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Freedom for all the Political Prisoners in former Soviet Union!

Below we publish just one photograph of these young Komsomols, Communists in Ukraine jails, but there are scores of these political prisoners all over former USSR, sentenced by the present regimes for their patriotism in striving for the resurrection of the USSR and Socialism. In previous issues we touched on this tragedy as per Igor Gubkin and others who are languishing in jails all over the former Soviet Union.

This photograph shows the 8 young Komsomols and Communists who are now in jail in Odessa, Ukraine. These comrades are demanding a new trial and international help, both financial for trial lawyers, for moral support and for protests to the respective governments.

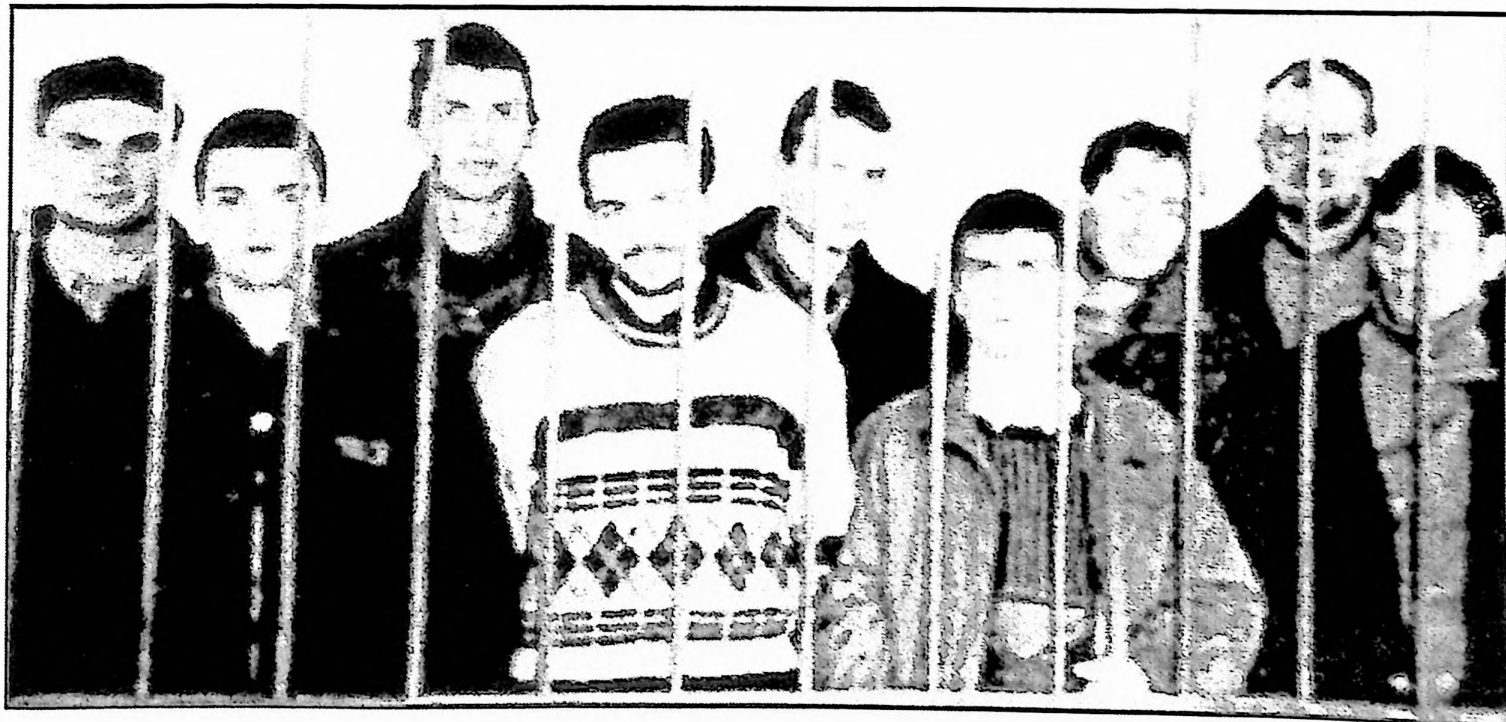
The photograph shows Oleg Alekseev, Alexander Herasimov, Igor Danilov, Bogdan Zinchenko, Anatoly Plevo, Ilya Romanov, Yevgeny Semyonov, Alexander Smirnov and Alexander Yakovenko.

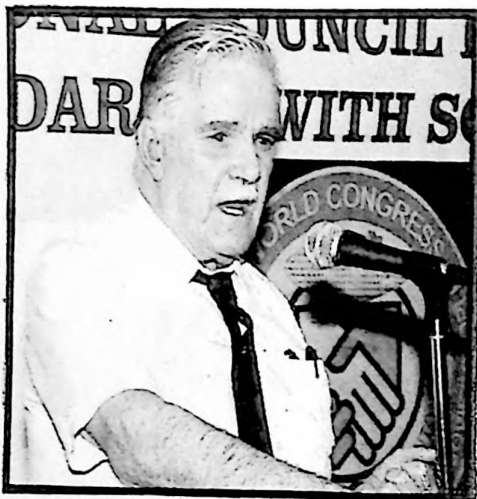
Dear readers:

Please send in your name and the city you are from that will be added to the "Letter of Support" for the political prisoners and also a "Letter of Protest" that will be sent to all the heads of the former Soviet Republics where there are political prisoners.

Please do so as quickly as possible and get all of your friends to add their name to this list of support and protest.

LET'S GET THESE POLITICAL PRISONERS THEIR FREEDOM!





This poem was written by TAMARA YAKUBOVSKAYA from Donetsk, Ukraine and sent in memory of Ray Stevenson. Tamara never saw Ray Stevenson, but read his many articles since 1993 in Northstar Compass. The poem expresses the feelings all of Soviet comrades and supports what NSC stands for – the resurrection of Socialism and the USSR!

Translated by Nikolai Shalygin

Yes, you are still alive!

Sudden news stung like a snake:
They say: "He has passed away";
Even still yesterday you were alive,
Our Stevenson Ray.

"He was too old and seriously sick" –
That is what people say.
But I don't believe them, reading your lines,
Our Stevenson Ray.

I'm turning the pages with trembling fingers:
I'm needing to see you again.
Yes, at last, here's your picture,
Our Stevenson Ray.

Yes, you were old; fatigue in eyes,
Hair and moustache are gray
That is the way we'll remember you,
Our Stevenson Ray.

I'm peering into your burning lines;
They inspire my heart again.
So much love for people - that is
Our Stevenson Ray.

I swallow your words like fresh morning air;
The heart's beating louder, hey!
Your words make me struggle with all my best,
Our Stevenson Ray.

With miner's toughness a working class leader,
You saw life in proper way.
A world war II veteran, you the same did remain,
Our Stevenson Ray.

Tree-leaved Canada's talented son,
For justice you so much did pay.
Yes, you're still with us, you're still alive,
Our Stevenson Ray!

ERRATUM: In the September issue we published the wrong date of the passing away of Ray Stevenson. He passed away on Tuesday, August 24, 2004



In the Strategic Interest of the United States

The foreign policy of the United States has the two-fold objective of controlling all regions of the world, where energy resources are found, while at the same time, attempting to weaken and undermine the potential rise of another superpower that can some day challenge US hegemony in the world.

The implementation by the Bush regime in Washington of the program outlined in the Project for the New American Century (PNAC) implies that one of their objectives is to prevent the rise of another world power that will be able to challenge American supremacy in the world.

There are several potential candidates that can some day, alone or in combination with one another, pose such a challenge to the US. Among them are a re-invigorated and economically strong Russia with its large land mass and wealth in natural resources, or a rapidly developing China with its huge population, and the ever-expanding European Union (*still a US ally today*) with a population base and economic strength rivaling that of the United States.

Although the US is likely to remain the strongest military power in the world for a long time to come, and can attempt to impose its will on the smaller nations by force, America nevertheless is a very vulnerable

country. This is due to its dependence on foreign energy resources, which, were they to be cut off or otherwise restricted, would gravely undermine America's economic strength. The simple fact of replacing the Dollar as the world's trading currency for oil, and replacing it with the Euro – something that Iraq did under Saddam Hussein – would have grave consequences for the entire American economy.

Besides world domination...oil dependency is one of the reasons why the US lists so many parts of the world as being **"in the strategic interest of the USA"** and why it continuously gets involved in foreign adventures, involving the CIA and the US military. Wherever there is oil, you will find America. And so long as oil flows via the US corporations to this most energy hungry nation in the world, all goes according to plan.

But unfortunately for America, not all nations are so cooperative. Leaving aside the reasons for the September 11 attacks on the US, and why they were allowed to happen, these attacks were definitely used as the trigger to start the implementation of the PNAC program through the so-called War on Terror in Afghanistan (*where an oil pipeline to the West is supposed to be built*) followed by the war in Iraq where Saddam Hussein switched oil trading currency to the Euro, a step that is being considered by the other OPEC nations as well.

But the America's need for oil does not stop in Afghanistan, Iraq or the Middle East. Other countries with oil resources outside of the Middle East are, for instance Nigeria, Sudan, Venezuela, and the region around the Caspian Sea in the southern parts in what used to be the Soviet Union. Interestingly, all of these regions are in a state of turmoil and all have a growing foreign, mainly American, presence.

Nigeria rightly ought to be one of the richest countries in the world, but the majority of its people live in utter poverty and despair. As written on Oneworld.net (1):

"There is a symbiotic relationship between the military dictatorship and the multinational companies that grease the palms of those who rule...And further on: "They are assassins in foreign lands. They drill for oil and kill in Nigeria."

As for the country of Sudan, recent civil strife has been described by US Secretary of State Colin Powell as **"genocide"**. Description not accepted by other countries. As reported by the Afro News (2) September 10, 2004, the UN Darfur vote turns into a scramble for Sudan's oil. *"As the UN Security Council is debating a US draft resolution on the Sudan crisis, based on colliding views whether genocide is or is not happening in Darfur, the issue of Sudan's oil is becoming a key factor. If an oil embargo is approved, China and India would lose their influence over Sudan's vast oil reserves and a Khartoum regime change would open up all these resources to the West. The USA is in favour of sanctions, China is against."*

Colin Powell's attempts at the UN are America's two-edged sword. Clearly, the US is attempting here to exploit the Sudan crisis to its own advantage, while at the same time undermining both India and China, the latter being one of the potential future challengers to US hegemony.

Venezuela, a substantial supplier of oil to the US, has been under American pressure since the election of President Hugo Chavez, a reformer and a friend of President Fidel Castro. Covert actions by the CIA to overthrow Chavez have failed and Chavez' legitimacy as president has just recently been confirmed in a national referendum. But that's not a sufficient reason for the US to stop interfering in Venezuela's affairs. Now, the US government seeks to punish Venezuela through economic sanctions and the withholding of foreign loans. As Los Blough writes on Axis of Logic (3):

"President Bush last month ordered a partial cut in the US assistance to Venezuela, because of its alleged role in the international trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation."

There are no words to contain the sheer arrogance and stunning hypocrisy of this rationale on the part

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*of a country that winks and looks the other way while funding the very existence of a country in which such activity flourishes unchecked. One of the biggest centers for trafficking women in the world is Israel. On August 18, 2004, US Fox News reported and called Israel a **"Human Trafficking Haven"**.*

But perhaps the greatest turmoil exists now around the Caucasus of former USSR, a region where the independence struggle in Chechnya is being exploited to weaken Russia's influence in its southern territories, while at the same time furthering the US interests. An article published on September 9 in the Asia Times (4) sums it up as follows:

"The interest of the US in the Caucasus is the control of its oil supplies from the Caspian Sea, which involves securing complying regimes in Southern Caucasus, including Azerbaijan, where the oil is extracted, and Georgia, through which the Baku-Ceyhan pipeline will pass. As a consequence of this dominant interest, the US is also committed to thwarting any attempt by Russia to expand its influence in the Caucasus. From the American viewpoint, Russian failure in Chechnya is welcome, as long as it does not get to the point that Chechnya becomes a base for Islamic Revolution worldwide."

America, while itself is engaged in the so-called War on Terror, takes quite a different position when it comes to the terrorist actions in the Chechnya region. It provides sanctuary to terrorist leaders like Ilyas Akhmadov and has suggested that Russia negotiate with these terrorists, something that the US itself steadfastly refuses to do so. They also suggested the involvement of the United Nations, yet another step to extend US influence and undermine Russian authority in their own country.

One can add to this the on-going conflict in neighboring Georgia, a former Soviet Republic, the birthplace of Stalin, which is now already controlled by the US, and the most recent announcement by Azerbaijan – a substantial producer of oil, that serves as a corridor to Western access to the energy-rich Caspian Sea basin and Central Asia – that it has the right to **"free its**

occupied territories" (the Armenian region of Nagorno-Karabakh), which is an old dispute - apparently in someone's interest - is about to be re-ignited.

Why this Azerbaijan move at this time, and who is behind this? Read the statement by the Azerbaijan's Minister of Defense, as reported on September 9th in Azertag.com (5):

"Having mentioned the relations between Azerbaijan and the USA, Minister of Defense noted, that our country relies upon the United States of America as a strategic ally, and continues cooperation with them in all fields, including its military sphere. The Minister has expressed concern of our people in connection with the conflicts proceeding in this region, including the Armenia-Azerbaijan, that still have not found its settlement". In reply, the Deputy Commander of the US European Command, Charles Wald, expressing the US attitude to development of military links with Azerbaijan, had noted: *"that the US attaches great importance to cooperation with Azerbaijan in the military area, and he said that this cooperation will be extended."*

All of the foregoing indicates that the United States' actual pursuit of the dual objectives of firstly ensuring control of all important areas of the world, where energy resources are found, and, secondly, to weaken and undermine potential challengers to US hegemony by exploiting (or fomenting) regional conflicts.

For many countries it must be a curse to have oil resources on their territory. Since Russia is the largest country in the world, and has a great wealth of natural resources, especially in Siberia and the Far East, including huge amounts of oil and natural gas, and since Russia in the future is also one of the potential challengers to US hegemony, it seems unlikely that the Caucasus region will be the last area within Russia where conflicts will arise, no doubt with compliments of the USA and the covert assistance of the CIA. Stay tuned!

(1) A CorpWatch Radio Interview with Nigerian Human Rights Activist Oronto Douglas.

<http://www.oneworld.net/externel>

(2) <http://www.afrol.com/articles/13921>

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http://www.exisoflogic.com/artman/publi/h/article_11675.shtml

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http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Central_Asia/F109Aq03.html

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FRIENDSHIP NEWS

GREETINGS FROM **DIALOG JOURNAL** CZECH REPUBLIC

Hello dear and respected friends!

Allow me to warmly greet all of you, all of the comrades who work on the Editorial Board of NSC and especially Michael Lucas, the Editor of NSC, on the occasion of the 13th Anniversary of Northstar Compass. First of all I would like to state the great importance of this unwavering, ongoing work and dedication of the Editorial Board in defending the results of the Great October Socialist Revolution. We thank you, knowing full well under what conditions you work and your defense of the ideas of October Revolution, that for the first time in history of mankind, workers and peasants and leading Russian progressives under the leadership of the glorious Communist Party of Bolsheviks, headed by V. I. Lenin, overthrew the capitalist system on one sixth of the world's surface, liberated the people from terrible exploitation, brought freedom to the people, and started them on building a new life. In all of history, even to this day, there was never such a great world-shaking event.

Capitalism, the enemies of the working people never accepted their defeat. Openly and very covertly they tried to defeat and dismember the first Socialist State in the world. The main stumbling block on their path was J. V. Stalin, because it was he, who carried on the teachings and plans of V.I. Lenin. It is only thanks to him that all the counter-revolutionary plans and attacks, both external and internal were defeated. If there was no Stalin, there would not have existed the Soviet Union or the defeat of German fascism! That is why our enemies are constantly trying with all means at their disposal

to blacken the name of Stalin and debunk his grandiose work. **But they are unsuccessful!**

Northstar Compass and the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People deserve our sincere and deep thanks for their friendship and solidarity with Soviet People. Our common task today - to expose and outline the real causes for the temporary demise of the USSR and other Socialist countries, to radically expose the long-planned schemes of the main high-placed internal traitors of Socialism - to show that the main reason for the collapse of Socialism was not that Socialism did not work - but because of the internal enemies of Socialism. Illegal and undermining work and propaganda were the cause of the temporary defeat of socialism!

On the occasion of the 13th Anniversary of Northstar Compass, which is doing tremendous work in fulfilling the ideals of Socialism, again from the bottom of our hearts we congratulate the Editorial Board and you personally Michael Lucas! We want to thank you for your devoted work, and we are certain that NSC will be going on as the shining star against imperialism, showing the path to all progressive mankind on the road to a happy and peaceful world.

With comradely greetings

Zdenek Novotny

Chairman of the Republican Editorial Council of the Marxist-Leninist journal, "Dialog"- Questions and Answers" ■ !

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MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY FROM ALL INDIA ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORUM

The All India Anti-Imperialist Forum sends its fraternal greetings to Northstar Compass on the 13th Anniversary. Imperialism is unleashing its ferocious attack on different countries, but people's resistance to imperialism is also gaining strength in different countries and massive demonstrations are organized all over the world. The need of the hour is to Co-ordinate the anti-imperialist movement in different countries, so that a massive militant peace movement conducive to emancipation of the people is unleashed.



Northstar Compass is playing an important role through dissemination of the news of the revolutionary movements in different countries, providing a Forum for interaction and exchange of views to the progressive forces in different countries, and, presenting critical analyses on different events and issues that are before the revolutionary movements.

We express our solidarity with the efforts of Northstar Compass and hope that it will continue to expose the machinations of the reactionary forces of globalization-liberalization and privatization - and help to build up world public opinion against Hegemonism of the imperialist powers led by the United States of America.

Manik Mukherjee
Vice President
All India Anti-Imperialist Forum ■

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REGARDING THE SECOND WORLD CONGRESS

We welcome your decision to hold the 2nd World Congress in Canada. We would have been happy if it could have been held in Russia. But we do appreciate that under the present circumstances, this is not possible, and thus we endorse your decision to have it in Canada. Though we have financial problems, we will and might be able to participate in this important event.

This World Congress can play an important role in bringing together the different revolutionary groups in Russia and ex USSR, who have allegiance to Marxism-Leninism, that accept Stalin as an authority and who view the present regime as a capitalist one that had usurped power after the counter-revolution. The correct revolutionary line would emerge through ideological struggles in the course of a united battle against the present regime, which is building and defending capitalism.

We support your efforts to promote the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries. If the present contacts and comrades that undertook to organize this Society are not having success, there are other comrades in ex-USSR that you might approach, will have our support.

This Second World Congress may have to discuss as to how all of the present international revolutionaries, communists, workers' parties and progressive forces can help the revolutionary forces in Russia to build up a united movement in order to defeat revisionism and the forces of counter-revolution and re-establish Socialism.

This Congress must take the lead in exposing the overt and covert links and cooperation between the Putin Government and the imperialists. This has become all the more important in the context of the developments in the aftermath of the tragedy that happened in Belsan, Russia.

We should also find methods of effectively coordinating the struggle against imperialism that is going on in different countries of the world. Only through this coordinated method can we decisively defeat imperialism and bring about the

emancipation of the masses from exploitation and tyranny.

Revolutionary greetings

Manik Mukherjee
All India Anti-Imperialist Forum ■

FROM
MOSCOW
RUSSIA

Dear Editor and Chairman:

During the XX Century, twice the Soviet Communists were called upon to take heroic action. First time it was in 1917, to liberate the people from oppression and tyranny. The second time was in 1941, to save the whole of mankind from the scourge of fascism. Soviet Communists did this with honour and dedication, in order that future generations would never forget that this was the most historic upsurge of the XX Century.

We know and we appreciate your principal position regarding the Soviet Union and the international stature of the Soviet people. You are one of not too many, that sincerely feel the tragedy of the temporary demise of the Soviet Union, as a state - as a guarantor of peace, stability and progress for all the people in the world. Because of the demise of the USSR, you just have to look no further than Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, North Korea, Cuba, Iran, Syria, among others, under the threat of occupation, war and economic blockade. When USSR was existing, USA did not dare do what it is doing now! They were held in check!

The establishment that you gave to the formation of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, we look upon this as an international humanitarian front of struggle for the resurrection of a sovereign USSR, and to give to the Soviet people the right of all laws that they had and that are guaranteed by all the covenants as established by the United Nations, and to respect the vote of the Soviet people which they gave on March 17, 1991 during a referendum, that the Soviet Union must exist.

Without your voice through your publication and your actions, it would be much harder for us to fight against imposed upon us the Zionist-pseudo-democratic occupation of the

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE Philippines Chapter

To the Publishers, Editors, Writers,
Staff, Network and Friends of
Northstar Compass

From far way Philippines, from the International League of People's Struggle - Philippines Chapter, our warmest and militant greetings to the publishers, editors, writers, staff and friends of Northstar Compass on the 13th Anniversary of the publication.

We are indeed grateful to the leaders of NSC for regularly mailing us in the Philippines the magazine. We, therefore take this opportunity to inform all of you that these reading materials have been very helpful in informing us about the current situation in the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).

We are also gratified that Northstar Compass has a website which provides us here additional information about the working class and the peasants in this vast, sprawling region. Majority of the mass media worldwide and the Internet peddle the lie that socialism is dead and that capitalism is the last system that in now thriving in this world.

This is far from the truth!

Through your NSC news coverage and publication of these aforementioned articles, we learn that:

(1) The former USSR, which used to provide the basic resources and all of the social services for its people, is now dominated by US imperialism that is occupying its vast natural and human resources. The international usurers – IMF and World Bank – by imposing stringent impositions of the economic policies of these so-called “independent” territories, have sucked in the territories’ domestic capital that otherwise should have gone towards higher wages for the workers, higher prices for the farm products of the peasants, and social services for the citizens.

(2) There are many wars occurring in the several territories of the former USSR, instigated by US imperialism that reaps in super profits from the sale of weapons and other arms. These wars transformed the once peaceful and tranquil area into raging

battle grounds between the ruling class benefiting from the domination, exploitation and plunder of US imperialism and the workers, peasants and other sectors who are struggling and resisting the local elite and US imperialism, and who are desirous of restoring socialism in their land.

(3) The struggle of the people in former USSR against the ruling elite and US imperialism and for the restoration of socialism and peace, continues and is gaining ground amongst the people that have become disenchanted and frustrated with the current monopoly capitalist system, but nevertheless contain the seed of restoration of socialism.

Once again, we heartily congratulate you on the anniversary of the publication of Northstar Compass.

We look forward to many more years of your coverage of significant news about the people of the former USSR, especially about their struggles for reforms and basic services, and hopefully, in the near future, the struggle for the restoration of socialism.

***Long live international
solidarity!***

International League of Peoples'
Struggle – Quezon City, Philippines

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Greetings from Mexico

Esteemed comrades of NSC!

Please receive our greetings and congratulations on the occasion of your 13th Anniversary of hard work. The efforts and the work that you have developed during the 13 years of the existence is much needed urgency to counter the ideological offensive of imperialism and its thugs.

It is needed to clarify the revolutionary perspective of the workers and of the people of the world in their struggles against capitalism.

Again, receive our most sincere greetings and let us express our heartfelt wish and the desire to have your contribution for many more years to come – contribution that is needed more than ever.

Alejandro Rios
Mexico

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AN APPEAL!

Dear Friends,

As you all know our dear friend, comrade Ray Stevenson, the Associate Editor of NSC and executive member of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, passed away on August 24, 2004 after a long illness.

Knowing the dire issue-to-issue existence of NSC, having put his last years into ensuring its success, and aware of the positive role that this journal has and continues to play in building anti-imperialist solidarity with the people of the former Soviet Union, comrade. Stevenson had for his last wish the setting up of a sustaining fund, in his name, the Ray Stevenson Sustaining Fund for the Future of Northstar Compass and for Working Class International Unity and Struggle.

Furthermore, in September of 2005, NSC will host the Second World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People in Toronto, Canada. Delegates from over 30 countries have already accepted invitation to attend. This Second World Congress is crucial to our work of solidarity, is expected to cost at least \$30,000, including the cost of accommodation for delegates who cannot afford to pay their own.

Putting his money where his mouth was, comrade Stevenson put up \$5,000 of his own money to seed the fund. It is his wish that this fund grow so that it can support the work of this journal. We hope that his voice not be a lone voice in the wilderness! We are appealing to all friends of the Soviet people, to all readers of this journal, and to all people of good will that they contribute to the Ray Stevenson Sustaining Fund for the Future of Northstar Compass and for Working Class International Unity and Struggle in whatever way they can. Whether your resources be large or small, we call upon you to make whatever contribution that you can. All will be appreciated. We are hoping that we can reach a target of **XXX**. With your help, we are confident that this can be achieved.

**Editorial Board of NSC and
International Council**

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NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

TURKMENISTAN INVITES CANADA, ISRAEL TO BUILD THE TRANS-AFGHAN PIPELINE, OIL REFINERY

By MICHAEL OPPERSKALSKI

Jean Chretien, former Prime Minister of Canada is now the advisor to Bennett Jones, a Calgary-based law firm specializing in energy issues. Chretien is also a Consul in another law firm Heenan Blaikie. In addition, this former Prime Minister of Canada is the International Relations advisor to Petro-Kazakhstan Inc., an energy firm based in Calgary with major oil interests in Kazakhstan and the Caspian Sea region.

This Trans-Afghan Pipeline would transport Turkmenian natural gas and oil straight to Pakistan through Afghanistan (*not through Russia of course - Editor*), while the joint Seyidi refinery is the largest refinery in Turkmenistan. Meanwhile, the Israeli company Merhav has formed a consortium, for modernization and upgrading the refinery, a project that will cost upward of US \$1,5 billion. ■

MORE ON THE BESLAN SCHOOL TRAGEDY IN THE CAUCASUS

By BLAGOVESTA DONCHEVA

Looking at the TV channels here in Bulgaria, it was the same story: It was the Russians that attacked the Beslan school, that it was blown up, that at least 100 Russian troops were killed and hundreds of the hostages. This was arrogantly insisted upon that this information was coming from Russian TV channels.

BBC also went on a rampage and said that Putin must invite the EU to help in Chechnya. Where was the condemnation of all of those responsible for ordering these murders – both inside and outside of Russia?

In the garbled news releases and TV footage, it was obvious that somehow the demands of the hostage takers were not commented upon. Were there demands by the hostage takers?

Only two days after the events, the BBC and other Western TV channels somehow found out that there were demands. Yes...the mercenaries demanded "full independence for Chechnya"!

So, the Grand Design that led to the bloody Beslan school tragedy and other terrorist acts in the last 15 years are these:

- (1) Independence of Chechnya from Russia.
- (2) Independence of Abkhazia and South Ossetia from Georgia, a US and Israel satellite.
- (3) Joining North Ossetia to South Ossetia as demanded by Georgia,
- (4) Independence of Ingushetia, Dagestan, Vladivostok, Kurile Islands to be given to Japan, Stalingrad, Leningrad, Moscow, the Urals, Kamchatka etc., from Russia.

So - the long planned process by the New World Order for the full destruction has begun, ending up with the **total annihilation** of Russia!

Look at Yugoslavia! Remember it – **and cry!**

The Soviet Union existed from 1917 to 1953, surrounded by the most powerful countries, who hated what the Soviet Union stood for. During all this time the West non-stop tried to destroy it – **but could not!**

Terrorist acts against the Soviet population was **unthinkable** – notwithstanding the very hostile surroundings. The boundaries were **safely sealed and guarded**. The Soviet security agencies were well trained, **adamant and professional**.

Russia's surroundings today are **even more hostile** than they were. The practical plans by Imperialism are very diligently followed for the complete destruction of Russia itself and the grabbing of the rich natural resources – as was shown by the recent events.

And still the Russian boundaries under Putin are opened for the outside terrorists and their mercenaries. Why? The security of

the Russian army cannot ever compare to that that was in the Soviet Union.

The terrorist acts inside Russia will continue – until Russia starts defending itself as the Soviet Union did. This cannot happen until there is a government change in Russia itself.

I accuse President Putin and his regime for squandering their countrymen's lives, by giving in to the demands of US imperialism, which is proceeding with its New World Order to completely dismember Russia into tiny fiefdoms and then rule as British Imperialism ruled – **Divide and Rule!** ■

THE TRAGEDY IN THE CAUCASUS

According to the latest analyses of this tragedy, both in the Russian and Western press, it is evident that it was impossible to carry out this well-orchestrated and well-coordinated and professional attacks without the involvement of highly qualified experts.

The conclusion of these qualified and high-ranking government experts on both sides of the Atlantic is clear: the idea is to cause a complete change of the political scene, provoke inter-ethnic wars and thus have the US or its puppets to send in their soldiers as "peace keepers".

The whole affair smacks of demands for the New World Order – while the killing thousands of Soviets is of no consequence. ■

SCHISM IN RUSSIA'S COMMUNIST CAMP FORMALIZED

NOVOSTI

A Russian Communist Party of the Future has been founded by a National Congress last month, held in Golitsyno, Moscow Region. The establishment of a new Communist Party in addition to the CPRF (*Communist Party of the Russian Federation*) – (**besides about 23 others that are existing as parties,**

movements or groupings – Editor) formalizes the schism in the country's Communist ranks, which became evident as the opponents of the CPRF leader Gennady Zyuganov convened an alternative congress last July.

This break away group from the CPRF will be called the "*Communist Party of the Future*" and the decision had been passed by a majority of the delegates attending this congress. The activists say that this new party will rely on Marxist-Leninist ideology, think progressively and act decisively. Its ultimate goal will be to restore unity to Russia's Communist camp.

All the delegates who spoke at this Congress harshly criticized the CPRF leadership, accusing them of kowtowing to the present Kremlin leadership. ■

A COMRADE FROM BELGOROD CAMPAIGN FOR TRUTH AND SOCIALISM

In a very extensive letter, accompanied by numerous details, Boris Shevtzov from Belgograd, Russia writes of what he is doing internationally to make people aware of what is happening now in Russia. This was translated from Russian by Alexei Krashennnikov. We had to condense the long article for space reasons only.

Dear friends:

I receive NSC regularly for which I thank you sincerely. I would like to share with the readers some of the methods I use in my work of making the truth known to as wide an audience as possible – this is done from a personal point of view, instead of just newspaper articles.

I write letters and mail them to different Diplomatic Representatives of all the foreign countries—such as— Embassies; General Consulates; Residences of Ambassadors; Institutes of Culture and Cultural Centers; Radio stations and Russian radio abroad section. I try to get radio announcements wherever it's possible.

I even write to those countries that have a Monarchy system and I send them articles such as "*Liberty*" by Alexander Radishev, excerpts from writings of Pushkin. So, instead of the name of the previous Russian Monarch that these articles depict, I insert the name of the Monarch of that country instead. I use quotes from V.I. Lenin about Autocracy, about Constitutional Monarchy and include quotes from the Constitution of the USSR, from the Constituent Soviet Republics and regions...plus all other relevant materials to bring my point across to these people.

I also send them Radishev's statement and question as to what is the principle of People's Power, quotes from Soviet scientist, Laureate of the State Prize of the USSR, Viktor Popov: "*Life in the Palace of Buckingham*".

I wrote to all of the former Soviet Republics, plus to former Socialist countries and all other countries that I can. Why to all these countries? Because I feel that it was an error by the Soviet Government to have given independence to Finland and to Poland and the divisions agreed upon by the Soviets in 1918, I feel were wrong. This all led to the dismemberment of the USSR in 1991. I feel that the Union should be reestablished not only the 15 Republics, but to be 17 Republics of the USSR.

I even write about the tragedy in Ireland, Yugoslavia, North and South Korea, about the European Union. All these splits are against all the covenants that were signed by the United Nations,

Using my collection of Reference books, I write to all these authorities in these countries and send them relevant materials.

I write about the Blockade of Leningrad and about that Empress Yekaterina II, who had suppressed the uprising of peasants and sent leaders in exile to Siberia and - that she had a big Palace apparatus of personal lovers. Actually she was an Empress-Prostitute.

I am writing and sending all of this material because I do understand how difficult it is for you comrades to publish NSC. I do this on my own and spend money and I know that in these countries that I write to, there are people who think as I do. That is why I appreciate NSC and I would

like to scream to the whole world that they must know the truth.

This is my mission, my dedication and my life. You as the Editor and your helpers are all like me - we want to make this world a better place to live in. ■

**PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK**



THE DEMOGRAPHIC SITUATION IN TODAY'S UKRAINE

In many issues of NSC we touched upon the subject that one of the most important method of bourgeois propaganda is the use of outright lies. As an example, practically daily in all of the Ukrainian capitalist media, there is ongoing propaganda about "*Starvation of 1933*". The propaganda uses "*facts*" that are lies, absurd and even using the terminology "*forced to starvation*". There are numbers thrown out that 5 million to 10 million people died in Ukraine in 1933 through forced Communist planned starvation.

Let us look into the historical facts and statistics. In 1920 there lived in Ukraine 25.6 million people, in 1926 there were 29.6 million people living. In 1931, that is in 6 years after this "*Starvation-33*" (!) - the official census has recorded that there were living in Ukraine 40.5 million people. **Where in blazes did this growth come from, if in 1933 there were supposed to have perished from forced starvation of 5 to 10 million people!** There is today a professor Kulchinskij who propagates this farce on behalf of the present Kuchma government, in the school text books of Ukraine – where he writes in these school text books - that in the Ukrainian village Gavrilovka, in Dniepropetrovsk region, all the people there died of forced

starvation! Then why do not the people, the descendants and elderly people that live in this region, why don't they remember this so-called "Starvation Genocide." (Communist-Feb. 19, 2003)?

In fact, there was NO starvation in the Ukraine! There was hunger, yes! The enemies at that time, and those present day ones are doing the same work. In all of those and the present undermining activities. Those enemies of the Soviet state and socialism in 1930's burnt thousands acres of wheat, wrecked machinery, assassinated scores of party leaders, killed thousands upon thousands of live stock. Because of these enemies, there were 139 regions in Ukraine which suffered hunger due to this sabotage (Y.E. Oyaperv). Yes, this was a tragedy of hunger – not starvation! But how can these present enemies of Socialism speculate and glee over that tragedy that their ancestors caused?

But, the present situation in Ukraine is not only hunger, but the word that must be used is – genocide! There is a plan to devastate all of Ukraine not only economically, but depopulate it also. In view of the plans by the West, as mapped out by the Rome Club, the population of Ukraine must come down to 15-20 million people. This recommendation is being put into force! The population of Ukraine from 1992-2004 dropped from 52.2 millions to 47.4 millions. Besides this, there are over 7,000,000 Ukrainians that are working outside of Ukraine – in many countries of the world – forced to go in order to find work. These people could not find work or future in this "independent-democratic Ukraine." Compare this to the life in former Soviet Union!

If in 1991 the birth rate was about 630.8 children, in 2001 the birth rate fell to only 375.5 children. Meanwhile, the death rate is rising alarmingly due to the hard economic conditions. The life span of men before was 73 years, but now it's only 63 years. These facts point that we are on the same level as people in Algeria, Peru and Honduras – third world countries.

The economic conditions, the unemployment, the privatization, the exploitation, the held back wages sometimes close to 8-10 months...all this is devastating Ukraine.

The physical calamity of the population under this capitalist system is shocking. There are over 90,000 narcotic users ranging in age from 15-35 years. Alcoholism is dangerously on the rise – over 2,000,000 Ukrainians are alcoholics. This is all due to hardships, unemployment, vile propaganda, the promotion of individualism, pornography, robbery, murder and all other ills brought on by the present government of this "Independent" Ukraine

In conclusion, I must mention – ethico-psychological vile propaganda over the population – especially targeting the young people and children. This propaganda of indifference to any politics, its understanding and its struggle for solutions to the present daily problems...the "I do not care attitude to life or to the future!" This propaganda tries to mitigate any idea of struggle, of any better future for them or for humanity. Unfortunately many of these young people who received their schooling during Soviet times also fell into this "get away from it all trap"! But during Soviet times they were taught to look forward to the future, to a better life and a better physical and mental being.

But the future belongs to freedom and to the working class! The world is going to shine, born of the Great October, this will light up the darkness

THEY FORGOT ABOUT THE HORSE!

NEWS REPORT FROM THE RUSSIAN DUMA DISCUSSION?!

The meeting of the Russian Duma that took place on September 22, 2004 in Moscow, as was expected, became very hot in discussing the tragedy that happened in Belsan, the Caucasus region. It was supposed to be a discussion and analyses about the causes of this tragedy that the parliamentary members in the Duma were to have discussed. But Putin's fraction in the Duma "One Russia"

assigned only two and a half hours.

This whole time was taken up by the Government statement and their whitewash policy, but there was no opportunity for discussions or alternative analyses and causes of the tragedy and the reasons and what measures to take in order to eliminate this.

When Deputy Viktor Tiulkin of the Russian Communist Workers Party asked the following question: "Why this method of bypassing the need for analyses?" The government representative Vasiliev said that it's not very important, because the population is not interested in political debates or analyses, but what laws will be adopted and what sentences should be given to those responsible – not why this tragedy happened?

The speaker of the Duma, Boris Gryzlov tried to placate the members that in the near future there will be a Commission set up to deal with this, but not now...time is running out for this discussion.

But Viktor Tiulkin again spoke up and said that we should look into the causes of all these conflicts – and the actual blame is the dismemberment of the USSR and establishment of capitalism. He said that even Lenin in his time said: "Capitalism – that means war!" Tiulkin commented in the Duma: "We should all tell the people that all of us are responsible for these

HOW LOW CAN A RUSSIAN GENERAL SINK?

In a radio news item last month, a US Corporation got the consent, after agreeing on a price, to produce in the US, a new Vodka and call it "Kalishnikov Vodka". "Soviet?" General Kalishnikov, the inventor-designer of the famous rifle Kalishnikov AK-47 - has given this corporation the right to his name!!

This General was awarded the Lenin Medal plus other Soviet Honors, and now this traitor, being 85 years old, sold out to capitalism to use his name on a bottle of Vodka!?

When you sink so low, there is no way of getting out of this dirty morass of guilt!

tragedies, by not being more vigilant".

Tiulkin also charged that President Putin is following in the footsteps of Yeltsin and Gorbachev. He also proposed about twenty amendments to the statement by Putin's government, but they were all voted out or thrown out. He pointed out that fighting terrorism as is being done by US Imperialism is not realistic, since US is now the biggest terrorist nation that there is.

Tiulkin proposed that the Russian Duma should follow the method of what happened in Chile – impeachment of Boris Yeltsin, take him to court and sentence him for his criminal activities. It was the policy of Yeltsin, Gorbachev and now Putin which, has devastated the economic life of the Soviet people and this in many respects gave rise to struggles and terrorism, which during the USSR period was not heard of.

The other bourgeois parties and their leaders blamed all this on Bolsheviks and the Russian Revolution of 1917. One of the favorite outcries of these new "democrats" in the Duma against the Communists is: "Oh how I hate you people!"

Aside from all this, as was predicted, the majority in Putin's government will not put the causes of the terrorist tragedies in front of the Commission that they will appoint – in other words, it will become a white wash.

These Russian Duma "democrats" in their wisdom to solve these problems, they're putting the wagon in front of the horse! **No, they even forgot the horse!**

COMMENT

It would be an excellent idea for comrade Tiulkin to propose the impeachment and trial, not only of Yeltsin, but of Gorbachev and Putin – for all the crimes against the Soviet People!

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FROM FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF RUSSIA

"I have learned that the Hague International Tribunal for the former President of Yugoslavia, deprived Slobodan Milosevic of his right to defend himself in person and imposed on him counsels against his will.

In my opinion, that is a direct violation of the word and spirit of International Law. Under these circumstances, I am forced to renounce my decision to testify as a defense witness. As before, I am ready to take part in this process, but only in the case that Slobodan Milosevic gets back his undisputable right to conduct his own defense in person."

Yevgeny Primakov
Moscow, September 21, 2004

Reasons for the crisis in the International Communist Movement and the way out of the crisis.

By V.A. PRONIN

"The role of avant-garde can only be fulfilled by a party that uses a progressive theory."

(V.I. Lenin works, Vol. 6, p.25)

In fact, these remarkable Lenin's words that I use here as an epigraph are in themselves an answer to the questions that we are discussing at this Marxist-Leninist Communist Seminar. Especially since it is impossible to speak about all aspects of this issue in just only 10 minutes that we are allotted.

But, using Lenin's methods, we can choose the main link, in our case – the main reasons for the tragic

defeat of world socialism, of the communist and workers movements that we are part of today. If we'll grab the main link, we will be able to pull out the whole chain – to discover, and in some cases at least, to name all other reasons – the links of the same whole chain.

It seems to most of us thinking Marxists that we cannot deny that the current situation of this movement in the last 20 years can be called anything else but catastrophic. Those of us who have participated in the battles of the last years of the Soviet power within the CPSU in USSR, and have continued this struggle even after the victory of the August 1991 counter-revolution, of course we understood, that this catastrophe was caused by the internal state of our society and some help from foreign "friends". But we could see that Gorbachev and Yakovlev and other bastards were not parachuted to us by the CIA or other imperialist secret services. They were fed by the very system that they later destroyed, to the great misfortune of our people.

But at the same time, we have to recognize the fact that the majority, even of those who didn't tremble in those dark days but remained communists, still did not have an understanding as to how deep was the catastrophe and the crisis, something that we realize only now. We saw this in the current state of the communist and workers parties, small groups and small sects and movements.

What was the root reason for the crisis and for the current pitiful state of the communist and workers' movement? First of all, and the main reason, is that practically all of the communist parties, even during the Soviet days, were no longer really Marxist, Marxist-Leninist – they turned their faces away from Marx in their daily work and practice, even though they still honestly believed – and especially tried to convince the

public – that they were faithful to those ideas.

How did that practical refusal of Marx manifest itself? The problem was that the practice and theory started moving parallel to each other, without crossing each other's lines, and sometimes even not affecting each other at all. Even now, in practice, some of our comrades continue to use this all-destructive ideology of "common sense" - and every educated person should know that this is nothing more but the common man's philosophy in daily life.

In relation to theory and theoretical work all together, most parties have an attitude that can be described in this way: "you can theorize as much as you like, and be ready, they'll call you when they need results of your work, but until then, don't disturb us and the work that we are doing in the center." As a result of this attitude, very often the theoreticians who were confirming what they were asked to confirm, became the most valued and thus the most successful – those who personally were quite satisfied with the situation.

It's a pity that those that were dealing with practice, were fed up by their own experiments and reached to the theoreticians for help, but only got something that they weren't able to use – but, what could one expect from such people?

If we could compare this method used to space science – that would be equal to the makers of space ships refusing the results of calculations based on physics and mathematics, and only use the basics such as +plus,-minus,*times etc. Even that common sense will tell us that in such a case, they would not be able to build a space ship able to travel in space!

This split between theory and practice didn't just happen yesterday, but long time ago. The beginning of such a split is seen after 1953, when instead of a Marxist Stalin, came Krushchev, a man not much burdened by knowledge or general level of development. But we should not forget that people like Suslov were still in charge of ideology – and you could not blame him for lack of theoretical knowledge. But the split after 1953 between theory and practice was becoming more and more pronounced with practice

slowly abandoning theory. When Stalin was head of the state, he combined the qualities of a theoretician and practical leader. But after his death, all of this slowly came to the surface and the problems started.

"The defeated armies are good at learning", Lenin taught us. But we like to add to this that this can only happen if the defeated army and its leaders are willing to learn from their defeat – if they don't try to disguise certain defeats as victories, or after being defeated they don't start blaming anyone else but themselves. Instead of sober analyses, in such a case, new defeats are inevitable.

Objective analyses of the current state of the progressive movements in all of the post-Soviet states can only tell us one thing: that all the problems and defects of the CPSU model collapsed in 1991 – have been transferred into most of the new Communist Parties. We can notice, if we look realistically into them, we see the same careless attitude towards the question of cooperation between the theory and practice in their daily activities. And that is natural, since all of us, members of the XXI century, have grown in the post 1953 CPSU.

There are many communists who realize that at present there is not a high level of ideological work done that can be called satisfactory. Everyone agrees! But, what next?

Unless something is done, everything is bound to repeat itself. This is because people find it easier to work in this manner. We'll do what the leader thinks is right to do. A mistake happens? Well, we'll do it better next time – hopefully it will be correct next time. Thus the authority of the top leaders cannot be undermined or questioned by any reference to theory and practice!

But it is even worse now that some communist parties are ongoing in pleasing the church and religion in general! What about the appearance on the pages of some party publications or in the speeches of some important communists - nationalistic and racist elements?

The creation of a united powerful communist party can only take place if the Marxist-Leninist ideology is based on a Marxist-Leninist vision of the world. This will only happen when theory and practice will be united into one. Then the communists will really scientifically base all of their goals, solutions and the methods of realization of their noble ideas. These ideals are the most noble in the history of mankind, not just aimlessly trying this or that.

The Communist movement right from its very beginning was internationalist. Today, while imperialism is uniting and attacking us, we appear to be divided by our national territories! The need for overcoming this is recognized by everybody. But what are we doing to overcome this?

That is why our main task remains the integration of all Marxists internationally, and we must remind ourselves that we are part of the international communist and workers movement. Yes, we must admit that world socialism has suffered a serious defeat. Yes, the former socialist states have become part of the imperialist inter-state creations. The goal of moving humanity from capitalism to socialism and a communist society was never abandoned. Moreover, the question of a socialist world revolution, its possibility and its achievement is very important to us yet once again!

We will have to get quickly through the sharp theoretical discussions, struggle with the dogmatists, and revisionists within the Marxist movements and with the representatives of the fifth column

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inside these movements, besides the new bourgeoisie.

There are only two ways for the communist parties in their current conditions to go: either to lock themselves in the dogmatic sectarianism and to gradually disappear, or, to move on their chosen revisionist path, like so many communists in various countries did before – Solana and Roberto Prodi – just two examples.

The Communist Parties will either resurrect themselves as Marxist-Leninist Parties – or will not survive at all. There is simply no other way!

Translated by Irina Malenko

STALIN'S SECRET POGROM ?

By ERIC WALLBERG

If you are in a mood for some gregarious propaganda of the Cold War variety, read the 530-page book entitled "Stalin's Secret Pogrom" (*The Postwar Inquisition of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committees*) edited by Rubenstein and Naumov (2001) – this could pique your interest. After reading the entire work, its easy to conclude that the book is little more than an anti-Soviet, anti-Stalin hatchet job, masquerading as objective scholarship in which omissions are of far greater import than the inclusions. Even the title of the book is a blatant lie, since one needs only read the contents, put out by the bourgeois propagandists themselves no less, to see that the defendants were put on trial for, among other things, slanderously accusing the Soviet Government of practicing anti-Semitism. It was not a trial or pogrom against Jews for being Jews, it was a trial of Zionist Jews who accused the Soviet Government, among other things of being Anti-Semitic. The Soviet Government was always punishing any anti-Semitism and unfounded accusations of the same, not promoting it.

(By the latest information from comrades in the leading Communist Parties of Russia – it has been exposed now that although Trotsky had written this accusation, it was not made known until now. Trotsky



and his followers accused the Soviet Government and Stalin in particular of taking an active part and condoning the Holocaust against the Jews, together with Hitler !!! History proved otherwise – but now that there is no longer the Soviet Union and the present leadership of Putin of course shall keep mum on this accusation - it is in the interest of US Imperialism and Israeli Imperialism to renew these lies! Editor of NSC)

The deceptive aspects of the title is also evident the fact that Stalin is barely mentioned throughout the whole book and the entire text. There is an implicit, but unproven assumption, that Stalin is behind the curtains, somewhere pulling strings, when there is no evidence of any and he never even makes an appearance in this drama.

The facts with respect to the book's contents are relatively straightforward.

During World War II Stalin and the CC CPSU approved of a Committee of Jews to aid in the anti-fascist cause by enlisting support, primarily

financial from Jews throughout the world. Two of the leading members of this committee, Mikhoels and Fefer actually made a trip to the United States during 1943 and met with influential American Jews and other potential financial backers. Despite the committee's justifiable creation, evidence came to light after World War II ended, that these men and 13 others members of the committee: conveyed classified information regarding the Soviet Union's economy, industry, and culture to foreign agents, engaged in espionage, and these members offered the US Jewish leaders to create a Jewish Republic in Crimea, so that Zionists and American imperialists could use this as a "beachhead" to dismember the Soviet Union, spread nationalistic propaganda, accusing the Soviet Union and the CC CPSU of being anti-Semitic, thus transforming the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee into a center of nationalistic activity in which Zionist propaganda sought to shift the allegiances of Soviet Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel etc.

This book's failings are particularly noteworthy.

FIRST – nearly the entire work focuses on one denial of guilt after another by the 15 defendants, despite the fact that they had already confessed to multiple crimes years earlier during the preliminary investigations, and also with foreign correspondents present. Readers are not allowed to read these confessions and would never ever know that they existed, were it not for the fact that the examining officers kept referring to them and the defendants giving lame excuses for having admitted to the confessions contained therein and their signatures to them.

SECOND: believe it or not the reader is not even given access to the indictment prior to reading the transcript. Did you ever try to read a trial transcript without even knowing what the trial was all about, or what the defendants were accused of having done? Talk about the mental strain. These editors try to mask their intentional duplicity by tossing in the following ridiculous footnote on page 75:

"The indictment was 45 pages long and recounted a full list of crimes ascribed to the Jewish Anti-

Fascist Committee as a whole and to individuals in particular. The text of the indictment, dated March 31, 1952, can be found in the archives of General Volkogonov in the manuscript division of the US Library of Congress, Washington, DC."

Imagine! The reader is supposed to search out the indictment for himself, assuming it can even be found. These Editors could not have found space for a 45-page indictment, which goes to the heart of the trial, but they found space for hundreds of pages for the defendants denials, justifications and obfuscations? It is quite apparent that the Editors did not want the readers to know the full particulars regarding what the defendants were accused of having committed. They were too busy trying to make the Soviet government appear anti-Semitic and suppressive.

FINALLY: and particularly very egregious, is the fact that the 42 volumes of Soviet preliminary investigation materials that are available, but never revealed, in which the evidence against, and confessions of the defendants are clearly exposed. Almost none of this is presented to the reader of course for obvious reasons, even though, it is repeatedly referred to by the defendants and by the presiding Soviet trial judge and officers. These Editors had absolutely **NO** intention of presenting any or all of the data corroborating the defendant's guilt! They were far more interested in making sure that the readers only read the repeated denials in the trial itself.

Interestingly enough, although the trial reeks with denials, but there is very conclusive evidence that is not denied by the accused as they confess to particular acts and also, they did testify against each other. Much to the latter's chagrin and dismay.

In light of all of this, and the fact that this book was well funded by a whole series of capitalist foundations, its central message is fully understandable. That this book will never ever win a prize for neutrality or objectivity - is manifest. ■

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THE CHECHEN'S AMERICAN FRIENDS

From the *GUARDIAN*-
John Laughland

An enormous head of steam had built up behind the view that President Putin is somehow the main culprit in the grisly events in North Ossetia. Sound bites and headlines such as "Grief turns to anger", "Harsh words for Government", and "Criticism mounting against Putin" have abounded, while the TV and radio correspondents in Beslan itself have been pressured on air to say that the people there blame Moscow as much as they blame the terrorists. There have been numerous editorials encouraging us to understand - to quote the Sunday Times - the "underlying causes" of Chechen terrorism (*usually Russian authoritarianism*), while there is the widespread use of the word "rebels" to describe people who shoot children, which shows a surprising indulgence in the face of extreme brutality.

But, on closer inspection, it turns out that this so-called "mounting criticism" is in fact being driven by a specific group in the Russian political spectrum - and by its American supporters. The leading Russian critics of Putin's handling of the Beslan crisis are the pro-US politicians Boris Nemtsov and Vladimir Ryzhkov - men associated with the extreme neoliberal market reforms which so devastated the Russian economy under the West's beloved Boris Yeltsin - and the Carnegie Endowment's Moscow Center - which operates in tandem with the military-political Rand Corporation - for instance in producing policy papers on Russia's role in helping the US restructure the "Greater Middle East" - has been quoted repeatedly in recent days, blaming Putin for the Chechen atrocities. The center has also been assiduous over recent months in arguing against Moscow's claims that there is a link between Chechens and outside forces.

These people peddle essentially

the same lie as that expressed by Chechen leaders themselves, such as Ahmed Zakaev, the London exile who wrote these articles in the newspapers mentioned. Other leaders who use the Chechen rebellion as a stick with which to beat Russia with, include Boris Berezovsky (*who funded Putin's election campaigns - Editor*), the Russian oligarch who, like Zakaev, was granted political asylum in England, although the Russian authorities want him on numerous charges. Moscow has often accused Berezovsky of funding the Chechen rebels in the past. The question also is what role the American Committee for Peace in Chechnya (ACPC) is playing and doing in inflaming this crisis? The list of the self-styled "distinguished Americans" who are its members is a roll call of the most prominent neo-conservatives who so very enthusiastically support the "War on Terror".

This very influential US Committee includes Richard Perle, the notorious Pentagon advisor; Elliott Abrams of Iran-Contra fame; Kenneth Adelman, the former US ambassador to the UN, who egged on the invasion of Iraq by predicting that it would be a "cakewalk"; Midge Decter, the biographer of Donald Rumsfeld and a director of the right-wing Heritage Foundation; Frank Gaffney of the militarist Center for Security Policy; Bruce Jackson, former US military intelligence officer and one-time vice president of the Lockheed-Martin Corporation and now a leading proponent of a regime change in Iran; and R. James Woolsey, the former CIA director who is one of the leading cheerleaders behind George Bush's plans to remodel the Muslim world along the pro-US lines.

These right-wing proponents are saying that only a US-led international intervention into Russia and Chechnya can solve the situation there. US funded and also granted and promoted the asylum of the Chechen opposition leader Ilya Akhmadov, and this is the man that Moscow describes as a terrorist. The above mentioned American top personalities have long set the US foreign policy - and their views are indeed those of the US Administration.

Although for public relations the US government issued a

condemnation of the Beslan hostage taking, its view is that the conflict must be solved politically – meaning, separation from Russia.

The question of Georgia and the use of their bases by the Chechen rebels, the question of oil and the strategic location of the region for an oil pipeline, underlines that there is more to this conflict than meets the

eye. Georgia, now having US troops on its soil and soon to be a member of NATO, lends credence to those Russians who are asking themselves questions – why is US demanding that Russia capitulates to the Chechen terrorists, while US itself demands an overwhelming deployment of its troops against the so-called terrorists?

As NSC wrote in its last issue – this tragedy is too coincidental - and with the upcoming election, and Bush's "War on Terrorism" as is "Putin's War on Terrorism" – is this a ploy to get Bush elected again? Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction!

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WHO IS PROMOTING TERRORIST ACTS IN RUSSIA ?



By GALINA SAVCHENKO

Russia is inundated now with new terrorist attacks: they capture and kill children...

The tragedy is not only that after the school tragedy in the Caucasus, the Russian regime's press tries to "placate" the families of those that were killed by giving money to the families of those that lost their children or kin, but its the crocodile tears of those overseas terrorists Bush and Blair, who tried to show "solidarity" with the Russian people - these two overseas terrorists who dismembered Yugoslavia and Iraq.

it was they who involved Russia in their fight against "international terrorists". It is these two who put on the Georgian "throne" that idiot and US schooled Mr. Saakashvili, to sponsor and promote the fires of ethnic strife in the Caucasus against Russia. It is in Britain that the terrorist Akaev found refuge, while Germany also welcomed him.

It is this "friend"- the USA that is behind, that is sponsoring, inflaming, promoting conflicts in the Caucasus to serve their cause for oil and gas and natural resources – it's easier when you divide and rule.

For close to 200 years on the

territory of the US there were no wars. But it is this America who is marching onward towards its goal of the New World Order! It is the US that has helped to dismember the Warsaw Pact and now is filling these countries with their bases, arms, rockets, soldiers and promoting the grabbing of the economy of these countries by the multinational corporations. Meanwhile - the pro-Israel and now an anti-Soviet newspaper "Izvestia" is trying to teach the Russians about terrorism and how to fight it...

In his address to the nation on September 4th, President Putin did not say a word as to why this "international terrorism is against Russia"?

The answer is found in the dismemberment of the Soviet Union, and the counter-revolution. Now that Russia has become bosom buddies with US-NATO and the take over of the state apparatus and promotion of reactionary regimes like Israel – these are the reasons for terrorism. It's the plan of US imperialism-fascism to dismember Russia itself and thus it will be easier to rule.

This also awaits Byelorussia if the people allow the opposition to gain power and not allow Lukashenko to be elected for another term.

In October of this year it will be the 60th Anniversary of the liberation of Ukraine from German nazism-fascism.

Let us bow our heads to the heroes of this liberation!

German fascists, Bnderites, "Black patriots", Ukrainian "Hitler-lovers" tortured the Soviet soldiers and partisans, dug their eyes out, cut off their arms, carved stars on their backs, raped, choked them, hung them, shot them, burnt them alive, threw them into mining shafts, buried them alive – but these Soviet patriots persevered and liquidated the enemy.

These were the last written words by Pasha before she was killed:

"The dark minute is coming upon me soon! My body is mutilated...but I am dying without a murmur It is scary to die when you are only 22 years old. Oh how I want to live! In the name of the future living people, in your name my dear Motherland, I am leaving you... Blossom, be beautiful, grow in numbers and goodbye. Yours Pasha."

In January 1944 when the Red Army was nearing Lutsk, Ukraine, the fascists burned alive in jail Pasha Sevelieva. The Soviet Motherland did not forget this brave Komsomol heroine, daughter of the great Russian people. She was awarded an Order of Lenin after death. In her honour one of the streets in Lutsk is named after her.

Our generation is ashamed in front of these heroes - giving their lives for our future happiness and that of the USSR - which we were not able to save - and after 46 years we gave it up to our enemies - and now for the last 13 years we are struggling with no success.

The blind belief in "honest" elections, propagated amongst the masses of the people, led the people into a blind alley in their revolutionary work. The election is a forgone conclusion. The popular rating of communists in Ukraine is only 8%. The promotion of only two oligarch candidates - Yushenko and Yanukovich is daily in the press and TV, while communist candidates are not even mentioned.

The many communist-socialist parties existing now in Ukraine, and the personal "leadership struggles" between them is the real cause of the lack of unity. The struggle is now drowned in a sea of words and theoretical debates going on and on. The remnants of the veterans of the Soviet Army are now divided among these numerous parties and cannot come to some understanding. The poet Gunko said it correctly in these words: *"Here the fights of these parties babble on, like the wind in your head."*

Some of these leaders struggle for their self interest to rule, utilizing their party as a trampoline, forgetting that to rule you must bring in the party and the people, not just a personal fight!

In order to win, there is a need for

one party, a real and dedicated Communist Party! Unfortunately there are no leaders now as were Lenin and Stalin.

It will be tough if the Communists get in power. Very tough! We have to undo and set to rights all these tragedies that were brought upon us by these "democrats" in these years - in the economy, in politics and in culture. There must be re-

establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Mr. Kuchma, we do not want to be stuck in the European Union mud! Mr. Putin, we do not want to be in the same boat as USA-NATO! Let them disappear underneath! **Struggle for the USSR - this is a struggle for the whole planet!**

Galina Savchenko

"Movement for USSR" Ukraine ■

THE TRAGEDY OF CHECHNYA

BY FRANCISCO BROTONS
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When only a few years ago, the regime of the Soviet revisionists headed by Gorbachev collapsed shamefully, nobody could imagine that very soon the imperialist powers, which have helped the new Russian bourgeoisie to emerge from its ashes, would demand it accounts in return for all of their services. In order to achieve this, they placed Yeltsin at the head of this State and always supported him until the end; and for the same reason they have put another puppet of the same sort in his post. At the same time, they besieged the remains of the former territory of the USSR to prevent whatever could happen in the future. Nowadays, the US-NATO military siege around the Russian Federation is an accomplished fact and the imperialist powers do not even hide their true plans of complete dismemberment and subsequent sharing of Russia. However, this undeniable fact cannot be used as an excuse to justify, or even less to defend, the policy of all oppression, plundering, siege, annihilation carried out by the new Russian imperialism in the Caucasus, especially against Chechnya. Imperialist character of all this aggression must be denounced now and revealed, just like we have done with the war against Yugoslavia by NATO. In fact, there is a tight relationship between these two aggressions: they are nothing else than preparations for the outbreak of a

much more generalized conflict among the imperialist powers for a new sharing of the world.

The new Russian bourgeoisie, fascinated by the cake that has fallen into its hands, has taken a long time before reacting to the unaccountable rapaciousness of all the Western "allies"; but, as could be expected, in the end it has got ready to hold its prey, even threatening to use the nuclear weapons that it still owns, if necessary. This is a first explanation - certainly a bit simpler, although not less true - for the brutal intervention of the Russian Army in Chechnya, a small country that inflicted a severe defeat to the Russian Army in 1994, winning through the arms and the lives of thousands of patriots its right to independence. From our point of view, there is no reason to justify the attack of the new great-Russian imperialism on the Chechen people. The right of all nations and all people to self-determination and independence must be admitted without reservations, and even more as regards the peoples and nations that voluntarily formed part of the former Soviet Union. In this point there is no place for ambiguity using as an excuse either the present "reactionary" character of their social regime or the accusation of "terrorism" that the Kremlin butchers have made in order to justify the aggression and the slaughter that they are perpetrating, taking advantage of the superiority of their military forces.

It is necessary to ask what interests and rights is the Russian

Army now defending in Chechnya? Undoubtedly these are imperialist interests of the new Russian bourgeoisie, the "rights" of the Russian capitalists to plunder the wealth of the Chechens and of the Russian working people. When the social-chauvinist Zyuganov of the CPRF talks about the defence of the "Russian Motherland", that "motherland" has nothing to do with the former Soviet Union nor with the interests of the workers, but it is the motherland of the Mafiosi who hold power in Russia for their own benefit. The Russian workers and youth are being used again, as in the time of the Czars, as cannon fodder for the published defence of the "motherland" of that handful of rich Mafiosi who now have dragged the honour of their country in the mud so many times, and that have snatched - with the help of the rest of the imperialist sharks and birds of prey - all the rights, revolutionary achievements and collective cultural and material good which had been achieved at the cost of blood and immense sacrifices. These criminals do not represent the heroic Soviet people and must be combated resolutely, even by turning the guns against them.

Nowadays, the Russian Federation is nothing but a conglomerate of peoples with no more links than a past of unity - which has been broken by the capitalist restoration - and the force that the new Czars try to impose from Moscow. To sum up, Russia is another capitalist power, and unfortunately a "prison of peoples" that, although weak and threatened by the other powers, tries to re-establish some order in its "backyard". And it does this with the same ferocity used repeatedly by the power of USA in its "interventions" in Santo Domingo, Guatemala, Panama, Chile, Grenada, etc. Not to consider the affairs of the current Russia from this point of view would lead us to justify and to become accomplices of each and every one of the aggressions that any world imperialist power has perpetrated and will perpetrate in the future.

Chechens, as well as many other peoples and nations, had freely acquired a historic genuine "compromise" of unity within the former Soviet Union, and its people counted with the fraternal help of the State and the rest of the peoples of the Union to defend itself from exploiters and national traitors; once the USSR

disappeared and the power was usurped by the bourgeoisie, there are now no political, moral, economic or even geo-strategical compromises that compel the people of Chechnya to continue united to the Russian state. Therefore for the very interest of the socialist revolution and proletarian internationalism, it is now necessary to advocate the right to self-determination and independence of Chechnya. It is especially necessary now to highlight that, nowadays, as a nation within a world of capitalist nations, the Chechen people have the right to govern themselves as they wish to, to have their own independent State and even to sell themselves to the highest bidder, in the same way as only they have the right and can square up with their leaders and change their social regime if the present one become an unbearable charge for them.

THE STANDOFF IN CHECHNYA CONTINUES

By MISHA STEKLOV IN MOSCOW



An injured boy is carried by his father after he was released from the school besieged by Chechen separatists in Beslan town,

All this is a product of the ongoing conflict in Chechnya, a region of Russia which declared its independence back in 1991, at

the time of the collapse of the former Soviet Union. In 1994 Yeltsin sent in troops to bring back Chechnya under Russian control, but by 1996 the Russian army was clearly showing its limitations and suffered a serious defeat and in 1997 withdrew.

Such are the fissures within the Russian state in Chechnya that there can be nothing but terror and lawlessness. The Kremlin is neither in control of its generals or of Khadirov's army, which is run by Ramzan Khadirov, the well-known violent bully that Moscow in words gets on with. However, for its part Moscow bases itself on the Ministry of Internal Affairs, (thus Alkhanov, its former chief in Chechnya), and the FSB, better known by its Soviet name - KGB, (which Putin was the former head of in Russia).

These tensions are made more volatile because the Russians do not trust the Chechens and vice versa. Khadirov began his political career as an Imam who sided against the Russians in the first war from 1994-6. As President, Khadirov threatened to kill the families of Chechen independence fighters if they did not capitulate, then amnestied former allies that did give up, and gave them plum jobs even though they neither regretted their past struggle against the Russian state or criticised those who are still at war with Russia. The Russian army chiefs disagreed with this policy, and have the view that the Chechens cannot be trusted to be tough in fighting other Chechens. In turn, pro-Khadirov Chechens argue that Russia is provoking the war in its own interests, and could end the war if it wanted to.

As is well known Putin was first elected President on the back of the second military campaign in Chechnya. Now the threat (and consequences) of Chechen terrorism in Russia undeniably prop up his ratings and his call for tighter security. It's true that sometimes it is inconvenient for him to be reminded that he has not delivered on his promises to restore order to Chechnya, but since he controls the media this

small detail can largely be ignored. Equally the conflict serves the interests of the Khadirov faction, even if it puts their lives at risk, because it is the source of their power.

Neither of the cliques that rule in Russia or in Chechnya are honestly concerned with peace or the welfare of their people but with their own interests, wealth and prestige. In both cases power is wielded in the hands of small groups of people, isolated from the rest of society, who use the pretext of the war and rebuilding Chechnya to embezzle billions of roubles every year. According to the government audit over 2bn roubles (nearly \$100m) was unaccounted for last year. After all a bureaucrat can argue, "the money was spent on the bridge it was allocated for, but the bridge was then destroyed." The real figure is no doubt much greater.

This morass could drag on for years. On a capitalist basis there is no solution. As long as the resources and industry of the region are in the hands of corrupt and bankrupt cliques the people will be stamped underfoot in the charge for plunder. But it could also become part of a wider conflict in the Caucasus, an area that is now the scene of competition between Russian and US imperialism for control of the oil and gas resources of central Asia and the Caspian Sea. Chechnya borders Georgia, which has been involved in border clashes with Russian troops in south Ossetia.

In fact it is possible that the latest terrorist attacks are actually a further example of how fundamentalism has been superimposed onto the Chechen war by the fundamentalists and the state propaganda. It is clear that there must have been a motive of religious fanaticism but it has not been proven that the alleged suspects, Amanta Nagaeva and Satsita Gebirkhanova, were in any way connected with the fundamentalists. Therefore there has been some speculation that it may be possible that they were

not the terrorists and do not provide an organic link between the resistance of Chechen people and the turn towards fundamentalist terrorism. Instead of showing a relationship between the fundamentalists and the Chechens they may have been used as pawns by terrorists, killed for their documents so as not to betray the terrorists' new false identities. That is one interpretation. Admittedly it is difficult to identify visually bodies that were at the centre of an explosion but it is possible to conduct DNA tests, which they haven't done yet.

For a new October!

What the rulers throughout the world fear more than international terrorism is the unity of the working class. Acts of individual terrorism against civilians in Russia play a reactionary role because they cut across the revolutionary unity of workers in Russia and in Chechnya. Given the size and power of Russia, Chechnya would not be able to achieve and maintain independence without this revolutionary unity. And this is impossible as long as Russia remains a capitalist state, ruled by a parasitic clique of state apparatchiks and oligarchs who greedily gaze at the mineral wealth on their doorstep.

Marxists condemn Russian imperialism in Chechnya and we defend the right of the Chechen people to govern themselves if they so wish. We support the call for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Chechen territory. However, we also have to explain to the Chechen people that on a capitalist basis, given the present conditions of imperialist rivalry in the Caucasus there is no possibility of genuine national independence for Chechnya, or any other republic. In practice freedom from Russia would mean being drawn into the American sphere of influence, repeating the example of Georgia.

The collapse of the Soviet Union has been a nightmare for all the peoples that have had to live with

new poverty, want and national antagonisms. It is time to stop this madness of capitalism and war! It is necessary to link the desire for national liberation in Chechnya with a new socialist revolution in Russia and throughout the former Soviet Union!

Under capitalism the more developed level of industry and communications today sharpens the imperialist rivalry between nations, which need more and more raw materials and markets for the profits of their multinationals. But this greater level of development also brings with it tremendous possibilities that only a socialist plan of a federation of socialist states can realise. Without being plagued by the peasant backwardness of the Russia of 1917 there would be no stopping the working class from forging a new and voluntary federation of socialist republics that this time would spread through Europe and Asia and the whole world. □

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST POLL IN RUSSIA !?

Most Russians now trust the president, the Church and religious organizations, according to the survey conducted by the Levada Center for public opinion studies last September 2004.

50% said that they trust the Russian president, 28% do not quite trust him, and the rest refuse to trust him at all.

43% people do not trust the Russian police .31% of the people have no confidence in their trade unions.

25% of the people distrust the Putin's cabinet, while 41% trust them only partially.

Most Russians distrust the press, radio and TV, but one-fourth believe fully what the media reports.

OCTOBER ISSUE WILL CARRY LATEST NEWS ABOUT SOVIET SOCIETY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

US TELLS ITS HANDPICKED PUPPET KOFI TO SHUT UP

The United States last month said that the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan should have kept silent after he re-ignited the angry debate at the U.N headquarters in New York.

The US Ambassador to the UN, John Danforth said: "If I had been his advisor, which I wasn't - I would have advised him not to say anything at all. We do not agree with the Secretary General at all." President Bush wanted a second UN resolution explicitly authorizing military action in Iraq.

There is a split in the UN Security Council which is being hushed up and not publicized.

Is this a tempest in a Tea Pot?

What is the history of Annan? He is always ready, indeed more than eager to accommodate his masters in Washington and London in bombing campaigns, sanctions, travel bans, embargoes, blockades and other punitive economic measures, military occupations, suspensions from the UN, military occupations - from the Bosnian Serb Republic to Iraq, Yugoslavia, Syria, Belarus, Western Sahara to Afghanistan and any others to come.

This is just a part of kowtowing to Uncle Sam by Kofi Annan! Let's face it...he certainly does not stand on his own two feet!

US GI'S THREATENED

From ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS

US soldiers from the Fort Carson combat unit said that they have been issued an ultimatum - re-enlist for three more years or be transferred to units that are bound for Iraq. Hundreds of soldiers from the 32nd Brigade Combat Unit were presented with this demand to re-enlist again. This effort by the Pentagon is part of the US restructuring of the US Army into smaller and more flexible units that can be deployed readily around the world in the near future. They

were told: "If you think that you are getting out after you served, think again!"

Whole platoons across the US are refusing to sign this. Most have protested as one sergeant said: "I don't want to go back to Iraq. I went through a lot there that was not necessary and risky. Iraq has changed a lot of minds after we came back."

What does this mean?

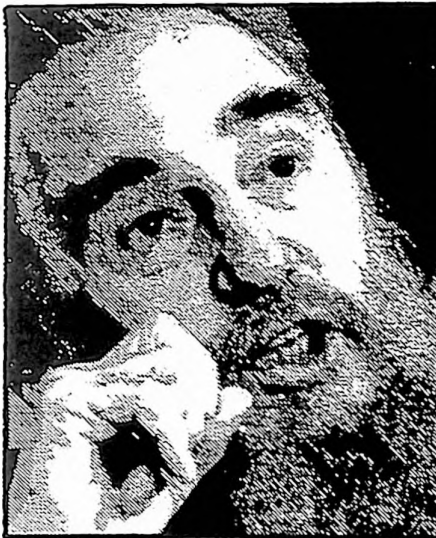
- Soldiers who sign on again are bound to stay in the US Army until December 31, 2007.

- Soldiers who do not sign will be transferred to the brigades that are bound for Iraq duty.

"Latin America Must Unite or Be Devoured!"

Fro PRENSA LATINA - HAVANA

Last September 25 - President Castro spoke at the 5th Cuba-Venezuela meeting at Havana's Convention Center. With the money flying out from the developing countries to the developed ones, social programs similar to those the Bolivarian revolution is developing could be implemented in all of the region. Latin America must unite to avoid being devoured by large centers of power.



"Resulting from injustices and the need to survive, Latin America is facing more crisis, but rebelliousness and consciousness are higher than

ever before, in a context where the example of Venezuela is outstanding," Fidel Castro stated.

The region is witnessing a new stage, because "the empire is facing a problem without a solution", the Cuban leader added in an open allusion to the US government's interference policy.

Referring to the Cuba-Venezuela cooperation, Fidel Castro highlighted that many ideas and plans are being developed and there are many prospects for future projects.

The Lynching of Dan Rather

By GREG PALAST

"It's fear that keeps US journalists from asking the toughest of the tough questions", the aging American TV journalist told the British television audience. It was in June of 2002, Dan Rather looked old and defeated, making a confession he dare not speak about on US Television about the deadly censorship - and self-censorship - which has seized all of US newsrooms. After September 11, news on the US TV was bound and gagged. Any reporter who stepped out of line, he said, would be professionally lynched as un-American.

"It's an obscene comparison," he said, "but there was a time in South Africa when people would put flaming tires around people's necks if they dissented. In some ways, the fear here in the US is that you will be neck-lashed here. You will have a flaming tire of lack of patriotism put around your neck. No US reporter who values his neck or career will bite in on the tough questions."

Dan said all these things to a British audience. However, back in the United States, he smothered his conscience and told his TV audience that: "George Bush is the President. He makes the decisions. He wants me to line up, just tell me where."

During the war in Vietnam, Dan's predecessor on CBS-TV, Walter Cronkite, asked some pretty hard questions about President Nixon's handling of the war in Vietnam. Today, our sons and daughters are dying in Bush wars. But, unlike

Cronkite, Dan could not, would not, question George Bush, Top Gun Fighter Pilot, Our Maximum Beloved Leader in the war on terror.

But on the British TV network broadcast, without his CBS network minders snooping around, you could see Dan seething and deeply unhappy with himself for playing the game.

"What's going on, I'm sorry to say, is a belief that the US public doesn't need to know - limiting access - limiting information in order to cover up the backsides of those who are in charge of the war. It's extremely dangerous and cannot and should not be accepted, and I'm sorry to say that up to and including the moment of this interview, that overwhelmingly it has been accepted by the American people. And the current Bush administration revels in that, they relish and take refuge in that."

Indeed, Dan Rather is in hot water for a report that my own investigative team put in Britain's Guardian newspaper and on BBC TV years ago. Way back in 1999, I wrote that former Texas Lt. Governor Ben Barnes had put in the fix for George Bush to get out of Vietnam and into the Air Guard.

What is hot news in the US during this election campaign - is a five-year old story to the rest of the world. And you still will not see it in the USA except that Dan Rather, with the 60-Minute producer, finally got fed up and ready to step out of line. And, as Dan Rather predicted, he stuck his neck out and got it chopped off.

Is Dan Rather's story accurate? Is George W. Bush a war hero or a privileged little Shirker-in-Chief? I have not read in the US media about two crucial documents supporting the BBC/CBS story. The first is Barnes signed and sworn affidavit to a Texas Court, from 1999, in which he testifies the Air Guard fix - which Texas Governor at that time, George W. Bush, given the opportunity, declined to challenge.

Also, there is a second document, from the files of the US Justice Department, again confirming the story of the fix to keep George's white bottom, out of Vietnam. That document, was shown last year in the BBC television documentary, "Bush Family Fortunes", correctly

identifies Barnes as the bagman even before 1999 confession.

At BBC we also obtained a statement from the man who made the call to the US Air Guard General on behalf of Bush at Barnes request. Want to see this document? I've posted it at:

<http://www.gregpalast.com/ulf/documents/draftdodgeblanked.jpg>

This is not a story about Dan Rather. This millionaire can defend himself without my help, if he wants to. This is really a story about fear, the fear that stops other reporters in the USA from following up the evidence about this present US Administration and where it leads to. American news guys and gals, practicing their smiles, adjusting their hairspray levels, bleaching their teeth and performing all the other activities - that are at the heart of US TV journalism, will look to the treatment of Dan Rather by Bush and say: "Not me, babe!" No questions will be asked by them, and as Dan predicted, lest they risk neck-lacing and their careers as news actors burnt to death.

This can be viewed at:
<http://www.gregpalast.com/bff-dvd.htm>

TURKEY THREATENS U.S. OVER IRAQ ATTACKS

TEHRAN TIMES - AL-JAZEERAH

Turkey has threatened to halt cooperation with Washington in Iraq if US forces continue and kill the mostly Turkmen populated town of Tal Afar.

The statement by Turkey said that: "We will continue to say these things and we will not stop at only words. If necessary we will not hesitate to do what has to be done."

Turkish firms are involved in construction and transportation for the US occupiers and deliver goods every day. The US is calling these Turks "terrorists". The Turkish Embassy in Baghdad said that the US forces killed over 500 Turkmen. No amount of excuses will placate Turkey, and the Turkish Foreign Minister said: "There should not be any civilian casualties. Even a few casualties is unacceptable to Turkey!"

AN EVENT IN ISRAEL

From Communist Party of Israel

Last September 23, 2004 a huge rally was held in one of the main square centers of Tel-Aviv, to mark the freedom of Four Israeli conscientious objectors from two years of imprisonment. The five young Jewish men refused to serve in the Israeli occupation army.

Many artists and public figures took part in this rally, and greetings were read from all over the world.

Yoram Gozansky
Chairman of Foreign Relations
Department - Communist Party of
Israel

UN SECRETARY GENERAL SAYS THAT IRAQ WAR WAS ILLEGAL!

This is fine and dandy! But where has he been when the attack started and thousands of deaths occurred and horrendous destruction?

When is the United Nations going to issue international arrest warrants for the war criminals Bush and Blair and set up a War Crimes Tribunal to try them?
Don't hold you breath!

CANADA'S SPIES WENT TO WAR AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA

By ANDREW MITROVICA

Electronic eavesdropper's role in gathering sensitive information about Yugoslavia is slowly coming to light here in Canada and other Western countries.

The nation's role in the netherworlds of espionage during the Balkans war is, understandably, a sensitive matter for Canada's spymasters. To their silent chagrin, what the electronic spies were up to during that war, and the hidden intelligence capabilities of Canada

are slowly emerging. Canada's top secret espionage agency, called the "Communications and Security Establishment", was called upon to help NATO collect and analyze intelligence intercepted Yugoslav political, diplomatic and military targets in the spring of that year, the Toronto Globe & Mail newspaper had learned.

US intelligence sources said that the participation of the CSE, a relatively unknown, but very elite espionage wing of the Department of National Defense, was important, even though the Canadian Government still denies its involvement. CSE had helped the CIA and British intelligence and did work for them. The CSE helped NATO in its collection of data for the invasion and dismemberment of Yugoslavia.

CSE is well funded by the Canadian Government to over \$150 millions per year plus other costs that are covered but not made public. The CSE is located in Ottawa in a non-descript building and employs over 900 full time people, both military and civilian. When asked about their actual budget, etc. - the spokesman said that all of the documents are classified. The wages amount to over \$150 million per year.

CSE had hired and trained and built up a small army of Serbo-Croatian speakers and translators and CSE hires at least 6 new employees of the Serbo-Croatian nationalities for communications analysts.

CSE was and is under jurisdiction of the CIA and the British Secret Service - but the Canadian government of course denies this.

HOW SPIES LISTEN AROUND THE GLOBE

A report by the British journalist Duncan Campbell for the European Parliament states that the current equipment and agencies have the capability to "intercept, process and analyze every modern type high-capacity communications." Here's how they do it:

What is monitored: Microwave signals.

How signals are intercepted: Many telephone, radio and television signals sent relatively to short distances-usually between cities-from microwave relay towers. The rest spill out into space, where it is

picked up by the spy satellites and then retransmitted to facilities on earth where it is analyzed. More recent innovations can pick up signals from any cell-phone, pager and mobile data systems.

What is monitored: Undersea cables.

How signals are intercepted: Starting in 1971, the United States secretly attached tapping devices to all of the Soviet undersea cables. Now the fiber system cables are tapped by infiltrating signal booster stations in order to transmit necessary message over long distances.

What is monitored:

Communications satellites.

How signals are intercepted: Satellites are used to transmit everything from television signals to fax and telephone calls - the latest version can handle 90,000 calls simultaneously.

What is monitored: The Internet.

How signals are intercepted: Most Internet traffic is open and easily accessible. Parts that are not are monitored by the so-called sniffer software that allows entry into all private E-mail and also the private networks. Because most of the Internet traffic passes through the United States, the US National Security Agency is capable to monitor data passing through from foreign countries.

What is monitored: Covert action.

How signals are intercepted: Signals that are not possible to intercept as shown above, it's done by using special equipment installed at foreign embassies.

ONE VISION!

The Coalition Against War and Racism held a public meeting on September 11th in Toronto, Canada that was very well attended and had many groups participating with their literature tables, music, poetry and speakers.

The message to the gathering was very well presented by many speakers:

WE commemorate and pay homage to Salvador Allende. A CIA sponsored coup d'etat violently overthrew the President of Chile, Salvador Allende on September

11th, 1973, imposing a 17-year reign of fascist terror in Chile. Today's Chile is nothing but a continuation of Pinochet's policies and his fascist constitution. The present government has no political will to change the constitution, a major hurdle in attaining true democratic changes in Chile.

WE are also gathering here to celebrate another victory by President Hugo Chavez, in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. President Chavez has won 9 consecutive referendums in the transparent electoral process. In spite of the US intervention and so-called opposition forces actively working to overthrow him, the people of Venezuela voted in support of President Chavez. The Bolivarian process led by President Chavez has become a beacon of hope for Latin America and indeed a lesson of true democracy for the rest of the world.

One died defending his principles...the other continues to fight!

But what do these two men have in common?

They share a common vision of a united Latin America. A vision of social justice and equality for all working men and women. A united Latin America to defeat the yoke of foreign capital and imperialism. A vision of solidarity with all oppressed peoples of the world. A vision of Latin America where all share the wealth and the resources. A Latin America for Latin Americans! ■

Condolences to Ronald Reagan of USA and the colors of the participating traitors

By VEERASINGHAM

He was named a Cold Warrior by the Imperialists, the reactionaries and traitors of the people. Now we can listen and absorb what these traitors and others said when Reagan, the ex-President of USA died.

TRAITOR # 1 – M. GORBACHEV

"A great president whose foresight and determination and daring helped kick start the process which ultimately put an end to the Cold War."

TRAITOR # 2-POPE JOHN PAUL II

The Pope recalled the contribution of Ronald Reagan to the historical events that changed the lives of millions of people.

How is it changed, from good to bad or bad to good?

TRAITOR # 3 – LECH WALESIA

The ex-president of Poland and leader of Solidarity praised Mr. Reagan's part in ending *"the murderous Communist system that had the blood of 200 million people on its hands."*

DIFFERENT VIEWS FROM TRAITORS

This was the statement from Miguel D'Escoto, who was the former foreign minister of the Nicaragua's Revolutionary government, who said: *"President Reagan did Nicaragua much harm and caused many deaths. He may not have had much time or inclination to regret the damage he did. Regardless of that, we ask God to take pity on his soul."* Reagan supported the Contras and overthrew the government.

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"Reagan set out a new conservative agenda for the Republican Party, marginalizing the old liberal wing of the party and setting the stage for subsequent attempts by President G. W. Bush and the neo-conservatives to take the revolution (against the world) further."

Margaret Thatcher, Pope John Paul II and Ronald Regan rallied the West to renew its moral and military challenge to Communism and to win the Cold War at all costs. To achieve this aim, they had followed the following programs:

* Armed the Afghan's Soviet resistance forces (*Mohajideen*) including Stinger Missiles.

* Supported all Latin American reactionary and anti-people's regime that were faced with the people's and communist led rebellions.

* Invaded Grenada to set an example to the Latin American countries as to what will happen to them.

* They shot down two Lybian jet

airplanes.

* Supported inside the Soviet Union and in all of Eastern Europe all anti-socialist forces --- financially, secretly and diplomatically.

After all, Reagan worked for and predicted the collapse of the Soviet Union.

As early as 1981 Reagan in his notorious speech at Notre Dame, where he called: *"Communism is a bizarre chapter in human history, whose last pages are even now being written."*

A year later he told the British House of Commons that *"the march of freedom and democracy will leave Marxism-Leninism on the ash heap of history."*

When he faced a challenge from the US Air Traffic Controllers, he fired all of them because they had defied him by going on strike.

He stated before he died that: ***"Government is not the solution to our problems, the Government is the problem!"***

These last words of Reagan you can easily sense his fascist tendencies.

That is why he was praised as a Cold War Warrior, whose leadership was instrumental in securing temporary victory over Communism's *"Evil Empire"*.

Here we should examine two of the traitors more closely. First is Gorbachev, who praised Reagan because he put an end to the Cold War. We have to ask the question as to what do you mean by the Cold War?

It means nothing more than the total dismemberment of the Soviet Union and the dismantling of al of the Peoples Democracies in Eastern Europe and bring down totally the

social democracy system which was still prevailing after the revisionists captured power after 1953. In other words, totally dismember, privatize industries and set these former socialist countries on the road towards capitalism and exploitation of man by man.

We see the results now, where President Putin is proceeding towards complete subservience to Western Imperialism. Putin has just cancelled all social benefits for the 30 million pensioners who comprise one fifth of the population. A recent TV program showed how the Russian women are deported to Israel on promises of jobs and wealth but the reality they are forced into prostitution.

Yes, Gorbachev knows where his bread is buttered. For his praises of President Reagan he now commands \$150,000 US for a speech, paid for by the multinational corporations. He is the most highly paid individual in the world. He is even paid more than ex-President Clinton of the fame of Monica Lewinsky sex escapades!

The other culprit and traitor is Lech Walesa, the former trade union leader and former President of Poland. Imagine praising Reagan who was viciously against the working class, and this praise from the former trade union leader? How did Walesa become leader of a Trade Union movement Solidarnost? Who paid and who pushed – both from Washington and the Vatican? How many hundreds of thousands Red Army men die liberating Poland from fascism?

Even though the world seems to be ruled over by the Mafia, the Oligarchs, the Multinational Corporations and the war criminals, and even though there is lack of unity among the working class, the sparks are there and the flame is rising slowly towards the victory that belongs to the people! ■

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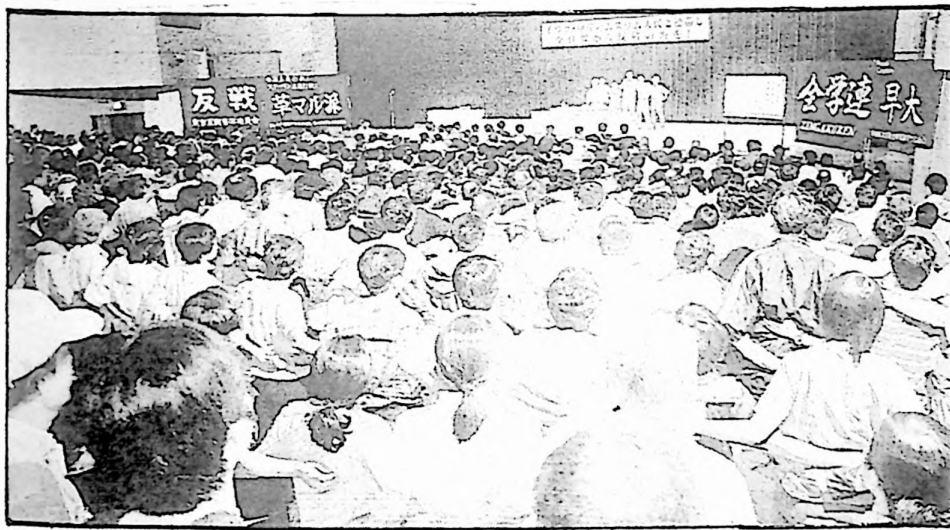
REPORT FROM 42ND INTERNATIONAL ANTI-WAR ASSEMBLY IN JAPAN

Dear comrades of Northstar
Compass:

We thank you for your message of solidarity. Japanese workers and students were greatly encouraged by your heartfelt greetings. We're sending you the reports from this Assembly. We wish with these documents to help our international solidarity to develop.

Comradely yours
Executive Committee of the 42nd
International Anti-War Assembly

This 42nd International Assembly was held in the midst of the struggles against the Iraq war. Over 1,400 workers, students and citizens assembled in the central meeting in Tokyo and hundreds of people participated in each of the constituent meetings in six regions of Japan on the same day, August 1.



U.S. SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE

From Los Angeles Times

David A. Passaro was a mercenary soldier working for the United States Army. A former Special Forces soldier, he was on the job on June 19, 2003 in

On behalf of the Executive Committee Tiru Sakamachi gave the keynote address in which he exposed the role of US Imperialism in Iraq and in other parts of the world. He stressed that the oil monopolies and the quest for rich resources is what US imperialist rulers are after.

He went into detail about the struggles that are held all over the world.

Sakamachi's confident speech reminded the audience of the importance of the revolutionary Marxist standpoint but not the "transcendence" issued by the Japanese Communist Party. He criticized its policy towards Iraq which he called a criminal mistake.

Following the keynote address, messages from foreign friends were presented. All the way from Britain there were two delegates whose address regarding the mission of Marxists moved Japanese workers and students.

In the closing ceremony the assembled participants chanted anti-war slogans and ended up by singing the International.

Let us all fight together! ■

Afghanistan, when there he was commanded to get information from a detainee Abdul Wali. When Wali said that he did not know anything Passaro beat him to death with a heavy metal flashlight.

Now on trial for murder, Passaro is described in a recent indictment as "a contractor working on behalf of the United States Central Intelligence Agency, engaging in paramilitary activities."

"Contractor" is the term used by the US Defense Department to avoid the more pejorative term like "Mercenary" that is used more and more to describe Washington's growing shadow army. There are others who were involved in torture. In Iraq, 16 of the 44 CIA admitted abuses of detainees at the Abu Ghraid have been tied to the private "mercenaries".

The Pentagon admits only that there are just 20,000 military contractors (Mercenaries) currently employed in Iraq. These mercenaries are paid over \$20,000 per year, plus all benefits. These mercenaries are run by former US retired Army Generals who have now become millionaires from the US secret budgets of the CIA and Defense Department.

One such US Company is MPRI, employs dozens of US retired Generals and has 10,000 former soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. But it is a fact that has become known that these private contractors have been linked to ethnic cleansing, physical abuse and torture, trafficking in sex slaves, like in Croatia and Bosnia.

Pentagon dismissed all charges that it is involved in any of these mercenaries or that they had any contacts with the accused.

But it is very interesting that in the case of the accused Passaro - the US Government secured a US Federal Order in Raleigh, N.C., barring any public disclosure of the facts of this case, including details of his work as a mercenary employed by the CIA.

There has never been any national debate on the use of mercenaries or on the rules governing their conduct. And, if some powerful forces in Washington have their way, there never will be. Washington's clandestine mercenary army receives billions of US dollars and employs tens of thousands. It is a growing dependence that could come back to hunt the US. Like many nations in history, we may find it easier to hire mercenaries than to be rid of them! ■

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HUGO CHAVEZ:

"The Bolivarian ideology must be extended"

By ROBERTO BASTIDAS

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Hugo Chavez, last month said that after the ratification of his presidency last August 15th recall referendum, *"the revolutionary ideology must be extended and become more profound."*

Using terms from Victor Hugo's *"Les Miserables"*, where he stated that during the French Revolution: *"we have removed the old regime in fact, but we haven't been able to remove it from the ideas."* President Chavez affirmed that nowadays, *"it is not enough to destroy abuse, we must modify the habits."*

In this respect, President Chavez pointed out the importance of transforming the old regime in practice and in theory. *"If not, it will turn against us or our children in the future and will inspire them to re-install the old ideas of selfishness, individualism and exploitation and the degeneration of the humankind, as Victor Hugo said."*

According to President Hugo Chavez, after his ratification in government, the Bolivarian revolution must assume the transformation of old ideas and habits as a fundamental challenge.

"New habits are born; ideas that have been discarded are growing up again: solidarity, equality, freedom and fraternity. The change has to be completed, extended and made more profound." ■

WHY IS ISRAEL SO INTERESTED IN BUILDING THIS OIL PIPELINE?

By ERIC WALBERG

Israel doesn't want the pipeline or the oil it would carry. Israel wants to build the pipeline that it knows will be attacked as it is being built. The

attacks will thus require the presence of Israeli troops to protect the contractors, building the pipeline. The Israel troops will require a system of roads to move along the pipeline and to communicate with Israel. Small outposts to provide services for the contractors and the troops will have to be built. The outposts themselves will have to be fortified, surrounded by walls, and protected by more troops.

Once the pipeline is built, it will require even more protection to prevent sabotage. With each attack, Israel will scream that it's being attacked by *"terrorists"*. It will insist on more American aid, and probably American troops, to help it protect the ever-expanding network of pipeline, outposts and roads. The American Congress will approve this as quickly as it possibly can. The zone around this pipeline will have to be expanded to protect it from *"terrorists"*, and fortifications will have to be created in order to protect the zone. Anyone who complains about it will be branded as sympathizer of those who threaten Israel's deepest security interests and thus its very existence. Anyone who even whispers concern about the pipeline and its zone will be branded an anti-Semite.

Suddenly there is an armored corridor protected by Israeli and American troops, and inhabited by Israeli *"settlers"*, stretching from the Mediterranean to the Euphrates. This is the backbone for the *"Greater Israel"*. All that will be needed to finish the dream is to continue to widen this zone. The genius of this plan is how it follows Israel's strategy in the Occupied Territories. Theft of the land of the Palestinians and brutality against them creates a reaction, which is labeled *"terrorism"*. Camps of Israelis are introduced into Palestinian lands in order to promote Israeli *"security"*. The Israeli settlers provoke more of a reaction, so Israeli troops are required to protect the settlers. The troops require a system of roads, and more settlers are introduced in order to insure *"security."*

This system of violence and lies has worked so well in the West Bank that the *"facts on the ground"* – settlements, outposts of troops, roads – means that it will be impossible to separate the land of

the West Bank to create any viable Palestinian State (*the joke of course, will be on the Zionists, when the world eventually insists on the majority Palestinian population having a vote*). The attempt at Greater Israel based on the pipeline will be based on exactly the same strategy of troops, settlers, roads, and American aid, spiced with allegations of *"terrorism"* threatening Israel's very existence. They won't get away with it, but how much harm will they do as they try?

Of course Mr. Putin will keep mum, praising Bush so that Dubya can win the election, because both Putin and Bush are fighting "terrorism" - praying in Church, holding bibles in their hands, and eyes upward, hoping that the TV cameras will show their meditation and humbleness - Editor of NSC. ■

BULLETS FOR VOTES TO REELECT BUSH

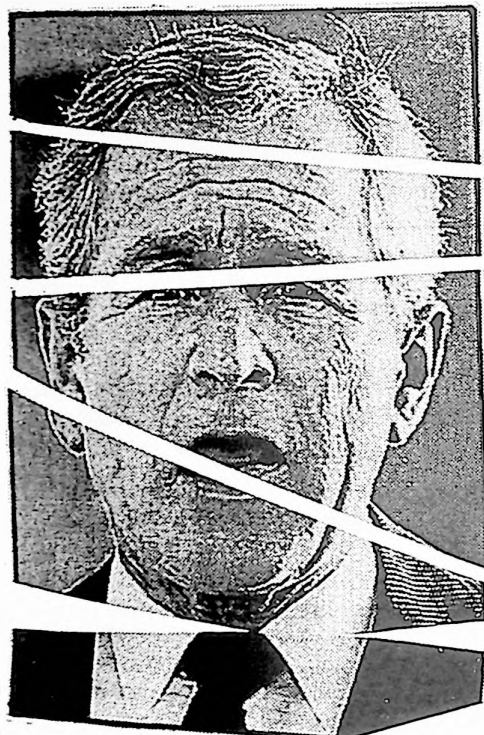
From RADIO HAVANA

Friends and collaborators of US President Bush, can fault him with many things, but never with being ungrateful. Throughout his government, George W. has handsomely compensated the faithful, as he recently did when he let a US Bill die in Congress that prohibited the sale of 19 types of firearms; restrictions which for ten years had sparked the ire of all gun manufacturers, all retailers and members of the National Rifle Association.

The notorious NRA, has some four million members throughout the United States and gave \$12,000,000 to the Bush Presidential campaign four years ago. This year the National Rifle Association executives decided to invest up to \$400 thousand dollars per week, until election day in order to keep the Republicans in the White House.

The United States is the world's largest producer of weapons, but its domestic market is extremely strong, despite the so-called Brady Law, which limited the sale of high-

powered assault weapons such as the AK-47, the UZI sub-machinegun, rifles that can be used as grenade launchers, like the M-16 A3 and those unto which bayonets can be affixed. However, restrictions and all, the legal gun market in the United States has moved close to 300 million firearms in a country of 290 million inhabitants, which means that **there is more than one weapon per person, counting babies and children, the ill and the elderly.** And that is not talking about the **ILLEGAL** gun market, whose huge profits are only rivaled by the billion-dollar drug trafficking rings.



simply reducing the size of the magazine or eliminating some devices. But at least it was **something** in a nation in which firearms are a principal cause of deaths among the population. Now, within the curious conception of the Bush administration's fight against terrorism, the US market of high-powered assault weapons has now been newly opened up to amateurs and professionals in the game of death.

However, within the electoral campaign now on, the measure is well directed, if one keeps in mind that in the past presidential election, 61 per cent of those who defended the right to possess and sell firearms, voted for Bush. So, to that end, it is noting more than a **"free and democratic"** exchange of **bullets for votes** ■

US CRISIS IN IRAQ

By Peter Symonds

The ongoing siege of Najaf has graphically underscored the crisis of US imperialism in Iraq. Whatever the outcome of the confrontation between the US military and militia of Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadar, the occupation has turned into a nightmare for the American ruling elite. Having invaded Iraq to plunder its oil and to dominate the Middle East, the US is facing a widening popular uprising that is having a profoundly destabilizing impact on the region and indeed on world capitalism.

The armed opposition to the US occupation is not composed of a few **"Hussein loyalists"**, **"foreign fighters"** or **"terrorists"** as the Bush administration would have us believe, but a growing movement involving both Sunnis and Shias that has the sympathetic backing of the broad layer of the population. Far from the so-called **"isolated minority"** it is the US and its quisling regime led by Prime Minister Lyad Allawi that has no significant support in Iraq.

Many, but not all the anti-US fighters come from impoverished layers of youth. The US occupation

has proven to them as an unmitigated disaster. The youth have no education, no jobs and are prepared to sacrifice themselves in a war against the US military machine.

For all of the many Bush administration's denials, Iraq has become American quagmire. The solution for this occupation is repression and terror. Tens of thousands of Iraqis have died and hundreds of U.S. and allied soldiers have been sacrificed at a cost of billions of dollars without any end in sight.

Only two months ago it has been exposed that Allawi is nothing more than a long time stooge of Washington, who was installed by US in order to put a face on the police-state measures and to stamp out any opposition.

Much of the effective editorials in newspapers such as USA Today, the Los Angeles Times and others all reflect the growing pessimism in the US ruling circles and American bourgeoisie has no remedy. One after another, all of the BUSH lies and calculations on which the invasion was based have been shattered.

* The absurd claim as US invaded Iraq that cheering crowds of Iraqis will welcome US-led forces as liberators have collapsed immediately. US policies in this region were always very suspect and their cooperation and promotion of Israel's conquest stuck in peoples memories.

*All lies to justify the war have been eliminated, such as WMD and that US will bring **"democracy"** to Iraq. Iraqis are saying that US occupation is worse than Hussein was.

*Unpinning the entire occupation was the US crude calculation that the seizure of Iraq's oil reserves would solve many problems: like the pumping of Iraq's oil would pay for the US invasion and prove an economic boom for American corporations as well as undermine the OPEC and bring down oil prices. Instead of bringing down the barrel of oil to \$20 a barrel, Iraq's production has been plagued by attacks on oil pipelines and other facilities. Thus the price has risen to \$50 per barrel, which has sent shockwaves trough the world economy, not least of all in the USA itself.

Far from focusing on this strategy,

Now, since September 12, 2004, anyone can go to a store and simply present identification showing them to be a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States, agree to an investigation to see if they have a criminal record, and then wait five days to be able to buy for example, a TEC-9 machine-gun pistol just like the one used in the Columbine school massacre.

As long as the customer pays money no one will ask if he or she is a criminal or an arms trafficker, if he or she belongs to a terrorist organization or is simply a duck hunter using rifles that could drop an elephant. In fact, what the National Rifle Association says about the 1995 Clinton gun control law is true: it had more legal loopholes that a collector and gun manufacturers could get around the regulations by

Washington provided the spurt for further adventures and new catastrophes. This shows the profound crisis of capitalism in US and in the world. The Bush administration's plans to secure US control in the oil-rich Middle East and Central Asia is, in the final analyses is an attempt to overcome the fundamental contradictions of the profit system between the world economy and the nation state system by establishing America's global hegemony over all of its rivals ■

THE MOTHER OF ALL ANTI-WAR FORCES

By NAOMI KLEIN

There is a remarkable scene in the film *"Fahrenheit 9/11"* exposing US and Bush's lies and the tragedy of the attack on Iraq. Lila Lipscomb talks with an anti-war activist outside the White House, about the death of her 25-year old son in Iraq. A pro-war passerby doesn't like what she overhears and announces, *"This is all staged."*

Mrs. Lipscomb turns to the woman, her voice shaking with emotion and rage, and replies: *"My son is not a stage. He was killed in Karbaka on Aril 2, 2004. It is not a stage. I need my son!"*

Watching Mrs. Lipscomb doubled over in pain on the White House

lawn, I was reminded of the mothers who have taken the loss of their children to the seat of power and changed the fate of wars. During the Argentina's dirty war, a group of women whose children had been abducted and disappeared by the military regime - gathered every Thursday in front of the presidential palace in Buenos Aires. At a time when all public protests were banned, they would walk silently in circles, wearing white headscarves and carrying photographs of their missing children.

These Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo revolutionized human-rights activism by transforming maternal grief from a cause for pity into an unstoppable political force. The Generals could not attack the mothers openly, so they launched fierce covert operations against their organization. But the mothers kept walking, playing a significant role in the dictatorship's eventual collapse.

Unlike the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, who still march every Thursday, in *"Fahrenheit 9/11"*, Lila Lipscomb stands alone, hurling her fury at the White House. But she is not alone. The American and British parents whose children have died in Iraq are also coming forward to condemn their governments; their moral outrage could help end the military conflict still raging in Iraq.

Last month, California resident Nadia McCaffrey defied the Bush administration by inviting the news cameras to photograph the arrival of

her son's casket from Iraq. The White House has banned all photography of flag-draped coffins arriving at air force bases.

Another mother in England, upon hearing of her son being killed in Iraq, Rose Gentile, immediately blamed the government of Tony Blair, saying that: *"My son was just another bit of meat to them, just a number... This is not our war, my son has died in their war over Oil!"*

And just as Rose Gentile was saying these words in England, Michael Berg happened to be visiting London to speak at an anti-war rally. Since the beheading of his 26-year old son, his father has insisted that: *"Nicholas Berg died for the sins of George Bush and Donald Rumsfeld."*

Asked by an Australian journalist whether such bold statements that he made *"are making the war seem fruitless"*, Mr. Berg replied: *"The only fruit of war is death and grief and sorrow. There is no other fruit."*

It is as if these parents have lost more than their children, they have also lost their fear, allowing them to speak with great clarity and power. This represents a great danger to the Bush administration, which likes to claim, a monopoly on moral clarity. Victims of war and their families aren't supposed to interpret their losses for themselves.

In the film *"Fahrenheit 9/11"* Lila Lipscomb reads a letter that Michael Pederson, a US soldier in Iraq, who wrote: *"What in the world is wrong*



This cartoon from the newspaper New York City Working People's Voice is right on the mark! It's Edited & published By George Gruenthal, Secretary of NSC.

with George Bush, is he trying to be like his Dad? He got us here for nothing. I'm so furious right now, Mama!"

Many Iraqis who have lost loved ones to foreign aggression have started by fiercely resisting the occupation. Now, victims of this war are starting to organize themselves inside the countries that are waging war. Many organizations are being formed in the USA and other countries.

This movement still hasn't got the numbers and it might not swing the vote to get Bush out at the coming presidential election, but this movement might change something more powerful: **the hearts and minds of the American people.** ■

DID YOU KNOW?

NSC Reporter

CORPORATE (MIS)BEHAVIOUR

During the summer months, television frequently offers a number of re-runs, programs that were first shown during the previous fall or winter season. So it was that I caught a re-run of the CBS program "60 Minutes" (1) in which a segment dealt with the surprising discovery that US Corporations are deeply involved in operations of the so-called "rogue states". According to US law, doing business with these countries, which include Iran, Syria, Sudan among others, is illegal. Correspondent Leslie Stahl of the "60 MINUTES" program argues that such actions by US Corporations provide funds for "rogue states" which in turn are used to support terrorists that attack Americans. Thus, says Stahl, Americans are being attacked and killed by their own money.

Roger Robinson, who runs a research firm in Washington that monitors companies working in the rogue countries, has identified over 400 companies that do business in

terrorist-sponsoring states. Stahl focused largely on three large corporations – General Electric, Conoco-Phillips and Haliburton, all of them exploited a loophole in the law that allows foreign or offshore subsidiaries to do business in rogue nations, so long as these are not run by Americans. Of course this is a rule just asking to be violated. Haliburton Corporation for instance set up a subsidiary in the Cayman Islands that does business with Iran. When CBS attempted to visit and investigate this facility, it turned out to be an office in name only, without any employees, and, any mail directed to this address is forwarded to Haliburton's headquarters in Houston, Texas, USA. So much for abiding by the law, and goodbye to the independence of all of these subsidiaries!

The fact that the American corporations are violating the laws of their own country should not come as much of a surprise however, even if that means that American lives are lost as a result of such actions. The business that American corporations did with Hitler Germany before, during and after World War II has been well documented and bears remembering in the light of the "60 Minutes" program revelations. An interesting overview of all this is provided on the Internet in the Elkhorn Manifesto, part II (2) where a number of prominent individuals and corporations and their actions in the 1930's and 1940's are identified. This manifesto states: "We will review which prominent Americans and corporations were involved, what aid and comfort they gave our nation's enemies – treasonable offences during the time of war, and investigations into these matters which produced evidence of the US/Nazi corporate conspiracy to bring a Fascist state to America, and eliminate competition in the industrial raw materials market in order to force world-wide dependence on oil-based petrochemicals."

Among the individuals and corporations listed are William Randolph Hearst of the **Hearst Press Empire**, who struck a deal with Hitler, signed by Hitler's propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels that completely changed the Editorial policy of Hearst's 19 daily newspapers and instructed all of Hearst press correspondents in Germany "to report happenings in Germany in a friendly manner". Hearst was the Lord of all the press lords in the United States. The millions of people who read the Hearst newspapers and magazines and saw Hearst newsreels in all of the nation's movie theatres, had their minds poisoned by this Hitler propaganda.

Next on this list is Andrew Mellon and the **Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA)**, which by its cartel agreement with the German I.B. Farben, a corporation controlled by Hitler, sabotaged the aluminum program of US air force itself which had already cost the US "10,000 fighters or 1,665 bombers", according to US Congressman Pierce of Oregon, speaking in May of 1941.

The Elkhorn Manifesto next refers to a book by Charles Higham, "Trading with the Enemy" in which "Dupont and General Motors" are identified. DuPont's anti-Semitism "matched that of Hitler" and, in 1933, the DuPonts "began financing native fascist groups in America"...one of which Higham identifies as "the American Liberty League: a Nazi organization whipping up hatred of blacks and Jews, and the love of Hitler". As for "General Motors", in heavily documented study that was presented to the US Senate Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly in February of 1974, Bradford C. Snell, an assistant subcommittee counsel wrote: "GM's participation in Germany's preparation for war began in 1935. That year, its Opel subsidiary cooperated with the Reich in building

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new heavy truck facility at Brandenburg, which German military officials advised would be less vulnerable to enemy air attacks. During the succeeding years, GM supplied the Wehrmacht with Opel "Blitz" trucks from Brandenburg complex. For these and other contributions to (the Nazis) wartime preparations, GM's chief executive overseas operations (James the German Eagle (first class) was by Adolph Hitler himself.

Standard Oil of New Jersey (Now Exxon) was also a collaborator with Nazi Germany. Between the 26th and 28th of March, 1942, Thurman Arnold, Chief of the US Antitrust Division, "produced documents showing that the Standard Oil and Farben of Germany had literally carved up the world markets, with oil and chemical monopolies all over the map," according to Higham. Rather than face a criminal trial, Exxon and the inducted executives entered no-contest pleas – the legal equivalent of guilty pleas – and were fined the minor sum of a few thousand dollars which were the maximum (!) amounts permitted by law.

Henry Ford, writes Higham, "admired Hitler from the very beginning, when the future Fuhrer was a struggling and obscure fanatic. He shared with Hitler as fanatical hatred of Jews". As late as 1940, Ford Motor Company "refused to build aircraft engines for England and instead built supplies for the 5-ton military trucks that were the backbone of the German army transportation."

Even after Pearl Harbor, **International Telephone and Telegraph (ITT)** was working for the Nazis, reports Higham, "...the German army and Air Force contracted with the ITT for the manufacture of switchboards, telephones, alarm gongs, buoys, air raid warning devices, radar equipment, and thirty thousand fuses per month for artillery shells used to kill British and American troops." ITT also "supplied ingredients for the rocket bombs that fell on London." And other devices as well, without which "it would have been impossible for the German Army to kill American and British troops) (he should have mentioned also the Soviet troops – Editor) or the German Army to fight the Allies in Africa, Italy, France and

Germany, for England to have been bombed, or for Allied ships to have been sunk at sea."

Yet another American corporation was identified as an enthusiastic supporter of Hitler's Germany is **IBM**, whose technology helped make the holocaust possible. And on and on it goes!

As written in cobalt.com (3) for those corporations and individuals this was not simply a matter of having an investment in German subsidiary. Some of these corporate heads met repeatedly with Hitler and his closest advisors, contributed millions of dollars to help to establish the Nazi Party in Germany and in some cases – in such as the Bush and the Rockefeller families – continued to channel money and advanced technology to the Nazis even after the US entered WWII."

The foregoing makes it quite obvious that, whatever the laws of America may say in respect to trade relations with enemy nations, corporations will use whatever loopholes are left in these laws (accidentally or purposely) to further their own interests, regardless of whether these interests are in dire conflict with those of the people and indeed the nation. In America today, corporations are in complete collusion with the government and, for all intents and purposes **ARE** the government. The behavior of these American corporations during World War II and the admiration for Hitler, coupled with today's business dealings with terrorist-sponsoring states, serves as a dire warning to Americans to take back power in Washington, where the government is supposed to be "of, by and for the people".

(1)http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/01/22/60_minutes/main595214.shtml

(2)<http://www.wealtj4freedom.com/Elkhor2.html>

(3)<http://forum.cobalt.com/viewtopic.php?t-17>

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ODE TO CYNTHIA

By ISRAEL SHAMIR

Below we reprint an excellent piece on the US voting for Cynthia McKinney in Georgia elections. She has now succeeded against all odds and won 51% of the primary vote. There are forces at work now, as they were at work two years ago to stop Cynthia, a Black American woman getting back into the US Congress, in spite of the Zionist lobby, because Cynthia supported the rights of Palestinians and was against the war in Iraq.

Things must be bad indeed if a woman steps forward into the line of fire. Nature arranged that a woman does not court danger unless her land and her folks are in real trouble. But when she does, she teaches men a lesson of manly behavior.

When France was fading away, a shepherd girl Jeanne d'Arc took a heavy sword and led the flower of French nobles to assault the walls of Orleans. When cities of Republican Spain were strafed by the Nazi Luftwaffe, it was a woman, Dolores Ibarruri, La Pasionaria, who said to her people: **It is better to die tall, then to live on your knees.** In 1990, when Mikhail Gorbachev led the USSR to disaster and disintegration, a year before the wealth of USSR was embezzled in privatization sprees, only one person then had dared to raise her voice against this dictator in parliament. She was the indomitable Sashie Umalatova, an MP from the Chechen Mountains.

Now it is the turn of the US to feel the chill wind of eternity on its face. It came from unexpected direction. People of America became hostage in the hands of a few men in the White House, with too many dollars in their pockets and endless greed in their hearts. For millennia, the difference of income, education and standard of living was not so vast on this land. The wealth of the nation could have provided every American with a superb education, perfect medical care, happy childhood, secure old age, guaranteed home, and free time to open one's mind to new thoughts and old friends. America could have been on its way to the Golden Age on universal happiness and wisdom.

Instead of it, a small group of men squeezes the nation in order to add another billion to their coffers. They would surely destroy the US by their limitless greed. The devotees of Mammon, they are totally devoid of compassion to the people they live amongst. They do not see the local people as "their own kind". If they want to show any compassion, they send money to Israel. Out of every five dollars, the American taxpayer gives for aid, two dollars land in the coffers of the Jewish state. They appear unstoppable, as the politicians are scared of them and docilely raise their hands and sign pledges to send more money as aid to Israel. Support of Israel is not a foreign policy. It is the covenant of the Mammonites, and you sign it with blood. Palestinian blood.

But one US Congress woman refused to sign the pledge. Only one woman, Cynthia McKinney, a member of US Congress from Georgia, dared to refuse. Four Hundred US Congressmen signed it - they preferred their own personal advancement to the good of the country. Ancestors of Cynthia were African slaves in her native Georgia. But she is one of a very few free persons in the US Congress. As we Israelis were used to say about our own Golda Meir - she is the only man over there. Cynthia is a Black woman, but she is the whitest man of them all, they would say before the politically Correct Era. She knew that the billions of Aid to Israel, are needed for the poor people in the United States, for her own Afro-American community. She wanted to uphold the sovereignty of the people and of the US Congress, in face of the encroaching servility to the Zionist Lobby.

She is not alone here. Another Afro-American congresswoman, Barbara Lee, cast the only vote against the slaughter in Afghanistan; John Conyers, Jesse Jackson Jr. and Maxine Waters, all Black Americans supported the cause of Palestine on different occasions. Ron Paul of Texas voted against the all-house resolution sending greetings to General Sharon the butcher of Israel.

Cynthia was just more outspoken in seeing the evil. She said: "There are many members of the US Congress who want to be free. I am

one of them. I wanted to be free to vote according to my conscience, but I was told that if I didn't sign the pledge supporting the military superiority of Israel, no support would come my way. And no support did come. Then like a slave that found a way to buy his freedom...I went to work... I wanted to be free...Free to cast the votes in the United States Congress as I saw fit and not as I was dictated to!"

Cynthia is not "against the Jews". There are Jewish people in very large numbers that do not subscribe to the Zionist ideology or the expansionist policy of Israel. These people are rejected by the organized Zionist organizations because they stand for the integration in Palestine and many have supported Cynthia's campaign.

Cynthia is not a divisive voice of Blacks vs Whites, nor Democrats vs Republicans, neither Left against the Right. She speaks for the people of the US against foreign interests. She was the US Congresswoman who dared to remind us of the USS Liberty seamen, butchered by Israeli heavy machineguns and missiles. She reminds her audience of the last stand of Fari Ode, the brave Palestinian kid who faced the Israeli tank with only a stone in her hand and was murdered. She stands against all corporate greed. She stands for the nature deemed expendable by the Greedies.

It is paramount to rally around her, as the French nobles rallied around Joan of Arc. Whether you are a descendant of African slaves or Muslim immigrants, a son of the Confederacy or the Daughter of American Revolution, a freedom-loving Jew or a born-again Christian - it is time to unite for Cynthia and for America.

After her defeat, I wrote...

Cynthia was ambushed in the Democratic Party primaries, when her enemies brought in thousands of Republican voters to vote against Cynthia. Alexander Cockburn of the "Counterpoint" wrote: "Torrents of American Zionist money showered her opponent. Buckets of sewage was poured over McKinney's head in the Zionist owned and edited "Washington Post" and the "Atlanta Constitution" Cynthia was not the first Afro-American victim of the Zionist lobby. Earl Hilliard, first

elected Afro-American Congressman in Alabama, was "defeated with a torrent of money from out-of-state American Zionist organizations, because he was calling for more even-handedness in the Middle East for the Palestinians."

Let us hope that this time she will win!

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

HERE HE COMES AGAIN... COLIN POWELL AND THE WMD By VIC RAT SMA

If our NSC readers will remember, the US presentation at the United Nations by Colin Powell made to the Security Council. With documented evidence in hand and with photographs displayed, Powell sought to convince the UN Security Council that Saddam Hussein's Iraq was full of dangerous weapons of mass destruction, dangerous not only to the Middle East region, but to the United States and indeed to the whole world. These weapons, so argued Powell, can be provided to the terrorist groups and rogue nations to attack America and the rest of the "civilized world" therefore



the United Nations should approve, and nations should participate in a

full-scale attack on Iraq in order to eliminate this danger.

But the majority of the members of the Security Council did not find Powell's evidence very convincing and denied the US/British resolution, which led to Bush declaring the UN "irrelevant" and launched an illegal attack on his own, together with a handful of allies. It has long since been proven that all of Powell's evidence of WMD and other weaponry supposedly in the hands of Saddam Hussein, was false. Highly embarrassing information showed that some data was about ten years old and has been assembled by a student, and many of the identified sites had been or were later visited by UN inspectors and were found harmless. And the documents that provided the so-called proof of purchase of uranium from, Niger were shown to be fakes also.

After such an embarrassing display of unreliable "intelligence", one might expect that Colin Powell would think twice before attempting to play the same game again. After all, he himself had to admit later that his information was incorrect. **But no!** Here he was again just last month, showing aerial photographs of a location in Iran and accusing the Iranian government of developing weapons of mass destruction, something that the Iranians have repeatedly denied. USA Today magazine reported: "Powell said that the United States wants the UN Security Council to impose economic, political and/or diplomatic sanctions against Iran, because of steps that he believes Iran is talking toward developing its own nuclear weapons."

Powell's brazenness is however not matched by the head of the Atomic Energy Inspection Agency (IAEA) El Baradei. Speaking with the BBC's diplomatic reporter, E. Baradei said that he has not seen an imminent danger from, Iran and would prefer to give diplomacy and ratification time to work one the issue. Baradei who is obviously under pressure said: "I have to rely on facts; I can't speculate: I really have to walk very surely and steadily."

Few will deny that El Baradei's position is a reasonable one and that should be followed. But, during the Iraq debate, the IAEA position as

well as that of Hans Blick and his UN inspection team was also most reasonable, but was nevertheless spurned by the US/British coalition and invasion. Only time will tell if the same scenario unfolded in Iraq will be repeated in Iran.

OPEN FORUM

AFTER THE TRANSITION

By AMSTAR

The end of the Cold War and the return to capitalism in Russia and Eastern Europe has had a marked effect on the living standards of the people in these countries. The new Internationalist magazine (1) published a significant amount of statistical data in its April 2004 edition. The information used here is primarily from this source.

The opening of the Berlin Wall and the subsequent disintegration of the Soviet Union were events hailed by the Western politicians and the media as a victory for peace and stability in the world. Increased prosperity through private capitalist entrepreneurship and the leveling of living standards between the West and the East were promises that kept people hopeful of a better life than they had achieved under the previous communist governments.

So, how have these countries fared since 1990, and how much better off are the people who live there?

To be sure, there are substantial differences between the various countries in Eastern Europe. One economic indicator to compare is the GDP (*Gross Domestic Product*) of each country. This shows that only Poland had a greater GDP in 1999 than it had ten years earlier. The Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia were marginally positive, while all the other showed a decline in the GDP. The greatest declines were in Russia (-3.7%), Georgia at (-5.6%), Ukraine (-7.9%), Moldova (-8.4%) and Tajikistan (-8.5%).

Powell's move may be just a pre-election ploy that fizzles away in due course. However, his first steps are not very promising as they bear great likeness to what transpired with respect to the devastated Hussein's regime in Iraq.

It should be noted however that the GDP as an indicator of economic growth says nothing about the distribution of that wealth among the population. And in most of these transition countries, incomes have become more unequal, with some people becoming very wealthy through the wholesale sell-off (*give-away or theft maybe a better word*) of publicly owned enterprises, while the lower paid segments of society lost most of their income, savings and social security. The Gini Index, a measure of inequality that is frequently used, shows that Russia, Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Estonia as being "very unequal", while Belarus, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria are found to have more equal income distributions than in the past. Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania and Latvia are shown to be less equal, but not as much as Russia and the other "very unequal" countries.

Russia must take the gold medal for privatizing the previous state-owned enterprises at give-away prices. Between 1993 and 1995, 20,000 out of a total of 27,000 public enterprises were sold to private interests for about 10% of their true value. Today, President Putin is attempting to regain control over some of these conglomerates (*so the Russian capitalist press announces - Editor*), for instance - the oil and gas industry, but the damage to the Russian society is irreversible and has resulted in the reduction of life expectancy of ten years for Russians and a steady diminishing population, which now stands at only 143.8 million. Between 1990 and 1999, the increase in the percentage of people in former socialist countries who are living on less than one dollar per day is 3.7%, a greater increase than anywhere else in the world. **Between 1987 and 1995, poverty levels in all of these transition countries combined, increased by a**

whopping 45% and 168 million people were considered living below the poverty line.

Some of the countries of Eastern Europe now seek their fortune through joining the European Economic Community (EEC), the European Union (EU) and NATO, thereby aligning themselves with the aggressive policies of the United States for world hegemony and Europe's attempts to equal or surpass the American economic might in the world. Since both of them are on a path of further militarization, demanding ever-greater expenditures for defense (*read offense*), the likelihood of raising the living standards of the common people does not look very bright. In fact, all of the social services the people of Western Europe have acquired over the past years, as well as their individual income levels are under constant attack by the combined forces of governments and corporations. As it always has been, total reliance on unbridled capitalism to ensure adequate living standards for all of the people, is a sure path to lasting poverty and ever increasing income inequality. ■

(1) *New Internationalist*, www.newint.org

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

PARTITO COMUNISTA ITALIANO - MARXISTA- LENINISTA

Dear comrade Michael Lucas,
Chairman of the International Council
and Editor of NSC

We fully agree with you that the assault and domination over the world by Imperialism, the last stage of that infamous economic, political and social capitalism, is becoming more and more of a fascistic nature and therefore killers and bloodthirsty, in order to delay as long as possible the sure end of this infamous system through the revolutionary work of the working class, armed with Marxism-Leninism ideology.

Besides, the effects of the defeat of socialism achieved in the 20th

century – this defeat happened unfortunately without any effective struggle or resistance, thus allowing the supreme domination over the world and the trampling the rights of principles of democracy. We think that in today's situation of barbarous imperialism, it is necessary for the initiative to be taken up by the Marxist-Leninist forces for a united struggle.

Therefore the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People should think over its stated function in order to develop a unified ideological and political work in order to support the organizational and the growth of the Marxist-Leninist forces existing today on the national and international level - in their hard struggles against the spreading of the Bernstein, Kautskiet, Trotskyist, Krushchev and Gorbachev's revisionism, which is responsible for the temporary demise of Socialism and the building in future of a Communist Society.

The proposal that was made at the First World Congress to set up the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries was fine, but they should be guided as to which issue to take up first, since the history of friendship and glorious cultural exchanges amongst the peoples of the former socialist countries and all over the world that were being promoted and cultivated by the former Union of Soviet Friendship Societies. But... this past is not here anymore and, because of the ideological confusion, unfortunately

the work is impregnated with revisionism in the area that is now called Communist Left.

Lenin warned us that it is first necessary to delineate before beginning any serious work in order to isolate and to fight the revisionist trend. Unfortunately today in the country of Lenin and Stalin, the parties that falsely call themselves "Communist" such as Zyuganov and others – they are nothing but revisionist and opportunist parties.

In order to clear the way for Socialism, it is necessary to be Leninist and Stalinist completely! The Soviet Friendship Society with Foreign Countries - if it is not of the working class, Marxist-Leninist, or revolutionary - or if it does not serve these ideas, then it has no future and will not be successful to fulfill the decisions made by the First World Congress!

We here do not know much about the trade union "Zashchita" that is proposed to join and help get this Friendship Society off the ground, since we are well aware of the existence of many Russian and other trade unions who are revisionists, reformist and some of them are not based on the working class at all. If this is so, then we express our opposition to any cooperation with these revisionist unions.

In our estimation, the only forces in the former USSR that are based on Marxism-Leninism, are those that are in the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, headed by Nina Andreeva and some other dedicated



and much smaller parties that are existing and struggling. We also know that there exist many communist and working class parties in ex-USSR, just as many as in the capitalist world. It is therefore difficult to foresee where the next cradle of a Socialist Revolution will be in the world, and it is not necessarily to say that it will be again in former USSR.

Partito Comunista Italiano Marxista-Leninista, on behalf of all the Italian Marxist-Leninist expresses to Northstar Compass best wishes on its 13th Anniversary, our truest feelings of friendship, of appreciation, encouragement and, we thank you for your precious work, which is in the service of the glorious Communist cause. We hope that Northstar Compass becomes more and more the voice of Marxism-Leninism.

To all the Executive members who help to publish this excellent journal, we express our deep thanks for the work that you are doing in these difficult times.

If you agree comrades, we here could arrange to send you monthly contribution of articles about the struggles that are taking pace in Italy and internationally. We will send it in English via e-mail - which is much faster, if you wish. **(We certainly do comrades, the sooner, the better! Editor)**

We feel that the Second World Congress could have been held in 2005 in Leningrad, the cradle of the October Revolution. We know that the problem there is the unfortunate weakness of the Marxists-Leninists in helping to make this Second World Congress a success. We hope that in the future we can host a Congress here in Italy.

Looking at the planning situation realistically, we agree that it should be held in Toronto, Canada in September of 2005. We will get the travel tickets but we hope that you will be able to take care of the hospitality there, translation, as you did during the First World Congress.

There are many Conferences held in Europe and Latin America, with parties that in most instances are of a revisionist character. Therefore, we hope that the International Council will be the spark and the vehicle to support and build the dedicated Marxist-Leninist thought in the communist movement

of the world. The 2nd World Congress cannot be impregnated with revisionism, or Maoism.

Our agenda must be truly Marxist-Leninist in character and content. We presented our paper on these topics to the First World Congress, but due to time limits, we did not have the opportunity to dwell and explain our position.

We will present these two documents: *"Marxism-Leninism and contemporary revisionism and opportunism"* and *"The rebuilding of the revolutionary Communist Party in Italy."*

Dear comrade Lucas! Excuse us for our frankness, but we think, that is the right way of loyal comrades in contributing to the discussion. For all of us, these are very difficult times. Contacts with the working class are complicated because of the false and deceiving revisionists and petty bourgeois communists. In Italy we have many of these parties and movements that call themselves Communists and Marxists, but are in fact, revisionists - thus spreading confusion amongst the working class.

Dedicated Marxists-Leninists have a sacred duty to head this struggle against these enemies of Socialism. We must become the locomotive of history to go on and on towards the bright Communist future in the Third Millennium!

Fraternal and Communist greetings!

DOMENICO SAVIO

Secretary General of the PCIML ■

AS I SEE IT...

JERRY MORSE



WASHINGTON - Under the order of the belligerent Commander in Chief Bush, within his Organic Society, who consider that their capitalist system is "natural and immutable", an American soldier killed in Iraq was

WHO CARES?

- * Nobody cares about Bush Family dealings with the German Nazis.
- * Nobody cares about the Iran/Contra affair.
- * Nobody cares about who ordered the US Air Force to stand down on 9/11.
- * Nobody cares that the US Republicans spent \$55 million of your tax dollars re Monica and Clinton affair or \$3 million US tax dollars on the 9/11 Commission that whitewashed Bush.
- * Nobody cares about the 6 US corporations owning most of the US media and that General Electric, who owns NBC, is one of the largest US corporations exporting WMD on the planer.
- * Nobody cares about the US children left behind by a budget that supports war and destroys education.
- * Nobody cares where the Weapons of Mass Destruction are and that Saddam Hussein was not involved in the 9/11.
- * Nobody cares about their children dying in an illegal war and the upcoming US draft.
- * Nobody cares about Israel and Christian extremists who hate their lives because they believe they are with sin and want to murder the rest of the world in God's name.
- * Nobody wants to subpoena God to find out on whose side he really is.

NOBODY CARES?

OH YES, THEY'RE BEGINNING TO! ■

flown back to the US for burial in the Arlington Cemetery. He was the 1000th US military death.

What is this? Some sort of assembly line death to be recorded, like the one-millionth car off an assembly line, without a word as to why the US had to lose 1000 of its young people? Are they going to have a plaque honoring this "1000th death" to be hung on the wall of the White House or Pentagon?

How can Americans even think of electing Bush for another term? Wake up America, that 1000th dead soldier is already turning in his grave.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA – An article by Prof. Dr. Herman Knofflacker in "Die Ganze Woche" magazine (#36/04) tells us about the formation of Club of Vienna. This is an International Club with representatives from many Universities and other knowledgeable organizations around the world. This professor is a famous biologist and elected politician in Vienna and is one of the founders. There is a consensus that there is a great need for such an organization and a more realistic one than the Club of Rome, because the military-industrial complex is setting unrelenting global policies based only on profit. There must be a counterpoint to this policy and on behalf of the people of the world there needs to be taken actions to confront this policy.

Their slogan is "*The Taming of Capitalism!*" and it set itself a three-year comprehensive project of analyses and answers for this subject. One can only hope that reason and intellect of these learned members will look deeply into the causes and also look at the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin and the experiences of other socialist thinkers. They should look into the activities of Wall Street's special brand of criminals, working hand in glove with USA's White House, the Pentagon and the military-industrial complex criminals.

We wish the Club of Vienna success in their 3-year project and we hope that they come to the only logical conclusion, which is that "**Taming of Capitalism**" can only be accomplished by **Socialism and eventually Communism!** ■



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

V.I. LENIN



ACCORDING TO **MISHKA**

Most people unfortunately do not know that former Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzhak Shamir, an avowed Zionist, in 1941, as head of the Zionist group LEHI, approached the German Nazis, using the name of its present organization, the Irgun (NMO) and proposed: "*The establishment of a historical Jewish State on a national and totalitarian basis and bound by a treaty with the German Reich, would be in the interests of strengthening the future German position of power in the Near East...The NMO in Palestine offers to take an active part in the war on Germany's side.*"

Hitler refused this proposed alliance with the Israeli Zionists, because he considered LEHI's military power as "*negligible*".

Allan Brownfield research in "The Washington Report on Middle Eastern Affairs", July/ August 1998.

"In 1938 a thirty nation conference convened by the League of Nations was held in Evian, France, on the resettlement of Jews, the victims of Nazism. The World Zionist Organization refused to participate in this important Conference, fearing that the resettlement of Jews in other states would reduce the number available to settle in Palestine."

John Quigley: "Palestine and Israel: A Challenge to Justice."

"Before the Palestinians very eyes we are possessing their land and the villages where they, and their ancestors have lived. We, the

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Israelis, are a generation of colonizers, and without the steel helmet and the gun barrel, we Israelis cannot plant a tree and build a home."

Israeli leader Moshe Dayan, quoted by Bennjamin Beit-Hallahmi "Original Sins: Reflections on the history of Zionism and Israel.

This quote is from, one of the founders of resettling Palestine and the top guru of Zionism – Chaim Weizmann, who in 1919 at the Paris Peace Conference said and is quoted by Ella Winter, "*And Not To Yield*"....

"The Arabs in Palestine will be our problem for a long time. It's not going to be simple. One day the Palestinians will have to leave and let us have the country. They're ten to one, but don't we Jews have ten times their intelligence?"

The above quotes are taken from the publication "The Free Press" Canada ■

QUOTES

The following quotes are from an article "Master of War: Satan's diatribe to Man" By Zdrislaw Zmijewski

(1) "Obviously something else is going on below the surface of all the stated reasons for this (Iraq) war. The US Republican convention last month was gripped with war fever, and the fever itself was a revelation. War is answering an American need that has nothing to do with the Iraqi people"

James Carrol, Boston Globe columnist "The Un-winnable War", Sept. 7, 2004

(2) Chris Floyd said in his latest essay "*Night and Fog*"- "George Bush's America is clearly in a proto-fascist condition. Of course, there's no such a thing as direct equivalence between historical events. The same dangers never come around again – not in the same form or precisely identical content. At every point in time, a new set of elements and circumstances coalesce to create a unique reality of that particular historical moment.

But, if you take the general

definition of fascism provided by its founder, Benito Mussolini- "the merger of corporate and state power" - and apply it to the elements that are now coalescing in America at this historical moment, you could hardly find a more apt description of the Bush Regime. Couple that with the Bushists' radical transformation of party politics into a quasi-religious cult of militarism and Leader worship, and you have not an equivalence, but certainly an ever-deepening resonance with the malevolent spirit that swept Germany and Italy during the first half of the 20th Century."


(3) "Many years have passed - since Eisenhower, the past President of America - pleaded for the USA to drop the weapons and war mania - for the sake of future generations.

However, his warning died - and was scorned. Every US State of the Union now gets big dollar contracts from the Pentagon. The overwhelming majority of American people are guilty and complicit for what is now happening on the planet. The facts are out there and they are shocking. Frenetically, the world is preparing to cope with the One Trillion Dollars of expenditures for Death in the preset twelve-month period. The USA is the lead driving engine, transmission and the vehicle in the mad hurling armaments race.

Fifty percent of the One Trillion Dollars for death, more than the next 20 countries of the world combined, is America's proud accomplishment and contribution to Mankind in 2004. This empirical actuality - as certifiably as it is upon reflection - is irrefutable!"

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