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UNCLE SAM BE  
PULLING THE  
STRINGS OF PUPPET  
**PUTIN,**

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PEOPLE  
PUT A STOP  
TO THIS  
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## SOVIET NATIONAL ANTHEM

Dear readers:

We had numerous requests from our readers for the English translation of the Soviet National Anthem from Russian, the official CPSU version as opposed to the present bourgeois version. Here it is.

Also, in conjunction with this, here is the written version of a speech made by Paul Robeson, who sang in Russian the Soviet Anthem in 1953 when the news of the death of Joseph Stalin shook the progressive mankind. These two items are inseparable.

The Editor

## TO YOU BELOVED COMRADE

By PAUL ROBESON

There is no richer store of human experience than the folk tales, folk poems and songs of a people. In many, the heroes are always fully recognizable humans – only larger and more embracing in dimension. So it is with the Russian, Chinese and the Africa folk-lore.

In 1937, a highly expectant audience of Moscow citizens – workers, artists, youth, farmers, from surrounding towns – crowded into the Bolshoi Theatre. They awaited the performance by the Uzbek National Theater, headed by the highly gifted Tamara Khanum. The orchestra was a large one, with instruments both ancient and modern.

How exciting would be the blending of the music of the rich

## THE HYMN OF THE SOVIET UNION

Unbreakable Union of freedom Republics,  
Great Russia has welded forever to stand,  
Created in struggle by will of the people,  
United and mighty, our Soviet land!

Sing to the Motherland, home of the free,  
Bulwark of peoples in brotherhood strong,  
O Party of Lenin, the strength of the people,  
To Communism's triumph lead us on!

Through tempests the sunrays of freedom have cheered us,  
Along the new path where great Lenin did lead,  
Be true to the people, thus Stalin has reared us,  
Inspire us to labor and valorous deed!

Sing to the Motherland, home of the free,  
Bulwark of peoples in brotherhood strong,  
O Party of Lenin, the strength of the people,  
To Communism's triumph lead us on!

In the victory of Communism's deathless ideal,  
We see the future of our dear land,  
And to her fluttering scarlet banner,  
Selflessly true we always shall stand!



culture of composers Moussorgsky, Tchaikovsky, Gliere, Prokofiev, Shostakovich, Khrennikov, with that of the beautiful music of the Uzbeks, stemming from an old and proud civilization. Suddenly, everyone stood up, began to applaud, to cheer, to smile. The children waved. In a box to the right – smiling and applauding back to the audience – stood the great Stalin.

I remember that the tears began to flow and I too smiled and waved. Here was clearly a man who seemed to embrace all. So kindly - I can never forget that warm feeling of kindness and also a feeling of sureness. Here was one who was wise and good – the world and especially the socialist world was fortunate indeed to have his daily guidance. I lifted high my son Pauli to wave to this world leader, and his leader. For Paul Jr. had entered school in Moscow, in the land of the Soviets.

The wonderful performance began, unfolding new delights at



every turn-ensemble and individual, vocal and orchestral, classic and folk dancing of amazing originality. Could it be possible that a few years before in 1900 -1915 - these people had been semi-serfs - their cultural expression forbidden, their rich heritage almost lost under the Tzarist oppression's heel?

So here one witnessed in the field of the arts – a culture, national in form, socialist in content. Here was a

people, quite comparable to some tribal folk in Asia – quite comparable to the proud Yorubs or Basuto of West and East Africa, but now their lives flowering anew within the socialist way of life, twenty years matured under the guidance of Lenin and Stalin. And in this whole area of development of national minorities – of their relation to the Great Russians – Stalin has played and was playing a decisive role.

I was later to travel – to see with my own eyes what could happen to so-called backward peoples. In the West (in England, in Belgium, France, Portugal, Holland) – the Africans, the Indians (East and West), any of the Asian people were considered so backward that centuries, perhaps, would have to pass before these so-called modern so called “colonials” could become part of society.

But in the Soviet Union, Yakuts, Nenetses, Kirgiz, Tadzhiks – had respect and were helped to advance with unbelievable rapidity in this socialist land. No empty promises, such as colored folks continuously hear in the United States, but deeds. For example, the transforming of the desert in Uzbekistan into blooming acres of cotton. And an old friend of mine, Mr. Golden, trained under the Carver at Tuskegee, played a prominent role in cotton production. In 1949, I saw his daughter, now grown up and in the university – a proud Soviet citizen.

Today in Korea – in Southeast Asia – in Latin America and the West Indies, in the Middle East – in Africa, one sees tens of millions of long oppressed colonial peoples surging towards freedom. What courage – what sacrifice – what determination never to rest until victory! And arrayed against them, the combined powers of the so-called Free West, headed by the greedy, profit-hungry, war-minded industrialists and financial barons of our America. The illusion of an “American Century” blinds them for the immediate present to the clear fact that civilization has passed them by – that we now live in a people’s century – that the star shines brightly in the East of Europe and of the world.

Colonial peoples today look to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

They see how under the great Stalin millions like themselves have found a new life. They see that aided and guided by the example of the Soviet Union, led by their Mao Tse-tung, a new China adds its mighty power to the true and expanding socialist way of life. They see former semi-colonial Eastern European nations building new People’s Democracies, based upon the people’s power, with the people shaping their own destinies. So much of this progress stems from the magnificent leadership,



theoretical and practical, given by their friend Joseph Stalin.

They have sung – sing now and will sing his praise – in song and story. Slava-Slava-Slava-Stalin, Glory to Stalin. Forever will his name be honored and beloved in all lands.

In all spheres of modern life the influence of Stalin reaches wide and deep. From his last and simply written but vastly discerning and comprehensive document, back through all of the years, his contributions to science of our world society remain invaluable. One reverently speaks of Marx, Engels Lenin and Stalin – the shapers of humanity’s richest present and future.

Yes, through his deep humanity, by his wise understanding, he leaves us a rich and monumental heritage. Most importantly – he has charted the direction of our present and future struggles. He has pointed the way to peace – to friendly co-

existence – to the exchange of mutual scientific and cultural contributions – to the end if war and destruction. How consistently, how patiently, he labored for peace and ever – increasing abundance, with that deep kindness and wisdom.

He leaves tens of millions all over the earth bowed in heart-aching grief.

But, as he well knew, the struggle continues. So, inspired by his noble example, let us lift our heads slowly but proudly high and march forward in the fight for peace – for a rich and rewarding life for all.

In the inspired words of Lewis Allan, our progressive lyricist-

**To you our Beloved Comrade Stalin, we make this solemn vow:**

***The fight will go on - the fight will still go on.***

***Sleep well, Beloved Comrade, our work will just begin.***

***The fight will go on - till we win-until we win!***

COMMENT:

*This heart-warming tribute to Stalin should again be read and re-read by some of the present so-called leaders of some Communist Parties in the world, including in ex-USSR, who are anti-Stalin in fact and in actions. Some of these leaders cannot compare themselves to the world stature, knowledge and dedication to Socialism to that of Paul Robeson!*

*Let us re-dedicate ourselves to the great cause of Paul Robeson who was an active member of the American-Soviet Friendship Society.*

*We wish the newly organized Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries great success* ■



# CHE

By RICHARD MORRISON

Last night, I had a dream that lasted for a week,  
I was standing at the gates of time, I was allowed to have a peek.  
I looked into the future, I'm not sure where or when,  
I saw where the world would go, not where it's always been.  
I saw the sun shine down upon a land so fresh and green,  
The water was so pure and clean, like none I'd ever seen.  
There were no signs of advertising, like the ones we see today  
But every billboard had a picture of a man named Che!  
I asked a man about him, and what it was he'd done,  
Had he founded this wondrous land, and freedom for everyone?

He said: "He lived many years ago, when times were hard and troubled,  
When money was the blood of man and hatred was its double.  
He was a man of medicine, of wealth and riches too,  
But he didn't close his eyes to trouble like many others do.  
He went into the jungles, the peasants there to save,  
Where many great imperialists treated them more like dogs than slaves.  
For them the gold and silver mines, they stole their only resources  
And paid them back in bitterness, chickens, goats and horses.  
And there he stayed to give help to village and to town,  
But the puppet soldiers caught him one night - there they shot him down.  
Many years have passed since then, and his cause has come to be;  
And from his founding thought and deed, we've built this land you see.  
It's not so much the cause he had, or the system or the plan,  
It's more the way he gave his life to save his fellow man.  
Not forced to fight for liberty, country or a god above,  
He chose to fight for dignity, equality and love."

And when I woke up in my dream; I thought of what I've seen,  
A land of love and knowledge, so peaceful fresh and clean.  
If Jesus died to save our souls, for what it may be worth,  
Then this man died for something now - he died for man on earth!

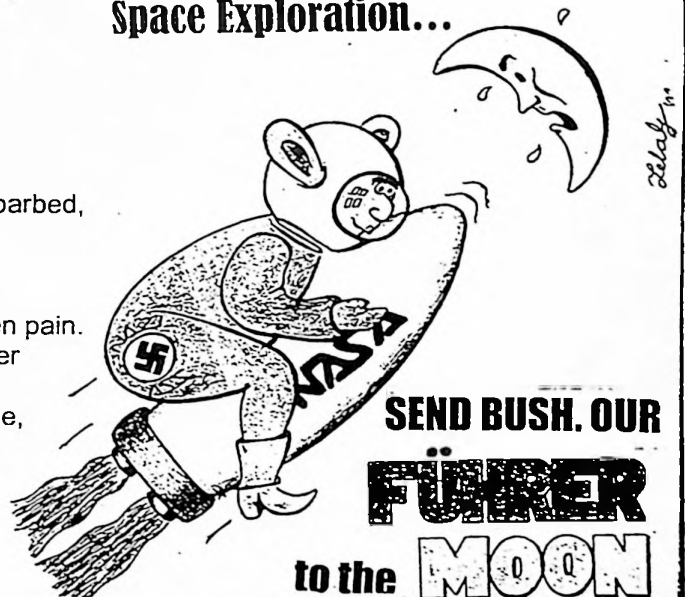


## WORKERS ARE THE WORD - NO SWEAT

BY JOHN SHUMAKER

Dear friend-  
Come with me and sit around the fire for a while.  
We live in a world which slingshots words around the world  
at light-speed through corporate media.  
We are bombarded in our psyches daily with these corporate barbed,  
tipped, tinged words.  
Nowhere do you hear your own words.  
You are **intentionally** kept isolated, alienated, lonely, silent, dis-  
empowered and neurotic, blaming yourself for unknown unspoken pain.  
You are seen as a codified cadaver delivered to the highest bidder  
through corporate media advertisers.  
You are seen as swine deliverable to the corporate packing house,  
rendered as meat, as meek compliant sheep to the corporate  
media butcher.  
Workers of the world **Unite!**  
In the beginning was the **Word** and  
Workers are the **Word**.  
No sweat.

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## NEWS FROM SOVIET UNION



**IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE BUT IT'S TRUE!**

FROM NEWSPAPER  
"BOLSHEVIK"  
Odessa, Ukraine

The newspaper "Bolshevik" wrote a long article about the May Day parade in Odessa and it showed graphically the crisis inside the left-wing movement in Ukraine.

Imagine if you can, Ukrainian nationalists with their fascist symbols on their flags, that were used by the Ukrainian fascists during World War

Two while helping Hitler to murder their own people...marching together with the members of the Communist Party of Ukraine –as brothers – on this May Day!!!

The speakers, both Ukrainian nationalists and members of the Communist Party of Ukraine, shared the speakers rostrum and only criticized Kuchma, but not a word of criticism against the present capitalist Mafiosi regime. This is the

result of cooperation by the CPU and the nationalists-fascists. Other communists from All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks and many other left-wing people left the marching columns in disgust.

*Above we publish a couple of photographs of this "love-in" between the CPU and Ukrainian nationalist-fascists! It's enough to make you puke in disgust!* ■

# DO NOT SING FROM A STRANGERS VOICE!

BY VLADIMIR PRONIN

The political situation in Ukraine is not always clear, especially now with the presidential elections coming soon, this deserves a more serious analyses and not just a superficial one. There are allies of President Kuchma who owe their high government positions to him alone, and his so-called opponent of the moment, Victor Yushenko, who somehow is being supported by some communists, socialists and the block of Julia Timoshenko – in other words these forces are playing their cards closely to their chest and some are playing their cards to both sides.

But you cannot overlook the fact that the present president is on his last legs and is awaiting the end of 8

years of rule (*ruining*) Ukraine and is now ready to give over his reigns of power. Just to bring you only one catastrophic example to the readers – in the years of his rule, the population of Ukraine has dwindled from 51 million people to less than 48 million – this fact alone should be enough to try Kuchma in order to sentence him to his just desserts.

Leonid Kuchma is trying to hold on to power and is searching the road and method to remain in office for another year and then he shall see what is happening. He has enough finances and cronies that hang around him, who slavishly agree to all of his proposals and thus remain in power at the money well,

trying to survive the break up of Kuchma's tutelage and at the same trying to be in love with the forthcoming new president and thus survive their cushy jobs.

But the real rulers of Ukraine, the Americans - are not happy with Kuchma and feel that he has outlived his usefulness to them and they are banking on the new boy on the block, Victor Yushenko, who is more capable of following orders and new US plans. In order to allay the fears of US and to get him again into their good graces, Kuchma has agreed and sent a Ukrainian contingent of soldiers to the occupation of Iraq. The Americans greeted his gesture favorably, but they did not back away in getting rid of Kuchma, since Americans know the attitude of Ukrainian people to Kuchma and they feel that this new protege might be able to reverse the trend.

As was reported by CC CPU Peter Symoneko, in one of the European countries there took place a meeting

with the American representatives and President Kuchma, where Americans showed some documents to Kuchma about his gross financial manipulations. After this unexpected confrontation, another variant of Kuchma leaving the presidency came into the open. Kuchma will himself give up his presidency to Yushenko – but of course with a solid guarantee of no charges being laid against him – as was done by Putin for Yeltsin in Russia.

It is evident that the power behind all these intrigues are the Americans in order to make certain that Yushenko becomes the next president. Yushenko was the head of the Ukrainian National Bank and he had also made a few enemies who might blow this arranged compromise with Kuchma sky high. Then we have to guess as to how this will affect the elections.

In order to understand the post-Soviet Ukraine, it is necessary to understand that president Kuchma in all of those years, did not do very much for the Ukrainian people as a serious political leader. But, he managed to accumulate for himself the riches and property to rival the Czar's lifestyle and also power. He got the power to nominate a Premier

and the power to fire him or her at will, even though nominally the Premier is the head of the government. He nominates the Attorney General, all members of his cabinet, army, security etc., this is done without even consulting parliament or the elected deputies. Kuchma controls personally all aspects of the country, security, courts, finances, constitutional and Supreme Court.

He used trickery, lies, threats, buying off voters and deputies, even some of those that called themselves communists – all were bought through all sorts of manipulations. This allowed him to surround himself with yes men and women, who readily stamped and agreed to all of his laws, edicts and programs...thus making the Supreme Soviet government of Ukraine nothing more than a rubber stamping pad.

Therefore it is only logical and should be understandable, that one of the first tasks of the communists is not to allow Kuchma to be elected for a third term. Also, as long as Kuchma is in power people like Yushenko get accolades, pretending that they are dedicated democrats, bravely arguing against the rule of Kuchma and that all the problems

of the Ukrainian people are due to only Kuchma and his regime, not to capitalism, but only the personal rule of Kuchma.

But this is not the only main question in front of the communists. The most important question is to take steps to change the present political system and not allow even more the personal dictatorship and to drastically curb the powers of a president. Communists should always fight for the democratization of the political system as a first step towards the liquidation of capitalism. Why? Because they will get much better conditions in which to struggle and fight for the interests of the working class, for the rebirth of socialism and the rebirth of the Soviet Union – this is such an axiom that for the truly dedicated communists, there is no need to prove this to be correct!

Here then is the splitting of the anti-Kuchma opposition forces, communists, socialists, the right block of Julie Tymoshenko, having opportunistic waywardness by Viktor Yushenko. Why are these so-called opposition of Yushenko and Tymoshenko blocking the laws towards remaking of Ukraine - from the President-parliamentary rule to Parliamentary-presidential rule.

Here then comes a complete split in tactics and understanding of how to struggle against the regime at this time of coming election. Communists in Ukraine never said or hinted that they will support Viktor Yushenko for president. But, this must be made known to the people as widely as possible.

Lastly, we have to speak about tactics of communists in the bourgeois elections – is it possible for communists to cooperate in an election block with rightwing forces? In order to answer this question, it is necessary for the moment to go back into history.

We could mention the February Revolution of 1917 in Russia that was successful in eliminating the Czar's rule. At that time, against the last Czar, Bloody Nikolai, all of the political movements – from Bolsheviks to the reactionary Back Hundreds, and at the same time the abdication of the Czar was supported by Great Britain, USA and France. Everyone knew what the program of

Based on cartoon in *The New Worker*



the Bolsheviks was, liquidation of the present regime, establishing a democratic republic, stopping the war, liquidating serfdom in the countryside, establishing an 8-hour work day and the control by the workers of the means of production.

But what did the bourgeois parties want? Getting rid of the Czar, establishing a constitutional monarchy or even declare Russia a republic, keep the war going to the end. What made these reactionary forces support the abdication of the Czar in cooperation with the Bolsheviks? Simply the fear that unless the Czar went, there would take place a revolution immediately and they thought that maybe the son of Bloody Nikolai might be put in as a constitutional monarch and head of state.

And, what did Great Britain, France and US want? They knew well that surrounding the Czar were reactionary elements with great German influence and also, if the Czar went, they might be able to get the resources available in the rich mineral wealth of Russia. They also feared that the Russian Czar would make peace with Germany and that millions of German soldiers would then be sent to the Western front to confront Britain and France – the US was still thinking of joining the struggle against Germany.

The Bolsheviks, looking at the correlation of forces involved in getting rid of Nikolai, they did not have to go at that time unto the barricades themselves.

Let us look at the historical fact a bit closer to our time, the pre Second World War events. What was the greatest danger facing the USSR and Stalin? The capitalist-imperialist forces were joining and organizing to dismember the Soviet Union from the West and from the East. The Imperialists wanted to liquidate their own economic and political problems at the expense of the USSR. What and how did the Soviet diplomacy counter these dangerous efforts by Imperialists? Stalin and the Soviet government knew that they must at all costs prevent the unity of the imperialist forces that were planning to liquidate the whole of the USSR. To the great credit of Stalin this was achieved, because the USSR signed a non-aggression pact with

Germany, which brought on a situation where imperialist powers were forced to fight each other! It is enough to say that the greatest anti-communist in the world, Winston Churchill, was forced to admit that Stalin was a genius who was able to have the hands of one imperialist power beating another imperialist power.

Or should we have asked Stalin not to sign that non-aggression pact with Germany? Stalin knew that the Soviet Union will be attacked and that the USSR would join Great Britain and US in a joint effort against German imperialism. The same scenario was seen in Latin America where opposing forces joined to fight the main enemy.

In the block of Yushenko there are united the most reactionary forces in Ukraine, we are told by people who feel that this tactic of cooperation should not be attempted. This is true, but it is not the whole truth, besides, this is the propaganda of the Kuchma forces also. There are reactionary forces in both blocks. But the tactics are important in this situation and this temporary tactical union with Yushenko by the communists is relevant to defeat an enemy and then to take the next step towards defeating the pretender to the throne.

The above material was to have been published in the last (September) issue of NSC, but due to space limitations it is being published in this October issue. During this time there were certain events that took place in the political life of Ukraine and certain changes, which have confirmed the correctness of this author.

President Kuchma and his clique, realizing that to force through the constitutional changes that he wants to push through, even with his power as the President, because the proposals that were made by the Communists seem as the only proposals that the Ukrainian people will support. The demand is to democratize the present Kuchma parliamentary-presidential authority and make it into a Parliamentary-Kuchma authority.

With this in mind, the Communists have given concrete proposals on the Constitution to the Ukrainian

Parliament to discuss and vote upon. So now, the propagandists for Viktor Yushenko are claiming that the Communists have gone over to the side of President Kuchma. But the readers should know that the Communists have a steady program, while President Kuchma swings from one side to another in order to save his government and his own skin.

I must not be understood as saying that there is unity between Kuchma and the Communists. Kuchma, as a drowning man, tries to grab at any straw that might save him. Communists must stand firm on their Marxist-Leninist program at all costs, but as a tactic during this bourgeois democratic parliamentary system, and they should use this as a stepping stone to attain their goal of struggle for socialism. They must see who their enemy is, they must always be on guard at all times and not fall for false promises.

#### COMMENT:

*An excellent analyses of forces in Ukraine. There is always a danger that the communist-socialist forces will not be able to convince the people of this tactic and some voters will be of the illusion that Kuchma will be gone and that all of their problems will be solved. The unity necessary between the communists-socialists is absolutely necessary, because the struggle will just begin if Ukraine will again return to socialism and USSR will be resurrected. There is the danger that the players will change, but the game will remain the same! ■*

## MILITARY EXERCISES HELD IN GEORGIA

By Tengiz Pachkoria

According to Itar-Tass news agency, there took place a multi-national military exercises sponsored by NATO last month. Originally scheduled for last week of May, the exercises were postponed due the war in Iraq.

Alongside USA and Georgia taking part in the exercises, there were military personnel from Albania, Bulgaria, Germany, Moldova, Ukraine. Estonia and Turkey – a total of 700 Special Forces. Georgian



police and state security service personnel, military and civilian doctors participated also.

*YES...US dollars buys participation of this US Foreign Legion!*

## THE USSR WANTED TO REUNITE GERMANY IN 1953

*The Larouise "Chronicle of the XX Century" is found in libraries all over the francophone world. Here is a verbatim translation of an entry from 1953, jut above a picture of Humphrey Bogart and the late Katherine Hepburn in the film of that year "The African Queen". Showing this article to many Westerners nurtured on Cold War ideology and they'll say that they don't know this, but that it was a Stalinist plot to take over Europe.*

**By DICK PIPER - Ottawa**

**March 19, 1953**

"After receiving a Soviet note, proposing the reunion of the two Germany's, confusion reigns in the Western Camp. Certainly, at first glance, the six principal points suggested by the Soviet Union's note, could only not but be unanimously adopted by the USA, Britain and France.

- (1) Germany will form a unified state
- (2) All foreign forces will evacuate the country
- (3) Democratic rights will be guaranteed
- (4) Political parties of all tendencies will be authorized
- (5) Only organizations of an anti-democratic character will be prohibited
- (6) War veterans will not be discriminated against

The USSR accepted the principal of the postwar national German Army, but they refused it the right to adhere to any pact against any country having defeated German



## POLISH MINERS NOW KNOW WHO IS THE REAL ENEMY OF THE WORKERS!

*Do you remember that it was the Polish coal miners who helped to overthrow the Polish socialist government with their "Solidarnocz" union, the counter-revolutionary force set up by the CIA and the Vatican. Now, look at the photo above in Warsaw, where protesting 8,000 coal miners, were attacked by the riot police. Dozens of police were injured and set on fire and about 20 protestors were beaten severely. The economic situation in Poland and unemployment is rampant and the miners are beginning to see the truth about NATO.*

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Nazism. This fact was the trial balloon by the Soviets to try to discourage Germany from entering NATO or any defensive community, be it the West or the East.

Of course, Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany refused this proposition outright, since he demanded the revision of the Eastern German-Polish border that was unanimously put in place by the victorious Allies – Britain, USA, France and the USSR.”

*I remember being in Germany, in Bonn in 1983 and seeing a West German map that showed the German Democratic Republic-Poland boundary with a dotted line – meaning that West German Government did not recognize the boundary as agreed upon by the WWII Allies. This West German attitude was supported by France, England and USA when the Cold War was at its peak.*



From newspaper Workers-Peasants Pravda of AUCPB.

## WHO WANTS TO REHABILITATE THE WW II UKRAINIAN UNDERGROUND ARMY? (UPA)

These are the Ukrainian Fascist Officers that were trained, supported, and financed by Nazi Germany to fight the Soviet people, during WW II. They murdered and butchered even their own Ukrainian people and all others that were against fascism. These are the elements that the present Kuchma regime wants to forgive and consider them as fighters for freedom of Ukraine! Present Ukraine government flies blood-stained fascist flag as they did under Hitler.

**TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS!  
ARISE YOU MIGHTY LAND!**

## GREETINGS TO THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

Dear comrade Lucas – Editor:

On behalf of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks I greet you and other comrades of the Editorial Board, and the readers of NSC on this the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary when the very first NSC journal was published.

We are very happy to notice that, your journal, with every issue is read by more and more countries of the world, and this is noted in articles from many parts of the globe, which before were not able to read your important information about the ongoing struggles. In this, you deserve the praise for this!

Every issue of NSC is filled with very important agitational and propagandist materials against world imperialism, racism, fascism and the influential – world Zionism, today dictating its policies to the imperialistic countries, including the United States of America.

The most important value, from our point of view, are the many special Supplements that are sent out to the readers, which are done very professionally by the Editorial Board and which explain and

analyze the most important and pressing problems of the moment.

On the occasion of the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we wish you comrades, new successes in enlightening the readers of your excellent journal about the ongoing Communist movements and the struggles of the people for their independence. We

*Nina Andreeva marching in the center of a demonstration in Leningrad*



also wish you great health and much happiness!

With sincere respect

Nina A. Andreeva  
General Secretary of the Central Committee – All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks

# YOUNG COMMUNISTS TORTURED AND FACE SECRET TRIAL

BY JOHN CATALINOTTO

This month, 10 members of the Young Communist League of Ukraine face a secret trial for alleged "terrorist activities". While the case has received little publicity in the West, some progressive forces, including the International Action Center, have taken it up as a severe violation of human rights.

Ten of the youths were arrested on December 13, 2002 and over the next two weeks, starting with a raid by the Ukrainian State Security on a house in the city of Nikolaev. Searches and arrests followed in Odessa, Kiev and Dnepropetrovsk.

Security agents used explosive devices to blow down the door in the Nikolaev apartment and according to one report, the fourth youth there attempted to defend himself.

Some of the young communists arrested were involved in publishing a communist Internet newspaper - Left.ru. If Ukraine is accepted into NATO, as it surely will, Ukrainian youth can become cannon fodder for US imperialism - for the occupation armies in Afghanistan and other imperialist-occupied countries.

Living conditions in Ukraine have deteriorated for the majority of the people since the collapse of the USSR. This summer, being hot and dry has wiped out over 75 per cent of the summer crops in what was once considered the bread-basket of the USSR.

Supporters of the Young Komsomols, said that torture was used to wring confessions from them. Some had their ribs and other bones broken.

One of those arrested, Evgeny Semenov, was able to get a letter out of prison last June. He wrote: "*Here, in the Odessa prison, with me there are my nine comrades, arrested and tortured systematically throughout the six months of interrogation. Now the case is closed and the secret trial will begin this fall.*

*In order to cover up the tortures we were subjected to, the Ukrainian*

*Department of Security is planning to keep our trial secret, with no defense lawyers for us and without the presence of the public, let alone any journalist or observer."*

Semenov stated also that he and his comrades are going on a hunger strike.

These young Komsomols are asking that people who support human rights, write letters of protests to the Ukrainian Parliament-Rada in Kiev 008, Grushnevskaya St. #5 - Litvin V.M. or e-mail at: [www.rada.ua](http://www.rada.ua). Other addresses can be found at Left.ru

*Editorial Boards and International Council have sent protests to Kiev. We urge our readers to do likewise. ■*

From the newspaper  
SOCIALIST LATVIA

## HOW WE WERE TERRORIZED BY THE BOLSHEVIKS

In one of his speeches in the Latvian parliament, our president E. Repshe complained how it was for Latvians to live under such "tyranny". Let us look at how in fact our Latvian people really lived. I am rewriting his speech of course.

"We did not want to go to school and learn without paying for it, but the Bolsheviks made our children go to school and they insisted that every child must have a secondary school education on their way towards university.

We did not want to have free medical care, we wanted to pay for it. But the Bolsheviks gave us free health care, rest in sanatoriums and even sent us to rest and get well on the Black Sea resorts, whether we wanted to or not.

We wanted to pay for our medicines, but the Bolsheviks gave us free medicines.

We did not want to have very affordable apartments and all the community services, without paying for them as we do now. But the Bolsheviks took only 12 rubles out of our 150 rubles pay for all these services.

We did not want to pay only 3 kopeks for transportation, but the Bolsheviks made us use the transport, railways, busses and planes to travel and fly anywhere in the USSR.

We did not want to get our apartments free, with all the utilities, but the Bolsheviks made us occupy these free apartments, but worse still, these Bolsheviks build cities, towns, villages, parks, entertainment areas whether we liked it or not.

We wanted to be unemployed as we were before in capitalist Latvia and as we are now, but the Bolsheviks found us jobs, good pay, benefits, education, trade schools, holidays, pensions and everyone could buy whatever he or she wanted with his or her pay.

We did not want free or cheap newspapers, books etc. But the Bolsheviks made us read books, newspapers, go to the theatre, the cinema and concerts.

We did not want to have our streets or roads paved, we wanted to walk on the dirt as our fathers and mothers did before us. But the Bolsheviks never listened and paved the roads and streets.

We did not want that our preschool children should have their childcare centers free, or have our children join the Pioneers and go to summer camps on the Black Sea or in other resorts, but as usual, the Bolsheviks saw to it that our children had all the things that they needed.

I could go on and on, but I'm sure that these "terroristic and tyrannical" things that Socialism did for the Latvian people, is still remember by even this present president, after all, he did receive and enjoyed free education and all other benefits that the majority of the Latvians do not have today.

The more I think of the "tyrannical help" the more I want to go back to what it was before and that the Bolsheviks would again make me enjoy these "tyrannical" services that I enjoyed before.

V. Britikov  
Liepaja

HAVE YOU RENEWED  
YOUR SUB?

# WHY SOCIALISM?

By DR. ALBERT EINSTEIN

*This article was written by the famous world scientist Dr. Albert Einstein in 1949 for the magazine Monthly Review in US.*

Is it advisable for one who is not an expert on economic and social issues to express views on the subject of socialism? I believe for a number of reasons that it is.

Let us first consider the question, from the point of view of scientific knowledge. It might appear that there are no essential methodological differences between astronomy and economics: scientists in both fields attempt to discover laws of general acceptability for a circumscribed group of phenomena in order to make the interconnection of these phenomena as clearly and as understandable as possible. But in reality such methodological differences do exist. The discovery of general laws in the fields of economics is made difficult by the circumstance that the observed economic phenomena are often affected by many factors, which are very hard to evaluate separately.

In addition, the experience which has accumulated since the beginning of the so-called civilized period of human history – as is well known – have been largely influenced and limited by causes which are by no means exclusively economic by nature. For example, most of the major world states of history owed their existence to conquest. The conquering peoples established themselves, legally and also economically, as the privileged class of the conquered country. They seized for themselves a monopoly of the land ownership and appointed a priesthood from among their own ranks. The priests were in control of education, made the class divisions of society into a permanent institution and also created a system of values by which the people were thenceforth, to a very large extent

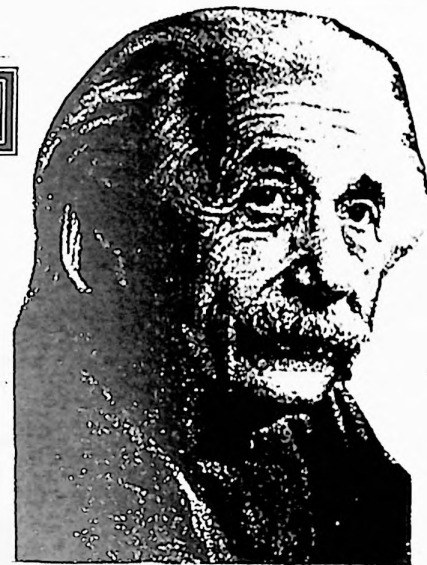
unconsciously, guided in their social behavior.

But historic tradition is, so to speak, of yesterday nowhere have we really overcome what Thorstein Veblen called "the predatory phase" of human development. The observable economic facts belong to that phase and even such laws as we can derive from them are not applicable to other phases. Since the real purpose of socialism is precisely to overcome and advance beyond the predatory phase of human development, economic science in its present state can throw little light on the socialist society of the future.

Second, socialism is directed towards a social-ethical end. Science, however, cannot create ends and, even less, instill them in human beings; science at most, can supply the means by which to attain certain ends. But the ends themselves are conceived by personalities (Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin-Editor) with lofty ethical ideals and – if these ends are not stillborn, but vital and vigorous – are adopted and carried forwards by those many human beings who, have even unconsciously, determined the slow evolution of society.

For these reasons, we should not assume that experts are the only ones who have the right to express themselves on questions affecting the organization of society.

Man is, at one and same time, a solitary being and a social being. As a solitary being, he attempts to protect his own existence and that of those who are closest to him, to satisfy his personal desires, and to develop his innate abilities. As a social being, he seeks to gain the recognition and affection of his fellow human beings, to share in their pleasures, to comfort them in their sorrows, and to improve their condition of life. But the personality that finally emerges is largely formed by the environment in which a man



happens to find himself during his development, by the structure of society in which he grows up, by the tradition of that society, and by his appraisal of particular types of behavior. The individual is able to think, feel, strive, and work by himself; but he depends so much upon society – in his physical, intellectual, and emotional existence – that it is impossible to think of him, or to understand him, outside the framework of society. It is the "society" which provides man with food, clothing, a home, the tools of work, language, the forms of thought, and most of the content of thought; his life is made possible through the labor and the accomplishments of the many millions past and present who are all hidden behind the small word "society."

I have now reached the point where I may indicate briefly what to me constitutes the essence of the crisis of our time. It concerns the relationship of the individual to society. The individual has become more conscious than ever of his dependence upon society. But he does not yet experience this dependence as a positive asset. As an organic tie, as a protective force, but rather as a threat to his natural rights, or even to his economic existence. Moreover, his position in society is such that the egotistical drives of his make-up are constantly being accentuated, while his social drives, which are by nature weaker, progressively deteriorate. All human beings, whatever their position in society, are suffering from this process of deterioration.

Unknowingly prisoners of their own egotism, they feel insecure, lonely, and deprived of the naïve,

simple, unsophisticated enjoyment of life. Man can find meaning in life, short and perilous as it is, only by devoting himself to the society.

The economic anarchy of a capitalist society as it exists today is, in my opinion, the real source of evil. We see before us a large community of producers, the members of which are unceasingly striving to deprive each other of the fruits of their collective labor – not by force, but on the whole in faithful compliance with the legally established rules. In this respect, it is important to realize that the means of production – that is to say, the entire productive capacity that is needed for producing the consumer goods as well as additional capital goods – may legally be, and for the most part are, the private property of individuals.

For simplicity, I shall call “workers” all those who do not share in the ownership of the means of production. The owners of the means of production are in a position to purchase the labor power of a worker. By using the means of production, the worker produces new goods that become the property of the capitalist. Insofar as the labor contract is “free”, what the worker receives is determined not by the real value of the goods he produces, but by his minimum needs and by the capitalists’ requirements for labor power in relation to the number of workers competing for the job. It is important to understand that even in theory the payment to the workers is not determined by the value of his product.

Private capital tends more and more to be concentrated in a few hands, partly because of competition among capitalists and the growth of monopoly capitalism. They have enormous power that cannot be effectively checked even by a democratically organized political society. This is true since the members of the legislative bodies are selected by political parties, largely financed and influenced by private capitalists who, for all practical purposes, separate the electorate from the legislature. The consequence of this is that the representatives of the people do not and cannot protect the interests of the underprivileged sections of the population. The private capitalists

and the multinational corporations directly or indirectly, control all of the main sources of information (*press, radio, TV, education*). It is thus extremely difficult, in most cases quite impossible, for the individual citizen to come to an objective conclusion and to make an intelligent use of his or her political rights.



Production of goods is carried on for profit, not for use. There is no provision in capitalism that all those able and willing to work will always be in a position to find employment; an “army of unemployed” always exists under capitalism. The worker is constantly in fear of losing his or her job. Technological progress in most cases frequently results in more unemployment rather than in an easing of the burden of work for all. The profit motif, in conjunction with competition amongst the capitalists, is wholly responsible for the instability in the accumulation and utilization of capital that leads to severe economic depressions. Unlimited competition leads to a huge waste of labor and to that crippling of the social consciousness of individuals, which I mentioned before.

This crippling of individuals I consider the worst evil of capitalism. Our whole educational system suffers from this evil. An exaggerated competitive attitude is inculcated into our student, who is trained to worship acquisitive success as a preparation for his future career.

I am convinced that there is only one way to eliminate these grave evils, it is namely through the establishment of a socialist economy, accompanied by an educational system which is oriented toward social goals. In such an economy, which adjusts the production to the needs of the community, would distribute the work

to be done among all those able to work, and would guarantee a livelihood to every man, woman and child. The education of the individual, in addition to promoting his own innate abilities, would attempt to develop in him or her a sense of responsibility for his fellow men in place of the glorification of power

and success in our present capitalist society.

Clarity about the aims and problems of socialism is of greatest significance in our age of transition. Since, under the present capitalist circumstances, free and unhindered discussion of these problems has come under a powerful taboo.

## Nostalgia for the GDR

BY TONY PATERSON  
*The Independent – London*

Katerina Witt, the Olympic ice skating champion of the former German Democratic Republic, brought a wave of Communist-era nostalgia that is sweeping Germany to a climax with her controversial TV show highlighting the bright side of life in former GDR.



This is just the latest in a gamut of films, TV shows that are in demand to report on the life in East Germany (GDR). This nostalgia for the truth

and their uncritical stance towards Socialism and GDR has angered those elements that were fighting the socialist position of GDR.

Former dissidents are complaining to the German authorities about allowing such events to take place, of course blaming the GDR for the Berlin Wall and the people that were killed there. Dissident writers, mayors, Radio Free Europe etc are demanding that these shows be barred and the writers, producers and directors be fired from their jobs.

Katarina Witt, 37, was one of GDR's top sport heroines and she is criticized that she is presenting herself as the TV program's "in-house expert of former German Democratic Republic".

During the four hour TV series she is interviewing former East German government officials, showing footage of the life in the GDR, its industry, culture, manufacturing and sports. She was criticized for wearing before the show and in the TV series, a pristine blue GDR Free German Youth shirt.

One program also interviewed the GDR astronaut. This nostalgia is growing because people are beginning to realize that all the propaganda against "East Germany" was just propaganda, without taking into consideration the intolerable conditions that the GDR was subjected to and the REAL reason for the Berlin Wall.

German TV has come to the defense of these TV programs by saying: "People want to remember how the East Germans coped with their daily life, It was not all bad. In fact it was just the opposite."

Former East German officials and intellectuals are offering explanations for this growing phenomenon.

"Life in the GDR has been demonized and dramatized so much over the past 14 years that the nostalgia appears as a natural reaction."

## Right from the horses mouth...

These are just excerpts from two long columns in the right-wing Toronto Sun newspaper in Canada by its featured writer Eric Margolis.

NSC could not have written these lines better! Congratulations Mr. Margolis!

\*The Bush administration will be delighted not to put Saddam on public trial. Dead dictators tell no tales.

\*The White House would much prefer to display a bullet-ridden Saddam as trophy to divert mounting criticism over the growing US casualties and the litany of falsehoods it used to drive America to war.

\*Equally important, the US Defense Intelligence Agency and the CIA operated offices in Baghdad that provided Iraq with satellite intelligence on Iranian troops movements that proved decisive in the war's titanic battles at Basra, Majnoon and Faw.



\*In short Saddam Hussein was one of America's closest Middle East allies during 1980's, a major recipient of US military and financial aid. After George Bush Sr. the then US president called upon the Kurds and Shia rebels to revolt in 1991, the US watched impassively while the slaughter was going on.

\*America, the world's democracy has no business murdering foreign leaders. This has proved to be self defeating if we look at the US involvement in these killings.

\*George Bush may yearn to drape the body of Saddam Hussein over his jeep and show it off to the folks

around Crawford, Texas, but he should be forcefully reminded that he represents the laws of the land.

\*Sad enough, that the White House waged a totally unnecessary, unprovoked, undeclared war on Iraq based on spurious charges.

\*When the US finds itself unable to crush Iraqi resistance, it will blame Iraqi neighbors like Iran and Syria and may attack them.

\*President Bush has conveniently provided anti-American militants and fanatics across the Middle East with an ideal target: the US army in Iraq.

\*The US finds itself in a disturbing analogue of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, with confused American soldiers, like the Israeli troops then in Lebanon, not knowing why they were there or who is the enemy and venting their frustration on the civilian population. Protracted guerilla warfare turns even the best-disciplined troops into brutes; and it corrupts an entire army.

\*The very neo-coms who fathered this disaster in Iraq and Afghanistan, now are calling for more American troops and the involvement of the United Nations.

## AMERICA'S HIDDEN BATTLEFIELD TOLL

By MICHAEL OPPERSKALSKI  
From The Observer

The true scale of American casualties in Iraq was revealed last month by The Observer, written by Jason Burke in London and Paul Harris in New York, with figures obtained by The Observer, which shows that more than 6,000 American servicemen have been evacuated for "medical reasons" since the beginning of the war, including more than 1,500 American soldiers who have been wounded, many seriously.

These figures will shock many Americans, who believe that casualties in the war have been very light. However, recent polls show that support for Bush and his Administration's policy in Iraq has been slipping.

The number of casualties will also increase pressure on Bush to share the burden of occupying Iraq with

more nations. Attempts to do this as an international alliance has floundered, when Colin Powell last month rejected a French proposal as "totally unrealistic." It is the US military policy to report no deaths in incidents, only that US soldiers were wounded.

There are great concerns that US soldiers in Iraq suffer psychological trauma. Experts at the National War Museum in London said that studies of soldiers in the First and Second World Wars showed that it was the prolonged exposure to combat environments that was the most damaging. Also, soldiers that were wounded in World War I died from injuries sustained in the war well into the 1920's.

The US wounded are returned to the USA with very little publicity. Giant C-17 transport jets on medical evacuation missions land at Andrews Air Base, near Washington, every night, but no reporters are allowed on the site.

As the plane taxis to a stop, gangplanks are lowered, body bags are loaded, and those very seriously wounded are taken by a standing fleet of ambulances there at the ready.

The hospitals are very busy with operations and many amputations. Sometimes all of the 40 intensive care beds at the Walter Reed Hospital are filled each night.

Dealing with the aftermath of amputations and blast injuries is common. Mines, homemade bombs and rocket-propelled grenades are the weapons of choice of the Iraqi resistance fighters. They cause the sort of wounds that always cost soldiers their limbs or arms.

These US returned soldiers are bedraggled and in ragged uniforms, and it is only volunteer organizations that are set up at the base to provide these "heroes" with fresh clothes, food packages and toiletries. ■

## **U.S. IS URGED TO TERMINATE ITS MILITARY PRESENCE IN S. KOREA!**

*From DeWaarheid*

PYONGYANG: Jitendra Sharma, the Chairman of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers,

issued a statement last September 6, 58 years after the US troops' occupation of South Korea.

He said that the US occupation of S. Korea was totally illegal from its start. No sooner had the US troops occupied S. Korea on September 8, 1945, than they forcibly dissolved the Peoples' Committees organized on the initiative of the Korean patriotic democratic forces of all the Korean social strata, while enforcing their "military rule" he said.

The US continued military presence in S. Korea is a wanton violation of the signed Korean Armistice Agreement and quite contrary to the resolution of the 30<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly.

All facts clearly prove that the US imperialists are, indeed aggressors who are gravely threatening the peace and security on the Korean peninsula and the world and are an evil band of outlaws who are defying the UN Charter, international law and world public opinion.

Sharma noted that if lasting peace is to settle on the Korean peninsula and Korea is to be reunited, the US must drop its hostile policy towards DPRK and put an end to its troops occupation of S. Korea.

If the US wants a peaceful solution to the Korean issue, it should withdraw its troops and its mass of destruction weapons that are stored in S.Korea, including its nuclear weapons, immediately! ■

## **REFLECTIONS ABOUT SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

BY ANNCOL

*"Yes, we mourned the loss of innocent life on Sept. 11, 2001, but we no less mourn the loss of innocent lives lost through our own government's support for, and exercise of, terrorism around the world. The value of a US American life is not one cent more than the value of a Chilean labor leader,"* writes Chuck Kaufman, the National Coordinator of the US solidarity group Nicaragua Network. We view with dismay and disgust much of the news coverage that was done during that time and the pandering for political benefit on this, the second anniversary of the terrible tragedy.

We are struck by the arrogance and lack of historical or political content in these breathless news descriptions of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> as "the day that changed the word forever". In fact, many countries have and had their "9/11s", all too many of them due to US-sponsored terrorism or direct military aggression.

For 30 years the people of good will have mourned the loss of life and liberty on September 11, 1973 when a US-sponsored coup against the elected, democratic government of Salvador Allende in Chile resulted in Allende's death and the summary execution of over 3,000 leftists, students, labor and peasant leaders by the military junta of Augusto Pinochet.

Over 3,000 people were incinerated just before Christmas in 1989 when US troops invaded Panama to "arrest" President and former CIA "asset" Manuel Noriega. In the process the US inexplicably bombed a ramshackle Panama City ghetto, starting off a firestorm in which between 3,000-4,000 impoverished people burned beyond recognition.

Over 3,000 Cubans have been killed in acts of terrorism launched from US shores right up to today. The single bloodiest was on October 6, 1976. In one of the first acts of airline terrorism, the Cuban exile group "Commandos de Organizaciones Revolucionarias Unidas" placed a bomb in a Cuban commercial airliner that exploded enroute. The founder of the group, who was charged in Venezuela for the bombing, Orlando Bosch, walks free in Miami today. Bosch was quoted in the Miami News Times, December 20, 2001 stating: "There were no innocents on that plane". The bomb killed 57 Cubans, 11 Guyanese, and five North Koreans cultural officials. Among the dead were all young men and women of the Cuban national fencing team.

These were discrete terrorist acts supported by US taxpayer dollars. Even greater tragedies – and loss of life – resulted from the sustained US government support for brutal dictatorships, death squads, and faux democratic governments in Nicaragua (80,000 dead), Guatemala (200,000 dead), and many other countries throughout the

hemisphere.

This does not even count a similar sordid US record in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Yes, we mourn the loss of innocent life on September 11th, 2001, but we no less mourn the most innocent lives lost through our own government's support for, and exercise of, terrorism around the world. The value of a US American life is not one cent more than the value of a Nicaraguan peasant life, a Chilean labor leader, a Cuban fencing team member, or a Mayan Indian in Guatemala. Until the people of the US itself come to grips with their own culpability in the crimes against humanity perpetrated by US successive governments, and demand an accounting, there will be more 9/11s in this and in other countries.

It is time – and past time – for us to unite to change US government policies that support and expand terrorism and imperialism. One step to building a movement capable of transforming our nation is to join the October 25th March on Washington to demand an end to the occupation of Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and Guantanamo Bay Cuba, and give the money for schools, healthcare and jobs, rather than a US military budget that exceeds that of all the developed nations combined. ■

## US ATTACKED OVER GREEN CARD SOLDIERS IN IRAQ

By JAMES GOODER

Nearly 40,000 of America's frontline troops in Iraq are not US citizens. Most of these troops do not count English as their first language and would prefer to take orders in their native tongue...usually Spanish.

This revelation has prompted British MP George Galloway, one of the fiercest critics of the invasion of Iraq, to accuse the US of using its "green card" as cannon fodder. He also condemned Bush for putting its poor minorities, unemployed and non-citizens in the frontline of its foreign wars.

These statistics, buried by the White House spin doctors is to hide

the fact that these soldiers are not US citizens but they hope to get their citizenships speeded up and get their green cards.

*"Nothing has changed since the last failed attempt to invade and determine the future of another country like Vietnam",* George Galloway told Aljazeera.net from his holiday visit in Portugal.

This explains the overwhelmingly disproportionate number of the so-called US casualties in the invasion and occupation of Iraq have borne Latino names.

*"The people who made the decision to invade Iraq never sent their sons and daughters to get hot, bloodied or killed on the battlefield,"* added Galloway. ■

## British Army admits Brutalizing Iraqi civilians

By Julie Hyland

Last September 5, the British Army had issued a public apology for brutally beating Iraqi civilians in the town of Majar al Kabir, 120 miles north of Basra.

According to the British Daily Mirror newspaper, last August 23, soldiers from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Air Force (SAS) clubbed and kicked viciously 11 Iraqis that they falsely believed to have been involved in the killing of six British military police officers in the town last June 25.

These elite British troops which specialize in counterinsurgency operations and counterrevolutionary warfare, used stun grenades to swoop on three houses in the town, smashing and kicking in doors with their boots and rifle butts, not only against the doors but against the occupants. A woman was among those beaten up.

The soldiers rushed in, pointing their rifles at the occupants and their possessions were thrown unto the floor. They were forced to lie on the floor and were not allowed to speak at all. The children were screaming. Then they were bodily dragged to the armored cars, with the soldiers' boots on their heads. Many occupants lost consciousness when

they were stumped upon by the soldiers heavy army boots.

In another house that the British commandoes broke into, a woman begged the soldiers not to hurt her children. She was then silenced by a rifle butt to her head, and she passed out. The people were dragged over rocks to the armored vehicles and people begged the soldiers to tell them why they're doing this, but got only kicks and rifle butts cracking on their heads and bodies.

Then they were handcuffed and taken to the headquarters of the King's Own Scottish Borderers regiment, where they were beaten again. Only after 11 hours of interrogation and beatings were they released, after it was found out that these people were innocent.

The British Ministry of Defense denied all this until the Daily Mirror newspaper broke the story. British Government, on a quiet, let it be known that they are willing to pay a few hundred pounds to teach of those arrested, but the British Ministry still denied that these innocent Iraqis were brutally beaten and said that there will not be any "further need to investigate this matter"!

But because of the outrage among the Iraqi people, on the spot British Army authority took the unprecedented step to publicly apologize, in order to curtail any demonstrations by the aroused local population.

It was only a week before this, that British Colonel Collins had been accused by many US soldiers of ill treating the Iraqi people and POWs. Of course this Colonel was cleared and given a promotion instead, but there are more charges pending since some British troops took photographs to demonstrate the ill treatment, beatings and torture of the captives. These photographs are hushed up and rarely reported. Only now, after the Daily Mirror exposed these attacks, more evidence is coming out, but the British Ministry of Defense is curtailing any news coming out. ■

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# How To Start A War In Iraq

By WILLIM RIVERS PITT / TRUTHOUT/ PERSPECTIVE

Below are listed 20 points of how to start a war in Iraq or any other country that US imperialism has on its agenda to attack and make "a regime change". Editor

**1:** Lose an election and win a lawsuit. Move into the Washington's White House. Surround yourself with **ideological extremists from the far right-wing** of the Republican Party. Put them to work planning "**regime change**" in Iraq, something they themselves have been planning for years.

**2:** Pointedly ignore a **variety of specific warnings** about a looming terrorist attack against the American homeland. Capitalize on the chaos and fear after the attack has come. On the very day of the 9/11 attack, **get your people to start making public connections** between the terrorist attack and Iraqi leader. Use the terror to attack Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

**3:** Use the terror attack to pass ruinously the contra-constitutional legislation like the Patriot Act, and later the Homeland Security Act. Send your Attorney General to the US Congress and have him state bluntly that anyone who disagrees with these bad laws is aiding terrorism. This new legislation will help squash dissent surrounding the actions you plan to undertake, and will also help to insulate you from serious investigation, as the Homeland Security Act essentially **destroys all the Freedom of Information Act**.

**4:** Periodically terrify the American people with warnings about the looming death and destruction, so as to cow them into submission. Time these agitated warnings to coincide with moments when your own political standing is under assault because of your actions.

**5:** Lose any shame whatsoever about using the massive terror attacks as a rhetorical tool against your own people in the pursuit of your ideological goals. Say things like, "*We need to counter the shock wave of evildoer by having individual rate cuts accelerated and by thinking*

*about tax rebates*" (G.W. Bush 10/4/01) to help get what you want. Remember: No shame!

**6:** Have your Defense Secretary organize a group of **like-minded ideologues** whose task will be to cherry-pick, and often manufacture, evidence to support your push to war in Iraq. Call this group the Office of Official Plans, and remove them from any US Congressional oversight. When the CIA and State Department tell this Office that their plans and intelligence makes no sense, use the influence of the Vice President's office to cut them completely out of the loop. Your Office of Special Plans will now be the main source of information delivered to the National Security Council, the US Congress, and the American people.

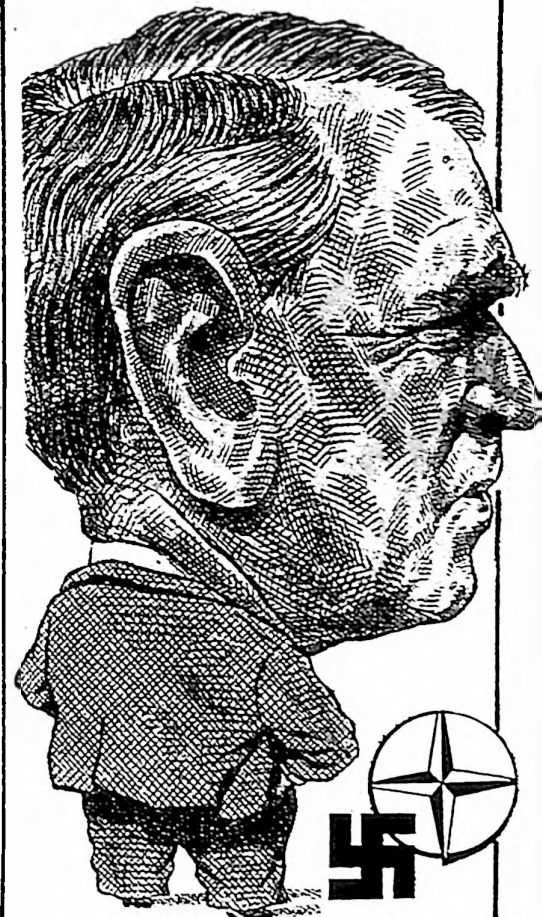
**7:** Pile up a couple of hundred thousand of your troops on the border of Iraq before even any consensus has been reached for war within your own US government or the international community. This will help develop a sense of inevitability about your plans for war, no matter who disagrees.

**8:** Go to the United Nations and deliver a lot of cooperative happy tasks about wanting to work with the United Nations Organization. Get a unanimous vote from the Security Council for your resolution on the matter, sure in the knowledge that this body has no idea that you have no intention of actually working with them. When weapons inspectors are dispatched to Iraq, per the resolution you saw passed, denigrate and insult their work as being useless. Have your troops on the border begin publicly sharpening their swords.

**9:** Deliver the information from the Office of Special Plans to the American people on a daily basis, making connections each time between the terrorist attack and the nation of Iraq. Scare the US citizens you are supposed to lead, and scare them very often. When career **intelligence officials complain** about your rotten intelligence and your outright lying, ignore them completely.

**10:** When the international community begins to realize they've been led down the primrose path, start denigrating and insulting the United Nations. When no proof of your allegation about Iraq can be found, begin attempting to bribe nations like Turkey with billions of dollars in trade agreements, weapons and cash on the barrelhead to get them to come along for the ride. When they refuse, proclaim that you can go it alone.

**11:** Stand before the American people during your constitutionally-mandated State of the Union address and lie **like a rug** about the threat posed by Iraq. Use evidence of an Iraqi nuclear program based upon a crudely forged documents from Niger. Ignore other career intelligence officials, including the one you sent to investigate your "evidence", who then returned and labeled this as a fake and forged document, which they stated flatly



that your estimation of the Iraq threat are far from accurate or honest.

**12:** Send your US Secretary of State into the well of the United Nations Security Council to make your case, full of the knowledge that you are going to war no matter what that body decides. Show the UN absolutely no respect by allowing your Secretary of State to argue for war using intelligence data that is ten years old and plagiarized from the work of a graduate student. Note the irony surrounding the fact that this presentation comes a week after your State of the Union address, but your Secretary of State refused to use the evidence you used before the American people in front of the international community.

**13:** Do not, at any point, stop lying. Lie about the weapons Iraq possesses. Lie about the threat posed to the American people, thus deepening their fear. Lie between the connections between Iraq and al Qaeda. Lie about the efficacy of weapons inspections. Lie about how much the war will cost. Lie about how long we will be there. Lie about your goals. Do not forget that shame has no place here. Avoid press conferences whenever possible.

**14:** Use the same discredited intelligence from Niger to convince the US Congress that a vote for war is absolutely necessary. Try to get them to pass a resolution that authorizes you to make war "on the region" surrounding Iraq as well as Iraq itself. When you don't get those three important words in the resolution. Settle for what you get.

**15:** With the world essentially united against you, with only half of the American people convinced that your rhetoric connecting Iraq to the terrorist attack is actually true, with that half bolstering questionable ratings for war, with the US Congressional approval for war in hand, despite the fact that their approval was motivated by your lies, and with four full divisions of your young troops ready to go, begin the attack.

**16:** Bomb Baghdad in a "Shock and Awe" campaign that kills untold scores of civilians in their beds and on their streets. Roll tanks and troops into the country and beat the hell out of it, knowing full well that here is no army worth mentioning to stand against you after ten years of

economic sanctions. To make sure, pay off the commander of Baghdad's Republican Guard to make sure neither he nor his troops fight at the city's gates.

**17:** Declare an end to combat operations. Strut across the deck of an aircraft carrier and **proclaim yourself to be the savior of the Iraqi people.** When your soldiers continue to die in Iraq, scoff at any concerns about this. Dare the killers of your troops to keep it up by sticking your chin out and saying "Bring' em on".

**18:** Ignore the fact that none of the weapons you terrified your people with have turned up, despite the best efforts of your troops and investigations to find them. Ignore the fact that no connections to al Qaeda have turned up. Ignore the fact that more troops have died since your aircraft carrier strut than died during the war. Ignore the fact that your war will cost billions and billions more than you said it would.

**19:** Most importantly, and do not forget: Ignore the fact that you have made your country far, far less safe. You lied about Iraqi connections to the terrorist attack, and to al Qaeda. Your war will have turned Iraq into what it was not before the war- a hotbed of al Qaeda activity. This war has also been an al Qaeda recruiter's dream. Pay absolutely no attention to this. Smile. Talk about courage and staying the course.

**20:** Make plans to have the US 2004 national convention of your Republican Party next to the hole in the ground of New York that the terrorist attack caused. Dance on the graves of the dead who helped you get your war, and... **Remember! No shame!**

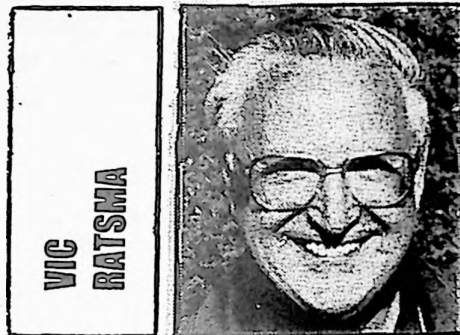
### **"BUTCHER SHARON GO BACK!" Massive Rally in Kolkata**

On September 9, 2003 in protest against the visit to India of Israel's Prime Minister and US boot-licker Aerial Sharon, a massive demonstration was held by the West Bengal State Committee of Socialist Unity Center of India (SUC) in front of the American Center on J.L.Nehru Road, Calcutta.

Earlier in the day, the rally started from Raja Subodh Mullick Square, carrying protest banners and

denouncing butcher Sharon's visit, raising slogans such as "US stooge killer Sharon go back", "Down with pro-imperialist policy of BHP-led Union Government of India, for inviting this enemy of humanity." They exhorted the people to build massive anti-imperialist struggles and thus frustrate the nefarious acts of US Imperialism and their lackeys.

An effigy of Aerial Sharon was burnt as a mark of people's indignation. ■



## **SOCIALISTS IN ACTION**

The Socialist Party (SP) of The Netherlands is a young party that has continuously improved its representation in the Dutch parliament, as well as in provincial legislature and city councils.

While in 1995 their parliamentary representation consisted of only 2 seats, obtained with 1.3% of the total vote, subsequent elections saw a steady improvement in this position and in the 2003 election they obtained 6.3% of the vote and 9 seats in the 150-member parliament.

What accounts for this increasing support for the socialists?

One of the things the SP does well is to identify themselves at locations with many of the struggles ordinary people fight every day of the week. They organize public meetings and debates, are on the picket lines supporting the striking workers, are present at all demonstrations, work co-operatively with all other organizations that are active in public life and generally are being seen wherever a peoples struggle occurs. Such visibility among the population clearly strengthens their political support.

One example of a recent action pertains to the dismissed 440 workers by the large supermarket chain Albert Heijn (AH). Under the slogan of "**Rather 440 jobs filled than one person filling his pockets!**" the SP protested the decision by Ahold, the corporation owning AH, to pay its top man, the Swede Anders Moberg a mega salary. According to the SP, the salaries of the 440 unemployed workers go directly into the pocket of Moberg through a salary that runs into millions, plus enormous bonuses, regardless of his performance. Even if he fails, and

runs AH into further difficulties, he will, upon his release will receive still more millions in Euros. Such behaviour is irresponsible, says the SP, as it initiates a campaign of sending out tens of thousands of protest cards to the customers in front of the AH supermarkets to be mailed by the public to the customer service organization of Ahold. A protest letter can also be mailed electronically from the SP website.

The large range of activities as this that the SP constantly undertakes, undoubtedly will create further goodwill among the Dutch population and further strengthen

their cause in the future.

NOTE 1-The SP representatives on city council of Schermda, Netherlands are the only one supporting position of the UCP in regards to the "Blue City" p.34-NSC.  
 (2)The pressure of public opinion caused Mr.A. Moberg to issue a declaration on Sept. 17, that he will not accept part of his excessive rewards package.

# UNCOUNTED DEAD

By MUMIA ABU-JAMAL

"Our boys were sent off to die with *beautiful ideals* painted in front of them. No one told them that *dollars and cents* were the real reason they were marching off to *kill and die.*"

— Gen. Smedley Butler, 1934

It is easy for millions of Americans to believe that the Iraq war, or for that matter, any other war this century, was fought for high-sounding ideals, like freedom and democracy.

It is easy. Yet it is wrong.

In the earlier half of the 20th Century, when the U.S. invaded the Philippines, it proclaimed its duty as bringing "*civilization*" to the benighted peoples of the islands. There, Filipino rebels were waging an independence war against the Spaniards and were on the verge of winning their freedom. Lo and behold, the U.S. stepped in, and proclaimed that they too were on the side of "*freedom*" Spain, reading the handwriting on the wall, rather quickly capitulated. Under the fog of "*freedom*", however, lay other motives, ones expressed openly by Indiana Senator Albert Beveridge, who announced:

"The Philippines are *ours forever... and just beyond the Philippines are China's unlimited market...* The Pacific is *our ocean.*" [Source: Howard Zinn, *A People's History of the United States* (1995), p. 306.]

The Filipinos clearly had other ideas, for they had just ended a war for independence, after all, with one waning empire. They were in no mood to join another. But the Americans, using their media and their politicians to promote "*civilization*" as their "*mission*", brought in troops, who were ordered to "*Burn all and kill all*" The U.S. military killed over 600,000 Filipinos to "*civilize*" them. The great American novelist, Mark Twain, so outraged by the American actions there, joined the Anti-Imperialist League, became its Vice-President, and would later exclaim:

"I have seen that we do not intend to free but to subjugate the Philippines and so I am an anti-imperialist. I am opposed to having the eagle put its talons on any other land.... I have a strong aversion to sending our bright boys out there to fight with a disgraced musket under a polluted flag." [Source: Philip Foner, *Mark Twain: Social Critic* (1958), p. 260.]

For decades the U.S. supported the corrupt and brutal Marcos Regime in Manila, where freedom was a joke and democracy an illusion. It took a broad rebellion by Filipinos to remove him from power.

The native dead from the Vietnam War rarely enters American

debate, even though some 2,000,000 men, women and children lost their lives. When U.S.-backed dictatorships unleashed their CIA-trained death squads on their own people, killing hundreds of thousands since the 1970s in Central America, who among us bothered to even count these peasants? When the U.S. bombed its way into Panama in 1989 to remove Noriega (and install their own kleptocracy), thousands of Panamanians were slain during the invasion. How many? The U.S. hadn't bothered to count.

During the first Gulf War, in '91, the U.S. killed an estimated 150,000 Iraqis. But like the Panamanians, the Central Americans, the Filipinos before them, they were faceless, nameless, and largely forgotten. In U.S. military parlance, they are "*collateral damage*"

So too, the bombing campaign of the most recent Iraqi war was brought to you by Raytheon, and Lockheed, and the imperial press corps, complete with uniforms. They can tell you how many bombs were dropped, where they were dropped, indeed how much each bomb weighed and cost. Yet who they hit, and how many they killed is not news. As non-Westerners, as nonwhites, they are expendable; forgettable.

Do you really think that there will be a "*democratic*" Iraq?

What if a majority of Iraqis want to found an Islamic state? The U.S. Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld had already announced that such a Policy would be "*unacceptable*" "*Democracy*" thus may really mean, "do what the Americans want you to do." For the better part of a century, the words, "*democracy*" "*civilization*" and "*freedom*" have been code words for something else indeed. They have been code

words for Empire. And what is Empire? It is the looting and exploitation of the world for profit. Let us return briefly to Sen. Beveridge for the flavor of the Philippines invasion and slaughter, to reflect the real reasons for that war, as well as an inkling of the latest invasion of Iraq:

"...The Philippines give us a base at the door of all the East... No land in America surpasses in fertility the plains and valleys of Luzon. Rice and coffee, sugar and coconuts, hemp and tobacco.... The wood of the Philippines can supply the furniture of the world for a century to come. At Cebu the best informed man on the island told me that 40 miles of Cebu's mountain chain are practically mountains of coal....

My own belief is that there are not 100 men among them who comprehend what Anglo-Saxon self-government even means, and there are over 5,000,000 people to be governed.

It has been charged that our conduct of the war has been cruel. Senators, it has been the reverse... Senators must remember that we are not dealing with Americans or Europeans. *We are dealing with Orientals.*" [Source: Zinn

This greed, this pervasive racism fueled American colonialism at the beginning of the 20th century.

Unfortunately, if you look far enough, it is with us still. ■

## OBVIOUS COLLAPSE OF BUSH'S IRAQ ADVENTURE

Bush admits defeat in his requests but without ever admitting defeat in words. A month ago it was for NATO troops to help USA in Iraq, of course under direct US control: but of course that would bring in the imperialist rivals- such as France and Germany into the sharing of the spoils. Then came the proposal to



increase the US troops: already there are 3/8 of US in Iraq (180,000 troops out of 480,000) are deployed in and around Iraq. To have more troops means starting again the draft and all of its political implications. Most of the US army in uniform is a way of getting to college, get a free education and for a lack of better jobs or any job, they joined to learn.

So, the only step left for Bush to take is to appeal, threaten or cajole the UN members.

The anti-war movement is growing right here in the US and "Bring the troops back home" is setting things on fire.

Sophie ■

## AI-QAEDA: CIA WITH AN ARAB MASK?

BY ANA LUCIA GELABERT

The question jumps out on its own since, the bottom line and scratching beneath the surface, most anything that Al-Qaeda does, in the end helps the sinister agenda of the most reactionary factions in the US imperialist bourgeoisie. Not everything: even Al Capone, the US Mafia boss was not able to keep discipline all the time; but most

anything that Al-Qaeda does helps the US nazi-fascist agenda of dictator Bush and his puppeteers: and it all looks like the quintessential CIA job of sheer brutality and disregard for the numerous civilian victims.

Of course there was the 9/11 and Bush and Al-Qaeda collusion to pass the USA Patriot Act and in fact nullify the US Bill of Rights. But what about the sinking of the French tanker "Humboldt" off the coast of Yemen (it was carrying Iraqi oil, and France's opposition to the Bush war plans; it was aimed at raising a pro-war

sentiments in France); the demolition bombing of the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad (*Jordan supported Iraq both in 1991 and in 2003*); and last month the demolition bombing of the UN office in Baghdad (*the UN, albeit weak is a counterpoise and fetter to the US mercenary occupiers*).

Before the US nazi-fascists invaded Iraq, Al-Qaeda had no presence in Iraq: it was an enemy of the Baath regime, whom they consider to be too secular and laic. Its presence in Iraq rose coincidentally with the invasion. In fact, Al Qaeda only has strong presence in countries that are allies of US imperialism, starting with Afghanistan under the Taliban rule, one of Washington's favourite "freedom fighters" until they decided to cancel UNOCAL's contract for the US \$5 billion pipeline which runs through Afghan territory and give it to the Argentina's Bidas Oil.

What could be the main goal of Al Qaeda in Iraq that warranted the bombing of the UN offices? Well, it appears that the two separate and antagonistic group maybe engaged in an "irregular warfare" today in Iraq.

The first group consists of the heroic Iraqi patriots who, to great personal valor daily inflict heavy blows on the mercenary troops and they have already demoralized them. Undoubtedly as the Iraqi struggle develops, the leadership will fall more and more into the hands of the young elements, not compromised with the Baathist rule, and these elements are "potentially" very revolutionary. What the CIA wants, at whatever cost it takes, is to destroy this group before it grows.

In the second group there are the Islamic Fundamentalists, who are tied to Al-Qaeda- therefore they're tied to the CIA. Their immediate goal is to terrorize the population, by "psychological warfare" that is similar to the Colombian paramilitaries or the Contras in Nicaragua; that way to demoralize the people and discredit the patriotic resistance (*by heinous acts like the UN offices bombing in Baghdad*) and in that way deflate the resistance. That is their aim. In the end, if the US master accedes, they may get their Taliban-style theocracy to further enslave the Iraqi people. That would be their pay-off for being the CIA's bloodhounds.

What is needed in Iraq, and in fact in all of the Islamic countries, is a genuinely proletarian-based and communist led movement. No such

movement appears to be present at this time, but it may soon develop as the struggle advances to higher stages. ■

## SIXTH CONFERENCE OF THE UNO CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT MOVES INTO HIGH GEAR

*The 6<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties on UN Convention to combat desertification and draught involved high-level session by presence of many heads of state. Among them was Dr. Fidel Castro Ruz, President of the Republic of Cuba. Below we publish his speech.*

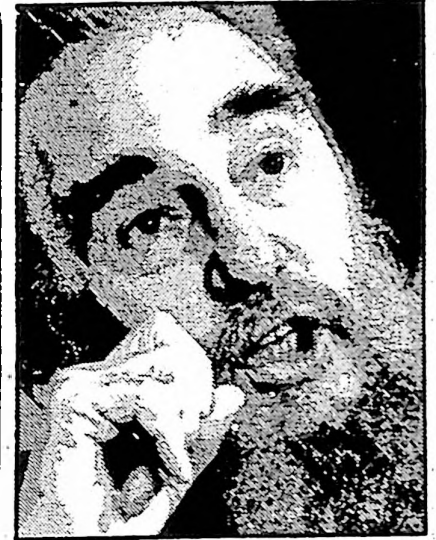
Distinguished guests:

Hardly 30 years ago humanity was not in the least aware of this huge tragedy. Back then people thought that the only danger of extinction lay in the colossal number of nuclear weapons waiting to be fired at a moments notice. Although threats of that nature have by no means disappeared, an additional terrifying, Dante-sque danger lies in wait for us. I do not hesitate to use this strong, seemingly melodramatic language. The real drama lies in ignoring the kind of risks we have lived with for so long.

Twenty-five years after the end of the Second World War, nobody capable of thought, nobody who knew how to read and write had ever heard a single word about humanity's blind, inexorable and accelerated march towards the destruction of the natural bases of its own life. No one of the thousands of generations that preceded this one knew about such a dire threat nor did such an enormous responsibility fall upon any of them.

These are the facts: the fruit of humankind's little known history, a result of evolution of human society over five or six thousand years when that society did not have, nor could it have, any clear idea of where it came from, nor where it was going. This amazing and distressing fact is now the deeply held conviction of an educated and concerned, growing and flourishing minority of humanity.

Today we do know what is



*Fidel Castro, President of Cuba*

happening. Everyone here has access to the horrifying data and the irrefutable arguments, serenely presented and analyzed in the conferences that preceded this one.

My point of view is that there is no more urgent task than that of building a universal awareness, of taking the problem to the billions of men and women of all ages, including children, who inhabit this planet. The objective conditions and the sufferings of the overwhelming majority of them create the subjective conditions for this awareness-raising task.

Everything is connected. Illiteracy, unemployment, poverty, hunger, diseases; the lack of drinking water, of housing, of electricity, desertification, climatic variations, deforestation, floods, droughts, soil erosion, biodegradation. Pests and other well-known tragedies are inseparable.

Without education, we cannot achieve the urgent and much needed building of public awareness of which I spoke. A far-reaching educational revolution is, however, accessible for

all peoples in the world. This is the basic idea that I wish to address today.

Cuba, whose modest success in this field go unquestioned, can assure you that with an initial \$3 billion investment in a short period of time and \$700 million in each of the following nine years in educational material and equipment – this includes one and a half million solar panels for communities and villages which have no electricity – it is possible, in a period of twelve years, to teach 1.5 billion illiterate and semi-illiterate people to read and write and keep them at school up to the sixth grade. This is a total expenditure of less than \$10 billion, the equivalent of less than 0.004 per cent of one year's Gross Domestic Product of the developed countries members of the OECD.

Teaching all of these people presupposes gradually setting up four million teaching locations with audio-visual equipment of proven efficacy as well as the cooperation of an extensive movement of 8 million volunteers with at least a sixth grade education. At the same time, and with the same methods, these could teach and be progressively trained as educators of a good professional level.

If the decisions were made to encourage those who have no jobs and paying them a modest monthly salary while they teach and learn, it would be possible to create between 4 and 8 million decent jobs, something that would be highly appreciated by millions of youths in the Third World countries, as they are the most affected by the scourge of unemployment. The cost to donor countries would be equally infinitesimal: if we estimate the aforementioned salary at \$100 a month and a tentative figure of 6 million who would be involved in the program on this basis, the cost would be the equivalent of 0.003 of the OBCD's GDP, in this instance every year.

If we were to take the two programs together, the cost in the first five years would be approximately equivalent to what the United States spends, at the current rate, on the occupying forces in Iraq in just 15 weeks.

An almost equal number of the world's population could be taught, at a much lower cost, using medium or short wave radios, which cost no more than \$16 and are powered by small photosensitive cells attached to them. A primer book would go with the radio.

Our country has donated this method of radio-based teaching, developed by Cuban educators, to several countries that are already using it and we would be happily to do the same for any country that would request it.

Our country has used television to teach English, a language used all over the world, to more than 1 million Cubans at a cost of only \$50,000 for the Cuban state.

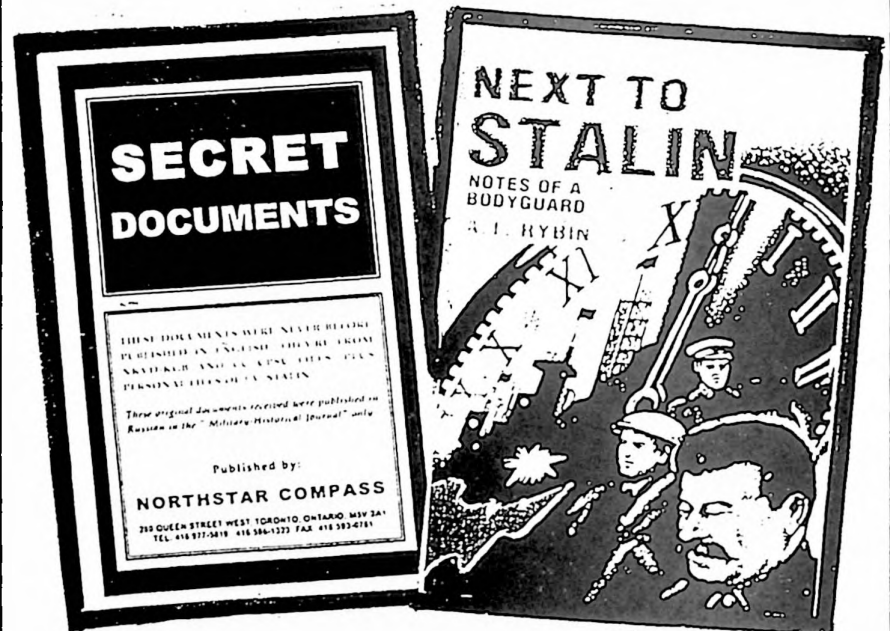
If the rich group of countries were to donate only 0.01 per cent of the OECD's GDP, a small portion of the 0.7 per cent so often promised but never given – except for a few isolated cases – it would be possible in ten years to use solar panels to

supply 30 kilowatts of electricity a month to 250 million families in the Third World. This would mean that about 1.5 billion more people, the poorest segment of the poor population, would be able to enjoy several hours of electric light and entertaining, news and educational TV or radio broadcasts every day without using a single liter of fossil fuel.

After the demise of the socialist camp, when our country blockaded for more than four decades, found itself obliged to deal with a highly difficult situation, it began to produce and it continues to do so, on sites available in the cities, more than 3 million tons of vegetables per year. This is done in hydroponics, using straw and agricultural waste as organic matter, and dripping irrigation, which requires a minimum amount of water. Additionally, it has provided employment to almost 300,000 people, while avoiding the

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emission of a single kilogram of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

I can say here that in the beginning of the present school year last September, all of the 505,000 Cuban teenagers attending junior high school-grades 7-8-9 – started the school year with new educational methods that will triple the amount of knowledge usually provided and their will be one teacher for every 15 students.

I beg you to forgive me for citing examples showing that, in spite of huge obstacles, it is still possible to do a great deal to ensure that the environment is preserved and that humanity survives.

However, all that I have said so far is incompatible with the atrocious economic system that is imposed on the world, the ruthless neo-liberal globalization, the demands and the conditions to which the IMF sacrifices health, education and social security for billions of people. It is incompatible with the cruel way in which, through uncontrolled buying and selling of hard currency between strong currencies and the weak currencies of the Third World, enormous sums of money are stolen from the latter every year. To sum up. - It is incompatible with the policies of the WTO that seems to be designed to allow the rich countries to flood the world with their products unrestricted and to wipe out the industrial and the agricultural development of the poor countries, leaving them no other future but to supply raw materials and cheap labour. It is incompatible with the FTAA and other free trade agreements between sharks and sardines. It is incompatible with monstrous foreign debt, which is, in the current situation, completely unpayable. It is incompatible with the brain drain, with the almost total monopoly on intellectual property and the abusive and disproportionate consumption of the planet's natural energy resources.

The list of injustices would be endless. The gap is growing wider and looting is getting worse.

Under the precepts and ideology of a diabolical and chaotic economic order, within five or six decades the consumer societies will have depleted the proven and unproven fossil fuel reserves and in a mere

150 years will have used what it took the planet earth 300 million years to create.

There is not even a clear and coherent idea about what energy will power billions of motorized vehicles, which inundate the cities and highways of the rich countries and even of many Third World countries. This is the ultimate expression of a completely irrational way of life and consumption that will never be useful as a model for the 120 billion people who will supposedly inhabit the Earth when the fateful petroleum era is over.

Such an economic order (*capitalism*) and such models of consumption are incompatible with the planet's limited and non-renewable essential resources and with the laws that rule nature and life. They are also in conflict with the most basic ethical principles, with culture, and the moral values created by humankind.

We shall continue our combat without losing heart, without wavering, profoundly convinced that if human society has made colossal mistakes and even if it is still making them, human beings are capable of conceiving the noblest of ideas, of holding the most generous feelings and, convinced that by overcoming the powerful instincts with which nature has imbued them, they can give their lives for what they feel and believe in. This has been proven often times throughout history.

Let us cultivate these exceptional qualities and there will be no insurmountable obstacles and nothing that cannot be changed! ■

*From New York Times, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>*

## **A WEAPONS EXPERT'S FEARS**

By WARREN HOGE

The judicial inquiry in London that is investigating the death of the weapons expert Dr. David Kelly was told that months before his body turned up on a hiking trail in the English countryside, he talked of being "**found dead in the woods**".

David Broucher, the British Ambassador to the Conference on

Disarmament in Geneva told the hearing that he talked to David Kelly, who told him that if the US-UK invades Iraq that: "**I will probably be found dead in the woods.**" So far there is no ruling on his death, while the British Foreign Office is trying to defuse this situation by hinting that it was a "*suicide*".

His death is now under investigation by a high-profile inquiry, by a senior Judge Lord Hutton, because the BBC and the British people are more and more questioning the integrity of the case put forward for war against Iraq by Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The case has led to a bitter dispute between the BBC and Tony Blair and it shows the first lapse in the government's popularity and its credibility. The crisis is seen as the worst since Mr. Blair came to power six years ago.

The BBC charged that the British government's communications and strategy chief Alastair Campbell has "*sexed*" up the report about the threat of Iraq. Lord Hutton is going to call Tony Blair to testify.

An earlier witness, Nick Rufford of the Sunday Times of London, said that he had met Dr. Kelly shortly before he was publicly identified as a possible source and that the scientist told him that the UK government "**put him through a ringer.**" The family of Dr. Kelly said that the "*internal scrutiny and harassment he endured made his life intolerable.*"

### COMMENT:

*The wheels are going full speed ahead to whitewash this obvious murder and the spin-doctors from London and Washington alike are working overtime to make this story disappear.* ■

## **DESTROYING IRAQ'S PUBLIC RECORDS**

BY SAAD KIRYAKOS – *Global Outlook*

The destruction of all public records in Iraq creates a lucrative business environment for US

corporations, because the registry of public and private ownership of property has been destroyed.

What is the real Agenda here of the US occupying troops? What is happening in Iraq goes far beyond the chaos that happens after the aftermath of wars and natural disasters..

US forces have not only unleashed the destruction of Iraq's national identity as a country (*its historical and cultural heritage*), they are also responsible for destroying Iraq's public records. Why did the US troops entering Baghdad provide no protection to any of the public buildings with the exception of Iraq's **Ministry of Oil headquarters?**

Who are the arsonists? What is the agenda behind the destruction of museums, libraries and public records? What is the American role in this destruction?

#### **According to Robert Fisk:**

*"Something is terribly wrong when the US soldiers are ordered simply to watch the vast Iraqi Ministries burn down by mobs and do nothing about it...the looters come first. The arsonists turn up later, often in blue-and-white buses. I followed one after its passengers had set the Ministry of Trade on fire and then they sped out of town. The official US news item line that this looting is revenge – an explanation that is growing very thin – and that the fires are all started by "remnants of Saddam's regime", the same "criminal elements", no doubt who feature in the US Marines' "curfew orders" But people in Baghdad don't believe Saddam's supporters are starting these fires. And neither do I! The looters make money from their rampages but the arsonists have to be paid. The passengers in those buses are clearly being directed to their targets!"*

This looting-arson scenario was repeated all over Iraq. Social infrastructure, including schools, hospitals and universities were systematically looted.

Dr. Abdul Jasbbat Khalefa, the President of the University of Basra, in an interview with Al Jazeera news agency, accused the British troops of encouraging organized mobs to enter the University Campus, resulting in the destruction of scientific equipment, class rooms,

computers and university records.

The same thing occurred on the campus of Baghdad University which was "protected" by US troops. Professor Kare Sabar recalls, in this regards, the first moments when US Marines entered the university campus. He distinctly heard one of the US soldiers, who spoke fluent Arabic, inviting the looters to enter the campus and ransack its contents. This took place prior to the acts of arson, which set the University on fire.

The destruction of all public records will inevitably exacerbate ethnic divisions within the Iraqi society.

It is worth noting that upon entering Kurkuk and Mosul, the two major cities in Northern Iraq, the Kurdish forces (*with the support of its military aid supplied by US military*), immediately destroyed "The Land Registry Offices", thereby wiping out all the public records of land and property titles.

This destruction of the Land Registry creates a new legitimacy, it grants power and property to the US supported Kurdish military. By the same token it creates conditions, which could potentially trigger a civil war.

This destruction of all the public records in Iraq also creates a lucrative business environment for the US corporations, because the registry of ownership titles no longer exist. Ownership claims by Iraqi citizens can be disregarded because the records have been obliterated. The multinational foreign capital can take over land and assets. Iraq's extensive publicly owned public sector dominated most key areas of the economic activity.

Burning and destroying the public records makes the reconstruction of the Iraqi public sector a "**mission impossible**". So, what is the alternative? Iraq's national wealth will be handed over to the American corporations on a silver platter, in the context of a USA-World Bank sponsored privatization program

#### **COMMENT**

*The appeal by president Bush for help from the United Nations is an admission of failure for US war of aggression on Iraq and Afghanistan. But, if the United Nations and its*

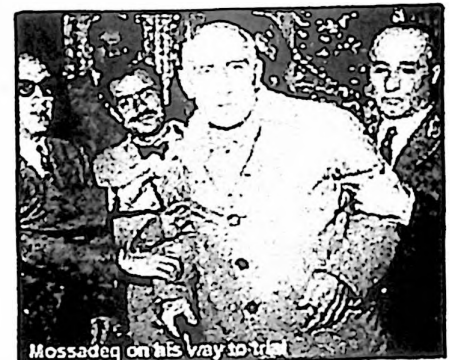
*representatives, under pressure, agree to this face-saving appeal by US imperialism, that will prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that UN no longer does exist as a separate entity...but will be a party to organizing for US imperialism a Foreign Legion to support world domination by US Imperialism!*

*Humanity will in future give just desserts to these representatives and, they should also be judged as war criminals*

## **IRAN AND THE FORGOTTEN ANNIVERSARY**

**From GUERRILLA NETWORK**

The talk now by US White House of a regime change in Iran fills the air but its not new. The month (*August 1953*) marks the fiftieth anniversary of a vital, yet little-known chapter of the American foreign policy – a **military coup** against the elected leaders of Iran, orchestrated by the US CIA.



**Mossadeq on his way to work**

Before the hostilities expand against Iran past the point of no return, we really have to have a kind of informed, reasoned national debate that was notably absent when we attacked Iraq. In order to begin to do that, we will have to review the momentous events of 1953 and some of their very far-reaching consequences.

For several years after the end of World War II, the US had a positive image with many Iranians. US tried to mediate an agreement between Iran and Great Britain. But these good relations did not last too long.

During the summer of 1953 – in an



erie parallel to today's events – a major crisis developed between Tehran and Washington. At that time Iran was an emerging democracy with elected leaders. It was then led by the popular leader **Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh**, and it was embroiled in a conflict with the British over its own oil. The **Anglo-Iranian Oil Company** was owned by the British interests and supported by the British government. In a grossly unequal colonial-style arrangement, the Iranians were not even allowed to examine the financial ledgers of the company.

As the dispute with the British intensified – the Iranians finally became determined to nationalize their own country's oil industry. The British responded by freezing Iranian assets, imposing a world-wide embargo on Iran's oil, and pulling all of their technicians out of Iran. Oil output slowed to a trickle, Iran's economy went into a tailspin, and unrest grew. British destabilization efforts were working.

Although the USA's Truman administration had been sympathetic to Iran, in 1953 a new Eisenhower administration accepted the British view that the Iranian regime had to go, had to be changed! On July 11<sup>th</sup> of 1953, US President Eisenhower secretly signed an order to overthrow a legally elected Iranian government. **The die was cast.**

On August 19, 1953 the US orchestrated a military coup and it emerged triumphant, and the exiled monarch **Mohammad Reza Shah Pashvali**, was again installed on the Peacock Throne. A secret history of this operation was written in 1954 by the US agent and participant Donald Wilber and leaked to the press only a few years ago, leaves no doubt as to the central role played by the United States.

Had the Shah been a benevolent ruler, the image of US in Iran might not have become so tarnished, but benevolent he was not. And to make the situation even worse – much worse – American and Israeli intelligence agents were asked to organize the Shah's dreaded **SAVAK**, his own personal secret security force. Before long, Iran developed into a full-blown police state with thousands of informers, censorship, arbitrary arrest and

imprisonment, and widespread torture and assassination. Of course none of this was a secret to the US advisors who were there to oversee this.

According to the **Harvard Human Rights Journal**, many of SAVAK's 15,000 full time agents were trained in Israel and in the United States, where they learned "scientific" methods to prevent unwanted deaths from "brute force". US and Israel supplied the electrified chairs, fitted with metal masks which were used to "muffle screams while amplifying them for the victim". Another historian called the Shah's method of torture "horrendous" and "equal to the worst ever devised."

Few Iranian families were spared, and among their victims were members of the Shiite clerics who would later overthrow the hated Shah's twenty-five year reign of terror. The pundits all over the world

who state that the Iranians will now be "liberated by the Americans" could hardly be more in error. Many of these pundits said the same thing about Iraq.

Iran has already suffered one horrific "regime change" at the hands of the Western powers. The trade embargo against Iran should be lifted immediately.

But above all, Americans need to acknowledge, among other things, that the overthrow of the legally elected Iranian government in 1953 was a dark chapter in the history of the United States, and we must resolve that it not be repeated.

#### COMMENT

*This article by Arnold Oliver is good, but it certainly not critical enough or demanding that US imperialism get out of overseas bases and leave countries to find their own solutions. ■*

# WHO IS OSAMA BIN LADEN?

BY PROFESSOR MICHEL CHOSSUDOVSKY,  
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A few hours after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the George W. Bush administration immediately concluded without any supporting evidence, that "Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaeda organization were prime suspects". The CIA Director George Tenet stated that bin Laden has the capacity to plan "multiple attacks with little or no warning". Secretary of State Colin Powell called the attacks "an act of war" and President Bush confirmed in an evening televised address to the Nation that he would "make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them". Former CIA Director James Woolsey pointed his finger at the "state sponsorship", implying the

complicity of one or more foreign governments. In words of former National Security Advisor, Lawrence Eagleburger, "I think we will show them when we get attacked like this, we are terrible in our strength and in our retribution."

Meanwhile, parroting the official statements, all of the Western media mantra has approved the launching of "punitive actions" directed against civilian targets in the Middle East. In the words of William Safire writing in the New York Times: "When we reasonably determine our attackers' bases and camps, we must pulverize them-minimizing but accepting the risk of collateral damage – and act overtly or covertly to destabilize terror's national hosts."

The following text outlines the

history of Osama Bin Laden and the links of the Islamic "jihad" to the formulation of US foreign policy during the Cold War era and its aftermath.

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The prime suspect in the New York and Washington terrorists attacks, branded by the FBI as an "international terrorists" for his role in the African US bombings, Saudi born Osama bin Laden was recruited during the Soviet-Afghan war ironically under the auspices of the CIA in order to fight the Soviets who came to the defense of the Afghanistan government, according to the mutual defense treaty that was signed by the two governments.

In 1979 the largest covert operation in the history of the CIA was launched in response to the Soviet-Afghan war in support of the pro-Communist government of Babrak Kamal.

With the active encouragement of the CIA and Pakistanis ISI (*Inter Services Intelligence*), who wanted to turn the Afghan jihad into a global war waged by all the Muslim states against the Soviet Union, some 35,000 Muslim radicals from 40 Islamic countries joined the Afghanistan fight against the legally elected Afghan government and the Soviets in 1982 and 1992. Tens of thousands more Islamic fighters came to study in the Pakistanis Madrasahs. Eventually more than 100,000 foreign Muslim radicals were directly influenced by the Afghanistan Jihad.

This Islamic Jihad was fully supported by the United States and Saudi Arabia with a very significant part of the funding generated from the **Golden Crescent Drug Trade**.

In March of 1985, the then US President Reagan signed the National Security Decision Directive 166...which authorized the stepped-up covert military aid to the Mujahideen, and it made clear that that this secret Afghan war had a new goal: **to defeat the Soviet troops helping Afghanistan through covert action and thus encourage the Soviets to withdraw**. The new covert US assistance began with a dramatic increase in arms supplies to the Mujahideen – a steady rise to over

65,000 tons annually by 1987...as well as a ceaseless stream of CIA and Pentagon officials and specialists who traveled to the secret headquarters of Pakistani's ISI on the main road near Rawalpindi, Pakistan. There the CIA specialists met with Pakistani intelligence officers to help plan operations for the Afghan rebels who were fighting the Afghan government and the Soviet troops.

The CIA, using Pakistani's Inter-Service Intelligence played a key role in training the Mujahideen fighters. In turn, the CIA sponsored guerrilla training was integrated with the teachings of Islam.

Predominant themes were that Islam was a complete socio-political ideology, that Holy Islam was being violated by the atheistic Soviet troops, and that the Islamic people of Afghanistan should reassert their independence by overthrowing the leftist elected Afghan

#### **PAKISTAN'S INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS**

Pakistan's ISI was used as a "go-between". The CIA covert support to the Jihad operated indirectly through the Pakistani ISI -i.e. the CIA did not channel its support directly to the Mujahideen. In other words, for these covert operations to be "successful", Washington was careful not to reveal the ultimate objective of the Jihad, which consisted in destroying the Soviet Union.

In the words of CIA's Milton Beardman "We didn't train Arabs". Yet, according to Abdel Monam Saidali, of the Al-aram Center for Strategic Studies in Cairo, Egypt, bin Laden and the "Afghan Arabs" had been imparted "with very sophisticated types of training and weapons that was allowed to them by the CIA."

CIA's Beardman confirmed in his report, that Osama bin Laden was not aware of the role that he was playing and how he was being used by USA. In the words of bin Laden, quoted by Beardman: "neither I, nor my brothers saw evidence of American help."

Motivated by nationalism and religious fervor, the Islamic warriors were unaware that they were

fighting the Soviet Army and the loyal Afghan troops on behalf of Uncle Sam and their overall plans. While there were contacts at the upper levels of the intelligence hierarchy, Islamic rebel leaders in the fighting theatre had no contacts with Washington or the CIA.

With the CIA backing and massive amounts of US military aid, the Pakistani ISI had developed into a parallel structure wielding enormous power over all aspects of Pakistani reactionary government. The ISI had a staff composed of the military and intelligence officers, bureaucrats, undercover agents and informers, estimated at over 150,000 people – all funded, supported and hidden by the CIA covert actions.

The CIA reinforced the Pakistani military regime led by General Zia Ul Hag.

Relations between the CIA and ISI had grown increasingly very warm, following General Zia's ouster of the elected government of Bhutto and the advent of his military dictatorship. During the struggle in Afghanistan, Pakistan was more aggressively anti-Soviet than even the United States. Soon after the Soviets came to the aid of the Afghan government in 1980, General Zia sent his ISI chief to destabilize the Soviet Asian Republics with his agents. The CIA somehow was more cautious than the Pakistanis, but that was just what the CIA wanted. Both Pakistan and USA took the road of outright deception on Afghanistan with a public relations posture of trying to negotiate a settlement while privately supporting the military escalation to its full capacity.

#### **THE GOLDEN CRESCENT DRUG TRIANGLE**

The history of the drug trade in Central Asia is intimately related to the CIA's covert operations. Prior to the US instigated Soviet-Afghan war, opium production in Afghanistan and Pakistan was directed to small regional markets. There was no local production of heroin. In this regard, Alfred McCoy's study confirms that within two years of the onslaught of the CIA operation in Afghanistan, "the

*Pakistan-Afghanistan borderlands became the world's top producer, supplying 60 per cent of US demand. In Pakistan, the heroin-addict population went from a near zero in 1979 – to 1.2 million by 1985 – a much steeper rise than in any other nation."*

CIA assets again controlled this heroin trade. As the Muhajideen guerrillas seized territory inside Afghanistan, they ordered peasants to plant opium as a revolutionary tax. Across the border in Pakistan, Afghan leaders and local syndicates under the protection of the Pakistani Intelligence, operated hundreds of heroin laboratories. During this decade of wide-open drug dealing, the US Drug Enforcement Agency in Islamabad failed to investigate major seizures or arrests – US officials refused to investigate charges of heroin dealing by its Afghan allies, because US narcotics policy in Afghanistan has been subordinated to the war against the Soviet influence there.

In 1995 the former CIA director of Afghan operations, Charles Cogan, admitted that the CIA had indeed sacrificed the drug war on the directive from the White House in order to fight the Cold War against the Soviet Union. *"Our main mission was to do as much damage as possible to the Soviets. We didn't really have the resources or the time to devote to an investigation of the drug trade... I don't think that we have to apologize for this. Every situation has its fallout... There was a fallout in terms of drugs, yes. But the main objective of fighting the Soviets was accomplished. The Soviets had to leave Afghanistan!"*

#### **IN THE WAKE OF THE COLD WAR**

In the wake of the Cold War, the Central Asian region is not only strategic for its extensive oil reserves, it also produces three quarters of the World's opium, representing multi-billion dollar revenues to business syndicates, financial institutions, intelligence agencies and organized crime. The annual proceeds of the Golden Crescent drug trade (*between 100 and 200 billion dollars*) represents approximately one third of the

worldwide annual turnover of narcotics, estimated by the United Nations to be of the order of \$500 billion.

With the disintegration of the Soviet Union, a new surge in opium production in Afghanistan in 1998-1999 – coincided with the build-up of armed insurgencies in the former Soviet Asian republics – reached a record high of 4,600 metric tons. Powerful business syndicates in the perestroika infested USSR, allied with organized crime competed for the strategic control of the heroin routes.

The Pakistan's ISI's intelligence-military network was not dismantled in the wake of the Cold War. The CIA continued to support the Islamic "jihad" out of Pakistan. New undercover initiatives were set in motion in Central Asia, in the Caucasus, in the Balkans. Pakistan's military and intelligence apparatus essentially "served as a catalyst for the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the emergence of six new Muslim republics in Central Asia."

Meanwhile, Islamic missionaries of the Wahhabi sect from Saudi Arabia had established themselves

in the former Soviet republics as well as within the Russian Federation, (*with the help of the traitors within these governments-Editor*) encroaching upon the institutions of the secular state. Despite its anti-American ideology, Islamic fundamentalism was largely serving Washington's strategic interests in the former Soviet Union.

Following the withdrawal of Soviet troops in 1989, the civil war in Afghanistan continued unabated. The Taliban were being supported by the Pakistani Deobandis and their political party, the Jamiat-ul-Ulema-e-Islam. In 1993 this movement entered the government coalition of Prime Minister Benazzir Bhutto. Ties between this JUI, the Army and ISI of Pakistan were established. In 1995, with the withdrawal of the Herzb-I-Islami Hekmatyar government in Kabul, the Taliban not only installed a hard-line Islamic government, they also "handed control of training camps in Afghanistan over to the JUI factions."

And this coalition with the support of Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, played a key role in recruiting volunteers in the Balkans and in

*The full force of resistance against the US-UK occupiers in Iraq is growing with every passing day, with more and more casualties.*



former USSR.

Jane Defense Weekly conforms in this. regard that *"half of Taliban manpower and its equipment originated in Pakistan under the ISI."* In fact it does appear that following the Soviet withdrawal, both sides in the Afghan civil war continued to receive covert support through the Pakistani's secret services.

In other words, backed by Pakistan's military intelligence (ISI) which in turn was and is controlled by the CIA, the Taliban Islamic State was largely serving American geopolitical interests. The Golden Crescent drug trade was also being used to finance and equip the Bosnian Muslim Army (*starting in early 1990's*) and the Kosovo Liberation Army (*KLA*). In the last few months there is evidence that the Mujahideen mercenaries are fighting in the ranks of KLA-NLA terrorists in the assaults into Macedonia.

No doubt this explains why Washington has closed its eyes on the reign of terror imposed by the Taliban regime, including blatant derogation of women's rights, the closing down of schools for girls, the dismissal of women employees from government offices and the enforcement of *"the Sharia law of punishment."*

## THE WAR IN CHECHNYA

With regard to Chechnya, the main rebel leaders Shamil Basayev and Al Khattab were trained and indoctrinated in the CIA sponsored camps in Afghanistan and Pakistan. According to Yossef Bodansky, director of the US Congress's Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, the war in Chechnya had been planned during a secret Summit HizAllah International, held in 1997 in Mogadishu, Somalia. This Summit, was attended by Osama bin Laden and high-ranking Iranian and Pakistani intelligence officers. In this regard, the involvement of Pakistan's ISI in Chechnya *"goes far beyond supplying the Chechens with weapons and expertise: the ISI and its radical Islamic proxies are actually calling the shots in this war."*

Russia's main pipeline route

transits through Chechnya and Dagestan. Despite Washington's perfunctory condemnation of Islamic terrorism, the indirect beneficiaries of the Chechen war are the multinational Anglo-American oil conglomerates who are vying for control over oil resources and pipeline corridors out of the Caspian Sea basin.

The two main Chechen rebel armies, estimated at 35,000 strong were and are supported by Pakistani's ISI, which also played a key rôle in organizing and training the Chechen rebel army.

In 1994 the Pakistani Inter Services (ISI) arranged for Basayev and all his trusted lieutenants to undergo very intensive Islamic indoctrination and training in guerrilla warfare in Khodt province of Afghanistan at the Amir Muawia camp, set up in the early 1980's by the CIA and ISI and run by the famous Afghan warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. In July of 1994, upon graduating from Amir Muawia, Basayev was transferred to Markaz-I-Dawar camp in Pakistan to undergo training in advanced guerrilla tactics. In Pakistan, Basayev met the highest ranking Pakistani military and intelligence officers. Minister of Defense, General Aftab Mirani, Minister of Interior General Naserullah Babar, and the heads of Pakistani ISI branch in charge of supporting Islamic causes, General Javed Ashraf. These very high-level connections soon proved useful to Basayev.

Following his training and indoctrination stint, Basayev was assigned to lead the assault against the Russian troops in the first Chechen war in 1995. His organization had also developed extensive links to all the criminal syndicates in Moscow as well as ties to the Albanian organized crime and the Kosovo Liberation Army (*KLA*). In 1997-987, according to Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) *"Chechen warlords started buying up large real estate in Kosovo... through several real estate firms registered as a cover in Yugoslavia."*

Basayev's organization has also been involved in many rackets,

including narcotics, sabotage of Russia's oil pipelines, kidnapping, prostitution, trade in counterfeit dollars and the smuggling of nuclear material. Alongside with extensive money laundering, the proceeds of these various activities have been funneled towards the recruitment of mercenaries and the purchase of weapons.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

Since the Cold War era, Washington has consistently supported Osama bin Laden, while at the same time placing him on the FBI's *"most wanted list"* as the World's foremost terrorist.

While the Mujahideen are busy fighting America's wars in the Balkans and inside the former Soviet Union, the FBI - operating as a US based Police Force - is waging a domestic war against terrorism, operating in some respects independently of the CIA which has - since the Soviet-Afghan war - supported international terrorism through all of its covert operations.

In a cruel irony, while the Islamic Jihad - featured by the Bush administration as a *"threat to America"* - is being blamed for the terrorist assaults on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, these same Islamic organizations constitute a key instrument in the US military-intelligence operations in the Balkans and in the former Soviet Union.

In the wake terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, the truth must prevail to prevent the Bush administration, together with its NATO partners from embarking upon a military adventure which threatens the future of all humanity. ■

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# OPPRESSED NATIONS UNITED WALK OUT FROM THE IMPERIALIST TRADE FRONT

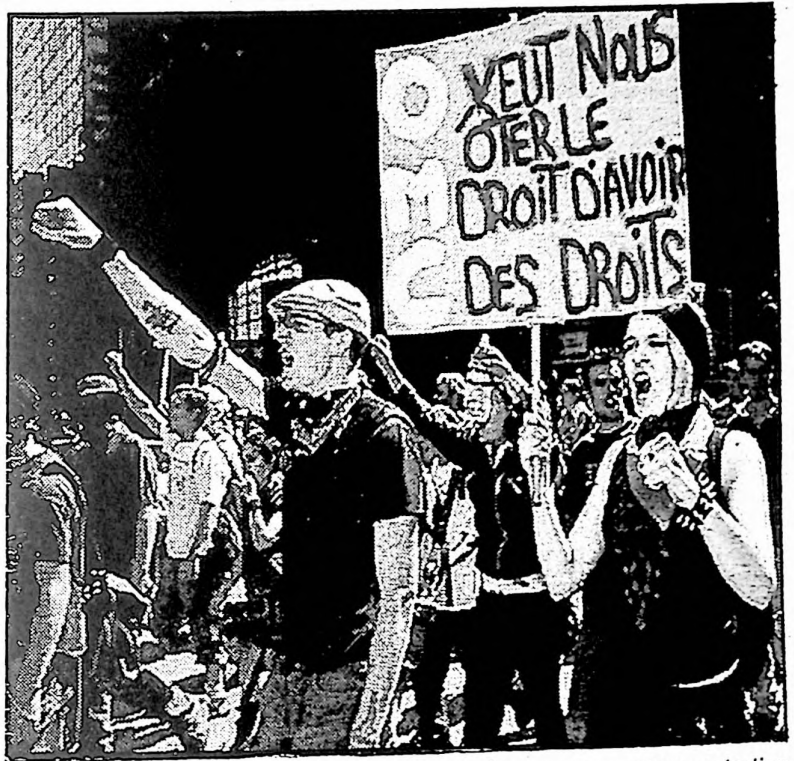
By FRED FELDMAN

In a show of solidarity against the imperialists that is unprecedented in recent years amongst the governments of oppressed nations of Asia, Africa and the Caribbean, dozens of representatives walked out of the World Trade Organization meeting in Cancun, Mexico last month.

They protested the refusal of US, Japan and the European Union to heed their demands for an end to grossly discriminatory trade policies supporting imperialist agribusiness against their countries. These policies are portrayed in the United States as "help" for "farmers", but they are actually aimed at propping up the operations of agribusiness millionaires and are having the effect of driving millions of peasants off the land and devastating agriculture in many countries.

Of course, if the US government and others were interested in assuring that the farmers could continue to farm and live decently, they could provide extensive social-security guarantees for their homes, farms, equipment, health care and so on. After all, the world today urgently needs the productive efforts of the farmers, **regardless of the price of their products and regardless of their profitability** at any given time. This would not at all contradict adopting non-discriminatory and affirmative action trade policies to strengthen the position of all the oppressed nations.

Among the most prominent spokespeople and organizers of the resistance to the imperialist demands and the walkout that dealt a crippling blow to the WTO, were Brazil, Venezuela and Cuba, with the government of Brazil being the most prominent. (*Those who think that Washington and Wall Street are sincerely enthusiastic about Lula should consider the importance of this event. The Brazilian president has been the target of a whirlwind courtship by a serial spouse-killer.*) Many other countries played an



active and a very courageous part, however.

There will be the usual media moaning about the poor nations "cutting off the nose to spite their face" and there will also be punishment and retaliation by the powers that be, but the ripped-off peoples and nations have strengthened their position by this move, and undermined the confidence of their plunderers.

In the mid 1980's Cuba called for a united front of Latin America to force the IMF and the imperialist banks and governments to cancel these countries un-payable debt. This well-argued call basically went nowhere, with devastating results for the peoples of Latin America and the sovereignty and the independence of Latin American governments. This walkout seems to signal that we are at the beginning – the very beginning of course. We are sure that there will be setbacks as well as advances – of a new period of possibilities for such united action.

I might add that this will be good news for the peoples of Iraq and Palestine, under the occupation of the imperialists or their paid gunman.

The fact that the "anti-

The recent anti-war demonstration Protest in Montreal, Canada.

globalization" movement in the imperialist countries has solidified with the peoples of Asia, Africa, Latin America and Oceania in these conflicts is a very significant advance in the class struggle, which is having and will have influence on the course of the labor movement.

All those who participated in the fight against imperialist trade tyranny in Cancun, Mexico – whether in the meetings or in the streets- deserve our thanks, our congratulations, and our solidarity. They have struck a blow for the working people and oppressed of the whole world. ■

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## OPEN FORUM

Jean Chretien is the Prime Minister of Canada. He holds this position already for about ten years, the end-phase of a political career that spans more than 40 years. Although he was popular for a long time and viewed as a kind of man who often portrayed himself as the "little man from Shawinigan", Quebec, his popularity has waned considerably in the last number of years, including within his own Liberal Party, where many of its members preferred to see him pack his bags and leave,

Earlier this year, Chretien gave notice that he would retire in February of 2004 and that announcement immediately opened the door for pretenders to his throne to start campaigning. It did not take very long however before it became obvious that one man, Paul Martin, had already been at work recruiting delegates to himself, for the leadership convention and had his long yearned for projected victory well under control. Martin, for many years was the Finance Minister in the Chretien cabinet until about a year ago, when he either resigned or was dismissed after a disagreement with Chretien, had used his time outside the Cabinet well. Other aspirants to the leadership of the Liberal Party were far behind and all but one threw in a towel after a short time. The outcome of the upcoming November 15th leadership contest, if that is what it can still be called, is therefore a foregone conclusion, and the event is considered more of a coronation than an election.

What can Canadians expect when the 65-year old Martin becomes prime minister and takes control of the land? A glance at his career as a politician and businessman sheds plenty of light on that.

As the son of a professional Canadian politician (*his father was for many years a cabinet minister in previous Liberal governments*) he had the necessary connections for a successful career. A documentary (1) recently shown on television by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) provides a good

# CANADA:

## The New Prime Minister

By VIC RATSMA

insight into just who Paul Martin is. As minister of the crown he had to declare all of his private assets and interests (2) and remove himself from any influence and decision-making on these possessions during the time he is appointed as a minister. This is done to prevent a potential conflict between private and public interests.

His list of possessions is indeed impressive. Martin is a multi-millionaire businessman, who knows his way around the business world. This becomes apparent for instance, from actions he has taken as 100% owner of the Canada Steamship Lines (CSL), a sea transport company with a fleet of large number of ships. But apparently, the Canadian rules and regulations that are applicable to this line of business were not to Martin's liking. In order to minimize paying Canadian taxes and to avoid Canadian standards of safety, working conditions and environment, he registered a large number of his ships in Liberia. Later, as minister he changed the rules regarding foreign registration of Canadian subsidiaries and made it unlawful. With one exception! Foreign registration continued to be allowed in the Bahamas. And the CSL promptly moved its registration from Liberia to the Bahamas.

Paying low taxes (*in the Bahamas its only 2-1/2%*), and with seamen from the third world countries (*he fired all his Canadian sailors*) who work for low wages without the protection of unions. Martin enlarged his wealth (3).

As the Finance Minister, Martin was also instrumental in the closure of the coalmines in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, which were considered unprofitable. Coal is still used here for the generation of electricity. After the closure of the mines, coal is now being imported from abroad and transported by sea to Cape Breton by...yes indeed, his CSL.

As minister of finance, Martin has

eliminated the federal budget deficit. Under the federal system in Canada, where responsibility for governing the country is divided between the federal government and the provinces, he achieved this by drastically reducing financial transfers from the federal government to the provinces. He thereby saddled the provinces with shortages to finance housing, healthcare, education, social assistance etc., after which he prided himself for having wiped out the federal deficit and registering a financial surplus. The serious shortfall in social services and the resulting growth in homelessness and poverty, i.e. the social deficit, were apparently less important to him than the financial deficit.

During Martin's term as minister of finance (8 or 9 years) the incomes of Canadian workers were stagnant. On the other hand, people with already high incomes became steadily richer. Reduction in income taxes mostly benefited the upper income groups, while those who don't earn enough to pay any income tax received nothing. Quite the opposite: people on social assistance or unemployed saw major reductions in their incomes.

Martin is a Continentalist and a promoter of free trade agreements like NAFTA (*The North American Free Trade Agreement*) that makes Canada more and more subject to US control and threatens Canada's independence. A change of course in the direction of more independent Canadian policies is not to be expected from Martin. And the political divisions among the various political parties in Canada, virtually ensures more Liberal Party governments in the coming years.

Canada then will have to live with a prime minister who is no stranger to tax avoidance, who cares little or not at all about labour standards, who sees no problem in avoiding compliance with environmental and

safety regulations, who left the door open for foreign registry of Canadian subsidiaries (*Bahamas*) for the purpose of avoiding paying Canadian taxes, a man who recognizes financial shortfalls, but who finds social deficits of lesser importance and who does not fight against the sale of Canada to the American interests. But, he says, economically we are in good shape.

**Indeed, Paul Martin is in good shape, but are Canadians?**

- (1) <http://www.cbc.va/disclosure/archives/03041-csl/main.html>
- (2) <http://www.saltsprinh.com/bo nmvginn/paul-martin-disclosure.htm>
- (3) As of August 25, 2003 Martin has transferred control of CSL to his three sons. He states thereby to have no further personal interests in this company. ■

## GREETINGS FROM A PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PRISONER IN A US JAIL!

Greetings on this 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NSC. The resistance and struggle are continuing to restore Socialism in the USSR. It is our duty to raise high the torch of Marxism-Leninism, with sagacity and knowledge and with practical achievements, because our ideology is opposed to exploitation, oppression and imperialism. This is a guarantee for our peoples. We have before us the teachings of the great Vladimir Lenin as well as the great Soviet people who defeated Nazism.

This is an inspiration for all the peoples who are today confronting exploitation, racism, inequality in the capitalist countries and the usurpation, exploitation, colonialism in the countries oppressed by imperialism. It is important that they be represented by their proletarian, socialist and anti-imperialist vanguard, inspired by the great revolutionary Soviet people.

We push forwards with our Unitary Program based on Marxism-Leninism in order to implement and consolidate on an international level

all the anti-imperialist forces and march forward in a united front. We need this now more than ever, to restore the Soviet Union, our Red North Star, which was always on the side of the peoples fighting against imperialism and exploitation, including the Palestinian people.

Together we shall win!  
Yes to Socialism and the restoration of the Soviet Union!

Farouk Abdel-Muhti

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## US MILITARY SQUEEZES RUSSIA OUT OF MIDEAST, ASIA, THE WORLD!

By MICHAEL OPPERSKALSKI

Spokesman for the Institute for Globalization Problems, Mr. Mikhail Deliagin on September 18, stated that "Russia no longer has the authority to give US any ultimatum, since Russia now is unable to defend its strategic interests in Iraq, and it will take many decades to re-establish its former influence in the Arab world, since Russia is considered by the West as a "weak

country."

He said that Russia only sells high technology and military equipment, while importing all else. They sell this equipment now to only three countries – Iran, China and India. After 2007 however, India and China have stated that they will stop buying any equipment, so Iran will remain the only strategic partner for Russia. US interests shall pick up the other two countries to sell to.

Unless president Putin of Russia will be able to uphold Russia's position on economic cooperation with Iran, the upcoming US-Russia summit, Russia is to lose all of its trade and co-operation with Mideast, Asia and the rest of the world to the transnational corporations, headed by the US industrial-military complex.

This US-Russia Summit will undoubtedly force Russia to stop its cooperation and trade with Iran. Mr. Deliagin also pointed out that present day Russia is absolutely incapable of sustaining strong economic ties with US or other countries, since it has no competitive goods or good enough technology which can be offered on the world markets. ■

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According to Reuters of Sept. 19, Dick Cheney VP of USA is still on the payroll of Haliburton Oil where he was the CEO. Democrats demand an accounting into his connections.

FROM GRANMA INTERNATIONAL  
**USA - AN INTERESTED  
 SPECTATOR ?**

Last September 8, Roger Noriega, the US Undersecretary of State for US Western Hemispheric Affairs, announced that the US will never be a disinterested spectator in regards to Venezuela and in particular, when faced with the chance of effecting the referendum to revoke the mandate of the Venezuela President Hugo Chavez. His statement came shortly after Chavez condemnation of the speech by Charles Shapiro, the US Ambassador to Caracas, whom Chavez ordered to respect national sovereignty.



The episode was provoked by Shapiro's visit to the opposition National Electoral Council (CNE) where he offered them technical assistance for the referendum in question; a Referendum that has Washington's open support on the pretext of a move towards democracy. (Maybe the same method that got Bush "elected" in Florida? Editor) The referendum was called forth by the opposition Democratic Coordination (CD) in an attempt to undermine Chavez' popular support, halfway through his current mandate that only ends in 2006.

*"What prerogative does Mr Shapiro, the ambassador have to be welcomed here, and more seriously, even before the Venezuelan national authorities, even before the*

*representatives of the National Assembly, and even before the governments representatives" asked the President, stating that this was "a clear sign of interference by the USA" in Venezuelan politics.*

President Chavez explained during his TV appearance how the domestic opposition, in conjunction with the "international allies" is playing at "a destabilization game" in Venezuela, similar to that in Nicaragua during the 1980's, when the United States supported the so-called "opposition" groups, or in Chile and other South American countries during the 1970's.

Noriega justified Shapiro's behavior by arguing that his aim was to offer US technical help, and this assistance would come from a private group in the US. This help from CSIS is filled with leaders from the Cuban-American National Foundation, as well as followers of Pedro Carmona, the principal protagonist in last April's fascist coup attempt in Venezuela, now resident in Miami and a fugitive from Venezuelan justice.

Meanwhile the US Secretary of State Colin Powell has reiterated on several occasions that the US will support this referendum, but this can only happen with the full autonomy of this opposition CNE.

White House officials emphasized that what occurs in this South American nation is of very great significance to this region. Noriega said that whatever happens in Venezuela - a country of great economic and strategic interests - effects everyone, and for this reason US is very interested, not disinterested in the results of this process.

It is worth remembering that Venezuela is the fifth largest oil exporter in the world and that the USA is its principal market. ■

IRINA  
 MALENKOV



**LOVE YOUR BROTHER,  
 BUT HATE YOUR ENEMIES!**

I used to think that peace and love were just the same  
 Then I learned that life was not only a game,  
 Each man must fight and fight again.

Never, never, never let your life just flow away,  
 Let your life have value every day.  
 Always, always, always give your life for the dream,  
 Don't forget young man at time life's not just as it seems.

I dreamt of love and peace,  
 Without the cries of hate,  
 Than I saw that people died,  
 As if it was their fate,  
 To fight for freedom is just and right  
 Against aggression one must fight  
 Until the silence comes again-  
 That peaceful silence that truthful silence.

Now that I've seen the light-  
 We all as one shall fight-  
 We shall win our victory,  
 Our dreams people shall see.

I used to think that peace and love were the same  
 But I learned that life was not only a game,  
 Each man must fight, and fight again. ■

**ISRAEL PILOTS TO REFUSE LIQUIDATIONS**

A group of reserve pilots in the Israeli Air Force publicly announced their refusal to participate in attempts to assassinate leaders of the Palestinian Authority as demanded by the Israel Sharon government.. One of the growing movements in the Israeli Army is the "**Courage to Refuse**" which started with 50 members not too long ago, now has over 500 Israeli soldiers refusing to assassinate Palestinians. These movements are working for the involvement of the Israel public.



JERRY MORSE



## AS I SEE IT!

### NEW YORK:

Of all the international companies making profit off the backs of the working class, none are worse than the Pharmaceuticals. Nationalization is a priority since they all sell many very unsafe products. They lobby governments for long-term patent rights, getting what they want is the "spin-in" to their bulging bank accounts. The under the table deals are notorious, price-fixing, kick-backs system is honed to a fine art.

Medicines that are outlawed in one country are peddled in other countries where there are no applicable protective laws. They are substituting now generic items for patented items, which swells their profits even more. Some pills are promoted that have ghastly side-effects, knowing that most people, if they buy them, they are thrown away – but the profit is still there.

Remember the pills (*thalidomide*, for one) were sold all over the world, causing birth defects, yet these same pills resurfaced now as treatment for other ailments.

Not to be outdone under the present US Homeland Security Act, the pharmaceuticals are trying to offset the profit loss from other competition by saying: "We are war with terrorism" and the US should be protecting the pharmaceuticals in this country with stronger laws.

Add these actions to the fact that was quoted by the Newsweek magazine of July, 2003, page 16, that "41 million Americans have no health insurance", one can see nationalization as a **prescription, non-patented, non-generic**, but a necessary prescription for one of capitalism's many political diseases.

## AS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN!

# Bush Resignation Hailed by the World Leaders

By Greg Palast –  
September 11, 2003

**WASHINGTON:** The surprise resignation of the forty-third president of the United States of America, George W. Bush, on the second anniversary of the terrorist attack on America, was hailed by chiefs of state throughout the world! Mr. Bush announced that after, "two years of bloodshed, economic devastation, and spreading fear in America and abroad," he saw no choice but to accept that, "I have held the title which I did not win, and for which I have proven unqualified."

The text of the former Presidents September 11 address to the nation follows:

" My fellow Americans:

I come to you tonight with a heavy heart. Two years ago today, thousands of innocent Americans were murdered by the terrorist maniacs. In the script I've been handed, I'm now supposed to tell you that America is safer today, and the world is kinder and nicer and happier, because I'm such a brilliant general in the War of Terror.

But who are we really kidding? Yesterday Osama bin Laden released his new hit video. The terrorists are having a picnic ever since I turned over our foreign policy to Saudi Arabia and Exxon-Mobil Oil.

And here's the point in my speech where my handlers would have me tell you about how I've been praying hard, making it sound like I just got off the phone with the Lord. I don't know about you, but I find it pretty damn and downright offensive, and blasphemous, to drag the Lord's name into every cheap campaign speech and the chest-pounding war threat. Osama bin Laden says that he talks to God too. Let's leave Him out of politics from now on, OK?

Look, in my speech this past Sunday, I used the word "democracy" about 11 times when

talking about Iraq. It's democracy Florida-style, I suppose. Except that we're not fixing the vote this time. We are not letting these Iraqis vote at all. Iraqis are not prepared "for democracy" That's what Dick Cheney and Saddam Hussein told me.

So we're borrowing \$100 million bucks we don't have, to colonize a country we don't want. Rummy (Rumsfeld) tries to explain it to me each morning –oil this and oil that – but I just don't see it. And one of our kids dying there every day – where are their parents anyway? My dad did not let that happen – he got me out of the service. Didn't I look neat in that fly-boy suit?

And, let me tell you, I just looked at our nation's piggy bank. Uh-oh!

When I arrived at the White House, the last guy left me \$4 trillion and said: "Be careful with all that cash in this neighborhood". Well, I have to level with you, America: It's all gone. The cupboard's bare and this year of 2003 alone, we blew a half a trillion dollars than we had in our bank account. Man, I can't believe I went through all that dough stone sober.

And what did we get for it? A Fatherland Security Department that's trying to read the labels on everyone's underpants. Think about it, all this Total Information Awareness stuff: two years ago Americans were the victims – but my government has made Americans the suspects. I don't know about you, but this guy Ashcroft scares the bejeezus out of me.

And today I'm told that over 9 million Americans are out of work. That's not so bad - I haven't done much work in my lifetime either. But my mama explained to me that not everyone's daddy can lend them an oil well to tide them over.

It's like I can't get anything right. The lights are going out in Ohio and the North Pole is melting. I don't get it. I appointed all those regulators that Ken Lay told me to, and I got rid of all the rules that got in the way of all those Patriotic - Polluter-Americans...and what's the upshot? America the Beautiful is looking like she's had a pretty rough night. Won't be too long before the whole country smells like Houston.

And now the US Stock Market's

floating face down in the swimming pool – despite everything I've done to those guys on Wall Street. Even my plan to give every millionaire an extra million seems to have backfired. Greenspan says I've created a "business risk". He said that I spook investors. But when I asked Greenspan for a solution, all he did was hand me a bag of pretzels.

Hey, I can take a hint. OK, I'm over my head on this one. I look back over the last years, and what have I got to show you for it: two years of bloodshed, economic devastation, and spreading fear in America and abroad.

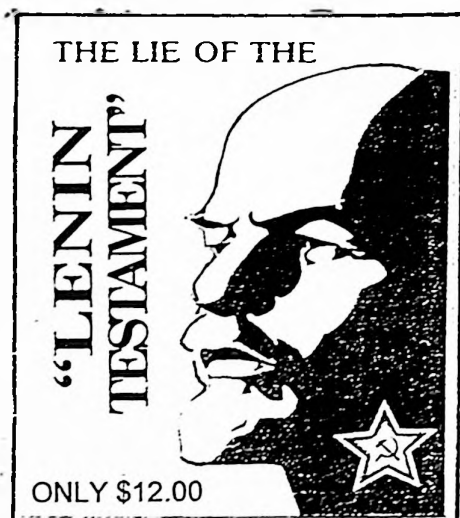
When I ran for this office, I said that the issue was "character". And just look at the characters around me. I've gotten all their resignations today. And while I've some character left, here's my own good-bye note too. Let's face it: I've had a title which I did not win, and for which I have proven unqualified. You know it and I know it.

It's at this point of my speech where I'm supposed to say, "And may God bless America". God better do it, because Dick Cheney won't. Don't panic. I'm not turning this sacred office to Mr. Contract-R-us.

Instead, I've petitioned the United States Supreme Court to pick a new US President for us. Those guys picked the last one, why not the next one?

And so, my fellow Americans, you can take this job and....

Here. Mr. Bush's words became unintelligible. As usual!



## CHUCKLE CORNER

As an Obstetrician, I sometimes see unusual tattoos when working in labour and delivery room in the hospital. One patient had some type of fish tattooed on her abdomen.

"That sure is a pretty whale, I commented"

With a smile she replied: "It used to be a dolphin."

My son came home from kindergarden school one day and said he had accidentally offered to marry two different girls. He told me not to worry, though, as the girls had decided that they would fight over him.

"Yup", he said. "I guess whichever one beats me up, gets me."

Having lost weight over the past few years, I was discarding things from my wardrobe that no longer fit. My seven year-old niece was watching me as I held up a huge pair of slacks. "Wow" she said. I said that "I must have worn these slacks when I was 183." My niece looked very puzzled, then asked, "How old are you now?"

When my 19-year old son moved away from home, he asserted his independence by getting two holes pierced in each ear. A day later he called his sister.

"How do you get these earrings back in?" he asked.

"Why on earth did you take them out?" she countered.

"The instructions said to rotate them", he said defensively. "Like tires on your car."

I waited outside with my 12-year old granddaughter while her mother went to shop at an antique store. She could not understand why her mother wanted to look at old stuff. "Some things are nice, even though they're old", I explained.

"That's true", she agreed. "Like grandparents."

## GREETINGS FROM LENINGRAD

Dear comrades:

On behalf of the International Association of Workers Union "Zaschita Truda" (Defense of Labour) we warmly greet the participants at the gathering on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Northstar Compass. We regret not being able to send our representative to your anniversary celebrations. We acknowledge and strongly support the glorious role played by Northstar Compass in upholding internationally the just and progressive struggle for the restoration of the Soviet Union. The collapse of Russian capitalism is approaching fast. Russian capitalism is an economy based on extreme capitalist exploitation of the working masses, combined with the catastrophic lack of internal investment, huge outflow of capital and extreme dependence of the State budget on the export of oil and gas. A new breakdown of the Russian economy, similar to the crisis of August 1998, is expected to occur very soon.

A wave of strike movements and economic struggles of the working class is awakening as a result of the economic crisis. With the adoption by the bourgeois State Duma of the new labour legislation, the struggles of the working class has become even harder. However, the bourgeoisie has failed in crushing the trade union movement. Much on the contrary, the trade union movement today is more cohesive than ever before. Trade union activists have understood that there is no alternative to militant union activism within the organized struggle of the working class.

We call on the participants at your anniversary celebration to support the struggles of the Russian working class in general, and the struggle of the activists of "Zashchita Truda" as the vanguard organized working class in Russia.

Anatoli Pizhkov  
Secretary of International Relations

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# FRIENDSHIP NEWS

## FROM BOSTON, USA

Dear fellow NSC Editorial Board members and the participants of the Anniversary Celebration:

Congratulations on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the publication of Northstar Compass!

In this difficult period of the Bush-led US imperialist war of terror against the workers and oppressed peoples from Afghanistan to Iraq, from Colombia to the Philippines, to political and economic repression directed against the workers and oppressed within the borders of USA itself, friendship and solidarity among the world's toiling peoples is as vital as ever.

As we have stated in the past, NSC has been *"a most important and consistent source of news about the struggles of pro-socialist forces in the former USSR, performing an invaluable service to both the rising revolutionary forces within the former USSR and to the aspiring revolutionaries around the world who had been confused, disoriented and even demoralized by the liquidation of socialism in the USSR and the Socialist camp."*

While we cannot be with you in person for the 11th Anniversary celebration, we're with you in spirit!

In the spirit of proletarian internationalism and international friendship and solidarity with the Soviet people, we look forward to continued joint anti-imperialist, pro-socialist work in the days ahead!

Fraternally yours  
RAY O LIGHT

## FROM WINNIPEG CANADA

Dear friends: As a subscriber to NSC for years I can attest that Northstar Compass has improved during this time. It is invaluable for news from the former Soviet republics. Please renew my subscription, enclosed is my check..

Glenn Wreggitt

## FROM UKRAINE CARPATHIAN REGION

Dear comrades:

I greet you on this 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Northstar Compass the publication dedicated to the restoration of the Soviet Union and socialism.

Wishing more successes to the Editorial Board of NSC and to the International Council in our common struggles!

A.Maevsky.  
Editor of the  
Workers-Peasants Pravda

P.S. Please forgive us for the long delay of correspondence. It is already one year that we were forced because of lack of finances to correspond internationally and to send our newspaper abroad. NSC materials and graphics we utilize in our newspaper here in Ukraine. ■

## FROM CALCUTTA-INDIA

Dear comrades:

It is a disappointment for us that NSC or the International Council are not able to send a delegate to the All India Anti-Imperialist Forum which will be held on November 15-17, 2003. We were looking so much to meet with you Michael Lucas or a representative, in order to have an opportunity face to face to discuss and exchange opinions on different global and national issues in the anti-imperialist struggle.

I was elected to go to the First World Congress in September of 2001, but due to the attacks on New York and also Washington, flights to Canada from India were cancelled.

Many thanks for your greetings to our Conference. Please reconsider coming.

Revolutionary greetings  
Manik Mukherjee

*Unfortunately it is impossible to come. We sincerely wish you great success.* ■

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## FROM CHESHIRE-ENGLAND

Dear friends:

Once again many thanks for the vitally important work you do in the cause of socialism in what is now a depressing and extremely unstable world. I just finished reading the book that I keep re-reading, it is like reading as to what we want the ex-Soviet republics to aspire to.

The point is that the USSR did reach its many targets in heavy engineering, the five year plans, steel production, coal, oil, gas, tractors, combines, automobiles, hydro-electrical dams - they smashed many of the world records, eliminating illiteracy, object poverty etc. etc. It is uplifting to recall how the Soviet Union was and what it again can become if all of the left wing parties could unite

Enclosed please find a donation to NSC of 6 pounds.

Enclosed are the words to the Soviet National Anthem...would you translate it into English because I feel that the words are very enlightening...maybe it would be good to publish the Soviet Anthem in NSC.

Clifford F. Roe ■

## FROM MOSCOW-RUSSIA

Dear friends:

Just to tell you that you friends are heroes, trying to help us resurrect what we have lost through our own negligence. We need your support! We need your dedication! We shall not give up!

J. Chkalov, former member of  
USSR-Canada Society ■

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