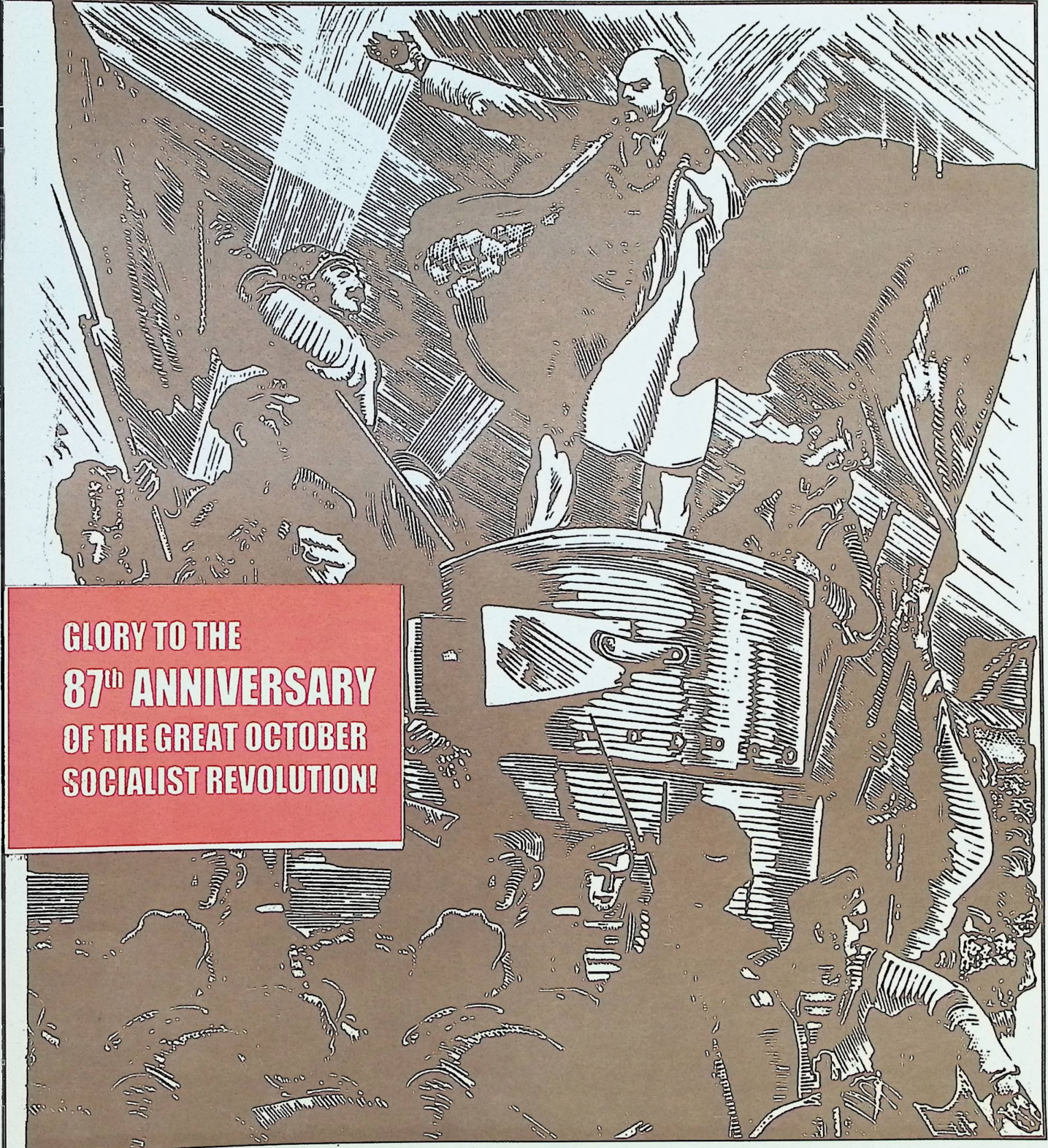


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OCTOBER 1917 - OCTOBER 2004 REFLECTION BY AN EAST EUROPEAN

By **BLAGOVESTA DONCHEVA**
BULGARIA, The BALKANS

I was lucky enough to live through all my conscious life in the Socialist system born by the Great October Revolution that was introduced into Bulgaria after World War II.

I also have been unfortunate enough to live for the last 15 years in the Bulgarian restored capitalist system, named "free market economy". As I have written before, these two systems are incompatible – there are no basis for comparison between a boy in shorts with a sling and a cutthroat with a blood-dripping knife in his hands.

But I will try for the readers of NSC to show what the people received

thanks to the Great Russian October Revolution – and what they have lost after the great betrayal of some leaders of the CPSU in former USSR and in other East European countries.

UNDER SOCIALISM PEOPLE HAD:

- *the right to work
- *the right to receive a pension for the elderly that gave them a normal human life without any worries
- *totally free health care
- *every school, institute, factory, village collective farm had their own doctor, nurse and dentist
- *preventive medical checks were obligatory for everyone free

*pregnant women and young mothers and their babies were under special supervision and enjoyed special attention

*there was 80-100% paid sick leave, depending on how many years you worked

*every worker had paid holidays and spend them in state owned holiday resorts by the sea, spas or in the mountains at symbolic prices

*there were cheap railway, bus, and city transport

*students had lower fares on all transportation

*there was cheap electricity, water, heat, telephone

*there was real protection against crime and violence

*the youngsters were taken care of in summer camps, Pioneer villas and Spas in the sea resorts or in the mountains

*there were study groups for teenagers in all classifications

*the teenagers were taught to look after the elderly, the younger children, the crippled. In this way they learned responsibility.

*every one strove to learn more and more – to master more skills- to be good, caring and responsible

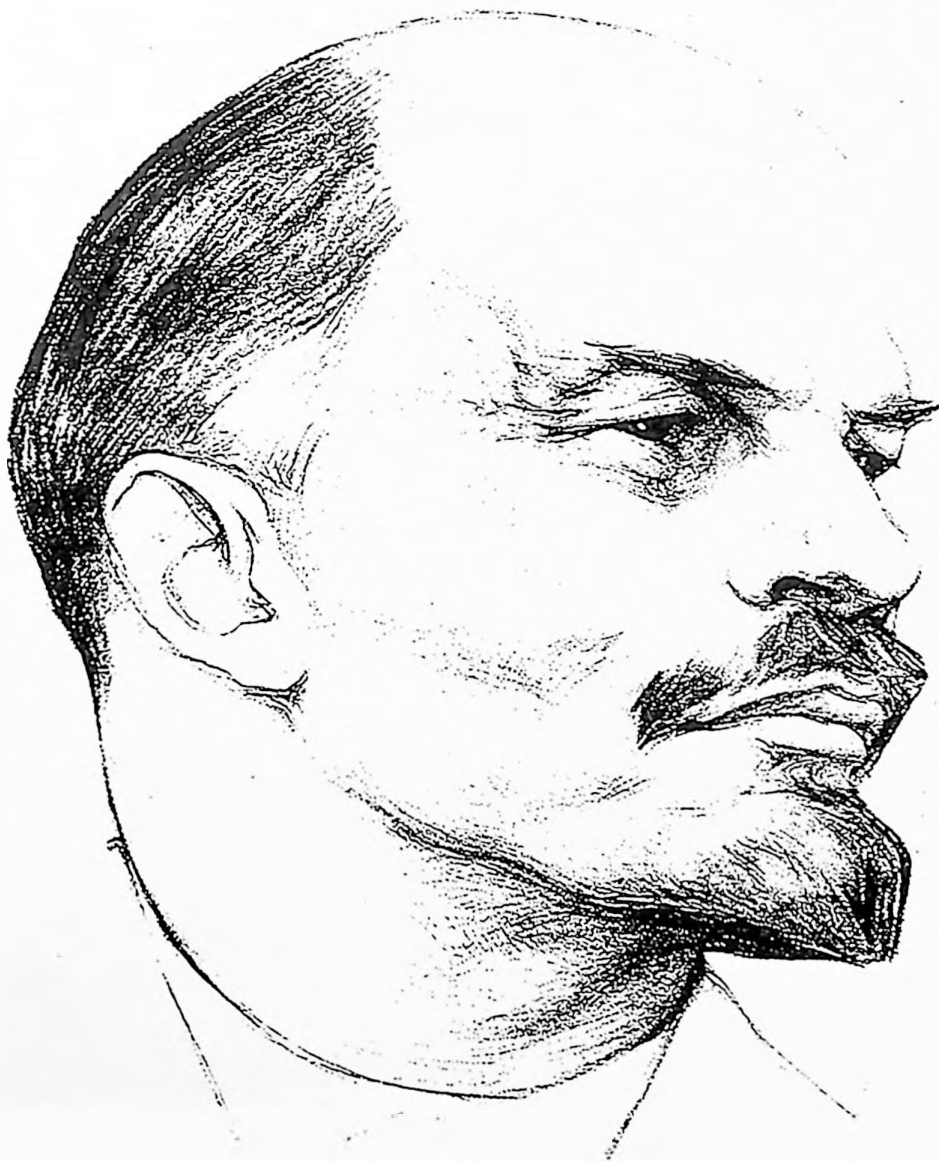
I m deeply sorry for everyone who has not lived in the Socialist System - that was born in the flames of the Great October Socialist Revolution!

RESTORED CAPITALISM HAS BROUGHT MISERY AND SLAVERY

* it has taken away everything that is mentioned above

*only about 8-10% benefited from this neo-liberal "market economy"

*some of the CP leaders in Bulgaria in 1989-1990 hid food in anticipation of the coming "price liberation". Now the food from capitalist countries is being dumped here at very high prices



*more and more people rummage through the dumps for food
*some of the former highly qualified specialists in Bulgaria now have to drive taxis or sell Turkish or Chinese rubbish goods, in order to save their families

*the "freedom" to travel that these new capitalists boast about - yes, they travel, but how can a beggar travel?

*the literature, the movies, the TV programs are meant to degrade and make ignorant the young people about Socialism and former Bulgaria - and the message is only sex and drugs. The styles are all Western, and the films are mostly Hollywood productions

*the robbery, murder, crime is growing in epidemic proportions

It is only natural that the offered short review of the two social political systems should end up with a question:

Which system is a step ahead in human development?

"Which system protects mankind and its children?"

"Which system cares for the welfare of people and for their future?"

"Which system develops man in order to give him or her a chance to develop as a civilized human being?"

"Which is the nearest system to the dreams of numberless fighters for justice and the right to a decent life for all humankind?"

The same ones who perished on the stakes, died by hanging or tortured to death, shot, blown to pieces for the welfare of their fellow beings!

**LET US ALL REMEMBER
THEIR SACRIFICE!**

Dear friends -
people that understand the truth of the two systems - do not despair!

The Great October Socialist Revolution of 1917 in Russia gave birth to an advanced system for all people of the earth - and it was in practice!

This happened for the first time in history. The USSR in its 70 plus years and the East European countries in their 45 years of existence have proved in practice, that the system that was born in the

flames of the triumphant roar of the Great October Socialist Revolution in Russia is vital, vigorous and creative - with unlimited possibilities for development!

Yes, it has fallen temporarily - not because of some inherent defects as the capitalists want us to believe, but it fell because of betrayal by certain high-ranking communist party traitors. This

betrayal was prepared very carefully for many, many years - probably since the murder of Stalin!

It is certain that a primitive system as capitalism is, cannot stop the natural development of mankind!

The inherent Man's urge to move ahead is too powerful and too passionate to be stopped for too long!

500 QUESTIONS

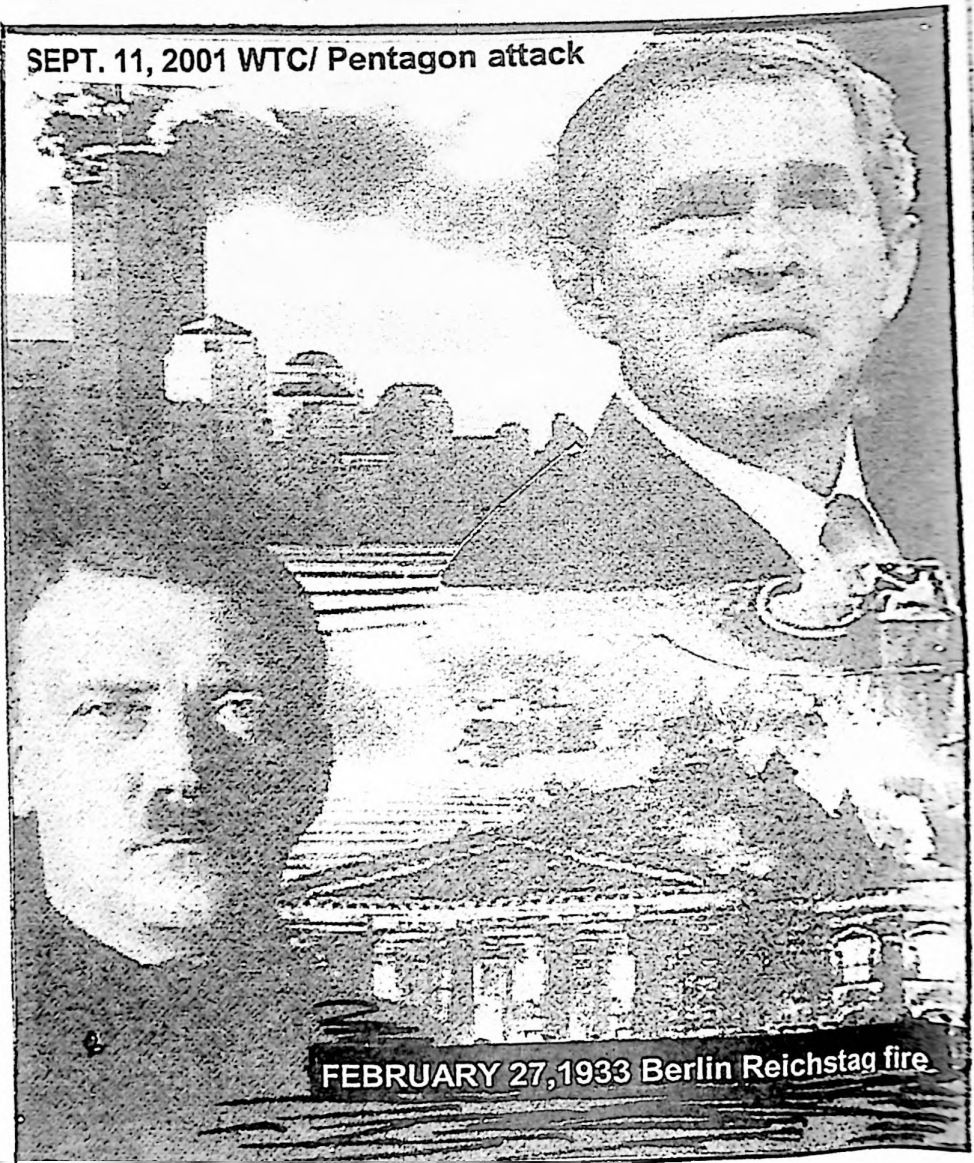
Dear readers:

Although much has been written about the 9/11 events in New York and Washington, USA - we reprint

an excellent expose article from the PROMETEOAMERICA called "500 Questions". Unfortunately we have no space to print all of them, we just publish some pertinent, thought-provoking questions about this event that just will not go away. If you would like to receive all of the "500 Questions", please write to us, give a small donation for postage and we shall be glad to send them to you.

Editor of NSC

SEPT. 11, 2001 WTC/ Pentagon attack



FEBRUARY 27, 1933 Berlin Reichstag fire

*Why didn't US jets intercept the airliners since they had numerous warnings of terrorist attacks?

*Why did Ashcroft stop flying commercial airlines then, citing an unidentified "threat" in July of 2001?

*Why were there no photos or videos of the Pentagon plane taken after the supposed crash?

*Why did not the US Secret Service hustle President Bush out of the school classroom?

*Where are all of the flight recorders of these planes?

*How did Bush see the first plane crash on live camera?

*How did the US agency come up with the supposed culprits names so quickly?

*Why the strange pattern of the debris from Flight 93?

*Why did President Bush stop all inquiries into terrorist operations of the bin Laden family in early 2001?

*Why did none of the hijackers names appear on the passenger lists?

*Why would these hijackers, who are devout Muslims frequent bars, strip clubs, leave their credit cards and allow their drivers licenses with their photos to be Xeroxed?

*Why did these hijackers force the

passengers to call their relatives?

*What happened to the Black Boxes that each plane had?

*Why didn't the FBI release the air traffic controllers' protocols?

*Who was it that videoed the first plane hitting the WTC tower? Why did he disappear from the media? Where is he now?

*Where did the photos of these hijackers come from so quickly if all of them had perished in these planes?

*What about the names of the hijackers who were supposed to have died but they are still alive?

*Why did two US carrier battle groups arrive in the Gulf of Arabia just of the Pakistan coast just before 9/11?

*Why didn't Bush immediately interrupt his school reading class when he heard of the first plane crash into the WTC?

These are just some questions – others touch on bin Laden, Anthrax scare, Foreign Intelligence agencies warnings, Henry Kissinger's role, Global Hawk Technology, Carrier and US troop movements before September 11th, Dick Cheney, Colonel Powell, George W. Bush.



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Dear comrades:

The popular Soviet newspaper "Sovietinforbureau" and Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR would like to inform you comrades, that the delegates gathered at the Session of the Supreme Soviet in April 2004, elected the following delegates to represent our press and movements at the forthcoming Second World Congress that will be held in Toronto, Canada in September of 2005.

A.G. KOZBOLAEV – Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and head of the "All Union Movement for the Soviet Union" and comrade Saveliev who is Vice Chairman of the Presidium of the "All Ukrainian Movement for the Soviet Union."

R.F. FROLOVICH – Vice Chairman of the Presidium of the USSR, and head of the Society "Fatherland" of Byelorussia and comrade V.S. Korjakin, Secretary General of the CC CPSU, Deputy to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, plus V.M. Bishrool, Deputy to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and the head of the Tula Republican Movement "For the Soviet Union".

V.P. LEONOV – Deputy to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, head of the Kubiusev regional movement "For the Soviet Union".

We are going to add to these representatives other names from former Soviet Republics who head other public Soviet organizations. We shall try to have as large a delegation as possible, but everything will depend on finances and of course getting all the necessary visas.

In your letter you named the three individuals in Moscow trying to activate the Friendship Society and also NSC published their photograph. We here in Moscow, in Kiev and in Minsk plus other cities do not know these people and they have never gotten in touch with us or

informed people in the available Soviet press that they have started this extremely important and timely friendship society.

We feel that some of these people have left the struggle for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and do not support the activities of the legal Supreme Soviet of the USSR. Unfortunately even some heads of the existing Communist Parties and public associations do not strive for this goal, even though the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People through the publication of Northstar Compass are dedicated and are promoting this goal of the resurrection of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as was adopted unanimously by the First World Congress in Canada in 2001!

Since 1995, the Soviet people, based, on the results of the **National Referendum that was held on March 17, 1991**, the activity of the constitutional body of the Supreme Soviet was renewed as the people voted for us to do so. Regardless of the complexity of our work, the stumbling blocks put in our way by authorities and some "friends" in all of the former Soviet Republics, we are active in working in **Six Soviet Union Republics**. Even under this illegal occupation of the USSR, our movement operates. Therefore we deem it necessary to say that the Supreme Soviet of the USSR will be proud to become a collective member and take an active part in the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, as well as, taking a leading role in the future work of the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries!

It is very necessary to have the International Council support and demand that the unconstitutional abolishment of the USSR and the



refusal by the present governments of ex-USSR to recognize the legal right of the Soviet people decision of March 17, 1991 when they voted to have the Soviet Union exist as it was. The legal status of Soviet people must be upheld and supported by the United Nations.

We are going to in the very near future prepare documents for discussion at the forthcoming 2nd World Congress in 2005 and to be discussed on the pages of NSC.

With deep respect for you our dear comrades!

A.G. Kozbolaev
Chairman of the Presidium of the
Supreme Soviet of the USSR

From Great Britain

Dear comrades:

We received the Statement and invitation from the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, regarding the 2nd World Congress in 2005.

We can confirm now that a delegate will be there who is totally informed as to what your organization represents and expects.

Yours in comradeship
Zane Carpenter,
Secretary Communist Party of Great
Britain (Marxist-Leninist)

OUR OPINION!

Correspondence from:

Communist Party members (reconstituted), Political Prisoners, Sevilla prison, Spain.

Translated from Spanish by Cristina Fernandez, NSC

Dear comrades, we have just learned of the passing of comrade Ray Stevenson, it is indeed a great loss for the whole movement in solidarity with the people's of the ex-Soviet Union as well as for the whole communist international movement.

Please receive our heartfelt condolences from our Collective to all his relatives as well as to the comrades of the North Star Compass publication.

We also add our voices to those around the world in encouraging NSC to continue with its work in light of the principles that comrade Ray Stevenson embraced and worked so hard to achieve. We should continue in his steps, so that his goal of reviving the Soviet Union becomes a reality and indeed socialism triumphs around the world.

Comrade Ray Stevenson lives forever in our hearts!

Onward with the fight to revive the USSR and Socialism!

Dear comrades,

Our Collective continues the translation of the articles in NSC and although we cannot at this time have a say as to where the coming Congress should be held, we would like to express our opinion on some matters. The challenges and difficulties that are faced today by all revolutionary movements are even greater than during the First Congress, no doubt all of you are well aware of this fact and are acting accordingly.

We believe that before anything else, we must ask ourselves what would be the best way to support the workers and the people in the ex-USSR? Hence solidarity is not a 'generic' question, but must be guided at all moments to facilitate the solution to the most difficult problems faced by the socialist movement in

the reconstruction of socialism in the ex-USSR. Secondly, we must ask, at what level does the Second Congress and the International Council, the readers of NSC and its subscribers, friends and comrades from afar, how can we support in the most positive fashion the future tasks and challenges ahead.

In the last issues of NSC, we have been able to appreciate the need for ideological clarification expressed by the many opinions appearing in the publication coming from different sectors and parties in the ex-USSR. Perhaps the publication of NSC could play a fundamental role in becoming an open forum of diverse ideas and opinions, thus facilitating the discussion in the coming Congress. At this time, it is crucial to conduct ideological discussions, since our movements are subjected to various forms of persecutions affecting their normal life, situation which does not allow for the needed discussions and debates.

We feel, that it will be helpful to have a package of projects and documents distributed before the Congress to help us in the analysis of the current and past situations. The documents should be based on solid Marxist-Leninist principles. They must strive to point out the weaknesses and strength of social movements in the world and the possibility for real growth, as well as the reconstruction of socialism in the ex-USSR, as well as the causes of its disappearance. We cannot stress enough the necessary role that ideological discussions and debates must play in our daily function if we are to be called revolutionary.

We do not think the Congress should be the space in which its participants can air their dirty laundry - but - rather we see the ideological clarification as a process to take place throughout the year and at the regular meetings of NSC as well as within the International Council. We must be alert at all times however, for any opportunist and revisionist tendencies expressed at the Congress or at any other instance. It is precisely these tendencies that contributed to the destruction of the ex-USSR. We must be able to unmask and expose these problems. We must ask ourselves why is it that no movement or revolutionary party

has come forward to organize the Congress here in Europe?? What are the reasons behind this situation? Many of these parties and movements are not being subjected to persecutions and are currently actively working within the legal realm of the system.

Taking all these questions into consideration, we sincerely believe that the Second World Congress should establish concrete and simple steps to define the character of the solidarity work towards the ex-USSR, how it could look like in the coming future. Once these steps are defined along the lines of Marxism-Leninism, they will help in unmasking any corrosive-revisionist elements during the course of the Congress.

Today, the contradictions of the imperialist states are being played out in the international arena; it would be therefore incorrect to arrive at the conclusion, that the U.S. is the 'only' imperialist superpower. The tensions are played out as war and armed conflicts are raging around the globe, each imperialist state is out to gain part of the loot, the war spoils; it is humanity itself at stake and the question is: how can the revolutionary movements act in light of massive disorganization and confusion? What can they do? There are no easy answers, but as we see it, our responsibility lies in denouncing the warmongering plans of imperialism, and perhaps this war will bring us closer to a proletarian revolution. We must seize this opportunity to transform the imperialist wars into civil wars, helping in the destruction of the state and its bourgeoisie. For these steps to be taken, the revolutionary movements must be prepared and armed under clear ideologically lines. Revisionism, reformism and opportunism must be unmasked and fought within the movements in the ex-USSR, it must be exposed along side the fight against imperialist globalization and its expression: war!

We do recall the XX and XXII CPSU congress, when Kruschov criticized Stalin and tried to impose views that had nothing to do at all with communism, such as:

- a) the end of class struggle under socialism
- b) the end of the dictatorship of the proletariat
- c) the 'peaceful' transition to

- d) the policy based on material incentive
- e) the 'existence' of different socialist models
- f) the end of socialism in the face of imperialism

It is tendencies and views like these that we must expose and fight against.

The bourgeoisie uses Marxist rhetoric at times to confuse people, making the bourgeoisie very adaptable to today's global situation; we must be ready to expose and fight against each such gross misrepresentation.

Dear comrades, here we have tried to contribute to the ideological discussion we feel should take place at the Second World Congress. In the spirit of proletarian internationalism, we wish for a strong solidarity movement towards the ex-USSR and for the rebuilding of socialism.

Receive the greatest fraternal greeting from all of us.

Jaime Simon Quintela and
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IN THE NAME OF CUBA

BY TAMARA YAKUBOVSKAYA
Ukraine

Long three years have passed since then, when five Cubans had been put into American high security prisons. During the four years, they had worked as secret agents in the den of Cuban Contras in America, following their activities and preventing acts of terrorism against Cuban authorities and people. It's no secret that these Cuban contras-rebels had found in the USA, not only their shelter as political immigrants, they have been given and are given financial, diplomatic, technical and advisory assistance as well.

As a result of Cuban contras acts

of terrorism during the past 40 years of peaceful life (from 1959 to 1999), there have been killed 3,378 people and 2,099 had been injured or became homeless. However, the murderers are walking free on the streets of American cities and nobody is going to prosecute them for all their terrorist activities, though amongst them are not only Cubans but also American citizens. At that, they are maintained and trained on American territory, thanks to the American taxpayers.

To be sure, not all American citizens share this depraved anti-Cuban policy of the American government. Honest American people are struggling hard to help the Cuban patriots to be discharged. For this purpose they have organized the National Committee for the Liberation of the Cuban Five. The aim of this committee includes wide publicity amongst the American community and against the preconceived decision of the Miami court and the unjustified indictments concerning the Cuban patriot's supposedly subversive terrorist activities against the US. To prepare and publish truthful information about the Miami Five, they collected \$50,000. The Committee for the Liberation of the Cuban Five asked for help of people of good will all over the world.

The appeal has been answered from Germany, Spain, Belgium, Italy, France, Colombia, Argentina, South Africa, Great Britain, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Australia, Canada and the USA - plus the progressive Cubans living in Miami who are in sympathy. This international assistance helped the committee to hire advertising promotions. Members of this Committee work on voluntarily basis without any interest financially for themselves.

In March of 2004, it turned out possible to give a report about the Cuban patriots in the newspaper New York Times. The process in Miami was cruel and cynical. These five Cubans were sentenced to life imprisonment. Their names will go down not only in history of the Cuban people, but in the history of the international liberation movement as well: Rene Gonsales Shuyert, Ramon Lobanino Salasar, Gerardo Ernandes Nordero, Fernando Gonsales Liort and Antonio Gerrero Rodrigues.

IN THE NAME OF CUBA

*Devoted to the five Cubans
sentenced to life imprisonment by
the American court.*

Oh God, how long last years in jail -
Like under stinking stuffy dome.
Would heart not shrink? Would
nerves withstand?
So far away from the beloved home.

Being in hugs of gray stone walls
Without the sky, the earth without,
Your brains could be eaten away
With ruthless worms of treach'rous
doubt.

You're separated from your home
And isolated for "good" reasons
And doomed up to the end of life
To live in those Miami prisons.

The trial was bluff, the sentence-
rough;
A sneer at justice - all that thing!...
US sees terror everywhere
And crimes in everything.

You, five brave Cubans, did no
crime.
It's just a deed of a fighter
Who's got in the enemy den.
In the name of freedom lighter.

You've saved a lot of human lives
While US, playing tricky games,
Gave shelter on their promised land
To Cuban low treacherous snakes.

Bifacial and venal is their court
Like any US propaganda.
But they can't break your spirit,
Rene and Ramon.
Gerardo and Antonio,
And Liort Fernando!

IN HONOUR OF 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

Dear friends:

I enjoy reading NSC for the past 13 years. Enclosed please find a donation of \$100 towards the Ray Stevenson's Sustaining Fund and \$400 towards other costs for making certain that NSC keeps on publishing!

Thank you for sending me extra NSC copies, which I give to my friends to get information that only NSC gives.

Walter Tyshko Winnipeg, Canada

NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

**ONCE A TRAITOR –
ALWAYS A TRAITOR!**

PUTIN BACKS BUSH VICTORY



The Guardian
By Julian Borger Suzanne and
Goldenberg in Washington
October 19, 2004

Vladimir Putin waded into American election campaign in support of George Bush yesterday, declaring that if Bush lost, it would lead to the "spread of terrorism" around the world. This endorsement was a significant boost for Mr. Bush who has been under fire from John Kerry for failing to maintain international support for the US "war on terror".

"International terrorists have set as their goal inflicting the maximum damage to President Bush, to prevent his election to a second term," the Russian president said at a central Asian summit in Tadjikistan. "If they succeed in doing that, they will celebrate a victory over America and over the entire anti-terror coalition. In that case, this would give an additional impulse to the international terrorists and to their activities, and could lead to the spread of terrorism to other parts of the world and I will respect any choice made by the American government."

Yesterday's remarks by Mr. Putin was timely for Mr. Bush, since Bush declared after the first meeting with Putin that he had been able to look into Putin's soul, and since then the relations have been very close, and both of them portrayed each other as allies in the war on terror. ■

BELARUS AND RUSSIA WILL BUTTRESS THEIR JOINT ARMED FORCE

Because of the threats from USA, Belarus and Russia are determined to strengthen their armed force contingent, President Lukashenko told the media last October 3, 2004. President Lukashenko deems it very necessary now to revive its military-industrial complex as was the case during Soviet times. The Belorussian army is well trained, has up-to-date weapons and is battle ready for any eventuality! ■

RUSSIAN MAFIOSI WILL BY CANADIAN STELCO

In Report on Business in the Globe & Mail of Canada that reported on October 14, 2004 the following:

"Russia's largest and now privately owned steel-maker has emerged as a buyer for Stelco Inc. The Executives headed by Alexei Mordashov of Russian company OAOP Sverstal, is one of the world's richest men, has been making foreign acquisitions.

He is one of about 20 Russian oligarchs, headed by Berezovsky, who have made great fortunes in the Russian industrial-privatization efforts in the 1990's under Yeltsin, Gorbachev and now under Putin.

According to US Forbes Magazine, Mr. Mordashev is worth over \$4.5 billions, putting him at No. 137 among the world's richest people. ■

THE MASSACRE IN BESLAN

*FROM THE INTERNATIONAL
FORCASTER*

The Editor Bob Chapman wrote: "The group that massacred 170 children and 130 adults in Beslan, Russia, was led by CIA operative Shamill Basayev, and he took his

orders from abroad...there is no question at all that this is an extension of Anglo-American foreign policy to dismember Russia as we predicted 12 years ago.

Russia has retaliated by demanding that Akhmad Zakayev, now being given sanctuary in London and Ilya Akhmadov now residing in the USA, be turned over to Russia to be charged in planning and conducting the Beslan massacre. In fact Ilyas Akhmadov has political asylum in the US and receives a Reagan-Fascell monthly stipend, medical insurance and an office, from which he engages in political circles and informs the US media.

We believe that the UK and US want to drive Russia out of the Caspian Sea and the Caucasus regions - effectively neutering the country. The Beslan event has driven a wedge between Ossetians, Ingushis and Chechens, which is setting the Caucasus aflame. If we are not already in World War III, we are now.

The elitists are fearful that as a retaliatory measure Russia will accept the EUROS for their oil - which Saddam Hussein did and for that and other reasons he was deposed. This of course would destroy the Dollar as a reserve currency.

Once Russia moves to the Euro, and we believe that they will after Beslan, Iran, Venezuela and Indonesia will follow. This would lead to a US and world depression, which is on the way anyway!

The Economist, an elitist mouthpiece of the transnational corporate powers, gave Russia a virtual ultimatum, capitulate on the Caspian oil riches or we will destroy you via inter-ethnic wars. Russia is a victim. How long will it be on its knees before US imperialism? ■

NATO PLANES RECONNOITER RUSSIAN TERRITORY

From INTERFAX

MOSCOW: NATO reconnaissance planes are now very actively reconnoitering Russian territory from many different directions, a source at

the Russian Air Force told the Interfax agency.

"NATO planes make up to 400 annual flights over the Baltic and Barents Seas, and over 300 annual flights over the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk", he said.

"Already this year foreign planes have broken the rules of Russia skies 70 times", he said. This includes over 4,000 flights by NATO warplanes and they already tracked about 200,000 Russian targets.

COMMENT:

Dear Mr. Putin,

What would President Bush do if Russian planes did what NATO planes are doing? Obviously you think it's OK, since Russia did not bring this up at the UN Security Council or did not even send its own planes to escort these intruders out of the Russian air space.

Mr. Bush certainly is very, very thankful to you Mr. Putin, since you certainly did not want to do anything to harm Bush in this election year!

History and the Soviet people will remember and certainly will judge you, you can be certain of that!

VICTOR ANPILOV



STRUGGLE FOR USSR IS NOT FINISHED!

The anti-peoples reforms for the restoration of capitalism in Russia are now coming to fruition. Bloody conflicts not seen since the German fascist attack on the Soviet Union, the storm of terror has gripped our homeland. Airplanes are blown up, old people are killed and children are being killed... In just Beslan alone, these outcasts of humanity,

surrounded and held hostage close to thousand people, forced the children to suffer from thirst and hunger, to drink their own urine, and then killed some of these youngsters with guns and grenades...the great Russian writer Dostoevsky wrote that one tear of a murdered child is enough, to eliminate all the good of society that tries to bless the victims.

After the tragedy of Beslan, "Trudovaya Rossia" will always remind the people, that the road towards this capitalist "temple", towards which we were called upon to go by - the Gorbachevs, the Yeltsins, the Gaidars, the Sobchaks, the Putins and others - is strewn with victims of people and children of this bandit government.

After the Beslan tragedy, the political process in Russia is changing rapidly. Imperialist USA is taking advantage and instigating these conflicts in the Caucasus, in order to defend its policy of war against "international terrorism" in Iraq, will demand that Russia send its soldiers to Iraq in order to help this World Policeman. In case Russia will refuse to send its troops to Iraq to help in this illegal war, US will kick

out the "weak" Putin from his post, as they did the Judas Gorbachev. Meanwhile, the criminal comprador bourgeoisie of Russia, are quickly robbing as much of the resources and money that they can and spiriting it outside the borders of Russia in billions of dollars, and the present regime will take advantage of these tragedies in order to bring into effect an unstoppable brutal dictatorship.

These "patriots" and "Government parliamentarians" will again sell out the interests of the working class and farmers, and will themselves become churchgoers and rabid nationalists, in order to show their loyalty and support for the "strong arm of the strong president."

During these very critical times, "Trudovaya Rossia" remains faithful to the working class. We call upon all the people to gather under the Red Flag in the struggle for the resurrection of the USSR, to defeat this criminal government, liquidate the post of president in all of the former Soviet republics and to establish a government of the people and the dictatorship of the proletariat!

TOGETHER WE SHALL BE VICTORIOUS!

CANCELLATION OF STATE BENEFITS SPARKS PROTESTS AMONG STUDENTS

MosNews.com, 8-10-2004



Several thousand Moscow students gathered in front of the building of the Russian government on Friday protesting against education fees. According to various

reports, over 4,000 students from higher education institutes attended the Moscow rally. They held up posters saying "Youth is Russia's future"; "No to paid education, yes to social guarantees."

The head of the Russian Association of Students' Unions, Oleg Denisov, quoted by Interfax news agency, said that the new bill on monetary compensation instead of benefits may lead to the commercialization of all institutes of higher education. The bill cancels all social guarantees for students including rights for holidays, medical treatment and transport benefits.

The rally members prepared a resolution for the Russian government protesting against paid education and the cancellation of social benefits. Similar rallies were held in other Russian cities, including Tver, Yaroslavl and Voronezh in Central Russia.

Russia's education minister, Andrei Fursenko, told Ekho Moskvy

radio station that the state must pay part of educational services in the institutions of learning.

"I think that the state holds responsibility for presenting young people with the possibilities of getting a higher education. The issue of what part the state should pay will depend on how much the students are ready to get an education, how much they are interested in it," he said.

The students' interests will be determined by the marks they get at entrance examinations, the minister noted. The state should also take into account the student's social level. "This does not exclude the possibility of some students paying for their education themselves or to receive payment from firms interested in them," the minister said.

Earlier this year, various social groups also held rallies on protesting against the cancellation of state benefits. Thus the victims of the Chernobyl disaster held a demonstration in Moscow, near the government building. Other demonstrations were held by war veterans, labor union officials, and various political organizations.

The protests against the bill have united movements and parties from across the political spectrum. In July, Communists gathered signatures against the bill near the Duma building. Another protest, attended by nationalist politician and former presidential candidate Sergei Glazyev, took place on Pushkin square.

12 Duma deputies of different political views, and who do not belong to any faction, have written a declaration saying that the bill's adoption will lead "not to the replacement of benefits to money adjustments, but the entire cancellation of benefits for separate stratas of citizens." The authors demanded a choice for war veterans between benefits and adjustments. They also say that it is necessary to index the adjustments regarding the rise of rates of common services.

Later, 304 Duma deputies voted for the benefit reform bill in the second reading, which exchanges some benefits for monetary compensation. Social benefits for Chernobyl nuclear disaster victims

were left as one of the 1000 amendments to the bill (out of 5000 suggested amendments).

The State Duma finally passed the bill after a third reading on August 5. The bill repeals 41 law and amends 155 others.

The leader of the pro-presidential United Russia party Boris Gryzlov noted that the bill has been reworked significantly, but the essence of it remained unchanged. He opined that the increased public attention the bill has gotten is due to the fact that over 30 million Russians are affected by the bill.

As per the bill, a number of benefits are to be replaced by a monetary equivalent starting in 2005. A "social package" intended to cover local train costs, medication, and sanatorium therapy will equal 450 rubles (approx. \$15) a month. Cash subsidies will replace all of the benefits except for those in the housing and utility sector.

According to Russian Minister of Public Health and Social Welfare Mikhail Zurabov the suggested sums of cash payouts will go to different groups of beneficiaries. Zurabov said that Heroes of Russia, Heroes of USSR and Heroes of Socialist Trade will receive monthly payments of 3,500 rubles (\$120), war invalids will receive 2,000 rubles (\$69), war veterans - 1,500 rubles (\$52). Various groups of handicapped citizens will receive between 800 rubles (\$28) and 1,400 rubles (\$48) a month. President Putin judged the said figures as "not bad on the whole". The Russian President asked the government to work out a system of cash payments for the sick elderly who lack the money for necessary medications. He also demanded that all groups of citizens who were allowed to use non-cash benefits receive cash subsidies in place of abolished benefits.

Victims of political repression will not receive compensation from the federal budget, but rather be compensated from regional budgets. Regional authorities will be subsidized by the federal government for the amount of such compensations.

The announcement sparked protests as early as May when at least five hundred pensioners and veterans gathered near the Bolshoi

Theater to protest the reforms, fearing that the monetary compensation they are promised by the government instead of benefits will devaluate. ■

PRESIDENT LUKASHENKO REELECTED AGAIN

MINSK- Preliminary results of October 2004 elections in Byelorussia showed that 77.3 per cent of the registered voters backed President Lukashenko's proposal to remove a constitutional provision limiting him to two terms, the electoral chief said.

Alexander Lukashenko was elected Byelorussian president on July 10, 1995, after gathering more than 80% of the votes. His five-year term was extended to 2001 following the 1996 referendum. He was elected for another 5-year term in 2001 presidential elections. ■

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LEFT PARTIES IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

THE FOLLOWING LIST WAS UPDATED AS OF JULY 31, 2004. NSC READERS MIGHT NOT BELIEVE THIS – BUT TRUTH IS SOMETIMES STRANGER THAN FICTION.

Printed here for readers' reference is a list of existing parties and organizations that claim the Communist banner in Russia today. While the listing lacks an examination by Northstar Compass of some of the political programs and social base of the various organizations, it speaks to the state of division and fragmentation that presently exists in the Communist and labour movements. Though highlighting the difficult situation of the Russian working-class in

regrouping its revolutionary forces and setting the country back on a genuine socialist path, it also clearly demonstrates that Communism is an active, living political force in Russia.

- *Agrarian Party of Russia
- *All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks
- *All Union Communist Party (Bolsheviks)
- *Alternative Party
- *Association of Anarchist's Movements
- *Autonomous Action Party
- *Bolshevik Platform of the CPSU
- *Communist Party of the Russian Federation (Zyuganov)
- *Communist Party of the Republic of Tatarstan
- *Communist Party of the Russian Federation (Tikhonov)
- *Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Miroshnik)
- *Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolshevik)
- *Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Lenin-Stalin)
- *Communists of Working Russia
- *Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Skvortsov)
- *Communist Party of the Union
- *Communists of Petersburg
- *Confederation of Revolutionary Anarcho-Syndicalists
- *Inter-Professional Union of Workers
- *Crisis Group Party
- *Group of Proletarian Revolutionaries Collectivists
- *Federation of Anarcho-Communists
- *International Communist Union
- *International Russia
- *Internationalist Workers Party
- *Interregional Green Party
- *League of Realists
- *Marxist Circle - Petersburg
- *Marxist Labour Party
- *Marxist Labour Party (Bolsheviks)
- *Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist Platform of the Communist Movement
- *Marxist Platform
- *Motherland-People's Patriotic Union
- *New Communist Party
- *New Left Movement
- *New Revolutionary Alternative
- *Organization Committee for the Foundation of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (Leninist)
- *Party for Peace and Unity
- *Party of Labour Solidarity
- *Party of Russia's Revival
- *Party of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat

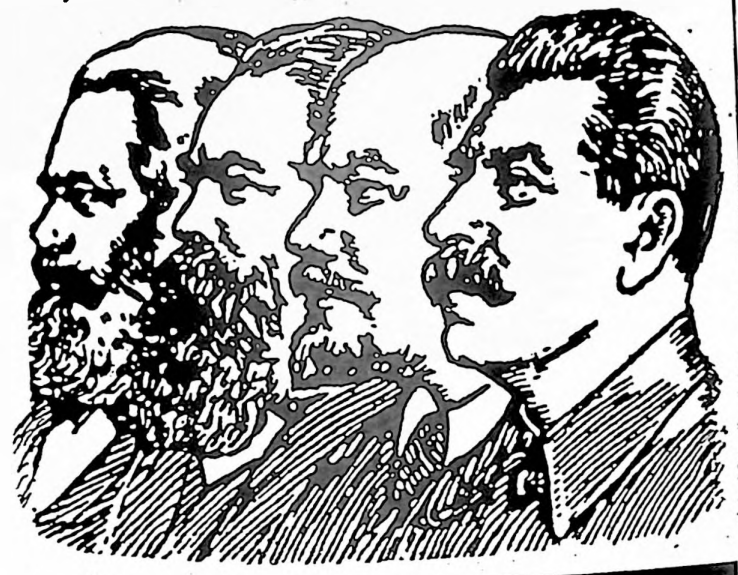
- *People's Communist Movement
- *People's Patriotic Union of Russia
- *Political Social Organization "Worker"
- *Regional Party of Communists
- *Revolutionary Alternative
- *Revolutionary Workers Party
- *Russian Communist Party-Communist Party of the Soviet Union
- *Russian Communist Workers' Party
- *Revolutionary Party of Communists
- *Russian Ecological Movement (Greens)
- *Russian Ecological Party
- *Russian Green Party
- *Russian Maoist Party
- *Russian Movement for New Socialism
- *Russian Party of Labour
- *Russian Workers Party
- *Russian Workers' Self-Management Party
- *Siberian Confederation of Labour
- *Social Democratic Party of Russia
- *Social Democratic Party of the Russian Federation
- *Socialist Peoples Party of Russia

- *Socialist Resistance
- *Socialist United Party of Russia (Spiritual Heritage)
- *Socialist Workers' Party
- *Socially Democratic Party of the Russian Federation
- *Union of Labour
- *Union of Marxists
- *United Workers' Party
- *Workers Democracy

NOTE:
There were about 9 others parties-movements that have now disbanded themselves

QUESTION:
Who is in the pay of the present government, the capitalists, and the foreign funds that are pouring into ex-USSR? Since most of these parties-movements publish either newspapers, leaflets or booklets - who is supporting whom? The policy of divide and rule seems to be working!

If Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin were alive, how would they analyze this situation in Russia?



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Ukraine's being pulled into this band !

From newspaper "Dosvitni Ogn" Kiev, Ukraine

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ACCORDING TO

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PRO WESTERN CHECHENS & DUAL POLICY TOWARDS TERRORISM

The imperialists of the West demonstrated that when it comes to pro-Western Chechen terrorists there is no crime, even if its the mass murder of over 150 children in Beslan, which is in itself sufficiently brutal to warrant the extradition and trial of those responsible.

Washington and Europe in the past and in the present supported and support terrorist groups in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Chechnya as they supported the terrorist groups in the 1980's in Nicaragua, Mozambique and Angola.

For Washington, the issue of terror is subordinated to a more basic question: Does it weaken the enemies of its empire? Does it lead to future military bases? Can the terrorist groups be recycled as client regimes?

For the past 13 years the USA and Europe have been instrumental in fomenting separatist movements in former Soviet Union, Russia and Yugoslavia, which practice terror and violence to secure their aims. Putin's cooperation with Washington in fighting terror against the US supported Al Qaeda has not resulted in reciprocal support for Russian efforts to defeat Western supported terror in the Caucasus. Is Putin serious or is he playing into the hands of Western imperialism?

Finally, one may ask as to why do so many apparent "progressives" and "leftist intellectuals" parrot the US imperialist line of "self determination" for Chechnya? Is it

ignorance of the social forces in Chechnya? Do they simply de-contextualize terrorist acts and impose abstract principles of slovenly intellectual habits? Or are they simply bending to pressure by their right-wing colleagues to "consistently support the self-determination" everywhere, whether the majority of the people want it or not?

Whatever the case may be, these pro-imperialist toadies are incurable.

Even in midst of the Chechen mass murder of harmless children in Beslan, they blame the Russians for not surrendering to the terrorist demands, as inspired by their Western backers to getting the oil pipeline going through, at any cost, including children. Yes, Putin and the present oligarchs and capitalism is to blame for many things – even their handling of this tragedy, but the question of self-determination as portrayed by Western imperialism and their followers is absolutely just mud slinging to cover the filthy and bloody tracks of US New World Order.

The Soviet people eventually will take to task the Putin government for the crimes and devastation of the Soviet Union. They do not need Uncle Sam to pretend to help them!

A question should be asked if any of these "progressives" who are so eager to blame Russia and the Soviet people for the tragedy in Chechnya, did they condemn Bush after 9/11 for not negotiating and rewarding Osama bin Laden? Of course not! Did these people look into the whole affair of the 9/11 tragedy? Did they question the US Government and its complicity? Of course not! Only a minority of dedicated American patriots did that. These intellectuals supported President Bush's war on terrorism even if it involved invading and occupying a foreign country!

Where is the logic? ■

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FROM RUSSIAN REFORM MONITOR

These news items are not from a left-wing source, it's direct from the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington – so it's directly from the horses mouth, so to say!

YAKOVLEV WARNS OF ANTI- REFORMIST DRIFT

The architect of perestroika, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reform program in late 1980s, has warned that Russia is in danger of abandoning democracy. "Six years ago, I spoke about how a set back was unavoidable," Alexander Yakovlev told the Los Angeles Times last month, "I meant that there would be a certain stoppage in the movement forward. But I never thought that it would take the shape of a movement backward, of a restoration of what was before. Unfortunately, this is what we are seeing today. And when I was speaking about setbacks, I don't think one could have forecast beforehand the depth and the size of the current setback."

BESLAN: A COVER-UP IN THE MAKING

Yuri Savelyev, a member of the Russian parliamentary commission to investigate the September school hostage tragedy in Beslan, North Ossetia, has said that the probe's results may be kept secret, Interfax reported. "The truth concerning the true organizers of the terrorist attack might be so horrible that making it public could cause new bloody conflicts." Savelyev said. ■

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ERRATUM: In last months issue of NSC there was an error on top of page 10. It should have read: "Independence of Abhasia and South Ossetia from Russia and full dependence from Georgia, a US and Israeli satelliæ". ■

Putin forging new links with the Jewish right

From The Russian Journal
By AJAY GOYAL

In 2002 the refusal by the chairman of Russia's upper house of parliament, Sergei Mironov, to meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat during a trip to the Middle East, was at that time the most dramatic display of a shift in policy towards Israel and the Jewish community at home and abroad.

President Putin of Russia is very cleverly formulating another series of messages to the reactionary Zionist Lobby in Washington and Oval Office. overall message is that Putin and Russia had broken away from the perceived anti-Semitic policies that the American Zionists associate with the Soviet Union, Tsarism and the Russian Orthodox Church.

Putin first started hobnobbing with Sharansky – a Soviet-era dissident who emigrated to Israel and was a Cabinet Minister two years ago in Sharon's Government. Washington press was spoon-fed stories by Putin's cabinet how Sharansky had been called back to Moscow to a private lunch with President Putin at the inauguration of a large Jewish Community Center in Moscow. ■

HOW DO WE END THIS INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM?

NINA A.
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Terrorism is spreading all over the planet, bringing humanity to a crisis in its cynicism. The international community, presidents and other state functionaries are calling for a united effort to combat this terror of the 21st Century. But these leaders propose that the world fight this "international terrorism internationally" as Vladimir Putin phrased it. It means that it will be fighting the tail end instead of **looking at and asking questions; why is it happening now, in whose benefit is it, what are the aims of this, and what is the realistic answer to get out of this situation?**

More and more there are appearing articles in the world press about the dangers, the instability of societies, of no future perspectives to look forward to, of civilization in crisis, crisis of the world economy, global political crisis, ecological crisis all over the world because of the industrialization tempo of development. All of this is tied into the morality of humanity - crisis in education and loss of orientation by the people of the world.

From the Marxist point of view of history, all of the above is basically due to the crisis of world imperialism, which has brought the world practically to the abyss but is unwilling to leave this historical arena, instead, it is instigating newer and newer crisis to prolong its existence. This is a natural progression to terrorism, now becoming international in its scope of operations and it is also due to the above mentioned crisis of world imperialism.

To carry out these terrorist acts it is impossible without having been

given professional training and understating, they must have the tools to carry out these acts, all ready to assemble. These terrorists must be paid handsomely and their families looked after. This can only be done and financed by states, such as USA and Israel, plus the bankers who control the economy of these countries. The training camps for these terrorists are established, well financed, well supplied with everything imaginable. The buying of the services of these elements who do what they are told to do, is obviously working very well.

The biggest terrorist in the world, the one directing all of these terrorist acts is the USA and their protege "Enemy #1 Osama bin Laden" - who is a product of the CIA - coached and financed when their act was to fight the Soviet contingent of soldiers who were in Afghanistan at the invitation of the legitimately elected government. All these terrorist camps that were existing, were used to send the agents to sow discord and supply the Afghanistan reactionaries in order to overrun Afghanistan and establish it as a colony of US imperialism.

The US was for a long time struggling with an energy crisis in oil. Oil was in the last century as in this century, the main component and energy source. Therefore, the present US armed forces surrounding the Caucasus was the main goal of US imperialism. The attack against Iraq - even though the pretence was the danger of WMD - but they were never found in Iraq.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF RUSSIA IN THE PLANS OF THE US?

Terrorism has no nationality nor any religion. A terrorist is hired to do the dirty and bloody work that he or she is assigned. Terrorists in Russia were recruited from the Arabs and Chechens in order to instill in the Russian people hatred for Muslims and Chechens as enemies of Russia - to disunite it, to dismember

it - and this is what US imperialism has as its main goal.

The aim of US imperialism in promoting and agitating nationalities against other nationalities in Russia is to provoke Russian leadership to join US imperialism in this fight against "international terrorism" - to instill hate against all Arab and Muslim peoples and to have Russian soldiers replace American soldiers in Iraq, to help Bush in getting American soldiers out of danger and death at the hands of the Iraqi patriots, who are fighting to boot out American soldiers and their own lackeys.

Putin has already agreed with Bush that Russia will "attack all bases where terrorists are" - it seems that Putin and Bush know where they are!

President Bush wants from Putin and Russia the following:

*Involve Putin more strongly in this anti-terrorist coalition and to agree to strike "first" at all of the bases in foreign countries. But let us remember the fact that American imperialism calls all the national liberation movements terrorist! USA will point at the targets for Russia to hit at.

*Involve immediately Russia in sending its soldiers to Iraq, to replace the Americans there.

* To utilize the friendly relations between Russia and North Korean leadership at the meeting next year in Beijing, and have Putin put pressure on North Korea regarding nuclear weapons. It seems that Putin will follow this demand, as the present situation seems to indicate

We call upon all progressive movements on this planet of ours to show your opposition to those countries that follow the hegemonic policies of US Imperialism and their determination to establish the New World Order!

We call upon all participants in the anti-globalization movements to struggle against the attempts to

gain super profits at the expense of humanity.

**WORKERS OF THE WORLD
UNITE!**

N.A. Andreeva
General Secretary
All Union Communist Party of
Bolsheviks

*We shortened this very informative
article due to space reasons only. ■*

RUSSA WILL SWITCH TO EUROS FOR ITS OIL

MOSCOW TIMES: President Putin said last month that Russia will switch its trade in oil from dollars to Euros, a move that could have far-reaching repercussions for the global balance of power - potentially hurting the US economy and providing a massive boost to the Euro zone.

Almost two-thirds of world's currency reserves are kept in dollars, since oil importers pay in dollars and oil exporters keep their reserves in the currency they are paid in. This effectively provides the US economy with an interest free loan, as these dollars can be invested back into the US economy. Some analysts say that this move is meant to boost Russia's global clout on the world stage. ■

GAINING CONTROL OF RUSSIAN OIL — CHECHNYA

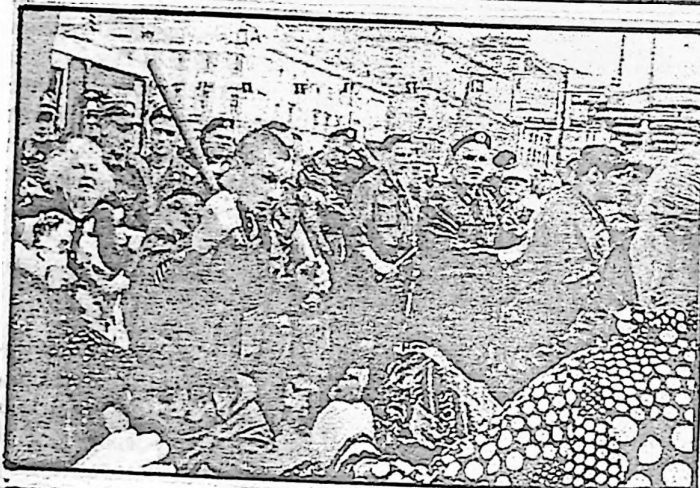
BY JOHN LAUGHLAND

After the Beslan tragedy, all the media in the West of course blamed Russia and the Chechen massacre as understandable, natural and legitimate.

During the reign of Chechen leader Djokar Dudayev, while Boris Yeltsin was president, while the West was happily looting the resources of Russia, the Chechens were often described in the Western press as a bunch of bandits and Mafia gangsters. As recently as 2001,

THIS IS HOW PUTIN'S RUSSIA ATTACKS PENSIONERS AND STUDENTS PROTESTING THE ABOLISHMENT AND CURTAILING OF ALL SOCIAL SERVICES IN MOSCOW!

From newspaper "WORKERS SOCHI"



Take a good look at the pictures! NSC has over the last few years criticized and exposed what Putin really is. Some readers do not agree with us, they still think that Putin is the "Good Czar" and just binding his time in order to struggle against imperialism!

That is absolutely rubbish!

Putin is a clever traitor, using his skills to fool and manipulate the people. Otherwise, would he allow his police goons to beat up the people? ■

indeed, President Bush said that President Putin was a man he could trust. But those events are now in the past, and Russia now is indeed branded as a dictatorship.

Why is USA, at least publicly, turned against Russia regarding Chechnya?

One of the articles spilled the beans in the Western press. Chechen leader Ahmed Zakayev, wrote in The Wall Street Journal on September 29, 2004 that:

"The West has a clear choice. It can continue to support the Russian KGB dictatorship(?) of Mr. Putin, which sooner or later will turn against the West and side with the enemies through its strategic goal of undermining the US "unipolar" world order and keeping oil prices high. Or it can change course and insist on resolving the Chechen conflict through negotiated settlement."

In other words, the "negotiated settlement", which US Secretary of Defense Colin Powell, has strongly instructed the Russian government to seek, is the way to prevent Russia from ever counterbalancing the United States in world affairs, and to get the oil prices down!

Where is the connection here? Chechnya borders on Georgia, and Azerbaijan, who are on the fast track to join NATO. Pushing Russia completely out of the Caucasus, requires a victory for the Chechens. Thus an independent Chechnya that US imperialism wants is a first step towards the long-term plan to break up Russia itself. Let us remember that the CIA predicted that the oil-rich Siberia might escape Moscow's control in its report, called "Global Trends", ■

VIC
RATSMAN



EYEING AFRICA

Not since the days of Slave Trade has the United States paid so much attention to West Africa. And just like then, there's something for them to take.

With most of the world's attention being focused on the Middle East and the flow of oil from that region to the West, much of that attention will soon be shifted to West Africa. The West African region supplies approximately 15% of US oil imports and with supplies from the Middle East less than secure, the African region gains in importance.

Some African countries are very small, like Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome and Principe, and have been largely ignored by most of the world. But this is no longer the case! It doesn't take a lot of money to buy favors from the often very corrupt governments in these small nations, especially since corruption is rampant in the region. And the developments there are indeed interesting.

The country of Sao Tome and Principe consists of two small islands in the Gulf of Guinea, has a population of less than 160,000 and a Gross Domestic Product of less than 60 million US dollars. It was a Portuguese colony until 1975, when it became independent and elected a communist oriented government with a president as its head. Since the multi-party elections in 1991, a more right of center policy has been followed. The present government is

being led by president De Menezes, who has a right-wing orientation.

The discovery of offshore oil in recent years is likely to have a major impact on the islands economy. Not surprisingly, the USA has been knocking on the door and a 2002 announcement by President Menezes declared that an agreement has been reached with the US government for the building of a military base that will be a harbor for aircraft carriers and patrol boats as well as for US Marines to be stationed in this region. No doubt that this base is intended to secure the region for American oil corporations, by force if necessary. And all is not well on the islands.

"Political life remains dominated by the 15 or so families descended from the off-springs of Portuguese colonists and freed African slaves. Since 1991 there have been seven governments and political life has been dominated by power struggles between the President and the government, the party-in-fighting, widespread corruption and administrative paralysis. There was an attempted coup in 1996. Economic difficulties and political rows over the government's handling of development issues and oil exploration licensing, has led to violent protests in April of 2003, and a coup attempt on July 13, 2003, which lasted a few days, before the existing government was restored to power."(1)

Despite this turmoil, the people of Sao Tome and Principe have high hopes of seeing many substantial improvements in their living standards as a result of the oil revenues – but before getting their hopes too high, they no doubt will cast an anxious eye on what happened in that other small country in the region of Equatorial Guinea.

Equatorial Guinea, a former Spanish colony consists of five islands and a segment on the West African coast. It has less than 500,000 inhabitants. Petroleum exploration and development has revitalized the economy. Large-scale oil production commenced in 1997 and the country's GDP grew by an average of 26.8% annually between

1999 and 2003. Today, USA oil firms dominate the Equatorial Guinea's landscape. Exxon-Mobil, Amerada Hess, Chevron Texaco and Marathon Oil have the largest share of the country's oil production.

But despite this rapid growth, poverty remains widespread. So, what happened to all of the oil money?

"The landscape in Malabo and Bata, the two major cities in Equatorial Guinea, are dotted with the state-of-the-art buildings belonging to the president and senior members of his government that stand in stark contrast to the terrible slums in which the majority of the people live. In the year 2000 the president bought a house in the posh DC suburb of Potomac, Maryland, for \$2.6 million and another one in nearby Rockville, Maryland, for \$1.5 million. The president's son, Teodoro N. Obiang, purchased a house in ritzy celebrity haven in Bel Air, Los Angeles in March of 2001, for \$5.8 million. Hollywood actress Farrah Fawcett lives across the street. The younger Obiang, who is also his country's Minister of Forests, Fishing and the Environment and is in running to succeed his father as President, also owns a record label and a publishing company in Los Angeles, called TNO Entertainment, which specializes in rap records."

So writes the Center for Public Integrity in November 2002, under the heading "Making a Killing. The curious Bonds of Oil Diplomacy". (2)

And further:

"The average Equatorial Guinean, by contrast, has seen very little of the country's oil wealth. A United Nations development report ranked the country's per capita gross domestic product of \$4,676 as 79th out of 149 countries in the world in 2001, but even this is barely reflected on the ground. In 2000, the World Bank reported that the average income per capita was just a little over \$2 per day."

Andrew Donaldson of the South African Saturday Times (3), in an article dated September 22, 2002 puts it bluntly and in clear terms when he writes:

"The US is falling over itself to secure West African oil. Leaders best be very aware of Washington's flattering attentions which have but one objective. US strategists have

for some time been pushing for a **MILITARY BASE** in the Gulf of Guinea – hardly surprising, given the Bush administration's intentions of shifting US reliance on oil imports from the Middle East to West Africa."

These articles were written well before the disastrous and illegal war in Iraq, and well before the price of a barrel of oil exceeded \$50 US, once again show the vulnerability of the USA through its dependence on foreign oil. Its greedy eyes are cast all over the world to see what can be had. Many generations have come and gone since the time the USA captured and sold the African people as slaves for their home markets. Nothing has been done since to improve the living standards of the people of Africa. Washington's renewed interest in West Africa is purely a matter of self-interest, that is the **"corporate self-interest"**. It will matter little to the masters in Washington whether or not the African people will reap any benefits from the exploitation of oil.

For the people of San Tome and Principe, whose hopes for a higher living standard have been raised, it must be discouraging indeed to see how little benefit has reached ordinary people of other West African countries with large oil revenues.

They had better beware of the devil they are bringing in. Oil is too often equated to corruption.

(1)<http://www.fco.gov.uk>

(2)<http://www.public-l-org/bow/report.aspx?aif=151>

(3)<http://www.suntimes.co.za/2002/09/22/business/news/news03/asp>

SUPPORT FOR MILOSEVIC IS GROWING!

The Petition of 100 lawyers and law professors from 18 countries, produced a public effect incomparable to any other previous action by the ICDSM.

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FAREWELL LETTER TO FIDEL FROM CHE

From THE FREEDOM ARCHIVES

On October 9, 1967, Ernesto "Che" Guevara was executed by the Bolivian soldiers. Trained, equipped and guided by US Green Beret and CIS operatives. October 8th is celebrated in Cuba as the Day of the Heroic Guerilla in his memory.

Although Guevara returned to Cuba on March 5, 1965, his absence from all public functions soon excited comments and, as the months went by, became an international mystery. Finally, on October 3, 1968, during the televised ceremony of the presentation of the newly elected Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, Fidel Castro, in the presence of Guevara's wife and children, read the following letter, Castro explained that the letter had been delivered to him back in April of 1967, and that Guevara had left the timing of its disclosure to Castro's discretion. He had delayed so long in making it public out of concern for Guevara's security and, for the same reason at that time could not divulge his whereabouts.

Fidel: At this moment I remember many things – when I met you in Marta Antonia's house, when you suggested my coming, all the tensions involved in preparations.

One day they asked who should be notified in case of death, and the real possibility of that fact affected us all. Later we knew that it was true, that in revolution one wins or dies (*if it is a real one*). Many of our comrades fell along the way to victory.

Today, everything is less dramatic, because we are more mature. But the fact is repeated. I feel that I have fulfilled the part of my duty that tied me to the Cuban revolution in its territory, and I say good-bye to you, the comrades, your people, who are already mine.

I formally renounce my position in the national leadership of the party,



my post as Minister, my rank as a Major, and my Cuban citizenship. Nothing legal binds me to Cuba now. The only ties are of another nature – those that cannot be broken as appointments can.

Recalling my past life, I believe that I have worked with sufficient honor and dedication to consolidate the revolutionary triumph. My only serious failing was not having confided more in you from the first moments in the Sierra Maestra, and not having understood quickly enough your qualities as a leader and a revolutionary.

I have lived magnificent days, and I felt at your side the pride of belonging to our people in the brilliant yet sad days of the Caribbean Crisis. Seldom, has a statesman been more brilliant than you in those days. I am also proud of having followed you without hesitation, identified with your way of thinking and of seeing and appraising dangers and principles.

Other nations of the world call for my modest efforts. I can do that which is denied you, because of your responsibility as the head of Cuba, and the time has come for us to part.

I want it known that I do it with mixed feelings of joy and sorrow. I leave here the purest of my hopes as a builder, and the dearest of those I love. And I leave a people who received me as a son. That wounds me deeply. I carry to new battlefronts the faith that you taught me, the revolutionary spirit of my people, the feeling of fulfilling the most sacred of duties: to fight against Imperialism, wherever it may be. This comforts and heals the deepest wounds.

I state once more that I free Cuba from any responsibility, except that which stems from its example. If my final hour finds me under other skies, my last thought will be of those people and especially of you. I am thankful for your teaching, your example, and I will try to be faithful to the final consequences of my acts.

I have always been identified with the foreign policy of our revolution, and I will continue to be. Wherever I am, I will feel the responsibility of being a Cuban revolutionary, and as such I shall behave. I am not sorry that I leave my children and my wife nothing material. I am happy that it is that way. I ask nothing for them, as I know that the state will provide enough for their expenses and education.

I would like to say so much to you and to our people, but I feel it is not necessary. Words cannot express what I would want them to, and I don't think it's worthwhile to banter just phrases.

Ever onward to victory! Our country or death!

I embrace you with all my revolutionary fervor!

CHE

NEWS FROM JAPAN-OKINAWA

Northstar Compass has received this statement from the Japan Revolutionary Communist League – Revolutionary Marxist faction, denouncing the US military base located in the Okinawa Prefecture. The US military using outdated helicopters, conducted an exercise that caused serious damage to the administration building on the Campus of the Okinawa International University.

The Campus was sealed off and the US Army did not allow the University staff to enter the Campus. The President of the University expressed his outrage as this was a violation of campus life. This helicopter was carrying depleted uranium containers. Protests against this are growing, and the people want the US troops out of Okinawa and the base dismantled. But the Japanese government is bent on

cooperating with the US military, despite the mounting protests by the people who are terrified. Pieces of this helicopter flew all over the surrounding neighborhood. One meter long piece flew into a house and into the room where a mother was resting with her baby.

Incidents like this are a constant threat to the people of Okinawa Prefecture. The government made no attempt to compensate the destruction caused by this helicopter.

The residents of Okinawa want the US bases out of their soil. They oppose the construction of any new US bases. As well as opposing US bases in Japan the JRCL-RMF opposes the illegal and amoral occupation of Iraq and stands in solidarity with its people and their resistance movement and is against Imperialism.

Let's not forget that after the bombing of Iraq in 1991, the United States wound up with military bases in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates. Following US bombing of Yugoslavia in 1999, the US wound up with bases in Kosovo, Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Hungary, Bosnia and Croatia. Following its bombing of Afghanistan in 2001-2002, the US wound up with military bases in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Yemen and Djibouti. Following its bombing and invasion of Iraq in 2003, the US wound up with Iraq.

The statement wound up with the condemnation of US imperialism and its gangsters. The US has neither the morality or right, none whatsoever to speak of freedom, democracy and humans rights when it holds enough

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power to destroy all of humanity and now are attempting to install a world tyranny – the New World Order.

US cannot speak of freedom because it cannot conceive of a world other than the one ruled by fear of lethal weapons that its inexperienced hands might rain down on humanity.

All of the military base in Japan must be closed down!

We call upon all workers, students and all people over the world to rise up and fight now in support of Iraq resistance!

Stir up the flames of the anti-colonial imperialist struggles to lead us out of this darkness!

COMMENT:

May NSC suggest that Mr. Putin read this statement by the Japanese Party and, maybe, just maybe, learn something from it - and at least try to look as if he is not completely in the pocket of Uncle Sam! After all, the US spy planes fly over Russia thousands of times yearly without a peep from Mr. Putin.

Targeting civilians in Fallujah, Iraq

By JEFFREY St. CLAIR

Last April, an F-16 US fighter jet was cruising over Fallujah, the stronghold of Iraq insurgency and it zeroed in on a crowd of people milling about on a street corner of the city. The US pilot of the fighter jet radioed back to his mission commander, asking for permission to "take them out." The commander does not ask whether the street people are armed or pose a threat to the plane or troops. He simply instructs the pilot to fire away.

Soon after the pilot releases the bomb and watches as it explodes on the street corner, killing dozens of unarmed civilians. An excited voice exclaims over the radio "Oh, dude!" The pilots toast the bombing raid and triumphantly return to their base.

All of this was recorded on a 50-second videotape shot from the cockpit of the F-16. The jocular banter between the pilots and the mission controller was also recorded on audiotapes. Those tapes, which constitute evidence of a war crime, have been in the possession of the

Pentagon for months, but they have not been publicly revealed until last month when someone leaked a copy to a London television station. But this tape has not been aired on any US TV station.

But how many scores of such tapes and incidents is the US Pentagon hiding?

None of this comes as a surprise to the residents of Fallujah, Najaf and Samara, who have witnessed and are witnessing first-hand again and again the countless bombings, targeting of civilians - these are deliberate bombings, not accidents! Most of those killed or maimed are non-combatants at all - they are civilians, women and children. Yes, the bombings have intensified as the US election looms.

Each of these incidences and murders are backfiring against the US, fueling not obliterating the Iraqi peoples resistance. ■

EU PREEMPTIVE NUCLEAR WAR

PARIS- Military strategists of the European Union defined the EU defense strategy as initiated by Germany, are adopting a preemptive nuclear strike. This German initiated doctrine, the first one in the history of the European Union - specifically envisions the conducting of preventive wars. It states that French and British nuclear powers will be included in this doctrine.

*Is the Kremlin sleeping?
It certainly is meant to prevent the
USSR in the future becoming a
world power!* ■

ISRAEL PREPARES TO ATTACK IRAN

By GORDON THOMAS

From the Middleeast.Org-Mer-news - last month saw the developments gathering steam with US and Israel in extremely close coordination, and they are determined to use this momentum, and the arguments of what has been

done in Iraq to bring both Iran and North Korea into compliance with the "New World Order". This policy will be pursued whether Bush or Kerry wins the US presidency. Gordon Thomas is an accomplished senior journalist and has exceptionally close relations both in Washington and Britain - plus Israeli intelligence.

A senior Israeli Mossad intelligence officer in Tel Aviv has revealed that president Bush "is now firmly convinced that Iran poses a greater threat to Israel than Iraq did." A senior Pentagon official admitted that a number of senior Department of Defense planners had recently made a top-level trip to Tel Aviv to plan the attack against Iran.

It is a well known fact that Israel possesses numerous nuclear weapons, missiles and rockets. Israel is now in complete possession of numerous sophisticated electronic weapons. These are capable of disrupting all communications between Iran's regional military commanders, closing down Iran's banking system and also wrecking the internal Iranian transport systems.

According to the Tel Aviv intelligence officer, these new weapons are: "So specific as to take out military targets because it can freeze all their hardware with no loss of our soldiers lives that comes with a conventional war." ■

REMEMBER HAVEL & CHARTER 77 & B92?

From Progressive Review

Charter 77 in Czechoslovakia, was created by Western foundations and the CIA.

The conventional view by many of the left is that socialism collapsed in Eastern Europe because of its systematic weaknesses and the political elite's failure to build popular support. That is only partly true, but the multi-billionaire George Soros' role was very crucial. From 1979, he distributed over \$US 3 million per year to dissidents, including Poland's Solidarity movement, to Charter 77 headed by Havel in Czechoslovakia and Andrei Sakharov in the Soviet Union.

In 1984 George Soros, on behalf of US imperialism and the CIA, founded his "Open Society Institute"

in Hungary and then pumped millions of dollars into opposition movements and independent media. Ostensibly aimed at building up a "civil society", these initiatives were designed to weaken and undermine the existing political structures and pave the way for Eastern Europe's eventual colonization by global capital.

George Soros, now claims, with characteristic immodesty, that he was responsible for the "Americanization" of all of Eastern Europe. But, Yugoslavia remained stubbornly resistant and repeatedly returned President Slobodan Milosevic Socialist Party to government. But Soros did not give up - he was equal to the challenge. From 1991, his Open Institute channeled more than \$100,000.00 to the coffers of the anti-Milosevic opposition, funding political parties, publishing houses and "independent" media such as Radio B92 - the student radio station of Western mythology - which was in fact bankrolled handsomely by one of the world's richest men on behalf of the United States of America and its New World Order! ■

NEWS FROM CZECH AND SLOVAK NEWSPAPERS

By Vanya KALISHNIKOV

US PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IS CZECH

According to the press here, US Democratic presidential candidate is Czech and the newspapers describe John Forbes Kerry in detail, pointing to his JFK initials, his early life and right up to the present day as a millionaire that ran as a Democratic candidate for President of the United States. Since this was written before the US Election - if Kerry is elected, he would be the first president that has his family roots in Bohemia.

The newspapers here dwell into his family history and found out that Grandpa came to the USA from the town of Horny Benes for a better life about one hundred years ago.

The Czech newspapers dwell into the archives and registry of Kerry and found out the following facts:

Kerry's grandfather was called and registered in the town registry as Fritz Kohn and, according to the

town register, he was registered as Jewish. In the US the next generation of Kohn's became Roman Catholic and changed their name to Kerry. ■

POPE JOHN II BEAUTIFIES AN AUSTRIAN EMPEROR

According to the Vatican newspaper, Pope John II beautified the last Emperor of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. This event produced feelings in Austria and over 30,000 gathered in St. Peter's Square in Rome to hear this pronouncement.

This celebration did not go unnoticed by four living descendants of the Emperor, including the pretender to the Imperial crown of Otto Hapsburg.

It is needed to mention the fact that Charles of Austro-Hungarian Empire was instrumental in introducing poison gas during the battles in the First World War 1914-1918, killing thousands upon thousands of Christians, Muslims and Jews alike, on all the fronts. Was this because God was on his side?

How does this beautification murder fit in with Christian morals? Glorifying war criminals seems to indicate that he is measured by different set of rules by the powers that be. Maybe Hitler and Mussolini will be next to be beautified?

How long will humanity accept this demagoguery by so-called "Man of God?" ■

POLAND TODAY

We receive NSC regularly for which we thank you, because its interesting materials are of great help to us here in the news items, commentary and analyses about events in the world and in former socialist countries. We wish you strength in the struggle against war and imperialism. Greetings to all of the comrades.

Regarding the situation in Poland, the growth of unemployment is rising very alarmingly. From the end of 2001 the government is composed of



ZBIGNIEW WIKTOR
Leader of "Proletariat"

a coalition of social democrats and of the union party, under the leadership of Premier L. Miller, who conducts a most reactionary policy, very pro-Western and capitalist privatization of the economy, while in politics the policy is completely subservient to Imperialism. In this regard, the situation for the Polish worker has changed dramatically.

The official government figures for unemployment in Poland is over 3 million workers, but non-official number (*closer to the truth*) is over 5,000,000 workers unemployed. That means that about 70% of the people are living under the minimum social needs.

This new capitalism means that only about 10-15% of the people benefit, the new bourgeoisie who made for themselves a new heaven on earth, on the backs of a majority of the Polish people. By forcing Poland to join NATO and European Union, this new ruling class has for now guaranteed for themselves a safety net and help in case of need.

In May the government of Miller had lost the confidence of parliament and even of his own party and had to resign. He was hated very much by everyone. The new people at the helm, represent the liberal party orientation as presented by Belka and Kwasniewski, the Bourgeois-Catholic grouping. This is even a more reactionary tendency and represents the interests even more of the multinational corporations capital in Poland. Poland is now more dependent and in the hands of foreign capital and under greater

influence of US Imperialism. The struggle of the Polish currency against the dollar and the Euro is playing havoc in the economy of the country.

I am sending you an article written by Professor Rakovsky who is a member of the Academy of Sciences of Poland which contains much more detailed analyses of the present economic chaos here in Poland.

With Poland's admission into the European Union this year, it has tied Poland to Western imperialism and Western ambitions in the world and put Poland under ever-greater influence of Germany. In the last while, inflation is becoming rampant and there is talk of even abolishing the agreements reached by the great powers at Potsdam after the Second World War. Germany is now demanding a re-division of borders and claiming different territories for itself. On the other hand Poland is demanding compensation from Germany for the attack by Hitler on Poland. The pot is boiling and it might just boil over!

This new attempt by Germany for "**Drang nach Osten**" **March to the East**" by the reactionary forces of Germany presents an evil danger, not only for Poland, but, for the whole of Europe. The growth of fascism in Germany is on the rise, with some parts of Germany having elected outright fascists into the government.

Over 75% of the Polish people want the Polish soldiers out of Iraq. Polish people know that this is a dirty, neo-colonial war in the interest of American imperialism as well as Israeli imperialism. The Polish youth are now demonstrating against this war and the involvement of Polish troops there. ■

FEATURE SOVIET FILMS - ENGLISH SUBTITLES

In December issue of NSC we will publish titles and summary of these films that are now available. These films portray the Soviet values, are realistic and inspiring.

Organize an evening with friends and help to raise funds for the Ray Stevenson Sustaining Fund. We are also attempting to raise \$30,000 towards the Second World Congress, Sept. 23-24-25, 2005

BESTIAL ATTACKS OF NATIONALISTS IN THE POLICE STATE OF SLOVENIA

Last July 15, 2004, a paramilitary group broke into the office of the Secretary General of the Communist Party of Slovenia, and Darja Lenardich, president of the Slovenian movement for human rights association in Ljubljana. This violent attack was done without any legal law court or any other administrative act or decision. Paramilitary group and uniformed police herewith ignored the human rights, throwing out the citizens, forcing them to leave the town where they were born. In this attack there were present policemen from Jesenice, Trbovje, Krani, with connections to Ljubljana and Maribor.

Behind these attacks, there is the Austro-German financial imperialism, to whom all of the groups are subordinated, plus the special department of the security police. World International Courts are not doing anything to protest the destruction of SFR Yugoslavia, neither against the organized crime, instigated by the German-Austrian financial forces.

This attack is at the same time an attack on the branch of the Department of Justice and against Parliament itself, because the Law Court had denied and not sanctioned this police raid.

Attacks, robberies, blocking the offices and preventing entry to one's home and causing other damage, without any Court order or permission, has become common practice in this police state of Slovenia – several thousand times in the past few years. The municipal administration has placed itself above the court, the law and the Constitution, not to mention the human rights or the United Nations Organization.

The attack was carried out in order to prevent any activity by the Communist Party against the present bourgeois government, which is all composed of bourgeois parties, nationalists, privateers and petit-bourgeoisie (a bit to the left-a bit to

the right). Active in these actions is the Liberal Party of privateers and nationalists, members of the Liberal International. The question of protecting worker's property, social or state property was thrown out and is not protected at all.

The second party here is the social democrats (ZLSD) and there is also the extremist right party of the peasants (SLS) plus the Slovenian National Party (SNS), headed by one of the so-called landlords. The leading role in the Slovenian government now is in the hands of two parties, one headed by the former Defense Minister and the destroyer of Yugoslavia, who now heads the Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS) with the program similar to the German Rights Party (NDP) plus one of his companions, who repatriated from Argentina in order to organize the Argentina emigrants, former white guards, plus the collaborators of the German Nazi SS, called the New Slovenia (NS). NS should be read as New Fascist Slovenia.

Both of the parties mentioned above, the SDS and the NS, are a collection of nationalists, white guard collaborators with the former Italian white fascist organization – **Milizia Volunteria Anticomunista- MVAC**.

MVAC was founded by the Italian occupational forces in Slovenia in 1942 in Ljubljana, and later was subordinated to the German SS General Roessner.

The latest news from here is this fact --After the financial offensive by the Austro-German imperialists, the destruction of the factories, enterprises and industries (*built in Tito's Yugoslavia with federal financing*) the new owners of these industrial enterprises are the Austro-German barons, and other civil servants. Now a new demand is made to have Slovenia promote German culture and language to its minute minority. The German government forced the Minister of Culture of Slovenia to sign an agreement. This ultimatum was sanctioned by the Slovenian president, which makes him even worse than what the former Czech president did under Hitler. This forced agreement was signed in September of this year in Ljubljana with the Minister of Culture of Austria. ■

JUSTICE VS VATICAN

By JAN ROCHA –The Beacon, from Australia

During the worst years of Brazil's military dictatorship from 1968 to 1978 – over 120 bishops, nuns, priests and nearly 300 Catholic lay-workers were arrested. Many were tortured while seven clerics were murdered. There were death threats, accusations, kidnappings and physical violence. Churches and parochial homes were raided. Church newspapers and radio stations were closed down.

Unlike many other Latin American counterparts, the Brazil's Catholic bishops openly criticized the dictators.

As Leonardo Boff, Brazil's most influential exponent of this new thinking, pointed out: "*Jesus was a political prisoner, who died on the Cross, not an old man who had died in bed.*"

In 1984 Boff came under attack, not from Brazil's Generals, but from the Vatican itself. He was summoned to Rome to be questioned about one of his books that he had written, defending the poor against exploitation and demanding land for the poor and starving. He realized that he was on trial for his promotion of the liberation theology.

The Brazilian Bishop invited the Pope's representative Ratzinger to Brazil to see for himself how this liberation theology was working. Of course he refused to come and see the shanty-towns, the misery and slums.

Ratzinger, a member of the Pope's inner circle and head of the powerful Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, claimed that his obligation was to the universal church, not the local Brazilian one.

Bishop Boff pointed to the lattice window of the room they were in and said: "*Cardinal, you cannot look at liberation theology through a window like this, where it is*

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framed in little lead squares. You have to go and feel what it's like to be poor. That's where this theology is made, it's the cry of the poor!"

Bishop Boff was banned from preaching and celebrating the sacraments and had since left reluctantly the priesthood. Rome appointed Conservative Bishops to run the new sees thus created

We shortened this excellent article-expose for space reasons only. ■

ARMY RECRUITERS TAKE AIM AT U.S. SCHOOL KIDS

By J. Corlett

The US Army, desperate to meet their recruiting goals, has fraudulently recruited public school kids as young as grammar school age here and in the surrounding areas. The US Army recruiters have a traveling horror show called "*Spirit of America*" which supposedly shows the history of the US Army, but instead, it is used to recruit high school students and propagandize all of them.

The local school officials in Winchester, MA rented school busses and forced up to 5,000 school kids to attend this event as a captive audience. The local officials would later say that they thought the show had a "*historical value*". This history showed the US Army in action, brutally killing Native American Indians (*racism*), Vietnam (*Imperialism*), and other apologies for capitalist crimes.

Local anti-war activists, including the PLP members, helped to organize a rally protesting the recruitment of children for imperialist wars. PLP members held signs condemning the imperialist war in Iraq. These were sharply different than the signs of the peace activists whose signs said only that the war was "*bad*", with no condemnation at all. Many school kids and teachers approached us with thanks for opposing the military and imperialist wars.

Local officials were embarrassed because it was obvious that the US Army was recruiting the children,

setting up recruiting tables and gathering names and addresses. But, these same school officials in 2001 suspended scores of high school students when they left school to attend an anti-war rally opposing the war in Afghanistan.

The PLP advanced the slogan and the view that the cycles of imperialist wars cannot be ended with capitalism, which causes wars, and it must be replaced by Socialism. The truth must be spread amongst the people in order to counter the military propaganda which is targeting kids now, and young kids must be made aware that they must struggle against the school system that wants to send them to wars while denying them diplomas and a decent education.

COMMENT: ■

This is shades of Nazi Germany 1930's, leading to fascism and wars.

NEPAL MAOISTS OPEN STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE IN PEOPLE'S WAR

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<http://rwor.org>*

On August 31, 2004, the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) announced the opening of a strategic offensive in the People's War.

This exciting news came right after Nepal's Prime Minister Deuba returned from a five-day trip to India where much of the discussion centered on stepping up Indian intervention in Nepal with the backing of the United States.

A press statement from the CPN (Maoist) said that the decision to launch the strategic offensive was made at a recent 10-day meeting of the party's Central Committee, led by Chairman Prachanda. The meeting was held "in a base area in the countryside, in a convention hall specially decorated with banners and canopies" protected by "a special security cordon of the People's Liberation Army" with "the

full assistance of the broad masses of people."

The People's War in Nepal began in 1996 and from the very beginning, the CPN (Maoist) conceived of their revolution as a "protracted war" that goes through stages — from the strategic defensive, to strategic equilibrium, to the strategic offensive.

Mao's theory of "protracted people's war" recognized that in semi-colonial, semi-feudal countries like Nepal, the revolutionary forces start out weak and small compared to the government forces and that to engage in all-out military battles would only lead to getting crushed. But by avoiding decisive tests of strength and by waging guerrilla warfare, the revolutionary forces can defeat and weaken the government forces in smaller battles and through a protracted process, gain popular support, increase in strength and numbers, and extend their control. Building rural base areas and establishing military control and political authority in ever larger parts of the countryside allows the revolutionaries to surround the cities from the countryside and eventually seize country-wide political power.

After the initiation of armed struggle in Nepal, there was a relatively long period of the "strategic defensive" — where the revolutionary forces were weaker than the enemy and had to accumulate strength over a protracted period of time on the basis of guerrilla warfare. The military struggle then reached the stage of "strategic equilibrium" —



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

V.I. LENIN

where the two sides were relatively equal, neither was able to decisively destroy the other and the fighting was increasingly characterized by larger-scale mobile and positional warfare. At this point, the CPN (Maoist) analyzed that the entire society recognized the existence of two different states in the country, each with its own army and institutions.

The decision to enter the stage of a strategic offensive means that the Maoists in Nepal have now determined that they are able to make their immediate aim the decisive destruction of the enemy's armed forces, the seizure of power, and the establishment of the rule of the people throughout the country.

The Maoist forces in Nepal now control 80 percent of the countryside, where they have established base areas and new people's power. Revolutionary forms of government control much of the countryside — where new revolutionary institutions run daily life — from the distribution and farming of land, education, taxes, the building of roads and latrines and the running of people's courts. The fact that the government has lost control in the countryside is a widely recognized fact. And the strength of the Maoists has increasingly been felt in the cities as well.

For a week, beginning on August 7, Kathmandu was isolated by a military blockade called by the CPN (Maoist) and the United Revolutionary People's Council, the united front organization under the party's leadership that is the embryo of the future people's government. Strikes by the Maoist-led trade union also closed down the country's biggest and most hated companies. The strength of the Maoists was demonstrated by their ability to stop most vehicular traffic in and out of the nation's capital, which has a population of 1.5 million.

In the past, the PLA has enforced blockades on district capitals, especially in the western region, which has been a Maoist stronghold. But this was the first time such a blockade was imposed on the capital. The BBC reported, "They got a massive response and huge publicity without a single bomb

or landmine on a highway." The World to Win News Service reported: "Traffic into and out of the capital was from several thousand vehicles a day to about 150 in the first days, and all of those were either military or under tight Royal Army escort. Certainly the Maoists could not issue an order so completely obeyed even by the biggest transport companies if they hadn't built up much military strength and badly weakened the armed forces and authority of the enemy. But the will they imposed on the government and companies was clearly that of an enormous and growing part of the people. That is the 'secret' reason why the blockade succeeded even though there were no major military clashes."

This blockade and broad support for strikes called by the All Nepal Trade Union Federation (Revolutionary) were part of the process of weakening the reactionary regime and preparing people in the cities to rise up when the party judges the time ripe for urban insurrection in connection with successfully surrounding the cities from the countryside. During the blockade, other embargoes were carried out in nearby Eastern districts within the Kathmandu valley. And a contingent of the 5th Brigade of the People's Liberation Army took action against the Royal Army in the Sindhupalchok district, which is also not far from Kathmandu.

When the People's War started in 1996, they did not have a People's Army. They started out with small fighting groups of five or six people, armed with very primitive weapons — some single shot rifles and Khukuri knives. Over the first five years, the guerrillas built up their fighting capacity by carrying out guerrilla actions against police posts and hated local reactionaries. They were able to capture weapons from government forces and step by

step build up larger fighting units — from squads to platoons, and then later brigades and companies. Successful military actions created freedom for the guerrillas to expand their influence and authority — and as police and reactionaries were run out of villages, a power vacuum was created, making it possible for the establishment of a new "people's power" and eventually base areas under the control of new revolutionary government institutions.

In 2001 the CPN (Maoist) announced the establishment of the People's Liberation Army, which reflected a leap from mainly guerrilla forces to a regular revolutionary army. Now, with the announcement of the strategic offensive, the party has announced that the People's Army will grow to three divisions. This means that in addition to the previously existing Eastern and Western divisions organised by the PLA under the party's leadership, there will be a PLA division in the country's central region — which is where the regime's capital is located and its economic, political and military power is focused.

In addition to the PLA's current three divisions, nine brigades and 29 battalions the party announced that it will raise a people's militia of 100,000 members organized into companies under the leadership of the PLA at the district and regional level. The party also announced a new plan "to provide defensive and offensive training to the broad masses of people to fight tunnel warfare against foreign intervention." In the wars against the U.S. in Korea and Vietnam, the use of tunnels to protect soldiers and civilians and spring surprise attacks was an important way of neutralizing enemy air power.

Documents from the Central Committee meeting warned of direct intervention by India, backed by the United States and the press statement pointed to the arrest of

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several leading comrades of the CPN (Maoist) in different cities in India as one sign of this.

When Nepal's Prime Minister Deuba went to New Delhi in September, along with a 66-member entourage, the People's War in Nepal was the main item on the agenda. The Indian government agreed to give the Nepali royal regime three light advanced helicopters, 20,000 INSAS rifles, 15,000 7.62 mm Self-Loading Rifles (SLR), 5,000 machine guns of various calibers, 800 trucks and jeeps, 100 Mine Protected Vehicles (MPVs), bullet-proof jackets, helmets, land mines, barbed wire and other war material. India will also provide military trainers and the idea of sending Indian troops to intervene directly in Nepal is being openly debated in the Indian press.

According to an official joint statement, the Nepali and Indian prime ministers also discussed the need for an extradition treaty between the two countries and agreed to finalize it in October. India is currently holding CPN(M) leaders Mohan Baydhya, C. P. Gajurel and other leaders and members. At this time it is illegal for India to extradite them to Nepal, but Indian authorities have already kidnapped other Nepali Maoists and handed them over to the royal regime.

The Kathmandu-based daily *Himalayan News Service* reported on September 10: "The U.S. Ambassador to Nepal, James F. Moriarty, today said his country was working closely with India to ensure that Maoists do not get outside help and are never able to take over the capital." Moriarty also said, "India has a big role to play in resolving the Maoist problem. Considering the military assistance and diplomatic help it has provided to Nepal, I conclude that Maoists will not be allowed to take over Kathmandu."

One commentary in *South Asia Intelligence Reports*, referring to the blockade on Kathmandu, said: "That week exposed the vulnerability of the Deuba Government and its capacity to govern. India sent strong signals to assure Kathmandu that it would not allow the Nepalese state to collapse."

Meanwhile, the threat of increased intervention by the United States is very real. Washington is

supplying Nepal with 20,000 M-16s, as well as night-vision and communication equipment, and special-forces counterinsurgency training. U.S. aid to the Nepalese royal regime has almost doubled, from \$22 million to \$40 million this year. American soldiers have been conducting joint training exercises in Nepal with the Royal Nepalese Army. Earlier this year, the *Himalayan Times* quoted an American official who said that a U.S. Congressional delegation was in Nepal as part of a mission to collect information about the country's civil war and the whole of South Asia. And the U.S. has put the CPN (Maoist) on their "terrorist list" — laying the basis for even more intervention and the criminalization of international support for the struggle in Nepal.

A strategic offensive by the Maoists in Nepal will mean a big jump in the level of military battles, the danger of direct foreign intervention and a situation that could lead to a decisive struggle over who will hold political power in Nepal.

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BE READY FOR RELENTLESS STRUGGLE: PW

By Our Special Correspondent
The Hindu
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HYDERABAD, OCT. 11. Top naxalite leaders, including the Andhra Pradesh secretary of the People's War, Ramakrishna, called upon people to be prepared to "wage a relentless struggle" against the state and its "exploitation."

Addressing a huge gathering that patiently waited to hear them at Guthikonda Bilam, Mr. Ramakrishna said: "Naxalbari upheaval led to the gain of the Land Ceiling Act. Armed upheavals alone lead to some benefit or the other. Otherwise, the state will not look after your needs."

Explaining the "need of the hour", the PW leader said pointing

to the petitions received by them at the venue: "Why should there be these petitions about grievances? I see a sackful of them. Why did these people petition us who are living in the forest. and not the Government? Because the governments in the last 50 years have neglected them."

Assuring the gathering of passing on the petitions for redress to their dalams, Mr. Ramakrishna said that "10 handicapped persons have come forward to speak from



The People's War State Committee Secretary, Akkiraju Harigopal alias Ramakrishna (left), and the Telangana regional secretary, Ganesh, after emerging from the forest on Monday. — Photo: Ramesh Susarla

this dais to pour out their woes. Is it not a shame that 50 years of freedom could not address itself to the cause of the poor and the handicapped?" He said he would raise the issues during the talks with the State Home Minister on October 15.

Naxalbari movement

Tracing different phases of the Naxalbari movement, Mr. Ramakrishna said revolutionary movements had become essential as the communists "deviated towards parliamentary democracy" without any compunction and "ditched the poor."

Charu Mazumdar gave a decisive direction to the communist movement when he lit the spark of armed revolution, which had inspired generations of youngsters.

Hailing the inauguration of a pylon 34 years after the death of the

legendary leader as a failure of the state's "repressive policies," he said the fact that the movement had spread to 13 States during the period should reflect the mood of the people.

He termed the attack on the former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, N. Chandrababu Naidu, at Tirupati last year as a "victory" for the People's War, and said Mr. Naidu tried to cash in on the sympathy factor.

The PW call to defeat the fascist forces was honoured by the people during the last elections, but the Congress Government had not fully implemented its promises. The BJP was trying to divide people on communal lines by attacking the minorities and hence deserved to be spurned by the nation.

He rededicated the "people's army" to the exploited masses, and said that the PW cadres were prepared to lay down their lives.

Terming India's Independence as "fake", he said that real independence would dawn on the people only when the empowerment of the poor was complete.

Earlier, Venkata Subbaiah, who took part in the Srikakulam Tribal revolt in the 1960s, raised the party flag and the revolutionary writer, Varavara Rao, traced the political history of the country since Independence that had led to increasing exploitation.

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY DESTROYED BY FIRE!

CRAWFORD, TEXAS- A tragic fire last month destroyed the personal library of President George W. Bush.

Both of his books were lost. A presidential spokesman said that the president was devastated, as he had not yet finished coloring his second book.



OPEN FORUM

"KISS ME, I AM IRISH"

Life and Death of Kenneth Bigley in Iraq

By Sasha Litkevich

"Yes, here also they cry over 'peaceful citizen Bigley.' Now imagine that during the Great Patriotic War a German colonist comes to the occupied Ukraine or Byelorussia with the intention to 'help the locals to build a proper way of life,' just like Bigley did, and the partisans killed him. Today, this would be qualified as "a terrorist act." Hitler should have been born later, he was clearly ahead of his time."

(From a letter from Russia)

... "Kiss me, I'm Irish!" You can see this cheerful one-liner on shirts and kitchen towels in every souvenir shop in Dublin that caters to the typical Yankee who imagines himself Irish if he only happens to have a last name like Conway or O'Connor.

Ken Bigley was Irish for three days only. The Irish government granted him citizenship three days before the news of his death came out. The announced reason was "because his mother was Irish". But if Bigley were indeed serious about his "Irishness" he could have asked and be granted Irish citizenship any time according to Ireland's laws.

Yet for 62 years Bigley apparently did not feel any need to become a citizen of Ireland. Being British seemed to be much more convenient for him as when he emigrated to work in Australia and then in New Zealand, when he returned to England and was running two supermarkets there, when he later ran a bar, and again when after divorce he went to Spain and also had a bar there. British citizenship also helped Bigley find gainful employment in the countries of the Persian Gulf—the US semi-colonies. He saw as little sense in becoming Irish as to be considered a citizen of Thailand after his second marriage to a young Thai girl, quite typical for a graying Western businessman.

What makes you think Bigley wanted to be Irish? This sentimental nonsense could hardly occur to this sober practical man in all those years, that he wandered around the world to make a fast buck, changing countries and occupations like gloves. This is how he, in the end, turned up in the occupied Iraq. It was just greed, pure and simple. Bigley's dream was early retirement and he saw Iraq as the "land of opportunity" to make this dream true.

It is only when *that* happened to Ken Bigley what, in his mind, could happen to anybody but him that he was ready to become even Chinese or Russian to save his neck. But the Irish passport did not help him either And why should it? Why other peoples, oppressed by the imperialists, should have some special respect for the Irish who allow American bombers to use the Shannon airport on their way to kill these peoples? Why should the oppressed of the world, while defending themselves, spare the Irish who have been finally granted the status of the "whites" and admitted into the clubhouse of the imperialist "civilization"? Doesn't Ireland support NATO, despite its declared traditional neutrality, and does it not participate, to the best of its abilities, in the exploitation of the rest of the world by the whites? Was it by accident that the first company that received a contract from US occupiers to do business in Iraq was Irish?

Why should the people of Iraq, now awash in the blood of their best sons and daughters, give the Irish some special treatment? Because of their past suffering? Their pretty blue eyes? Their Guinness beer? Or, perhaps, in hope of having Irish pubs opened in Iraq?

Mr. Bigley was not a victim of the Great Potato Famine or Cromwell's thugs. He did not rot in the prisons of Belfast during the hunger strike and the dirty protests of the 1980s. He was just a petty

Western businessman who had fought his way into becoming "white" from a "humble" but rather well to do working class family (his father was a shipyard worker).

I wish that respectable Irish politicians—from Berth Ahern to the Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams, who has twice dishonored himself by pleading for Bigley's life on Al Jazeera TV channel—would explain just what is so "terrible" in the death of an *Irish* that is less so in the death of the people of other nationalities? Why should we shed more tears over Ken Bigley, who had chosen his fate, than over that young Iraqi groom killed by the Americans on the day of his marriage together with the children who attended it? Is it only because Bigley was "white"?

According to Bigley's family, he "simply wanted to help the people of Iraq." "Simply", but obviously not for free... By "helping" the people of Iraq the engineer-cum-businessman Bigley hoped to "provide himself with means to retire." He found this fortunate combination of good deeds and handsome pay at the US military "facility" at Taji, near Baghdad where he took up a job providing "base camp life support." Did the Iraqis ask Mr. Bigley for his help? The plain truth is, Bigley came to Iraq to help "white" invaders to impose their will on the people with dark skin. The same old story of a benevolent colonizer, but this time with a modern twist: the colonizer's working-class origin and his "*Irishness*". This is what makes the case of Ken Bigley emblematic of new imperialism. It's people's imperialism, so to speak, the popular version of Pax Britannica in which the Irish and the working class have become "white" enough to share in the spoils of their imperialists.

Ken Bigley knew the risk he was taking. But his urge to make money was just too strong. He was not an innocent child from Beslan elementary, killed by the "Chechen" friends of the US and Britain, but a 62-year old man capable of making rational decisions and taking responsibility for them.

There is something deeply racist in the contrast between the Irish outpouring of public grief over Bigley's fate, in hastily giving him citizenship he did not even asked for—even as Ireland has begun

deporting the parents of the children born in Ireland but ethnically non-Irish--and their moral indifference to the fate of tens of thousands of Iraqis killed by the Anglo-American aggression. This is also a testimony of the provincial "*progressiveness*" of the left Irish nationalists whose public support for Bigley was nothing short of disgusting.

Trying to strengthen the support of the American "*Irish*"--all those Conways and O'Connors wrapped in "Kiss Me, I'm Irish!" shirts and towels--who, in their mass, rallied behind Bush's war, the Irish Republicans, who once struggled for their own independence from Britain, now "*out of tactical considerations*," as I was told by one of them, lent their support to a man who worked for the British oppressors of other nation. Isn't it the same old logic of "He is a bastard, but he is our bastard"?

Well, at least, this litmus test has shown their true colors.

Having faced with a choice between the "*non-white*" Iraqi Resistance and a far from being poor and oppressed half-Irish hireling of the occupiers, Irish Republicans have chosen one of "*their own*." There is only one conclusion to be made out of this story. In the future struggles between the "*non-white*" mankind and "*white*" imperialists we no longer can count on the former fighters for their own people's rights once they have been finally admitted into the fold of their former "*white*" oppressors.

Translated by Vadim Stolz

AN OPEN LETTER TO GEORGE W. BUSH

By DONNA MARSH O-CONNOR
Mother of Vanessa Lang Langer who
was killed at the WTC

On Halloween my daughter would have been 33-years old, her child would be almost three. She did not make it. Her body, and in it the small body of her unborn child, was pulled from the rubble of the fallen towers on September 24th, just ten feet from an alley between the towers IV and V. It is important for me to tell you that my daughter was on the phone

to her uptown office five minutes after the first plane hit the tower I, explaining how she and others in tower II were "safe".

Here is what you did regarding specifically the events of that morning. You vacationed before, during and after August 6th, the day you were handed the Presidential Daily Briefing that said very clearly that the Americans were not safe. After the first plane in fact hit the tower your brain did not click in your mind, did not cause you to act or to turn on the television to see this tragedy, or to contact the Pentagon. You sat in the schoolroom as you said, not wanting to frighten the children. You said, exactly two weeks to the general election of 2004, that you would protect the Americans; that you as Commander-in-Chief will protect the American people.



I looked on the TV when you stood on September 13th, 2001, on the rubble that covered my child's bones, and at that time you already had began your move to have a war you had been planning since you term in office began. You used my daughter's bones to murder and to perpetuate the most hideous example of racism with the dire consequences now in Iraq, and you did this by literally standing on the bones of my daughter!

Right now there is a Report from the CIA that names explicitly your administration's culpability regarding these events. US Bipartisan leaders have requested, even demanded that those reports be turned over to the US Congress. You have refused to allow the CIA to release them, just as you refused to testify under oath before the 9/11 Commission! Of course before this 2004 election, I

am certain that you will not release this report.

Right now there are rumors that are verified, that there's going to be tampering with US voting as there was before in Florida, during the last presidential election.

What does America really mean to you? In august of 2001 the UN hosted a conference on racism and Colin Powell, your Secretary of State wanted to attend. You did not allow him to attend because, as you said: *"We don't have problems with racism in America."* As always, you try to cover up the problems!

Your whole attitude and your carelessness is evident, Mr. Bush, Do you own a globe? Do you know where Afghanistan is? Do you know where Iraq is? Have you been there since the war began? Do you know where your favorite country, the Saudi Arabia is? I know that you do, because the families of 9/11 victims got together to sue Saudi Arabia, but they certainly cannot get any help from you Mr. President. Even your coalition partners are telling you that there are connections from Saudi Arabia to the 9/11.

How much time do you have Mr. President? Am I taking too much of your time? As an American I am disgusted that you try to portray yourself as a patriot. You have trampled every value of decency America ever held.

You say that you believe in God! Really? Because to me - as a flawed parent, I do ask God to help me fix my flaws, to forgive my trespasses. And here's what I hear God telling me:

"Don't let Bush speak for Me. If you do, it is you who fail to watch over your children!"

Amen! ■

On the road to Civil War

By URI AVNER - Tel Aviv

Everybody in Israel is talking about the Next War. The most popular TV channel is running a whole series about it. No, it's not

another war with the Arabs. Not the nuclear threat from Iran. Not the ongoing bloody confrontation with the Palestinians.

The talk is about the coming civil war in Israel.

Only a few months ago, that would have sounded preposterous. Now, suddenly, it has become a possibility, and a very real one. Not another blow-up media sensation. Not yet another one of Sharon's political manipulations. Not just a new blackmail attempt by the settlers. But the real thing on the ground

They talk about it at Israeli cabinet meetings and in the Knesset, on TV-talk shows, in the editorials in the newspapers. The Chief-of-Staff has publicly warned that the army may fall apart. One of the ministers says the very existence of the State of Israel is in danger. Another minister prophesies a bloodbath like the Spanish civil war.

Quietly and not so quietly, the Shin Bet is taking precautions. The prison service has been ordered to prepare facilities for mass detentions. The Israeli Army is planning to call up 10-thousand reserve soldiers and starting to think about steps they must take in case of...

No, it's a very real threat!

On the face of it, it may seem to have appeared from nowhere. But who ever had eyes to see knew that it is going to happen, sooner or later.

The seeds of the civil war were sown when the first settlement was put up in the occupied territories. At that time, I told the Prime Minister in the Knesset: *"You are laying a land mine. Someday you will have to dismantle it. As a former soldier, let me warn you that the dismantling of land mines is a very unpleasant job."*

Since then hundreds of mines have been laid. The minefields are being extended even now.

This whole process was led by Israeli religious cranks. Their declared aim, as they said then and never tire of repeating, is to drive the Arabs out of the country that God promised us. And the land God promised us, as one of them reminded us on TV the other month, is not the *"Palestine"* of the British Mandate, but the Promised Land - including Jordan, Lebanon and parts of Syria and Sinai. Quoting the Bible,

another fanatic declared that we have come to this country not only to inherit, but also to disinherit those others, to drive them out and take their place.

Since then the Israeli Minister of Defense, Shimon Peres, implanted the first settlement, Kedumim, in the middle of the Palestinian population on the West Bank, these settlements have spread like locusts. Every settlement has gradually stolen the lands and water of the neighboring Palestinian villages, uprooted their trees, blocked their roads and built new roads, barred to Palestinians. Almost all of the settlements have spawned satellite outposts on the nearby hills.

This is continuing at this very moment. After Sharon promised President Bush to dismantle some of these *"outposts"*, dozens of new ones have sprung up. All the Israeli ministries are helping the outposts that were officially defined as *"illegal"*. Not only is the Israel army defending them, thereby putting its soldiers in harm's way - but it is actually telling the *"hill-boys"* where to set up their outposts and secretly advising them how to go about it.

When we warned of the danger, we were told to relax. Only a small minority of the settlers, we were comforted, are fanatical freaks. These are indeed crazy and will forcibly resist any attempt to remove them. But that will not be a big problem, because the vast majority of Israeli citizens detest them and consider them a sect of crackpots. Most of the settlers, we were told, are not fanatics. They went there because the Israel government presented them with expensive villas, which they could not even dream about in Israel proper. They were looking for *"quality of life"*. When the government tells them to move, they will take the compensation and move on - this is what we were told by the Israeli government.

That of course was a dangerous delusion. As Karl Marx observed, people's consciousness is determined by their situation. The Laborites of Israel, who were implanted by the Labor government on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, now talk and behave like the worst followers of the late fascist rabbi Meir Kahane.

Moreover, we were told that even

these settler weirdos recognize Israel's democracy. Nobody will raise their hand against Israeli soldiers. When the government and Knesset decide to evacuate these settlements, they will obey. They may raise a ruckus and put up a show of resistance, as they did during the evacuation of the North Sinai settlements in 1982, but at the end of the day they will give in.

But this disdain for the settlers by the people is no less dangerous than the disdain the Israelis have for the Arabs. What had been hidden at that time is now becoming clear; these settlers don't give a damn for any democracy and the institutions of Israel. Their hard core spells it out very clearly: *"When the resolutions of the Knesset contradict the Halakha (Jewish religious law), the Halakha has priority. After all, Knesset is just a gang of corrupt politicians. And what value have the secular laws, copied from the Goyim (Gentiles), compared to the word of God, blessed be his name."*

These hardcore settlers challenge not only the government, but Israeli democracy as well. They proclaim openly now that their aim is to overthrow the State of Law and put in its place the State of Halakha. Only a small number of Rabbis have the authority to interpret the Halakha.

These Israeli religious-rightists are extremely powerfully motivated. Many of them believe in the Kabbala - not Madonna's fashionable Kabbala, but the real one, which says that today's secular Jews are really Amalekites who succeeded in infiltrating the People of Israel at the time of the exodus from Egypt. According to them, God Himself commanded, as everyone knows, the eradication of Amalek from the face of the earth. Can there be a more perfect ideological bases for civil war?

Why has this become a threat at this point in time? It is not clear whether Sharon wants to dismantle these settlements - but these settlers see this idea that to remove even one single settlement is a casus belli. It would attack everything that is holy to them.

In the preparation for this great rebellion, the settlers have unveiled their potential ---- The most eminent Israeli rabbis of the **"Religious Zionist Movement"** have declared

that the evacuation of even a single settlement is a sin against God and have called upon the Israeli soldiers to refuse the orders. Hundreds of these rabbis, including the rabbis of these settlements and the rabbis of the religious units in the Israeli Army have joined this call.

The voices of the small number of opponents is being drowned out.

The conquest of the Israeli Army from inside began long time ago. The "arrangement" with the Yeshivot (religious schools), that do serve in the Army as separate units has allowed the entry of a huge Trojan horse. In any confrontation between the rabbis and the Israeli army commanders, the soldiers of these "arrangement yeshivot" will obey the rabbis. Worse yet: for years now, the settlers have systematically penetrated the ranks of the Israeli Officer's Corps, where they now constitute an even more dangerous Trojan Horse. These right-wing manipulated "yeshivot" brought up

soldiers and officers - thousands of them will obey their rabbis, not their officers.

Altogether, the settlers, together with their close allies in Israel, including the yeshivot army students, will amount to more than half a million or more people - a mighty phalanx for rebellion.

As of now, these Israeli settlers are using this threat as an instrument for blackmail and deterrence, in order to choke any thought of evacuating all of these settlements and territories. But if the blackmail does not do the job, the Great Rebellion is just a matter of time.

The above excellent expose should have added - that with the powerful support, both financially and morally from the American Zionist quarters, plus the connivance of the White House - this possibility is real and full of extremely dangerous consequences! ■

TERRORISM - CHILD OF IMPERIALIST GLOBALIZATION!

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Terrorism has become a world danger. More and more countries of the world are trying out different methods of how to combat this. What are the reasons for this terrorism? Before answering this question, you must separate state terrorism from individual terrorism - although even this individual terrorism today is organized even internationally.

The world is at the last stages of imperialism, where the government is controlled by the financial capital, which has become global. This is globalization by world capital and is directed by the richest country of the world - the United States of America.

This is why US is promoting globalization, having at its disposal colossal armaments of death, involved in many wars all over the planet, using different economic and political manipulations, as well as using the mass media for their evil deeds and also trying to influence the world's population about the correctness of their imperialist designs. This policy of using their might to make other nations conform to their policy of globalization is being practiced all over the world by US imperialism.

In order to fulfill their plans, US imperialism uses all forms of struggle, subterfuge and secret services to gain their objectives. In this regard, USA has many times gone against the decisions of the United Nations, against agreements signed by them. US is exploiting the underdeveloped countries for the profits of the multinational corporations by using cheap labour. This has led also to disagreements and rivalry with other developed capitalist countries. In this regard the

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From newspaper Halo Noviny- Prague

USA has for a very long time done everything possible to undermine the influence and position of former USSR and now that of Russia.

The struggle for markets all over the world and the present situation in the Caucasus is another example of US imperialism trying to eliminate any competitors and to grab all of the available raw resources of the world. The demand for gas and oil is not ceasing and this shows the involvement of US imperialism in Central Asia, in the Far East and in South East Asia, where US is setting up its war bases and sending its armed forces there.

The war against Afghanistan, Iraq and any other country in the region that dares to question US diktat, is immediately put under pressure, declared evil and accused of helping terrorists. But it is in Asia where the future road of civilization will be decided!.

State terrorism is of course inhuman as is shown by bombing,

killings, terrorizing the population, as was done in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and now in Iraq. It is impossible to count the victims of this state terrorism since the end of World War II. We cannot forget the aggressive imperialist wars in Korea and Vietnam.

Parallel with state terrorism there is a growth of organized private terrorism that is supported by state terrorism or their secret services. This is confirmed by these acts in Spain and in Russia. Most of the victims are innocent men, women and children. This is shown by the tragedy in Beslan. Individual terrorism is a blind alley and it loses the idea of liberation, rights of men and struggle against an occupier.

The tragedy of the undeveloped world is stark in its reality. Global imperialism is to blame in most of these situations. The plight of these people could be improved by even a small fraction of what is being spent on deadly arms, armaments and

instruments of murder. Terrorism has become an instrument in the hands of imperialists and its globalization. There is only one road in its liquidation – there is a need for an organized and united front of all people, struggling against capitalist exploitation and stopping its rampage across the world. This is a hard task for the people, but there is no other way. This will be the only path and it will help overcome the mistakes that were made in the temporary defeat of socialism. ■

Fight the War Policies of German Imperialism!

From Revolutionary Communist Party of Germany Bulletin 4/11

After weeks long propaganda, the German imperialists have officially resolved to allow the Bundedwehr to become part of the international war forces and Germany has already begun to send its troops abroad.

The German war minister was "empowered" to let the Germans wage war with thousands of soldiers beyond the bounds of "NATO Region" – from Asia to the Saudi peninsula and to Northeast Africa. In fact this move is without parallel in Germany since 1945, but it is another step in the German militarism and its imperialist ambitions. It is the task of German Communists, both politically and ideologically to fight first and foremost against "our own", that is, German Imperialism.

EXPOSE GERMAN IMPERIALISM AS AN INDEPENDENT PERPATOR OF WAR AND FIGHT AGAINST IT!

NO LONGER SCIENCE FICTION

According to Reuters News Agency, in an alarming dispatch from London, GB, Dr. Vivienne Nathanson, head of the policy research at the British Medical Association (BMA), said that biological and genetic weapons designed to kill specific ethnic or racial groups are no longer the stuff of science fiction. In 10 years time, genetically engineered weapons can be developed! ■

YUGOSLAVIA

The bloodshed and chaos that has engulfed Yugoslavia since its break up has been portrayed as an inevitable result of bottled-up ethnic tensions. But there is considerable and irrefutable evidence that the break up and the conflicts were planned, encouraged and directed by Western intelligence agencies – including Germany's BND, the successor to Hitler's Nazi Gehlen Organization.

Germany's interest in this region dates back to World War II, when the Bosnians and Croats were allied with the Nazis against the Serbs, whom the Nazis regarded as *Untermenschen* (*sub-humans*). After Germany reunited in 1989, it started to take an expansionist role and attitude towards Eastern Europe and specifically Yugoslavia. In 1990 Germany urged US President Bush to undertake immediately to dismantle Yugoslavia.

Bush was very happy to comply, since US had long standing plans itself to overthrow Yugoslavia's government of President Milosevic. Yugoslavia at that time renounced the market oriented "*shock treatment*" prescribed for it, which had been causing social unrest, so it was a prime candidate for further destabilization.



The German government urged and demanded that Croatia secede from Yugoslavia, and then Bosnia soon followed. Germany immediately recognized the new nations and started lobbying the UN states to do likewise. The new Croatia adopted the flag and the anthem of its WWII

Nazi puppet regime – and in some cases, even hired the same people.

Virulently fascist Croats had long been active in the World Anti-Communist League and other exile groups that were supported-financed and nurtured by the CIA. Many of the Eastern European Nazis had gone to work for the CIA, either in the US itself or in covert operations abroad. With the collapse of the Socialist countries of Eastern Europe, many of these hidden but aging chickens, came out into the open. Neo-fascist movements are very active in Lithuania, Hungary and Romania, as well as in Western Europe – notably in Italy.

Despite the UN imposed "*official embargo*" against Croatia and Bosnia, Western powers began immediately and covertly to arm them, which would be impossible without the explicit knowledge and connivance of the CIA and the German BND. Mercenaries from Britain, Germany and the US are now serving alongside the Croatian militia – a sure sign of ongoing covert operations by US, Britain and heavily involved Germany. In fact in 1994, the CIA opened up a new war base in Albania to monitor movements of "*potential targets*".

FROM UNITED NATIONS NEWS CENTRE

Although the world has more than enough food to sustain all people, a dozen children under the age of five are dying every minute in the world from hunger-related diseases and the number of malnourished is on the rise, a United Nations experts said.

There are 842,000,000 people in the world who were undernourished in 2003, an increase of 2,000,000 people since 2002.

"How can we continue to live with this shame?" stated Mr. Ziegler of the UN Agency. "*There is no need to have new technology to feed the hungry. There is simply a need for political commitment by countries to challenge the existing policies that make the rich richer and the poor poorer!*"

WOW! He sounds like a Marxist. Wait till the Pentagon hears about this!

SPECIAL

IS THIS WHAT THE USA IS AFRAID OF?

In a lengthy article by Mark Gaffney, he describes what the Soviet scientists have come up with and about which the US Pentagon is having nightmares. This is a very condensed version.

Many years ago, Soviet planners have given up trying to match the US Navy ship for ship, gun for gun, and dollar for dollar. The Soviets could not compete and with the internal enemies working on the inside and the USSR disintegrating, the Soviet scientists adopted an alternative approach based on strategic differences against the mightiest navy armada that the world had ever seen – with US aircraft carriers and war ships plying all oceans and seas of the world, showing their muscle and intimidating any country that dared to question Uncle Sam.

These Soviet scientists succeed by developing a super-sonic anti-ship missile, the SS-N-22 Sunburn, which the Pentagon has called "*the most lethal missile in the world today.*"

The Russians are now exporting these missiles to China, Vietnam, India, Cuba and Iran. This missile can deliver 200-kiloton nuclear load with a range of 100 miles. It travels at Mach 2.1 speed, two times the speed of sound and it's programmed to elude radar defense system. A single Sunburn missile can sink a large cruise warship with deadly accuracy.

With the US Navy in all of the world oceans but bottled up in the Gulf region, they are sitting ducks for these missiles.

Therefore, the defense of this vital region is based on this Sunbeam missile. Hopefully the message will be loud and clear for US imperialism to get out of Iraq and Afghanistan, and out of the whole Caucasus and try to muzzle Israel which desperately wants to attack Iran.

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

LETTERS TO MICHAEL MOORE

From THE GUARDIAN

Civilian contractors are fleeing the taxpayers; US troops don't have proper equipment; liberated Iraqis hate them. After the release of Fahrenheit 9/11, Michael Moore received a flood of letters and e-mails from disillusioned and angry American soldiers serving in Iraq. Here is an exclusive extract from his new book - we print a selection

From RH.

Dear Mr. Moore:

I came to Iraq with thoughts of killing people who I thought were horrible. It was like: "F--- Iraq, f--- these people. I hope we kill thousands". I believed my president. He was taking care of business and wasn't going to let al Qaeda push us around. I was with the 3rd squadron, 7th cavalry, 3rd infantry division out of Fort Stewart, Georgia. My unit was one of the first to go into Baghdad. I was so scared. Didn't know what to think. Seeing dead bodies for the first time. People blown in half. Little kids with no legs. It was overwhelming, the sights, the sounds, fear. I was over there from July 3 to August 3. I hated every minute of it. It was a daily battle to keep my spirits up. I hate the US Army and my job. I was supposed to get out next February, but I will not be able to because the asshole in the White House decided that it would be a great time to put a stop-loss in effect for the army. So I get to do a second tour in Iraq and be away from those I love again, because some guy has the audacity to put others' lives on the line for his personal war. I thought that we were the good guys!

From MICHAEL W.

My name is Michael W. and I am 30-year-old US National Guard infantryman serving in southeast Baghdad. I have been in Iraq since March 4 and will continue to serve

until March of 2005

In a few short months we have lost men and many injuries (*including me*). And for what? I and my soldier pals were ambushed and the well placed roadside bombs nearly destroyed one of our Hummers and riddled my friends with shrapnel

It's just so ridiculous, which leads me to my next point. A Blackwater US contractor made \$15,000 a month for doing the same job as my pals and me. I make about \$4,000 a month over there. What's up with that?

Man there is a fucking scam going on in Washington. There are civilian contractors crawling all over Iraq. Blackwater, Kellogg Brown & Root, Halibutron, on and on and on! These contractors are into everything, from security to catering lunch.

We are spending the US taxpayers money out the ass for this shit, and very few of these projects are going to the Iraqi people. Someone's back in Washington is getting scratched and here, but it isn't the Iraqis.

My life here just left to chance at this point. I hope to come home alive.

From SPECIALIST WILLY:

Mike, I like to thank you for all the support you're showing for the soldiers here in Iraq. I am in Baghdad now, and it's a relief to know that people still care about us, the lemmings who are forced to fight in this conflict.

It's hard to listen to my platoon sergeant saying: "If you decide that you want to kill a civilian that looks threatening, shoot him. I'd rather fill out paperwork than get one of my soldiers killed by some rag-head." We are taught that if someone even looks threatening, we should shoot.

It's also very hard talking to the soldiers about this war. They don't like to hear the reason that they are here and away from their families is bullshit, or that their "president" doesn't care about them. A few guys here have become upset with me, and at one point I was going to be discharged for constantly inciting arguments and disrespect to my commander-in-chief (Dubya). It's very hard to be silenced about this when I see some 150 of my buddies every day just going through the motions, and not sure why they are

doing it.

(Willy sent Mike Moore an update in early August)

People's perception of this war have done a complete 180* since we got here. After soldiers died in a mortar attack, things have changed completely. Soldiers are now calling their families and urging them to support John Kerry. If this is happening elsewhere, it looks as if the overseas military vote that Bush is used to, won't be there this time around.

From ANONYMOUS

Mike, I am a truck driver right now in Iraq. Let me give you just this one small fact, because I am right here at the heart of it. Since I started this job several months ago, 100% (**yes, not 99%**) of the contractors are inflating the hours that they claim, on their time sheets. There is so much more that I can tell you. But the fact is **that millions and millions of US dollars** are being raped from the American taxpayers and the Iraqi people - because of the unbelievable amount of greed and abuses here by our contractors. And yes, my conscience does bother me because I am participating in this rip-off.

We shortened these letters for space reasons only.

CHUCKLE CORNER

The Preacher, arriving in a small town to be guest speaker at a local church, wanted to mail a letter to his family back home. He stopped a young boy on a bike and asked him where the post office is. The boy gave him directions, and the preacher thanked him.

"If you come to church this evening", the preacher said "I'll tell you how to get to heaven."

"I don't think I'll be there," the boy said, "You don't even know your way to the post office."

I'm on 60-day diet. I'm really doing well. So far I have lost 45 days!

SEND IN YOUR FUNNY ONE, IF USED YOU'LL GET A TAPE OF SOVIET SONGS!

QUOTES

The first step in a fascist movement is a combination under an energetic leader of a number of men who possess more than the average share of leisure, brutality and stupidity. The next step is to fascinate fools and muzzle the intelligent, by emotional excitement on the one hand and terrorism on the other.

Bertrand Russell – 1940

Unhappy events abroad have re-taught us two simple truths about the liberty of a democratic people. The truth is that the liberty and democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of a private power to a point where it becomes much stronger than the democratic state itself. That, in its essence, is fascism – ownership of government by a group, a corporation, or by any other controlling private power.

F.D. Roosevelt, a message to US Congress, proposing a monopoly investigation in the USA in 1938. □

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WASHINGTON: A US Florida technology firm is asking Washington for permission to market a computer ID chip that could be implanted beneath a person's skin for monitoring the movements of the person.

AS I SEE IT...

JERRY MORSE



Who could believe that sand, polluted by Depleted Uranium, the same sand that caused sicknesses to thousands of children in Iraq, has now shown up in the US pre-election fear campaign and in the worldwide media? Many of us thought that it was being taken away by the plane load from Iraq to be used in Hour-Glasses, visible for time confirmation at night.

We were wrong. Republicans in US had other ideas for anything that might bring them votes. So, they call it now the "missing nuclear materials" from Iraq. They haven't even mentioned as to what happened to the other materials that the US had carted off in plane loads from Iraq.

It seems that the capitalist-led media has fallen for this lie again (as usual), these US journalists should join those Americans, such as are in the National Rifle Association, these people should line up to get their heads read!

1.7 MILLION U.S. VETERANS WITHOUT HEALTH COVERAGE

WASHINGTON: Nearly 1.7 million US military veterans have no health insurance or access to government hospitals or clinics, according to a report last month for a nation-wide Doctor's group that favors federally funded health care.

The number of uninsured veterans jumped by 235,000 since year 2000, meaning that they re losing health insurance at a faster rate than the general US population, said Physicians for a National Health Program, which advocates a universal health insurance program. About 45,000,000 Americans have no health insurance, including

5,000,000 who lost coverage during the past four years, according to the US Census Bureau.

"We're sending men and women to war and yet the people who fought previous wars can't get the basic things they need to go on with their lives afterwards," said Dr. Himmelstein, a Harvard Medical School professor and the author of this study.

Many uninsured veterans reported serious health problems, the report said. Between 20-30% said that they cannot even afford care, medications or eyeglasses.

Another 3.9 million people without health insurance live in veteran's households and are not eligible for veteran's health care.

Almost all US veterans served in Vietnam or even in Afghanistan and Iraq.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2004-10-19-vets_x.htm

CANADA / USA: One would think that in viewing the NATO website (www.NATO.int) that we are seeing an open door by the Kindergarten teacher. We see maps, charts, all kind of "goodies" to educate school children of the world. But in reality, this is **NATO's Image Making** by weapons manufacturers, war criminals, multinational power seekers who don't give a second thought to killing anyone and everything below its NATO bomb-racks - or radioactivity from nuclear spiked weapons.

It is time that we branded NATO for what it is. It's a world-wide killer, an organization which promotes and instigates constant international hatred amongst all nationalities for the sake of weapons manufacturers and their sales of weapons, besides controlling and stealing the natural resources of these countries. Using currencies of nations, they gather like pigs at a trough to sop up every morsel that they can get their brown noses into. NATO is like locusts that eventually must we wiped off the face of the earth.

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SALT 'N PEPPER ON WRY

TO DEBASE A DEBATE: That suspicious small-box shaped bulge in Dubya Bush's coat while he was debating Senator Kerry on TV has been explained away as a wrinkle. A new wrinkle in teleprompting?

SMARTS TO BE SMART: Is it a smart idea to kill women and kids? Then why do "smart" bombs murder so many of them?

PRIVATIZATION IS PIRATIZATION: Sir Francis Drake, Walter Raleigh, and the rest of the Good Queen Bess's of England bully boys were, in very plain English, pirates!

But these private-initiative enterprisers of capitalism prefer to be called privateers. Even linguistically, things haven't changed much in five centuries, have they?

HOME ON DERANGED

Oh give me a home 'neath the
Capitol Dome
Where the solons at law-making
play,
Where seldom is heard a
disinterested word
and the skies know the limit we pay.

How often at night when the heavens
are bright
with the lights from our glittering bars
have I stood there amazed and
asked as I gazed,
"Are there worlds out there as crazy
as ours?"

Home, home of the range, where
cartelists swing votes and sway,
where often is heard a dispeopling
word
and the reps pass bills for us folks to
pay.

NOTABLE QUOTABLES: "The worst threat to the environment is George W. Bush. I fear the policies of this US Government more than I fear Osama bin Laden."
Environmentalist Robert F. Kenney
"Bush possesses the rare ability to piss in your ear and tell you that it's a shimmering beacon of Democracy."
Blogger John Breneman

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**Frank
Ray Davis**



*Our reader and contributor from
Mexico.*

WHEN RIGHT IS WRONG: Dubya's calling conservative John Kerry an "extreme left-winger" merely provides a rough measure of how far-out-far-right he is - so lost in right field that if someone batted a right-field home run, he wouldn't even hear the ball bounce.

PEACE-THAT'S LIVING!

Don't die for fat cats, Soldier,
nor for some rich bitch, Sailor.
Don't die, good GI Joe,
for someone else's dough.
No, don't be one dumb bunny
and die for others' money.

Make peace, not war.
Don't war for whores of high finance,
Who'd love to see you pine
in unemployment lines
so they could say you're lazy.

MORE WARS, MORE WAR HEROES:

Our "news" media report that Dubya has the veteran vote in his pocket. I wonder how many of these rah-rah war heroes have tried to get medical treatment in the Bush-economized VIA clinic lately. ■

DID YOU KNOW?

Top 1 per cent of Americans - those with annual incomes of more than \$340,000 - receive 43% of total tax relief that was introduced by Bush. Mr. Bush personally saved \$100,000 on his tax bill.

This latest Video message from bin Laden looked like a Halloween prank. Even though bin Laden family owes George Bush a favor, getting personnel members out of US after 9/11, but bin Laden, suffering from kidney failure, needing constant, treatments...this video of bin Laden looked too healthy to be bin Laden. ■

LETTERS

BANGLADESH COMMUNIST PARTY

Dear comrades:

We support the letter's contents from E. Mazur, Secretary of that city's organization AUCPB, in the June-July issue of NSC that reads:

"This struggle as voiced by NSC needs to establish a theoretical, analytical center, where we could concentrate the most dedicated, theoretically capable representatives of the working class from as many countries as is possible".

We fully endorse this suggestion and like to add to this kind of parley, that it should devote itself to the communist movement as large and world wide, that would lead to the establishment of a world center, at a suitable place, maybe like London, to exchange views with as many Communist Parties as can be reached.

The Revolutionary International Movement (RIM) - the so-called international center of Maoists stationed in London - is creating much confusion in regards the Communist movement in general and especially in the countries of Asia., Africa and Latin America in particular.

We think, that alongside the struggle against Imperialism, the struggle against revisionism and Krushchevism, Trotskyism, Maoism and all shades of social democracy, should be carried on with the same vigor and steadfastness.

With fraternal greetings.

M.A. NOOR
General Secretary
Bangladesh Communist Party ■

UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS ON ISRAEL

Resolution 1904 in 1963; resolution 3151 in 1953; resolution 77 in 1975, resolution of the Conference of Ministers of non-aligned countries in 1975 ---all of these resolutions condemned Zionism as a threat to world peace and security and called upon all countries to oppose this racist imperialist ideology which breeds racism and racial discrimination. ■

TRIAL DATE SET FOR CHAIRMAN GONZALO

25 October 2004. A World to Win News Service. 5 November has been set as the date for the opening of the trial of Abimael Guzman (Chairman Gonzalo) and 17 other accused leaders, members and supporters of the Communist Party of Peru (PCP).

The basic issue in this case is the people's war the Maoist party launched in 1980, an armed mass upheaval that eventually drew in millions of Peru's downtrodden, especially peasants in Peru's mountains and jungles as well as workers and others in the shantytowns that ring Lima and people of all social classes. By the time of Chairman Gonzalo's capture in 1992, the people's war had become so strong that a sense of twilight fell over gatherings of the old ruling classes.

Chairman Gonzalo was sentenced to life in prison in a brief, secret military trial before "faceless" (hooded) justices. Along with Elena Iparraguirre (Comrade Miriam), he spent the years since then in an underground dungeon cut off from most of the rest of the world. After the first year of this isolation, the ruling Peruvian dictator Alberto Fujimori announced that the chairman and Comrade Miriam had signed a letter asking for peace accords. A right opportunist line arose from within the party arguing that because of Chairman Gonzalo's capture the revolutionaries had to abandon the war, disband their army and the People's Committees where the peasants held political power in much of the countryside, and become a legal political party instead. The Party's Central Committee denounced this line and said that Chairman Gonzalo's involvement was a "hoax". Over the years since then, the people's war suffered serious setbacks.

In January 2003, Peru's Constitutional Court declared that the "terrorism" laws under which thousands of people had been convicted were unconstitutional.

The discredited Fujimori had been chased out of office and into exile recently, and the new government was anxious to prove that it was different by overturning Fujimori decrees that the Inter-American Human Rights Court had already declared illegal under international law.

This is the first of several "megatrials" expected for Chairman Gonzalo and other imprisoned PCP leaders. Previously scheduled court dates have been cancelled because of conflicts within the legal system and most likely the intense and unresolved struggles within the ruling classes themselves that brought chaos to Peru's state functioning. On the eve of this trial the prosecutor resigned, complaining of "overwork".

The charges in the trial scheduled for 5 November spring from a college preparatory school in central Lima named the Academia Cesar Vallejo, which the secret police (DINCOTE) raided in June 1992. The authorities claim that in addition to its scholastic activities the Academia secretly served as a "recruiting centre" and a means "to transmit party instructions", according to the Lima daily La Republica, or, in the more drastic description in Peru 21, a "financial and logistical apparatus that reported directly to the central leadership". This, according to newspaper accounts, is the crime that Chairman Gonzalo and the others are said to have committed in this case.

That's not much of an accusation after all these years of imprisonment, but it seems the best the authorities can come up with for now. One problem they have faced is formulating charges that can withstand international standards or even common sense.

In September, Chairman Gonzalo's current lawyer Manuel Fajardo filed a habeas corpus petition, arguing that since his client's conviction has been declared invalid there is no legal

basis to hold him in prison. Lawyers for hundreds of other prisoners did the same. Leading Lima reactionaries argued that if the thousands of political prisoners are not retried and given new prison terms, many could soon be free, either through court action or because they have served the legal minimum sentences. If Chairman Gonzalo were to be tried under ordinary charges, a former secret police officer associated with his capture warned, given the maximum penalty authorised by the law for such convictions he could be free in five years.

In short, this new trial is about punishment, not justice. Chairman Gonzalo was leading a revolutionary civil war, not "terrorism". The authorities seem to have decided to try him and others in relation to the school because they feel they can prove direct links in this case. They have chosen to call this "terrorism" so that they can bury alive everyone associated with the people's war.

Chairman Gonzalo, who is nearly 70, and other accused leaders are facing a life sentence (which means serving at least 35 years in Peru). Prosecutors have demanded 20-25 years for the school's two directors. According to the Peruvian establishment and its media, that is the new trial's only possible result. All but two of the defendants have already spent as much as a decade and a half in prison. The trial's main purpose is to put the face of "law" on the sentences passed by Fujimori's "faceless" judges and reaffirm his decree that the Callao prison would be Chairman Gonzalo's "tomb".

In September, new "terrorism" charges with possible 20-year jail terms were brought against Chairman Gonzalo's former lawyer Alfredo Crespo and Jorge Cartagena, who also defended leading PCP members. Shortly after Chairman Gonzalo was sentenced in 1992 his lawyer, who was the only other civilian at the Chairman's original trial, was locked away too. He has remained in prison ever since. Now these lawyers face new "terrorism" trials and possible 20-year sentences for practicing their profession on behalf of revolutionaries. This underlines the vengeful intent behind all of these

proceedings and the injustice that the country's legal system stands for.

Chairman Gonzalo has purportedly been called to testify on several other occasions. Last June he reportedly gave testimony against Fujimori, who was accused of ordering the 1992 murder of union leader Pedro Huilca. The ex-president was tried in absentia because he had been given asylum in Japan - with the US silently assenting to this arguably illegal protection of its former puppet. At the time of the murder, many news organisations and even people concerned with human rights all over the world mindlessly repeated Fujimori's accusations that

Chairman Gonzalo's party was behind this murder.

Unlike the total secrecy that surrounded Chairman Gonzalo's first military mockery of a trial, the authorities have announced that this civil trial will be public. Peruvian news media expect to attend, along with reporters from the world's major news organisations. Yet because this trial is to be held in a special ultra-high security courtroom on the Callao naval base near Lima where Chairman Gonzalo has been held, it is far from clear which "public" will be admitted and what kind of coverage the media will be allowed to provide. A recent law makes it possible for the authorities to ban audio and visual recordings

Included among those standing trial 5 November are eight people arrested along with Chairman Gonzalo on 12 September 1992 and others accused of being party leaders or cadre. According to newspaper reports, they include Oscar Ramirez Durand (Comrade Feliciano), who became the party's leader after Chairman Gonzalo's capture, and Comrade Miriam. These two are being held in cells adjoining Chairman Gonzalo in the El Callao underground prison. Among those reportedly scheduled to be brought from other prisons are Margie Clavo (Comrade Nancy), Osman Morote, Martha Huatay, Victor Zavala and Angelica Salas. □

BUSH WINS!

PUTIN IS VERY HAPPY.

President Putin with his arm around the shoulders of Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, the neo-fascist head of Italy, watched the US election results together at Putin's Dacha near Moscow and toasted the victory of Bush. They made no bones in hoping for a win for Bush, since Putin said: "A win for Kerry would be a win for international terrorism". Prime Minister Berlusconi applauded that statement and is in full agreement with Putin about Bush's victory. □



AS A FORMER SOVIET SEES IT!

As far as I am concerned, the American people have had their chance to show the rest of the world that they still have some decency. From now on the blood of Bush's victims, current and future is on their hands too. The peaceful marches for the sake of satisfaction of your own conscious, is not enough to stop this onward march to fascism. We need to form international brigades to help the people of Iraq fight this global fascism. Real Communists were so different before! □

REALITY!

BUSH:

You know Vlad, your statement to the press in Tadjikistan really touched me, and as you see, you helped me get elected! We see eye to eye in fighting terrorism!

PUTIN:

Don't mention it Dubya, after all, my feelings for you and the US sees no bounds, since I try to follow in your footsteps!

But please, easy on the puppet strings, will you?

I have to show my people that I am independent!

BUSH:

Now don't you start being smart Vlad!

My support is the only thing that keeps you in power in the Kremlin! Don't you ever forget it boy!

PUTIN:

Yes, Mr. President! Just give a little slack will you. I am useful to you am I not?

