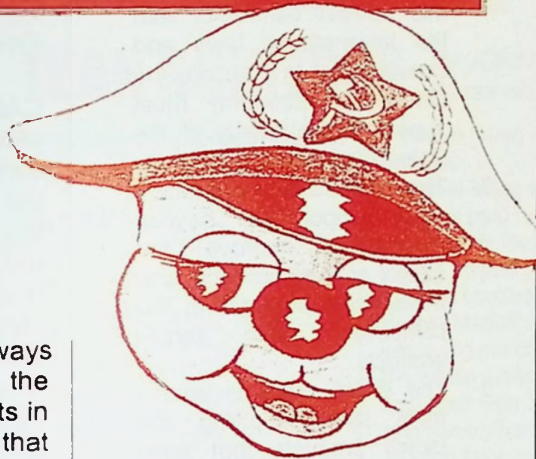
You as President of America surely know that most Americans abhor what Bush did and want him and his cohorts brought to justice.

You also know that torture is a crime under US law itself, as well as a crime under The Geneva Convention as well as the United Nations Anti-torture Convention which the US government signed. Moving prisoners into Third World countries is also a crime.

I am certain that you know the historical fact that in 1945 the United States government made certain that the Japanese war criminals who inflicted "water-boarding" (near drowning) on US prisoners were hanged. This is the same torture used by the CIA on Muslim and other non-white people by the American administration!

Certainly Mr. Obama, as a church-going believer that you are, these war criminal acts by the US government, of which you were and are a part, should revolt your mind and soul.

It is now a known fact as was reported even by the US media, according to the CIA's own information that surfaced from



prisoners themselves: **one prisoner was tortured by near-drowning 183 times – six times daily for six months!**

Dear Mr. Obama – this is also one of the methods that the Nazis used on prisoners! Other torture techniques used by the CIA was copied from Israel's Mossad as practiced on Palestinians.

As you knew Mr. President, that this torture as a war crime was authorized and hidden from the public by President Bush, Dick Cheney, Dan Rumsfeld and even by Condoleezza Rice. They used top lawyers, attorney generals to provide a very sophisticated briefs that "legally" sanctioned this torture!

All of the above names should face war crimes charges and be held responsible and sentenced.

Now Mr. Obama you stated that you would not prosecute the torturers or those that gave the orders because "they were following legal advice and orders."

But, Mr. Obama, so did those German Nazi officials who killed millions of people – 50,000,000 world-wide, and of those millions about 27,000,000 were Soviet citizens!

**Why are you afraid to prosecute those that gave these orders to torture? Your own US Constitution and the UN Charter states that it is a war crime?**

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## OPEN FORUM

### The boycott a form of resistance

By: Khalid Mansour  
The coordinator of the popular campaign to boycott Israeli products

We are not the first people who voice such weapons in the face of the occupiers and usurpers of their land; history is full of experiences of many people considered this form of work as a form of resistance. They found that the end of occupation won't be achieved unless the occupation suffers from human, moral and financial losses.

This way was used by the great Indian people, led by Gandhi against the British and so did the blacks in South Africa against the whites to get rid of the apartheid regime. Moreover, this was the way of Prophet Mohamed peace be upon him when he asked the Muslims to boycott the Jewish and hypocrite merchants as a result to their hostility toward the Muslims and Islam. Therefore, The Palestinians must put all their efforts in resisting the occupation. In the present circumstances of our people where the balance of power between us and the occupation tend to the favor of occupation and the whole world follows the American policy that supports Israel, the popular resistance becomes a must as it is the most effective way as it makes all the people feel that they are a part of



the resistance. The steadfastness of the people on their lands, the stone and demonstrations as well as facing the Israeli soldiers around the Apartheid Wall and settlements, and the protest in front of the Palestinian



demolished houses by the Israeli soldiers become a form of resistance. The popular resistance can be practiced by anyone of the Palestinian people especially boycotting the Israeli products.

This is being done by the popular campaign to boycott Israeli products launched by the following institutions: (Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees, Youth Development Association, Union of Agricultural Work Committees, Union of saving and loan Associations, Rural Women Development Association) that work under the supervision of the National Committee for boycott. The campaign slogan is (We want to let the occupation lose).

In light of the statistics that indicate the invasion of Israeli products to the Palestinian markets. The amount of Israeli exports to the Palestinian markets is around 3 billion dollars annually and the Palestinian market in the second level of Israeli products after the United States. This means that the occupation state budget and the budget of the Ministry of the occupation army rely to a large extent on the amount paid by each member of the Palestinian people as prices of the Israeli products. In light of these facts it becomes obvious that the boycott of Israeli products will harm the Israeli economy and decrease the ability of the Israeli army to wage wars on the Palestinians, build settlements and confiscate lands. For example, if each Palestinian stopped buying Israeli products even if with one Nis per day, the Israeli economy will lose 1 million dollars annually. In addition, the boycott will refresh the Palestinian economy since the Palestinian factors are currently working with less than 50% of capacity. In the case of successful boycott, the Palestinian factors will work with all its capacity which will minimize the unemployment crisis that the workers face.

Here, we aren't talking about all the Israeli products as a result of the years of dependency imposed by the occupation on our economy but we are talking about the products which have alternatives of the Arab and foreign products (unless American products). The success of these efforts needs several things:

- 1- The Palestinian Authority must stop working with some items of the Paris Convention that harm the Palestinian economy and

must take action against the suppliers of the Israeli products to our territories as this doesn't contradict with the International laws and conventions. In addition, the Ministry of Economy must supervise the quality of the Palestinian products.

- 2- The Palestinian producers must support the boycott campaigns, improve the quality of their products and make them stronger in the competition with Israeli products.
- 3- The Israeli products agents must stop supplying the Israeli products that have Palestinian alternatives to the Palestinian markets.
- 4- The institutions and frameworks working in the boycott must:
  - To transfer the campaign from the elites to the public consumers directly.
  - To work on this campaign as a permanent struggle and not seasonal one which means that realistic plans must be developed as well as implementing activities that had the effect among the public.
  - To coordinate between the various campaigns implemented by many actors and to make the competition aim is to expand the campaign and to achieve results.
- 5- The Media must support the campaign and to contribute in creating new awareness and culture regarding boycotting the Israeli products.

Alfar'a Refugee Camp –  
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## **TAMIL TIGERS INVOLVED IN CANADA'S DRUG TRADE**

*From South Asia Media Net*

CANADA: Citing Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) sources, the Jane's Intelligence Review said that the LTTE controls a large portion of the US \$ One Billion drug market in the Canadian city of Montreal. Jane's revealed that the LTTE had an annual income of \$200- \$300 – million, identified narcotics smuggling, using its merchant ships, which also transport illicit arms and explosives as its main source of income.

According to G.H. Peiris at the University of Peradaniya, the LTTE secures the Golden Crescent – Europe route. The Golden Crescent is the name given to Asia's principal opium producing area encompassing three nations, Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan, whose mountainous area that defines the Crescent.

In 1991 Afghanistan became the world's primary producer of opium with a yield of 1,782 metric tones, surpassing Burma which produced about 800 metric tons in 2002.

The Golden Triangle is one of Asia's top main illicit opium producing areas of about 350,000 square kilometers that envelopes the mountains of three countries of mainland South East Asia, Myanmar, Laos and Thailand.

Opium is a narcotic drug yielded from the latex from the seedpods of the plant, *Papaver Somniferum*.

The US Congressional Report said: "The US Library of Congress reported that the LTTE uses alternate routes involving transportation back to the coastal area of Sri Lanka or Tamil Nadu, where its naval vessels can secure smuggling operations."

The RCMP reported that a large portion of this drug market in Montreal is controlled by Sri Lankans connected to the LTTE.

Just not too long ago the Sri Lanka military forces captured the Thopiggala mountainous area from the LTTE, their last complex of military camps that they held, the Sri Lankan security forces discovered tons of sacks, nicely packed with dried leaves of Marijuana or Ganja (*Cannibas Sativa*)



## FEATURE ANALYSES

### THE BALLAD OF IVAN SCHITSKY

By JOHN SHUMAKER

Bases on "Brothers Karamazov"

man things have been fuckin' up since Obama came in promising change  
they're bailing out the banksters with billions  
where's my change  
they're bailin out the privateer hucksters with billions  
by their very nature they're not competitive  
stealin with state backing  
where's my change  
they're bailin out the corporadoes of City Bank  
Merrill Lynch, AIG  
with blood money of the very poor  
where's my change  
fuck the middle class you've always had privilege  
and will skate on this too  
imagine this, if ya own property ya can write off your taxes  
a burden and blood on the backs of the poor  
who fight the wars in their name  
and take your place on the front lines of war THEY'VE been  
conscripted in  
your place  
what a FUCKIN rigged game  
where is any breathing room ANY Freedom for the poor  
who are the whores of this whole rigged game  
including the Middle class  
they're bailin out millions of Attila the Stockbrokers and their  
stockholders all the 401K  
middle class asshole stock portfolios  
where's my change  
if ya bought into this game you too are guilty  
oh what a Quilt we've weaved when first we've begun to practice how  
to deceive  
and even AFSCME, SEIU TIAA~ CREP and other progressive unions  
caved n tried to cash in on this  
in their pension backed mutual funds greed ponzy scheme  
look around middle class you're in on this dark scam scheme and  
crime, you CREATED the scene of the crime  
since late seventies  
you made shitloads on your mutual funds and investments totally  
protected by tax write offs in this scheme  
since Reagan came in you bought in lock(down) stock(portfolio) and  
(pork) barrel  
and pushed the bubble on this dark violent evil scheme of profits for  
thirty years  
you sold out and BOUGHT IN to this evil  
and you knew  
so who wrecked this country  
look in the mirror dear middle class friend,  
you are a criminal

if you've taken a tax write off for any investments in your stock  
portfolio  
if you've taken tax writeoffs for property owned  
or taxes paid on this property  
then look in the mirror  
you've helped produce casino capitalism  
and the coming zombie banks  
Bernie Madoff was something quite small  
just a Big me of Mini Me you  
the whole system was a ponzy scheme  
and poor Ivan Schitsky looks around  
and sees other stuff he just shakes his gruff head at  
singing fairy tale song from Childhood Billy Goat's Gruff  
can't put humpty dumpty back together again  
capitalism is dead  
even tho obamanomics keep saying everything is hunky DORKY

and Schitsky pukes on religious revival of free market religion  
Schitsky is spot on  
even from the trailer tent on the edge of town  
where the gathering millions of homeless  
Hover  
before they discover their strength and truth and  
SPRING INTO ACTION  
with THE rallying cry  
OVERTHROW!!!!

and Ivan Schitsky can't believe  
when he looks in  
on Marxist book discussion groups  
and finds AYN Randists posing and posturing as Marxists  
ah the old liberal doctrine of "freedom"  
and hiding your truth so you won't have to DO  
or be RESPONSIBLE for anything or anyone  
and just wash your hands of it all guilds, guilt and gilded lily  
white liberal truth  
easy to understand  
and all an ILLUSION

of all of this shit  
Ivan Schitsky hates hypocrisy the most

it all comes round to the  
mantra of Ivan Schitsky  
who's side are you on  
who's side are you on  
only YOU can re-write the Ballad of Ivan Schitsky

### North America – Sri Lankan Tamil Marxist-Leninists Resolutions on the Ethnic Problem in their Motherland.

North America – Sri Lankan Tamil  
Marxist-Leninist Group met on

January 04<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and discussed  
the current Political situation in Sri  
Lanka, particularly the North part of  
the Island (Vanni District). After the  
wide range of discussions, they  
passed following three resolutions  
unanimously.

1. We are the Sri Lankan Tamil  
Marxist-Leninists from North  
America, we vehemently  
condemn the inhuman and  
barbarous activities of the  
Racial Fascist Liberation  
Tigers of Tamil Elam (LTTE).

The LTTE has been  
(annihilating) annihilated so  
many thousands of our  
people including various  
Militant Organizations  
members, Tamil Political  
Leaders, Members of the  
Left Parties, Trade Unionists,  
Human Rights Activists,  
Educationists, Intellectuals,  
Priests, Religious and Social  
Leaders, Government  
Leaders (including former Sri  
Lankan President R.  
Premadasa, former Indian



Prime Minister Rajeev Gandhi), Ministers, Parliamentarians, and ordinary Tamil-Sinhalese-Muslim people.

Other criminal activities of this Mafia type movement are as follows, conscription of children for armed units, forced collection of money from the people, International Drugs and Arms smuggling, Introduce of brutal Suicide bombing, establishment criminal and arbitrary administration and so on. Under this condition the LTTE crippled the functions of all the other Democratic forces and their organizations under the barrel of the gun. Still it is applicable all over Sri Lanka and around the World.

Under this situation we are the Tamil Marxist-Leninist of North America highly praise and appreciate Sri Lankan Government and its Armed Forces in trying their best to annihilate the LTTE and its leadership for ever. To achieve this aim the Armed Forces of Sri Lanka are sacrificing a lot. We are very thankful to the present Government and its Armed forces.

It is very important to think about the next step to be taken after the defeat of worst enemy of the people, LTTE. The following we like to bring to the Sri Lankan Government immediate attention.

Everybody knows very much, the real reason in continuing the Ethnic War in our country for more than 25 years. Actually the war is based on ethnic conflict. Even though the LTTE used this conflict to consolidate its Fascist and Criminal Regime in the North-East, but it was not initiated by them. The ethnic problem is really first created by British Colonialists. Then it has

been systematically followed by Capitalist Sinhalese Chauvinists and Tamil Racists. Therefore the government must take an immediate step to solve this problem. It will create an amicable situation for the unity of all the people of the country. In the same time this types of measures will avoid the formation of Fascist groups like LTTE in the future.

The immediate and possible arrangement can introduce, to solve this problem is to fully implement the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment. It is already accepted under the Indo-Lanka Accord. It will give an opportunity to carry out it smoothly without any objection from majority of the people. There is no more any reason to delay this amendment to the Constitution and to grant the necessary powers to the Provincial Councils. Before the government to implement the permanent solution to resolve ethnic conflict, it has to face and attend the immediate needs of the Tamils and other people who have lost their kith and kin, homes, properties and their life long earnings. They have been leading a refugee life for many years with scarcity and tears. They have to be inhabited in their own place or in a suitable place and must give them all the necessary assistance and facilities to restart their normal life.

Same time the government must take special attention of 100,000 Northern Muslim refugees who are chase out the racist LTTE in 1990, within 24 hours of notice and

only allowed to take Rs.2000 (\$2) per a person. They are suffering a lot in the refugee camps for the past 18 years.

In the same way the government must take a proper and immediate measure to support and bring back the 100,000 Tamil refugees who are escaped to Tamilnadu (India) to safeguard their life. Majority of these people are suffering a lot in the Tamilnadu refugee camps for the last 25 years. They have to give an opportunity to take their own decision.

2. After the defeat of the LTTE there will be existing a Political vacuum within the Sri Lankan Tamil Community. This critical situation must be tackled with care by all the other Tamil Democratic and anti-LTTE forces must unite to form a very strong United Front to lead the people in a correct and Democratic path to win their rights. If any one of these pro-Democratic Party or Group will try to hegemony the people in to the frustration then the people will lose their confidence in the Democratic process. This must be considered with caution and should act in a correct path to achieve our aims.

In future Tamil Democratic leadership must stand against Tamil reactionaries and their anti-Sinhalese, anti-Muslims racist tendencies and anti-Left political stand. This new

Democratic leadership must concentrate to win all the Democratic, Progressive forces who are functioning

## **STAMPS FROM AROUND THE WORLD FOR "U"**

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within the other communities and to lead the fight to win the rights of the people.

3. In the past the Left forces did not properly assessed the National question and the minorities fight for their rights. They have to correct the past mistakes. Now the situation has changed very much and it is an urgent duty of the Left forces to force the government to implement the correct solution to solve this ethnic problem.

The Left forces must realize it and work hard to counter their past mistakes. They have to play their historical role to solve the ethnic problem and start a propaganda movement within the Sinhalese masses to achieve this goal. They try their best to bring the ethnic and communal harmony and unity for the well being of all the people.

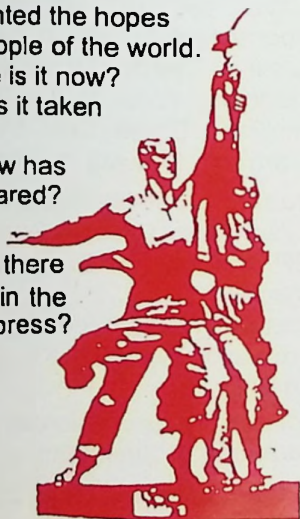
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## **AN APPEAL TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS**

The world-renowned sculpture of the Worker and Peasant in Moscow represented the hopes of all people of the world.

Where is it now?  
Why was it taken down  
and now has disappeared?

Why is there no news in the Russian press?



## **NEWS, DIGEST, COMMENTS**

### **FRANCE: MAY DAY WARNING**

When the former prime minister Dominique de Villepin warned that there was a risk of revolution in France, it was not just because he wanted to make life difficult for his arch-rival Nicolas Sarkozy. It was also because social unrest is genuinely on the rise. Yesterday thousands of protesters took to the streets - not as many as the millions who protested in March, but this was a respectable turnout, considering that it was the third national protest at the government's handling of the global downturn in four months.

They are not just marching: universities have ground to a halt for three months over attempts to rewrite the terms of employment contracts for lecturers. There has been a wave of "bossnappings", where chief executives arriving at plants to announce layoffs found themselves barred from leaving. There have been commando-style "picnics" in supermarkets, where people feast from shelves shouting "we will not pay for your crisis". The protests are local and apparently spontaneous. Union officials find themselves not so much leading the action as trying to head it off. In five out of seven cases, bossnapping was used against foreign-owned companies (Sony, Caterpillar, 3M) which are reputed to be more cavalier about laying off workers than their French counterparts. Nor are strikes mere stunts. They represent a widespread feeling that if the president can pay billions to preserve the boss class, and their shares, he should do the same to protect workers. Popular outrage at the banking bailout may be similar around the world, but it finds different forms of expression. Barack Obama may have told AIG bosses that the White House was the only thing standing between them and the pitchforks. But in France the feeling is that the pitchforks are not just metaphorical.

The big picture, however, masks structural problems. France has one of the highest rates of youth unemployment in the developed world, with about one quarter of its 2.5 million unemployed under the age of 25. The truth is that no government in Europe has the luxury of treating French, German or Greek social unrest as a spectator sport.

*From the Editorial of The Guardian newspaper (UK)*

**Due to financial restraints, July-Aug. issues will be combined!**



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM QUEBEC  
CANADA

Dear comrades:

Thank you dear comrades for the latest Northstar Compass and other materials and documents you sent us. We enjoy every issue and do distribute other copies amongst our friends. One of our members would like to receive an extra copy of the Jan. Feb. and March issues.

Congratulations again for doing such a great job. Keep on gong on this road. We support you comrades.

Comradely yours,  
Comrades of the Jeanne-Corbin  
Collective

FROM VANTAA  
FINLAND

Dear comrades:

I read what this Zyuganov leader is like, he is like his other revisionist brothers, Krushchev and Gorbachev who lied and lie and thus prevent unity. Russian is not safe as it was from 1917 to 1953. As Communists they took a vow to defend the USSR ad Socialism!

They made Socialism collapse in 1991 and Zyuganov to me is like the right-hand of the head of the Russian Orthodox Church!

I appeal to all workers and peasants, as a patriot of the Soviet Union and Socialism who remember the period from 1917 to 1953, be careful about what Zyuganov says or promises – he directly or indirectly supports the present regime of Medvedev and Putin.

Stalin as a patriot gave power to the working class! Zyuganov's patriotism supports Capitalism.

Unite in a struggle against all revisionists!

A.S.Akbar

FROM KRASNY LUCH  
UKRAINE

Dear friends:

I read NSC and I want to congratulate you on its monthly publishing in 4 languages.

I also received the wonderful historical book by Michael Lucas, "From the Carpathian Mountains to Canada" which I read it and gave it to our library. If you can, please send me more copies so I can distribute it in our region of Ukraine.



Dear friends:

As a union organizer for the Miners here in Ukraine I am having a serious problem to subsist since I cannot get help of social assistance from the preset government, as much as I protested and appealed with no results.

Would you comrades be able to help me in my dire need and to struggle for my pension? If you could raise \$300 it would be of great help to get me over this terrible time of my life.

Wishing all of you comrades health and keep on struggling for Socialism and helping us to resurrect the Soviet Union.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Igor Kryshov

FROM NEW YORK  
USA

The solution to the swine flu epidemic now going around is for the production of safe foods and not corporate profits. Every country must have up-to-date facilities to stop pathogens. This is being blocked by extremes of wealth and poverty among the nations. We have to fight corporate monopolies in the food and pharmaceuticals production.

J. Corlett

FROM MOSCOW  
RUSSIA

TO ALL! TO ALL! TO ALL!

As was reported in the mass media in 2002, the citizens of Ukraine and Russia –Yakovenko, Gerasimov, Berdyugin, Zinchenko, Alekseev, Polskaya, Romanov, Plevov, Danilov and Smirnov were arrested and given long sentences due to the so-called Odessian Case No. 144. They were indicted for the alleged crimes against Ukraine and so-called terrorism. The arrested comrades listed above were open about their anti-capitalist convictions.

This gives us all the grounds to consider this trial in Ukraine as political! These comrades were subjected to brutal torture and demeaning aggravation in order to try and get a confession from them. As a result of this torture the 20-year old student Berdyugin died. The Proletarskaya Gazeta reported all of this in 2004 already and protests were sent to the authorities.

Then there took the extradition of Danilov and Smirnov to Russia without any family visits, or human rights representatives who anted to visit them or to get a defense lawyer.

We believe that the Russian authorities are preparing a political process under the guise of a criminal investigation with the sole purpose to discredit them in the eyes of the people and the revolutionary class struggles and the communist movement in order to divert this growing struggle towards the path of opportunism, in order to divert the movement and to put the struggle of the oppressed masses under the control of today's revisionists.

We call on all workers and progressive forces to defend these Russian and Ukrainian political prisoners. Write to the Russian and Ukrainian Embassies in your country to protest. Or write in support to:

**Russia** 103009, Moscow, Okhotny Ryad. Dom 1, State Duma of Russia MP, co-chair of Zashchita – Shein Oleg V.

**Russia** 190121, Leningrad, Angliski Prospekt, Dom 22, Kv. 53 – Pyzhov Anatoly V.

Anatoly Pyzhov, Secretary of Relations of Zashchita

Andrey Drozdov, Chief Editor of Proletarskaya Gazeta



## URGENT APPEAL!

**HELEN LUCAS**



Dear friends:

We are appealing again to all readers of NSC and friends of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People to help us reach our NSC Sustaining Fund of \$40,000! We must keep on publishing the English, French, Russian and Spanish editions of NSC!

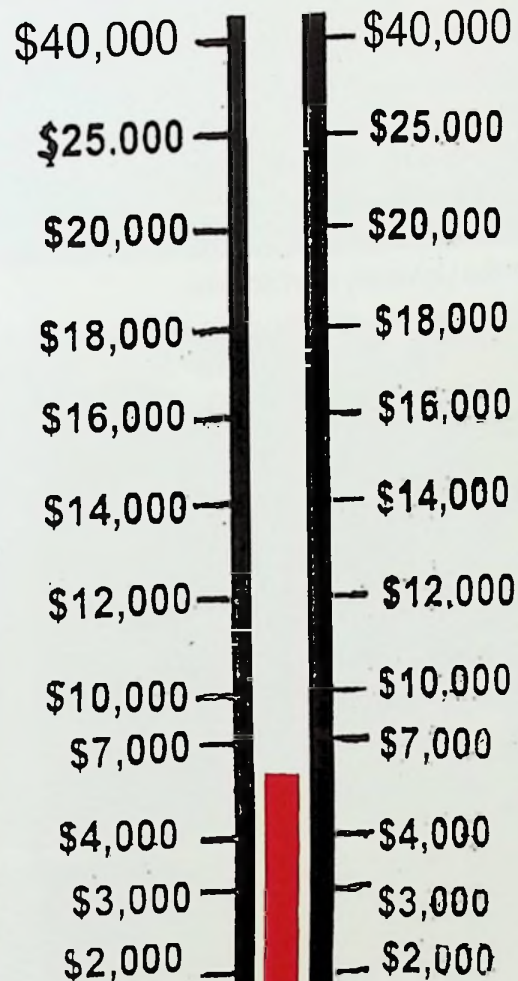
*Helen Lucas, Financial Secretary*

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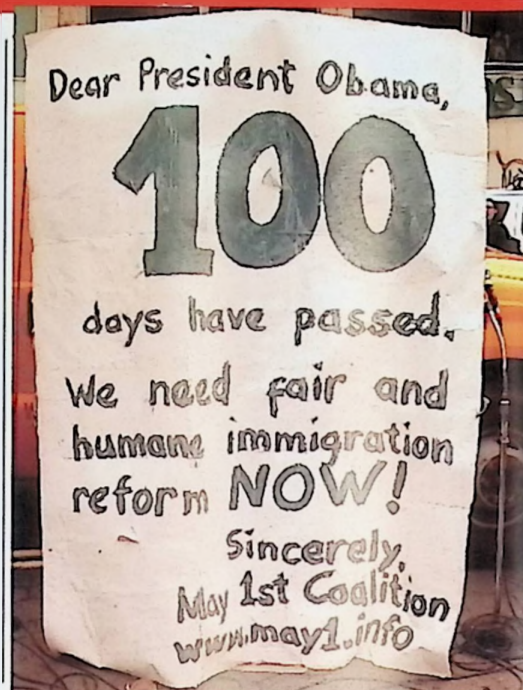


# MAY DAY CELEBRATED ALL ACROSS THE U.S.

By George Gruenthal, with information taken from *Fight Back News*

Once again, May Day is being revived in the U.S., mainly by immigrant workers. In New York City, several thousand marched in pouring rain but in high spirits from Union Square, the traditional center of May Day demonstrations, to the Federal Building downtown. Main slogans included "Document the Undocumented" and "Jobs for All at Union Wages".

Other demonstrations included about 10,000 in Los Angeles, and more than 5,000 in Chicago. One of the largest demonstrations was of more than 20,000 people in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, organized by Voces de la Frontera (Voices of the Border), a local immigrant rights group. The turnout there included large numbers of Latino workers, but also union workers and students from the University of Wisconsin.



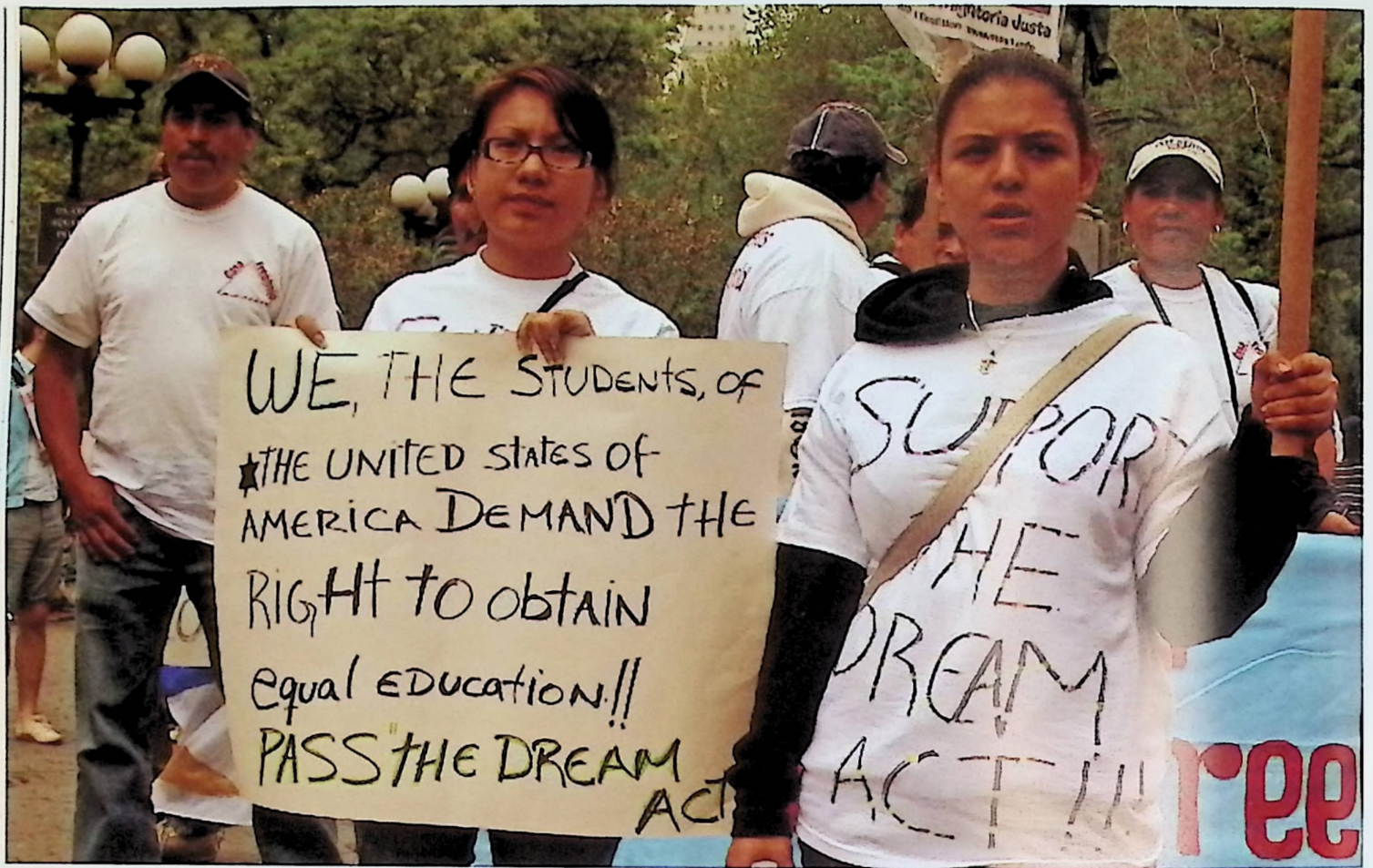




*These photographs show not only the correctness of their slogans, but their determination to achieve results!*











## FREEDOMFEST

By FRANK RAY DAVIS

### BEHIND THE TRIVIA CURTAIN:

There's nothing trivial about trivialities. Tens of millions of Americans have been dumbed down by the trivia that passes for "news" on television. And presenting murder and violence-for-violence's sake has pretty well pushed honed drama off the stage.

Trivia flatly beats propaganda, the sneaky art of lying by telling the truth. The truth gets so snowed under by trivia that it really doesn't matter.

At a time when the US is nose-diving into a deep and prolonged depression, a great, profound national debate on where-do-we-go-n is vital. Instead, what we got is and outvoting of blah-blah about the \$165 million bonuses aid the US business crooks and incompetents of companies for being such notable crooks, and having grabbed out of the taxpayers pockets yet!

It is the workingman that got the real screwing and these crooks went away with over \$1 1/2 Trillions besides that, they did not deserve to be saved, after their hoggish pillaging of the US economy, which went unnoticed by the powers that be.

Under this smokescreen of trivia, the big bucks grab sneaked by as high virtue. Democracy was and is trembling in the balance, but all we got was trivia!

### THE SWINE FLU NAME CALLING:

The Swine Flu is spreading but Israel cannot mention swine – its against their religion and should be called the Mexican Flu. The Mexicans want to call it North American Flu. The European Commissioners of Health stated that swine don't give humans flu, since there are no reports saying that anyone kissing a pig got the flu!

**HOW'D HE GOT THEJOB?** The Archbishop of Yucatan, Mexico has no fear of the Mexican narco-assassins because: "We are representatives of God!" So this Archbishop knows this, but do God and his narco-children know this also?



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